

## Apocalypse 1246

### Chapter 1246: Source battle (2)

It was late at night, and Ye Zhongming was still here. He observed Big Yellow bathing in dragon blood and waited for the final outcome.

Liu Zhenghong's suggestion was crazy. It was a gene transfer: using Yangos' gene fragments and shifting them to Yellow Ball's body.

It sounded simple, but it was tough to do. The techniques and steps involved were something an expert like Liu Zhenghong hadn't fully grasped. You also had to see the merger level with Yellow Ball to try to reduce the rejection. If it could survive the initial few hours, it succeeded.

Not even Liu Zhenghong herself knew what life would be like afterward. Everything was unknown.

But Yellow Ball would probably become much stronger, exceeding its race's limits and becoming a new lifeform.

Although Liu Zhenghong wasn't the Creator Hong of her last life, but the craziness in her bones hadn't changed. Even if Yellow Ball was a symbolic Cloud Peak figure that she doted, it concerned her profession. She wouldn't hold back and would use seemingly extreme methods on Yellow Ball's body.

It wasn't her experimenting on Yellow Ball. To her, this was the best way to protect and help Yellow Ball. It was also the best solution.

From Ye Zhongming's perspective, rather than a gene transfer, it was more of a source battle.

Yangos was a level eight dragon race lifeform. After a series of actions, it was left with one breath. One could imagine how cruel this operation was.

"Don't look at me. Survival of the fittest is something that hasn't changed since ancient times."

Facing the evil dragon's gaze that was filled with rage, hatred, and hope. Ye Zhongming replied.

Dragons might have a special meaning in movies to people from Earth, but to Ye Zhongming, they weren't as important as Yellow Ball. They weren't as important even if they were a level eight life form.

For Big Yellow's health, he would sacrifice Yangos without any hesitation.

His pity and kind heart was only towards his own people. Yangos wasn't on that level.

"Save me..."

The evil dragon couldn't make a sound and could only use its mental energy to spread a weak message for Ye Zhongming to hear.

Cloud Peak's king sat beside the flame. Half of his face was hidden in the darkness, which would dim and light up as the flame moved.

“I have two choices.”

Ye Zhongming raised his head and looked at the evil dragon.

“After the operation, your body is badly hurt, you might... Die, right?”

When saying this, Yangos’s eyes changed.

Ye Zhongming was calm. He took two things out.

“This is a potion called... Necromancer’s Pet Ticket.” Ye Zhongming raised the first. It was a circular bottom bottle with black liquid. The liquid was climbing and boiling and would give off some gas bubbles.

“If you consume this, you will turn into an undead lifeform. Although I can’t ensure that you will maintain consciousness, but it can fully convert your level and energy. You will become a strong undead bone dragon.”

“To a certain extent, you will be extending your life.”

His voice spread in the night, and all he got in return was Yangos's shocked and uncertain mental energy reply.

"No... No... No."

Ye Zhongming placed the ticket down and took up the second item.

"This is the Soul Slave Scroll. After use, your life will be connected to me. As long as I am still alive, you will not die. You would even obtain some strength from me."

Ye Zhongming raised the white scroll and waved it at Yangos.

"Of course, you need to fully open your mental world to use this and form the strictest betrayal contract. You will lose your freedom and have to fight for me, becoming my battle beast."

Yangos moved, but that tugged at its wound, which made it sneer in pain.

"No, no, I don't want..."

"Of course, you have a choice. I will try to save you and make you a material source. For the future years, each scale will be peeled off, and I will obtain buckets of blood from you..."

He interrupted its mental energy conversation and said to this evil dragon, "You can choose now. If you are not happy with the first two options, you can select the third. I promise I will use your bones when you have no value. I will turn them into specimens to display in Cloud Peak as a memory for the contributions that you have made."

Yangos panted and was deep in despair.

"You humans don't keep your word."

"Only equal people can talk to each other. People who aren't equal will only be bullied."

Both the dragon and human were in silence. Only Yellow Ball would give out some sounds from the Blood Pond and cause the dragon blood to ripple.

"Seems like... I have no choice."

Yangos finally spoke, but the mental energy was filled with deep helplessness.

Ye Zhongming laughed, "The Soul Slave Scroll is very expensive."

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The sun rose as usual on the second day and scattered its warmth and light into Cloud Peak.

Before many people even woke up, they heard a loud dragon roar. A giant figure circled above. The wind from the wings blew dust, making Cloud Peak slightly dusty.

“I told you that we had to fix the road. Look, this fellow took revenge now.” Liu Zhenghong looked at Yangos and smiled.

Ye Zhongming touched Yellow Ball’s soft fur. He was extremely tired but still excited.

“Big Yellow has entered an evolution state. Once it wakes up, it should recover to its previous level. The future evolution chains have also been unlocked... This problem has been totally solved.”

Liu Zhenghong checked Ye Zhongming and gave her final conclusion.

“This time, we need to thank Yangos’s mysterious energy. It should have been left when Saint Father gave it energy to evolve.”

“But...” Liu Zhenghong raised her head and looked at Yangos, “This fellow’s level dropped. It isn’t strong enough to be a fighter.”

Ye Zhongming smiled, "As long as it can fly. It is a long way to go to get to Saint Light Hall."

Chapter 1247: Firm defence

When Zhenghua left Cloud Peak, half of the motorcade was empty, but his heart was full.

He had witnessed many different things in the few days he was in Cloud Peak.

The safety and stability here shocked him.

Cloud Peak was no different from before the apocalypse. It was even much safer, and you didn't have to close your doors.

You didn't need to worry about mutated lifeforms attacking or humans robbing you when you were asleep and could sleep to day break.

This was unimaginable in other places.

Also, Cloud Peak's food was exquisite.

This exquisite nature wasn't compared to before the apocalypse as that was impractical. It was compared to the habits of other places where they ate things the moment they were cooked. The methods of cooking and taste were much better here.

However, Cloud Peak cared about nutrition. Zhenghua loved eating vegetables—the various types of vegetables and fruits.

These things would appear on the wheels, but most of them were in the form of cans. Although the texture was good, their nutrition levels were low.

Cloud Peak's stuff were fresh. They had good nutrition and inside it were mixed with various vitamins that evolved lacked.

Zhenghua felt that he had grown fatter in the few days.

Of course, these were small points that showed Cloud Peak's overall strength. He was shocked by their hardware.

Yellow Ball waking up, Yangos joining, Red Hair riding the undead dragon fish. All of them gave Zhenghua huge pressure.

Even if Yellow Ball was deep asleep, the giant dragon was level seven, Red Hair didn't attack, but this was enough to show how strong Cloud Peak was. Zhenghua met Ye Zhongming who was eight star. Xia Lei, Liang Chuyin, Xia Bai, Mo Ye etc were all seven star.

Zhenghua didn't believe in Five Ring Money's rankings. Now, he scoffed at it.

Cloud Peak would definitely be top three. They could even face off against the Resistance Zone.

If not for those factions being supported by the races in the universe, they would have already been exceeded.

Zhenghua decided to be honest with the three bosses and then talk to the person above. They had to fight for Cloud Peak.

A week after he left, the defensive works were nearly finished. All that was left were just some bits and pieces that didn't affect much.

Three years were about to pass and Cloud Peak had reached their strongest defensive form.

At this point, Everyone's World showed everyone the secret.

"Defensive Formation..."

Seeing the energy pattern floating in the sky, Cloud Peak was shocked. Guang Yao who had some understanding of this muttered.

There was a job in the apocalypse called Formation Master. It was a job that created various formations. Some better ones could create strong formations with many functions. They could provide evolved with much help and each faction wanted such a talent.

Ye Zhongming knew of a faction that had a formation master at its core. They could create a killing formation to deal damage to a target. Legend had it that a level nine lifeform entered. Although it wasn't killed, it was badly injured. This showed how strong the job was.

The defense of the fortresses shocked Ye Zhongming and the other core members. At least to current evolved, it was impossible to break the defensive system.

But who knew that after all the fortresses were done, they actually formed a defensive formation with Cloud Peak as the foundation.

"This defensive formation is called Clamour Defense. The main ability is to defend against ranged attacks, including physical and energy attacks. The core is the energy system. I chose this defensive formation as it is twin-powered."

Captain Liang was proud and satisfied with what he did. He looked at the formation that he activated and his face was glowing.

"Twin powered? Tell me about it." Ye Zhongming was surprised.

He knew that defensive formations needed energy to maintain. Like the Imperial City's barrier, it required the Omnipotent God's ball.

This Clamour Defense wouldn't be different.

“The first energy system is naturally demon crystals.” Captain Linag explained, “Each fortress along with Cloud Peak’s core region and lab are all nodes. These nodes have crystals that provide energy. When not fighting, 100 level three crystals can maintain it for a week. When fighting, it will depend on the strength of the attack.”

Ye Zhongming nodded. This consumption was normal and something he could accept.

“What about the second energy system?”

Captain Liang pointed at a position on Cloud Peak’s wall.

“Stable Statue?”

Liang Chuyin said, “That thing is an energy system? That is a summoning being that can be activated.”

Stable Statue was a statue that Ye Zhongming obtained previously. Usually, it was just a decoration, but you could turn it into a ghost warrior to attack when needed.

“Yes, Stable Statue. Actually, it has a name called Charging beast.” Captain Liang signalled, and someone carried a box. After opening it, there were three statues of different sizes. All of them were similar to the Stable Statue, but their sizes were different.

“These Charging Beasts can actually store energy in their bodies and can be able to accept things of all natures. No matter what kind of energy it is, they can store them. You just have to put them into a formation and they will charge it.”

Captain Liang explained and even experimented on them in front of everyone. As expected, they could absorb energy.

“The method that saves the most money is to follow-level evolved to attack the statues. While ensuring that they don’t get damaged, you can charge them.”

Everyone was amazed. They didn’t expect the equipment that no one had high hopes for to have such magical abilities.

Ye Zhongming wasn’t happy too early. He asked, “Do we need many of these? Do you have?”

“I only have these three,; I can give them to you for free.” He replied, “But to support the formation, you need at least 30!”

Chapter 1248: Five things

“Where to find them?”

Ye Zhongming felt that he wouldn’t be saying it for no reason since Captain Liang said it.

“I know a place, but... It is a little dangerous.”

Captain Liang hesitated, "I bought these three from a battle squad. Their people mentioned its past, but as they weren't strong enough, they couldn't get more."

"What place?"

"Abnormal Dungeon!"

Captain Liang said a name and the rough position, "That place is very dangerous. Either the lifeforms are very special or have special abilities. Although that battle squad isn't very famous, they aren't weak. They could only push a few hundred meters in and lost many people."

Ye Zhongming thought about it and confirmed that he hadn't heard of this dungeon before.

After building the defensive fortresses, Everyone's World left. Cloud Peak wanted to keep them, but as they had already joined the Su Race, they couldn't be theirs. So Xia Lei represented Ye Zhongming to express their desire to make them stay, but she didn't force them.

Ye Zhongming and his subordinates sighed as they watched them leave with the various mutated lifeform specimens and various tools.

The races in the universe were complicated and strong. Who knows if they will clash in the future and whether Cloud Peak can handle it?

"Posthumous People's job has been completed in the Secret Realm, and they are gathering toward the Imperial City. They hadn't passed the Space Gate, but we must arrange a place for them."

Xia Lei and Ye Zhongming were in Cloud Peak. They were together because they had many things to discuss.

“How many are there?” Although Saint Light Hall’s war was one of extinction, starting from outside and not letting any tribe go.

But the Secret Realm was huge, and Saint Light Hall had a limited number of troops, so they couldn’t kill every single one of them. So, after the battle, the Posthumous People confirmed that they were moving to Earth. They started sending people to collect crystals and herbs for Cloud Peak and themselves while gathering their people. More and more Posthumous People tribes got the news and started to head toward the Imperial City. Every day, that number was increasing.

“I am not sure.” Xia Lei said, “You arranged for them to go to Korea and agreed to help them get there. This is problematic. We can’t go by sea, and the land route is very far. Are you going to airdrop them?”

Ye Zhongming laughed, “If everything is so easy I wouldn’t be their friend and would be their Master.”

Posthumous People helped Cloud Peak. Although they did so for themselves, Ye Zhongming still had to keep his promise. Once Posthumous People moved to Earth, Saint Light Hall’s move would start. It would be a very busy period.

Ye Zhongming had to do many things before that.

First would be to take revenge against the people who attacked Cloud Peak.

This was necessary. If they didn't set a reputation of taking revenge on people who offended them, anyone would come to try their luck. Even if they couldn't hurt Cloud Peak, they would waste their energy. That was not something Ye Zhongming wanted to see.

But that secret organisation covered its tracks. With Cloud Peak's high bounty, only some traces were revealed. Chameleon had been searching and received some news. They even clashed with them in an unassuming corner.

But this was it. They weren't able to find out more.

The thing in the Secret Realm came to an end, so Ye Zhongming sent more people to work on it. There will probably be more news soon.

The second thing he needed to do was to increase Cloud Peak's production ability.

This concerned Cloud Peak's foundations.

For example, their cooperation with Five Ring Money. Equipment, weapons, vitamin tablets, Cloud Peak delicacies, etc. Since they returned from the Secret Realm, they have started many workshops.

Like their work with Cannibal Chain and Su Race, even if both sides didn't sign a true agreement, be it the races in the universe or Cloud Peak, they weren't willing to be enemies. Then, everyone wanted to work together and get stronger. That was a win-win.

The third was actually connected with the second, which was that he not only had to cooperate with the races above, but he would also have to go against them. Cloud Peak and Ye Zhongming would have to rely on this place. Ye Zhongming needed to find a way to solidify it.

Everyone's World's defensive formation was an important part. Although he could use crystals as the source, their functions were one-dimensional. When attacked, one energy system would be easily broken. It would be good if they had two.

Stable Statues were hard to find, so he had to start early in case things happened.

Fourth was the exploration of the Secret Realm.

This was a problem. Although Blue Secret Realm wasn't complete and was on the verge of collapse, it was still too huge for Cloud Peak. To explore that area, Cloud Peak's numbers weren't enough.

Also, there were demon monsters there, so there had to be many evolved. But a large army would be attacked by higher-level demon monsters, affecting their progress and speed. Numbers and efficiency were another problem.

There was a solution, but it was also restrictive. For example, to let other factions enter. Hire Posthumous People or Saint Light Hall members, etc.

That would be risky, too. Ye Zhongming had to discuss how to execute it with his subordinates.

The final thing was Cloud Peak's own growth. This didn't sound complicated, but it was. Ye Zhongming had to decide the future path. Would they take a path where they would have super strong combat strength in a short time, which would consume their foundations and resources? Or should he strengthen the foundations, where the initial stage will be slow, but they will go further? Or will he try to do the middle path with both speed and foundations?

Cloud Peak and Ye Zhongming, who were both inexperienced, had to be careful.

While Ye Zhongming was worried about all this, another bad news spread from the Secret Realm and Earth respectively.

Chapter 1249: Missing and progress

The news from Earth recorded that the incident happened four days ago. Someone saw the disappeared Talking Lady.

The Talking Lady and the black cat were too easy to spot. Everyone who saw them wouldn't be wrong.

The news said that when they were spotted, they were fighting a strong mutated lifeform. It seemed like they had fought for a long time, and both sides were injured.

If that were the only thing, Ye Zhongming wouldn't be surprised. Talking Lady looked like a human, but she wasn't. At least now she wasn't.

Since that was the case, she was a mutated life form. Her evolution needed her to suck and steal from other lifeforms.

She might seem injured, but if she won, she would level up!

Ye Zhongming wouldn't be surprised if that were it. Ye Zhongming also didn't think anything bad about her being injured.

This human-like high-level lifeform was not a part of Cloud Peak. Red Hair and her were different.

What made him frown was that the news came from the Merchant Squad. They returned the news to Cloud Peak and said they would follow up.

But when the news reached Cloud Peak, Xia Lei didn't receive communication from the Merchant Squad. She thought there was a problem, so she discussed it with Ye Zhongming.

After the Secret Realm battle, the merchant squad set off to open trading paths for Cloud Peak. Due to the materials from the Secret Realm, they were even on a much larger scale. They built a second squad with fewer people, and this squad was in charge of the familiar businesses nearby.

Luyi led the original squad, now called the first merchant squad, and was huge.

The one that went missing was this one.

“Once in three days, normal contact, no content, just location. That is a way to confirm safety. If they failed to contact us, we know that something happened.”

Xia Lei sat beside Ye Zhongming, and her tender hands pressed his leg.

“This has never happened before?” Ye Zhongming closed his eyes and asked.

“It did, but it was just a few hours. This time, it has been over a day.”

Xia Lei was unhappy. These few days had been filled with many things to do, which annoyed her. Now that the first merchant squad had gone missing, it filled her with rage and worry.

Missing typically meant death. If all of them died, not mentioning the goods, just the people alone would be a huge loss.

Lu Yi was seven stars, and there were over ten six-star evolved, 200 five-star evolved, thousand four stars... So many people. Even if they couldn't fight a main battle squad, they had one-third of their strength. It meant nearly losing a battle squad if all of them were lost.

How many did Cloud Peak have?

Ye Zhongming also had a headache. He didn't care about money and goods and cared more about people. They were made up of a group of people loyal to him. Each of them spent more than two years in Cloud Peak. It would be a huge loss if anything happened to them.

"Would it be the Talking Lady?"

Xia Lei suspected.

Although she had worked with them previously, she was still a mutated lifeform. Moreover, they had lost contact for so long, so it was tough to ensure that she wouldn't attack Cloud Peak.

Before they lost contact, they were tracking her. There was a reason why Xia Lei suspected.

However, she felt that Talking Lady should give Cloud Peak and her face as she was one of the few intelligent mutated lifeforms. From this angle, she had no reason to attack them. She knew Lu Yi and even met many of the members.

But Ye Zhongming didn't dare to confirm anything. She wasn't from Cloud Peak and was a zombie. If she went mad, she could do anything.

"How far is it from us? Where is it exactly?"

Xia Lei pointed at the map. Ye Zhongming looked before saying, "Let Red Hair bring Little Tiger and Young Master Yun's battle squad over. Use the Meditation Bone Demon Platform. Keep in contact. If they notice anything, report it immediately."

Red Hair was very strong and Ye Zhongming didn't dare to say that he would definitely defeat her. She wasn't as hard to read as before and would spend her days in Cloud Peak. She would do what Ye Zhongming asked her to. With her leading two battle squads, unless they faced a level nine lifeform, they should be okay.

"This news... Really is... XXX"

The second news came from Secret Realm, which gave Ye Zhongming a real headache. He even cursed in front of Xia Lei.

It came from two sources. One was Posthumous People, and one was Saint Light Hall.

Both factions gave the same news so it wouldn't be wrong.

It was similar.

The strong Cursed Abyss Lifeform was leading the demon monsters of Night Demon Plains to enter the human resting place. They were five days away from the Posthumous People City.

They noticed them because they were lucky. Some Posthumous People were collecting soul pearls for Cloud Peak and noticed some abnormal movement. They entered Night Demon Plain and saw the army from afar.

Saint Light Hall's news had more basis. Although they didn't attack the Night Demon Plain, they had been monitoring the huge amount of demon monsters. If not for them being badly injured in their battle with the Posthumous People and were also busy with moving the entire race, they would have noticed it long ago.

But no matter what, the demon monsters were planning to invade them. Their target might even be the Imperial City, meaning that Ye Zhongming had to think of a solution.

"After the news was spread, Saint Light Hall and Posthumous People focused on it. Saintess sent her word that she would personally head to the Imperial City to discuss with us."

Xia Lei waited for Ye Zhongming to make his decision.

He didn't open his eyes and the room was scarily silent. A while later, he uncertainly inty, "What do these demon monsters want?"

Chapter 1250: Trapped merchant squad

When Red Hair, Little Tiger, and Young Master Yun got ready to set off, the target they were searching for suffered from their umpteenth attack of these few days.

"What is this?"

Qinhao held his injured rib and ran while shouting toward his allies.

He had spent two years in Cloud Peak and never felt so frustrated.

“Who knows? Run, they are about to chase!”

Another ally pulled him while turning back to fire two shots. The energy that evolved feared hit the enemy’s body and couldn’t even slice the skin.

“Damn, damn, damn!”

Ah Xi cursed. He carried the gun on his back and took out two silver box gen 2 grenades.

These were his private collection that he traded from a person in Tong Hu’s battle squad. He used many goods things to trade for it and was reluctant to use them. Now that the guns weren’t strong enough, he could only see if these could stop the monsters.

The oval grenade bounced before exploding. A stronger energy fired and landed on the monsters that were within range.

As compared to the crystal guns, the grenades were far stronger. The monsters were sent tumbling, and many gave out weird cries.

“Damn, Ah Xi, not bad. I shall find people from the main squad when I return to trade for ten of these.”  
Qinhao ran while gritting his teeth.

“That is if you are alive.” Ah Xi took one look and quickened his footsteps, “This thing is limited. The main squad doesn’t have many.”

Both of them were six-star evolved. Even if they were injured, they were quick. They used this time to cover a few hundred meters.

But before they could be happy, they heard the familiar noises from behind them. They looked at each other and saw the despair in their eyes.

“These bunch of things!”

They cursed. This was all they could do.

“Seems like the mission can’t be completed, why not... Go all out!”

Although the monsters exploded, the damage wasn’t lethal. They stood up and continued chasing. They were quicker than Qinhao and Ah Xi.

Hearing Ah Xi say that, Qinhao knew that if there wasn't a miracle, both of them would die here. Thinking about how weird the monsters were and that if they failed, the merchant squad would continue to be trapped, Qinhao was furious.

Since they met these monsters, their nightmare had begun. These fellows they had never seen before didn't have crystals on them, and they couldn't tell their levels.

To the people who had never encountered the secrets of the apocalypse, monsters without crystals were unimaginable.

These monsters were very strong and would give out a signal interfering with the merchant squad's signal. They attacked the squad, using their speed and teamwork to take them down.

They couldn't defeat them and outrun them, so they had no choice. Luyi could only order them to depend. These monsters immediately surrounded the merchant squad.

Fortunately, the monsters were strong overall, but they weren't too strong alone. With Luyi and the few six-star evolved working together, their formation wasn't broken through.

But everything changed this morning. Luyi was badly injured and was now in a coma. Without the strongest warrior and commander, they were in a bad state, and it seemed like their formation would be broken.

They had no choice. After discussing, they decided to send people to ask for help. Be it sending the news to Cloud Peak or finding factions nearby, they just had to chase the monsters away.

The hope was good, but the actual attempt was met with problems.

Individually, if you didn't look at their speed and defence, the monsters were slightly stronger than four-star evolved. Some of them were at the six-star level, but there weren't even ten of them. During these few days, a few were also killed.

But their defense was scarily high. It was tough to hurt them. They were very quick and were able to keep up to six-star evolved.

The people sent to send the message were surrounded by the monsters, and they didn't succeed.

In the end, more higher-level people had to send the signal. Ah Xi and Qinhao were sent like that.

They broke through but were injured. Qinhao's injuries weren't light. The two of them ran but they didn't escape.

"Ah Xi, I will stop them, you run!"

Qinhao stopped suddenly and charged toward the monsters. He placed his hand that was covering his wound down. The twin blades that he had because he worshipped Xia Lei appeared in his hands and gave off a bright light.

“Come back!” Ah Xi didn’t grab him. He saw his brother charge. He stopped and planned to pull him back.

“Treat my sister well, I only have one loved one!” Qin hao replied which stunned Ah Xi. He clenched his fist and turned with his eyes red.

Behind him was his ally fighting and shouted and also the sound of blood splattering and monsters giving weird cries.

Ten seconds later, it disappeared, there was only the sound of the monster chasing.

Still couldn’t get away? Ah Xi felt his stamina drop and his speed decrease. The monster needed half a minute or even shorter to catch up.

Okay then, dying with Qin hao would make things less lonely. He stopped in despair and turned. He planned to fight to the death like his ally.

Cloud Peak members could die but they had to die facing the enemy.

These monsters that looked like velociraptors were less than a hundred meters.

But right when he thought he was going to die, a figure appeared and grabbed his collar. It tossed him into the air. He glanced at Talking Lady's blood covered face. That symbolic black cat wasn't beside her.

Before he landed, he heard her clear words.

"Call Ye!"

He fell to the ground and saw that Talking Lady had charged into the crowd. He could only see blood flying.

He climbed and ran forward.