

## **Apocalypse 1396**

Chapter 1396: Have to go all out

“Energy can be replenished!”

Alamos’s reply made everyone irritated.

They were the bosses of their factions and experts of their countries. They were used to ordering people around and weren’t happy with Alamos’ attitude and his beating around the bush.

“What is it?”

That Russian was the one who asked again.

“Mr. Damov, please mind your tone when you speak to our chief. Our Los Alamos lab is the leader of the operation and we provided the crucial equipment. In the battle later, we will also risk our lives like you. You should respect us as we are contributing the most.”

David was Alamos’ loyal guard and was unhappy with that Russian.

Damov rolled his eyes, “If you want my respect, deal with this thing.”

“Okay, fellow gentleman, let’s just hear what Alamos has to say. There seems to be a way to solve the energy problem.”

Wen Yan stood between them and used his body to block the furious gazes.

These foreigners wanted to have internal quarrels now. Wen Yan suppressed his anger at Alamos’ attitude, but other people definitely wouldn’t be able to take it.

Also, it seemed like these people didn’t respect the Chinese. These foreigners seemed used to looking down at Chinese people as in peacetime.

Wen Yan wanted to tell these people that the Chinese were much stronger than they thought. Did any of you kill a level-nine lifeform before? A large reason for why they were here was to study that valuable corpse.

Since that was the case, what was the point in fighting? They weren’t afraid of failure, but he was. They would just leave if they failed, but he would still remain in the country. Would he have to deal with Thousand Beast Villa, Cannibal Chains, Five Ring Money, and Cloud Peak? Pin Palace wouldn’t be able to hang on.

Alamos scoffed and muttered something. Others didn’t understand, but it sounded like Greek.

Alamos was a very famous professor during peacetime, and it wasn’t surprising that he knew a rare language.

But it was obvious that he was cursing, which made Damov stare. He wanted to fight back, but Wen Yan blocked him.

“Killing these targets will refund some energy. At the same time, the reward for victory is also energy.”

Everyone quietened down. Wen Yan asked, “We just have to keep winning and our energy level will increase and not decrease?”

“It is obviously not so easy!”

Alamos said, “The energy differentiation is very distinct. Even people of the same level consume different amounts of energy in the space. After winning, the energy reward also depends on the enemy's strength. The better the opponent performs, the more energy it replenishes. Anyways, the energy returns will be low, and it is not enough for consumption.”

What he said confused everyone, but after thinking about it, everyone found some tricks.

Seeing the look of enlightenment on their faces, he scoffed, “You guys have figured it out?”

Right, many people thought about the complicated relationship between energy returns and rewards.

The space energy return and rewards had to do with the strength. The closer in strength both sides were, the more energy would be returned. For example, Jiu Long and Xia Bai were close in strength. If Jiu Long wins, they will receive a huge amount of energy in return.

If they wanted to win easily, the person they sent must crush the other party. If they won, the energy return would be low. 46% would continue to drop, and after a few battles, it would go to zero, destroying the Spatitu Space.

If they had enough energy, this problem wouldn't exist, and they just needed to kill the few important people trapped in the space. They would then keep the space and deal with the remaining people. As for energy, they would let some low-level people in and then send people to fight to slowly accumulate energy. As long as there is enough cannon fodder, energy would be filled.

But the energy dropped to below 50% for no reason, so they couldn't enter freely and had to choose their fights.

What did this mean? It meant they had to send people of the same level and also to ensure that they could win. If they lost, the energy would continue to drop.

It was okay if the people trapped were of low levels. Even if the people who entered lost, the energy drop would just be a few person. But who was trapped? Only people of similar levels had hope of winning. People like Wen Yan would consume around 10%. If they lost, the next choices would get tougher.

But if you sent people of similar levels in, they would have to risk their lives. Who should you send? Everyone was here to get benefits, and many wouldn't be willing to risk their lives.

After thinking about all that, everyone was silent. Even Damov went silent.

Alamos gave a mocking smile, "Why aren't all of you making noise now?"

The old man looked around while calming himself down.

He knew that the silence didn't mean that these people were satisfied. After all, it was his mistake that the space had such a low energy level after it was opened.

He had the main responsibility.

If things were dealt with, then nothing would happen. But if it couldn't continue as planned, they might turn on each other.

Thinking about it, Alamos said, "Do you see this person? Five Ring Money's Deacon Water. The intel says that she might be eight-stars and is one of the top evolved in China. Our Los Alamos lab will deal with her!" ! "

Chapter 1397: Animosity

"She? You want to deal with her?"

Mr Wen and the others were stunned.

As Five Ring Money and Cannibal Chain's business spread across the entire country, these foreigners have heard of these two factions.

Since they knew and found out more about them, the conclusion was one that they were very serious about.

They knew that Five Ring Money had five heads that were all very strong. Deacon Water was one of them. A while ago, although one of Five Ring Money's heads was cleared out by the other four, and his wealth was swallowed, leaving them with only four heads, the four of them got stronger.

There were rumors that Deacon Water and Deacon Tong had evolved to eight-star evolved.

If it were some other faction, these rumours would need to be taken with a pinch of salt. But since it was Five Ring Money, even the foreign factions believed it was true.

Organisations that did business were too rich, and with money, they could buy anything. People risked their lives to get level eight crystals but Five Ring Money was able to buy a few dozen of these crystals.

If they were lucky, they could get two eight-star potions.

Also, everyone knew that Deacon Water was strong. But did anyone see her attack before? No.

Using the words used in novels, people who had seen her attack were all dead.

In other words, no one knew her job, skills, equipment, and battle methods.

Facing such a strong and mysterious women, no one was willing to fight here as the uncertainty was too big.

Now that Alamos took on this responsibility, everyone felt more at ease.

At least they showed some sincerity this time.

They had to deal with these few tough nuts to crack for the plan to proceed smoothly.

“Then I will... Deal with Cannibal Chain’s Ruan Xiao.”

Compared to Deacon Water, Ruan Xiao had a lower profile. When he met with Ye Zhongming, he only did a simple greeting and didn’t try to get too close to avoid Ye Zhongming feeling awkward that he was close to Deacon Water’s competitor. This gave Ye Zhongming a good impression.

Like Five Ring Money, Cannibal Chain was famous overseas. Many knew that he was a region manager and one of the most important managers. There was a high chance that he was also an eight-star evolved.

Such a person was naturally tough to deal with, too.

When these foreigners saw that two of the tougher people had been chosen, they were more relaxed. They turned to the other people on the screen and made their choices.

They chose people they had a chance of defeating.

“Yi, where is this? Why is it dark?”

An outsider pointed at a place on the screen and asked Alamos.

This outsider turned away furiously and said unhappily, “This is Thousand Beast Villa. Don’t you know that there is a beast pool equipment? As there are many lifeforms inside, so they were also absorbed by the space. But battle beasts don’t consume much energy, and they are inside the equipment, so the screens can’t show them.”

Everyone understood what was going on.

They shuddered, thinking about the beast pool, which included Li Daqian’s level eight Spotted Giant Bear and a terrifying beast that needed to be controlled by many people.

Especially the latter, which was at the top of the country rankings. They didn’t want to try their luck.

“If we kill Li Daqian now, will he give us some energy?”

Damov suddenly said.

He pointed at a part of the screen.

Everyone saw Li Daqian, his son, and a group of people trapped there. Although there were a few of them, one to two hundred, the strongest, Li Daqian, was injured. They only have a level seven Li Zizhong left.

They were weak.

“The energy reward depends on the battle or evolution level?” A person asked.

Alamos thought about it, “Both, but level should be more important.”

Everyone’s eyes lit up. Wasn’t this a great chance for them to pick up spoils?

Most of them were seven stars, so this was a good opportunity.

The few factions took a look and said at the same time, "I will go there!"

After saying that, they had a look of embarrassment on their faces.

"I will deal with Ye Zhongming; the rest of you do what you want."

Everyone was stunned.

After coming to the country, they always heard Cloud Peak rumors and knew it was a strong faction. Their boss, Ye Zhongming, was one of the few confirmed eight-star evolved.

No one wanted to fight such a person. To them, it was best to leave Ye Zhongming to Mr Wen. They were both Chinese so it was better if they fought to the death with each other.

But Wen Yan chose Ruan Xiao, so Ye Zhongming didn't have everyone's planned opponent. They didn't want to touch him.

Who knew that someone would choose to face him. This person was asking for trouble.

Everyone took a look and had some impression of this person. But this person hid himself in that white coat and rarely appeared. He lowered his head so people couldn't tell what he looked like, only knowing he was from the middle east.

"It is Saint City's representative, Gyanendra." As the leader of this operation, Alamos and WEn Yan recognised this person.

Gyanendra raised his head and revealed his face.

It was an ugly face covered in scars.

At this level, places with scars could heal, but these scars showed no signs of getting better. The scars intersected, which made him look terrifying.

There was only one possibility: the power that caused these scars couldn't be removed.

"It is me. I have issues with Mr Ye, so hand him to me. I won't let you down.

Alamos and Wen Yan looked at each other and heard some things from Gyanendra's words. They looked at those scars.

They had... Animosity.

## Chapter 1398: Combination Technique

The few tougher choices were chosen, which made it simpler for the other people.

Damov and the others discussed it, and each chose their opponents.

To them, this was the best solution. After all, they were famous for their technology, not their fighting skills. Although there weren't research companies in the apocalypse, there weren't many that could be all-rounded like Los Alamos Lab.

"Who shall start?"

Alamos asked.

Due to the energy problem, they didn't want higher level people to fight. If they succeeded, the energy would increase; if they failed, there would be a chance to make another choice.

"I think we should look here first; they have started fighting."

Wen Yan pointed.

This was where Xia Bai and Jiu Long were at. They went from probing each other to straight-up armed combat.

Jiu Long was used to being alone because he loved to kill and was very selfish. He also never trusted people.

Of course, he could get his current achievements because he was silent, vicious, and decisive.

Since knowing that he wouldn't have any help, he was prepared to fight.

He had heard of Xia Bai's reputation.

The two whips were rusty. Jiu Long looked at Xia Bai; the two whips tapped each other, and the rusty powder fell off.

Other people might find it weird, but Xia Bai didn't even move her eyes. She stopped and turned to look at the earthworm under Jiu Long's body-- Jiu Bao.

This was the first time Jiu Long was ignored in battle.

He knocked the whips again, and rust fell once more. Some of it fell on Jiu Bao's body.

But Xia Bai still ignored him.

Jiu Long was furious, but the rage was quickly replaced by excitement.

Underestimating an opponent in the apocalypse would result in you paying a heavy price.

He gathered strength in his arms and wanted to attack.

At that moment, Xia Bai raised her eyes and looked at him.

“How do you control it? You are lower level than it.”

She was very calm. Although she was asking, her tone was monotonous; it was so calm that it felt unbearable.

“It is level eight; you are seven stars; how do you control it? I don’t sense any contract power between you two.”

Xia Bai changed a lot since her last evolution. Although she spoke a few words, she would start to talk when she faced something she was interested in.

But she was expressionless, monotonous, and calm.

If Xia Bai continued staring at the earthworm, Jiu Long would attack her. But when Xia Bai stared at him, he shivered.

He swallowed some saliva and raised his weapon. He decided to suppress the fear and attack.

An uncomfortable power appeared on Jiu Long's body. Some horn-like matter, similar to dragon scales, appeared on his body, but they were smaller and more rounded.

A crocodile tail-like thing appeared at the end of his spine. It was merged with his body and covered in scales.

This was Jiu Long's bloodline, Half Dragon.

It was an explosive bloodline that could give him the power of the dragon and some dragon race stats in battle.

The strength of one's bloodline differs between people. It also has a direct relationship with one's bloodline level.

His hands turned into claws, and he roared. He jumped off the earthworm's body and landed on the ground with a heavy thud.

Jiu Bao moved at the same time. It lifted itself from the group and turned into an enormous being. You couldn't tell which was its head or tail. One faced Xia Bai. The giant hole opened wide and spat some smelly liquid from inside.

"Die!"

Jiu Long said with a muffled voice. He raised the whips, and they intersected above his head. Jiu Long screeched behind him and spat a translucent liquid.

The liquid was similar to its saliva, but when it landed on Jiu Long's body, it made his scales shiny. He was wrapped in this liquid.

He was prepared in a few breaths. His whips shone brightly, and he dashed at Xia Bai.

"Blood Iron Cross!"

Ye Zhongming would recognise that it wasn't a simple skill. It wasn't a job or a bloodline ability but a combination attack between a summoner and the battle beast.

You needed to find the relevant scroll to learn it, and both the battle beast and the user had to have high loyalty and understanding.

The light was too quick and bright, lighting up the entire dark space.

There was a loud explosion that reverberated in the space, causing Alamos and the others to have a solemn expression.

Although Jiu Long was only seven-star, this combination skill was terrifying.

Everyone was calculating if they were able to dodge that attack. The conclusion was... They could only tank it.

But Xia Bai dodged.

Where was she?

Everyone, including Jiu Long, had such a question.

“In the sky!”

Gyanendra was the first to see Xia Bai. Everyone looked at a corner of the sky at the figure that was pretty much one with the darkness.

Others might not know but Wen Yan studied Cloud Peak and knew Xia Bai's bloodline.

It was a weird and strong job that could merge with darkness.

The giant scythe in her hands made Wen Yan think about Xia Bai's job--- Soul Reaper.

Jiu Long was an expert and was very experienced. He realised his skill had missed and didn't think about how Xia Bai dodged. He just stuck the whip onto the ground.

The ground naturally wouldn't allow it, but when the weapon and ground clashed, it made a clear sound. This sound became an energy that spread through the ground.

Flames burnt.

Jiu Long raised his face, which no longer looked human. Sensing her presence, he looked toward Xia Bai, who was in the sky.

He smiled coldly and knew that she had fallen for it.

The rust wasn't trash that he just tossed away.

It was his weapon's terrifying ability--- Earth Burning Sky Flame's essential item!

The iron whips gave off a golden light as he used the skill!

Chapter 1399: Son of the soil

When they saw the weapon's golden light, many people in the monitoring room were envious.

Gold equipment was still rare even if a few years passed since the apocalypse started, and they were all the bosses of various factions.

Moreover, these were two identical gold equipment that might be a set equipment.

Gold... Set.

This increased the rarity of this equipment to another level.

"I underestimated Jiu Long and thought he only knew one weird assassination technique. It seems like he has many good things."

Wen Yan touched his chin, a habit he had during peacetime. Now, it was the apocalypse, and his weight was back to when he was young. He shaved his chin clean, which represented maturity when he was younger and old age when he grew older.

“Don’t forget about his battle beast; it is a level eight mutated earthworm.”

Alamos reminded Wen Yan that the battle beast was a part of an evolved’s strength.

But Wen Yan shook his head.

“That big fellow looks terrifying, but it isn’t a combat pet; it is a support pet.”

Support pet?

The others took a look. However, they didn’t agree with Wen Yan. Be it the earthworm’s giant body, the sharp teeth in its mouth, or the poisonous liquid, it meant that this beast had strong attack.

Wen Yan was delighted. He crossed his arms before him like he was a deputy leader observing a situation.

“Jiu Bao is a castrated lifeform.”

He looked around, "Since all of you are biologists and scientists, you should know what will happen if there is a level difference between the main person and the battle beast."

Everyone knew. Even ordinary evolved knew that.

Retaliation was something evolved that raised battle beasts were afraid of.

No matter how docile the beast was before, as long as there wasn't a strong contract restraining them, there was a chance. The methods included escaping, attacking, killing, or it becoming the master.

It was rare for lifeforms like Yellow Ball to naturally have a master-servant relationship. Even Ye Zhongming, who had good luck since reviving, only had one such battle beast.

Other evolved without strong scrolls would have to face such an issue.

"Castration refers to ability and not gender."

Wen Yan was solemn, "This earthworm's main body has a strong ability called-- Son of the soil. As long as it is underground and surrounded by soil, it can absorb energy. It doesn't need to fight and can obtain evolution energy."

Everyone was shocked and terrified of that ability.

This was natural evolution without spending any effort. They just didn't know how fast that energy absorption speed was. If it was quick enough, this was an overbearing ability.

"This is naturally slower than swallowing other lifeforms." Wen Yan explained, but he changed his tone immediately.

"But if it absorbs soil that has evolved flesh and blood, its speed will quicken."

Others stopped talking and looked back at the lifeform that was screeching at Xia Bai.

Each person got greedy.

This evolution condition seemed restrictive but was actually very easy to achieve.

The wilderness was the battlefield of mutated lifeforms. In places that humans didn't know, large conflicts occurred every day.

Thousands and even tens of thousands of lifeforms might die each time.

This earthworm just had to remain underground, and its evolution speed would be quick.

If they owned this earthworm, then...

Each person imagined.

“Due to this ability, its evolution speed is quick and exceeds its Master. To deal with this situation, Jiu Long did something to its body... Even if it is higher level than Jiu Long, it wouldn't be able to threaten him.”

“I am not sure what he did exactly, but I know that after doing it, Jiu Bao became a support beast. Apart from its strong defense, it has no more attack abilities.”

Everyone shook their heads. Him doing this was a huge waste. His weakness resulted in him dragging his battle beast down.

“Let's continue watching...” Wen Yan wanted to say something, but he stopped. He noticed that Xia Bai had started fighting back.

Earth Burning Sky Flame was very strong, and it turned the entire space into a sea of flames. But when it got close to Xia Bai, the flames wrapped around and left her untouched.

When Jiu Long raised his head, Xia Bai had disappeared.

A look of absolute seriousness appeared on Jiu Long's face that had never appeared before.

He sensed danger.

Fatal danger.

Jiu Bao gave a tragic cry, and Jiu Long rolled to the ground. A cold light flew past his head.

Xia Bai opened her wings and held the black scythe, slashing across the area.

No blood was left on his head, and he managed to dodge successfully.

But he wasn't happy. He sensed Xia Bai's location but she was instantly beside him and launching that fatal strike.

If not for Jiu Bao and him being connected in mind, he would have been badly injured.

Jiu Long was confident in his own defense. He felt that Xia Bai's black scythe could, at most, slice his scales open.

He stretched backward and rested on the earthworm's body. Jiu Bao opened its mouth and swallowed Jiu Long.

This caused Xia Bai, who was about to attack, to stop. She looked at the earthworm and didn't know why it did that.

The people watching the battle were also confused.

Jiu Bao's body stretched and constricted, and one could clearly see Jiu Long's tracks. After which, everyone watched as Jiu Long was spat out from the other side.

Xia Bai backed off.

Jiu Long raised his head and laughed arrogantly.

Chapter 1400: Trash

Jiu Long's body turned red as if his scales were cooked and steaming in the air. The liquid from Jiu Bao turned into a mask that wrapped him. The steam from the scales would disappear and rise from the mask, making it look very weird.

His height changed, and his aura increased. Even the metal whips became much smoother, and all the rust had disappeared.

He transformed?

It was a little too much to say, but the change in color and size made one think that way.

As compared to Jiu Long, who had his peak aura, Jiu Bao seemed weakened. It lay on the ground, and its body would occasionally twitch. It didn't look like it was in a good state.

Jiu Long shouted; its body bounced like a cannon. The whip flew from his hands and aimed at Xia Bai.

Evolved were very strong and Jiu Long was much stronger after he transformed. Once the whip flew, it gave a screeching sound when it burst through the air. The moment the sound could be heard, the weapon was already in front of Xia Bai.

Xia Bai waved her scythe and wanted to knock the whip aside. The weird thing was, when the whip was about to hit the scythe, it suddenly stopped. A yellow energy barrier appeared and covered Xia Bai.

It was very quick, pretty much covering Xia Bai the moment it appeared.

Jiu Long smiled. He used the other whip. After touching the barrier, it merged into it, causing the color of the barrier to darken.

The barrier started to spin, and it got quicker and quicker.

“Lightning Grinding Formation.”

This was the name of this ability. It was the set stat of the weapon, and both weapons had to be used together to activate it.

Under normal circumstances, Jiu Long would not use this skill. But when he used his bloodline transformation and Jiu Bao used the Strength Nurturing skill, he was able to.

This was Jiu Long's strongest attack to date.

He had to go all out against Xia Bai, who was putting huge pressure on him.

The energy barrier was spinning, and things inside the barrier changed as it quickened.

Snake-like energy currents appeared. They grew longer and got closer to Xia Bai.

Through the veil, everyone could sense the giant energy that the energy ball contained.

Was he planning to decide the battle in one strike?

They also didn't understand. That woman called Xia Bai was extremely quick, so why didn't she dodge? Even if she failed to dodge, she didn't even try?

Everyone saw Xia Bai reach her finger out and got close to the energy current that was turning yellow.

Was she crazy?

Shouldn't she try to get out? Shouldn't she use this time before the currents attacked her?

Everyone didn't understand what Xia Bai was thinking.

Her white fingers touched the current, and her body shook slightly. Her hair and feathers on her wings floated up a little.

Xia Bai retracted her hand and took a look. There was a small hole, and some blood condensed there.

"Stupid."

Jiu Long, who was looking at the trapped Xia Lei, said.

Xia Bai didn't lick her finger. She just flicked the blood pearl.

Originally, everyone was looking at Xia Bai's body, but right away, they turned to look at the blood.

When it touched the yellow current, it actually destroyed them.

Even Jiu Long had a serious look on his face.

The pearl and the energy current didn't consume each other. They neutralised each other. When the blood pearl that got smaller and smaller touched the barrier, the energy barrier dimmed slightly before the blood disappeared.

Jiu Long relaxed.

"I don't believe you can use this method to break my skill."

His words were not clear, and one could barely understand him.

Xia Bai looked at Jiu Long, who didn't look human anymore, and stretched both her hands.

The currents were nearby and within reach. The moment she stretched her arms, the currents wrapped her.

The entire energy barrier shone brightly as if there was lightning.

Evolved all had good vision. They saw Xia Bai's body tremble, which was a sign of her being hit by the electric currents. Many people felt that Jiu Long was going to win.

"Stupid."

Jiu Long said those words for a second time.

Moments later, the energy currents continued, but the energy barrier became much dimmer.

"Doesn't seem like much."

Xia Bai casually retracted her hands. A minute of being electrocuted didn't leave many wounds on her hand.

Jiu Long was shocked.

She was electrocuted for so long, but only her few fingers were bleeding. This happened only when she stopped defending.

“Trash.”

The word struck Jiu Long’s heart. He saw the woman flicking her hand; those blood pearls flew around the barrier, struck the electric currents, and then landed on the energy barrier, disappearing instantly.

One or two blood pearls didn’t do much, but when the number of pearls increased, each of them could reduce some of the energy from the barrier. This made the barrier dim and lose all its light.

When the final few dozen pearls landed on the barrier, this skill that Jiu Long was proud of was broken. The energy exploded, and the two weapons were sent flying.

“Too weak.”

Xia Bai dove down with her scythe. It was as if she had teleported. She appeared above Jiu Long’s head and sliced.

She was too quick, so Jiu Long couldn’t dodge at all. Her hands had no weapons, and he could only rely on his scales to block.

A part of his arm was sent flying as the scythe broke it.

Jiu Long screamed. He looked at Xia Bai in terror.

The black scythe didn't stop after slicing an arm. It entered the other arm and was getting deeper and deeper.

Jiu Long hollered and tried to hold on. He had to do it as his head was behind his arms.

Xia Bai tilted her head, and the aura of the scythe grew stronger, slicing Jiu Long's remaining arm.

The blade landed on Jiu Long's head.

Like before, it was heading in bit by bit.

The entire process caused Jiu Long to lose his mind.

He sent signs to his battle beast to attack this woman and even wanted it to sacrifice its body to save him.

But it didn't reply.

Pierce!

The scythe sliced his head into two.

“Trash.”

Xia Bai loved this feeling, but this time, she was just mocking a corpse.

Xia Bai vs Jiu Long. The former won.