

Apocalypse 1366

Chapter 1366: Collapse

The committee head led them back to the headquarters. Over the years, this majestic building has been renovated and expanded and has become the city's symbol.

Having a spot in this place meant that you controlled this city.

Committee heads loved working here and would choose to be at the top of this building. This was the city's highest point, and they could see everything. That could probably let them feel the beauty of power.

This committee head was no exception.

When he sat on the comfortable chair and looked at the scenes of the city that hadn't changed in a long time but still made him relaxed, his depressed feeling felt slightly better.

The outsider had fled. This was very bad as committee members would attack him. The citizens would also doubt his rule.

But when he was thinking about how serious this matter was, a few solutions appeared in his mind. This made him think that the situation wasn't so bad. With his control of this city, he could resolve the influence that this had caused, in a short time.

He thought about it and got up from his seat. He walked to the subordinate waiting silently and ordered, "Pass my orders, let... Changlai organise a chasing squad of a hundred to find the outsider. Tell him that it is best if he can kill him; if not, prevent that guy from sneaking in. Also, tell the black envoys to be more wary. The defense on the headquarters has to be tight."

The subordinate nodded and expressed that he remembered what to say.

"Right, tell the commander to get here; I have something to ask him." The committee head felt that after this incident, the city guard boss who had been maintaining a neutral stance, would express loyalty to him.

"Also..."

The committee head suddenly stopped. He tried to sense it and had a suspicious expression on his face.

"Head, what happened?"

The head shook. He touched the wound on his face that had already healed and felt that he was not in a good state today, which resulted in him hallucinating.

"Also, tell the city guards to investigate the explorer team that helped the outsider. Find out where they were and confirm where the outsider appeared. Record this in the records."

Every city in the territory would pay attention to outsiders.

“Head, should we... Send this matter up?”

The subordinate hesitated before asking his boss.

The committee head had power, but the Freedom Territory members were above him. That was this area’s most powerful organisation. Black envoys were said to be led by the city committee, but they actually belonged to Freedom Territory. A part of their salary came from them.

Black envoys had mysterious investigators. No one knew who they were, and if something happened in the city, these investigators would report it to the Freedom Territory committee.

This huge commotion would be no exception, and it would be impossible to hide.

The head frowned. Reporting to the head was a problematic thing. If the investigator made it a huge issue, they would definitely ask him to take responsibility, and he might even lose his job.

“How about this, let’s write...”

The head said another half-sentence and stopped. This time, his expression changed from suspicion to shock.

“Did you sense something shaking?”

The head felt it, but there was nothing again. He didn't think it was a mistake and asked his subordinate for his thoughts.

However, the subordinate was lost and didn't know what the committee head was saying.

The head came to the window and looked at the city. He was too familiar with the scenery. Even if there were a small change, he would notice it. But he looked around and didn't notice any difference.

Was it a mistake?

The head didn't move and said nothing. As a top expert, he believed in himself. He closed his eyes and sensed. When his subordinate wanted to say something, he waved and interrupted him.

Moments later, the slight shaking spread.

This time, the head was very sure that he was right. The entire structure shook. It was very light, but it did move!

“Quick, head down to look at what is causing this. Are people fighting in the headquarters?”

The head didn't overthink. He guessed that this was the most probable cause. Experts were fighting, and their force struck some buildings.

Not long after the subordinate headed out, the fourth shake spread. This time, the head felt that the shaking was even more serious.

"Damn, who is causing trouble here?"

The head walked out of the door. He wanted to see who was fighting and even getting closer and closer. Did that outsider return?

But he didn't see anyone when he walked to the first floor. He bumped into his confused subordinate in the hall.

"Did you notice anything?" The head asked.

"Nothing happened!" The subordinate was confused.

He was about to call him trash when another tremor spread.

This time, not only did the head sense it, but other explorers did, too.

There were no earthquakes in this world, so many people didn't understand what was going on. They didn't know where the tremor came from.

Then, there was another. This time, it was even more obvious!

People in the city walked out and got onto the streets to ask each other what had happened.

Another tremor... Then, another...

People in Scarbi City started to panic as the tremors got more and more intense.

Experts and ordinary people did not have any answers.

Until...

A new tremor spread, shaking the entire city. A giant voice spread from a part of the city, and many people headed to taller buildings to investigate. They saw a part of the city actually collapsing!

"That outsider! He is slicing the pillars!"

Some people finally guessed.

They couldn't be blamed for reacting so slowly. No one realised that the tough pillars would be destroyed.

City guards and black envoys surged from all parts of the city. Each pillar had an attack platform, where poison, stones, and arrows were waiting. When they got there, they could attack the outsider!

But as they reached those defensive positions, the shaking didn't stop. More parts started to collapse, and many people fell from these spots, becoming meat paste.

Experts, including the head, were rushing. They needed to exit the city in case any accidents happened.

A small range collapse became a large area as more pillars were broken and chain reactions were caused. This apocalyptic chaos continued until...

There was a giant rumbling, and the city tilted uncontrollably, then... The city collapsed!

Scarbi City became a part of history at that moment!

Chapter 1367: Border

People in Scarbi City never thought there would be a day when they would fall from the city their ancestors had lived into the ground in Heima Valley.

This was also a freefall.

This method caused most people in the city to lose their lives.

Even if they didn't die from the height, they wouldn't be able to escape from the buildings falling from above. Instantly, the city turned into one of death.

Only those stronger and lucky ones survived this calamity.

But the number... In a city with millions, only 1-2% could survive.

Even if you were lucky not to die, each of them was injured.

Many people couldn't move. Compared to those who were meatpaste, most of them could only breathe.

In the ruins, the bricks burst open, and the head jumped. He shouted randomly.

He was about to go crazy.

He was high above previously and controlled the life and death of the entire city. But he wasn't an emperor. He was just the Scarbi City spokesperson.

With this city, he would be a leader in Freedom Territory. Without the city, he was nothing.

Maybe some committee members and nobles were willing to hire him to become a guard.

When one went through such highs and lows in a day, this hit sent this head into a frenzy.

But he was an expert. He shouted to vent his anger. Suddenly, he sensed something weird around. He looked and saw the outsider who nearly killed him and had just turned Scarbi City into ruins. The outsider was a dozen meters from him.

"I, I want to, kill you!"

This outsider destroyed everything. His eyes were red, and he charged at Ye Zhongming.

The head had so much help previously and failed to stop Ye Zhongming. Ye Zhongming even sliced his face and nearly killed him. Now, when he was so emotional, and his body was injured from the fall, he was not a match. After half a minute, the weaponless Ye Zhongming punched him.

In such a battle, a punch or kick was enough to injure badly. After the head was hit, many of his bones were broken.

He knelt on the ground with one knee and held the injured part. He wiped the blood on his face and roared unwillingly.

This time, he was knocked down quickly. His hand was twisted, and the broken bone stuck out from his arm. His legs were also broken. Ye Zhongming shattered his knees so that he couldn't stand.

Ye Zhongming looked at him. The ice birds in the sky landed and grabbed his leather armor to lift him into the air.

"Why are you not killing me? Why don't you kill me?"

The head lay on the ground and roared at Ye Zhongming.

He knew that he was handicapped. Even if he had a strong body and his arms could heal, his knees couldn't. For someone that always had a high position, this felt worse than killing him.

He wanted to die in battle.

"I just didn't kill you personally."

Ye Zhongming said coldly which stunned the head.

What did he mean?

But he understood immediately. He saw numerous bugs climbing from the ruins and eating the feast that fell from the sky. The flesh and blood of millions would make these lifeforms happy for a long time.

When the flood of Heima drowned the head, he was smiling. That was a smile of despair.

.....

Estimating using Earth time, Ye Zhongming appeared in a spot after three days. He wasn't in a good state. He bit some meat jerky stored in his space and rested on a giant stone. The Bug Emperor Honey was placed by his leg, and its fragrance could increase his body quality.

Ye Zhongming's leather armor was tattered, and there were many holes that revealed his arm and even his neck. But most of his injuries weren't too serious and had closed. Some lighter injuries were left with some marks.

The two ice birds weren't in a good state, too. Their feathers were all tattered. They went from beautiful kings to bald chickens.

Be it the ice birds or him, they were still feeling good.

Ye Zhongming was in a good state because he collected many Red Scarf Fruits along the way. With the ice bird's help, the fruits filled his entire space. He carried a big bag filled with materials in this area.

As there were too many, Ye Zhongming was forced to throw fruits that were less than four rings of age.

He also ate many. At this point, his body started forming antibodies. Apart from the old and precious fruits, the weaker ones couldn't help increase his body's strength.

As compared to when he entered, Ye Zhongming was much stronger.

The ice birds were good because they found what they loved eating. The heima were natural food for them. After their feasts, they were showing signs of evolving.

Ye Zhongming saw this problem. When they collected Red Scarf Fruits, he specifically searched for the Heima Emperor so that he could bring it to Earth to reproduce and provide food for the ice birds.

They were in such a bad state because they tried to get a Heima Emperor. They took a risk and nearly lost their lives to take a second Bug Emperor Honey.

They had the fruits, the Bug Emperor, and the honey. All that remained was to leave this place.

Ye Zhongming's goal was the border. In the records, this was where most outsiders came from. Ye Zhongming's spot was also here.

This place had the highest chance of giving him an answer.

He rested for a while and kept the honey. He led the two ice birds on the path. After half a day, he finally saw the border that Yindi's team had mentioned.

But he raised his head and looked before swallowing his saliva.

He saw something that filled him with disbelief.

Chapter 1368: Unrest Season

The border wasn't a cliff and not a thick mist. It wasn't a space gate with ravaging energy.

It just looked like an ordinary rock.

But these rocks looked too similar, or rather, they were all the same. There were many circular holes that were very orderly, looking like many horns.

This border looked man-made.

Ye Zhongming couldn't imagine someone trapping people from the Freedom Territory here.

These people didn't try to break the restraints here to see the outside world.

Ye Zhongming didn't believe the octopus limb-like border was natural.

He observed it for some time and confirmed that nothing would happen before he placed his hand on it. He touched and hoped to find a clue.

It was tough, rough, and not cold.

Ye Zhongming frowned as he stood under the border.

This stone thing was weird because it was man-made. The stone wasn't cold but warm, and it was so high that you couldn't see the end.

But although it was weird, he couldn't find any reason why it was the case.

Ye Zhongming could only walk along the border to find anything that could help or give him hints.

The more he walked, the more shocked he was.

It had no end, and the height had no end either. The bottom connected to the ground was smooth and clean with no moss-like lifeforms.

This didn't make sense in the food chain.

It was as if... Someone was cleaning and wiping this every day.

But no one would do that. There probably weren't many in the territory that held such a job.

After half an hour, Ye Zhongming saw no difference.

He stopped and sat on the spot.

Apart from despair, there was no point in continuing forward.

He took the Bug Emperor Honey out and forced himself to cultivate to calm down. He released the two ice birds and allowed them to fly upwards to see if the barrier was truly endless.

After a day, the ice birds returned, tired. They told him they hadn't found the end.

Ye Zhongming's last bit of hope was gone.

He stood up, took out Wind and Lightning, and sliced toward the wall.

Spears flew. The weapon, which was extremely sharp and could even slice the crystal pillars that supported Scarbi City, could not do anything to this stone.

Ye Zhongming was defeated and sat down.

To be honest, he had never felt so much despair since reviving. It might be tough and dangerous on Earth or in the Secret Realm, and he might die.

But he was always pumped and confident that he could fight his way out.

But now, he lost his sense of direction.

He couldn't cross the border. This was the only way he thought of getting out of this space. If it didn't work, how would he get back?

Was he really going to grow old here like the other outsiders?

He was in a bad mood. Fortunately, he had lived two lives. He adjusted himself and read the diary.

He recorded the many marks that Lanjin translated. He knew what they meant even if he didn't understand the words on the mark.

He only paid attention to the outsider information. This time, he read it carefully.

He actually found some other records.

It would occasionally mention a phrase.

Unrest Season.

Ye Zhongming didn't know what it meant, but from how it was used, it meant that the space would shake every period of time. It would form an attraction that would absorb some power from everyone's body. Everyone would become weak, and the time it took to recover would differ for different people.

The Unrest Season only worked on humans. The other lifeforms were not affected.

This special and weird season became everyone's nightmare. Explorers would hide in the city, and when this period of weakness occurred, lifeforms would attack the city.

Many cities were broken in history just like that.

There wasn't much information about Unrest Season, and it mostly recorded how confused people were. Of course, Ye Zhongming might not have fully recorded Lanjin's translations of this.

Unrest Season had a cycle. Although it wasn't very accurate, there was a rough time.

Ye Zhongming calculated it and saw that it was about to arrive. In Earth days, it should arrive within two to twenty days.

No wonder the explorers were walking toward the inner parts of the valley. Should he find a place to hide?

Ye Zhongming calculated and gave up. With his speed, to head to another city before Unrest Season comes, was not possible. Since that was the case, why not stay here? Anyway, the Unrest Season didn't affect the two ice birds. Even if he was weak, they could protect him.

He couldn't find a way back, so he could only cultivate here and wait for an opportunity.

Three days passed, and the Unrest Season came on the fourth day.

Ye Zhongming was caught off guard and was controlled by this attraction.

A mysterious power was absorbing his energy. This absorption came from the border wall behind him!

This attraction made him feel bad as if his body was about to rip open. But he didn't feel any rage or unhappiness. Instead, he couldn't hide his excitement.

He felt like he had found a way back!

When the Unrest Season came, the border wall became much softer, as if it had come alive. The holes were giving off some energy, which was that attraction!

The attraction of the Unrest Season came from the border wall!

Ye Zhongming guessed that the people of the Freedom Territory knew about this; they just didn't record it in the diary, which was why he didn't know.

No matter what, the border wall that was so tough that he couldn't do anything to it, seemed to be... Breakable!

Chapter 1369: Breaking pillar

Wind and Lightning sliced onto the border.

Ye Zhongming was feeling very bad. He couldn't resist the attraction from the stone wall. As he was close, he was badly affected. His energy was flying away, and he felt his body would rip apart each time he moved.

But he bit his teeth and persisted. Ye Zhongming wanted to see if this was his chance to escape!

Wind and lightning gave a familiar feeling. Ye Zhongming was delighted, as it felt like the target was breaking apart. As expected, he could break the soft border.

Ye Zhongming started to slice that area like a madman. He knew that each second that passed meant that his strength would reduce. This slicing would become tougher, so this was the best chance to use strength.

Wind and Lightning sliced at the same spot each second, and the hole deepened.

Ye Zhongming attacked the area between two holes as he felt it was softer.

Things weren't very smooth. After a few minutes, he felt weak. The depth that each sword could hit was reduced. Although the border became soft, it was relative. It was still very tough. Ye Zhongming's most powerful first slash only sliced a few dozen centimeters.

Anxiousness made Ye Zhongming's eyes turn red.

Unrest Season didn't last very long. Not to mention the energy that would be absorbed from Ye Zhongming, if he didn't break the wall now, he might be unable to get out in this life.

But the powerlessness reduced the hope of getting out. Was he going to end this life like this?

He threw a few seeds and then a pile of black soil.

He had no choice!

He threw Roselle Cedar, and the soil was Black Fertile Soil.

He wanted to use the power of life to break the meter-deep hole.

This was the only thing he could think of.

He tossed all the black fertile soil he had collected recently.

The roselle cedar seed started to sprout and grow.

Ye Zhongming finally saw some hope for the first time in these few days.

The few seeds started to sprout and have leaves. The plant that could form the Death King Tree had a strong life force. They met his expectations and started pushing the wound Ye Zhongming had caused.

Although the hole wasn't deep and some branches stretched outside the wall on Ye Zhongming's side, the branch continued to get thicker. Although it was tough, it was pushing the hole aside.

Ye Zhongming told the ice birds to fly above the hole and spray ice mist on the wall, which made the area crisper. This idea was effective, and the Roselle Cedar grew quickly.

Fertile soil, which was a country product, couldn't be underestimated. Even in the secret space with many restrictions, it still gave off shocking energy.

Even if Ye Zhongming could only hold his sword and stand on the side, the Roselle Cedar continued growing.

Ye Zhongming realised he had made a mistake. It was best to toss just one seed so the energy would be more focused. This tree would also grow quickly. Many seeds would split the energy.

But he couldn't care about so much. Ye Zhongming stared at the growing hole and waited...

Suddenly, he felt the space shift. The straight wall started to twist forward as if the sky was about to collapse.

The attraction stopped at that moment.

Ye Zhongming was anxious. The time wasn't enough, and the fertile soil's power wasn't extracted. The Roselle Cedar was not big enough, so the wall wasn't broken open.

He had various potions in his space. As long as they helped the body, he drank them all and then used Wind and Lightning to slice the wall that was getting harder...

The wall became harder and harder, and the growth of Roselle Cedar slowed. Ye Zhongming couldn't see the depth, but the wound was a few dozen meters wide. But as compared to the endless wall, it wasn't much.

Ye Zhongming's heart sank. Seemed like his attempt had failed.

Lost occupied his mind.

But his body moved, and he raised his hand in disbelief...

He felt something return to his body.

It was strength!

It wasn't stamina that was absorbed from him. He was still very weak. What returned was job, bloodline and equipment abilities.

He didn't hesitate. He pressed his hand on the Roselle Cedar and used Nurture. He used his ocean-like mental energy to inject into the tree.

The small sprout could push stone pieces aside; the tough Death King Tree could open the border.

Ye Zhongming's hand was kept on the Roselle Cedar. He didn't hold back on mental energy and would use it all.

This was the right way; it was the way out!

The entire space started to shake. Ye Zhongming sensed Heima, which should be underground, surging to the surface. In the distance, a very high-level Bug Emperor also left its nest. It shouted with all its energy as if it were burning its entire lifeforce. This terrified Ye Zhongming.

He was far weaker than that Bug Emperor.

Moments later, all of them headed toward Ye Zhongming.

They noticed the power that would destroy this entire space came from here!

Ye Zhongming bit his teeth. It was time to gamble luck.

He would live if he could break the space before the Bug Emperor and bunch of Heima arrived. If not, he would die!

What he didn't know was that all the nonhumans went crazy. They killed each other, and attacked humans and cities.

Human cities were destroyed in the huge earthquake, and many people died.

Behind him, the Bug Emperor showed itself, and ordinary Heima got on Ye Zhongming's body and bit his equipment. There was also the Roselle Cedar that continued to grow.

Ye Zhongming's mouth started to moan in pain, and the Bug Emperor gave out an ear-piercing scream.

The giant figure pounced, the sharp teeth charged at Ye Zhongming's back...

Death was so close.

At this moment, the space shook the most intensely. The wall started to collapse, and an eye-piercing light spread from the other side.

Ye Zhongming closed his eyes, and his mind went blank, falling into darkness.

The moment before he fell unconscious, he heard cries.

Chapter 1370: Captured after returning

When Ye Zhongming just woke up, his vision was slightly blurred. He sensed some warmth, so a heat source should be beside him.

But he closed his eyes shortly after as he sensed that his body was being tied.

This meant that he was captured when he was unconscious.

Since he wasn't dead, this meant that there was a chance. He acted as if unconscious and listened to the movement around to understand the situation.

There were sounds of people eating and drinking, but nobody spoke. He waited silently and also checked the condition of his body.

Before he fell unconscious, he injected mental energy into the Roselle Cedar and ignored everything. The Heima all bit him and covered him in pain.

Looking at him now, you would know that the defensive equipment was all useless. Those were all blue grade, and there were the shields from the two elemental elves. In just that short while, those small lifeforms sacrificed themselves to break Ye Zhongming's armor.

Naked parrots like his head and neck were badly hit, and some places showed white bones.

If not for Ye Zhongming's skin having a good defense, he would have died.

Of course, the most serious was the Bug Emperor's final strike. Ye Zhongming sensed sharp teeth stabbing into his body. But he then fell unconscious and didn't know what happened.

Now, he felt the pain in his chest. That hit nearly killed him.

Although he knew he was in his worst state since reviving, he was very calm.

He knew that he was back on Earth.

There was a familiar smell, familiar feeling, familiar power.

Everything had returned to normal.

Footsteps spread from afar, and they got close. The eating and drinking sounds stopped.

“Boss!”

“Brother Huo!”

“Second Uncle!”

These people greeted. This was obviously their leader.

“What happened?”

A low and steady male voice spread into Ye Zhongming’s ear.

“We are not sure.” A person two meters from Ye Zhongming said, “A few days ago, the animals in the forest went mad and messed up our camp. When a few of us were cleaning up, an explosion shocked us. We took a look and saw a weird fellow, but it was already dead. A huge hole was in its stomach, and a person lay beside it. This person is still unconscious.”

This person spoke clearly and described the situation. Not only did his boss understand, but Ye Zhongming understood, too.

That leader acknowledged. Ye Zhongming heard him walk two steps and observed the weird fellow's corpse.

"I have never seen such a lifeform; there are no demon crystals."

Ye Zhongming's heart jumped. No demon crystals? Was it the lifeform Red Hair had bumped into?

"Its skin is so hard?"

"Boss, don't you think that apart from horns, this thing looks like Alistar in League of Legends?"

"This is much thinner and weaker."

"The wound in its stomach looks like... It exploded from within."

"Boss! Stand far away. Look, what is that? It looks like a parasite!"

"Little Liu, can you calm down? This thing should be a dead plant lifeform. Which eye of yours sees that it is a parasite?"

“Ah? Haha, that is true.”

The few people surrounded the weird corpse and spoke. Ye Zhongming could guess the rough situation.

As these people described, Ye Zhongming was shocked. A thought appeared in his mind.

Was it...

He opened his eyes and saw that monster from the gap in the crowd.

Two meters long, with green-purple skin and similar limbs to humans, they were much stronger. Big hands and legs, each with only three fingers. Each finger was the size of a human's palm and had no sharp fingernail. Its mouth was opened wide, so it should have been screaming before it died.

This fellow without demon crystals did not look like it posed a threat.

Ye Zhongming wanted to see its open stomach to prove his guess, but those people blocked it, and he couldn't see anything.

“Yi, this person is awake!”

A person saw Ye Zhongming open his eyes and exclaimed. He immediately drew everyone's attention over.

"Can you speak?"

The boss walked over and looked at Ye Zhongming's ropes and at that terrifying wound that had not healed. The wariness in his eyes reduced.

The rope was specially made. They came from branches in the rainforest, and after modification, they became soft and tough. Without seven-star strength, you couldn't break free. Moreover, this person was so badly injured.

"Can..."

Ye Zhongming's voice was hoarse; anyone could tell how weak he was. Apart from his injuries, the Unrest Season was also a cause.

"You killed this fellow?"

Before Ye Zhongming replied, that person carried a bag from the side.

“Boss, we found these on him. I think this is weird, so I didn’t kill him.”

The boss acknowledged and praised his subordinate.

He took the bag and took things out.

Although the defensive equipment was mostly shattered, some, like the battle contribution badge, space equipment, and mental energy necklace, were okay.

These things had to hang on his body. As for the others, they were in his space.

Another equipment wasn’t kept, which was the Blood Stepping Boots.

Golden equipment can hide its glow. Unlike the battle contribution badge, which was exquisite and beautiful, it wasn’t noticed and taken.

“This is space equipment?”

This boss was knowledgeable. He didn’t know what the battle contribution badge was, but he recognised the space equipment.

This was good, but ordinary people couldn't get it.

"Who are you? Which faction do you belong to? Open the space!"

The boss's eyes were filled with greed.

Ye Zhongming coughed and smiled.