

## **Apocalypse 1346**

Chapter 1346: Searching for what?

The environment was the most significant change in the apocalypse apart from humans.

Without deforestation, global warming, water and soil pollution, and human's nature restructuring.

After Earth managed to run naturally for three years, the original ecosystem became mainstream on this planet.

Human traces were still spread worldwide but stopped destroying the environment.

Nature started to take the upper hand and even chased humans out of some regions.

Cold Bay Rainforest was such a location.

Unlike the Amazon, a flooded forest, the Cold Bay Rainforest was on plains.

In the past, due to the fertile soil, humans had started to develop this area. However, they started slightly later and focused on tourism and agriculture, which was why the destruction of its natural environment was minimal.

After the apocalypse started, the plants and animals here started to mutate. The few humans and zombies were quickly cleared.

In the first one to two years, no one disturbed this place. Mutated animals and plants killed each other, reproducing and evolving.

This was until one day when an adventurer squad entered this area and saw recipe materials with a big market.

Thus, more squads entered this area to try to gain riches.

But humans weren't the rulers of the Earth anymore; the other mutated lifeforms were. Human evolved entered the rainforest, and continued to die there. To date, they didn't make much progress and instead, suffered huge losses.

There was even a seven-star evolved that died here.

Under such circumstances, Ye Zhongming led the female guards and one Chameleon operation squad to enter.

"The first tree that was discovered was the main ingredient of Floating Potion. The main function was to reduce the effects of gravity, so this material wasn't expensive. The potions were also very popular. Many crafting-job users got such a recipe and were able to provide it. The price was not expensive, but it wasn't too cheap. There was a huge demand, so one could imagine how much profit was available."

Zhao Xiangxue walked alongside Ye Zhongming while introducing the situation. The intel team knew that Ye Zhongming was coming personally, so they were very detailed.

“Old Sandalwood Tree?”

Zhao Xiangxue was stunned, “Brother, you know about this?”

Ye Zhongming shook his head.

He naturally knew about the Floating Potion and was very familiar with it. This was one of the potions in his last life that each evolved would have. They would drink one before fighting, and the effects were obvious. If he remembered correctly, the recipe wasn't rare, and there were a lot of materials, so the prices were low. There was even a lab that modified this potion to increase the time it lasted.

She looked suspiciously at Ye Zhongming and continued, “Apart from that, they discovered many other things that evolved can use. Like Magical Thinking Mushroom, Three Day Grass, Red Water Beetle, etc.”

A squirrel-like battle beast on a female guard warrior's shoulder spat its tongue to hit the tree beside it. Everyone looked over and saw some green liquid flow from the branch. A hand-sized mutated lifeform turned around on the branch and fell to the ground, revealing the black demon crystal on its stomach.

It was actually a level-three mutated lifeform!

No one recognised what it had mutated from; it might not even be a lifeform from Earth. Its evolution level couldn't hurt anyone here, but nearly everyone didn't notice it. Only this battle beast with special

abilities noticed it. This sent a chill down their spines. At the same time, they realised that the mutate lifeforms were far harder to deal with than humans.

“Be careful!”

Ye Zhongming reminded, and the squad entered their battle modes.

“Cold Bay Rainforest is big, near 100 thousand acres. There are numerous mutated lifeforms here. Even if this wasn’t a place to get materials, it has the potential to become a hunting ground, so evolved came over to take risks. Some factions also moved their base nearby. At its peak, there were hundreds of human camps around.”

“But things changed a few months ago.” A staff appeared in Zhao Xiangxue’s hands, along with a magic sphere in the other.

“Although this place was filled with danger and people died every day, everyone still obtained many resources to keep tens of thousands of people alive. But one day, evolved that entered started to go missing. No one knew why. Many large-scale searches couldn’t give any answers and, caused more people to go missing. Some people left, but some still stayed. They didn’t head deep into the rainforest anymore and struggled to survive on the outside. Only some slightly stronger ones would enter.”

“The information that we got was mostly from these people.”

Zhao Xiangxue stopped. She had said most of what she knew, and all that was left was to lead the way to the locations that they knew to see if they could find the thing mentioned.

“What are we looking for?”

Xia Bai, who had reached level eight, was now different; maybe not wearing the mask caused her to regain the courage to face people again. The current Xia Bai was still cold, feisty, and silent, but she started to speak to others.

However, most of the time, she still spoke to Ye Zhongming.

“Some shit.” Ye Zhongming’s words caused their footsteps to get messy.

“Some shedded skin.” Their movement slowed.

“Maybe some corpses.”

Even Zhao Xiangxue couldn’t help but look towards Ye Zhongming.

“Of course, there are some... Tracks. If we follow them, we might meet some... Fellows.”

“What?” Black mist rose in Xia Bai’s eyes.

Ye Zhongming sighed.

“It wasn’t very exact but if my guesses are right... They should be enemies, real enemies.”

Chapter 1347: Laughter behind the back

Most of the time, the apocalypse was silent. Some killings happened silently, too.

As the Cloud Peak squad got deeper into the rainforest, their fights became increasingly frequent.

This was even after Ye Zhongming and Xia Bai released their strong auras.

The rainforest felt mysterious and problematic.

The scale of the battle wasn’t huge, and they were all very short. They weren’t solved instantly, and there were a few dozen times that lasted more than five seconds. Some longer battles took a minute.

Don’t underestimate this minute. This was very dangerous in this rainforest.

There was a patch of harmless-looking mushrooms that looked similar to the ground. But when the team got close, they released purple poison and then popped up from the ground. They used their roots to attack Cloud Peak.

There were many poisonous mushrooms. The part above the surface wasn't big, and they looked the same as ordinary mushrooms. So that patch had tens of thousands of mushrooms.

Their defense wasn't good, and they were very weak. Anyone in the squad could insta kill them.

However, their roots were so sharp they could pierce through green defensive equipment. The poison made one dizzy, which allowed them to attack.

Although they took a minute to end the battle, more than half of the warriors were injured, and their equipment suffered from some damage.

There was even one battle beast that had a weak defense due to it being a support type that died from the roots. The female warrior who had been numb from killing had a rare look of sadness on her face.

While impressed by how weak but sharp these level two and three mushrooms were, everyone also knew that the rainforest used this method to prove its danger.

"If we were to level this area, it might not be so problematic."

A female guards captain killed a giant serpent that fell from a tree. She looked at the blood splatter around her body and shook her head.

That was true. If the team didn't need to explore and just destroyed this area, not to mention if it was possible, at least they wouldn't be as frustrated as they are now.

It was right, but they couldn't do it. This quest was just to search for clues. They couldn't level this place even if they were here to get materials.

It might be possible if the entire Cloud Peak came, but the rewards would definitely be less than what they put in. Any rational super faction wouldn't do it.

Ye Zhongming knew how badly such frequent but weak attacks would affect one's emotions. But there was nothing he could do and nothing he would do.

He knew that his subordinates would quickly adapt to the environment.

Each person used their poison removal pills they had prepared. Because of this, most of the poison mists in the rainforest weren't dangerous. Apart from that, ye Zhongming prepared even better antidotes just in case.

The Cloud Peak squad slowly adapted to the rainforest and became more efficient.

The defense-type warriors were on the outside, with the ranged and air defense warriors in the center. Various battle beasts with support abilities were beside them, which solidified the formation. Ye Zhongming and Xia Bai also controlled the ground and sky at the front and back to ensure they could react quickly.

Chameleon members were in charge of scouting and being sentries. They were used to that so Ye Zhongming wouldn't keep them in the squad.

Zhao Xiangxue naturally stuck with Ye Zhongming. Her job made her a super fighter; when she was in Chameleon, she was always the trump card.

Ye Zhongming felt that this mission was a gamble of luck. There shouldn't be much danger unless they face a level eighth mutated lifeform. With him and Xia Bai, they were strong enough. He kept Yangos, Yellow Ball, and Red Hair in Cloud Peak to help defend.

But even he didn't expect the rainforest to teach them a tough lesson.

Two hours after they entered the rainforest, the team had entered a place that evolved who relied on this place for survival called Death Sign Pool.

This was an inner lake of the rainforest. It wasn't big but was one of the few water sources on the outskirts of the rainforest. This was where many mutated lifeforms came to drink.

Of course, this was also where animals hunted.

In the information they got, this was a very dangerous place.

Everyone was careful when they got close, afraid they would face unknown dangers. Even Ye Zhongming had planned to wrap around this place.

There was no need to find trouble when you knew there would be many mutated lifeforms here.

When Cloud Peak started to wrap around, a bunch of mutated apes saw them and shouted.

Hundreds of apes broke the silence of the rainforest. Various lifeforms moved around them. Some started to fly, and many lifeforms were in panic.

This was a start. Various other lifeforms gave out sounds, and they connected in a short few seconds to send a small part of the rainforest into chaos.

Ye Zhongming had a look of regret.

It was too late when he saw the apes. He knew why Chameleon didn't give a warning, as the apes were too crafty.

In the last life, he knew that these apes could camouflage. Apart from that, they were herbivores, so they wouldn't attack evolved. Their levels were slightly lower, and after evolving, they became tough to catch. This was why humans weren't interested in them.

They didn't look vicious; instead, they looked very cute. In the last life, many were tamed into battle beasts and were popular among females.

The Chameleon member might have missed out because of their camouflage. Even if they didn't miss out, there weren't many of them, and they looked gentle. They were also level one and two, so it was normal for the members to feel they weren't dangerous.

But Ye Zhongming knew that these fellows were annoying. When they were tamed, they were well-behaved and knew how to act cute. When needed, they could help evolved send messages or be sentries.

But in the wild, they were spineless lifeforms.

To prevent other carnivorous lifeforms from eating them, they would join some strong lifeforms or join groups to become a support race. Their job was to be a sentry!

In peacetime, some animals would do it much less in the apocalypse, when everything was much more intelligent.

When these apes were underestimated, they became a huge problem.

Chapter 1347.5- Laughter behind the back (2)

Chaos. Lifeforms here fled in all directions and quickly noticed Cloud Peak's squad.

The battle started in such a random way.

Many mutated lifeforms joined the fight around Cloud Peak.

If Yellow Ball or Yangos were here, they were mutated lifeforms so their king aura could scare the lifeforms away.

Humans were different. Mutated lifeforms and them fed on each other. Their scents were very attractive to the lifeforms here.

Under such a chaotic situation, many mutated animals and plants of different levels came to find a chance to see if they could kill a human to get a delicious feast.

These humans had high evolution levels and were of high quality.

As long as they ate one of them, they might be able to evolve immediately.

Cloud Peak was very strong. They formed up when they were attacked and easily dealt with these lifeforms. Their defense was air-tight. There might be many lifeforms but they died in front of the formation. None of them could get through.

This situation changed when some high-level lifeforms came. Of course, there were some large groups.

At the start, a thick poison mist spread. Evolved could hold their breathing for some time. They also used the poison pill so they weren't afraid. But in such an intense battle, not breathing sped up their stamina consumption.

The mutated plants attacked, too.

They attacked as a group.

All directions, from the sky and from the ground, which caught them off guard. Some were like lightning striking the humans, and some were slow and got close bit by bit. Some were proactive and directly attacked, some supported, making sounds to distract the humans.

There were plants all around the rainforest. The algae beneath them were all mutated plants. This caused the Cloud Peak formation to mess up slightly.

It wasn't that they couldn't defeat these fellows. Their attacks and appearance were too weird and unexpected.

After the high-level mutated plants and animals joined, the defensive formation was split open.

Ye Zhongming frowned and realised the problem.

If this continued and the warriors were forced to breathe, this would cause a huge disadvantage, and casualties would start to appear.

Ye Zhongming didn't want to waste his precious close guards in such a place.

He observed the surroundings and made a decision.

With each team as a unit, they split up to break through and then gather in a specific location. Ye Zhongming would hold the rear for them.

With their speed and Ye Zhongming attracting their attention, they had a high chance to break free.

The orders were given, and they had no objection. They didn't worry, as Ye Zhongming was strong.

Only Xia Bai was unhappy, and there was nothing she could do.

Cloud Peak's team started to split in all directions. Ye Zhongming and Xia Bai attacked and tried to attract attention.

They were unafraid and just felt annoyed.

The plan was smooth. The female guards and Chameleon got free. Although some mutated lifeforms chased them, they fought and retreated successfully.

Ye Zhongming told Xia Bai to lead her team away. He would delay most of the mutated lifeforms himself.

Xia Bai told him to take care of himself before leaving. Only Ye Zhongming was left.

The Cloud Peak king felt it was about time and turned to leave.

At that moment, before he took a step, he felt that something had locked onto him.

At the same time, extreme danger forced him to stop.

If he continued walking, the lifeform that made him feel danger would chase those Cloud Peak teams.

This feeling was weird, but Ye Zhongming was sure he felt it correctly. That mysterious enemy was sending him such a message.

He had to think about the seven-star evolved that died here and his mission's final goal.

Is it... Them?

He took out his Staff of Nature and placed it beside him. This allowed him to search for that mysterious enemy.

Water Bottle Protection rose, causing the mutated lifeform attacks to stop. After noticing that the barrier had no attack strength, they continued to attack.

This pause was short, but it allowed Ye Zhongming to find where the lifeform was.

He deactivated the staff and charged in that direction. His blade slashed a few dozen times as he moved towards that direction.

There was no need to hold back against something that made him feel danger.

Blade light landed on the lifeforms in that direction and left an area without life. This cruel act terrified many lifeforms.

But Ye Zhongming wasn't happy as he saw that the lifeform was gone.

He had clearly sensed it here, but it was gone.

Ye Zhongming's battle experience made him leave his spot. He continued to move in that direction. At this point, he heard laughter from behind him.

This laughter sent a chill down his spine. Wind and Lightning slashed behind him, and he used the momentum to turn around.

But he felt his eyes black out, and the surroundings changed.

Chapter 1348: Mysterious Land

"Are you ready?"

A low male voice appeared under the green and oil algae surface. The tone was slightly nervous.

The algae started to move forward. Seven human-shaped algae popped up from the flat surface near three giant trees.

The three trees were huge, and each could reach a hundred meters tall. Not only were they tall, they were thick. A few dozen mature guys couldn't wrap around them.

These trees had a magical purple color. There was no bark, and it was as if there were curtains pieced together by pearls hanging down from them. The silver pearls gave a gentle glow, making the three giant trees like Christmas trees.

The crowns of the trees were huge. Three trees connected covered a few kilometers.

The branches were weird. The thick branches had spiral-shaped red leaves. In the oval space in the center of the leaves were red fruits the size of strawberries. They were shiny and smooth like jade, giving off a weird fragrance filling the entire region.

These red leaves covered the ground. Many of them had withered and turned dark red. They weren't spiral-shaped anymore and had become flat.

The dark red here and green outside formed a clear comparison.

If you looked closely, you would notice those leaves occasionally moving slightly.

Those seven human shapes were moving, and no one knew what they were doing.

At a certain time, one of them jumped and charged towards the center of the three trees.

The moment they stepped into the forest, the fallen leaves started to shake. At first, only a few moved, but when the seven of them were a few dozen meters in, all the leaves moved.

They swept up like a whirlwind. Many leaf pythons over two meters tall appeared around.

Looking closely, each leaf had many black bugs behind it.

“Bug Tower has appeared. Don’t enter; it is this place!”

It was the same voice as before.

As he spoke, the others stretched a weird metal device from the algae that looked like a compass. As they took it out, the metal spoon on the metal device flew towards those red leaves on the crown.

“Defend!”

The seven of them formed a defensive formation. They seemed experience against the leaf python bug turrets. Apart from the portion of algae under their feet, those around their body exploded to form many green weapons that flew in all directions.

These algae seemed soft when they were on their bodies, but when they were fired, they became as tough as metal. The bug turrets near them were split and shattered. Some smelly liquid splattered, mixing with the fragrance to cause a weird smell.

These seven people weren’t delighted just because they had a small win. They took a metal tube and opened the lid to reveal some liquid.

Due to this metal tube, the liquid fired a long distance. They touched the bug turret and would scatter them. The liquid also had a corrosive effect. The bugs they touched would smoke and die after rolling on the ground.

When the seven of them saw the situation, they were delighted.

They looked above. The metal spoons were near the crown, charging towards the spiral-shaped leaves that bore fruit. The quickest one had hit an oval leaf. The spoon broke the leaf and dug the red fruit out.

Before the leaves could retract, the spoon had returned. It spun around and flew back through the original path.

Success!

The few of them were delighted. It seemed like they would gain a lot this time!

But accidents happened. Just when they thought they would return with many things this time, the liquid in their metal tubes reduced and then disappeared.

They were stunned, and then that same person cursed, "That liar!"

Without the attacks of the liquid, the bug turrets gathered again and got close to them.

"Let's go!"

That person bit his teeth and squeezed those words from his throat.

They had spent a lot on this operation: the green algae, metal tubes, and metal devices with spoons spent nearly all their savings.

If everything were smooth, they would get seven Red Scarf Fruits. Not only would they earn it all back, they would profit multiple times.

Now, the problem was that the metal tubes that they were told would last until the metal spoons returned only had half their actual amount.

This pretty much announced the failure of this operation.

The leader had to retreat. If not, they would die here.

They were unwilling, but there was nothing they could do. If the bug turrets got close, they would attack them, and they wouldn't be able to block.

The few of them ran out. This was a race against time.

"Where is Ah Luo?"

A voice made the team stop. The few of them looked; as expected, they were missing one person. They turned and saw that person called Ah Luo stopping at his original spot. He held a weapon and waved it toward the bug turrets. He waved while looking up and observing the metal spoon.

“Ah Luo, come back!”

The leader opened his eyes and shouted. He wanted to scold his brother for being dumb but it wasn't the time. He wanted to get him back.

“I want to wait for it!” Ah Luo shouted. He ignored the bugs pouncing on his body, waving his weapon with his eyes looking above.

“Are you crazy? Are you crazy?”

The others shouted. The leader bit his teeth. He took one last look at Ah Luo before shouting for the rest to retreat.

When they got out of the range of the three trees and turned back, they saw Ah Luo's hand holding the metal board, reaching upwards. The metal spoon landed on it at that moment. The fruit on it looked devilish, but he was already covered in bugs apart from that hand.

A few seconds later, Ah Luo disappeared in the bug ocean.

The few of them shouted in pain. Two of the females cried.

It took some time before they calmed down.

At that moment, a calm voice spread from behind them.

“Where is this?”

Chapter 1348.5- Mysterious Land (2)

Although he had spent two hours with these six people, Ye Zhongming still had many questions. These few people... He didn't know what race they were.

As compared to humans on Earth, these six people were different.

They looked similar to humans, but their hair, pupils, fingers, and ears differed.

Their hair colors were all different. Red, yellow, green, black, blue, purple, there were all colors. Their pupils were similar to their hair.

Their fingers had one more joint. Be it males or females, they had longer hands than humans.

The greatest difference was the ears. This made Ye Zhongming think about elves in games or movies. But the difference was their sharp parts were split into two in the center and connected with a bit of tender flesh, forming small holes.

Both guys and girls had some jewelry in there.

Ye Zhongming was also sure their language wasn't from Earth, as he had never heard of it.

He was in the Cold Bay Rainforest. There was laughter behind him, and before he turned, he entered this bit of wilderness. He had never seen such scenes, and they definitely weren't on Earth.

Was he teleported to some place like the Secret Realm?

Ye Zhongming was not sure. He suspected that he didn't feel the space power that he always felt when he teleported through space.

He was anxious. He was afraid that the lifeform that could teleport him here would chase his subordinates. Just that act alone was enough to prove that the lifeform could easily wipe his subordinates.

What was that?

Ye Zhongming had never faced such a weird thing.

Was this the true enemy that the universe races mentioned? Did he fall for the enemy's trap?

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The leader said something, and Ye Zhongming couldn't understand. But his mental energy was huge, and from the body language, tone, etc, he could guess the rough meaning and was more than 80% accurate.

If he learned Yangos's mental energy communication, he wouldn't need to know the language. But Ye Zhongming was human and couldn't grasp that ability. It was already amazing that he could guess it accurately.

That guy was roughly asking who Ye Zhongming was and if he was from a certain place.

Ye Zhongming didn't understand what that place was; it should be the place's name.

Ye Zhongming didn't know if he was referring to Earth, so he didn't know how to reply.

During these two hours, he knew the pronunciation of their names and remembered many phrases. He even understood the grammar of their words. He thought about it and decided to learn their language, to understand where this place was, and then find a way out.

There was no sun; it was just a blue sky. Ye Zhongming sighed.

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“This is called Heima.”

There was no difference between day and night, so Ye Zhongming could only use the Earth’s 24-hour system to record time here.

After two days, he grasped the language. Apart from specific words like Heima, he could communicate freely with these people.

These six people were shocked by his language-learning ability.

After grasping the language, he learned more information. But the more he learned, the more he noticed that he didn’t know where this was. His heart sank.

Apart from that, he realised a problem.

His equipment was ineffective here. Apart from space equipment that could be used, the other items from the wheel were useless.

He had changed into a leather armor. Apart from his short hair, lack of ear holes, and shorter hands, he was the same as the others.

This was called Ripple-side Freedom. To Ye Zhongming, this should be a country name. Apart from that, there was Sky Plain, Endless Wilderness, Magnetism Hill, etc places, which were various provinces of this country.

Of course, Ye Zhongming made these names up to make them sound more Earth-like.

They were located in Heima Valley. This was a huge wilderness. As there were bugs called Heima, they got this name.

These bugs weren't nice to eat and had no nutrition. There were many of them. Although they didn't often attack humans, that was not absolute. If you are injured, your scent will attract the Heima, and you will be attacked.

This lifeform meant that there weren't many cities here, there weren't even many camps.

But there were many special produce here. Some grass, herbs, and stones were unique to this area.

The Red Scarf Fruit was also one of the specialties.

Ye Zhongming also knew that there weren't crystals here. Humans had no evolution level, and they used special words to represent strength based on the strength of their bodies.

Ye Zhongming didn't care about this; he just wondered how to return to Earth, but these people had never heard of Earth. They have also never heard of crystals and universe races. After understanding this, Ye Zhongming felt like this place was cut off.

These people lived here for a long time, and even dynasties have ended and disappeared. Ye Zhongming was in despair.

But he knew that since he could be teleported here, there would be a way out. Under his hard work, he finally found some key information in some conversations!

Chapter 1349: No money

Looking at how Yindi hesitated and how the others wanted to say something, Ye Zhongming knew that his request put them in a spot.

“Do you have some difficulties?”

Yindi was the leader of the remaining six people. He was an explorer from one of the few cities in Limitless Wilderness- Yiliu City. The people beside him were his good friends, and they were all explorers. They formed a fixed exploration squad.

Like any place with lifeforms, Yiliu City was a place with levels and classes.

There was a city committee, a strong explorer alliance, and powerful nobles and craftsmen.

People like Yindi weren't the lowest class in Yiliu City, but they weren't even average. They were slightly better than beggars and coolies.

This time, they came here to get the Red Scarf Fruit. These fruits were very useful. After using them, they could help youngsters turn into explorers and were similar to a one-star potion. If explorers used them, they could strengthen their abilities—the older the fruit, the better the effect.

But these older fruits were at the center of the Red Scarf Tree's crown, where its highest point was. Ordinary adventures had no way of getting them.

Yindi and his exploration squad did not gain anything and even lost a member.

"Yi, the border you want to go to is very far away. You can't get there by walking. Any other way there needs a lot of money, but we..."

Yindi was embarrassed, which shocked Ye Zhongming.

This... Didn't have much to do with him? Why would he feel sad because of how poor he was? Did he want to pay for Ye Zhongming?

"I think you misunderstood; I will settle the money." Ye Zhongming explained. He felt better about these few people. At the same time, he was impressed. Although it wasn't the apocalypse here, these people treated someone that they met a short while ago as a friend, which made it hard for them to have a competitive advantage.

“Ah?” Yindi was stunned. He coughed, “Actually, we can do some missions to earn some money. That would be enough.”

He was afraid Ye Zhongming would disagree and said hurriedly, “You don’t need to do much. Just do what our dead ally did. Work together, and we will definitely earn money.”

Ye Zhongming blinked and suddenly felt he was too innocent.

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Ye Zhongming liked Heima Valley's environment. There were various beautifully shaped wrongs here. Half was water, and the other half was a salt lake. There were big plants, many bushes, and also the tall Red Scarf Trees.

Red Scarf Trees weren’t rare here, but most were connected. After falling to the ground, their leaves and fruits decomposed, turning into unique decomposing soil.

Heima loved this environment. Those Bug Turrets formed after the bugs attached to the fallen leaves.

One could say that the Heima gathered near the trees. Anyone who entered would be attacked.

Now, Yindi was rumbling on. He didn't expect Ye Zhongming to want to get the fruits.

"Ye, although we found a place with only three trees, they are mature, and their crowns are huge. There are many Heima. The few of us failed once, and it won't be any different even if we go again. I know you lack money and need to head to the border, but if you lose your life, everything will be gone."

Ye Zhongming smiled, "Why did you select the Red Scarf fruits?"

"They are valuable."

"What Yaqin said might not be right, but with our ability, the most valuable thing we can get are these fruits. The rare materials or stones and even the famous Heima Emperor are not things we can touch."

The two female members were usually in charge of buying and selling intel, so they were knowledgeable about this. The second female was called Lanjin and was the second strongest behind Yindi.

"Since it is the most valuable, of course, we want to get them."

Ye Zhongming shrugged confidently.

"But we need a lot of preparation, like the carpet to hide our aura. Like the bug removal liquid. We have nothing, and it is impossible to get the fruits."

A male member didn't have Yindi's good temper. He didn't understand why the captain would care about this person whose background was unknown. Was it just because he looked good? Moreover, this person was not from their race.

He also didn't understand why the captain wanted to follow this guy when he wanted to get the fruits. It was better to let him die on his own.

Ye Zhongming ignored that person. This was normal. Yindi's reaction was not.

He stared at his member. Yindi wanted to continue, but he noticed that this person had sped up. The others looked at each other, and when they stopped, Ye Zhongming was far away. They still decided to keep up and take a look.

The group wasn't too far away, and quickly returned to where they met. The three trees were nearby.

"They will notice you when you get into range of their crown. The bug turrets will appear, and it is impossible to get in." Yindi tried to stop Ye Zhongming, "Haiz, we noticed that the first time we explored this area and thought it would be easier with only three trees; who knew... Seemed like we overestimated ourselves."

"Ye." Yindi said and looked at Ye Zhongming, "We have said so much so that you don't lose your life for nothing."

Yindi's voice got softer and softer and those last few words couldn't be heard.

He saw two giant white lifeforms appear above Ye Zhongming's head!

Chapter 1350: First step

All wheel equipment was useless here, but space equipment could be used.

Although the Demon Nurturing Bee Hive was wheel equipment, it was also space-type. Although it lost its ability to nurture and hatch mutated lifeforms, it could be opened.

The two ice birds were released.

Before this, Ye Zhongming had received the two birds' desire to come out. When he arrived, the two fellows wanted to get out as they noticed food.

They loved to eat.

Ye Zhongming was initially unsure of what they wanted to eat as he was in a foreign environment. But he then confirmed that they wanted to eat the Heima.

Equipment couldn't be used, skills couldn't. He could only use his strong body, so he had to be careful. Since the ice birds decided to eat the bugs, he shall let them try first.

Yindi's team suddenly saw two ice birds appear and were shocked. The ice birds were level-seven pets, and the aura they gave off wasn't something the three-star equivalent explorers could compare to. They didn't know how strong the two birds were; they were much stronger than them.

Immediately, their gazes toward Ye Zhongming changed. No wonder Ye Zhongming dared to come here; he had something to rely on. What they didn't understand was where the two beautiful birds came from.

The ice birds circled in the sky. Although they craved the things in the soil, they didn't lose their minds. They looked around, and after not noticing any dangers, they looked at those leaves. They then looked at their master.

Ye Zhongming thought about it and told them to get into the range of the three trees.

The two ice birds flew in. Not only did they enter the range, but they also flew into the center location.

This caused Yindi's team to exclaim.

"Ye, make them come back! That place is dangerous. Those Heima have strong biting abilities, and they can fly!"

Lanjin pulled Ye Zhongming. She didn't want the two ice birds to die.

In her heart, if they had these two fellows, they could complete many other missions to earn money. But they won't do much here. The number of Heima here was too many and too dangerous.

Ye Zhongming smiled and didn't reply. He communicated with the ice birds.

The two fellows chirped at him confidently.

The bug turrets appeared. There were many of them, and they were all very tall. They couldn't compare to those appearing when Yindi's squad entered.

When they saw such scenes, their expressions worsened. Now, they knew they were lucky that only one of them had died. These bugs didn't even respect them previously.

"Should we help?"

Yindi gulped. Although his trembling body exposed the fear in his heart, he still suggested.

Ye Zhongming shook his head and felt that Yindi was a nice person.

The ice birds were excited when they saw so many bug turrets. They glanced at the ground, and after circling, they dove down.

At the same time, some bug turrets exploded. Many patches of bugs flew into the sky to attack the two birds.

Yindi's squad was nervous. They didn't even dare to look. They had heard stories of strong explorers being drowned by the bugs.

What happened shocked them.

The two ice birds were not only unafraid, but they continued forward and charged into the bugs. The sharp beaks moved left and right, swallowing many bugs.

Surprise appeared on everyone's faces. Even if they weren't used to Ye Zhongming, they didn't want the two battle beasts to die here.

But surprise was only surprise; they were still serious. Some bugs had landed on the two birds.

Heima were known for their biting abilities!

At least in the various territories of this country, nothing could defend against its terrifying ability.

But quickly, the bugs that landed on the two ice birds started falling onto the ground.

This was far from the core area. The Yindi squad couldn't see clearly, but Ye Zhongming could. The bugs all froze to death.

Through this short observation, Ye Zhongming learned the stats of these bugs.

They didn't have strong solo strength and had no defense at all. But there were many of them. Just this small region had a numbing number of bugs. Also, they had sharp teeth. Ye Zhongming noticed that even if they couldn't bear the low temperature and froze to death immediately, they still bit the ice bird's feathers before they died.

Ye Zhongming knew how strong the defense of the two level-seven beasts was. Those bites were able to leave small marks.

In just a short while, the ice birds felt a threat. They flew back up, reducing the number of bugs around.

Ye Zhongming was hesitating. If the ice birds' abilities couldn't be used here, they could only rely on their bodies. Facing so many bugs, their situation won't be good.

The birds were furious. They flapped their wings and blew many bugs away that were on them. They then spat out batches of ice mist.

Ye Zhongming was stunned. They could actually use their abilities!

This restriction was only on him.

The ice mist was very cold and covered a big area. Many patches of bugs were frozen and fell like raindrops. The sky was cleared.

Ye Zhongming whistled and pointed to the ground. The two ice birds flew again to the crown. Each would break a branch and fly back with it.

Those bugs didn't give up and tried to intercept, but the ice birds were quick. Their defense couldn't be broken in a short time. Along with the cold wind, although they spent some time, the ice birds returned to Ye Zhongming's side safely.

Yindi's team was stunned. They didn't expect someone to complete an operation that they had lost a member in, so easily.

"Quick, count how many fruits there are!"

Yindi rubbed his hands and looked at the branches with many fruits. His face flushed red.

Ye Zhongming looked at the tempting fruits and knew that he had taken his first step towards getting back.