

Apocalypse 1341

Chapter 1341: Liver pain

During these few days, each time someone passed Ye Zhongming's villa, they would glance a few times. Not only was Yellow Ball laying there, but Yangos was wandering around, and Red Hair would frequently enter. Even Xia Bai and her female guards all evolved inside.

Xia Bai went from seven-star to eight-star, while the rest went from six-star to seven-star.

Ye Zhongming needed Cloud Peak to get stronger. After thinking about who to make stronger, he decided to place the high-end combat strength beside him.

These women, who had received inhumane treatment from Soul Merchant, as well as a few additions over the years, were the group that was the most loyal to Ye Zhongming.

They were loyal to the death.

Under Xia Bai's leadership, this became faith.

They would live for Ye Zhongming and die for him.

In peacetime, this was impossible. These women were proud and had one similarity: they were beautiful.

This was also why they could survive and not get eaten by zombies, even though they were ordinary people.

But this reason became very ironic after all that happened after.

Many people said that the female guards were a bunch of freaks, a bunch of maniacs, and crazy people.

Each person in the apocalypse could be described like that, but these women were just far more crazy.

As for their loyalty to Ye Zhongming, it was because he dragged them out of hell, and they had also gone through many life-and-death challenges.

Ye Zhongming was their mental pillar. He was their only mental pillar.

This was the firmest relationship.

The core Cloud Peak members were loyal, too, but comparing the two, their needs of Ye Zhongming and Ye Zhongming's needs of them were different.

Thinking about the possible dangers he might face in the apocalypse, he needed a team that would stand beside him and die alongside him.

Ye Zhongming changed all the crystals above level four into evolution potions.

Cloud Peak's lowest level now was four stars. These people were the relatives of warriors or logistics members who were too young or old. Due to evolution, they didn't fall sick and could become warriors. But Cloud Peak didn't lack warriors, so their main role was in base building.

People in the battle squads, be it the main squad or the defense squads, the lowest was five-star.

Three years into the apocalypse, when the average evolution level was four stars, Cloud Peak was far above.

Through the Xingzhou City battle, the deputy captains and captains of the battle squads were all six-star evolved.

After taking in some members from other factions, Cloud Peak's warrior amount broke sixty thousand. This was without including logistics members, researchers and family members. If you counted all of them, Cloud Peak was huge, nearly a hundred thousand.

Those who hadn't completed their evolution were people like Xia Bai, who were heading toward levels seven and eight.

With enough riches, Ye Zhongming naturally allowed their evolution to be more complete. He used the small techniques and methods from his last life to help these people gain a bit more strength when evolving.

Speaking of which, one had to mention that the gene lab's evolution potion study had reached six stars.

In his last life, Ye Zhongming spent ten years getting to six-star. He knew the modification recipes of the first few levels and handed them to Liu Zhenghong.

As for whether or not the higher-level potions were modified, he heard that they were, but some people said they weren't. He was unsure what the truth was.

However, in this life, Liu Zhenghong had studied the five-star potion a long time ago, but it wasn't as mature as the recipes that Ye Zhongming brought with him. As for the effects, they were going through tests and observations.

Many Cloud Peak members were test subjects.

But this experiment had no dangers. Compared to normal evolution, the difference was just how much the increase in strength was.

As Cloud Peak's gene lab researched more and more things, Liu Zhenghong's focus wasn't on this. He handed this to an assistant who was better in this area and asked him to select some people to continue the study. When facing some problems, Liu Zhenghong would join in and give him some thoughts.

Thus, recently, there was a successful modification of the six-star potion.

Of course, the five-star potion recipe was confirmed, and the six-star potion modification had just entered the testing stages.

But everyone knew what this meant.

So this time, all the six-star warriors used the modified potion.

Liu Zhenghong even called Ye Zhongming to ask about it.

“Should we continue the research?”

Sister Hong’s meaning was obvious. If they were to continue researching it, they would be targeting the seven-star potion. She would place down some other works and focus on this.

Although the higher-level potions were tougher to study, Cloud Peak had a firm base, and using this to develop would make things easier.

Ye Zhongming didn’t answer immediately and was thinking.

This was not an easy decision.

Why was Cloud Peak's five-star potion research so quick that they entered test stages so early? The reason was because... Cloud Peak could provide many five-star potions to test on.

Many were not absolute. The number of potions used to research was not a huge number; if not, even Ye Zhongming wouldn't be able to afford it. But as compared to other factions, the five-star potions wasted were enough to hurt any super faction.

Next was the six-star potion research; why was this slow? Besides Liu Zhenhong not focusing on it, the main reason was that six-star potions were precious. They didn't have any spares. Those that were tested on were saved and scrounged by Ye Zhongming.

Now, Liu Zhenhong asked if they were to continue the research. Ye Zhongming had no reaction, but his liver started to hurt deep down.

Chapter 1342: Potion Sale

Were the modified potions good?

They were!

That was undeniable. Some Cloud Peak warriors used the modified potions from the start.

These people had a much stronger foundation than others. The small bits of increase each evolution meant that after the sixth time, the difference in strength wasn't small.

These people were basically captains and deputy captains. The stronger ones are deputies to the core members.

The modified potions were that important.

But to continue researching the seven-star potion, you would need a certain amount of seven-star potions to test on. But what Cloud Peak lacked now were such potions.

This was reality. You had to invest if you wanted something good.

Usually, Ye Zhongming would only hesitate before agreeing. He didn't care about the progress and would just pass her a few seven-star potions. They already had experience and wouldn't waste these good things.

But times were special. All the potions six-star and above were used to turn people into six-star evolved. Ye Zhongming had none of such potions.

But he was not willing to give up.

Ye Zhongming thought, "Sister Hong, if we use the previous experiment methods, how long will it take?"

Liu Zhenhong frowned, "Little Ye, science isn't estimated like that. If we are lucky, it might take a few dozen days, if not, a few years. I can't answer your question."

Ye Zhongming touched his nose and changed his question, "If things are smooth and we have enough potions, you personally participate, and you have enough manpower, what is the quickest timeline?"

This?

Liu Zhenghong considered it: "Although it is similar to your previous question, if I don't give you a specific number, it would be tough for you to decide."

Sister Hong pouted and amused Ye Zhongming.

"Three months is normal. Half a year would be slightly mature. If we are lucky, four to five months will yield a perfected seven-star potion recipe."

Ye Zhongming shook his head.

With him providing an unlimited amount of potions, and having Liu Zhenghong shift manpower over to this project and personally take charge of it, it would still take three to four months. This was something he couldn't accept.

This thing was good, but it wasn't the most important thing now.

"No, push back on this." Ye Zhongming had a thought and looked at Liu Zhenghong, "Sister Hong, if other people have the modified potion, what are the chances that they can break it down?"

Liu Zhenghong squinted her eyes, "Are you thinking about selling the modified potions?"

"I lack money." Ye Zhongming spread his hands to reply.

Surprisingly, Liu Zhenghong didn't ask further questions, which stopped Ye Zhongming from explaining.

She kept silent for a short while. She was probably pondering how complicated the potion was and how good the other factions were at research.

"With what I know, there won't be more than five factions with such research ability. But only three have the ability to break down our recipe. As for the timing, I am not sure, but it will take a few months. Of course, since we were the ones to research the level five and six potions, they have some different theories from before. To break down all six levels... It will take one to two years."

Liu Zhenghong gave her estimate. There were people who studied modified potions; it was one of the most popular research directions. However, the research environment worsened, and both talent and tools were problems. It was already a large amount to have five factions researching this. As for other Cloud Peak topics, there were only one to two factions in the country that researched them.

Ye Zhongming listened closely. He thought about it and said slowly, "Let's sell the first four stars. We did leak some one and two-star potions out. Since that is the case, let's be more decisive and let the first four levels go. We will sell them to Ying City, Posthumous People, and Saint Light Hall first. Once they have enough, we will give it to Mu Xinfei and the others. Then, to Five Ring Money and Cannibal Chains."

He wouldn't forget that other people invented the first four recipes. As the apocalypse progressed, organisations that made the potion previously would break through, and this skill would leak. Then, it wouldn't be as worth money anymore.

"En, right. If possible, we will sell the recipe to Five Ring Money and Cannibal Chain." Ye Zhongming touched his chin and thought about conning these two factions.

After deciding to sell the modified potions, Cloud Peak released the news. Ye Zhongming changed the low-level crystals into potions and handed them to the lab for modification.

The difference was that it was unlimited, which sent the surrounding factions mad.

Although one and two-star potions weren't needed anymore, the need for three-star potions was huge. Four-star potions were one where there was not enough supply.

The average level was four stars and there was still a big group of people working towards that level. With this good thing, it naturally became their top choice.

Don't forget that Cloud Peak had always sold potions. They sold potions to get the crystals and used Ye Zhongming's elimination technique to earn the difference.

This was a hugely profitable business. Although the supply was uncertain as Ye Zhongming wasn't always in Cloud Peak and couldn't spend all his time spinning the wheel, this was a long-term business.

Now that the potions would be replaced with modified potions and you only had to pay 10% more crystals, this was very worth it, and people would easily accept it.

Everyone was willing to pay more for a bit more strength.

Another point was that people knew of the modified potions. Now that they were sold, there was no worry of whether the potions were real or fake. This was why they were sold out when they came on the market.

Ye Zhongming's thinking was quick, and went to inform the nearby factions. He still had modified five and six-star potions, and those who wanted could come to Cloud Peak to purchase. But only the bosses and important people could. Based on the size of the battle squad, they would be sold a certain amount of potions.

As compared to the other potions, the price of the five and six-star potions was much higher. It did make sense for a high price as you could make your evolution stronger than others. Moreover, the price Ye Zhongming asked for wasn't too high either.

However, the conditions were restricted. Cloud Peak didn't let them take the potions out of it. If they wanted to buy them, they would pay and then evolve in Cloud Peak, which would keep them safe.

This was to prevent the five- and six-star potions from leaking into the market, and the various faction heads understood.

Thus, many faction leaders who were going to profit from the sales of the materials Cloud Peak left from them were now spending that profit, returning money to Cloud Peak's pockets.

But it still couldn't stop the passion of these bosses. They pre-ordered the modified potions such that the orders lasted two months later.

Other factions were also interested in the modified potions. They used various channels to get some four-star potions.

This involved some underground trades. The Ying City evolved sold the modified potions to others for a high price.

Did Cloud Peak know? Of course, they did. But they didn't say anything and allowed it to develop.

Little Tiger, Young Master Yun, Tong Hu, etc., came to find Ye Zhongming about it and asked him that since he didn't mind other factions buying, why don't they sell it straight?

Ye Zhongming smiled and didn't reply.

This seemingly foolish act had a purpose.

Ying City battle squads were the closest to Cloud Peak. At the crucial moment, they would help Cloud Peak.

They knew the reason why.

They wouldn't exist without Cloud Peak.

These people were a huge help in the many battles, including the Xingzhou City trip.

Also, Cloud Peak's expansion took people from them.

After Ye Zhongming found out they were selling modified potions, he didn't stop them and even allowed them to do so.

Why? It was easy to understand.

Ying City people sold the potions and earned the price difference. What would they do with that difference?

Chapter 1342.5- Potion Sale (2)

They will strengthen themselves or continue to buy potions to earn money.

No matter which it was, they would head to Cloud Peak to purchase something.

Potions, scrolls, equipment...

Cloud Peak was nearby, and their products were cheap.

The money will end up back in Cloud Peak's pocket.

Cloud Peak will end up selling more modified potions and more scrolls and equipment to earn a huge amount of crystals. Those in Ying City will buy houses in Cloud Peak and strengthen themselves. Many people will even evolve a couple of levels in a short amount of time.

People outside who obtained many modified potions would have to pay many crystals for them.

If Ying City factions were Cloud Peak's shell, Ye Zhongming was using a single action to cause this shell to become thicker.

Would a thick outer shell be bad for Cloud Peak? No, of course not. There were only benefits.

When Cloud Peak heads out again, the battle squads weren't just complementing them; they could also be used as a main force. When Cloud Peak faced external threats, they would be a strong barrier to help Cloud Peak block some problems.

Maybe someday, these people will become a part of Cloud Peak.

Ye Zhongming was always generous to his own people.

Of course, there were restrictions on sales. Ye Zhongming was very biased when selling three and four-star potions.

Those that did most for Cloud Peak and were organisations that were loyal to them got more potions. Some that had a poorer relationship got fewer.

He couldn't do it openly but easily through some small methods.

Many Cloud Peak members, even core members, became people external parties felt could take bribes to help them get benefits.

The hot trade also improved the Puxing Town trading market. The bounties and missions refreshed, and people went to the various stores. The mercenary guild bodyguard missions were common, and Cloud Peak's equipment store was very popular...

After the Xingzhou City battle, Cloud Peak became a merchant hub, not just an apocalypse base.

With money, Ye Zhongming spun for more potions. He sold some while letting everyone evolve with others.

So too were the Ying City people.

In a short month, Cloud Peak and Ying City evolved were strengthening at a rapid pace.

The other super factions weren't stupid and quickly noticed this situation. However, there was nothing they could do. After all, they couldn't sell modified potions.

Cloud Peak's crazy stage stimulated these big factions. After some preparation, many big things happened in the country.

Glory Army gathered five armies and did a large-scale hunt. This hunt was a battle targeting many mutated plants, which lasted for ten days.

No one knew exactly what the outcome was as there weren't many people there. Guang Yao's army also didn't reveal anything. News said the hunt was successful, but the losses were big, too.

The second news came from the Resistance Zone. They also had a large-scale battle, which was similar to Cloud Peak. They used the Exquisite Floating Ball and War Fortress to take down numerous mutated lifeforms in cities. Before drawing hordes, they fled the area.

Their hunt was much more successful than the Glory Army. They gained many things and didn't suffer much losses. They were definitely much more efficient.

As Resistance Zone acted as the boss for such a long time, apart from Mu Xinfei, who rarely joined in, news spread from the other battle squads. What they gained from this operation was enough to build two new squads.

There was also the secretive God Hall. They actually revealed themselves. They appeared in the northwest and tossed something into a large lake. No one knew what they placed. After people arrived, they saw that all lifeforms were gone, and it became a ghost region.

No one knew what God Hall did,, but they obviously had some technique or equipment that could kill or cause the disappearance of many water lifeforms.

Many people had ideas.

But before they did anything, God Hall released a news to the world for the first time.

They had a technology that could create a powder that could cause water lifeforms to lose combat strength. If you wanted to buy from them, just announce it, and God Hall will contact them.

This shocked the country, and even Cloud Peak paid close attention.

After all, God Hall was a competitor. Anything that could help them earn money was worth attention.

What was the goal of releasing this news? Was it targeting Cloud Peak? Ye Zhongming gave the order to find out. The entire Cloud Peak's information organisation went to work. At the same time, Cloud Peak tensed up and was wary of anything happening.

This news was shocking enough, but the most shocking thing was the Thousand Beast Villa.

They also attacked, and this time, they targeted a level nine lifeform.

This was the first confirmed battle where humans challenged a level nine lifeform.

When they found out about this, Ye Zhongming was confused.

Before you faced a level-nine lifeform, you would never know how terrifying they were. Cloud Peak had many level eight helpers, and they were still destroyed by the level nine Saint Father. What gave Thousand Beast Villa confidence to challenge a full-state level-nine lifeform?

Did they have a solution?

Truth proved that they did have methods.

This battle lasted over fifty hours, and then... That level nine lifeform was killed.

This news shocked everyone.

Could humans finally kill a level nine lifeform? Humans were starting to head towards nine-star?

Thousand Beast Villa exceeded traditional factions like Resistance Zone, Glory Army, and God Hall. They exceeded the newly popular Cloud Peak and became the top in everyone's hearts.

When Five Ring Money released the faction rankings, they put Thousand Beast Villa first. The villa head was also at the top of the combat strength rankings.

Ye Zhongming thought about it for an hour before deciding to head to Thousand Beast Villa. Actually, even if he didn't go, Thousand Beast Villa had already invited him to join an event.

At that moment, Talos Red Dwarves' second mission was released.

Chapter 1343: Xia Bai's unusual evolution

Ye Zhongming was very wary of the universe races, but he was interested in the equipment they could give him.

After all, this was a new system, apart from wheel equipment, battle contribution equipment, and crystal weapons.

Without contribution points, Ye Zhongming could only watch the shop list and drool.

He didn't hate the missions even if he was working for the Talos Red Dwarves.

But the timing wasn't right.

That was because Thousand Beast Villa had invited him.

Ye Zhongming wanted to go and didn't want to give up on that opportunity.

As for what he would do there, he guessed there were a few reasons.

One was to show their strength.

Cloud Peak wasn't willing to do that, but other people were. Reputation could bring benefits.

Ye Zhongming thought about it from his own view. Thousand Beast Villa might want to use its peak reputation to sell its product, Battle Beasts, to the various factions.

Many evolved weren't willing to raise beasts but it didn't mean they didn't want to have one.

Ye Zhongming had lived a past life and knew how useful a battle beast was in battle.

He had Yellow Ball in this life and had Yangos. He also had Earth and Star Elf, which are similar in theory. Everyone knew how much help they gave him.

Other evolved either lacked the money to buy a useful battle beast or they didn't have time to nurture them.

They were afraid they would die in battle and waste the battle beast. They were afraid the beast would die, and they wasted money. These thoughts caused many people to stay away from beasts.

But if Thousand Beast Villa could provide some with combat strength, that would be a good business. The profits were huge. Ye Zhongming thought about doing it himself, but he didn't have a large beast pool equipment, so he didn't have the right to do such a business.

As for those that Cloud Peak nurtured, they weren't enough for internal use.

Ye Zhongming was biting his teeth and waiting for time to pass for some dreams. He was waiting for the day Cloud Peak's battle beast squad forms.

The second reason was that they were looking for help.

What help? It was to study level nine lifeforms or to ask for things that they needed for that method that they killed the level nine lifeform with.

For some reason, Ye Zhongming saw in the intel that Chameleon passed back that Thousand Beast Villa's invite was very focused and not based on the country rankings.

Ye Zhongming had detailed information about each faction in the country, and he saw some similarities from the invite list.

These factions either had strong technological research ability, and reputable labs, or they were very strong. Either that or they had the ability to move across regions in the apocalypse. Of course, Thousand Beast Villa also included those who could do business in the apocalypse.

After Ye Zhongming came to that conclusion, he thought about it and felt that maybe Thousand Beast Villa's method of killing the level nine lifeform wasn't mature or it needed a huge amount of resources and could only be used once. Now, they were thinking about getting more.

Also, Ye Zhongming discovered that the universe races supported many Earth factions. Even Ye Zhongming, who didn't want to be a pawn, had already become a spokesperson.

Under such a situation, this meeting definitely had to do with the universe races.

Were they going to trade intel or items? Will there be chances for cooperation?

Or maybe they were trying to determine who would be their friend or foe when the universe races conflicted.

Ye Zhongming thought about it. It was good to find out who was a friend or enemy earlier.

Seemed like he had to head to Thousand Beast Villa.

But...

Talos Red Dwarves' second mission gave him a headache.

It was annoying.

The introduction was simple as this was an item search mission. There wasn't a clear target, only a region. That made things very uncertain.

If he was lucky, he could find it within days. If he was unlucky, he might never be able to find it.

The mission gave a month time limit.

Thousand Beast villa's meeting was twenty days later.

He might miss it, or he might not.

What annoyed him was that if he failed the mission, his status as a spokesperson would be canceled, his current spokesperson level would be removed, and he would be fined 3000 contribution points.

He didn't have so many.

Contribution points were important. He wanted to get recipes and blueprints.

He had no choice but to go.

Hearing the intense energy fluctuation on the floor above, Xia Bai... Finally woke up.

Chapter 1343.5- Xia Bai's unusual evolution (2)

Ye Zhongming was stunned when he looked at Xia Bai, who was eating quickly.

He would never forget what he saw when he went upstairs.

Yesterday, Ye Zhongming sensed an energy fluctuation that caused the entire space to shake. He charged to the second floor because Xia Bai was evolving there.

Speaking of which, Ye Zhongming had never heard of a seven-star evolve taking a month to evolve to an eight-star.

Ye Zhongming thought her evolution had failed.

But that had a higher chance of happening when one evolved to one-star. There were a few out of tens of thousands. After the modification, that percentage went to zero.

Eight-star evolution took different lengths of time for different people. But Ye Zhongming had never heard of anyone who took so long.

Liu Zhengong would come over every few days, which became a daily visit. But she only shook her head and said nothing. Ye Zhongming was anxious, and she left by saying that she was still alive.

Ye Zhongming couldn't do anything. He could only continue with his plan while waiting anxiously.

Fortunately, she woke up on the 47th day.

Ye Zhongming charged to the second floor of his villa, which was in ruins.

Thick darkness energy had ripped the area above it into shreds. Xia Bai stood at the center of the mess, and behind her was a giant black hole. Cries of monsters spread from inside.

On her back was a pair of black wings.

It was gigantic.

Ye Zhongming estimated that they would be over six meters when expanded.

The wings shone black, and there was a thick bone at the tip that gave off a metallic feeling. Its defense would be outstanding, and the wings were powerful.

The wings had a semi-circular shape, and there weren't any hard bones on this side. They were made of sharp black feathers. At the same time, they shone, but it was the cold, sharp light this time!

Xia Bai's own body changed. The extent to which Ye Zhongming couldn't recognise her.

She was much taller. She was of similar height to Ye Zhongming, who was an above-average female.

The equipment on her was gone. They didn't know if they exploded. The purple mask on her face was gone, and she was naked.

Ye Zhongming didn't have time to care about the few purple pieces of equipment Cloud Peak had. He just looked at her for a long time.

Although she didn't wear anything, there were black patterns and weird runes.

Ye Zhongming didn't recognise them. He believed others didn't, too.

Those runes seemed alive. They gave off a dangerous power as Xia Bai breathed steadily.

The black hair floated behind her. Along with her beautiful face that had patterns, Xia Bai was also terrifying.

Also, the white and black mix on her skin made her look ancient and mysterious.

Her eyes were black, like when Ye Zhongming activated his bloodline. But there were also bits of white that flashed across.

When Xia Bai saw Ye Zhongming, she didn't react and just floated there quietly.

A while later, she reached out, and those shrapnels gathered towards her hand. A few seconds later, a black scythe appeared.

It was huge. It might be over three-meters long, giving off a cold aura. When Xia Bai grabbed it, it felt as if they had merged into one.

Those shrapnels continued to combine into a pair of boots, which were a similar 'series' to the scythe.

Her wings slowly closed to wrap her body before disappearing into a battle dress.

Black hair, black dress, black boots, black blade... She was covered in black.

The giant black hole shrunk, and that power disappeared after entering her body. The entire second floor turned back to normal.

At this point, Ye Zhongming saw that the power was very orderly. The area above the second floor was gone, and only the area below it was preserved.

Xia Bai landed. There was no mask, and her face was revealed. Only people close to her could see that her face looked slightly similar to before.

Her black eyes turned back to normal, but her pupils were bigger than others and slightly darker.

Her gaze finally started to ripple when she saw Ye Zhongming.

Even the energy remnants of the evolution made Ye Zhongming feel in danger.

Just by intuition, he was unsure if Xia Bai or he was stronger.

She held the black scythe and walked slowly over.

His body tensed up. This was an instinct, a battle instinct.

But he didn't move. Xia Bai's coldness and that pure black energy made him very uncomfortable. But before he understood it, he decided not to do anything.

Very quickly, she was before him.

They were of similar height such that they were looking into each other's eyes.

Xia Bai stuck the scythe into the ground and then released it.

She wrapped her hands around him and hugged him.

Before he could taste anything, she released him. She then knelt before him and lowered her head. Her hair hung onto the ground.

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After Xia Bai was done eating, Ye Zhongming talked to her. Xia Bai didn't know why her body changed. Just before she evolved, she found Liu Zhenghong's assistant to let him do stabilising tests on her.

"Sorry." Xia Bai knew that her actions were dangerous, but she didn't think that such a thing would happen. Not only would it waste Cloud Peak's eight-star potion, but they would also lose a strong fighter.

This was not what she wanted.

Ye Zhongming opened his mouth but said nothing. He only told her seriously not to make decisions on her own in the future.

He stood up and went to the gene lab. He found Liu Zhenghong, who had avoided him after Xia Bai had woken up.

Sister Hong was scolding... Or rather, beating that assistant.

"Little Ye, it is my fault." Sister Hong was honest.

Ye Zhongming didn't say anything and looked at the assistant.

"It is not my fault. Captain Xia Bai asked, and I have to help." That assistant was terrified and explained, "I saw the little tricks you gave to people who were going to evolve. Since your method worked, our relatively mature gene techniques should also be okay. Even if they are bad, they wouldn't be able to handle the evolution power and would be cleared. But if they were useful, they would be very useful. So I agreed to Captain Xia Bai and felt like it would work. After noticing that she didn't wake up, I was nervous. The longer she took, the more I didn't dare to tell Sister Hong and you... Sorry, I didn't mean it."

Ye Zhongming turned to Liu Zhenghong.

"He... Wanted to prove himself."

The lab quietened down. That person knelt and shivered. He waited for the judgement of fate.

Chapter 1344: Eternal Bloodline

Ye Zhongming sat in Sister Hong's lounge and drank the seven-star tiaocao juice, which only the core members received one cup of each day.

This juice was concocted from a few herbs they got from the Secret Realm using traditional Chinese medicinal methods. If you use it for a long time, you can strengthen your self-healing ability.

Ye Zhongming didn't punish that assistant.

If it had been another circumstance when someone had nearly caused an accident to happen to Xia Bai, Ye Zhongming would have punished him.

Cloud Peak had both kindness and punishment.

Their punishments were brutal.

But Ye Zhongming let him off because his identity was special. He was a researcher in the gene lab and had followed Liu Zhenghong and Ye Zhongming at the earliest times.

He was an essential member of the lab now. He was in charge of several projects and had a very high standard.

Ye Zhongming had to think carefully about whether he wanted to punish such a person.

Of course, the most important reason was because Sister Hong spoke up for him.

She mentioned that he was eager to prove himself.

That was enough to show his position in her heart.

In Cloud Peak, Ye Zhongming wouldn't give anyone face. But he had to give Liu Zhenghong and Le Dayuan face.

These two contributed too much to Cloud Peak, such that it reached the level of his contribution.

Cloud Peak was able to reach its current level because of the two of them.

Sister Hong and Le Dayuan knew their place. They didn't interfere in other things besides being in charge of the labs. They just did the research, produced the items, and raised Cloud Peak's strength.

There were temptations from outside. When Cloud Peak wasn't as famous, some other battle squads tried to snatch them. Cloud Peak slowly got stronger and gained a stable footing, but people still tried to tempt them.

Ye Zhongming knew about this. Those factions... Almost all factions tried. Even Mu Xinfei, who had a close relationship with Cloud Peak, now had tried to probe the two of them.

The price even tempted Ye Zhongming. The basics were high-quality labs, test products, safety, etc. Crystals, potions, equipment, power, status, positions... These were even more than what they were getting in Cloud Peak.

There were some smarter people, like Five Ring Money, Cannibal Chains, Resistance Zone, God Hall, etc, who were good at reading people. Sister Hong's first love, Le Dayuan's ex-wife, old friends, relatives, etc, were all used to try to poach them.

But Liu Zhenghong and Le Dayuan didn't leave. They were firm and had never wavered. As time passed, any organisation that went through the various layers of Cloud Peak protection to contact the two of them, the people who spread the message were handed over. Sister Hong even arrogantly told Ye Zhongming to stop these people from annoying them.

What else could Ye Zhongming say to them? Liu Zhenghong was nearly his sister, and Le Dayuan was his brother.

This was Cloud Peak's pillar.

The sister's intentions were obvious. She was speaking for her subordinate, so Ye Zhongming had to give her face.

He punished this person symbolically by making him the final person in the same batch of researchers to evolve to the next round before turning the page.

Actually, Ye Zhongming knew that this person didn't have any bad intentions. He also misunderstood Xia Bai's intentions as Ye Zhongming's intention.

He was forgivable.

"What is Xia Bai's situation?"

Ye Zhongming asked his question after giving Sister Hong's face.

This was a huge issue.

Xia Bai's evolution exceeded ordinary evolutions. They also lost purple equipment, which was a huge matter.

Liu Zhenghong didn't reply immediately. She thought about it and said, "Do you know her abilities after evolving?"

Ye Zhongming nodded. Xia Bai didn't hide them from him; he was also very curious.

"She kept all her previous abilities, and they got stronger." Ye Zhongming said what he knew.

"But she lost some basic abilities, like... She can't wear any equipment."

Liu Zhenghong stood up.

Some lifeforms couldn't wear equipment. Mutated zombies, plants, beasts, etc couldn't use wheel equipment.

Cloud Peak and Ye Zhongming once used that point to craft some firm armor for Red Hair and the zombies she controlled.

But the truth proved that after wearing them, you could increase defense, but skills were useless. You just wore a layer of metal. This was nothing to lifeforms of the current level.

So, that plan failed after a few tests.

Now, Xia Bai couldn't use equipment, which was quite unbelievable.

"What else?" Liu Zhenghong didn't have as complicated a thought as Ye Zhongming. On the contrary, she was very interested.

Another good experiment body!

"Many new abilities."

"Tell me about it."

Ye Zhongming adjusted his thoughts and decided to describe it in a simple way to understand.

“Her bloodline has no more restrictions.” This caused a huge shock to Liu Zhenghong.

The safest way for a high level evolve to seem much stronger was bloodline.

Although some bloodlines could always be active, those were support bloodlines. They won't have any active skills and won't have any explosive strength.

But Xia Bai's bloodline wasn't. It was a battle bloodline. If what Ye Zhongming said was true, this meant that Xia Bai's future battles would last for as long as she wanted.

“It became an ability?” Sister Hong added.

Ye Zhongming nodded, “Yes.”

“And?”

“Also...” He paused and continued, “Her ability cooldowns all disappeared.”

“That is impossible!” Liu Zhenghong stood up.

From her professional angle, she believed that the bloodline was possible. But she didn't believe this. It shouldn't appear on evolved.

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Each evolved was a superman. They were quick, strong, and lived long.

They could leave a huge hole with a punch and kick giant pieces of stone with one kick. But these could be done by evolved who weren't high leveled.

To level a mountain or leave a giant crack, you had to rely on skills.

These were either skill scrolls or job scrolls.

No matter what, skills were an evolved's strongest abilities.

Strength would be naturally restricted.

This was similar to how you would need to put in something to get something out.

In other words, no matter how advanced and fast a gun was, the two bullets had a gap. Only lasers that had appeared in movies and maybe even in the apocalypse could connect them into a line.

But lasers were also line by line.

Thus, Sister Hong believed that a bloodline could merge with the human body but not skills having no CD.

Ye Zhongming didn't believe it at first, but he slowly did.

"What is the cost? Is there no cost at all?"

Liu Zhenhong stared at Ye Zhongming and was afraid he would say no.

"There is a cost."

Liu Zhenhong heaved a sigh of relief. She knew there was definitely some cost.

"She would be tired if she used more skills."

Liu Zhenhong, "..."

"Next." Her head hurt. She decided to study it first before speaking. The current her couldn't explain this miraculous problem.

Ye Zhongming was delighted he could cause this expert problems, but he adjusted his thoughts and didn't dare show it.

This person dared to call him Little Ye and pinch his ears.

"Also... her equipment has disappeared. Or rather, they merged with her. She obtained the equipment ability, but these abilities have changed."

Liu Zhenghong just went through the fact that Xia Bai had no cooldowns. Now that this happened, she wasn't too surprised.

Hearing Ye Zhongming say that, she was a little numb. "Oh, tell me about it."

"For example, the abilities of her armor all transferred to her body. Like her bloodline, they became her own ability with no cooldown."

Ye Zhongming breathed out. He finally understood why he felt that way when he saw Xia Bai complete her evolution.

Envy.

Although Ye Zhongming had changed his Star Armor many times, its stats didn't change much. If he could be like Xia Bai and use his abilities as he wished...

With Shattered Star Ring, to be able to explode it whenever he wanted... After he exploded it, he could still...

“As for the passive stats like defense and toughness, did they become her own defence? I am not sure. I know that Xia Bai’s battle dress is very strong.”

He paused and continued, “Sister Hong, can you imagine? With the scythe’s stats...”

Liu Zhenghong was stunned. She didn’t pay much attention to equipment. Apart from Ye Zhongming, she didn’t really care about the stats of each person’s equipment.

But Xia Bai’s scythe was different. They got it long ago, so Liu Zhenghong knew about it.

“That ability where she gets stronger the more injured she is?” She was shocked, “Are you saying that the ability transferred to her?”

Ye Zhongming nodded, “Right.”

“Then, doesn’t that mean...”

Liu Zhenghong didn't finish her words, but both of them knew what she wanted to say.

Through Ye Zhongming's introduction, they knew about Xia Bai's current abilities.

In conclusion...

She was strong... When she was injured, she was stronger.

"There are also some new abilities. Do you want to listen?"

Liu Zhenghong waved and decided to ask her herself.

Seeing Ye Zhongming want to leave, she said suddenly, "Little Ye, are you still her match?"

Ye Zhongming decided not to speak.

Just like that, Xia Bai became the second eight-star in Cloud Peak.

The female guards became a team when the leader was eight-stars, the captain was seven-stars, and the ordinary members were all six-stars.

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After a period of digestion, Cloud Peak's gains were turned into strength. The entire Cloud Peak gave off a strong aura.

Many factions had a guess about what they earned this time. This was based on what happened in Xingzhou City. As for the trades in Puxing Town, those factions were unsure.

They knew that Cloud Peak swallowed their crystals, and they got modified potions in return.

Everyone could see the profits. Many factions had started to try to break down the modified potions.

But the research stopped after they got some news.

Cloud Peak was selling the one to four-star recipe to Five Ring Money and Cannibal Chains.

The other factions weren't surprised that Cloud Peak had the recipe. After all, their technology was advanced, but their production scale wasn't big. They also didn't have places to sell. At most, they could only sell it in their own area, and it couldn't cause a storm.

But when the two strong merchant guilds got the recipe, in just a while, the modified potions would become their flagship product, and it would be sold across the country.

So what if they analyzed the recipe? Could they battle with Five Ring Money and Cannibal Chain? Compete in terms of selling routes? Connections?

They would just be asking to die!

So they gave up on research. Only a bunch of lonely low leveled evolved in a lab with bad conditions looked at the recipe in their hands and also at the few exquisite modified potions beside them. They sat on the ground and couldn't speak for a long time.

Although they were unhappy that Ye Zhongming sold it to both sides, they were still quite satisfied. Even if they had to compete, the profits were enough to earn them a huge amount.

But what they didn't understand was the reason why they were selling it. It was a sky-high price, but it wasn't much compared to the profits, right?

What they didn't know was that in the near future, these recipes... Would appear in many places... You could use one level one crystal to buy a copy of it.

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After conning two rich groups, Ye Zhongming didn't feel bad at all and was not worried about revenge. Not to mention, when the group that invented the potions in their last life would release them, Even if they took it out, it would only slightly affect Five Ring Money and Cannibal Chains.

Ordinary evolved, ordinary factions wouldn't be able to craft the potions even if they had the recipe—those who could was limited. The final outcome would be that they would split sales regions after a price war. The profits would reduced, but they would still earn.

After earning money, Ye Zhongming would turn this money into potions for the female guards to have more seven-star evolved.

Now, Cloud Peak knew that although there weren't many female guards, if they fought with any main battle squad. Even without Xia Bai, the main battle squad would have won, but it would have been tough. After all, they had more people, and the core members were stronger than the ordinary seven-stars.

But if Xia Bai joined, the female guards would win. It wouldn't be a tough win; they would just suffer some losses.

Core members and Xia Bai scoffed at those statements. Cloud Peak's warriors were loyal and won't attack each other. Fighting was also very complicated and didn't depend solely on numbers and levels.

But one thing couldn't be denied: the female guards had reached new heights.

When everyone in Ying City was discussing how strong Xia Bai and her subordinates were, Ye Zhongming brought them out and disappeared from Cloud Peak.

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Zhao Xiangxue wore a mask and robe and stood at the edge of a forest. There was no one behind her. But if you were sharp, you would notice that there were over twenty energy fluctuations. These people didn't hide their aura and didn't care if people noticed them.

There was only one situation in which Chameleon didn't mind people noticing them. It was when they met their leader.

These assassins or scouts didn't bother to hide. Their energy fluctuations revealed their current emotions.

Each member knew they belonged to Chameleon, Cloud Peak, and the two captains, but finally, they belonged to Ye Zhongming.

Even though most of them hadn't seen Ye Zhongming, the moment they entered Chameleon, they were injected with the thought that Ye Zhongming was their king. Their king's orders were the highest, and they had to follow them.

This might be brainwashing, but it was effective. With the help of the two psychological job user's mental interference, with Gao Yi and Zhao Xiangxue's calls for their faith, their loyalty towards Ye Zhongming became a faith and instinct.

Now, their mental pillar was coming, so they were excited.

The operation team wasn't as strict as the intel team. They didn't know who each other was, what they looked like, and their names. They would even use fake voices. But they would still talk and communicate with each other. When there weren't any missions, they would train and even compete with each other.

They learned many things from the two captains and knew they had fought with the leader. That was what they envied.

They had imagined that they could do it but they didn't expect that day to really arrive.

There were fluctuations from the Meditation Bone Demon Platform. Ye Zhongming and the female guards appeared.

Zhao Xiangxue moved forward and greeted Ye Zhongming.

She only felt young when she was before this guy.

“Brother.”

This was how she greeted him. She changed the greeting, and he didn't oppose.

“How is the situation?”

He glanced at the forest and frowned.

Seeing Ye Zhongming's reaction, Zhao Xiangxue panicked and said hurriedly, "Brother, you can't blame them; they are too excited."

He nodded and waved to the back. Xiao Min brought some people to control the surrounding region.

"Tell your guys to come out."

As Zhao Xiangxue gave the order, the small Chameleon team appeared before Ye Zhongming.

These over twenty people bowed to him respectfully and calmed down after he praised them. They then started to judge the team behind their leader.

They were all females, evolution level... Very high, equipment... Very good. Blue and green equipment intersected. Each of them had a battle beast. Their aura... Was even colder than them.

At the same time, the female guards were also sizing them up.

The captain was female. The boss seemed to like females to be captains.

Each of them wore a robe? Do they take it off in battle? They wore masks? They are definitely not as strong as Captain Xia in the past. Why is someone shivering? Is he excited? Evolution level? Doesn't seem high? But after calming down, those people made them feel... Very dangerous!

Both sides recognised each other's ability.

Zhao Xiangxue nodded toward Xia Bai. She knew that she was the boss's guard and one of the strongest in Cloud Peak. After becoming an eight-star evolved, even the boss couldn't defeat her easily.

"Witnesses here are the most. But everyone who saw it was at least two thousand meters into the forest. One person saw it close to the rainforest's center, but is unsure. I wanted to ask that person, but he has already died in battle."

Ye Zhongming nodded. He walked to the side of the forest and touched a tree.

"Boss, this rainforest is dangerous. The person I mentioned was a strong seven-star evolved, but he still died to the mutated animals and plants here; we... Do we have to enter?"

Zhao Xiangxue wasn't afraid; she just felt that it wasn't worth it.

Ye Zhongming nodded.

Zhao Xiangxue didn't mention it again and just told him about the intel she had.

Ye Zhongming kept silent for a while and said, "Let's go. We have to enter regardless."

Chameleon and the female guards entered this dense and dark rainforest together.