

Apocalypse 1311

Chapter 1311: Public enemy

“Boss, the zombie horde is about to arrive.”

Xiao Min heard her subordinate report before she told Ye Zhongming.

Ye Zhongming nodded. He looked at the tall corpse tower and ordered the evolved he had grabbed to help stack the tower, to flee.

Regarding mission four, which demanded at least a thousand people, the number of corpses wasn't a problem. But Ye Zhongming was not sure what the use of this corpse tower that would be swallowed by a zombie horde in just a few minutes.

Since Talos Red Dwarves had such a request, then he would do it.

Due to Ye Zhongming and Meng Ao's intense fight, many buildings had collapsed. Especially over at the river, some ruins covered the river, allowing zombies from the north to arrive. They were quickly spreading through the city, and in a short while, Ji City would be covered by zombies.

At least until now, the zombie horde had an advantage over humans. Moreover, as there were more high-level zombies and they grew smarter, even Ye Zhongming and his female guards didn't dare to battle them.

The evolved who were here to stack the corpse tower were delighted and ran outside. They knew that if they didn't flee, the faster zombies would catch up, and they would turn into dinner... or breakfast...

"Let's go, too!"

Ye Zhongming got onto Yellow Ball's back and led the guards away.

The matter here ended, and he completed the four missions perfectly. He could only wait and see how the Talos Red Dwarves would reward him.

Apart from those rewards, Ye Zhongming gained other things... From Dark.

The unlucky Reina Star Faction spokesperson was here to deal with Meng Ao's matter. But he did so wrongly and angered Ye Zhongming.

Even if they had flipped on each other, Ye Zhongming didn't choose to kill Dark. He didn't understand some things and didn't dare to be too vicious. But there was still a need to extort him for some compensation.

To stay alive, Dark gave Ye Zhongming three things.

One was space equipment—an unassuming silver metallic ring. The space was huge, a few thousand square meters.

Space equipment was rare, and Ye Zhongming only had the space crystal, Blood Stepping Boots, and material bag. He didn't have much space to use as he had to carry more things, especially some sand, to activate his bloodline.

This space ring helped to solve this problem.

When Dark gave him the equipment, he didn't seem to sad about it. Ye Zhongming suspected that the races in the universe had grasped space technology and could craft such equipment.

After getting the ring, he observed it and didn't see signs of it being replicated. There were even words and runes carved on it like they were the creator's signature. 𐄂 A 𐄂𐄂𐄂𐄂

This reduced Ye Zhongming's worries. If not, he would have gone against his word. He didn't want something that was not valuable to Dark at all.

The second thing was weird. It was a jade bed.

There was no level, no light, only warmth and smoothness.

Although this thing looked good and would definitely be ranked in a country's top few treasures in peacetime, its value in the apocalypse wasn't huge. Evolved wouldn't be interested in such a jade bed.

But this was different. Dark said that it didn't come from Earth and was from the races in the universe. It was created from something called grand matter. If you sleep on it, there would be two obvious effects. One was to increase mental energy; the other was to increase the toughness of the skin.

The first was easy to understand. Increasing Ye Zhongming's mental energy meant increasing his combat strength. Skin toughness was explained by Dark. It was a change that couldn't be seen but was very useful. It was the skin's defense. If you added enough toughness, it would be like having another defensive piece of equipment.

The ability seemed simple, but it was very practical. Increasing skin toughness meant increasing defence, which increased his chances of surviving. Everyone in the apocalypse wanted this, and Ye Zhongming was no exception. You had to be alive to talk about other things.

Also, the bed wasn't a one-time-use equipment. Anyone could receive the buff, so that increased its value.

Ye Zhongming was worried that its effect would reduce or disappear over time, but Dark assured him it wouldn't. As long as they exposed it to sunlight for a few hours each day, it would charge and keep its effect.

In the universe, sunlight was the most used energy source.

The final item was a transmission device.

The function was similar to the communication part of the battle contribution badge. There was also a primary and secondary, like a phone.

This thing didn't look like much, but Ye Zhongming decided to keep it when Dark took it out.

This was something called Shadow Moon Stone. You can keep in contact over a large area. Not only could you transmit voice, you could even transmit videos.

Cloud Peak's faction range was huge now, and they had many bases. Like Little Peng's Linhai base, like the Talking Lady's new base. Like Chameleon's various intel stations. Even Puxing Town and Ying City were considered.

The battle contribution badge was good, but range was an issue. The wearer was another issue. The core members couldn't remain in one place for a long time to act as a contact. That would mean they would give the enemies a chance to strike them.

Although Le Dayuan had been developing some communication methods using some items and battle beasts from the wheel, he was unable to link the world like in peacetime. Information gap still existed and it would cause huge problems at crucial moments.

This was something that gave Ye Zhongming a headache.

They had to develop. If they expanded, this problem would get worse.

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Meditation Bone Platform was a solution, but it needed energy, and there were restrictions. There weren't many of them either, so they couldn't cover all the areas.

The appearance of the Shadow Moon Stone solved this problem. This relied on water element gems as the energy source had one primary and twenty secondary stones. You could keep in contact as long as the water gem had energy. The energy consumption wasn't serious, it only used a lot when you talked. When it was idle, it conserved quite a lot of energy.

Of course, this thing had restrictions, too. The secondary stones couldn't contact each other. But this was nothing to Cloud Peak and Ye Zhongming.

Dark definitely had other things, but Ye Zhongming wasn't too vicious. If he took them all and Dark became poor, that was no different from killing him. He didn't want to have a conflict with the universe races yet, so he did no need to be too vicious.

These three things satisfied Ye Zhongming.

Compared to these items, the information that he got excited him.

Due to Dark's identity, he knew things that other spokespeople didn't. He also said a lot to Ye Zhongming.

There were things that he was concerned about.

Like the Slave Race.

Ye Zhongming didn't understand. Were they a race in the universe? Were they controlled by the wheel, which was why they were called the slave race?

Now, he knew the answer. It was not that!

The races in the universe weren't Slave Race. Slave Race was an independent race that was different from the races in the universe.

But Dark didn't say much as he was unsure who they were and where they were.

He only gave Ye Zhongming an answer: they were enemies.

Right, enemies. The enemies of the races in the universe.

No matter if you were in the Reina Faction, Huoer Star Faction, the neutral Su Race Faction, or Talos Red Dwarves that had a special identity, although they had conflicts with each other and there were enemy factions.

But these were between races and had nothing to do with the factions. The three factions still tried to be peaceful. They fought, but there weren't any all-out wars.

But the Slave Race was different. As an advanced spokesperson, Dark was told that the Slave race was the enemy of all the races!

This answer surprised Ye Zhongming.

Slave Race wasn't what he imagined.

He felt like things were very complicated.

Apart from that, he asked him about the spokesperson system.

Dark's answer was this.

"The races in the universe is a term; there are numerous of them in different factions."

"There are too many, so there are strong ones and weak ones. Only factions in the top three thousand have the ability to come to a world that the wheel has chosen to nurture their spokesperson to serve their interests."

"As for what interests, naturally, it is the various resources on the wheel. There are also some others that I am not sure."

“There are costs in nurturing a spokesperson. Communication, items, missions, etc, are pricey. Although the factions will choose their targets and might have more than one, in the grand scheme of things, it is just a small portion.”

“There isn’t a fixed standard, but various factions are similar and copy each other. Our Reina star Faction factions will use basic, intermediate, and advanced to represent the position of the spokespeople. Huoer Star will use one star and two stars, and Su Race will use numbers.”

“Talos Red Dwarves are a little special. They don’t belong to any faction, but in terms of spokespeople, they are similar to Su Race. They use numbers. With what you know, you are at most level one.”

“As for faction spokesperson, naturally, we are ranked higher. Even the basic spokesperson will have power over the advanced spokesperson of a faction. Thee responsibilities are different. My job is to manage the various races within the faction!”

“That would tell you why I still helped Meng Ao even if he swallowed Talos Red Dwarves equipment. Managing him is my job. If I bring him back, he will be punished, and there will be no chance he will live.”

“Each faction gives different information and items, so I am unable to reply you.”

“I will also not tell you which faction the various factions are in. That is a secret. If I reveal it, I will die.”

“I can tell you that the Secret Realm concerns a race in the universe. But they are races that planet are about to collapse. I don’t know why the wheel will toss the keys into the apocalypse. I even think that the races above don’t know.”

“Maybe it is a gift from the wheel; maybe it is their mercy so that we will take in some of those people so they can live on Earth. Maybe the wheel thinks that we need to merge with other races. Anyways, no one knows what the wheel is thinking.”

“What is the wheel? Who controls this system? Sorry, I can’t answer you. Neither can people from the three factions. Based on what I know, every lifeform is finding the answer. But not many know. Of course, even if the secrets are discovered, I won’t know them. In truth, even if I am an advanced spokesperson, I am just a spokesperson. I am still someone from Earth.”

“Finally, are there level nine lifeforms on Earth? I don’t know why you are asking that, but I don’t mind telling you. This is from my own source.”

“There are five level nine lifeforms in the ocean, and that number will increase in the future. There are three confirmed ones on land. I am saying, at least. The actual number should be much more. As for humans, I can tell you accurately that no one is nine-stars yet.”

These were the news that Dark told Ye Zhongming. He solved many questions but there were still many things that were unanswered.

Ye Zhongming brought them back to Cloud Peak. Before he got to rest, Xia Lei told him that some things had magically appeared in Cloud Peak.

Chapter 1312: Library

“It wasn’t an airdrop, teleportation, and no one snuck in. It just mysteriously appeared here.”

Xia Lei told Ye Zhongming about how these things appeared. She frowned and was slightly unhappy.

No matter who sent these things here, it proved that Cloud Peak's defenses were useless. For someone proud of Cloud Peak's infrastructure, this was a huge blow.

Ye Zhongming tapped her shoulder to console her.

He asked her about the time and basically confirmed that this was the reward from Talos Red Dwarves.

On the way back, Meng Ao also disappeared. Along with him was that destroyed scorpion crystal armor.

The disappearance time was the same as when the equipment appeared.

He was terrified of the skills the races in the universe had but he didn't show it. He knew that because of some rules, the lifeforms above could only do such things.

He felt some small regret because he wanted to let Le Dayuan study the scorpion armor. Now, that idea couldn't be fulfilled.

There were only two boxes, one large and one small. The large one was like a computer desk, and the small one was a shoe box.

Ye Zhongming opened the small one first, and it was a scroll. A blue equipment upgrade scroll.

He placed it down after looking. Although this was rare, he had seen it before.

He was more interested in the other box that had stones.

Keen Stone, one unit.

He looked at the colorful and weird metal in the box and had many questions.

Why would there be metal that didn't come from Earth in the rewards? Was there a deeper meaning?

"Boss, I weighed it. 100 kilograms exactly." A crystal weapons lab researcher reported.

It seemed like one unit was 100kg.

Ye Zhongming tried to cut it with his green dagger but failed. He was stunned. He used Wind and Lightning before he could slice it into two.

He passed one to Le Dayuan to analyze and kept the other to study.

Le Dayuan's piece needed to be studied by various machines and labs but Ye Zhongming's piece didn't. He sliced it into many small pieces and tried to craft with it.

But the outcome disappointed him. They could not merge with equipment, much less provide any stat increases.

Ye Zhongming tried to strengthen the stones with each other, but they failed, too.

At this point, Ye Zhongming didn't have any thoughts about this metal. He could only wait for the lab results.

Ye Zhongming wasn't too disappointed about the outcome. Since the Ghost Metal could be planted, he did not have a strong need for crafting stimulants. The Ghost Metal was good enough.

He raised his wrist, and there was a blue watch. It wasn't a piece of equipment but the contact device that the Talos Red Dwarves had given him previously.

Ye Zhongming was shocked by the changes, but he was more interested in the functions of this watch.

He tapped it, and a screen appeared before him.

He looked closely and saw that it was more like a library.

The library contained a huge amount of information, but Ye Zhongming could only see a few portions.

Some were frequently asked questions.

This was simple. You can search, but you won't get an answer every time.

This was probably so the spokesperson could understand more about their identity.

Ye Zhongming tried. Each search cost ten contribution points, and it didn't ensure that a correct answer would appear. If an answer appeared, you needed to spend more points to read it. 搜索

Ye Zhongming searched five questions, but there was only one answer. He needed to spend 50 points to read it.

Which meant that he wasted forty points.

The question that had an answer was how the spokesperson's quest rewards were delivered. The answer was through teleportation.

Very simple. But Ye Zhongming understood.

It was an advanced technology that humans didn't grasp yet.

Ye Zhongming was quite satisfied with this ability. Although it had a gambling element, and not every answer would be given, it was a way to answer many of his questions. This was another new information source.

The only worry was that Ye Zhongming was unsure if the Talos Red Dwarves had created this library. If it was, then this race's ability was too amazing.

Ye Zhongming wanted to ask about Earth; after all, he was previously restricted by his thoughts that he should ask alien questions because this was alien. However, the mission only gave him 500 points, so he still chose to give up.

The second ability was what made Ye Zhongming excited. It was a store.

It seemed unbelievable. After all, apart from the wheel, only the battle contribution system was similar to a store system. You could exchange for items as long as you had money.

But thinking about it, it wasn't hard to understand.

The Talos Red Dwarves created this. They had lived for a long time in the universe, and their technologies had improved to a high level, so it was simple for them to create such a thing. There were no actual items, just a list with pictures. After you selected and paid, the universe's races would transport the items to Earth.

Since that was the case, this store system satisfied all conditions of being a buyer and seller.

Ye Zhongming looked and saw that, with his level-one permission, he couldn't buy much. There were at most 200 pages, with ten in each. He could only see the first two pages, which contained 20 items.

But the twenty items were enough to excite him.

For example, he saw three recipes: one for Smiths, one for alchemists, and one for potion makers.

The recipes were obvious and belonged to the wheel. But the recipe here wasn't on a wheel but with the Talos Red Dwarves.

For example, Ye Zhongming saw some equipment. Over ten of the 20 were equipment. Some were from the wheel as they had different colors. These made up the majority. The lowest grade was blue, and the highest was gold.

The remaining few should be made by the Talos Red Dwarves or, more strictly speaking, weren't produced by the wheel.

Ye Zhongming paid close attention to these items.

One was a carrier device similar to concept cars in movies—those that used magnets to float. They were different from flying cars on Earth but very elegant. After clicking on the introduction, the vehicle's name was the NK1 model. There was no attack, but its defense was quite good. It was quick and didn't make a sound. It could fly over things that were 30 meters in height in a short time.

The second was a set equipment. Two pieces. They weren't to be worn but to be used. Ye Zhongming thought about it and felt like they were similar to Chinese medicine pounders. If you place plant materials in, you can smash them and, without losing any medicinal properties, see if they are poisonous, effective, nature, etc. Moreover, once you grasp the state of the medicine, you can inject relevant energies into the medicine hammer to increase its properties.

This was a piece of equipment that alchemists or potion makers could use.

If he bought this, it would belong to Candy.

The third impressed Ye Zhongming. It was a type of seed.

Based on the introduction, it was a seed called Unforgettable Pulp Fruit. After you plant it and it grows, eating the fruit will recover mental energy, increase stamina, etc.

However, it took a longer time to grow. You will take five years from sprouting to maturity.

Ye Zhongming thought about it and didn't know if he could use his Gardener skills on the seed. If he could, he would have obtained an omnipotent potion for Cloud Peak.

Apart from the recipe and equipment, all that remained were materials. Some he didn't recognise, and he was confused after seeing the introduction. He didn't know what they were in the shop for.

He saw the things, and the next thing he was concerned about was the price.

Unfortunately, even though he was rich, he felt like a beggar after seeing the prices.

Using the smith recipe as an example, that thing was sold for... Ten thousand contribution points.

How much money did he have now? Four hundred.

If every mission gave him five hundred contribution points, he needed 20 missions to buy this recipe.

Moreover, what shattered him was that this was only the price. To get the item, you need to pay extra to teleport it over.

With that recipe as an example, the teleportation fee was... A thousand points!

22 missions to get that recipe!

That didn't include shipping!

Ye Zhongming dissed.

He looked at the prices of all the items he could purchase and saw that the seed was the most expensive. 50 grams required 43 thousand points. The blue equipment was the cheapest, at 200.

He also noticed that he could use demon crystals to pay for some items.

But the number and level of crystals made him feel more like a beggar.

Of the two alchemist equipment, one could be purchased with crystals. The price was a thousand level-seven crystals!

When he saw the price, he felt like the races in the universe were crazy!

A thousand level seven crystals. How many seven-star potions would that be in his hands? Unless he were stupid, he wouldn't use them to buy a support tool that wouldn't show an effect in a short time.

Of course, you could use higher-level crystals to exchange, and the prices seem to have dropped.

If you used level eight crystals, you needed only 50. If you used level nine, you needed only two.

But... Before the core members reached nine stars, he didn't plan to use demon crystals.

He closed the shop system and opened the last and final function.

Mission system.

This was similar to Cloud Peak's mercenary guild.

There were many missions. With Ye Zhongming's current permission level, he couldn't see many. The rest were in a blur.

Of the missions he could see, he saw that they were quite difficult.

There wasn't any sequence. Some were related to the wheel, but not many. They needed you to find special items Ye Zhongming had never heard of. The remaining were hunting missions. The things were very high level. With Ye Zhongming's experience, he didn't know why the races in the universe wanted him to hunt level eight and nine lifeforms.

There were good and bad rewards. Most were contribution points. Some tougher ones would have other rewards. Ye Zhongming took a look. Killing a level nine lifeform was around five thousand contribution points. You would also get an equipment.

Ye Zhongming grinned. Kill a level nine? Cloud Peak couldn't do it now and would have to go all out. They might suffer 30% of losses to succeed.

Unless he were crazy, if not, he wouldn't take that mission.

There were some related to the wheel, like intel collection. There were earth item types. There weren't many of these, and would only give a few dozen points.

Apart from that, most were battle missions that placed bounties on people or factions.

Ye Zhongming didn't know why that was the case. Maybe it was similar to Meng Ao. But some were tempting.

He was planning to just browse through but he saw a familiar name on the list!

Chapter 1313: Preparation Lab

Cheng Ze!

The officer of Mo Ye and Little Tiger.

Ye Zhongming was surprised to see that name. Since he knew that person until now, three years had passed. Ye Zhongming would have forgotten that name if not for this mission.

But he saw it.

“Mission 1: find Cheng Ze and lock down on his Iron Squad’s position.”

“Mission 2: Destroy the Violent Lightning Battle Squad under Iron Squad.”

“Mission 3: Capture Cheng Ze alive and ensure that he is not brain dead.”

There weren’t many details, just three. The difficulty was just slightly harder than Meng Ao as he had to locate where Cheng Ze was himself. But the mission gave a rough range and wouldn’t let you fish a needle from a haystack.

Ye Zhongming looked at the rewards. There were a thousand points and an item called Chaos Spotted Fish Liquid.

Out of all the missions, this didn’t have the highest reward. But it was doable.

Why was Cheng Ze in the Talos Red Dwarves’ bounty missions?

Meng Ao had a bounty because he swallowed Talos Red Dwarves' scorpion armor. So what did Cheng Ze do?

Ye Zhongming found it weird. Since Cheng Ze had a bounty, it meant that he had some relationships with the races in the universe. Since that was the case, the lifeforms that were technologically advanced still couldn't locate where Cheng Ze and Steel Squad were at.

The more he thought about it, the more he found this thing weird.

He thought about it and pressed a button on his body. A crystal ball appeared on the table. He said a few words, and then it slowly descended back to its original position.

This was an equipment he got from the wheel called an order transmitter. This ball will record his orders and spend some time to transmit them to another ball.

Of course, there was a time limit. The longer you use it, the more it will be damaged, so you can't use it often.

The few of these were how he contacted Chameleon.

He gave Chameleon orders to head to the region of the mission to find traces of Iron Squad. He also sent ten of the Shadow Moon Stone's secondary stones so they could contact the headquarters.

As compared to the thousand points, Ye Zhongming cared more about the reason.

Ye Zhongming had more things to do after completing the Talos Red Dwarves' mission. He saw the details on the contact device between them and himself and felt more danger.

Those fellows had infiltrated Earth.

He was just a six-star evolved after ten years in his last life. He couldn't even control his fate,, much less talk to these races.

He didn't know about Talos Red Dwarves or the three factions. He had only one piece of green equipment and lived near Ying City.

He knew too much in this life. The more so, the more unhappy he got.

Why am I controlled by you? Why should I fight for your interests?

Were people from Earth born to be second-class?

In normal circumstances, any race could destroy Earth multiple times. But the wheel set some rules so that they temporarily couldn't descend on Earth.

This was a chance.

Ye Zhongming knew that the wheel gave them a chance. It might not be specifically to Earth, but it did give them a chance to catch up.

Apocalypse? Right, the world was covered in holes and ruins. It was indeed a real apocalypse.

But similarly, Earth was changing. Humans were getting stronger.

Technology was also improving. The technologies of the wheel were being adapted to various areas. Ye Zhongming believed Earth would return to order at a certain moment. When the time comes, Earth's technology will merge with the wheel to form strong production and combat strength. $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{S}^1$

But not now.

Ten years into his last life, Ye Zhongming didn't see the races above enter Earth in scale, and he also didn't hear about the Slave Race.

But that didn't mean the wheel's rules were still in place. Even if they came and controlled Earth, a six-star evolved like him wouldn't know anything.

So he didn't use his past life's knowledge to judge this life.

He felt more danger and decided to push forward his plan.

A whole ago, Cloud Peak's core members felt like he was channeling for something big. After he announced his plan, they were tongue-tied even if they were prepared.

Ye Zhongming announced his plan.

This plan wasn't very complicated, but the details and the requirements dizzied the core members.

Thousand Flower was a plan that focused on fighting, research, and trading.

Apart from the two labs, Ye Zhongming planned to build two more labs.

These two labs weren't as focused as the crystal weapons and gene labs. Their main goal was to support the high-end experiments.

There were many supporting details like basic experiments, information analysis, nurturing, material creation, waste disposal, etc.

He was just making them do things that would make the high-end labs' job easier to increase their efficiency.

The two labs were called Preparation Labs one and two. The treant from Linhai City was in charge of the first lab, and Le Dayuan's subordinate was in charge of the second.

Similarly, Shengyuan and his squad was in charge of their protection.

Trading was much tougher. Ye Zhongming started to release things that he had been keeping. That included the first generation products of the two labs as well as good things like the Life Rice.

Chapter 1314: Most lucrative business

After this news was released, a bunch of rich people surged over.

No choice. If they weren't rich, even if they found out, they wouldn't be able to afford these things.

This time, Cloud Peak was very firm. Things like gene warriors, first-generation crystal guns, life grains, and potions were only sold for demon crystals, which had to be level six and above.

For these Cloud Peak products, Five Ring Money's Deacon Water, Cannibal Chain Manager Ruan Xiao, Resistance Zone's Mu Xinfei, Pin Palace representative, and other famous factions sent their members over. Among them, there were evolved who weren't famous but declared that they were spokespeople. It also included Dark, who was extorted by Ye Zhongming not long ago.

As can be seen, crystal weapons, gene lifeforms, life grain, etc were all things others had paid attention to. If Cloud Peak weren't strong enough, these people would have robbed them of it.

Ye Zhongming was surprised. Not by their arrival but by their speed.

After the core member meeting and the information on this trade was released, these people arrived three days later. This speed could be compared to high-speed rails in the past.

This proved that these fellows all had methods to move quickly across the continent.

These people came really suddenly, and Cloud Peak was unprepared. But Ye Zhongming didn't have much pressure. These people didn't even enter Cloud Peak and were arranged to stay in Puxing Town.

The arrangement disappointed the many people who wanted to enter Cloud Peak to take a look. Those who were closer, like Mu Xinfei and Deacon Water, expressed their displeasure to Ye Zhongming, but he didn't care.

With trade, naturally, there was a need for negotiation. Seeing that so many people came, they were mentally prepared and knew that there was going to be a battle. Cloud Peak wouldn't give up on a chance to up the price.

As expected, the three best things—the first-generation crystal gun, basic gene warriors, and life grain—were sold for a high price and were limited.

In the short two days of trading, the factions used various methods, threats, temptations, etc., to get a piece of this pie.

The big factions wanted everything, while the smaller factions wanted the crystal guns.

When this trade ended, everyone knew how much they each spent. However, only after calculating were they shocked by how much Ye Zhongming had earned.

Ye Zhongming earned at least tens of thousands of level six demon crystals and around five hundred level seven demon crystals. It wasn't much? But these things could get Cloud Peak a few hundred six-star evolved and five seven-star evolved!

One must know that these things were the bottom level of what the two labs had produced. It was what Cloud Peak eliminated!

These people were filled with hatred and envy, but they could do nothing. Ye Zhongming had the foresight and got help from Le Dayuan and Liu Zhenghong from the start.

After calculating Cloud Peak's income, those closer to Ye Zhongming even pre-ordered a long-term agreement for life grain. This food could increase the strength of your skills if you ate it often, and all evolution wanted it.

After getting these things, everyone left. But on the way, some things happened that exposed Cloud Peak's secrets.

“Cloud Peak really earned a lot this time.” A subordinate of Deacon Watere witnessed the entire trading process and was impressed.

“Apart from earning money, did you see something?” Deacon Water asked.

Seeing that he couldn’t answer, Deacon Water asked again, “In the past, what did you think Cloud Peak earned the most money from?”

That subordinate replied immediately, “Equipment! Their most profitable trade was equipment!”

“All of you think so?”

Those around her were her most trusted people.

“I think that the unassuming vitamins and Cloud Peak delicacies are the most profitable. I saw people in Puxing Town selling them the materials to make these things. They are really cheap.” řa N óbĚS

Deacon Water nodded but didn’t give a definite answer.

“Tax!” The third subordinate clapped. His eyes lit up, and he felt like he had the answer.

“All factions in Ying City need to pay tax. They need to pay taxes in Puxing Town, too. Opening shops, selling items, mercenary guild, all of these would need to give Cloud Peak a cut. Some Ying City factions are allowed to enter the secret realm, but they would need to pay taxes when they return. Cloud Peak would even take some of the good stuff. This was an easy deal; they just sat there and got money!”

The few subordinates had different answers so that led to a discussion. The various captain-level people had their views.

After a long while, they realised that their boss hadn't spoken for some time, so they quietened down.

“Evolution potion trade.”

Everyone was stunned and didn't understand why Deacon Water would say that.

“Ye Zhongming is very mysterious. He doesn't trade potions with super factions. Even if he does, he doesn't do a lot. He doesn't trade many advanced potions.”

“So even if you know that Cloud Peak has that business, you won't pay attention to it.”

Deacon Water sighed, “At the start, we all thought that Cloud Peak did this business because there weren't many of them. Their average evolution level was high, and they had spare potions. So it wasn't weird that they sold the potions.”

“But people found something weird. After some investigation, we found the answer.”

The subordinates looked at each other as they didn't know about this. Boss Water had other hidden people.

“The investigation showed that Cloud Peak is selling a shocking amount of potions! The potions they sell are not for similar-level crystals; they only want higher-level crystals. The price is better than if you were to spin the wheel yourself.”

Deacon Water looked at the subordinates and asked, “Do you know what that means? This means that Cloud Peak has an ability that allows them to spin the wheel at a very high success rate!”

The subordinates sucked in a deep breath and were in disbelief.

Increasing the success rate when spinning the wheel was not a rare ability. Five Ring Money had someone with that ability.

But the increase was just a small amount.

If it was as their boss said and it could greatly increase the success rate, that was terrifying.

“Use low-level evolution potions to obtain higher-level crystals and then use these crystals to get higher-level potions to sell and get even higher-level crystals... This cycle is their secret to getting stronger!”

Deacon Water concluded.

“Bus boss, if Cloud Peak is earning so much, why are they selling things they didn’t sell in the past?”

The subordinate didn’t understand that.

Deacon Water had a confused expression, “That means he needs crystals... The need is so much that the potion trade can’t satisfy him.”

What caused Cloud Peak to need so many crystals? Deacon Water looked toward Cloud Peak and contemplated.

Chapter 1315: They are preparing for battle

A metal rack was on the bonfire. On it was the back leg of a mutated lifeform, a meter long. It glistened under the flames and gave off a fragrance.

A person was scattering some condiments, which increased the fragrance.

People who were able to lit a fire in the wilderness and barbecue meat weren’t ordinary people.

This person sliced a few pieces of meat with his blade and placed them into a plate, passing them to Dark.

“Not bad.” Dark used his dagger to pick a piece. He chewed and gave that guy a thumbs up.

“Sizzle!”

The sound of crystal weapons firing spread from another direction, and everyone turned.

“Beautiful, how is it?”

A muscular person chewed the meat and allowed the fat to flow down the corner of his mouth.

“Don’t call me beautiful; I have said that to you multiple times!”

The person who had fired the guy cursed.

She raised her head to reveal a face that, although wasn’t a top beauty, she was still very good-looking.

But the black eye bags reduced some of her charm, making her look more rational and smart instead.

“Sister Kai, don’t bother with these brutes. Tell us what you have seen.”

Dark laughed and took over the conversation.

His status was the highest, and he was also the strongest of these people. Although there wasn’t a clear master-subordinate relationship between them, his words were still very useful.

This person called Sister Kai played with the crystal gun in her hands and thought about it: " It's magical equipment. The theory isn't too difficult, but the problem is how to test that theory."

Dark gathered the Reina Star Faction spokespeople to negotiate with Ye Zhongming and obtained many good things.

Dark wasn’t too interested in the gene lifeforms. Cloud Peak was selling the basic stuff which couldn’t compare to some battle beasts. It only saved time and effort as you didn’t need to nurture them.

But these basic gene lifeforms needed some time to show their strength. Cloud Peak didn’t sell too many, and they were split between many organisations. These gene lifeforms also had to be maintained and fed, which wasn’t what Dark and the other spokespeople wanted to do.

After all, they had better channels to get more effective things than these gene lifeforms.

What they cared most about were the crystal weapons. This item perfectly merged gene technology with earth technology.

Of course, these first-generation guns weren't strong enough to tempt the spokespeople. What they cared more about was the technology.

Of the few of them, Sister Kai was who they placed their hopes on.

"Can you understand it?"

Dark placed the plate down and took out a crystal gun from his space. He looked at it.

Sister Kai considered it: "There is a possibility, but I need time, and I can't give you a confident answer."

This made the spokespeople silent. They understood from various channels that Cloud Peak's strongest crystal weapon was the Annihilation series cannons. They were strong enough to threaten level eight and nine lifeforms. Even the races in the universe would pay attention to the cannons. **ŘaNÓBES**

No matter which faction Cloud Peak chose to join in the future, understanding the secrets of the crystal weapon would only benefit them.

But...

What if they couldn't understand it?

Dark stopped thinking about it. If Sister Kai could understand it, that would be the best. If not, he will leave it to the universe's races to study. With their technology levels, they should be able to break the secrets within.

But Dark was not happy that he didn't get the crystal cannon.

Seeing that Dark was silent, Sister Kai placed the crystal gun down and sat beside him.

"Why? We expected that we wouldn't be able to understand the technology, so why are you unhappy?"

Dark shook his head, "not about that."

He kept the crystal gun in his hands and looked at Sister Kai.

"Don't you find it weird? Why will Cloud Peak sell this?"

Everyone ate while paying close attention. They did consider this problem previously.

“Weird, but we can’t guess their reasoning.” Sister Kai’s status should be very high. When she spoke, the other people looked at Dark with similar expressions.

“Very hard to imagine that Cloud Peak could win the hearts of everyone. Even the factions in Ying City are mostly loyal to them. That is rare in the apocalypse.”

Another spokesperson frowned and recalled the many problems he faced when trying to get information in Puxing Town. He didn’t understand how Cloud Peak had such prestige and respect.

“A safe living environment, a strong faction protecting you, and you are relying on them to eat and survive. That is enough to ensure they don’t dare betray them.”

Dark came to a conclusion, and everyone felt that it made sense.

“Cloud Peak is preparing for battle.”

Dark said once again, but this time, the contents were shocking.

“They lack money, so they sell these things. But why do they lack money? Why do they need crystals? I think they want a large number of potions to raise their combat strength.”

Dark stood up and walked two rounds around the fire, “What is making them rush to get stronger? Either they face some dangers and need to get stronger. Or they are going to start a large-scale battle and need to win!”

“No matter which it is, Cloud Peak is going to fight!”

The spokespeople here represent some members of Reina Star Faction so they knew many things. They didn't discuss it and just thought about it silently.

Cloud Peak was a top three superfaction. Their actions would affect the situation in the China region. If Cloud Peak is going to start a war, who would it be against? Would it be a faction that they represented? Even if it wasn't, how would it affect them?

“I think everyone knows.” Dark clapped and looked around. Cloud Peak's target will affect us, so we have to care. What we have to do is find out who they are targeting. If there is no answer, we need to follow them and see what they want to do!”