

Apocalypse 1161

Chapter 1161: Plant face-off

Earth Sand Moon Blade was pulled out from the neck of the monster. After losing its life, it fell to the ground.

Ye Zhongming cleared a street by himself.

He sat on a corpse and panted. The first half was still okay, as there weren't many monsters. Ye Zhongming was able to deal with it easily. In the latter half, the number of monsters increased. Even if he could insta kill them, he found it hard to keep up.

Ye Zhongming didn't know how a nine-star evolved would fare here, but beneath a nine-star, you would be afraid of being surrounded. After all, an evolved had limited stamina and mental energy. Along with mutated lifeforms having different skills, even a strong evolved would be caught off guard.

Monsters like Ye Zhongming, who had a huge amount of mental energy, were the only ones who could be victorious when facing so many monsters.

But he was still human and not a god. After the intense battle, apart from the huge consumption, he suffered injuries.

When the last batch of monsters attacked, a teddy-bear-sized monster hid in the crowd. Ye Zhongming didn't notice it, and it bit his leg. Although he wasn't strong enough to break his defense, it made it hard for Ye Zhongming to move.

Ye Zhongming couldn't free up a hand to deal with it, which affected his battle tempo. A monster punched his back, and he couldn't handle the huge strength. He spat out blood, and the Star Armor cracked.

Fortunately, he broke free and charged back after resting for a short while.

As Star Elf reached the date, although he still had Star Sand, he didn't have much left. He thought about it and didn't choose to repair his armor.

He was afraid he didn't have time to head to West Asia. If the Imperial City battle started, he couldn't head out. At the crucial moment, Star Sand could save lives.

He looked at the completion rate and frowned.

Trio's completion rate did proceed quickly, but the weird thing was that No Man's Zone was quick, too. The gap didn't close but instead opened up.

He didn't want to see that. There was only one reward, the Sauron's Box. This was the most crucial item in his entire reward chain. If he couldn't get it, those previous rewards would be far less valuable.

Ye Zhongming couldn't understand how No Man's Zone did it. He estimated their completion rate, and he should have been quicker than them.

He slightly regretted helping Five Ring Money at Hundred Cave Swamp. He had scouted this place but didn't expect No Man's Zone to have such terrifying strength.

Even splitting up couldn't let them keep up?

He sighed. Seemed like he had to use some things.

He scattered some Fertile Soil and took out Cannibal Flowers. He activated these level-five mutated lifeforms.

Cannibal Flowers were special and couldn't be brought out of some special space. So he tried not to use them. After all, Fertile Soil and the seeds weren't endless.

After activating 50, he felt that it wasn't safe, so he activated another 50. He would rather waste it than lose out on the box.

He took out the Proof of the Puppet and released a few hundred of them.

Of course, the two level six ice birds must also help. This was their first battle after evolving.

To be sure, he used a skill.

He modified one of the Cannibal Flowers and moved some parts of the Roselle Cedar onto it, naturally using his new grafting skill.

After which, he used Intelligence Mark!

He got this ability in Linhai that could control a plant and give it intermediate intelligence, but it had a thousand hour cooldown.

Ye Zhongming didn't care about control, as the plants he nurtured would definitely be under his control. His main goal was the intermediate intellect.

He studied it and tested it once. It was better than expected.

It might not directly increase the mutated plant's ability but could reduce the grafting adaptability period.

The grafting ability was very forceful. It would mesh two plants together, but after using it, they had to spend time adapting. Ye Zhongming realized that the stability of that period would affect the extent of the merger.

If it were stable, the final plant would obtain both sides' strengths. But if it were unstable, it would be less effective. It might add some abilities or have all the abilities, but it wouldn't be too strong.

He wouldn't be too worried if he used this at other times, as Cloud Peak would take good care of it.

But not now. He didn't have time. He could only use other methods to allow this plant to reach his standards. Fortunately, he analysed this before.

After using the Intelligence Mark, the grafting adapting period was close to zero.

There was one more point. After having intermediate intelligence, the Cannibal Flower would be more disciplined. The leader would allow the other plants to fight around it. With the Cannibal Flower's unique points, they would have much stronger combat strength.

The chosen plant was silent momentarily, and then its body shook. The purple body dimmed a little. A minute later, it looked much smarter than the others.

Ye Zhongming gave it an order, and it led the army into another street.

At the same time, Wen Hui was worried for her brother. He activated the second stage of the skill and summoned stronger plants. They spent up, but she didn't know if that problem would reappear.

Chapter 1162: Plant face-off (2)

Wen Huan's job meant he had to replenish energy to maintain this state. But Wen Hui was worried. If he used so many plants to fight, could he absorb enough energy to maintain this transformation?

What if he couldn't and didn't have enough energy to maintain the first transformation?

Wen Hui paid attention to the tag. Trio was keeping up!

Wen Hui didn't understand how someone could compete with her brother.

She realized that the trio was a super faction, but she didn't know who it was. She suspected it was the Royal Guild, including those ranked in the top ten.

The ones she suspected were Thousand Beast Villa and God Hall.

Only they could go against her brother's Plant Master job.

Wen Huan nodded. Wen Hui wasn't relaxed like before and feared her brother was just consoling her.

But she couldn't do anything. Her job couldn't help him; she could only help her subordinates in the fight.

But she suddenly thought about something and told her brother about it. Her thoughts were similar to Ye Zhongming's, which was to split up!

Wen Huan didn't agree, but Wen Hui insisted. Apart from a few who remained to accompany the brother, Wen Hui led the rest into the streets and fought on their own.

She couldn't solo an entire street like Ye Zhongming. She could only try to kill these monsters to get a higher completion rate.

Both sides used all they had to fight. Although they couldn't see each other, but they could feel the intense competition through the tag.

The closer they got to the center, the stronger the monsters were. Both sides felt huge pressure but no one gave up.

Both of them felt that sacrifice was not as important as completion.

The losses increased quickly.

A long time passed and they swept street after street. If they could fight, they wouldn't stop. When 5% was left, a funny thing happened.

No Man's Zone reached 45%, and those factions before were 2%. Nalan Battle Squad reached 4%.

The remaining 43% was the trio's completion rate.

The gap was only 2%.

All the streets were cleared, and the final one was the city's center.

Train station!

It turned into a giant mountain-like monster.

Whoever killed this monster would get the final victory!

They finally saw each other.

But both sides were tired. No Man's Zone was left with 50 people. Ye Zhongming and Nalan Battle Squad were only left with over 30 people.

Gan Lan and Mei Na didn't need to clear their squad this time, as most were dead.

Some members did want to leave, but Zhao Xiangxue's rewards attracted them. They thought about it after and looked at the completion rate. Along with Ye Zhongming's return, which reduced their losses, everyone wanted to gamble.

Until he saw this monster.

He was fighting against a small mountain.

Whether it was Ye Zhongming or No Man's Zone, neither moved. They observed, and each person was shocked.

Both sides looked similar, and there were many mutated plants.

This was why Nalan Battle Squad was still willing to remain. They knew that they wouldn't be the cannon fodder in the fight.

The Cannibal Flower Army and the Puppet Squad were too threatening.

Ye Zhongming used all the remaining things in his space, and there were 200 Cannibal Flowers. He lost some puppets, but there were still over 500.

As for No Man's Zone, there were too many of them. Mutated plants of different sizes were all around the ground. If they hadn't evolved and had good vision, they might not have been able to see the end of them.

Both sides didn't fight. The giant monster transformed from the train station sat there and snoozed, acting like it didn't see anyone.

Ye Zhongming and Wen Huan knew that the person who attacked first would lose. People would go for the last hit. As long as someone got the final hit, the other person's hard work would go to waste.

They were at a standstill, and neither moved. Ye Zhongming had some hope and chose to negotiate.

He walked over and stood before the mutated plants that Wen Huan summoned.

“Maybe we can try to solve this.” Ye Zhongming looked at Wen Huan and then Wen Hui.

Ye Zhongming recognized that job- Plant Master!

Even ten years later, this was still one of the strongest jobs. It was good for large scale battles. It would be a definite win if he was protected well.

No wonder No Man’s Zone could rise so quickly. This was the reason.

This was also the reason he didn’t want to fight. Of course, he knew that the Plant Master job user might not be able to speak in this form so he looked at Wen Hui.

“Who are you?”

Wen Hui didn’t reply and asked Ye Zhongming who he was.

He hesitated and told her.

After hearing Cloud Peak, No Man's Zone was shocked. They had heard this name but didn't understand much. After coming here, they found out more after seeing the rankings.

But they didn't expect to become opponents.

"I hope you can back out; I will compensate you. Trust me, you will be satisfied." Ye Zhongming chose to compromise as he had to get the box.

Wen Hui looked at her brother and smiled, "Sure, we have a condition."

She paused, "We want Earth Sand Moon Blade!"

Chapter 1163: Plant face-off (3)

Ye Zhongming nodded and turned.

Wen Hui was stunned, but she smiled nonchalantly.

No Man's Zone had spent so much in the City of Color and wouldn't leave without enough benefits.

She did consider Ye Zhongming's suggestion, but she wanted the reward. She didn't want to lose out, so she asked for Earth Sand Moon Blade.

Since the reward was unknown, she should ask for more in case she regretted it.

Wen Hui might be asking for too much but she didn't do so to mock or reject Ye Zhongming.

But would he think that way? Of course not!

He felt that Wen Hui did so on purpose.

This was an answer.

An answer telling him to fight or scam.

Ye Zhongming was up for it.

Ye Zhongming was sincere. If they agreed, then anything could be discussed. Ye Zhongming was even prepared to be conned as long as they backed out.

But they actually wanted Earth Sand Moon Blade.

This was the top equipment on the rankings.

This wasn't something he could accept.

One must know that this blade was the best before he gets a seven-colored equipment. If he couldn't get any seven-colored equipment in his life, this blade would be with him for life.

At most, when his Smith job got to a higher level, he could only modify it slightly.

Ye Zhongming knew that he might be ripped off. He would consider even if they asked for a seven-star potion or two.

When he returned, his expression wasn't good. The others understood and were wise not to ask. They prepared silently.

Ye Zhongming stood quietly and called Gao Yi, Zhao Xiangxue, Li Qiang, Gan Lan, and Mei Na over, "Let me head out. Wait here and wait for me. If they attack, then just watch. They probably can't kill it before I am back. If they are strong, then fight for the last hit."

They nodded but didn't understand why Ye Zhongming wanted to leave. Without him here, the others weren't confident of kill stealing the monster from Wen Huan.

Zhao Xiangxue was still the one who spoke, but he shook his head and left quickly.

“Opening time is up, ” a Nalan Battle Squad member reminded everyone, but everyone couldn’t guess what Ye Zhongming was heading out for.

After all, there were no reinforcements he could bring, and the completion rate was 5% away.

Then why did Ye Zhongming head out and risk No Man’s Zone capitalizing?

But when Ye Zhongming left, they continued to wait.

Ye Zhongming did leave the City of Color. Since No Man’s Zone refused to cooperate, he had to think of other ways.

He didn’t want to place his hopes on a last hit if he had a choice.

Thus, he exited the City of Color to find Deacon Tong.

“What? Use space exception? No!”

Deacon Tong, who got out of Hundred Cave Swamp, heard one sentence and shook his head profusely.

Space exceptions needed conditions to be met before they could be opened, and they had to pay a price.

Also, even if it could be opened, Deacon Tong wouldn't do it as it concerned Five Ring Money's reputation.

"No, definitely not. If this spreads out, Bright Water World will stop. Our Five Ring Money's reputation would be finished, too. Without honor, what can a merchant organization like us do?"

Deacon Tong's expression changed, and he didn't look friendly.

"You opened it for Royal Guild." Ye Zhongming said calmly.

"That has passed, and we have given you compensation."

"But you still used space exception!"

"You!"

He rolled his eyes and felt this guy was shameless.

“How about this? I can give you discounts on the deals we discussed. How about that?”

Deacon Tong was tempted, but he shook his head.

“Mr Ye, I can agree with other requests but not this. Not to mention the demon crystals it would cost; just the reputation alone is something I don’t dare to risk.”

Ye Zhongming didn’t say anything. He lowered his head and thought about it, “A gold piece of equipment.”

Deacon Tong’s body shook.

Even if Five Ring Money was one of the wealthiest factions in the apocalypse, gold equipment wasn’t common. Deacon Tong only had two. This was with him being relatively rich. Based on what he knew, Royal Guild’s chief only had one, which was given to Ye Zhongming.

“Royal Guild’s one?”

Ye Zhongming shook his head, “I have use for that. Something else, one that I crafted.”

Deacon Tong's eyes moved. He was shocked, but when he considered how this fellow could craft purple equipment, he wasn't too surprised.

"I can handle the start up costs." Ye Zhongming added more stakes, "Moreover, I don't need Royal Guild to help me. I just need space exception, and I will do the rest. Apart from people from my side, I won't let anyone else walk out of City of Color alive."

Deacon Tong considered it for a long time and was uncertain. He was tempted and was hesitating.

"Sorry, Mr. Ye. I am tempted, but I can't agree." Deacon Tong bit his teeth. Ye Zhongming was disappointed, as this meant he had to gamble on luck with No Man's Zone.

"But!"

Ye Zhongming raised his head and squinted his eyes at Deacon Tong.

"I can't use space exception, but I can pardon summoned beings in City of Color."

Pardon?

Ye Zhongming was slightly stunned before understanding. Evolved couldn't kill evolved, but summoned beings could.

Ye Zhongming estimated some things and felt that this was the best solution.

"I don't need Mr Ye to pay the costs, but I want the gold piece of equipment." He smiled in glee, "Don't bargain."

Ye Zhongming sucked in a deep breath, "Deal."

Chapter 1164: Make him back out in despair

Gao Yi, Zhao Xiangxue, and the others relaxed when Ye Zhongming returned.

When Ye Zhongming wasn't by their side, as the two higher-ups of Chameleon, they were used to making decisions. They were used to being calm and facing life and death.

Before their subordinates, they were cold and cruel. They were fighting machines with no fear. They were monsters produced by the apocalypse.

They used seemingly impossible operations and assassinations to solidify their position in Cloud Peak.

Those strong battle squads had to place them on equal footing.

Before this, Gao Yi and Zhao Xiangxue even felt that this would be their state forever.

When it was late at night, they would think about many things- maybe they could become a symbol of Cloud Peak... To surpass the guy at the peak.

But after being with Ye Zhongming, when the gap was enough to fill them with despair, those thoughts were crushed, and there were no traces of them.

Thus, the coldness turned into respect, worship, and reliance.

The two of them knew that when this ended, they would revert to their roles. But now, they were used to following this guy and standing behind him. They didn't need to think about anything; they just had to follow instructions.

"No Man's Zone attacked, but it wasn't intense, and then they retreated. The monster didn't chase; it seems like it has a good temper."

Zhao Xiangxue reported and gave her guess, "I think they are testing their firepower to prepare for the future."

Ye Zhongming nodded and agreed.

Since Wen Huan was here and didn't want to trade with Cloud Peak, they would fight the 50/50. Probing their strength would give them a more accurate grasp of the final hit.

This alone showed that although No Man's Zone rose in the recent year, they had a mature fighting system.

"Should we probe?"

Zhao Xiangxue looked at the mountain-like monster and asked her boss.

The idea that she thought would be accepted was rejected, surprisingly.

"No need." He shook his head and then gave Gan Lan and Mei Na some instructions. Gao Yi, Zhao Xiangxue, and Li Qiang, who could hear it, and the two female captains were in disbelief.

Gao Yi and Zhao Xiangxue were still okay. They had been through the Royal Guild clash and knew about the space exception. Gan Lan and Mei Na were different. This was the first time they found out that Bright Water World could have such a thing.

If fighting for the kill steal depended on luck, they were now much more confident. In their hearts, they felt that Ye Zhongming wouldn't be weaker than anyone. Apart from God Hall and the giant Resistance Zone, no one was his match.

The two of them headed down and shifted their group.

Gao Yi, Zhao Xiangxue, and Li Qiang knew what they had to do. They each sat down beside Ye Zhongming to protect him while recovering mental energy and stamina.

They knew that there would be a special battle.

Ye Zhongming's return also attracted No Man's Zone's attention. They were curious—especially Wen Hui, who was nervous.

She felt that Ye Zhongming wouldn't leave a place he cared about for no reason.

Right. She could tell that he cared. If she lowered her conditions, he might really be willing to pay it for No Man's Zone to leave.

Since he planned to be ripped off, why would he leave and take the risk that the monster would be killed?

She didn't think that Ye Zhongming would do anything useless.

She knew Ye Zhongming had a goal that was directly related to them.

Although Wen Huan couldn't speak in that form and also had to maintain less movement to reduce the consumption of his body, he still felt pressure. That fellow had the best equipment in the country. Even if he didn't have many people, he still led the sixth-strongest faction. What did he head out to do?

No Man's Zone wanted to attack after probing, but Ye Zhongming's return stopped everything.

No Man's Zone decided to wait and watch. Fortunately, Wen Huan's plants were resting, and the energy consumption was low. He was able to maintain the transformation state for some time.

Then, they saw the 'answer' that they wanted.

Ye Zhongming crafted some equipment. While resting, he would use some potions. Many materials and blueprints appeared around him. Some people would chat with him and then take a potion and those crafted items.

With No Man's Zone's familiarity with potions, they knew that they were recovery potions.

Ye Zhongming went out to purchase materials and potions.

This could explain why he left. He knew that No Man's Zone wouldn't dare attack, so he took the chance to purchase these things. He wanted his team to recover, so he crafted equipment to make them stronger.

That was a good and effective idea.

No Man's Zone did consider it, but they didn't have a good smith who could craft equipment quickly.

Wen Huan and his sister looked at each other and relaxed.

If Ye Zhongming thought this could give him the advantage, he was wrong.

Wen Huan moved. He decided to let the Cloud Peak boss see No Man's Zone's strength. Who knew if the young guy would just back out in despair after seeing it?

Chapter 1165: Advanced bloodline

No Man's Zone moved. Twenty of the remaining people walked out of the mutated lifeforms that Wen Huan controlled.

The movement naturally drew Ye Zhongming's attention. Nalan Battle Squad looked on curiously and didn't know what they were doing.

Ye Zhongming glanced when he briefly paused when crafting the equipment and then stopped paying attention.

Gao Yi, Zhao Xiangxue, and Li Qiang looked on nervously.

No Man's Zone's remaining people retreated.

Very quickly, some of the plants started to dance around Wen Huan and drowned the 20 people.

Screams spread from among these mutated plants, along with the sound of bodies being pierced.

Apart from Ye Zhongming, the Nalan Battle Squad looked at each other and didn't know what No Man's Zone was doing.

Was Wen Huan unable to sustain the energy and had to start swallowing his subordinates? Then he was such a trash person. Wouldn't the other people want to leave? Also, those people seemed willing. Were they so noble to sacrifice for their boss and battle squad?

Or rather, these mutated plants were hungry and needed flesh and blood? They fed on these evolved?

No matter which one it was, they were all cruel. No Man's Zone and Wen Huan did it so casually?

Even if human life didn't matter in the apocalypse, they shouldn't sacrifice people like that.

Ye Zhongming continued to craft his equipment, but he smiled coldly.

He guessed Wen Huan's plan. Was this his reaction to him purchasing potions? He wanted to use this method to scare him and get him to retreat?

Ye Zhongming mocked.

He was definitely not mocking himself but Wen Huan.

Wen Huan definitely didn't expect Ye Zhongming to know everything about his job ever since it was recognized. He knew what he was about to see and even knew things that Wen Huan himself didn't.

Under such a weird state, Wen Huan's plants started to change, and some disappeared.

They didn't disappear without a trace or turn to dust. It was as if they were being swallowed by something. They started to disappear internally.

The mutated plants started to disappear for some time before they stopped. Only a third of them remained.

Twenty terrifying spots appeared in the mutated plant crowd. It was where the 20 evolved were.

These evolved were all different. They were now... Plants!

They were monsters that were invaded and merged with plants.

They didn't look like humans at all and were now battle machines that were combined with plants.

If they become treants with spikes or something, evolved who were used to the apocalypse wouldn't say they were terrifying.

But these 20 were ugly.

They were grafted between flesh and plants. Many of their foreheads had branches or organs on the part of their wooden arms. They might have many flowers with teeth on their stomach. P

What was going on?

This was the first thought many people had. Even the two chameleon captains used to those ice cold and gory subordinates had to resist the urge to jump up.

Many from the Nalan Battle Squad retreated and wanted to stay far from these people.

No Man's Zone was much calmer as they had probably witnessed it before. When Wen Hui saw the monsters, she even looked excited.

Were those summoned lifeforms his ultimate move? No, this was!

These were Blood Sprites!

“Blood Sprites!”

At the same time, Wen Hui’s thoughts and Ye Zhongming’s voice rang out in different places.

Gao Yi and the others looked at Ye Zhongming.

“Wen Huan’s bloodline is Plant Master. It is a very strong bloodline, and its abilities are all very strong.”
Ye Zhongming passed an equipment to Gan Lan and Mei Na and added, “You saw his transformation. He activated this bloodline, and those summoned plants are his ability.”

“Of course, the first layer of the bloodline doesn’t have so many mutated plants. He should be using the second form.”

Ye Zhongming’s voice was very magical and helped to calm everyone down.

Those people automatically gathered around him.

“He is in the third form now.”

“Advanced bloodline?”

Gan Lan stared in disbelief.

“En.” Although Ye Zhongming was not willing to admit it, he nodded. The truth was like that. Wen Huan had upgraded his bloodline to advanced grade.

This achievement was outstanding at the current juncture. A seven-star evolution with an advanced bloodline was enough to make him famous.

No Man’s Zone became a super faction because of the Plant Master.

“This ability is called Blood Sprite. He splits his bloodline on his mutated plants and lets evolved absorb them to become such monsters.”

Everyone took in a deep breath. Although they weren’t as terrified as before, they knew that it was dangerous as it was something that Ye Zhongming would fear.

But he suddenly laughed, which everyone didn’t understand.

“Since I know it, everyone doesn’t have to be afraid!” Ye Zhongming added, “I added something into the equipment that has added defense toward plant-type lifeforms.”

Everyone knew that Ye Zhongming was confident.

“The space exception will open and plants can start to attack evolved. So everyone try to destroy these disgusting things. Do you understand!”

“Yes!”

The soldiers had high morale. Their loud voices made No Man’s Zone turn.

Everyone knew that a battle was about to begin.