

Apocalypse 1851

Chapter 1851: Stealing

While the newcomers on the planet were desperately fighting for the eye-catching rewards, an unexpected video conference was being held in outer space—a conference concerning the future of all life in the universe.

Logically, those currently on the periphery were not the chief responsible persons of each race. Just look at the Star-Eye Clan side; there was only a deputy of the flight unit plus the clan leader's daughter.

But all aircraft were required to connect their communication equipment at this time.

In the video, scenes of planetary destruction played continuously.

It wasn't the kind of complete destruction from a single explosion, but rather, as Ye Zhongming had seen before, one after another going from full of life to desolate and gray.

The life there might not be completely extinct yet, but those remaining had absolutely no possibility of development and could only await the final doom with time.

Those were countless planets drained dry by the Slave Race.

"According to the latest statistics, though incomplete, the number of Slave Races has already exceeded ten thousand."

A voice came from the video, somewhat low and deep.

With just this one sentence, all the races of the universe were greatly shaken. This was news they did not know, including people from the Star-Eye Clan, such as Aslan.

The Slave Race... there were already so many?

They would not ignore the words "incomplete" in this sentence. Every member of the universe's races knew that the cosmic regions they could monitor were too few. Yet, even in these extremely limited regions, the Slave Race had already exceeded five figures. What about the vaster regions? How many Slave Races were there?!

"One of their kings... that is, the Calamity Queen Mother, recently, suddenly produced a large number. Research labs from many of our races believe that the Calamity Queen Mother should have entered its ultimate form."

The scene changed. A blurry picture appeared on the light screen. It was very unclear, but the general outline was discernible. It was a Slave Race. Against the backdrop of some surrounding celestial bodies, everyone felt awe at its enormous size.

It was too big, so big that... when it spread all its tentacles, it might be comparable to a small galaxy.

Its color was also completely different from other Slave Races, presenting a kind of black.

A deep black that could instill terror at a glance.

"It can now be basically confirmed that every Slave Race is actually an offspring of the Calamity Queen Mother, all its parasites. There is energy transfer between them through methods we do not know."

"This photo was taken by one of our reconnaissance teams at the risk of their lives. It has been five cosmic years since then, and the next production by the Calamity Queen Mother is likely less than ten cosmic years away."

So fast?!

Everyone had a general understanding of the Slave Race's production speed. It couldn't be said to be slow or fast, as the reproduction cycle of each life form is different.

But this Calamity Queen Mother produced so much at once! Less than twenty cosmic years to produce a large litter—who could withstand that? And this didn't even include the production numbers of other Slave Races or the reproduction of these juveniles after adulthood. It could be said that because of the appearance of this complete form Calamity Queen Mother, the development speed of the Slave Race had entered a fast lane.

Everyone realized the seriousness of the situation.

Previously, with the Slave Races developing 'leisurely' and wandering the universe leisurely searching for life-bearing planets, they had already pushed the races of the universe to the brink of extinction. Now, with the Calamity Queen Mother developing like this, everyone seemed to see the true apocalypse.

"It is time we must come up with a solution, but we are still not united, still hindering each other."

" Reform is imminent."

"We, the people of Reina Star."

"We, the people of Huo'er Star."

"Jointly announce that this novice battlefield will change its method and increase its difficulty. In the last small cycle, each race will be allowed to send three warriors with Fureila energy below two thousand into the battlefield. The points they obtain will be counted in the rankings."

"After the novice battlefield closes, the racial points ranking will become the basis for reform. Everyone, do well for yourselves."

The video communication ended here, leaving all the races of the universe with a night destined to be chaotic.

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"Haha, caught him!"

Aimusi laughed loudly, her eyes shining as she looked at Ye Zhongming in the sea.

As long as he appeared in her line of sight, then relying on the speed of this mechanical speedboat, Ye Zhongming would never escape again.

And what did she see? One immature Spiral Fish, one severely injured but not dead Spiral Fish, one lightly injured lead Spiral Fish—these were all points! Plus Ye Zhongming's, Aimusi knew her points ranking this time could probably enter the personal top ten!

Compared to the excitement on Aimusi's side, the situation on Ye Zhongming's side was not good.

When Jie Kui saw Hawkins and the others, he felt like crying.

That hunting team had come again! Helsky and Yang Tuo, those two who had disappeared, actually appeared in their team. What this meant was self-evident.

Their own side had suffered losses and casualties, while the other side was in perfect condition and high morale. This...

He looked at Ye Zhongming.

The lead Spiral Fish wouldn't let you go just because your enemies appeared. Now, its family was basically destroyed.

How could it let go of the person who destroyed all this?

The fins on the lead fish's back and sides all stood up. Its body suddenly accelerated, spinning as it charged toward Ye Zhongming.

The Cloud Peak King's gaze withdrew from the speedboat. He shouted for Qiuqiu, pulled He, and leaped out of the sea's surface, simultaneously throwing He toward Shi Kangbu.

"Save him!"

After shouting, he stepped on Qiuqiu's body, grabbed a white thread extended by Qiuqiu, and together with it, performed a teleportation toward the speedboat.

At the original position, the lead fish's huge body roared past.

Jie Kui very consciously swam toward He's direction. That was the place for the old, weak, sick, and disabled.

"Coming right at us!"

Aimusi saw Ye Zhongming charging over. Not only did she not mind him bringing the lead Spiral Fish, she was actually very excited.

"Wade, Yaka, go kill the lead fish. Bola, Botu, deal with those small trash. The points are all yours. Husband, let's deal with Ye Zhongming together!"

A long spear condensed in her hand. Winged armor appeared simultaneously, and her whole person entered combat state.

Perhaps thinking this would be the final battle to kill Ye Zhongming, Hawkins also entered his state, activating his armor's effect. A monster's phantom appeared behind him.

Ye Zhongming sneered coldly. The weapon in his hand was raised high. His other hand gave a strong push to Qiuqiu, and then his whole person leaped to a height exceeding the speedboat, before slashing down with intense momentum and a sheet of light!

Helsky and Yang Tuo glanced at each other, shouted "We'll go tie down his war beast!", and together jumped into the water.

Chapter 1852: Twist

The subsequent battle and situational changes had nothing to do with Ye Zhongming.

He had doubts in his heart and seemed to have found some answers from his earlier eye contact with Helsky, but Ye Zhongming stopped thinking about it.

He knew that whether it was true or false, he himself had to face the two people in front of him.

To be honest, although he and the Hawkins couple had never truly faced off in a life-and-death fight, he also knew that these two might be the most powerful enemies he had encountered since evolving into a nine-star evolved individual.

Today, perhaps an outcome would be decided.

Strictly speaking, Ye Zhongming was not in his best condition now. After all, two effects of Naka's curse were still acting on him. Although they didn't directly affect combat power, they still had some impact.

Coupled with the unfavorable situation, this was an invisible a kind of pressure.

But at this moment, Ye Zhongming was extremely focused. The mimicry combat weapon in his hand took the form of a blade. He concentrated all his strength and chopped down fiercely at the couple below.

No matter how harsh Aimusi's words were, she was a true expert in fighting. She raised her long spear diagonally upward, and a huge spear shadow flew out from the weapon, meeting Ye Zhongming's attack.

Even seeing that her opponent was attacking from above with long-accumulated force, she did not retreat at all.

Hawkins had cooperated with Aimusi for a long time. Seeing his wife do this, he didn't hesitate and assumed a horse stance again. The golden armor on his body became even brighter. The combat sword floated in the air and, as he slowly threw a punch, flew toward the sky as if breaking through some obstruction.

Last time against Ye Zhongming, Hawkins had used this move. It seemed to suit his role as a secondary attacker, truly. However, when this sword was fully charged, the power it released was not inferior to that mechanical long spear in Aimusi's hand.

Ye Zhongming suddenly closed his eyes, which made Aimusi and Hawkins, who were closely watching their opponent, shudder.

When an opponent made this move, it was often the precursor to some major action.

Sure enough, two black shadows identical to him suddenly appeared to Ye Zhongming's left and right.

This move again? The Hawkins couple sneered coldly. They had already suffered once; could they suffer again?

They had prepared for this.

These black shadows, upon explosion, would produce some slight toxin. This, like obstructing vision, was a bit annoying but not fatal. The most annoying thing was the mental shock. In battle, a momentary lapse of concentration could cause significant problems.

So this time, after returning to camp, the Hawkins couple had made full preparations. They had already taken the antidote medicine early on and replaced the recorders in their eyes with the highest grade, which had some special functions. One of them was the ability to see in dark environments.

As for mental attacks, the countermeasure they chose was to implant a kind of chip in their brains, similar to a minor surgery, which severed or, more accurately, artificially hindered the head organs' ability to receive external mental power.

Now, they could basically ignore Ye Zhongming's skill.

Seeing Ye Zhongming actually summon two again, they cared even less. In their hearts, they even hoped Ye Zhongming would summon a few more to waste more of his mental power.

Ye Zhongming's attack collided with Aimusi's attack. The huge force produced immense brightness, illuminating a large area of the surrounding sea.

The seawater was pushed away in other directions, forming circular waves.

Crack!

A sound came from the speedboat under Aimusi's feet. The entire hull cracked under the enormous pressure.

Ye Zhongming's body flew backward almost uncontrollably, but he revealed a smile.

" Not right, he didn't activate his bloodline!"

At this moment, both Aimusi and Hawkins had this doubt arise in their hearts.

Then, tremendous force came from under their feet.

They were now at sea. Ye Zhongming was attacking from above, which made him even more powerful since he already had the advantage in strength.

Aimusi was also strong. With the help of that purple armor, she alone withstood Ye Zhongming's attack. But one thing both she and Hawkins had ignored was that they were now at sea.

On land, she could transfer the force to the ground, at most causing the ground to crack, herself sinking in, and blasting out a large pit.

But at sea, under her feet was that mechanical speedboat, and under the speedboat was the sea surface.

The force would first pass through her body to the speedboat and then enter the seawater.

Those with experience know that when you press hard on a larger plank placed on the water surface, you will receive a reaction force. The greater the force used, the greater the reaction force.

This was the case with the speedboat. It didn't collapse under the enormous pressure but only cracked, proving its good quality while also bearing the reaction force. The hull was instantly pushed high into the air by the 'resisting' seawater.

And there, the four black shadows summoned by Ye Zhongming were still in place, unmoved.

This all happened a bit fast. The rising and falling on the sea surface also caused a slight error in the Hawkins couple's judgment, so much so that by the time the force pushed back Ye Zhongming, Hawkins' sword had only then stabbed toward the sky. This move was a miss.

" Be careful!"

Hawkins shouted, stepped on the speedboat, leaped out, and hugged Aimusi. The two together fell from the side of the speedboat, which was already quite high above the sea, into the water.

During the fall, the couple saw the four black shadows suddenly explode. There was black mist, but not much. There should be no toxicity, no mental shock, but countless dense bone fragments flew out from within, extremely sharp. In an instant, the speedboat was covered with these things.

The couple saw horror in each other's eyes. If they hadn't jumped into the sea, they would have had to endure this insidious attack. It might not have killed them, but they would inevitably have been injured. If it hit their eyes... Also, the armor they wore would certainly have been significantly damaged.

If their defense dropped sharply while the opponent hadn't even activated his bloodline, the situation would naturally be extremely passive.

But before the couple could do much, they heard calls for help from the other side. They surfaced and saw that Ye Zhongming had already flown to where the two newly joined companions were. At this moment, he activated his bloodline and charged into the battlefield between them and a woman like a wild beast.

The two closed their eyes in pain. They knew that Bola and Botu were finished.

And what made them feel despair wasn't just that. Yaka's roar followed. They looked over and saw that Wade and Yaka were fighting desperately with Helsky and Yang Tuo. Beside them, the corpse of the lead Spiral Fish was floating with the waves.

Chapter 1854: Crucial point

Ye Zhongming's bloodline was still within its activation period, but he did not have an entrance ceremony as effective as that of the Hawkins couple. What he had was only his usual fearlessness.

Both sides tacitly charged toward the nearest small island. On land, they could better exert their strongest combat power.

On this point, Ye Zhongming also shared the same thought. Although his people all had the Ocean King mark, they still couldn't fully release their strength. Since today they would ultimately decide life and death, then let everyone exert their full power.

Upon reaching the island, the Hawkins couple and others frowned because the other side obviously did not intend to separate but formed a very tight formation.

What was this for?

One must know that at their level, level nine, although they no longer had the buffs from their familiar equipment, which significantly reduced the power of their skills, when a real fight broke out, the area of effect was still large. If everyone crowded together, they would inevitably suffer significant interference.

Had these guys learned some kind of team amplification skill?

Hawkins carefully recalled that the official store did sell similar products, but the price of that thing was so high that even the person ranked first couldn't afford it. Ye Zhongming and the others couldn't possibly have obtained it.

Then what was the purpose of posing like this? To show unity?

They naturally didn't know that Ye Zhongming's side intended to utilize He's water chains.

Ye Zhongming admitted that if the Hawkins couple were taken individually, their strength might be slightly lower than his, but the difference was absolutely small, extremely tiny.

This wasn't hard to understand.

He was a reincarnator, true, but he only had the advantage of foresight before level six. As for others, their fortune, or their 'golden fingers,' still existed and weren't necessarily worse than his. He was already very satisfied that he could step by step reach the peak of level nine in less than seven years.

Moreover, Ye Zhongming himself faintly felt that in terms of individual combat power, he should be Earth's number one.

In his previous life, ten years only made him a small level six evolved. After reincarnating, becoming the planet's number one in such a short time—if he still demanded that others be so weak he could instantly kill them, that would be too much.

It would be overestimating himself and underestimating everyone else under heaven.

Just like the Hawkins couple, although Ye Zhongming didn't know much about them, he now roughly knew they belonged to a force called Gold-Silver Island. During the break, he had Jie Kui go out to inquire. This force was neither big nor small, not like camps such as Reina Star's Su Clan, but an alliance formed by several medium-sized forces joining hands. In the universe's races, they were seen as an existence similar to a major race, only their internal composition was a bit complex.

The Hawkins couple seemed to be their key cultivation targets.

Joining hands, without a doubt, their strength was certainly stronger than Ye Zhongming's.

However, with He's water chain defense, Ye Zhongming had confidence in fighting them.

He would face the Hawkins couple himself. The remaining people would have to face Wade and Yaka.

Regarding these two opponents, Ye Zhongming also understood. Their individual strengths were slightly worse than the Hawkins couple's, but not by much—similar to the gap between the Hawkins couple and Ye Zhongming, very tiny.

Individually, whether it was Jie Kui or Helsky, they were no match for them. Shi Kangbu and Yang Tuo were even worse. However, with Qiuqiu's help and He's assistance, two against one still had some chance of victory.

In Ye Zhongming's view, the key to breaking the situation in this small-scale life-and-death team battle did not lie with him but with the remaining people.

Shi Kangbu had been hit by the lead Spiral Fish earlier, very heavily, even falling unconscious. He had been treated by He internally and externally. Although he woke up and his external injuries were healed entirely with External Water, his internal injuries were not and needed time to recover. He could fight now, but his combat power was estimated to be only one-third of his peak.

Jie Kui's condition had improved slightly. He's water chain had blocked most of the damage for him. After treatment, his body recovered well, at least better than it looked outwardly. His current 'weak' state was a bit of a pretense.

This individual, although he hadn't been with Helsky for long, had already shown a trend of learning bad things.

Jie Kui could now exert about seventy to eighty percent of his original strength.

Shi Kangbu and Jie Kui together could only match one person's usual strength, and this was still based on He applying water chains to them.

Their task was to restrain Yaka, utilizing their flexible fighting style and strategy to keep the unrestrained and forceful Yaka ineffective for a short time.

The real situation breakers were Helsky and Yang Tuo.

If not for Helsky's performance earlier with Hawkins, Ye Zhongming wouldn't have entrusted the most critical part of this life-and-death battle to these two newcomers.

But at least just now, Helsky and Yang Tuo had proven their loyalty, even if only temporarily.

They successfully tricked the Hawkins couple, preserving themselves while also preventing Ye Zhongming's side from falling into passivity. Otherwise, they would either have fought to the death or defected, greatly enhancing the opponent's strength. Either way, Ye Zhongming's side would have almost certainly been defeated.

But their handling of the situation not only prevented things from getting worse but also made it very favorable for Ye Zhongming's side.

That exchange of glances between the two on the speedboat had led Ye Zhongming to make those subsequent moves.

In that instant, Helsky had won the Cloud Peak King's trust.

Helsky and Yang Tuo were both in perfect condition. Even with He's assistance, their strength would be enhanced further. For two already good at frontal combat, this was truly adding wings to a tiger.

Also, earlier, out of the ten Progress Pills, Ye Zhongming himself had taken three, Jie Kui three, Shi Kangbu one, leaving three.

Ye Zhongming directly gave two to Helsky and one to Yang Tuo, telling them not to forget to pay back later while also making up for a certain shortcoming in their bodies on the eve of battle, again boosting their combat power.

Now, even if these two's strength couldn't match Wade's, it wouldn't be far off. The all-around protection of the water chains rendered Wade's most threatening, insidious attacks ineffective. In a two-against-one situation, Ye Zhongming believed Helsky and Yang Tuo were the most likely to win first.

Once they won, they would then turn to take down Yaka; the final situation would become a siege against the Hawkins couple.

Ye Zhongming had no moral purity complex; as long as they won, this method was better.

"The burden is heavy." Helsky shook his neck, humble in words but full of excitement in his eyes.

Since Brother Ye trusted them so much, then come on.

He gave a signal to a few people. Ye Zhongming's side, having already divided the work and initiated the attack. Everyone charged forward together!

Chapter 1855: Ultimate

Ye Zhongming's side had its own plans, and naturally, so did Hawkins's side.

Compared to the layered approach of the opposite side, their method was more direct.

Weren't you forming a tight formation? Weren't so many people concentrated within a few square meters?

Then we will directly take out your leader and core.

This naturally referred to Ye Zhongming.

It must be said that their strategy was simple and brutal, yet very effective.

Both sides, each with their own plans, finally collided. Who would seize the initiative or even achieve victory depended on whose strategy could be realized.

Ye Zhongming was in his bloodline transformation state. Although his body was moving, he had been observing the opposite side. He keenly detected the opponent's intention.

But he was not panicked because he only needed to do one thing to realize his side's strategic intent.

However, this was a very risky endeavor.

Ye Zhongming first manifested the Black Earth Armor on his body, a specially made kind. Then, he held a weapon in each hand, attacking the Hawkins couple on the left and right respectively. Simultaneously, several black shadows appeared, blocking in front of Wade and Yaka.

"Petty tricks!"

Aimusi did not forget to mock, but what she said was also true.

No matter how strong Ye Zhongming was, he couldn't hold off four people at once. And his current position was two steps ahead of his companions. This was an opportunity!

Those who overestimate themselves die quickly.

After making this evaluation, Aimusi seemed to see the dawn of victory already.

Hawkins's knife, Aimusi's spear, and Ye Zhongming's weapons collided. At the same time, several black shadows crashed into Wade and Yaka.

The first change occurred with Wade and Yaka. They almost instantly broke through the obstruction of the black shadows, instantly closing in beside the Hawkins couple, and simultaneously launched an attack on Ye Zhongming.

The originally complex situation seemed about to become simple in one strike, and it appeared that the Hawkins side had gained an absolute advantage.

Anyone would think so because this situation was a one-against-four.

Ye Zhongming couldn't possibly dodge.

He, behind them, had already begun to grit his teeth.

The two weapons in Ye Zhongming's hands instantly turned to dust.

In that moment, a rare appreciation appeared in Hawkins's eyes.

His bloodline was the God of Faith, a bloodline evaluated as almost the top tier.

The particularity of this bloodline was that it already exceeded the category of explosive-type bloodlines or sustained bloodlines. Ordinarily, the bloodline's abilities could be used by the possessor. Hawkins's move with the horse stance, punching, and long knife attack. When fully charged, its power was extremely formidable.

And once the bloodline was activated, the body would receive a huge all-round boost.

Just now, Hawkins didn't use his bloodline's skill; he felt it unnecessary. He had held back, but his wife and the two helpers beside him had gone all out. With such a lineup and such power, he didn't think someone who had only recently evolved to level nine could withstand it.

And in fact, Ye Zhongming achieved what Hawkins considered the best possible outcome—he blocked the attacks of the most powerful ones, the Hawkins couple.

Aimusi's ability came from her job. It was laughable to say; it was a support job, 'Aimusi Buffer.' Its true ability was to modify equipment, similar to enchanting equipment or improving its quality.

But who would have thought that by chance, Gold-Silver Island selected this couple and gave his wife a suit of armor, the one she was wearing now. With the help of this powerful cosmic race, the full power of the Buffer job modified this armor, or rather, the two merged, becoming a part of Aimusi.

Thus, the former Aimusi Buffer disappeared, and an Aimusi Queen emerged.

After this change, Aimusi's greatest strength wasn't in gaining new skills but in her average combat power, which had been raised to a terrifying level.

Hawkins himself admitted that without activating his bloodline, he was no match for his wife because his wife was like a combat machine with her bloodline permanently activated. She didn't need skills, yet every attack of hers was stronger than a skill, even carrying some very special effects.

As for Ye Zhongming, he was indeed in a peak combat state now, but Hawkins felt that, at most, he was on a similar level to his wife. But he had just used two mimic combat weapons that were commonplace in the universe's races to block the attacks of both husband and wife.

Very impressive, but not enough!

Yes, the attacks weren't just from Hawkins and Aimusi; there were also those of Yaka and Wade.

Ye Zhongming's blocking of the Hawkins couple's attacks was already his full effort!

Zila zila! Bang bang!

Different sounds came, and the scene became somewhat chaotic.

Wade and Yaka showed shocked expressions, but only for an instant. Then they had to meet new opponents with numb bodies.

The Hawkins couple and Ye Zhongming simultaneously retreated. The former had complex emotions and pressed forward again. The latter's face reddened, blood seeped from the corner of his mouth, but he also wore a smile, not yielding at all, also charging forward.

Just now, the Lightning Sand Monster suddenly appeared in front of Ye Zhongming. While offsetting part of the attack power, it also gave Wade and Yaka two electric shocks. After completing its task, it was gloriously shattered. The current Lightning Sand Monster could not rival a level nine expert, let alone two.

After that, He's water chain activated—only one water chain, providing sturdy protection for Ye Zhongming. But the fight happened too fast. To cooperate with Ye Zhongming in breaking the enemy's formation, she could only activate it temporarily. The energy transmitted in that instant couldn't reach the maximum.

But Ye Zhongming, relying on his Black Earth Armor and Beautiful Body, still defended against it, only suffering minor injuries.

Don't forget, they were still on a sandy beach.

Jie Kui and Shi Kangbu successfully tied down Yaka. The dwarf girl's unrestrained and forceful combat style encountered two guys good at maneuvering, giving her a sense of difficulty to exert any force and frustration. It wasn't that she hadn't thought about regrouping with the Hawkins couple or Wade, but whenever she showed that intention, Jie Kui and Shi Kangbu's attacks would suddenly intensify.

Indeed, these two were injured, but they were still injured level nines. If she were hit while moving and fell into passivity, Yaka felt they wouldn't let go of the chance to kill her.

The pressure on Wade was much greater. He was originally the breakthrough point for Ye Zhongming's side. Helsky and Yang Tuo were fighting with all their might. The faster they killed this person, the greater their chances of victory would be. The longer it dragged on... they were somewhat worried about Ye Zhongming fighting one against two.

But before they could complete their set task, they felt the sky darken.

The people fighting instinctively slowed down and glanced over. This glance was startling; in the sky, there was actually a huge black shadow... a black shadow extremely similar to Ye Zhongming!

What Wade and Yaka thought was, could it be that that scene was about to repeat itself?!

What Helsky and the others thought was, "Oh no, is Brother Ye unleashing a big move? Going to solve the problem himself?!"