

Apocalypse 1146

Chapter 1146: Hatching

“What did you think of?”

Gan Lan was helpless, seeing that Ye Zhongming was so calm even in danger, but hearing that the guy asked, she seriously said, “It has something to do with the Frost Monster corpses outside?”

Gan Lan wasn't stupid. Or rather, people who spent two years wouldn't be stupid. Since Ye Zhongming asked her, she naturally thought about the weird situation they faced previously.

He nodded.

The greyish-white floor outside was like solar panels. The Frost Monster corpses were the sunlight that was absorbed by the ground. Where did they go?

If he hadn't seen the patterns in the tunnel, he would have just thought the ground absorbed them. Bright Water World was different from Earth, and it wouldn't be surprising if that happened.

But when he saw this, he wouldn't think that way. The egg was where the energy went to.

A few parts of the egg were pierced through, and a few sharp drills were pierced out before retracting. After a few times, big cracks appeared. The lifeform inside was about to come out.

“Kill it!” Gan Lan couldn’t take it and wanted Ye Zhongming to attack.

Ye Zhongming shook his head, “I want to see what hatches.”

Gan Lan rolled her eyes and didn’t say anything.

Ye Zhongming wasn’t being arrogant; he wanted to see what surprise this place could give him. Moreover, he had some guesses about the lifeform in the egg.

Firstly, this was a Bright Water World dungeon. He didn’t know if this was the toughest one but it should be up there. Even then, with many caves and each having many Frost Monsters, he didn’t think there would be an extremely strong boss he couldn’t handle.

Secondly, let’s talk about the Frost Monsters. They were as strong as five-star evolved. So, the monster about to hatch should be around level six. Even if this dungeon was difficult, it was level seven then. Such a monster would have been slightly problematic for Ye Zhongming, but it wasn’t a threat.

With such an analysis, he wasn’t afraid. But Gan Lan was.

Crack, crack.

The cracking sounds got louder and louder, and some big pieces fell. The monster's four limbs—those drill-shaped things—could be seen.

Although Ye Zhongming didn't fear it, he waited on the spot and didn't get close.

Gan Lan took a few steps back. The two ice birds got slightly closer and looked curiously.

After a few dozen seconds, the entire shell exploded loudly and split into pieces. A half-human, half-beast monster appeared.

Ye Zhongming took a look before shifting his gaze to the ground. Those unknown matter stopped flowing toward it.

"Ga!"

A weird sound attracted Ye Zhongming's attention.

Ye Zhongming took one look and had a weird expression.

This beast's stomach actually faced the sky.

The egg's head faced the top, and the monster fell head first after hatching.

But when the monster got up, Ye Zhongming couldn't laugh anymore.

This fellow looked vicious.

It had eight muscular legs that were spread evenly around it. These eight legs had two segments combined to form a circular pillar stuck to the ground.

A 1.5-meter body with developed muscles was on the circular pillar. On the chest, a wolf-like mouth was located, and there were many fangs.

Four arms were on the two sides of the body. However, these arms only had one segment, and energy currents fired from the elbows.

The head was huge, like a devil. In China, there were things in legend that looked similar to this fellow, but Ye Zhongming couldn't recall what they were called.

It seemed like the things that broke through the shell were its legs.

The monster was white, but this white wasn't clean. There were grey things inside. It had no hair, but like humans, it had a face with features. There were circular dots on both sides of the face with black fur that made one vomit.

This monster looked at Ye Zhongming and shouted excitedly. It charged with its eight legs.

The two ice birds were furious. They didn't care how strong this monster was and dove down.

"Return!"

Ye Zhongming's expression changed. He shouted and held his blade.

The moment the ice birds dove down, he captured the cunning expression in the eyes of the monster.

It did it on purpose!

Its target wasn't Ye Zhongming but the two ice birds in the sky!

Seeing the ice birds dive, the eight legs used strength to leap. It reached the ice bird's height, and the energy currents from the four arms disappeared. It turned into those Frost Monster's skills. Four ice chains fired toward the two ice birds.

This monster was very agile and sudden. The two ice birds were diving down, and when they noticed that the situation was off and wanted to dodge it, it was too late. But they were vicious lifeforms and decided to fight it head-on. They opened their mouths. The corrosive poison fired. They didn't aim at the chains but the monster's body.

The ice birds loved to fight. The moment they attacked, they aimed for the kill.

This made Ye Zhongming anxious.

The growth of the two ice birds gave him great hope. He saw two lifeforms that could survive to the end. If they died before they matured, it would be a waste.

Ye Zhongming couldn't fly into the sky like them. It was too late to use skills now, as the two chains were about to hit them. He was anxious and did something he hadn't tried before.

Chapter 1147: Self created technique

He reached the highest level of the Soul Refining Technique because he was lucky. It was the gift he received from the three-legged man.

During that process, he didn't cultivate day and night like those people in the Secret Realm and didn't comprehend the secret technique.

His grasp of the technique did not represent the standard he reached.

But be it the battle technique or secret technique; it was nearly impossible to reach the max.

Ye Zhongming felt it was enough because the Soul Refining Technique gave him a lot of mental energy, which enabled him to use all sorts of skills and equipment.

This meant that he treated it as a technique to increase his mental energy amount, and it was more of a support ability.

Even so, it increased his strength.

Of course, it could be used to create soul artifacts but that needed the Smith job. The birth of the Soul Crushing Bone Staff was due to the Soul Refining Technique and the Glory Smith. Ye Zhongming didn't know which he would give the larger credit to.

His understanding of it deepened as Ye Zhongming grasped the Soul Refining Technique for a longer time. Usually, he tried to understand and learn the changes it caused, but he was always very careful.

After all, he was from Earth, and Earth was a wheel civilisation. The secret techniques came from the Secret Realm.

He was afraid that they would clash. Even if nothing happened now, he was still worried.

Why did he want to create the Secret Realm squad? He hoped to nurture a group of warriors unoccupied by wheel technology.

He kept such thoughts as he understood the world and secret realm more.

But that didn't mean that his worries were gone. Especially for himself, who had two roles and was moving further in both paths; if anything happened, he would be affected the first. If possible, he didn't want anything wrong to occur.

So, he was very careful when training the Soul Refining Technique, taking it step by step.

There were naturally results. What Ye Zhongming was most familiar with was the mental energy field. As the Soul Refining Technique reached the highest level, the mental energy field formed a fixed domain. Within this domain, any target would be affected by him, especially his enemies. If their mental energy were too low, then Ye Zhongming could cause them to lose the ability to resist.

But Ye Zhongming wouldn't use it, or rather, he wouldn't use it fully as it consumed too much mental energy. He just needed to maintain it around his body. Even then, it was a long time since he met an enemy that could battle him.

Saint Light Hall's few level eight ones couldn't. Even Royal Guild's level seven chief couldn't.

To Ye Zhongming, only the Saintess and Yangos could probably reach his current heights.

Of course, Ye Zhongming knew his chances against that Saint Father.

But he had to take a risk as he didn't want to lose the two ice birds.

He activated his largest mental energy field and targeted the monster, activating a skill he didn't fully grasp- Mental Energy Spike!

Red Hair and Talking Lady had a trump card called Mental Energy Storm.

As mutated lifeforms, this was their natural ability, so they were not likely to be unfamiliar with it. To Ye Zhongming, a mental energy storm was already the peak of mental energy-type skills. PÂNŌbEŠ

A level ninee lifeform, be it evolved or mutated lifeform, if they had mental energy storm, could turn a few hundred miles into a desolate land. Lifeforms in the area would instantly turn into their slaves.

This was how powerful it was!

Although Red Hair and Talking Lady's mental energy storm hadn't reached that extent when they used it previously, it left a deep impression on Ye Zhongming. They could destroy or control tens of thousands of zombies, but even Ye Zhongming couldn't do it now.

Ye Zhongming didn't know if it would refresh when they evolved again, but if they could use it again, both were dangerous, even to Ye Zhongming.

He wasn't confident in going against these two monsters in terms of overall mental energy.

Although there wouldn't be too much difference, he was not born with it like them. So, be it a starting point or process, he was lacking.

Ye Zhongming's ability was his replication of Mental Energy Storm.

He was unable to be like them and allow the mental energy to explode with him at the center. He was unable to freely control his mental energy, but he tried it out in his training. He could use the mental energy storm to control his ability and slightly direct it to where he wanted.

Although he couldn't evenly explode it in all directions, he could aim toward one direction.

It might be slightly scattered, and the mental energy wouldn't be so focused.

It might only be able to target the target's senses to try to destroy them and not to control them.

But it was a decent improvement. As for distance, as he was careful previously, he didn't go all out, so naturally, he had no idea.

But now, he was afraid that the distance wasn't enough. He jumped into mid-air before using a mental energy field and then a mental energy spike!

A terrifying storm exploded with him at the center. The mental energy filled all areas like a barrier that covered everything.

A physical-like mental energy wave struck toward where the monster was.

Chapter 1148: Shocked to death

Gan Lan covered her ears and squatted on the ground in pain. Her mind went blank, and she lost all thoughts. Her actions were instinctive. She didn't think covering her ears was useful, but that could reduce some pain.

Seconds later, thoughts returned to her mind, but she still couldn't see anything. Her eyes had flower-like patterns, like a color painting with many deep black holes.

Apart from a buzzing sound in her ears, she couldn't hear anything else. She sensed a warm liquid flowing in her nose and ears. That was blood. It was already flowing in her mouth.

If she could prick her fingers, it might reduce her pain. But in the current situation, she could only be afraid and disgusted.

The taste of blood increased the dizziness and made her feel like vomiting.

Gan Lan didn't know what had happened. She only saw Ye Zhongming jumping into mid-air, and then some energy struck her.

She had never felt so powerless and helpless.

She still didn't dare move. Although she couldn't see or hear anything, she wasn't attacked. She was not sure if anything would change if she moved.

Moreover, she was confident in Ye Zhongming. She felt that she was safe with this guy.

Gan Lan squatted there. A few seconds later, she knew that she was getting better.

The first thing she recovered was her hearing. She heard things clashing and those two ice birds chirping. Ye Zhongming's grunting also made her nervous.

Was he injured?

She stood up. Although she was feeling much better, the nausea hit her. She tried to keep balance. Two daggers appeared in her hands, and she was on guard. The moment she could see, she would react immediately.

There was a rumble, and the ground shook.

Gan Lan couldn't help but cough. Although she didn't vomit anything, she felt much better. Her vision recovered, and the dizziness reduced.

She saw Ye Zhongming kneeling on the ground and relying on an ordinary blade to keep up. He was injured.

Gan Lan rubbed her eyes and looked toward the sky. That monster was gone, and the two ice birds were gone, too.

This... Ended? Or was it still going on?

She took two steps forward, and her vision continued to recover. The evolved body quality helped her recover quickly.

Only now did she see that monster before Ye Zhongming, but its body was incomplete. It was split into many parts. Beside the monster's body parts were two much smaller white eggs.

Gan Lan held her weapons nervously.

If Ye Zhongming was injured and couldn't fight and the two eggs hatched, then only she could fight.

Although she was much weaker than him, these two white eggs looked much smaller than before; she might stand a chance.

But before she could attack, he stood up and looked at her.

"What are you doing?"

Gan Lan pointed at the two eggs and said confidently, "Don't worry, you rest. Leave them to me."

Ye Zhongming rolled his eyes, "Those are my birds!"

Ah?

Gan Lan was shocked. She used the dagger to scratch her red hair and was confused, "Two birds? Why are they like this?"

Gan Lan was not a fool. She was sure the two white eggs were a mini version of that giant egg.

"They are evolving."

Ye Zhongming answered while rubbing his own face.

Only now did she notice a wound on his left cheek. There was some blood, which made him look more fierce. There was less of that youth of a student.

Ye Zhongming used the mental energy stab to attack the monster, which was very successful.

It was more successful than he expected.

As he was rushed, he couldn't hold back and used all he had.

His mental energy amount was huge. The storm became very powerful. That monster's mind was destroyed. It struggled slightly before its brain turned into mush. ㄟㄟㄟ

You could tell what had happened from the injuries that Gan Lan faced.

She was behind Ye Zhongming, in the opposite direction of the mental energy stab. However, as Ye Zhongming couldn't fully control the mental energy leak, it affected her. A five-star evolve nearly fainted.

That showed how much damage that monster faced.

But this was still Ye Zhongming's unperfected skill. He used quite a lot of mental energy and fell from the sky. Fortunately, he didn't run out of mental energy and could stand. He ended up in that kneeling position that Gan Lan saw.

As for the wound on his face, that was surprising.

The monster was killed and couldn't use any skill, so it wouldn't deal any damage to Ye Zhongming. But when it fell, it bounced a few times, and the sharp limbs went across his body, leaving a small wound on his face.

The two ice birds were connected to Ye Zhongming and weren't affected. Seeing the enemy getting killed, they flew down and started eating.

They ate a small portion of the monster before entering the evolution state.

Seemed like the monster was filled with energy.

Ye Zhongming looked around and considered it. He then walked to the giant egg and observed it before kicking apart the remaining shell.

Gan Lan saw an exquisite case within.

This was the reward.

Ye Zhongming didn't open it immediately. He looked at the tag and saw that the completion rate reached 3% but nothing else.

He kept the case in his space.

Chapter 1149: New plan

Ye Zhongming and Gan Lan were the focus of attention when they got up.

Ye Zhongming did something many factions couldn't or didn't want to do. So, it was no wonder that he attracted attention.

Of course, if these factions went all out, they could clear the area. But how many people would they need to send? How many would die? They probably needed a few thousand.

But Ye Zhongming did it alone.

As for Gan Lan, she was ignored.

If she had been useful, then she would have achieved things previously.

Looking at the information on the tag, everyone was still shocked. One reason was that Ye Zhongming cleared a cave. The other was that one cave only had a 3% completion rate!

Then 33 caves were 99%? But there were more than 30 caves here, so how did it work?

“Boss Ye, what is it like below?”

“What is behind the Frost Monsters?”

“How dangerous is it?”

“Where is the most dangerous spot?”

“Is there a reward?”

“Mr Ye, what should we pay attention to?”

People asked several questions.

Everyone was smart and saw the difficulty of this place. The rewards here should be good. Some people collected some information that it was at least the top three most difficult dungeons. This meant that this might be the final, and the reward might be the best in Bright Water World.

At this point, all the factions would gather here, and everything would be possible.

More importantly, there might be too many people to share the rewards.

Although there were many factions here now, they agreed with Ye Zhongming's distribution plan. Even if they couldn't get meat, they could drink some soup. But if there were more people, they might not get anything.

They hoped to find out about the situation below and hoped to know how Ye Zhongming dealt with the monsters. If they could learn it, they would do it themselves.

As for the reward split, those factions would be strict if they wanted to follow it. But if they didn't want to, they were shameless hooligans.

Ye Zhongming took two steps back and didn't want them to get close. After the space exception, he didn't know when it would open, so it was better to be more careful. P

As for these problems, he ignored them and only replied, "Fight through."

The others wanted to show disdain, but they could only smile awkwardly when they realized it made sense. In their hearts, they guessed how he got through. Was it his skills or equipment?

They didn't believe he did so alone.

Deacon Tong and Deacon Water pulled him aside and asked similar questions. The other people might not get an answer, but this was their home ground, and they did have some special permissions. Since they couldn't get an answer from him, it would be great if Five Ring Money could. Anyway, they would still get some rewards.

Ye Zhongming naturally couldn't ignore Five Ring Money. He thought about it, "There isn't a good way. My skill isn't afraid of low temperatures, so it is much simpler. The monsters are all around level five. If you solve the low temperature, actually everyone can head down alone."

The two deacons were helpless when they heard it. They knew what Ye Zhongming said, but they couldn't solve the problem. They found Gan Lan to solve the problem, but the truth proved that it didn't work.

"We have to clear them one by one? This cave took a few hours."

Deacon Water frowned and was slightly unhappy as it was too slow.

"I have an idea that we can try." Ye Zhongming pinched his fingers and gave a suggestion.

"Tell me!" Her eyes lit up.

Hundred Cave Swamp was a problem and delayed her plan. It would be good if she could solve it quickly.

"Let me tell it to everyone. It affects all of them." Ye Zhongming pointed at the others.

The two deacons hesitated, but it was still Deacon Tong who said, "Can you reveal it to us first?"

"Let's say it together. Anyways, we need everyone's help."

Seeing that he was firm, the two deacons couldn't say anything and gathered everyone.

"I considered and felt that we can try this method." He raised his voice so that everyone could hear it.

Everyone was interested, and they felt that Ye Zhongming was pressured by Five Ring Money to tell them a method to pass the caves.

"As you have all seen, there is an ice corridor, Frost Monster region, and at the end, a giant space that would hatch an eight-legged monster."

Ye Zhongming described the situation, "I don't have a good way to pass it. The only way is to fight through. I am not afraid of the cold, so I can do it. Everyone knows how strong the Frost Monsters are. They are level five, and if you have enough people, it isn't tough to solve them."

Most people were six-star evolved, and some were four- or five-star. When they heard him say it, they did not react.

If they fought the Frost Monsters alone, they weren't much of a problem.

“I can provide everyone with fire element equipment so you can head down. What do you think?”

They looked at each other and discussed. Finally, someone asked, “Mr Ye, do you mean that we will do our own stuff?”

“Is the reward distribution scrapped?”

The two deacons cared about the rewards.

“There are two ways. The first is that I will provide equipment for free, and the plan stays the same. The other is that we scrap it, and you get what you can, but you have to purchase the equipment.”

Ye Zhongming watched as they entered an intense discussion.

He changed his mind because of what he went through and his own interests.

Chapter 1150: He came to sell equipment

There was one reason for the change. There were too many caves; if he went one by one, it would take a long time.

He had spent some time in Bright Water World and didn't know what was going on in the Secret Realm. Although there was a time difference, and the Exquisite Floating Ball was monitoring it, if the Saint Father came, the solutions he left there could hold on for some time.

But what if? What if Saint Light Hall went all out and attacked without caring about the consequences?

Ye Zhongming was gambling. Gambling that the level nine expert wouldn't come so quickly and Saint Light Hall wouldn't go all out. He was gambling that he could get stronger in Bright Water World so he wouldn't get crushed by the level nine Saint Father.

But even if he had made all the preparations, he was afraid of accidents. It would have been good if he had headed back earlier.

So he couldn't clear the caves one by one.

There was another point. Although he could pass it alone, he consumed a lot. When he faced tens of thousands of Frost Monsters, be it the modified nature gems or Soul Crushing Bone Staff, he didn't want to use those things. He was reluctant to use the former, and the latter's recovery was a huge problem."

If he didn't use those two methods and used stamina, he would probably find it tough to complete one cave. Ten thousand monsters would take a long time, much less the fact that they were all level-five lifeforms.

Apart from that, he also had a worry. The caves were too weird. The ability to absorb and transmit energy worried him. If he cleared all the caves, would he face something dangerous?

Ye Zhongming wasn't a nice person. Since he worried about it, he wouldn't face it himself. Sharing the danger was better for him.

As for rewards, those were problems for the future. No matter how good the rewards are, you must be alive to spend them.

Ye Zhongming's suggestion was very attractive. After all, the rewards would be redistributed if they all wanted.

But the people here weren't stupid, and they weighed the pros and cons. Also, they guessed if Ye Zhongming had set any traps in his suggestion.

Deacon Water and Deacon Tong were the hosts. She didn't care about the outcome of one dungeon. They cared more about the overall completion rate and that attractive sky monument.

They wanted the rewards and were interested when they heard this new suggestion.

They knew Ye Zhongming's Smith achievements. If they could get a bunch of good equipment now, it would help to raise their strength.

The two of them expressed interest. They asked him about the level and function of the equipment as this affected the most people.

Ye Zhongming quickly told them the answer.

“If everyone chooses the first choice, I will provide equipment and decide what the equipment looks like. I will provide equipment quality based on your strength and the number of people. Anyways, the prerequisite is to pass this place.”

“If you choose the second method to purchase equipment and clear it yourselves, then you can give requests. I will do the equipment you need, and the prices will differ. If I modify your current equipment, it would be cheaper than a piece of new equipment. But no matter what it is, you must provide a proportionate price. If you have suitable materials, you will be charged cheaper.”

Everyone understood that this fellow was here to sell equipment.

If they chose the free equipment, it would only have fire element stats. The other equipment might not be as good as what they were wearing. If they headed down to risk their lives, would the outcome be different?

Many people were unhappy, but Ye Zhongming didn't care.

He gave up on 80% of the rewards and would naturally get it back from other places. There were many people here. If each got one piece of equipment, that was still a giant sum. With his Smith level, not mentioning now, even before he revived, he would be a grandmaster. The cost could be suppressed, and profits would be huge.

Ye Zhongming wouldn't underestimate their adventuring spirit. So many factions shared 20% of the rewards because they had no choice and couldn't fight each other here.

The evolved would battle if there were a way to get more benefits.

He knew that these people would choose to purchase equipment as the best method. Not only could they rely on their own abilities to get rewards, but the equipment was also not one-time use and could still be used in the future.

Also, even if the factions didn't want to risk their lives, they wouldn't want to miss the chance of meeting such a good smith.

One could say that the second solution was better, no matter how they looked at it.

Ye Zhongming couldn't prove anything, so he sat between Zhao Xiangxue and Gao Yi. He waved at Mei Na, and when this woman walked over, he told her to remove her armor.

She wanted to ask for a reason, but Gan Lan just took it off and passed it on to Ye Zhongming.

Ye Zhongming took some materials and modified it.

The materials melted and merged, causing the armor to change. Its level increased in front of them all. Silver equipment turned green in half a minute.

There were Smiths who could craft green equipment now, but there weren't many who could do it so easily.

He passed the armor to the surprised Mei Na and took out a few more things. He crafted them, and very quickly, a pink bracelet was formed. The moment it formed, it turned green!

This stunned everyone. Every smith would fail several times when crafting a green piece of equipment. Was this person too lucky, or was his success rate too high?

Deacon Tong and Deacon Water were closer to him, and they quickly squatted before him and pointed at an equipment on their body, "How much to turn it blue?"