

## Apocalypse 1376

Chapter 1376: Non country region faction

“This is Deep Well Sweet Salt from Spirit Ocean Mine. It tastes good, and if you use it often, it can increase the sensitivity of your tastebuds.” A guy wearing blue-colored armor told his men to place plates of white powder on the table.

These plates weren't big, and there were only about a hundred grams of salt. However, the plate was exquisite, and many colorful fruits were placed around it, making the salt look delectable.

Moreover, other dishes were placed on the table, like white Star Grain Cake, fresh Carrot Fish pieces, and pieces of Light Reflecting Lamb meat sliced thinly. They were to be eaten with the salt.

After the salt was brought to the table, there were also many small jade boxes. There was a transparent glass cover over it; if you looked through it, you would see a finger-sized bug!

Many people were familiar with the Jade Marrow Pupa. One feature that made it popular was its sensitivity to poison. If it touched a bit of poison, its body would turn black. The stronger the poison, the darker it was.

So many evolved like to bring a few of these in case people poisoned them.

Seeing this, many people relaxed.

Life in the apocalypse wasn't worth money, but that didn't mean people didn't cherish their lives. On the contrary, stubbornness to live reached new heights in the apocalypse. Each person hoped that others would die and they would survive.

This person sat down with a smile. Seeing them use the pupa to test for poison and start to eat, with surprised looks on their faces, this person felt proud.

"Of course, the most important thing isn't the change in tastebuds, but..." This person whetted everyone's appetite before continuing, "Increase poison resistance."

This shocked everyone. This could increase poison resistance?

Simple three words that were very important to evolved.

Actually, be it mutated lifeforms or mutated plants, their bodies had some poison. After evolved ate them, the poison would enter their bodies. It might not show anything, but it would slightly harm your body. When you evolved to the next level, most poison would be removed from the body, but before that, they would remain.

Thus, the poison would affect evolved's reaction speed, stamina, senses, etc. If you didn't evolve for a long time, you would gather more poison, and the effects would increase.

Of course, when it reached a certain amount, the evolved would fall sick. Although this wasn't common, there were such cases.

Falling sick in the apocalypse often meant death. Losing abilities, even if it was for a short time, was a terrifying thing.

If you could increase your poison resistance, it would allow your body to handle the poison to the next evolution. It might also reduce or eliminate the poison's effects.

Many people fell in love with the salt, and it tasted amazing.

"If you like them and want to collect some of them, you can find me. Our Pool Abyss Lab welcomes everyone."

Everyone heard those words and memorised them. If the price was suitable, eating some salt often was doable.

Someone stood up immediately after. Everyone looked, and this was a white person with red hair.

Many people frowned.

The person who spoke fluent Chinese to sell the salt wasn't from the country; he came from a North Korean lab at the border. The following person to speak came from Russia.

Apart from them, there were a few factions from Canada and Central Asia who had labs.

Some of the people didn't care about these people, but most of them felt uncomfortable.

Thousand Beast Villa didn't mention they would invite foreigners. Although it was the apocalypse and the concept of countries was blurred, people still grew up with patriotic values. It meant that they weren't willing to have any connection and dealings with these people, especially when they were going to study level nine lifeforms.

Thus, many people were unhappy with Thousand Beast Villa.

But, the fame of being able to kill a level nine lifeform was huge. What they saw and witnessed since entering forced these factions to back down as Thousand Beast Villa was too strong.

This Russian's item was a jerky.

This thing was more direct and rough than the salt from the North Korean Lab. He bundled and split them for the various evolved around the table.

"This is the Berserk Bear jerky that is unique to our land. After eating, your body will enter a berserk state. This state can last a long time, but you must eat this jerky daily. There are no side effects, but your temper would be bad."

The guy smiled, "Whose temper is good in the apocalypse."

Hearing the guy say that, many people were interested and asked what kind of effects that berserk state had.

“After we observed for some time, it can increase your abilities by 5%. The Brown Bear Jerky can increase by 7%. If you use the polar bear jerky, it would be by 10%.”

The moment the stats were mentioned, it caused an uproar. 5-10%? This was an exaggerated number. The jerky could increase one’s strength by so much?

How long would it take for the effects to be shown?

A female voice caused everyone to quiet down.

This voice came from the left. A few dozen tables there occupied a huge amount of space. There weren’t many behind each table but there were more attendants here. The delicacies on the table were even more than the people on the right.

But no one had a problem as those were the top factions.

The person who asked was one of Five Ring Money’s heads, Deacon Water.

“Er... It will take three days to slowly show the effect.” The Russian was slightly awkward.

“Slowly? How long to fully show the effects?” Deacon Water continued.

“It would take five days.”

Chapter 1377: Hit before arriving

Deacon Water smiled, drank the wine, and stopped talking.

The others weren't fools, and their interest in the jerky dropped.

You had to eat it for three days for there to be any effects and five days for it to show fully. What did this mean? It meant you couldn't eat it when you faced dangers and had to eat it in advance. After eating, you couldn't stop. You had to use it for a long time and purchase it from the Russians.

Was it good? It was. 10% increase in strength was a very good number.

But in the apocalypse... Dangers occurred suddenly. The jerky was useless against such things that would happen at any time. Even if you used them in advance, you had to eat them for at least five days and then another five before your next operation. That would be problematic. You would rather prepare some berserk potion that you could use instantly. Although there would be side effects, it would happen instantly and would increase your strength more.

Also, even if you planned an operation and could eat this in advance, why not buy equipment? It would be a one-time-use, and you would benefit permanently. After all, the jerky's increase in strength didn't belong to you, and it would disappear if you stopped eating.

Anyways, Deacon Water's words made everyone realise a fact... This thing had low value.

This Russian was awkward, but as this place wasn't their territory, he had no confidence to fight back. He could only mutter, "The price is reasonable, very reasonable. It won't cost much."

But no matter what he said, most people stopped caring about him.

After the feast, there would definitely be people still interested in this. Even people like Deacon Water, who said the jerky was not nice, would send people over. After all, this could act as a backup for potions and equipment. But the Russian would definitely be treated coldly on the feast.

However, with two foreign factions showing their tech, even if they were just food, many people from the country felt uncomfortable as they stole the show.

The Russian's mutated bear jerky was decent; if not, they wouldn't have sold it. But the sharpness of the Chinese meant that his sales attempt failed.

"This... Beautiful..."

A person with a weird tone stood up—another foreigner. This caused many people to look unhappily at the guy at the helm.

Was today specifically for foreign factions and labs to promote their products?

Li Daqian felt uncomfortable. He looked at his allies like Pin Palace's boss, the elder called Mr Wen. The outside factions came to Thousand Beast Villa through him.

Li Daqian wouldn't agree if it were anyone else, but he knew Mr Wen before the apocalypse, and they were close. Mr Wen even helped him to kill the level nine lifeform so he couldn't reject his friend's request.

But obviously, the Chinese were unhappy that the foreigners came to promote their products, treating them as fools with a lot of money. As the host and person who gathered everyone, it looked back.

He looked at Mr Wen and wanted him to stop them.

But Mr Wen smiled and didn't reply, which made him feel helpless.

"It is the apocalypse, and we should toss aside some old ideals. I think this is a great chance to unify the world. I know it will take a long time, but we should work for it!

The outsider's words caused many people to roll their eyes.

This outsider's tone changed, and he took out a small bottle. It was very exquisite and gave off a stunning light.

“This is the new product from our Arabian Lab. It is for females, and after using it, you will look younger, and it would raise the strength of female skills.”

The guy was confident, “Ladies, have a look. This thing is very popular in our country but because of our friendship and to draw the world closer, we took it here to show our sincerity.”

“Of course, this drink is very precious, and it would be expensive. But believe us, this is near cost price.”

This person walked towards Deacon Water and said gentlemanly, “If possible, I hope to spend the night with this beautiful woman.”

The moment he said that, everyone was in an uproar.

Who was Deacon Water? One of Five Ring Money’s heads who had just reached level eight. Five Ring Money was said to have two eight-star evolved like Cloud Peak. You actually said you wanted to spend the night with such a head?

Even if you wanted to flirt, you needed to see who the target was, right? Apart from Deacon Water’s ability, which she was famous for, she was also known to not fall for guys. Few people dared to behave that way before her, so what was this outsider saying?

Deacon Water smiled, but her gaze became sharp.

“Chasing beauties is an instinct, right? I am willing to give the beautiful Deacon Water two bottles of this. If you have such good things here, you can use it too. Everyone can compete fairly. If you don’t have such a thing, respect my right to chase her!”

Everyone listened, and it did make sense. He was not forcing her and was just asking. He was even willing to pay a high price; she could just reject him if she didn’t want to.

This was the apocalypse, and the reasons didn’t matter. If this were some place else, the Chinese would have killed him. But today was different. They had to give Thousand Beast Villa face so no one knew what to say.

Deacon Water smiled.

She was beautiful, and that smile caused everyone to be tempted.

“That makes sense.”

A sentence stunned everyone, and that outsider was delighted.

“But you aren’t the only one using this way to chase me, so it is hard for me to decide.” Deacon Water sat there calmly and just looked at the outsider, “Why not you two compete? I will take what he gave me to compete with you... Strength Liquid. How about we compete?”

“Look, this is what my admirer. Everyone might know him; he is Cloud Peak’s Ye Zhongming. This is what he gave me.”

She waved, and a beautiful thing was placed on the table.

Chapter 1378: Ning God Water Chariot

This...

Many people stretched their necks to look at her table and wanted to know what Cloud Peak’s boss gave her.

Also, was Cloud Peak’s Ye Zhongming chasing Deacon Water?

This was big news. If the two of them got together, how would these two factions exist? Would Cloud Peak join Five Ring Money, or would Five Ring Money belong to Cloud Peak? Or would Deacon Water bring her branch and join Ye Zhongming?

This outsider didn’t expect Deacon Water’s few words to turn his request into a comparison with someone else.

He was left with no choice. He used his rights to chase beautiful people, so the Chinese people couldn’t do much to him. Now, what she did also meant that he couldn’t say anything.

Although he was unhappy, he was still confident in his liquid. This item was first-rate in their lab, but it was not on the same level as the jerky or salt.

He didn't believe that the Chinese had anything better than the liquid.

Before the apocalypse, their technology levels weren't high, so it was even worse now. He was confident that this was the case.

"Deacon Water, what is that?"

Li Daqian was not interested in Ye Zhongming chasing Deacon Water. The apocalypse was an era where people cared more about interests than peacetime. He didn't believe that a leader from one of the top ten factions of the country would make an irrational decision because of the relationship. The people around her would also push their own interests and the organization's interests forward.

Although they were powerful at Ye Zhongming and Deacon Water's level, their decisions would be accepted only if they didn't hurt the organization's interests. If not, their decisions would still be opposed.

What he cared about was what Deacon Water took out. He sensed true energy from it.

Be it the salt, mutated bear jerky, or that liquid, he didn't sense such a stable energy fluctuation.

Deacon Water smiled, "This is called-- Ning God Water Chariot."

Everyone heard that name and waited to find out what it did.

“Let me give a demonstration.”

Deacon Water took something from her space. It was a square box. After opening, she picked out a purple flower.

She asked for some water and poured it into the chariot.

As Deacon Water performed those actions, everyone saw a 50- to 60-centimeter crystal water chariot. On the side, a girl was hugging a water vase. When water was poured in, Deacon Water placed a demon crystal at the bottom...

Many people took a deep breath and thought about Cloud Peak’s most revolutionary equipment-- Crystal Weapon.

Was this the new crystal weapon Cloud Peak crafted?

Everyone knew about Cloud Peak’s three treasures: high-level equipment, crystal weapons, and gene lifeforms. But of the three, only equipment leaked. Only some factions closer to Cloud Peak managed to get crystal weapons and gene lifeforms. For example, those from Ying City, Five Ring Money, and Cannibal Chains who only got the items that Cloud Peak had eliminated.

Did Ye Zhongming really gift Deacon Water a top equipment because he wanted to chase her?

After placing the crystal, it triggered a mechanism that caused the chariot to activate. Water overflowed from the vase, dripping into the pool. Through the water passage between the pool and the statue, it reentered the water bottle and formed a cycle.

The flower Deacon Water had placed floated to the surface but didn't fall out from the vase.

People close to it were impressed by the design. Although such a thing could be done during peacetime, in the apocalypse, many people felt refreshed to see such pure art.

But their expressions changed immediately, and they looked suspiciously at the water chariot.

They sensed something different.

People who were annoyed at the foreigners showing off their items felt much calmer. Their bodies also felt very relaxed, and there was also some fragrance.

The people who Thousand Beast Villa invited were either very strong or had good technologies. These were knowledgeable people. The moment the Water Chariot started running, they noticed something different. Apart from calming them, it also helped in some areas. However, they couldn't pinpoint exactly what areas in a short time.

“Eh?” Someone exclaimed.

“My skill cooldown was reduced by a little, and I can use it now.”

Each person memorised their skill cooldown, which was often accurate. This person’s skill cooldown was nearly up, so now that he could use it, he was very shocked.

“It has three uses.” Deacon Water smiled, “First and the most obvious one, which is to calm everyone down.”

“The second one, as what that person has said, reduces cooldown. The third, actually, some people will notice it soon... Mental energy recovery.”

Deacon Water described its uses, and everyone was in an uproar.

The salt and jerky were already decent. The liquid was a good product, but it was lacking compared to the water chariot.

Just the cooldown reduction was enough to make it stand above the rest.

The effects of the liquid were decent, too. Increasing female evolved’s skill strength was good, but that was only for females. Anyone could use this water chariot. The liquid was also a one-time use but this was eternal.

Deacon Water mentioned that the level of the demon crystal used affected the cooldown reduced and mental energy recovery speed. There was also the flower, which was the leaf of a mutated plant.

Everyone had demon crystals, but they had never seen this leaf before. They asked around and learned that Cloud Peak had sold it. Each piece wasn't expensive, just a level five crystal. If the water chariot used a level five crystal, it would also last two months. If you used a level six crystal to activate the water chariot, which was the maximum it could take, you would only need to change crystals in a month.

Everyone had similar thoughts.

“How is this? White-skinned sir, how does this compare to your liquid?”

Chapter 1379: Guancheng Village Dark Lab

Ning God Water Chariot did come from Cloud Peak, and it wasn't something that Deacon Water got from the wheel and was using it to lie to people.

Cloud Peak people called these trading items. As the name suggested, they were items that could be traded. The technology levels they contained were very low to Cloud Peak and just used initial thoughts they got from the crystal weapon guns.

Crystal weapons were getting more and more famous in Cloud Peak.

In the last life, maybe because Ye Zhongming didn't understand the real situation, based on what he knew, apart from crystal guns and cannons, there weren't other crystal items. At least, he didn't see any of them.

In this life, as Ye Zhongming told Le Dayuan about the concepts that allowed him to grasp the technology early, things escalated. His current achievements have exceeded ten years in his last life.

Le Dayuan and even Ye Zhongming restricted crystal technology to weapons. After modifying the War Fortress, Le Dayuan felt like he had a breakthrough, and his thinking started to widen.

As techniques got better and the relevant theories got more mature, Le Dayuan was very passionate and efficient.

He started to innovate into more than weapons and develop some support equipment.

With Cloud Peak's financial support and Ye Zhongming's trust, Le Dayuan had the perfect external environment. He made many gains in a short time, and this Ning God Water Chariot was one of them.

Le Dayuan, Ye Zhongming, and Liu Zhenghong worked together to create equipment that was useful for evolved and mutated lifeforms. The thing that injected the potion into the rats was one type. The secret warriors were the second type. Things like the Water Chariot, which used crystals so that humans could absorb its energy, were a third type.

There were many third-type equipment. This was sold to Five Ring Money because its quality wasn't too high, and its effects were too obvious.

In Le Dayuan's words, this thing wasted a lot of energy and you couldn't absorb much. It was a lousy product.

But this lousy product was something that everyone loved at the event.

This showed Cloud Peak's technological level.

Everyone was smart, and even if the foreigner wanted to argue, he had no confidence. But facing Deacon Water's mocking smile, the arrogant evolved couldn't take it, and his expression sank.

"Since Deacon Water says this person is more suitable for you, where is he? I want to challenge him!"

Many people felt like this person was loose in the head.

Ye Zhongming was confirmed to be eight stars. What level were you? Seven stars at most. You want to challenge him? Do you have the rights?

But this person wasn't a fool. He knew that challenging someone like this was a little rude and regretted it when he said it. He changed his words.

"Let's compete with our lab items to see who is better!"

Tsk---

Everyone didn't give him any respect and mocked him.

The first reason was this person backed down instantly. Second, did you think you could win Cloud Peak with your lab products? Their two labs were famous in the country, and only God Hall could compare to them. Be it the Resistance Zone or the few big factions, their labs were worse.

Who gave you the confidence to challenge the best in our country?

"I heard that Cloud Peak has the two best labs. One produced crystal weapons that could threaten advanced mutated lifeforms. One lab studied lifeforms and could even create lifeforms. Is that so?"

Pin Palace's Mr. Wen spoke and asked Deacon Water, who was nearby.

Many experts frowned.

Why did it sound like he was helping that foreigner?

As one of the top ten in the country, be it solo strength or faction strength, he knew Cloud Peak's situation. Wasn't he just asking for the sake of asking?

But many people didn't overthink. No one knew if Cloud Peak had offended them or not. Now that Cloud Peak wasn't here as a show of their status, Mr Wen's actions were understandable.

Deacon Water blinked and nodded, "I think creating life is not possible, but they can modify good combat individuals."

He didn't understand Pin Palace's situation and could only reply.

Mr Wen nodded, "Unfortunately, Ye Zhongming didn't come. If not, he can compete with these foreigners so they won't underestimate us."

"Cloud Peak isn't the only one that can do it."

Mr Wen was retorted by others sitting to the left.

"Oh?" He raised his brow, "This is Chief Guan?"

Guancheng Village. There was a guy in a white lab coat and wearing glasses.

He was the chief of one of the top labs in the country. The lab was previously a medical university during peacetime. Time passed, and it became a famous lab.

The difference from Cloud Peak was that this was a dark lab.

Cloud Peak's gene lab wasn't merciful when they researched lifeforms, but they had medical skills as the basics and earth lifeforms as the targets for studying mutated lifeforms. But this dark lab was different. Their researchers had dark-element jobs or skills. Their research was based on the wheel technology and targetted people. It was gory and terrifying.

Due to their luck and also their own abilities, they had many gains. As compared to others, they had no bottom line or rules. After all, you needed guinea pigs to obtain skills and research progress. Humans were what they needed the most.

In a world without morals, such people either died or lived very well.

Guancheng Village lab was the latter.

Seeing people being unhappy, Mr Wen raised his brow, "Since Chief Guan is not happy then compete with these people. If you can defeat them, you will bring glory to the country. Be it Deacon Water or me, or Daqian, we will be happy for you."

Chapter 1380: Stake

Many people felt that something wasn't right, but they couldn't say anything since Mr Wen was speaking.

Guancheng Village Chief stood up, and many people exclaimed. They saw that this person had four legs instead of two.

He took a few steps forward toward the foreigner.

Los Alamo's representative looked at Guancheng Chun and saw his four legs. His eyes were filled with disgust.

"You want to compete with my lab?"

Guancheng Chun smiled, "Sure, but the things in my lab are fatal, so you have to reconsider."

"What isn't fatal in the apocalypse?" This outsider was very firm and agreed immediately.

Since neither side backed down, competition was unavoidable. No one else opposed, even the host, Li Daqian didn't.

Maybe both sides wanted to see things they hadn't seen before.

Since it was a competition, there would be rules. However, the lab results were not enough, as both sides would say that theirs were the best.

The only way that both sides would agree would be to compete under a certain condition to see which product performed better.

This thing was tough in other areas, but this was Thousand Beast Villa, and they nurtured all sorts of mutated lifeforms.

Li Daqian sent instructions and people brought six level-four mutated apes in cages. Their giant size had a huge visual impact. The lifeform with the closest body shape to humans could ensure that the lab products were also effective on humans.

The foreigner was called David. He returned to his table and discussed it with the people who had come with him. Then he walked over and said to Li Daqian and Mr Wen, "If we are only competing, that is so boring. We hope to add some excitement."

"Oh? What excitement?" Mr Wen smiled.

This shocked Deacon Water and the others.

At this time, Li Daqian, who was the host, should decide. The fact Mr. Wen, who was an outsider, was taking charge, was disrespectful to the host.

"Just a stake, what does Mr Guan think?"

He looked back at Guancheng Chun. David raised his arms provocatively.

"What stake?"

Guancheng Chun wasn't a newbie, and he wouldn't lose his mind because of some provocation. He asked carefully.

"Nothing much..." David dragged his voice, and that caused his bad Chinese to sound even more unbearable.

"We will... Have a best of three. The winner of each round will win the technique and recipe that the losing side had used."

The moment he said that, the evolved present was in an uproar.

This was a small bet? This was huge! This could make one bankrupt.

What was the most important thing to labs? It was their skills and products. Each of them spent a huge amount of manpower, and the cost was huge. For a test to succeed, they would commit things that couldn't be measured in demon crystals.

Just look at the number of labs in the apocalypse, and you would know how tough research was.

Taking a step back, even in peacetime, supporting and building a lab wasn't easy. It was far worse in the apocalypse.

The labs that were still alive now, four years into the apocalypse, had some foundations and some technological breakthroughs.

These were their lives.

David's stake was very vicious. The losing side would fall and even get wiped out.

What would happen to them if Cloud Peak's Gene Techniques and crystal weapon technology were stolen?

The atmosphere became more nervous. Some people felt Li Daqian should step out to stop them. After all, it wasn't good for both sides to become enemies in such an event. Everyone was invited here to cooperate. A battle to the death didn't fit the occasion.

Li Daqian had such a thought, but he didn't speak up. Mr Wen was the one who spoke.

"Daqian, your mutated apes are already here, so it isn't good to just stop the competition, right? Moreover, if Chief Guan agrees, we shouldn't stop him, right?"

Li Daqian hesitated and then looked toward Guancheng Chun, whom he had invited.

He wanted to ask him for his opinion.

Guancheng Chun's expression changed, and he said, "Okay, I agree."

Many people sighed. But thinking about it, if they were in his position, would they disagree? Most people felt they would agree.

The stake seemed extreme, but there were high rewards.

You didn't know who would win, so it was fair for both sides. David's stake actually had a loophole.

David said that it was a best of three. Each winning side would obtain the recipes that the losing side had used.

Which meant, in the worst situation, you would lose all three and lose three techniques. Apart from that, even if you won one, you would have gains and obtain one technique. If you could win two, it would be a huge profit.

When you were confident in yourself, it was unreasonable to reject this proposal.

It was obvious that Guancheng Chun was confident in his dark lab and felt that this competition was fair. This was why he would agree.

Seeing the person agree, Li Daqian wasn't in a position to stop. He just used the most serious expression to glare at his friend. The warning in it was very thick but Mr Wen just smiled.

"Let's begin." Li Daqian waved and told both sides to get ready. This wasn't a battle within evolved, so it needed some preparation time.

Both sides took a cage back.

Everyone watched curiously and didn't know how it would go.

On the side of the Los Alamos lab, the few of them opened the cage. The level four was ordering everyone around. He told a few subordinates to tap and slap the body of the ape and then took a potion from his pocket. He injected it into the body of the black ape.