

## **Apocalypse 1176**

### Chapter 1176: Eighth

Zhang Hetai's son had always lived a good life and had never been through anything tough.

But he wasn't a pampered person. Since young, Zhang Hetai had strict demands on his son.

His family's support, along with the skills that were nurtured in him with good resources, made him better than people his age.

The apocalypse descended. Due to his status, he rose like a star and became a part of the top group.

Zhang Zhongzhen felt that it was all his hard work. But when he stepped into the Resistance Zone base and became something like a prince, he woke up.

Everything was due to his father's support.

He didn't give up because of that or become someone who rebelled and went against his father.

He chose to accept it.

Accept the past, accept the present, and become what his father hoped for him.

Now, he did do it. He was the other seven-star evolved in the zone after Zhang Hetai.

But some things formed in his heart.

Belief and worship toward his father and the resistance zone.

Moreover, as the Resistance Zone's position in the apocalypse rose, his confidence and worship reached a blind level.

"Although Five Ring Money ranked your boss highly, that is because of external elements. I don't deny that your boss is the best Smith in the country. Even the Holy Army Coat can't compare to the stuff he creates. The amount and quality of things are near perfect for the job."

Zhang Zhongzhen walked over, shaking his head. The disdain reduced, but he became more arrogant.

"Thus, he has the best equipment in the country! Full blue equipment and accessories. Purple crystal energy demon gun. Green bullets. And also the top blade!"

"Everyone envies him, so do it. Everyone knows that he definitely has other equipment that others would love."

"But this is why his strength isn't as strong as it seems. He relies on his equipment to get famous."

“It is true that equipment is a part of strength. A good smith creating equipment for himself is a show of that strength. That isn’t wrong. His rankings do make sense. But this isn’t an ordinary place; this is the Sky Monument Pat that tests an evolved’s overall strength.”

“People who get to the end are evolved that are most suitable for the apocalypse. They are the best warriors who will rely on themselves to defeat everything! They aren’t people who just rely on equipment!”

Gao Yi charged after cursing, but the rules didn’t allow people to fight, and Bright Water World separated them.

“Stupid. Not controlling your emotions in the apocalypse is the same as asking to die. You are also a six-star evolved. Evolution potions were wasted on you.”

Gao Yi and Zhao Xiangxue were captains of Chameleon. They were better at using their blades to solve problems and not their mouths. Now that they faced these problems, they didn’t know how to solve them.

Li Qiang wasn’t good at this, too. He was good with guns, but not his mouth, especially in these high-quality battles without cursed words. He wasn’t good at that.

But!

Don't forget that Gan Lan and Mei Na were also there!

Mei Na was introverted and unsuited for fights, but not Gan Lan. She had a feisty side. If not, how could she lead?

Seeing Zhang Zhongzhen diss Ye Zhongming, she was furious.

Ye Zhongming was weak? How did I get my blue armor? How was Hundred Cave Swamp solved? How did No Man's Zone's boss die?

You used your mouth to kill him?

"Little Brother, pay attention to your words."

Gan Lan squinted her eyes and pushed her chest forward.

Zhang Hetai's son had noticed the beautiful Gan Lan and Mei Na. But, unlike others, he didn't lack high-quality women. He just admired their looks. Now, he officially paid attention to this five-star woman.

"I understand that you are fighting for your father, but it isn't good to look down on others. You don't know what your father thinks. Even if he thinks like you, are you sure your father would agree to you saying it out loud? What if your father doesn't dare to say it? You are offending people. If one day that guy destroys your dad, you will lose all your face!"

Gan Lan used her devilish voice to say those words, which stunned Zhang Zhongzhen.

“Also, equipment isn’t strength? Then, why don’t you strip naked in battle? Why do you use weapons? Use your hair or your third leg. If it gets injured, you can self-heal. You don’t need to cultivate; you also don’t need to worry about replacing it.”

Zhang Zhongzhen felt his face heat up. He was furious.

Gao Yi and Li Qiang weren’t good at such fights. But Zhang Zhongzhen couldn’t adapt to Gan Lan’s loaded statements.

“Also, don’t act like you are so high above and that a seven-star evolved is so outstanding. This big fellow can smash you if you aren’t in Bright Water World. He is six-star? You are seven stars? Don’t be so confident.”

“You...” Zhang Zhongzhen wanted to retort, but Gan Lan didn’t give him a chance. He pointed at the rankings, “Your father is amazing? But he is about to get surpassed by the person you look down on!”

Everyone looked at the rankings. Ye Zhongming had silently crossed many people and was ranked 8th!

Chapter 1177: Situation change

Ye Zhongming looked at the corpse before him and didn’t move for a long time.

He stood on the 27th step. He would have completed the quest if he passed the gate ahead. But he didn't leave immediately.

That was because he didn't recognise this monster.

Ye Zhongming had lived two lives. Although he was unsure that he knew all the monsters, he had seen most of them.

Even if he hadn't seen them personally, these monsters were recorded in books.

But he didn't know about this one.

Moreover, from some of its unique parts, he recalled those outer space lifeforms Li Qiang told him about.

This made him suspect Bright Water World and the Sky Monument Path.

This place had a definite relationship with those lifeforms above. But what was that relationship, and what was the goal of the Sky Monument Path?

Ye Zhongming thought each step would yield a reward, but that did not happen. He also thought each stage would yield rewards, but that didn't happen either.

When would he get a reward? When he reached the top?

To be honest, Ye Zhongming took 27 steps. Although he didn't face a big challenge, he slowly found it tougher.

This was only 27. He estimated that there were over 50 steps. Ye Zhongming was unsure which step he could reach based on the difficulty increase speed. But the 50th step was impossible.

Since he wasn't confident, he didn't think others could get further than him, which meant that no one could reach the top. Since that was the case, what was the point of the Sky Monument Path?

He entered the door and completed the 28th step. He entered the 29th.

At this point, the rankings changed. The remaining ten people passed all those that were eliminated and were ranked in the top ten.

The top was still Deacon Tong. He stood on the 33rd step. Second was Deacon Water. She was at the 32nd step. Third was Zhang Hetai on 31.

The gap between the 4th and 10th person was even smaller. Apart from the expert in the tenth, who was on the 28th step, the rest were on the 29th or 30th step.

Those eliminated people raised their heads in shock.

People were afraid of comparisons. If you compare with others, you will notice a huge gap.

Most of them couldn't even cross a dozen steps. They couldn't imagine how these people who were just a level or two higher than them could reach such a height.

Zhang Zhongzhen wasn't in the mood to continue bickering. He looked at his father's name nervously, hoping to get further.

He didn't know what the winner would get, but it wouldn't be ordinary. At least it would be a golden piece of equipment—it might even be purple. It would be great if it could exceed Earth Sand Moon Edge.

Outsiders might not know what was happening, but people inside knew.

For example, Deacon Tong. When he completed the 35th step, before he reached the 36th, he was shifted to another space. It was covered in grass and trees, and a few chairs were in the flowery ocean.

He looked around curiously. There was only a flower garden. There weren't any monsters or notifications. There wasn't an exit either.

Deacon Tong was anxious. After entering Sky Monument Path, his ability to control Bright Water World disappeared. He was like ordinary people and could only move around. But very quickly, Deacon Water and Zhang Hetai entered this space, too. This was the first time people who weren't eliminated met.

“Deacon Tong, what place is this?” Zhang Hetai looked around before asking the owner of this place. The answer he got was naturally that he knew nothing. **R**

Deacon Water frowned and asked, “Which step did you pass to get here?”

The two of them were stunned and replied in unison, “35th.”

“That is right. I also came here after the 35th step. It seems like we need to solve something to enter the next challenge.”

The two of them agreed with Deacon Water's words, but they didn't know what they had to solve.

Until more people entered, did they realize that only when everyone finished would they get the notification for the next step.

Everyone could only wait. They discussed intel, so it wasn't too boring.

This was until Ye Zhongming came.

Ye Zhongming was ranked 8th. Only eight people were able to reach the 35th step.

Some people were surprised to see Ye Zhongming, but some weren't. But before they could talk, the space changed. The rankings appeared in the sky. The difference was that there was more stuff, which was the time the eight people took. Although they were on the 35th step, they used different amounts of time.

"The first stage is complete; you can choose to continue or back out. If you back out, you will receive the relevant reward."

"Note, the next stage will be dangerous; please be careful in your choice."

Everyone kept silent when they heard the notification.

They were the leaders of the various factions and wouldn't be rash in their decisions. They would consider the pros and cons.

Also, their status meant they wouldn't risk their lives for no reason. They grasped huge resources outside so they could evolve slowly.

A few seconds later, someone chose to back out. Only our people remained. The two deacons, Zhang Hetai and Ye Zhongming.

"Ah Shui, you don't have to do this. It is dangerous. I want to own this place, so I must continue, but you don't have to."

Deacon Tong tried to persuade his good friend.

Deacon Water hesitated but still shook her head.

“General Zhang, have you made up your mind?” Deacon Tong asked the short and muscular guy whose arms were crossed.

“I am the only one from the Resistance Zone, so naturally, I have to continue. I won’t let some random people beat me.”

He looked at Ye Zhongming when he said that.

Deacon Tong then looked at Ye Zhongming.

“I want to see what is at the top.”

Ye Zhongming’s reply was very calm.

Chapter 1178: Shocking appearance: Luther People

Even Zhang Hetai couldn’t retort to Ye Zhongming.

Right, who didn't want to get to the top? The few of them knew that not many country experts came. Only half of the leaders were invited and some had to leave for some reasons.

Some had conflicts with Ye Zhongming, resulting in two seven-star evolved falling.

The competition wasn't too intense now.

Deacon Tong was happy with this, as his target had always remained the same.

This was also the same thoughts that others had. Although they didn't want Bright Water World, they wanted the unknown reward.

They didn't know what rewards those who chose to back out got, but if they continued, the rewards would definitely be better.

Also, who wouldn't want the reward at the top? Zhang Zhongzhen's guess of the final reward was still too shallow. At least to his father, if he could get to the top, a purple piece of equipment was the base.

At this point, Ye Zhongming and the three of them chose to continue.

Zhang Hetai looked at the rankings and smiled coldly. He was the first to choose, and his body disappeared in a flash.

Deacon Water and Deacon Tong looked at each other and signaled good luck to Ye Zhongming before leaving together.

But Ye Zhongming didn't follow. He waited to recover before making his choice.

The four of them welcomed a new challenge. Those who backed out attracted huge attention from those who were eliminated.

When they backed out, these people appeared under the path. The rest surrounded them to gather with their bosses. But some light descended on their heads to stop the others from getting close.

The light landed on someone before moving to the next. Another color glow will then replace it.

This situation confused everyone else. Although the light would touch these evolved, not everyone would receive it. Some people didn't know what happened before the light disappeared. Even if there were other rays of light, they didn't shift to them.

All the light shone on two people. They had a weird expression, but then the light disappeared.

When all the rays of light disappeared, a few people held some items, but they kept them.

They knew that they had received the reward.

These people looked at each other. They had talked to each other before, but now, they seemed wary of each other. They didn't care about the outcome and just left.

Bright Water World had opened up.

Only Resistance Zone, Cloud Peak, and Five Ring Money remained. There were also some other factions with small numbers, most of which were friends of these few organisations.

Thick curiosity appeared in their hearts. They didn't know what those rays of light were.

Only the four people whose names were still glowing on the crystal pillar could give them the answer.

"Look! It moved!"

Someone shouted. They were shocked that the numbers had changed. The others also saw it, but they looked in awe.

The first to change was Deacon Tong, but his partner, Deacon Water.

This woman was very famous in Five Ring Money. As they could not confirm whether Deacon Tong was male or female, Deacon Water became the person all the guys fantasized about. ¶

Now that she could complete the challenge quickly and enter the 37th stage, many people were excited.

Only those from the Resistance Zone were unhappy, as Zhang Hetai was still on the 36th step.

After a few dozen seconds, Deacon Tong also passed and entered the 37th stage challenge.

Zhang Zhongzhen was suddenly very nervous. Only his father and Ye Zhongming's position didn't change. If that Cloud Peak person took the lead, then his face...

But, as if the heavens had listened to his prayer, Zhang Hetai crossed the first step and successfully advanced.

Zhang Zhongzhen heaved a sigh of relief. He looked at Gan Lan and the others with pride. His intentions were obvious... Your grandfather was still your grandfather.

Cloud Peak and Nalan Battle Squad members didn't have good expressions. Ye Zhongming was the slowest. Although it was decent, it didn't stand out compared to the others.

But what made them anxious was that the other three continued to improve as time went on. Although they weren't as fast, they were pushing forward steadily. Deacon Tong was back first and completed 39 steps. Deacon Water and Zhang Hetai were also on the 39th step challenge.

Ye Zhongming... Was still on the 36th step.

The gap was too obvious.

Not only did Zhang Zhongzhen look at Cloud Peak in disdain, but even Five Ring Money gave them weird gazes.

After the three others reached the 40th step and Ye Zhongming remained at the same one, these emotions peaked.

The respect that many people had for Cloud Peak was disappearing.

Gao Yi and Zhao Xiangxue were solemn. Although they trusted in their boss, facing the cold statements of others, they could only accept it as they couldn't retort.

Gan Lan was someone who would fight back, but she had no more reasons she could use.

At this point, Ye Zhongming was standing silently before a giant map. He used his finger, and some arrowheads moved to intersect with others.

They would be shocked if Deacon Water and Deacon Tong could see what was happening. Ye Zhongming's challenger here was different from them.

Ye Zhongming's finger moved quicker and quicker, and he started to sweat. Some sweat flowed down his face into his shirt.

He suddenly relaxed, and the giant map showed that he had won. But it was a tough victory.

Before he could heave a sigh of relief, the space's color changed. A voice rang out in his ear.

"Elite evolved. Do you want to become a friend of the Luther People?"

Chapter 1179: Arukus Chariot and Yeru Spear

Ye Zhongming was shocked.

Not because of the notification but because of the humanity in that notification.

In the special wheel space, although the notifications weren't cold, they were robotic.

Ye Zhongming was already used to it.

But when he heard those words that seemed friendly, he suspected there were problems with his hearing.

Ten seconds later, the same voice rang.

“Who are you?” Facing the two same sentences with different tones, Ye Zhongming was sure someone was talking to him.

That voice kept silent for a few seconds before saying, “Because of some rules, I can’t be too exact with you, but please believe I am friendly.”

Ye Zhongming frowned. He analysed the sudden situation.

“Although we aren’t the strongest race in the universe, we are the most friendly. As long as you become our friend, we will try our best to help you so that you become the strongest evolved on your planet.”

Ye Zhongming feared very few things, but when the answer to the secrets he was searching for was in front of him, he was stunned.

Would he get the answer he wanted today?

Ye Zhongming’s body shivered slightly. It wasn’t in fear but excitement.

He lived two lives, and the answer was before him. He was definitely emotional.

But should he agree just like that? This Luther Race person said that the universe had many races but where did they come from? What was the help he could give? What did they have to do with the wheel's creator?

Were they enemies with Earth or friends?

Also, how was that person talking to him? Were they on Earth, or were they in a distant universe? If it was the latter, was this technology from the wheel or their own?

Many thoughts entered Ye Zhongming's mind, and he didn't know what to say.

"I know that this can't show my sincerity. How about you look at what our people give to our friends."

The light formed two things.

Ye Zhongming glanced. The first was an ancient looking car. When you looked at it, Ye Zhongming could sense the vengeful aura.

This car had too many weapons. Even if it was new, Ye Zhongming could smell the gory scent.

The second thing was an old spear. It was called a spear because it looked similar to a spear. Simply put, it was a mechanical weapon. It had different parts that could be activated. At the tip, there was also a circular structure.

The tip didn't look sharp and was a little thick.

"Arucus Chariot and Yeru Spear. This is the result of our intellect. Although they don't have a wheel equipment level, I promise they are as strong as gold equipment. They can even compare to purple."

He paused to give Ye Zhongming time to digest the information. This person continued, "Allow me to be honest. Your crystal energy demon gun is weaker than this."

Ye Zhongming's expression didn't change, but he was alarmed.

He did see many good pieces of equipment without levels, like the set from the battle contribution badge, whose actual strength was no weaker than purple.

But the battle contribution badge came from the wheel. In the end, it was a type of wheel equipment.

Even the gold Exquisite Floating Ball Ye Zhongming created was part of the wheel system.

Only the Resistance Zone's War Fortress and the crystal weapons were probably out of the wheel system.

But the crystal weapon still needed to use demon crystals. Some of the core parts of the War Fortress came from the wheel. From this angle, they had a close relationship to the wheel.

But Ye Zhongming didn't see anything from these two pieces of equipment. Maybe they relied on the wheel internally, but that was enough to shock him. After all, the Earth only had two types of things that were out of the wheel's control.

This Luther people took out two different things immediately. One was a vehicle, and one was a weapon.

This meant that they had crafting technology that Earth couldn't compare to.

Of course, Ye Zhongming wouldn't be so foolish to think this was their most advanced creation. He also didn't think he was strong enough to gain the full trust of a faction that could craft these two items to make them give him their best.

"Why me?" Ye Zhongming didn't select them and just asked why.

Right, why him? Was it because he was one of the strongest on Earth? Was it because he performed well in Bright Water World?

He didn't know before, but after entering that space, he knew that, based on the rankings, he was not the best. He was even the lowest-ranked of all of them.

"Your skills impress me!" That voice continued. The two pieces of equipment became clearer and even demonstrated some abilities. Even Ye Zhongming was impressed by those skills.

No wonder this person said that these two pieces could compare to purple equipment.

"Your all-round abilities from the first challenge are something other evolved don't possess. You are all-rounded, very all-rounded. I am shocked by your understanding of your planet, so Luther people selected you. I am thrilled to be tasked with inviting you. I hope you can join us to create a better, more peaceful, uncontrolled future!"

This person was emotional, but Ye Zhongming heard some things from his words—some things that could draw him to think about other things.

"You created Bright Water World?"

Chapter 1180: I will step you under my feet in the future

Maybe because he didn't hear any interest from Ye Zhongming, that person thought about it and said solemnly, "It isn't too accurate to say that we crafted it. We only participated and provided some... Needed things."

"Believe me, no matter what, the Bright Water World is just a trial. A trial with rewards!"

Ye Zhongming nodded. This person's words proved what he guessed.

Bright Water World wasn't so simple. This space, which seemed like the wheel system's special space, had non-wheel points. Ye Zhongming had never seen something like this. Along with that mysterious store that knew everything, Ye Zhongming had his doubts.

Now, that was confirmed by this person.

But since these people made Bright Water World and Luther People were only one of them, then... Were there other people? Other races in the universe?

"What do I need to do if I join you?"

Ye Zhongming asked.

"You don't need to do much. Luther People don't need to do things for friends. We are willing to help each other. Please trust our loyalty and honor. Please trust our beauty and strength."

For some reason, Ye Zhongming felt that this person was anxious.

Those words didn't tempt him. He listened to what he said but knew that the answer wasn't what he wanted, and he didn't tell him what he had to do.

He wouldn't sell himself to them without knowing what he wanted to know.

Thus, he asked something that made this person silent.

“We have other choices apart from you, right?”

This was a possibility that Ye Zhongming thought of from what the Luther person said and from what he analysed.

The Luther people weren't the only ones.

Since they weren't, then he didn't need to choose them.

Especially when most of his questions weren't answered.

“Right, you still have other choices.” His voice became cold and wasn't as warm as before. The two pieces of equipment also disappeared.

Ye Zhongming was stunned and didn't expect this person to react so quickly.

“Although we aren’t the only choice, we are your best choice. I admire your strength, but your strength makes you arrogant and doubtful. You will pay the price for this in the future.”

That voice didn’t say anything else, and that light disappeared.

Ye Zhongming sighed. He felt some regret that he couldn’t get the answer he wanted.

When he was planning to leave, the space changed, and the color differed from before.

“Choose to join our Gubler Race, and you will receive eternal life.”

A very special voice said those words. It was as if his throat had vocal cords that caused friction.

Gubler Race?

Ye Zhongming clenched his fist.

As expected, Bright Water World was a trail, and he might be forced to choose. But how would he be willing to bow to these races with unknown backgrounds?

He remained silent.

“Eternal life is the goal of all races. Are you not tempted?”

This voice was even colder than that Luther race person’s. But the second sentence was more emotional.

He also sounded proud.

“But I know nothing about you.” Ye Zhongming replied.

Luther people were passionate but this lifeform was very proud.

“You don’t need to know so much. Be a submissive warrior. That is your only choice! Our Gubler race is your best choice.”

Ye Zhongming kept silent, and when he spoke, he said, “I need to know more before I choose.”

“You just need the reward that I can give you. Just select us.”

After replying, a different light appeared. There was something in it.

“This is the Star Race Saint Tree’s seed. If you become our warrior, this will be planted in your body. You will obtain power and life from it when it spouts and grows. You will become something other races respect.”

He didn’t demonstrate anything, as if those few words could be accepted. He was really proud.

“You rejected the Luther People, and I am happy about that. We rarely invite evolved to join us. You are special. You should be proud. Please choose to join.”

A choice appeared in his mind to ask if he wanted to accept.

He rejected it without looking.

“You! Actually, dare to reject! Do you know what this means? Do you know that if you reject us, you will become our enemy?”

His voice became fierce. Even the color representing the Gubler Race started to flicker, as if the area were about to collapse.

“Who are you trying to scare?”

Ye Zhongming became unfriendly, too.

“If it is really as you say and my choice is wrong. Then why don’t you kill me? If I am making a dumb choice, prove it to me.”

This Gubler Race lifeform was shocked and didn’t retort.

“Although, for some reason, you have to follow rules that you can’t break, so you have no choice but to invite us. To give us benefits so that we will choose.”

Ye Zhongming smiled coldly, “Am I right? Don’t deny it. If not, just appear before me; I want to see what you look like.”

“You... Will regret this!”

They weren’t good at arguing. Facing Ye Zhongming’s questions, he could only threaten, but it was useless.

“So, don’t act so proud. You might be strong now, much stronger than people from Earth, but don’t be happy. Maybe in the future, we will step you under our feet!”