

Apocalypse 1231

Chapter 1231: Familiar person

“Captain Liang, are our conditions not good enough?”

The guy who spoke was very handsome. He was also dressed cleanly.

It wasn't cleanliness due to new clothes, but cleanliness due to daily bathing.

Captain Liang was a tanned guy with a beard.

He looked like he was in a tough situation. He crossed his arms and was in deep thought.

The handsome guy took out a box of cigarettes and passed Captain Liang one. He lit it before saying, “Everyone's World is special and strong. I don't deny that. We gave that price for that reason. Be it demon crystals, evolution potions, or equipment, it represents our sincerity. Captain Liang, do you think I am right?”

Captain Liang gulped and struggled to nod, “You are right, but...”

“No buts!”

He interrupted violently.

“Everything has a price in this world. This rule existed before the apocalypse; it is just that people don’t want to admit it. Mainstream media won’t brag about these values. But after the apocalypse, everyone knew those words. Captain Liang should be no exception.”

He took two steps and flicked the cigarette, “Your hesitation is because you don’t understand our organisation. If you understand, you will understand that some people are special in this world. You will notice that this world isn’t “everyone’s world” but... Some people’s world.”

“Arrogant!”

A young voice spread from behind. The handsome guy tilted his head so that he could hear the source. He saw a 24-year-old guy with a furious face. He was obviously unhappy with what he had just said.

He smiled and squeezed into Everyone’s World’s squad. With his level, no one from this battle squad could stop him. Some people were sent flying, and he arrived before the young man.

“Do you know, I find it weird how people like you are still alive?” He spat the smoke into his face so that this guy, who was at most three-star, retreated.

“How are you still alive?”

The cigarette pressed onto the hand of the young man when he wanted to raise it.

The temperature of the cigarette wouldn't deal much injuries to an evolved. With their recovery speed, it would be perfectly fine in one or two days and wouldn't even leave a scar.

But this humiliating action made the other members unhappy. Even if they didn't focus on combat strength, they were still evolved and had seen blood.

The conflict happened. Although the scale wasn't big some people still attacked.

But the guy's evolution level was high. In just a few seconds, five people were knocked to the ground. He didn't kill them, but these people weren't able to stand.

Cloud Peak's in charge saw those scenes.

"Stop! Which battle squad are you from?"

He was from Cloud Peak, so he was more confident. Moreover, technical members' status was higher than ordinary people in Cloud Peak. Warriors respected them, so naturally, he would be proud when he spoke.

Everyone turned over. That handsome guy saw that the middle-aged man who stopped him wasn't an expert and scoffed. He wanted to teach him a lesson, but two sounds stopped him.

One sentence was a short but powerful "Come back."

The other was the sound of air being flapped. A person flew through the sky.

“Manager Ruan, welcome. I failed to welcome you well.” Ye Zhongming walked out. He ignored that handsome guy and looked toward where the other words came from.

A caravan stopped there. The door was opened, and a guy jumped out. He smiled and walked toward Ye Zhongming. He looked like he wanted to hug him.

But the sound of air being flapped spread again. Manager Ruan stopped and seemed helpless.

“Hey, Boss Ye, you don’t have to treat an old friend like this, right?”

Xia Bai flapped Fallen Wings. Under the sunlight, the darkness energy suppressed the region.

Although Ye Zhongming was eight stars, he retracted his aura to make him look ordinary. If not for the shining equipment, he was unassuming.

But Xia Bai was different. The black wings, the darkness energy, and special designed black-colored equipment, made her stand out.

Apart from Red Hair, no one was as recognisable as Xia Bai.

“You came to Ying City and didn’t come to Cloud Peak. You even threatened my friend. Manager Ruan, is Cannibal Chain becoming human traffickers?”

Ye Zhongming and this Cannibal Chain Southeast Region manager shook hands. He took his men to bring Everyone’s World away, and Cannibal Chain’s thousand men could only watched.

This was Ying City, Cloud Peak’s territory. Even if Ye Zhongming were alone, Ruan Xiao wouldn’t dare to do anything to him.

“Haha, I saw some talents and was tempted. Boss Ye, you have to understand. My subordinate was too anxious. Please forgive us.”

He knew that Everyone’s World was a free squad, but since Ye Zhongming came here, it was probably for them. Anyways, he had just bumped into this battle squad. It would be best if he could recruit them, but if he couldn’t, it was still okay.

His main goal was to discuss things with Ye Zhongming.

“I heard that Cloud Peak stood tall after millions of lifeforms attacked it. Boss Ye, can you open our eyes?”

Hearing Ruan Xiao say that, he took a close look at him and nodded, "Okay, since someone big from Cannibal Chains came, I feel honored."

"Please proceed."

Chapter 1232: Both of us know

Ruan Xiao drank the wine that Cloud Peak brewed, and he couldn't hide the shock in his heart.

Along the way, he had seen many camps that seemed fierce.

He had been around. Cannibal Chain's secret headquarters was a majestic place. If you described it in terms of riches, Cloud Peak couldn't be compared to it.

But this place had a thick apocalyptic style. Each place had a sharp aura.

This was a firm base that was built only when the apocalypse started!

Don't underestimate the word 'only'.

The bases in the apocalypse were mostly built using peacetime structures and regions as a foundation. You could roughly tell what styles they were before.

But apart from a few villas, this place looked like a camp that was built solely to adapt to the apocalypse.

Other factions might be able to build such a camp, but he was just shocked that Cloud Peak and Ye Zhongming had made their mind up so early and invested so much manpower and wealth into modifying this place.

Ruan Xiao was already shocked by those large patches of incomplete projects. He couldn't imagine how this place would look after they were completed. But one thing was for sure: Cloud Peak would become one of the strongest fortresses in the apocalypse.

Ruan Xiao understood now why he would bump into Ye Zhongming when he was looking for Everyone's World.

"Manager Ruan, I can get you two bottles if you like it."

Ye Zhongming smiled. Xia Lei and Mo Ye sat on his right. On his left was Guang Yao. Behind him was Xia Bai, who had retracted her wings.

Ruan Xiao finally realised that he was using that action to hide the fact that he had been thinking for too long.

He placed the wine glass down awkwardly. "I am impressed with Cloud Peak. Those should be defensive works. Once they are built, it is hard to imagine how anything can take them down."

"That is for the best." He drank. This wine was not simple. It was one of Cloud Peak's delicacies and could strengthen one's senses.

“Of course, this thing is a great item, too, so I won’t be too polite.”

Ruan Xiao was one of the heads of Cannibal Chains, and he had reached seven stars. He knew how good the wine was after tasting it. While being shocked about how generous Ye Zhongming was, he also wouldn’t give up this chance to get something for free.

Ye Zhongming nodded. He didn’t care about such a small thing. If Cannibal Chain were also interested in Cloud Peak Delicacies, that would help them further expand this business.

“Manager Ruan came because?”

Cannibal Chain’s Southeast Region manager, even if he couldn’t compare to the few deacons of Five Ring Money, he was very important to his organisation. He wouldn’t enter another faction’s camp if it weren’t for an important matter. This was an unwritten rule.

Ruan Xiao placed his glass down and straightened his back.

“I heard that Boss Ye went to Bright Water Feast.”

Ye Zhongming flicked the glass in his hands. He was not surprised that Ruan Xiao knew about this. After all, many people went, and it was impossible to keep it a secret. Cannibal Chain and Five Ring Money were competitors, so they would naturally keep close attention.

“You even passed the Sky Monument.”

Ye Zhongming was more surprised.

Only a few big factions were there during the Sky Monument run. Cannibal Chain actually knew about the outcome. It was obvious that they were part of some huge faction or were close with some members of big factions.

“That is not certain. The Sky Monument has many steps; I only passed a small part of it.”

Ruan Xiao waved, “Boss Ye is already amazing. You reached the end and got the best reward. But that isn’t important and is also not what I want to talk about.”

Ruan Xiao waved, “I came to confirm something with Boss Ye.”

Ye Zhongming frowned, and he had a feeling.

“Who... Did you choose?”

As expected!

This fellow, or rather Cannibal Chains, knew about the races in the universe!

Ye Zhongming was determined to fight in the Secret Realm, battle against a level nine expert, and then obtain the resources needed to improve Cloud Peak...

A very important factor was because of his uneasiness.

He felt a sense of danger and pressure after learning that many eyes were looking at him.

Although these races hadn't done anything to Earth, they had their intentions.

Due to some rules, they couldn't interfere directly and could only make humans their spokespersons. But once those laws were broken, what would happen? What could he do?

So Ye Zhongming cared a lot about getting stronger. He wanted Cloud Peak and himself to get more powerful.

Before him was one of Cannibal Chain's heads that didn't go to Bright Water Feast. Why did he personally find him to ask that question?

Ruan Xiao took a deep breath, "Or rather, Cannibal Chain and I hope you haven't made a choice."

“Who are you representing?” Ye Zhongming stared at Ruan Xiao and asked.

He took another deep breath. “The apocalypse has many secrets, and we are not able to handle how heavy these secrets are. I am not saying that my faction or I are saviors, but we aren’t willing to see allies make decisions they will regret.”

“Manager Ruan, let’s stop beating around the bush. I think our boss rather you be more sincere and direct.”

Guang Yao interrupted.

Ruan Xiao looked at Guang Yao. He recognised this team leader of Resistance Zonee. He glanced at Ye Zhongming and saw that he agreed, so he continued.

“Above!” Ruan Xiao pointed out, “It is like Earth. There are many factions. Boss Ye only knows of a small portion in Bright Water World.”

“You know them all?”

“I don’t know them all, but I do know more than you.”

Chapter 1233: Represent Earth

The room became silent. Ruan Xiao waited for Ye Zhongming to understand what he meant. Ye Zhongming was also thinking about the choice he was about to face.

“Continue.”

Ye Zhongming’s word was cold, but he didn’t mind.

“There are three factions above.” This Cannibal Chain manager started to describe what he knew.

“Huoer Star Faction, Reina Star Faction, and Hesu Race Faction.”

The people in the room listened quietly. They knew this was probably the answer they had always been searching for.

How did the apocalypse start? What was up with the wheels? What kind of race was the Slave Race?

“If you want to know the exact situation of the three factions, I can’t tell you more. It isn’t that I don’t want to say it, but I don’t know.”

Ruan Xiao drank a mouthful, “Cannibal Chain is in Huoer Star Faction. We are the spokesperson of the Feinas People. They helped a lot when we built our alliances here.”

This was the name of another race that Ye Zhongming memorised.

“Five Ring Money also has some factions behind it, and they belong to Reina Star.”

Ye Zhongming thought about it. At least from his analysis, there were no signs that Ruan Xiao was lying.

It didn't mean he was only telling the truth, but it sounded real.

When he was in Bright Water World, the color change meant another faction would try to convince Ye Zhongming. It was very orderly as if they had discussed things. From the information he received and what Gore Race said, although the Reina Star Faction were competitors internally, their viewpoints were the same.

Ruan Xiao's body sunk into the comfortable sofa. Things that he knew still filled him with shock.

“Why are there factions? Why did they come to Earth? Are they above us now? Why don't they come down? What are the laws they have to abide by? Did they cause the apocalypse?”

Ruan Xiao smiled awkwardly when he heard those questions.

“I know you would have these questions, but I can't answer them much as I also don't know.”

“But.” He said, “I know that there are a few factions because their attitudes toward the wheel are different.”

Ye Zhongming was solemn and placed his hands on the chair's handles, “Different attitudes? They don't control the wheels?”

“No.” Ruan Xiao replied, “From what I understand, the wheels aren't controlled by a single faction, which is why the factions have different views. Our Cannibal Chain is in the Huoer Star Faction, and we disagree with the wheel's control of planets. Reina Star Faction are the firmest protectors of the wheel.”

“I think you understand what I mean. Huoer Star opposes, and Reina Star approves!”

So that was the case! Ye Zhongming lowered his head. Some questions were answered, but he had more. The most basic one, concerning the wheel and the apocalypse, still hadn't been answered.

“Manager Ruan came to get me to join Huoer Star faction?” Ye Zhongming asked.

This question was more of a confirmation.

The biggest reason why Ruan Xiao came to speak to Ye Zhongming about all this was most probably to persuade him. After all, Cloud Peak was very strong. Ye Zhongming was also a target of many Reina Star Faction races. If he could join them, it would increase their strength.

“No...” Ruan Xiao felt a little awkward. “Cannibal Chain and I don’t have the right to represent the Huoer Star Faction. I only told the Feinas People before I came, but they didn’t say anything.”

Ye Zhongming didn’t react, but the others were not happy.

Since Cannibal Chain was the spokesperson of others, your words should represent your master. But you told us that your master expressed that they knew but didn’t give others clear instructions. So why were you here?

Moreover, no matter the faction, people from the Reina Star Faction personally recruited Ye Zhongming. They might just want to use him, but at least they met him personally.

What was the meaning of this? Making a joke out of them?

“If that is the case, then is Manager Ruan’s visit a little disrespectful?” Xia Lei squinted and questioned him.

He coughed, “Boss Ye and Lady Xia Lei, I came here for your good with no intentions to underestimate you. You might not be clear, but based on some rules that I am not sure about, Earth is closer to Reina Star Faction’s territory. So, although Huoer Star Faction has influence here, it isn’t as big as Reina Star Faction. After all, if Cloud Peak joins Huoer Star Faction, you might be targetted by other factions.”

This explanation made sense. Ye Zhongming didn’t select Reina Star Faction. If he joined Huoer Star Faction now, he would definitely be targeted.

“But you definitely aren’t here just to spread a message to me, right?”

He asked.

“Of course not.”

He tapped the table and adjusted his thoughts.

“I hope to work with Cloud Peak so you can develop quickly and not be forced to choose a faction like us due to pressure.”

“We are all from Earth. Cannibal Chain and I respect Boss Ye’s choice in Bright Water World. If possible, we hope to see someone representing Earth and not puppets being controlled by others.”

He placed his wine glass on the table and leaned back onto the sofa. He glanced at the few Cloud Peak leaders. He said everything he should and it was time for Ye Zhongming’s reply.

Ye Zhongming’s answer was something he didn’t expect.

He asked. Who is Su Race?

Chapter 1234: Su Race

“I am Su Race.”

Ye Zhongming was shocked by that reply.

He looked at Everyone’s World’s captain Liang and said in disbelief, “You are Su Race?”

He laughed. It wasn’t that sinister laugh but a slightly dumb laugh.

“That isn’t totally right. I am from Earth, so naturally, I am not from Su Race. I am saying that we chose Su Race.”

Ye Zhongming didn’t know what to say.

He didn’t get much news about the Su Race from Ruan Xiao and only knew that this was a relatively free alliance. Its strength and scale couldn’t compare to Huoer Star and Reina Star. Su Race wasn’t even a battle race. They would have long been wiped out from the universe if not for their various abilities.

Maybe Huoer Race and Reina Star understood Su Race more, but they didn’t tell much to those Earthlings. At least those from Huoer Star didn’t tell Cannibal Chain much.

Ruan Xiao only knew they were a race that didn't want to fight. He didn't know who they were, where they were, and whether or not they had spokespeople on Earth.

Ye Zhongming felt he wouldn't be able to meet Su Race soon. At least on Earth, this faction shouldn't have a spokesperson.

But the truth proved that he was wrong. After discussing terms with Ruan Xiao's Cannibal Chain, he bumped into people from Su Race.

It was Everyone's World battle squad that Cannibal Chain nearly bullied.

Ye Zhongming dissed. Su Race didn't want to fight, and the spokesperson they found didn't want to fight either. Birds of the same feather truly flocked together.

"Are you so sure I know what you are talking about?"

Ye Zhongming looked at Captain Liang and asked.

He felt this squad was weird, but he didn't think they were related to the races. He guessed that they had some way to stay alive; if not, it would be tough to survive in this competitive world.

But they surprised him.

Captain Liang smiled weirdly, "I got the news and knew you went to Bright Water World. You even entered Sky Monument Path, so you know about the universe's races."

Ye Zhongming thought about it and asked, "But what does that have to do with you telling me that you are from Su Race? Su Race... Doesn't seem strong. You are their spokesperson, but your faction also seems weak."

Many people were around them. This Captain Liang didn't hide anything from his other members. On Ye Zhongming's side, it was those few who negotiated with Ruan Xiao.

"We naturally have ways to protect ourselves." He scratched his head and smiled.

"Oh?" Ye Zhongming dragged his words and seemed a little cold.

Captain Liang was stunned and waved, "Boss Ye, don't misunderstand. Of course, this is not enough against Cloud Peak. I refer to others, others!"

"Goal." He said coldly, "You tell me your goal, the reason why you got close to Cloud Peak!"

"Little Meng!" Captain Liang shouted, and the guy whose hand was burnt by Ruan Xiao's subordinate ran out. He held a laptop and passed it to Ye Zhongming.

"Boss Ye might not believe me, but you should trust him."

Ye Zhongming looked at them suspiciously. He opened the laptop, and his eyes opened wide.

This person was the evolved that gave Ye Zhongming the detailed information in Bright Water World!

“Him...”

“Hehe, yes. He is the overall in charge of the Su Race in the country. Now, you should know where I got the news from. I listened to Mr Apei and told you my identity. As for our previous meeting, it was a total coincidence. After news spread that we met Cloud Peak, Mr Apei gave those orders.”

Ye Zhongming took a deep breath and felt this world was too complicated. The people and factions around him might have a race that he hated.

This made him feel like a sheep living among tigers.

“Mr. Apei planned to head to Cloud Peak to meet you, but some things happened, and he can't get away. So after he learned that we were in Ying City, he told us to meet you.”

He interrupted his words. This wasn't the place to speak. There were too many people. He brought the few core members to his villa, and after they sat on where Ruan Xiao sat, he told him to continue.

“Mr Apei told me to ask you if what you said in Bright Water World still stands?”

“Is there a difference?”

Captain Liang laughed. This seemed like his habit, “If it doesn’t stand, then forget it, we can treat it like we hadn’t met. Of course, we are still Everyone’s World. If Cloud Peak trusts us and wants to use us, we can help you build the villa. Of course, we would charge.”

“If it counts?” Xia Lei felt like he was interesting and asked.

“If it counts, then Su Race won’t force Boss Ye to stand on our side, but we ask you to give face to Mr Apei as he helped you in Bright Water World. When needed, lend a helping hand to keep us safe.”

Captain Liang finally brought up what Su Race wanted Ye Zhongming to do.

“Of course, we won’t let Cloud Peak work for nothing. Any squad you help will do things for Boss Ye and Cloud Peak. Like us, your subordinate saved us previously and today helped save us from Cannibal Chain. As thanks, we will complete the defense work for free.”

Ye Zhongming smiled, “Seems like you will help us regardless; the difference is the cost. Is your payment so high that I can’t afford it?”

Ye Zhongming had asked about their price. That number wasn't much for him and it was even quite cheap.

"Hehe, naturally it isn't just the price, it is whether or not we will use all our skills." Boss Liang was filled with pride. He pointed at the sky, "Let us show you what the Su Race is really good at."

Chapter 1235: Opening their eyes

The sunlight shone, and everyone felt warm.

Winter was about to arrive, but one couldn't see any signs of it. Only the changes in the color of the leaves will remind people to pay attention to the temperature and the season.

The high areas had wind, and the wind was cold, but it didn't affect the three people in the sky.

Ye Zhongming sat on the head of the undead dragonfish. He held the hammer he got from the Magma Ocean and was silent.

Behind him stood Red Hair, who was dressed in red. Her hair danced in the wind, and she crossed her arms. Her gaze moved between the distance and Ye Zhongming.

Beside them was Xia Bai, who had spread the Fallen Wings.

The three of them and one undead lifeform were the focus of Cloud Peak's attention. People would raise their heads and look at the weird scene.

“It still... Can’t work?”

Red Hair bent her body forward and wanted to look at Ye Zhongming and his hammer. Her hair hung low and nearly covered Ye Zhongming’s face.

Ye Zhongming’s thoughts were interrupted. He moved her hair aside, and she giggled.

After her rebirth, she was totally different. She was brand new.

She wasn’t that puppet that didn’t have her own thoughts. She was now a brand new life form.

Her eyes were filled with life; her skin was bouncy and healthy. Her hair was shiny. Each part of her body reached the pinnacle of women.

Even her personality became gentle like jade with a bit of playfulness.

Such a change made her more likable and easy to get close to.

Red Hair before and now were both the core of Cloud Peak. But now, people were more willing to accept her.

No one treated her as a puppet or zombie. She was just a special human now.

“This thing can’t be strengthened, enchanted, or crafted. There is no notification when you use it. I followed what you said and used it to craft weapons, but there was no effect. I tried to inject mental energy. It didn’t even react with my strength.”

Ye Zhongming sighed.

After Red Hair gave this to him, he had been studying it. He was sure that this was a tool or weapon that represented the final mystery of the Blue Secret Realm. He wouldn’t have headed over there in his soul-wandering state if not.

But now that the treasure was in his hands, he could not break its secrets and use it. The feeling of having a treasure and not being able to use it made him unhappy.

“A problem with merging?” Xia Bai suddenly spoke up.

She still didn’t speak much. After the darkness energy entered her body, she became more introverted. But when she was with Ye Zhongming, she was more like a normal person. As for Red Hair, maybe because Xia Bai found her special or because they fought together against the Saint Father, the two of them were closer than the other core members.

Ye Zhongming was stunned and understood what Xia Bai mentioned.

She referred to the Fallen Wing’s situation.

The sacrifice ability of Fallen Wings was a special ability that helped you merge the equipment with your body. After merging, you could fully control it. This solved the ownership problem of the equipment.

Ye Zhongming shook his head, "It shouldn't be. Your wings could become part of your body. Although it isn't what an ordinary human should have, it is an organ. The hammer isn't. Even if it is, I don't know how to merge with it."

Xia Bai was silent. This was all she could suggest.

"I can't use it, Xia Bai can't, you can't..." Red Hair tilted and was deep in thought. Her hair was on her face, and half of it was covered.

"Then, could it only be used in the magma?"

Red Hair had a guess.

Ye Zhongming's eyes lit up, and smiled at Red Hair. The latter shook her head, and a spear appeared in her hands. She flicked, and magma flowed from the tip.

Ye Zhongming caught it with the hammer and sensed its changes.

He was disappointed as this still wasn't right. The hammer didn't change.

Red Hair could only stop. The magma would consume her energy.

They had many failed experiments. Ye Zhongming could only keep the item and try it out when he had new thoughts.

He looked below. Everyone's World was helping to lead Cloud Peak members to complete the works. They even did some of the key parts themselves.

They showed the abilities of the Su Race.

Or, more accurately, what Su Race had taught them.

For example, they would bury a dark stone underneath each fortress. No one knew what that was, and they didn't say anything. But after burying it and then dealing with the fortress, there would be a light that spread across the bricks and cement.

The light would last for some time, and the entire structure would become strong when they disappeared. Moreover, they could repel attacks.

Ye Zhongming tested. He punched with 80% of his strength and could barely leave a mark. If he went full strength, he wouldn't even be able to leave a crack.

One must know that Ye Zhongming's strength had reached a terrifying level. He was a human-shaped beast.

For example, someone from Everyone's World held a pen and drew on the structures. Some were mysterious patterns, some were portraits, and some were drawings of flowers, birds, fishes, and bugs.

These graffiti-like things broke the serious nature of those structures.

But this gave them weird abilities. Those with patterns would form energy rings, which act as a second layer of defense. Those with human portraits would increase the vision of sentries. Those with flowers, birds, fishes, and bugs would have various functions. If the fortress would light up if level four or higher lifeforms got close, they would give animal roars. Some could absorb pure water from underground for warriors inside to use...

There were so many functions, many that were weird that opened up Cloud Peaks' eyes.