

## Devil World 161

### [Chapter 161: Flowers among the camp](#)

Not long after Yue Zhong and Ji Qing Wu had left the camp, there were some activity going on in the middle of the camp that went unnoticed by the humans: Two claws sneakily protruded out from the ground and continuously scattered the dirt around the area. Before long, a big hole appeared in the grounds in the middle of the camp.

From that hole, two Mutant Rats Variation climbed out. These Mutant Rats Variation were the same size as a cat, but unlike the other mutant rats, they have pair of forelimbs were unusually developed and were filled with sharp claws.

“Holy Shit!! There are rats here!!”

“Rat Variation!!”

Looking at the Mutant Rat Variations that were rapidly climbing out of the hole, the men were taken back, and immediately fired at these rats.

Under a hail of bullets, the first few Mutant Rat Variations were killed as soon as they emerged from the hole.

But the hole had already been dug, and from the hole, a massive number of (normal) Mutant Rats poured out..

“Fill the hole! Do not let them come out!” The leader of a small team of men roared.

7 evolvers holding Tang Imitation Swords leaped out from among that team of men, and rushed towards the hole.

Everyone knew that if these Mutant Rats continuously poured out of the hole, all the men here would die today!

The 7 men used Tang Imitation Swords to continuously sliced apart any Mutant Rats they came across. Soon they formed circle around the hole, refusing to let a single one of these creatures escape and wrack havoc within the camp.

“Let me do it!!” A militant armed with a type 79 assault rifles took advantage of the 7 evolvers’ ability to prevent these Mutant Rats from climbing out of the hole. He rushed towards the hole and open fired into the hole with a mixture of glee and reckless abandonment. “Datatatataaaa....” A continuous stream of bullets shot through the Mutant Rats that were scrambling through the hole.

After emptying all the bullets in his magazine, the militant pulled out 4 of the Mutant Rat Variations’ corpses [that was covering the hole], and immediately tossed a hand grenade into the hole.

“Bombbbbbbb!” A loud explosive rang out. From the hole, a wave of heat, rocks and Mutant Rats’ body parts were launched into the air, creating a massive cloud of dust. After the cloud of dust has dissipated, the hole was sealed with a mixture of rocks and sand.

Suddenly a series of loud shouts sent a chill into the hearts of the men:

“There is also a hole here!!”

“Holy shit! There is another hole over here!!”

Shouts and screams erupted among the humans as multiple holes suddenly appeared at various points throughout the camp. A swamp of Mutant Rats emerged from each of these holes, and rushed towards the humans in a frenzy.

Then the whole camp erupted in an outpouring of gun fire and screams.

From Yue Zhong side of the camp, Kong Tianyu bellowed, “Spray the gasoline! Quickly spray the gasoline!”

Although there were many Mutant Rats emerging from the various holes, the number of Mutant Rats that managed to enter the camp through the tunnels were a lot lesser in numbers than the Mutant Rats Tide that was outside the ring of fire. If the Mutant Rats outside the camp took advantage of the confusion within the camp and rushed towards the camp, then all of these men would die under the jaws of the rat tide.

The two fire trucks constantly sprayed gasoline onto the flames, creating a buffer zone. The initial fire was running out of things to burn and was slowly dying out when it suddenly received this new source of fuel. Torrents of flames that was dying out received a new lease of life as the inferno erupted and raged even more fiercely.

In the camp where Yue Zhong’s team was defending themselves, several rat holes had been dug by the Mutant Rats Variations. From each of these rat holes, several mutant rats emerged and rushed towards the men.

“Follow me!” Zhong Tianyu roared, as he grabbed a Tang Imitation Sword and rushed towards the closest hole.

Chen Shitou and the rest of Yue Zhong close combat team members also equipped their Tang Imitation Sword and moved forwards to intercept the Mutant Rats.

The war between men and rats became chaotic as the two side crashed together in close combat battle. Every moment, there were massive number of Mutant Rats that were killed. At the same time, there were many men who had bitten to death or seriously injured by these rats.

Yao Yao had also participated in this joint exercise. The Tang Imitation Sword in her hands seemed to be waving after-images like a ghost as it danced among the Mutant Rats. Numerous Mutant Rats continuously died in her hands, and a large number of experience orbs entered into her body, continuously strengthening her.

Little Greenie Eagle also used its wings to knock away the Mutant Rats that approached toward it. These Mutant Rats were unable to hurt it at all. With each peck, there will be a Mutant Rat corpse adding to the pile of dead Mutant Rats around it.

The militants and normal humans in various camps were either injured or killed by the unending streams of mutant rats. Only the evolvers from the LongHai teams and those who wore the Water Python

Snakeskin Armor like Yue Zhong's team of evolvers were able to escape injury. The scales and skin of the Water Python Snakeskin Armor was incredibly tough. Although the Mutant Rats' teeth were incomparably sharp and were able to chew through a steel plate, the action was not immediate and took place over a period of time. Similarly, these rats could bite through the Water Python Snakeskin Armor, but only if they had the time to chew through it. Of course these battle-hardened warriors were not going to stand still and give the Mutant Rats this luxury.

Other than the close combat team, Yue Zhong's team also had many soldiers who were armed with type 03 rifles [See notes for picture]. They also fired at Mutant Rats in short bursts of fire. All the marksmen in Yue Zhong's team are made up of veteran soldiers. These soldiers had undergone strict military training. After following Yue Zhong, they were not only required to continue these training, but were also frequently called into raiding missions where they had to clear zombies.

Under this strict diet of training combined with practical combat experience, their accuracy improved day by day, and their combat powers are way higher than normal soldiers. After all, soldiers who had experienced real combat were more useful in a war than soldiers who had just received military training.

Kong Tianyu brought his men and rushed over to all the locations where the mutant rats were streaming in from. Each time when they fought their way to a rat hole, they would fire all their bullets into the hole, and tossed in a hand grenade, closing that hole.

Although this method is not fool proof – the Mutant Rat Variations could continue to dig a path out of the plugged hole, each hole plugged brought the men a brief respite from the attacks of the Mutant Rats, making the number of Mutant Rats that they need to handle at one time more manageable.

The Mutant Rats were in reality, only level 5, and if they did not have the advantage of numbers, they would not be a match for humans. Under Kong Tianyu's leadership, the Mutant Rats' corpses piled up, and each rat hole were filled up with debris from explosions.

Just when the number of Rat Holes in the camp had been reduced to 30 or less, suddenly there were numerous claws extending from the ground at various locations within the camp. In a short span of time, 12 more massive rat holes were created by teams of four Mutant Rat Variations in concerto.

From each of these 12 massive rat holes emerged an Elite Rat King's bodyguard. 12 Elite Rat King's bodyguards glared menacingly at the humans and let loose a loud roar.

Seeing emergence of this new threat, the military men immediately aimed their guns at these monsters, and a rain of bullets sprayed out towards them from all directions.

Although these Elite Rat King's bodyguards were shot numerous times under the might of the bullet storm, these creatures did not immediately die from their wounds. With a shake of their body, they charged towards the group of humans and begin slaughtering the humans with each flash of their claws. Looking at the carnage, it was as if powerful tigers had landed among meek lambs and began a massacre.

Two of the evolvers who were armed with Tang Imitation Swords did not even had the time to react to this new threat, when an Elite Rat King's bodyguard's claws penetrated through the stomach of the first evolver and into the guts of the second evolver. As the Elite Rat King's bodyguard withdrew its hands, the intestines of both men were discarded on to the floor, while sprays of blood emerged from the

wound as the surprised evolvers lifelessly sunk onto the floor. Even as their life rapidly poured out of them, in a shower of blood letting, they still did not understand how they died.

If even these evolvers were no match for the Elite Rat King's bodyguards, then normal humans were helpless against the might of the Elite Rat King's bodyguards. Each Elite Rat King's bodyguards craved out a path of carnage and destruction, littering the area around them with the blood stained corpses of the humans it killed.

"Shoot the canon! Fire the canon!" Kong Tianyu noticed that the strength of these Elite Rat King's bodyguards were extraordinary, and he immediately ROARED the order.

#### [Chapter 162: A fierce battle](#)

Once the soldiers had received the command, the soldiers manning the type ZPT90 25 mm autocannons [1] that were mounted on the IFV immediately let loose a stream of heavy firepower.

The type ZPT90 25 mm autocannons used of armour piercing rounds that could easily tear apart an armoured jeep. Although the Elite Rat King's Bodyguards had hides that were able to shrug off normal bullets, these hides were unable to withstand the might of armour piercing rounds. Under the concentrated fire, an Elite Rat King's Bodyguard ended up being shredded into pieces.

On the LongHai Military Camp side, they also began to use the ZPT90 25 mm autocannons mounted on their IFV and open fired on two Elite Rat King's Bodyguards, and tore these creatures apart.

Under the two combined might of the two IFV firepower, 5 of the Elite Rat King's Bodyguards had been ripped apart. But the remaining 7 of these creature Elite Rat King's Bodyguards were scattered around the camp, creating paths of death and destruction among the men.

The IFV could not fire at the remaining 7 Elite Rat King's Bodyguards as these creatures are too close to groups of men. These bullets would not discriminate against men or beast and would also tear their allies into shreds if the autocannon continued to fire. Therefore, there was a temporary ceasefire.

Of the 7 Elite Rat King's Bodyguards, 4 of them had headed towards Yue Zhong's military group, 2 of these creatures had rushed towards the Coalition group, and 1 of them had entered into the LongHai military group.

The 2 Elite Rat King's Bodyguards that made it into the ranks of the Coalition group were like unstoppable killing machines as they massacred the men. When even evolvers could be disembowelled by a single swipe of its claws, the Coalition which comprised of ordinary men could not withstand the carnage that each of these creatures wrought.

Normal guns and weapons could barely scratched its' hide, and the Coalition were powerless to stop the rampage of these pair of killing machines. In the short span of a few breaths, there were at least 4 men that were disembowelled as their guts or hearts were ripped out from their bodies, collapsing in an orgy of blood-letting.

To compound the problem, the Coalition group was also assaulted by hordes of Mutant Rats pouring out from the rat holes at the same time.

The Elite Rat King's Bodyguard that slaughtered its way into the LongHai Military Group seemed to disappear as it blended into a group of Mutant Rats that it was leading. As the rapidly expanding numbers of Mutant Rats rushed into the camp, occasionally it will emerge from the tide of rats surrounding it. Each appearance was always accompanied by a horrifying flash of claws that cleaved apart a soldier with each hit. Then as if it was never there, the Elite Rat King's bodyguard disappeared among the tide of rats again. The group of Mutant Rats and Elite Rat King's bodyguard then headed towards a group of marksmen in the Military and began a mass slaughter.

As the IFV dared not to fire the autocannon for fear of hitting its own men, the Elite Rat King's bodyguard was like a mighty and invincible beast among the marksmen. Even on the occasions that the men managed to land a hit with their machine guns, its hide allowed it to shrug off the damage.

"Xiao Wang, Lao Liu! ##\$%#@#!!! Mother-F\*\*ker! Go and Die!" Looking at the corpse of 7 of his friends that were killed by the Elite Rat King's bodyguard, one of the militant's eyes turn bloodshot with rage, and toss a hand grenade towards the rapidly approach group of Mutant Rats and Elite Rat King's bodyguard.

"Boom!" The surrounding Mutant Rats and the Elite Rat King's bodyguard was blown apart by the force of the grenade, and the Elite Rat King's bodyguard stood still stupidly as half of its body seemed to be missing. Then it collapsed.

But as the explosion was too close, the one that threw the grenade was also caught in its blast radius. His right leg was blasted off, and his whole body was covered in blood and shrapnel pieces. He collapsed onto the ground and was barely alive himself. He found himself slowly dying as blood seeped out from his wounds, staining the earth with the red colour of his blood. Then all is black.

One of four Elite Rat King's bodyguards had just entered Yue Zhong's group's camp when little Greenie Eagle leaped down from the top of a vehicle and pinned it to ground with its claws. With a peck of its mighty beaks, it crushed the head of the Elite Rat King's bodyguard and scattered the remains of its brains all over the floor.

These Elite Rat King's bodyguards were not stupid. Seeing how easily Little Greenie Eagle killed one of its own, they chose to avoid going near Little Greenie Eagle and headed towards the rest of the men.

Yue Zhong's group were comprised of brave men who were not afraid of these creatures. Seeing one of the Elite Rat King's bodyguards approaching them, 4 of the close combat team members gripped their Tang Imitation Sword tightly, and rushed towards the Elite Rat King's bodyguard. The team of four men were wearing Water Python Snakeskin Armour and it gave them the confidence to engage these killing machines in close combat.

Like an enraged panther, the Elite Rat King's bodyguard also charged towards the men, and swiped at one of them with its claws as if it was batting aside a fly.

With a single hit, a terrifying force sent that man flying with . Blood oozed out from his mouth while in flight, creating a red colour arc in the air. As he landed heavily on the ground, he seemed unable to get up and was barely conscious. A close look will reveal that his outer garments had been torn, and even the Water Python Snakeskin Armour that could resist bullets had been imprinted with the creature's

claws mark. Although the Water Python Snakeskin Armour had prevented the Elite Rat King's bodyguard from disembowelling him in a single strike, it could not protect him against the force of the impact.

The other 3 members of the close combat team swung their Tang Imitation Sword with all their might as they chopped towards the body of the Elite Rat King's bodyguard.

Although these close combat team members were evolvers, they do not have any powerful skills from the [System]. As a result, their blades could only leave white colour slash marks on the hide of the Elite Rat King's bodyguard. They were dismayed to find that they could not even cut through the hide to make this creature bleed!

There was an irritated look in the eyes of the Elite Rat King's bodyguard. In its eyes, it considered the three men surrounding it as nothing more than pesky flies. It raised its left hand to swat away these flies. The faces of these men turned pale. They had seen what a swipe of these claws could do to their comrade earlier.

Before its paw could complete the slash, a small shadowy figure used incredible speed to appear behind the Elite Rat King's bodyguard. With a trust of its blade, the shadowy figure stabbed a Tang Imitation Sword into the right eye of the Elite Rat King's bodyguard. Then she retreated.

All animals have at least one critical points on their body: their eyes. No matter how powerful these animals are, the eyes of a creature is a weak spot. The Elite Rat King's bodyguard is no exception to this rule. The Tang Imitation Sword was able to stab deep into the creature's brain from opening created by the eyes.

The Elite Rat King's bodyguard struggled for a brief moment as it lashed about in its death throes, and desperately struggled to pull out the sword. But it was obvious that this creature is getting weaker and weaker. With a sudden stiffening of its body, it collapsed into a pool of light and dropped a skill book.

A large experience orb entered into the body of the shadowy figure. Only then did the 3 men who was fighting the Elite Rat King's bodyguard realised that the small shadowy figure is actually Yao Yao.

Yao Yao picked up the Skill book and saw that it is a level 3 Agility Enhancement Skill book. With but a thought, she immediately opt to learn this skill and the skill book vanished as a glow of light surrounded her and empowered her.

Seeing this, the 3 close combat team members' mouths slightly curled, but they did not say anything.

Yue Zhong had a very strict rule: All the items that were dropped by any creatures in the [System] had to be submitted to him. Only he was allowed to distribute these rewards based on merits of his men. Secretly keeping an item or learning a skill from a dropped skill book was a big offence, and once any transgressors were discovered, they would be sentenced to death.

But Yao Yao had just saved their lives. In addition, she was on close terms with Yue Zhong. They had no intention of reporting Yao Yao for this violation of rules.

On the other side of Yue Zhong's camp, one of the Elite Rat King's bodyguard was locked in fierce combat with Kong Tianyu, Chen Shitou and two other close combat team members.

That Elite Rat King's bodyguard swiped a massive paw at one close combat team members and sent him flying. Although he is not disembowelled in one hit, his bones were crushed from the impact of the blow.

Chen Shitou had innately practiced a type of kung fu before the apocalypse. After he had attained the ability to evolve, he had participated in numerous raiding missions with Yue Zhong's team. Although he joined Yue Zhong's team relatively late compared to other members, his level is not low, and he is now a level 7 evolver. He stepped forward, and using his kung fu training, launched a mighty low kick at the Elite Rat King's bodyguard's leg.

The Elite Rat King's bodyguard lost its balance and fell heavily into the floor.

Chen Shitou quickly used his military knife to cut the throat of the prone Elite Rat King's bodyguard. If this is a man or an ordinary zombie, they will be decapitated by now. Alas! The knife was unable to even scratch a mark on the surface of the Elite Rat King's bodyguard's skin.

The Elite Rat King's bodyguard used its hands to support itself and was trying to stand up again by pushing against the ground.

Kong Tianyu was not going let go of this excellent opportunity. He quickly stepped forwards, and stabbed his Tang Imitation Sword through an eye socket of this beast. Then he used his body weight to push the sword deeper and deeper into the eye socket, while twisting and turning the sword in his hands. The blade drilled a path inside the brains of this Elite Rat King's bodyguard, pounding it into a sticky brain paste.

But Kong Tianyu has made a fatal error – he was standing in front of the Elite Rat King's bodyguard as he used all his strength to drive the Tang Imitation Sword deeper into its brain. The Elite Rat King's bodyguard's lashed out in fury at the pain and Kong Tianyu was unable to avoid its claws and was sent flying. However, a massive experience orb also entered into his body, and instantly promoted him to level 12 at one shot.

At the same time a valuable skill book was dropped.

### [Chapter 163: Tragic Victory](#)

Having killed an Elite Rat King's Bodyguard, Little Greenie Eagle searched the area for any more threats. It's sharp eyes spied the last Elite Rat King's Bodyguard in Yue's Zhong camp, and with a terrible speed, it rushed towards it. With a single peck, its mighty beak crushed the brains of Elite Rat King's Bodyguard before the Elite Rat King's Bodyguard could react.

“Boom!!!” “Boommmbbbb!!!”

Two mighty explosion rang out. The last 2 Elite Rat King's Bodyguards were taken down by two suicide bombers in the Coalition group armed with live grenades in a Kamikaze attack.

But how did the various factions in the Coalition group got hold of these weapons, especially grenades, in the first place? It should be noted that in China before the apocalypse, machine guns and hand grenades were restricted to the army or police. It is the same in LongHai Survival Camp.

The truth is that a lot of the Coalition group members had cultivated good Guanxi (Relations) with the Military in LongHai Survival Camps. After the apocalypse, weapons are strength, and strength means survival in a post-apocalypse world. Many factions have donated food and women to get weapons such as machine guns and hand grenades from the Military, and these weapons become the bottom line insurance for their lives.

Without the added threat of the Elite Rat King's Bodyguards, the rest of the men began to slowly turn the tide against the Mutant Rats that were still pouring out of the rat holes. The men quickly worked together to deal with the Mutant Rats in their territory and close up each existing hole with a grenade.

Just when the situation was getting under control, again several pairs of claws protruded from the ground and scattered rocks and soil all over the grounds. With the Mutant Rat Variations working in unison, 24 large holes were quickly created. From each of these holes, an Elite Rat King's Bodyguard emerged.

Looking at this situation, all the men felt a hinge of despair. It was with great difficulty and heavy casualties before they managed to kill 12 of these monsters, and now there are twice as many Elite Rat King's Bodyguards! Even if they managed to kill or drive these creatures off, the death count will be very high, and many of them would undoubtedly perished. As well, even if they managed to drive off this wave of beast, will the next wave come in even greater numbers?

Having experienced what these beasts could do if they ran unchecked, the men manning the type ZPT 90 25mm autocannon in the IFV immediately focused all their firepower on this new threat.

Under the roar of the autocannon firepower, many of the Mutant Rats and Elite Rat King's Bodyguards were torn asunder.

But as powerful as the IFVs were, there were only 2 of these machines. Although 8 of the Elite Rat King's Bodyguards were ripped into shreds, 16 of the monstrous creatures still managed to lead a large number of Mutant Rats into the areas where there are dense concentrations of men.

Just when the Elite Rat King's Bodyguards and Mutant Rings were about to engage the humans in fierce combat, a surprising thing occurred. The swarm of rats suddenly scattered and fled in all directions, leaving the men alone.

Even the Elite Rat King's Bodyguards that were unstoppable killing machines suddenly raised their head, sniffed into air, and ran back to the hole they appeared from.

The two gunners from the IFV grinned and displayed their might as the autocannon burst apart some of the fleeing Mutant Rats and Elite Rat King's Bodyguards.

"Do not shoot anymore!" "Stop shooting! Stop shooting!" Kong Tianyu yelled out a command.

Yue Zhong's forces had limited ammo. It is for this reason that the IFV seldom use its type ZPT 90 25mm autocannon. The autocannon is ususally used for showing off their strength and not for actual combat. Only when the men in Yue Zhong's camp were facing a desperate situation did Kong Tianyu authorised the use of this weapon of war. The reason why Yue Zhong had trained a large number of close combat team members is because they want to conserve their ammunition.



Although the firepower is very strong, but the consequences of reliance on these weapons is also very dangerous. Without bullets, a sword is much better than a rifle as a weapon.

All the men in Yue Zhong team's stopped firing, and the surviving close combat team members immediately chased and hacked apart any Mutant Rats within reach. Now that these Mutant Rats are fleeing and not attacking them in groups, the Mutant Rats are easy prey. Each Mutant Rats are level 5 Mutant beasts, and each kill will enable the close combat team members to gain more experience and hopefully evolve further.

After Yue Zhong has slayed the Mutant Rat King, the Mutant Rats and Elite Rat King's Bodyguards are in confusion and dispersed in all direction as they fled the area. Seeing the actions of Yue Zhong's team members who continuously collected the experience orbs, the rest of the evolvers from the Coalition group also charged out with their Tang Imitation Swords, and tried to gain more experience.

Watching the fleeing Mutants Rats and Elite Rat King's Bodyguards, the surviving humans let out a cheer. In this battle, although approximately 100 men had been killed, they had attained victory at last.

Yue Zhong and Ji Qing Wu returned to the camp. All around them is the corpses of rats, blood and guts of men, testifying to the intensity of the battle in the camp.

Once he returned to the camp, Yue Zhong immediately sought out Kong Tianyu. Grabbing his arm, Yue Zhong asked, "Is anyone killed or injured?"

For this mission, all the men that Yue Zhong brought out are elite troops from his party. Each of these men had killed at least 30 zombies. As well, all of these elite troops were equipped with Water Python Snakeskin Armor. Even if there is one death, Yue Zhong would be saddened by the loss of an elite troop member.

"Report: Two of our men were seriously injured. However, they had already consumed the Life Recovery Grass, and their life should not be in danger." Zhong Tianyu also passed a skill book and a small pile of coins to Yue Zhong. "Captain Yue, this is a skill book that dropped and some coins."

"Level 2 skill: Super Strength Enhancement. After activating this skill, within 30 secs, your strength will be increased by 30. However, after 30 secs, current stamina will drop by 10 points. If current stamina is less than 10 points, you will be unable to use this skill."

Yue Zhong tossed the book to Kong Tianyu. "This time you have done well! This skill book will be yours!"

Yue Zhong was not interested in this skill. The surge in power of this skill could only be used for a short time, and learning this skill will also consume one slot and reduced the number of active skills he may learn.

"Thank you, Captain Yue!" Kong Tianyu was very happy, and immediately learnt the skill. With a ray of light, the book disappeared, and the knowledge of that skill appeared in his mind.

At level 10, he gained the ability to enhance one skill. However, at that time he did not have any skills. Now that he had a skill, he also chose to put his skill enhancement point to this skill.

From his mind came a message “Level 2 skill: Surge in Strength +1! After using this skill, your strength will increase by 35 for a time period of 5 mins. After 5 mins, your current stamina will be reduced by 10. If your current stamina is lower than 10, you may not use this skill. There is no cooldown on this skill.”

Kong Tianyu was very glad, and in his heart, he laughed “Hahahaha, with this I am now a true evolver!”

Once he activated this skill, for 5 minutes Kong Tianyu will become like Hercules, and normal men would not be able to withstand the might of his blows!

Yue Zhong walked towards the injured men.

Seeing Yue Zhong, the two men who were injured tried to get up and called out weakly, “Captain Yue!”

Yue Zhong just helped them back to rest. “There is no need to get up. Just focus on resting for now and slowly regain your strength!”

The two injured men were touched and feebly nodded their heads. This consideration for their well-being increased the feeling of loyalty they felt towards Yue Zhong.

After ensuring that all his men were all right, Yue Zhong then walked towards the LongHai Military camp.

The LongHai Military group painted a tragic scene. Other than the men who were smacked to death or disembowelled, there are 8 more soldiers who had been bitten by the Mutant Rats. These men were spread out on the floor, and blood seeped out from their wounds, while they cried out in pain.

Xu Zhigang was holding an injured man in his arms. This man is wounded in several places, and he was crying as he begged Xu Zhigang. “Platoon leader! Please shoot me and release me from this agony! I can’t stand it. It is so painful! Please have mercy on me and end my sufferings!”

Xu Zhigang was fiercely holding back the tears in his eyes as he shouted. “Lang Zi! Please hold on!! I will definitely save you! You will definitely get well!”

#### [Chapter 164: Saving Lives](#)

Lang Zi, the man who was being held by Xu Zhenggang, was among the bravest soldiers under Xu Zhenggang’s command. Both Lang Zi and Xu Zhenggang were initially assigned to the same platoon. Having experienced countless numbers of battles together, their relationships were as close as brothers. When the Elite Rat King’s Bodyguard attacked the military group, Lang Zi is among the first men to step out to engage the new threat.

With tears streaming down his face, Lang Zi begged “Platoon Leader!! I know you are a good man. But I also know that we do not have any medicine. With my injuries, even I successfully made it back to LongHai Military Base, I will also die! Why don’t you just shoot me and spare me the agony from these pain? Please, I am begging you!!”

After the apocalypse, medicine, like food, became a valuable resource. After raiding Qing Yuan County, a large number of medicine were acquired by the LongHai survival camp government. Due to limited supply of medicine, only men who were living in the Special Administrative Region in the LongHai survival camp were able to get medical treatment. As for other men, even if they were injured, they were only able to either find ways to heal themselves or wait for death.

As the army was the one who conducted the raid, Lei Cheng (offside note: Lei Cheng is the military commander in LongHai Survival Camp) had misappropriated a lot of medicines and kept them as his personal stash. However, these medicines were all for his relatives, his personal aides and himself. There is no way he would share the medicines with anyone else. Xu Zhenggang is not a personal aide of Lei Cheng, and could not even get hold of any medicine from Lei Cheng.

Xu Zhenggang was a thoroughbred soldier. His loyalty did not rest with Lei Cheng, but resided within the country and government. If Lei Cheng should attempt to stage a military coup to take control of LongHai Survival Camp, Xu Zhenggang would resist the hostile takeover with all his might.

What Lei Cheng really desired are soldiers who obeyed all his orders without question and were willing to carry out his orders, even if his orders put them in conflict with the government or country. Therefore, Xu Zhenggang had never been on close terms with Lei Cheng.

In the military, there was a clear chain of command. This was the foundation on which the military was based on. Only and only Lei Cheng could issue any military commands and mobilised the army as Lei Cheng is the army commander. As Xu Zhenggang was soldier under the command of the military, even if the government would like Xu Zhenggang to be in charge of this expedition, they must first received Lei Cheng's approval to do so.

But Lei Cheng was a man who looked after his own interest first. He would not always follow the government's instructions. At the same time, the government was worried about Lei Cheng getting too much power. As a result, the relationship between the government and the military in LongHai survival camp could be described as being strained. Even if the government wanted to take control of the distribution of medicine in the army, it would be but an empty dream – the government did not have the power to take over the military and Lei Cheng would never agree to hand over the medical supplies.

In the military, for men who were as seriously injured as Lang Zi, most platoon commanders would not hesitate to deliver the coup de grace and end the suffering of his soldiers. But how could Xu Zhenggang bear to kill them? These men had been in countless numbers of battle with him and are closer to him than his own brothers.

The pain that the rest of the 7 injured men were going through were also visible on their face and actions as they winced, groan and trashed about. All of the injuries were very serious and it is obvious that if they did not receive any medical treatment, they would die.

The rest of the men in the platoon could only stand and watch the scene unfold with tears in their eyes, and feelings of sadness and being powerless to help swelled in their hearts. All of these injured men are men who had experienced several life and death situations with them. Their relationships were cultivated over the spans of several dangerous missions where they worked as one and trusted in each other to watch their backs as they overcame many obstacles together. Over time, an unshakable bond was formed between them.

"F\*\*k! There is no justice in this world? We stand in the front lines of all battles, risking our lives for these bastards, and what do we get in return? They will not even spare any medicine for us? What are we in the eyes of these men? Are we still regarded as human beings? When the pets of the men living in the Special Administrative Region were sick, they had access to a vet. Are, we the soldiers who risked our lives to get more food for the population of LongHai Survival Camp, even inferior to (pet) dogs?" A

burly soldier threw his military cap to the floor in frustration as he let loose a stream of profanities at the government and military in command.

Many rich men and women in the Special Administrative Region kept dogs as pet. Even when there was a shortage of food and countless numbers of people in LongHai survival camp were starving and dying of hunger, these dogs were well fed with superior dog food or left-overs of human food. When these dogs were sick, they had access to vets and expensive veterinary medicine. In contrast, the living conditions for many survivors in LongHai Survival Camp were inferior to a dog!

The burly men's words struck a chord with the sentiments in the hearts of the soldiers. Another soldier also took off his military cap and threw it to the ground in frustration. "That's right! We are disposable! Even if we died, in the eyes of the top brass in the government or military, we are worse than a dog!"

Listening to these words, the morale of the soldiers dropped drastically. These men were often the first to engage in battle and the last to retreat. They often have to participate in many dangerous missions to raid food and other supplies, and have a high injury and death toll. These soldiers are also human. Seeing this unfair and biased treatment, all these soldiers were of course, unhappy and fuming in anger.

Lang Zi knew that he will definitely die. He took the opportunity to finally say the words that he had longed kept in his heart. "Platoon Leader! You bring the rest of our brothers ... and leave! The further you go... the better! Do not follow Lei Cheng anymore, he wants ... he wants the lives of us all!"

Lang Zi's words spelled out what many soldiers also felt in their hearts but did not say it out. They all just stared at the platoon commander, Xu Zhenggang. They were not blind, nor were they stupid. They of course knew the Lei Cheng had regarded them as disposable men.

Xu Zhenggang had tears in his eyes as he replied: "Lang Zi, we cannot leave! We are military soldiers, government soldiers and civilian soldiers. Now that the country is in danger, we, the military, have to protect the citizens. If we all leave, who will protect our people and country?"

There was a bitter smile in Lang Zi mouth, as he sighed. He had worked with Xu Zhenggang for so many years, of course he knew the character of Xu Zhenggang inside out. Xu Zhenggang was a man with strong convictions and belief. No matter what others people said to him, he would never give up on his beliefs. But this was also what made Xu Zhenggang so attractive to his men, and why Lang Zi was willing to fight alongside Xu Zhenggang.

At this time, Yue Zhong stepped forward.

"I can heal them, and in addition, I have 70% chance that they will be completely healed." Yue Zhong said.

Xu Zhenggang eyes shone with a flash of hope, but at the same time, he was wary of Yue Zhong. "What are your terms and conditions? If you want me to betray the government or military in LongHai survival camp, I will not agree to your terms."

Xu Zhenggang was not that stupid as to believe that Yue Zhong would help him out of the goodness in Yue Zhong's heart. The situation among these two leaders was quite awkward – after this joint mission had been concluded, it is likely that they might be enemies in the near future.

Yue Zhong looked at the men who were injured and named his terms. "If I heal you, after you have recovered, you must join my team and become my men. Your boss, Lei Cheng, treated your lives as insignificant as grass. But I see you men as treasures! If you are willing to join me, I will give you nothing but the best! The best weapons, the best food, the best medicine! All these are available to you! If you have the ability, having two or more wives is also not a problem! "

In Yue Zhong's side, what he lacked most were professional soldiers. Also, he had raided a military base and received many military weapons like IFVs, there were few soldiers who were proficient in using these weapons. If he needs to train these soldiers from scratch, it would require a large amount of petrol, bullets, and time. Therefore soldiers who were already trained are treasures in the eyes of Yue Zhong. Not only can he save on the resources needed to train these soldiers, but each soldiers that joined his party could immediately be put to work in defending his camp.

Even if these soldiers could not drive or operate IFVs, these experienced soldiers only need more combat experiences and they would be elites among the men. These battle hardened men would be much stronger and more stable in a real battle than the conscripted soldiers in his army.

Xu Zhenggang pointed his fingers at the 8 men and said. "Then please heal them. They are all good soldiers. I promise you that once you have healed them, I will strike them out from the military list, and they will be your men."

If these soldiers did not get any help, they would die without any doubts. Xu Zhenggang could not bear the thoughts of men who he regarded as brothers dying, especially when an opportunity to preserve their lives is right in front of him.

Yue Zhong nodded and took out some powder made from the Life Saving Grass, and sprinkled them into a bowl of water. Then he let the men drink the bowl of water and sprinkle some powder onto the wounds of these men.

Under the miraculous effects of the Life Saving Grass, the 8 men's wounds slowly began to heal, and their situation shown signs of stabilizing.

#### [Chapter 165: Mass recruitment!](#)

Seeing that the wounds on these 8 soldiers were slowly closing and that their comrades' conditions were stabilizing, the surrounding soldiers also heaved a sigh of relief. These men had fought besides them in countless battles. Needless to say, there were close relationships between the injured soldiers and their platoon mates.

Having seen the miraculous recovery of 8 of his subordinates, Xu Zhenggang sincerely thanked Yue Zhong.

"There is no need for thanks! Since they are my men, of course I will naturally protect their lives." Yue Zhong replied. Looking at the rest of the soldiers crowding around these men, he asked, "All of you are the bravest soldiers I ever had the pleasure to meet! Would you like to join my team? I will give all of you the best benefits!"

Listening to Yue Zhong's recruitment speech, many soldiers were greatly tempted. Yue Zhong did not abandon these seriously injured soldiers, and even used miraculous medicines to heal the injured. In

contrast, Longhai Military group was not even willing to give these soldiers common medicine. These men were not as stubborn as Xu Zhenggang and naturally preferred to work for a caring commander than someone who regarded their lives as disposable.

Xu Zhenggang was furious at Yue Zhong's attempt to pull his men to his side. But when he considered the injustices that his men had to go through, he could not find the heart to voice out his rage. After all, these men were as close to him as his brothers, and he also wanted the best for them.

One of the soldiers stepped forward, and looked into Xu Zhenggang's eyes. With tears in his eyes, he exclaimed, "Platoon commander Xu, I apologise! I am no longer willing to risk my life for these bastards! Even the dogs in the Special Administrative Region have vets to take care of them when they were sick, while we soldiers who risked our lives to grab resources for these men could not even have any medical treatment when we were injured in the line of duty. We are men and have flesh and blood too, but they treated us even worse than dogs! I have no desire to work for them anymore!"

Another soldier bit down on his lips and clenched his fists. When he could endure it no longer, he also stepped out. "That's right! We all knew that if we use items from the [System], we will be able to become stronger and evolve. But look at our men who had been fighting in battles with us! Which one of them ever had the chance to evolve? All the drops from [System] were kept by Lei Cheng. Look at the Coalition Group that were comprised of civilians. Even they have evolvers! We cannot even compare to these men!"

Indeed, in Xu Zhenggang's platoon, not a single one of his men were equipped with any items from the [System]. Since Xu Zhenggang was not willing to follow all orders without question, the Military Commander, Lei Cheng, was very careful not to allow any [System] resources to fall in the hands of this group of men. It was apparent that he did not want this group of men to gain power.

Listening to the grievances of the two men who stepped out and stood behind Yue Zhong, one by one, more and more men stepped out and stood behind Yue Zhong's side.

That these men were willing to follow Yue Zhong was not due to Yue Zhong's charisma. To these men, Xu Zhenggang and Yue Zhong were equally good leaders. However, in light of the unfairness and injustice from the military and government forces, these men were pushed to stand at Yue Zhong's side.

They were fed up of the unjust treatments that they had received from these groups of people. Previously they had no choice but to continue to endure these injustices as they were not confident of surviving alone in this post-apocalypse world. But now that they had chance to work for another faction that had promised to treat them better, they all jumped at the opportunity.

There were no doubts in their minds at all that Yue Zhong would fulfill his promise to treat them better – they had seen that Yue Zhong was willing to use some miraculous medicine to save their comrades earlier. This action already spoke volumes of the extent that Yue Zhong went to take care of his men.

"You guys!!!" Xu Zhenggang looked at the men standing behind Yue Zhong. He felt helpless – there were more than half of his men who had already moved to stand behind Yue Zhong.

Xu Zhenggang's eyes turned bloodshot as he fiercely glared at Yue Zhong. "Yue Zhong, do you want to force all of us to serve your faction?"

Each of men still standing behind Xu Zhenggang side were alarmed. They had seen Yue Zhong's team members in action earlier and his team indeed had the power to annihilate all of the remaining men standing behind Xu Zhenggang.

Yue Zhong just calmly replied: "I do not have that intention. But these men joined me of their own free will by stepping behind me. Once they became my men, I will not easily let anyone snatch them away."

LongHai Survival Camp still had a massive military presence. If Yue Zhong had opted to force all the men in Xu Zhenggang platoon to join his team, LongHai survival camp would take this transgression as a reason for war.

From Yue Zhong's perspective, even if they win the war, they will only do so with heavy losses. A war will consume a significant number of resources such as bullet, medicine and cannon ammo. Before he created a factory for producing more of these resources, he preferred to try to conserve whatever resources he had.

If it was possible to avoid a battle with mere words, he would rather not fight. But if a battle is imminent, he will not shrink from it either.

Xu Zhenggang suspiciously looked at Yue Zhong. "How do you plan to distribute the food?"

Now that the Coalition group had suffered massive loss of lives, and half of the surviving men in the Military group had joined Yue Zhong's side, the balance of power had tipped in Yue Zhong's favour, and Yue Zhong's team was indisputably the strongest among them all. Xu Zhenggang was very worried about this issue. If Yue Zhong had chosen to take advantage of this chaos and rob them of their share, Xu Zhenggang would have no choice but to concede.

Yue Zhong just glanced at Xu Zhenggang and replied: "Nothing has changed from our earlier agreement. I will take 50% of any resources we find. The other 50% you divide it among your party and the Coalition. I will not interfere in this."

Xu Zhenggang then breathed a sigh of relief, and with a bitter expression, he glanced at his former platoon men who opted to be with Yue Zhong's group. "Leave! Get out of my sight!!"

Yue Zhong turned around and walked towards the Coalition group.

The soldiers who chose to leave saluted Xu Zhenggang for one last time. Then they gathered the 8 injured soldiers and walked towards Yue Zhong's camp.

In the camp of the Coalition group, there were 10 men who were injured. Yue Zhong requested for the men whom he felt that he could possibly save. In this cruel post-apocalypse landscape, medicine was a rare resource. Therefore, when Yue Zhong offered to save these men in exchange for their joining his team, of course no factions within the resources will refuse. One less injured soldier to take care of means that they could save on expensive resources like medicine and food.

These injured soldiers were very thankful to Yue Zhong for agreeing to save their lives. Hence after they had recovered, almost all of them agreed to work under Yue Zhong's banner.

In addition, 6 smaller faction leaders brought all their men with them and requested to join Yue Zhong's team.

In LongHai Survivor Camp, the bigger factions were thriving. However, smaller factions were struggling to get by. Being a leader of a smaller faction was not something cool nor was it enviable. These faction leaders had to find various ways and means to feed their men. As their teams were small in number and relatively weak, they found it very hard to do so. That was why they were tempted by the offer of food from the military and had taken part in this joint expedition.

Of course Yue Zhong did not reject any men. As long as these men were willing to follow his rules, he was willing to accept any men. Right now, what he lacked most is manpower.

After the battle, the camp is littered with the corpses of the Mutant Rats. Many men also take these rat corpses and proceeded to roast the rats.

After the apocalypse, many men had not tasted meat for a long time. To them, the Mutant Rats corpses were very tasty treats. [Yikes!!]

The camp was soon filled with the sweet smell of roast rats. Some of the smaller teams in the Coalition group were packing the Mutant Rat corpses into the truck, and was prepared to stock up these creatures as exotic food.

After skinning and drying these rats, it is also possible to make rat meat jerky from the the meat of these corpses.

In the Military group and Yue Zhong's group, all the men were also stocking up the corpses of these Mutant Rats. These are rare treats and a delicacy to be had!

Yue Zhong gave a command to Chen Shi Tou. "Quickly take some members with you and retrieve all the corpses the Elite Rat King's bodyguards."

Although the hides of these Elite Rat King's bodyguards were inferior to that of the Water Python Snakeskin Armor, but these are also good materials for making leather armour. After all, these creatures could shrug off the impact of normal weapons and bullets, and normal zombies will not be able to break through these hides and infect his team members with the zombie virus.

Although the Water Python Snakeskin armour was much better than this ratskin hide, there is a limit to the number of armour that could be made given the limited number of snakes that Yue Zhong had encountered. At most there will be 70 sets of Snakeskin armour.

These Elite Rat King's bodyguard skin may be slightly inferior to that of the Water Python Snakeskin armour, but the number of these creatures are not small in number. These Elite Rat King's bodyguard hides will allow Yue Zhong to better equip his team members.

Even the fur of the Mutant Rats could be used to create clothes. Although there were many tailoring machines in Stone Horse village, there were limited number of materials that could be used to make clothes. Almost everyone else were wearing what they had worn before the apocalypse, and changes of clothes were rare.



[Wag1990 explanation: It might imply that they just haven't created any clothes that will help them survive this apocalypse. Basically it is saying that they are wearing normal, unarmored, civilian clothing that was made before the apocalypse and provides no protection whatsoever.]

### [Chapter 166: Little Greenie Evolved!](#)

After collecting a large number of Mutant Rats' corpses, all these men then drove their vehicles toward their objective: the granary.

After opening a storeroom in the granary, the men were delighted to discover that there was a small mountain of food inside. Bags upon bags of rice were stacked neatly into columns and rows, filling the granary. However, some of the bags of grains had been bitten open by rats, and a lot of the food were spilled onto the floor.

The granary had 8 storerooms. But of the 8 storerooms, only 5 of them contained food. The remaining 3 storerooms were empty. But in the 5 remaining storerooms that contained food, about 20% of the food had been eaten by the rats. On closer examination, about half of the food in the granary was deemed to be eaten by the rats.

Yue Zhong looked at the 3 empty store rooms that were supposed to be full of food, but he did not say anything.

Looking at the amount of food still remaining in the granary, all the men from Military or Coalition group who participated in this mission went crazy with excitement. They continuously grabbed the stacks of food and moved them to their vehicles. Food in LongHai Survival Camp is more valuable than gold!

Yue Zhong ignored the actions of other men. Instead, he had some of his men to guard his share of 2.5 storerooms worth of food, while the rest of his men continued to load the food into the vehicles. When the vehicles are full, he had the workers transport the food to Stone Horse Village to unload the food, then come back again. Meanwhile, the other half of his team continued to guard the food. There was too much food for their vehicles to load at one go.

Now that the most pressing issue had been resolved, Yue Zhong then examined the spoils of war. During their chase of the Mutant Rat King, Ji Qing Wu and he had killed several Elite Rat King's bodyguards, and 4 skill books were dropped. On closer examination, the 4 skill books were Level 2 shadow steps, Level 2 massive strength, Level 2 heal, and Level 2 continuous miniature fireball.

"Level 2 Heal: Using this skill, one may treat most types of injuries, including external wounds and internal injuries. The healing effect of this skill is relatively good. Using this skill will consume 20 spiritual points. Non-priest class who mastered this skill may only use this skill once a day."

"Level 2 continuous miniature fireball: Using this skill, 5 miniature balls of fire can be summoned. All five fireballs will become a continuous stream of fireballs to attack an enemy. Using this skill will consume 20 spiritual points. Non-mage class that mastered this skill may only use this ability once a day."

Yue Zhong swiftly decided how he planned to distribute these skills. "Liu Yan should get the shadow step skill while Lu Wen will get the healing skill. As for the Level 2 Massive strength skill, I will grant this skill

to Chen Shi Tou – His performance is very good. Chen Yao is a mage class, so giving her the Continuous Miniature Fireball skill will be best for her.”

Having determined how he would distribute the skill books, Yue Zhong took out the crystal that he had received from the Mutant Rat King’s brain. He was in conflict over if he should eat this crystal. He looked at the crystal. Unlike the red blood bead, he did not feel any temptation to eat it.

Looking at the crystal in Yue Zhong’s hands, Little Greenie Eagle’s eyes seemed to shine with a bright light. Flapping its wings, it rushed towards Yue Zhong. Before Yue Zhong could react, Little Greenie grabbed the crystal in its beak and immediately swallowed the crystal.

Looking at Little Greenie Eagle’s actions, Yue Zhong had a flash of inspiration: “Looks like the crystal is for Mutant Beasts to eat!” he thought.

The crystal and the red blood beads were very rare items. After killing so many Mutant beast, Yue Zhong noted that only Mutant beasts of level 30 and above had a chance of dropping a red blood bead. As for the crystal, this is his first time seeing one.

As expected, in the bodies of the Level 26 Elite Rat King’s bodyguards, there were no red blood beads nor crystals.

After swallowing the crystal, Little Greenie Eagle seemed to use its wings to curl itself up, and stopped moving as it slept.

Seeing that Little Greenie Eagle seemed to be all right, Yue Zhong also swallowed the red blood bead.

The red blood bead seemed to turn into a fiery bead of fire as it travelled through Yue Zhong’s body, continuously changing and strengthening his body.

From his brain came a message from the [System]: “Congratulations! Your vitality has been enhanced by 12 points, and your strength has been enhanced by 3 points!”

“Woah! +12 vitality? This Mutant King Rat’s red blood bead is really powerful!” Yue Zhong could not help grinning in delight.

Each of the 6 stats had their own use. Having more vitality would increase his rate of recovery when he is injured, and made his rate of recovery much faster than normal men.

Little Greenie Eagle slept until late into the night. While it was sleeping, feathers began to drop from its body. Each feather was quickly replaced by new feathers that seemed to grow very rapidly. His body also seemed to grow bigger.

After Little Greenie Eagle woke up, it opened its eyes and spread its wings. Then with a leap, it flew into the sky.

“Yes! Finally it can fly! This is great!” Yue Zhong was very happy to see that Little Greenie Eagle could fly.

An eagle is a king in the sky. If Little Greenie had continued to be a flightless bird, it would have lost its biggest advantage. Now that Little Greenie could fly, Yue Zhong’s forces had gained a powerful flying ally.

Nobody noticed the moment when Yao Yao managed to slip in beside Yue Zhong. She looked at Little Greenie who was soaring happily in the sky, and she seemed to be lost in her own thoughts.

Little Greenie circled several rounds in the air before landing besides Yue Zhong. It seemed to be rubbing its head against Yue Zhong and thanking him.

“Level 36 Mutant Green Feather Eagle. Have the ability to fly and rock hard feathers.”

Yue Zhong’s Eyes of Perception’s ability allowed him to observe the changes to Little Greenie. After swallowing the crystal, Little Greenie immediately raise 10 levels, and its powers have increased exponentially.

Yao Yao also raised her hands and stroke Little Greenie’s feathers.

After it had transformed, Little Greenie’s feathers become very sensitive. When it sensed Yao Yao touching it, it immediately flapped its wings. Poor Yao Yao was sent flying for 5 to 6 m away, and was covered in dust and soot.

Being one of the mightiest creatures under the sky, Little Greenie Eagle was very proud. Other than its master Yue Zhong, it did not allow anyone else to touch it. Only if Yue Zhong command it, perhaps it might allow others to touch it.

Yao Yao crawled up from the ground. With her face full of soot, she stared daggers at Little Greenie Eagle.

Little Greenie Eagle did not even put Yao Yao in its eyes as it continued to rub its head against Yue Zhong.

After thinking for a while, Yao Yao walked up to Yue Zhong and asked in her little Lolita voice, “Please, can I ride Little Greenie and fly in the sky?”, she pleaded.

Yue Zhong looked into Little Greenie’s eyes, and Little Greenie immediately shook its head. It did not like the idea of anyone other than Yue Zhong riding it. Mutant Beasts were way more intelligent than normal animals. Although Little Greenie could not speak, it could understand human speech.

Yue Zhong could only smile at Yao Yao and replied, “It is not willing. I also do not wish to force it.”

Yao Yao stared at Yue Zhong, and with a grumpy look, she pouted and exclaimed: “It is just an eagle only. I will definitely catch a bigger and better bird than it in the future!”

Then she ran off and quickly disappeared from Yue Zhong’s sight.

Little Greenie also flapped its wings and flew outside, and begun to feed on the corpse of the Mutant Rats. There were several thousand rats, and not all the Mutant Rat corpses had been moved into the vehicles.

### [Chapter 167: Big Cliff Village](#)

After all the food have been moved out Shang Lin County granary, both Yue Zhong’s Stone Horse Village and LongHai Survival Camp men also breathe a sigh of relief as they went back to their respective villages.

After Xu Zhenggang returned to the survival camp, he was praised by his superior, Lei Cheng. Lei Cheng had noticed that Xu Zhenggang had less men in his platoon, but he did not even ask about the death toll or injuries among Xu Zhenggang's men. This made Xu Zhenggang feel very upset. Since Lei Cheng did not ask, Xu Zhenggang did not report that some of his men had defected to Yue Zhong's camp.

Big Cliff Village is to the east of Stone Horse Village. Inside the village, there was a small scale steel factory. As well, there were also a lot of enterprises that provided services that compliments the steel factory. e.g. Creating knives from steel produced from the factory etc.

One day, an IFV, 7 Dongfeng Trucks, 5 Jeep vehicles, 5 military jeeps loaded with heavy gun stopped outside Big Cliff Village.

"Alright quickly ! You trashies better come down as fast as you can!"

Under Kong Tianyu's angry roar, from the 7 trucks, about 100 men who were dressed in rags disembarked from the trucks.

Besides each truck were several men who were armed with type 79 assault rifles or type 03 rifles. These guards stared at all the men who dismounted from the truck. There was a flash of contempt in the eyes of the guards.

Several men carrying large number of machetes and shields threw these weapons in front of the 100 men who were dressed in rags.

Although the number of steel workshops in Stone Horse village could not be compare to Big Cliff Village's, it also had a few workshops that produce knives using the steel from Big Cliff Village. The machetes and shields in front the men in rags were produced from these workshops.

Kong Tianyu chuckled evilly as he stared at the men in rags and shouted. "Listen carefully, you scums! In accordance with the crimes you committed, you should be shot, or beheaded already. But you are lucky that Captain Yue's team not only spared your worthless lives, but also waste precious food on you. He had allowed you to have food to eat and water to drink! Now is the time for you to show your worth! Immediately pick up the machetes and shields in front of you, and follow my orders to kill zombies! Understand?"

After hearing Kong Tianyu's speech, each of these prisoners hesitating pick up a machete and shield from the floor. With the threat of several guns pointing at them, all of these men did not have any power to resist.

These 100 or so men are prisoners from Yue Zhong's camp. Although these prisoners outnumber the number of guards, but compared to the threat of guns, IFV and heavy firearms mounted on 5 jeeps, these men were still powerless to resist their captors even when armed with a shield and machete.

"Come here, you scums!" Under the bellow of Kong Tianyu, the prisoners carrying a shield and machete assembled at a corner waiting for further orders.

The guards quickly spread out with and readied their guns.

Several men also rushed forward, and two large stakes into the ground. Then they tied several lines of wires to the stakes to create a trip wire barrier. This barrier could be used to trip the zombies.

Once the team are ready for combat, Yue Zhong commanded White Bones: "Go and draw these things out."

The eyes of White Bones seem to glow with an eerie light as it walked into the County. White Bone was covered with flesh blood.

White Bones waved his massive axe, and like a whirlwind of destruction, beheaded zombies near the entrance of the village.

Smelling the blood on White Bones, the zombies in the village began to move. But unlike previous experience where the zombies were led out in manageable waves, the zombies residing in Big Cliff Village's could not be lead out in small groups. Instead, thousands of zombies residing within the town walked out from all directions, and combined together into a massive mob as they charged towards the village entrance.

After killing slightly more than 10 zombies, White Bone was forced to retreat under the mob of zombies.

All these zombies were wearing tatter clothes, and their body had rotted. They shakily walked out of the village towards the men.

Looking at the massive number of zombies that were chasing White Bones, Yue Zhong frown. "Why is there no S level zombies here?"

Usually, the S series type of zombies are much faster than ordinary zombies. In a horde of zombies, the S series type of zombies usually were the first to charge in front. These S series type of zombie were the deadliest zombie, and each of these creatures were of higher threat than normal zombies.

When these zombies were less than 100m away from them, Yue Zhong shouted: "Fire at will!"

Immediately, the sounds of gunfire rang out throughout the area.

Many zombies were immediately killed with a headshot and collapse onto the ground. The zombies behind them trampled on their fallen comrades and continued to advance.

Having actual battle experience is the best training. After many battles and using up countless numbers of bullet, Yue Zhong's team now have about 20 elite marksmen. These marksmen have a 70% chance to use a type 03 rifle to blow apart the head of a zombie from less 100m away.

These elite marksmen were professional soldiers (that had defected to Yue Zhong's camp). They had undergone rigorous military training, and most participants had fought in previous wars to regain Qingyuan City. After the baptism of combat, they adapt very quickly to the battlefield.

The other marksmen's attack were less effective. Other than a head shot, the zombies were unlikely to suffer any damage at all. Although they had hit the zombies, they did not manage to get a head shot.

The horde of zombies pushed forwards as one. The corpses of the zombies that were downed with a headshot did not even slow the charge of the horde of zombies.

The prisoners' face turned pale when they saw the horde of advancing zombies. Although each prisoner is an expert in bullying other men, but they had never personally attack or fought with zombies before.

The massive numbers of zombies gave off a feeling that no matter how many they killed, there will always be more of them. This create a feeling of fear and helplessness among the men.

In the area in front of Yue Zhong, there were several trip wire barriers that were already set up.

As the zombies in the front passed by the trip wire barrier, they tripped onto the ground. The rest of the zombies behind stepped on their comrades' bodies and continued to walk towards Yue Zhong. Under the stampede of thousands of zombies, the ones that tripped were smashed into meat paste.

These trip wire barriers continuously tripped waves after waves of zombie as the zombies in front were tripped and squashed by the subsequent trample of their comrades.

But there were really too many zombies. These trip wire barriers could not hope to stop the zombie horde from advancing.

Seeing the massive group of zombie continuously advancing towards them, all the men felt increasingly pressurised.

Yue Zhong's men coped better in the face of danger. Many of the men had engaged the zombies on multiple occasions. However, the prisoners' face turned white with fear and were uncontrollably shivering. Just the thought that they had to engage the zombies in close combat was enough to frighten them.

When the zombies were just about 30m away from Yue Zhong's group, Yue Zhong shouted out a command "Concentrate your fire!"

In that instant, all the firepower in Yue Zhong army shredded a path of destruction as it cut a swathe through the ranks of zombies. Most of the zombies had fallen onto the ground from the concentrated fire.

The concentrated fire did not last long, as Yue Zhong relayed another command: "Stop!"

Under Yue Zhong's instructions, all the men stopped firing.

Yue Zhong's team has no way to create new bullet, spent bullets could not be reused. With no way of replenishing their supplies, each bullet used will further depreciate their supply of bullets. If they do not learn to conserve bullets, they will soon use up all their bullets.

#### [Chapter 168: Little Greenie Show His Might!](#)

After the ceasefire order, Yue Zhong was startled to see to that the Village entrance was still filled to the brim with zombies!

From all corners of Big Cliff Village, zombies seemed to continuously crawl out, with no end in sight.

"WTF! Why are there so many zombies?" Yue Zhong was frowning as he looked at the swarm of zombies creeping towards him.

Zombies were usually distributed all over the village. Last time Yue Zhong brought people to raid Stone Horse Village, he would draw about 100 zombies out. Then the team will clear this wave of zombies before drawing out and clearing a second wave of zombie.

In this way, each subsequent waves of zombies are slowly cleared, with minimum danger to his team. But unexpectedly this time, all the zombies in the village were drawn out, and the numbers posed a significant threat to his team.

Other than the zombies that continued to pour out of Big Cliff Village, many of the zombies that were shot from the earlier round of fire also slowly climbed up from the ground again, and shakily made their way towards Yue Zhong's team.

Zombies were impossible to kill with bullets unless they were shot in the head. Unfortunately, most of the bullets hit the zombies in their body. Unlike humans who would be seriously injured by bullets, the zombies seemed to shrug off the bullets as they got up from the ground and continued to advance.

"All close combat team 1 members, follow me!"

Yue Zhong roared an order and led a team of 12 men as they charged into the Zombie horde. Each of these men were clad in Water Python Snakeskin Armor, and wields a Tang Imitation Sword.

If his men were strong enough to fight the battle without his aid, he would be more than happy to direct the battle from behind. This would allow his men to gain even more experience. However, Yue Zhong's team was currently relatively weak. Each of these elite troops were all valuable resources. He must fight alongside them to give them the courage to fight, and in times of crisis, save their lives.

Yue Zhong, White Bones and the close combat team 1 members charged into the group of zombies, beheading a zombie with each strike of the sword.

The close combat team members were all evolvers. Most of them had continuously poured their stats points into strength and stamina, making them unstoppable close-quarters combat (zombie) killing machines. With enhanced strength, each swing of the sword would cleave through a zombie easily and occasionally hit the zombie next to it. With enhanced stamina, these fighters were able to continuously hack apart the zombies without feeling fatigued. In a short span of time, over 100 zombies have been destroyed.

However, the tide of zombies were endless, and no matter how many they killed, there were more to replace these fallen zombies. It was like fighting a hydra. For each zombie that was beheaded, it was replaced by two more of its mates. Over time, even the elite close combat team members began to feel afraid, and helpless. After all, their stamina was limited, while the horde of zombies were never ending.

"First Combat Team members, retreat!" After killing scores of zombies, Yue Zhong estimated that his team was reaching their limits, and promptly sounded the order to retreat. He had no desire to risk the lives of his men.

From the entrance of the village, more and more zombies emerged. The first combat team members only comprised of 12 men. Even though they were wearing Water Python Snakeskin Armour, they would be killed without a doubt if they were surrounded by the sea of zombies.

These first combat team members were all at least level 7 evolvers. To Yue Zhong, each of these members were invaluable, and he would be heartbroken if even one of these men perished.

After receiving the command, all the men in the first close combat team immediately retreated at the first opportunity.

Yue Zhong and White Bones continued to hold back the tide of zombies to buy time for his men to escape. After ensuring all his men had safely retreated, Yue Zhong and White Bones were also preparing to retreat.

At this moment, suddenly the zombie horde parted to make way for another group of zombies. To Yue Zhong's horror, there were 7 S2 zombies, 8 L2 zombies, 36 S1 zombies, and 43 L1 zombies rushing out towards him!

"Holy Shit! Even the zombies have someone directing them?" Looking at the 100 or so elite zombies charging towards him, he could not help feeling that someone or something was controlling these zombie.

Yue Zhong's suspicions were based on his experience – normal zombies would not attack all at once. Also, the elite zombies seldom grouped together. But seeing the horde of zombies and the elite zombies as acting together as one made him believe that someone or something was controlling these zombie. Over time, he learnt to trust his instincts. His experience with the Mutant Rats was the best example – he believed that the Mutant King Rat was controlling the Mutant Rats, and he was proven right.

Looking at the horde of elite zombies, Yue Zhong immediately retreated. At the same time, he launched a fireball towards a L2 zombie.

The fireball hit the L2 on its head, and blew it off. The L2 collapsed onto the ground.

As for the 7 S2, if these creatures did not close in on Yue Zhong, Yue Zhong had no way to kill them. They were too fast and Yue Zhong's marksmanship skill was too low shoot them accurately.

As expected, the 7 S2 were the fastest of the lot, and immediately rushed towards Yue Zhong in a zig-zag fashion, and attacked Yue Zhong from all directions. Their speed were insanely fast, and even the expert marksmen from Yue Zhong's team would be unable to accurately aim for them. Compared to the strength enhanced L2 zombies, these s2 were more deadly.

At the same time Yue Zhong was retreating, he shouted, "Little Greenie!"

From the sky, a bolt of green colour lightning struck down and immediately crushed an L2 zombie's head into pieces.

The green colour bolt of lightning was none other than Little Greenie!

With a single strike, it destroyed an L2. Then it flapped its wings and flew upwards. A moment later, it became another bolt of green lightning as it charged towards another L2 and tore the head of the L2 off its body with its sharp claws!



After having evolved, Little Greenie was now able to fully utilize the power of flight. Its claws and beak were extremely sharp, as befitting a level 36 beast. Although the L2 were powerful, it could not withstand a hit from these claws that could rip apart the scales of Water Python. Even though the L2 were monstrous strength enhanced zombies, they could not fly and pose no threat to Little Greenie.

Meanwhile, the 7 S2 quickly caught up with Yue Zhong.

Yue Zhong had fought these creatures before and knew that with his current speed, he could not hope to take them on. He immediately activated shadow steps, gaining a large boost to his speed. Then he charged towards a S2 zombie. There were two flashes of light as the S2 and Yue Zhong cross each other. For just a second, both parties stopped moving. A spray of blood erupted from the S2 brain as it collapsed onto the floor, while Yue Zhong stood victorious. In the brief exchange, Yue Zhong had beheaded the S2!

But Yue Zhong had no time to relax. Such is the speed of the S2 that even being stationary for a second was enough for another S2 to launch an attack on Yue Zhong. Its claws threaten to rip Yue Zhong into shreds and were just a few centimeters away from him. Suddenly Yue Zhong seemed to disappear into a wisp of smoke, and reappeared behind it. Then there was another flash of light as another S2 was beheaded.

The high-speed fight was almost invisible to the naked eyes of the soldiers – all they could see was a blur of movements and flashes of light as Yue Zhong's sword repeatedly slashed out. With each slash, an S2 zombie would collapse onto the ground, with its brain cleanly sliced open. In the span of a few breaths, the team of 7 S2 were completely annihilated by Yue Zhong!

"Super Strong!!! So impressive!! Kong Tianyu could not help admiring Yue Zhong. In the span of a few seconds, Yue Zhong managed to kill 7 S2 zombie. He was also an evolver, but he could not even take on a single S2 – the speed of S2 zombie was too fast.

"Congratulations on reaching level 32. You have gained 2 points of stats." After killing the 7 S2, Yue Zhong gained massive amount of experience. This was enough for him to advance a level.

"Increase agility, and stamina!" Yue Zhong quickly made his choice. If not for the fact that he had continuously increased his agility, there was no way that he could handle 7 S2 zombies so easily!

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Yue Zhong quickly kept the items that the S2 had dropped, and rushed back to his team.

In front of Yue Zhong, there were still numerous S1, L2 and L1 zombies, in addition to countless number of normal zombies. As powerful as Yue Zhong was, if he was surrounded by the never-ending horde of zombies, he would be killed.

"Magic team, attack!" Once Yue Zhong returned to the camp, he immediately shouted out an order.

In raids against the zombies, Yue Zhong would sometimes receive magic skill books. He had passed these magic books to a team of 10 people, and created a team of mages.

These mages include Lu Wen, Guo Yu, Chen Yao etc. After the apocalypse, each of these skills were very valuable. To save on bullets, these mages who could launch only a single spell were also deployed on the battlefield. This will allow the mages to gain experience orbs and evolve.

Each of these mage activated their magic and began chanting their spells. From the air in front of them, several runes appeared, as it gathered the energy to launch the spells.

“Fire at will!” Yue Zhong roared. Although magic was very powerful, but the time required to cast a spell was also relatively long. While the mages were channelling their spells, he also need to stop the zombie horde from getting too close so that the mages will not be distracted.

Once Yue Zhong gave the command, the men immediately let loose their ammunitions as a hail of bullets tore into the ranks of the zombies.

Under the rain of bullets, several S1, L1 and normal zombies were like stringed puppets that had their strings cut, and collapsed onto the floor. However, the L2 was built like a tank, and continued to advance despite the bullet storm. Each bullet that hit the L2 were repelled, and could not even slow its charge, with but one exception. The 12.7 mm heavy machine guns that were mounted on the top of the jeeps were able to penetrate the hide of these creatures.

Each 12.7mm heavy machine guns were able to shred a lightly armoured jeep into pieces, and have great penetrating power. Therefore, it was no surprise that the L2 zombies were unable to cope with the firepower.

“Cease Fire!” Seeing at the group of evolved zombies had been knocked down, Yue Zhong requested a ceasefire.

All the men stopped firing.

After the hail of the bullets stopped, more and more zombies emerged from Big Cliff village.

At the same time, all the evolved zombies that were shot got up again.

These evolved zombies were much tougher than ordinary zombies. Unless you exploded their head, it is impossible to kill them.

The four surviving L2 immediately got up. With massive strides, they charged towards Yue Zhong.

However, the bullet storm managed to land lucky hits on several evolved zombies with headshots.

At this time, Guo Yu, Lu Wen had already finished chanting their spells. Fireball, Ice cones, Earth Spike etc., all these magic were focused on the evolved zombies, and managed to kill 8 of these creature.

“Close combat groups – Team 2 and Team 3, rush forwards with me!”

With a mighty roar, Yue Zhong led a team of 24 close combat team members into battle with the evolved zombies. Like the close combat team 1, each of these men were wearing Water Python Snakeskin Armor, and wields a Tang Imitation Sword.

Although magic was very powerful, it also had a long cooldown. After launching a single spell, Guo Yu and the mage team were unable to cast anymore spells for that day. Unless they reach level 10 and change their class to a mage, it is unlikely that they could continue to cast more than a single spell each day.

The evolved zombies clashed with Yue Zhong and his team of 24 men.

Like an arrow, Yue Zhong sped towards a L2 zombie, and pointed a stinger gun at the head of this creature. Then he pulled the trigger.

With a “Bang” sound, the L2’s head was decorated with a new hole, and it collapsed lifelessly onto the ground.

A mighty fist threatened to crush Yue Zhong into pieces as another L2 discovered his presence, and raised his fist to smash Yue Zhong.

Yue Zhong easily dodged the L2’s fist as he stepped forward, pointed his stinger at the lower jaws of the L2, and busted its head apart.

In the sky, Little Greenie swooped down, and in a single swipe, managed to decapitate a L2 in each claw. Two L2 lifelessly collapsed as their heads were ripped off their body.

The 24 elite close combat team members were engaged in a fierce battle with the L1 and the S1.

In the chaos that followed, some close combat team members were sent flying with each swing of an L1 fists. And some close combat team members were scratched by the claws of the high speed S1. But many L1 and S1 were also killed by the close combat team members.

“F\*\*k! Go and die!”

Kong Tianyu activated his skill [Enhanced strength], and with a single swing of the Tang Imitation Blade in his hand, he managed to lop off the head of a mighty L1 zombie.

But he had no time to relax as a S1 immediately clawed at his left shoulder as soon as the L1 zombie was dispatched.

“Damn f\*\*king bastard! Go and die!” With a sinister smile, his blade immediately separated the S1’s head from its body.

The Water Python snakeskin armour protected him from the claws of the S1. Unless the S1 landed a hit on his head, it could not hurt Kong Tianyu.

But in comparison to the S1, the L1 were of a much deadlier threat. Many close combat team members were sent flying by the L1.

Under the might of his herculean strength, Kong Tianyu was able to kill even L1 zombies with a single swing of his blade. Therefore he was unafraid and charged towards the other evolved zombies.

The rest of the team found that dealing with S1 zombie were relatively easy. They could use their body as a bait to draw these creatures closer before taking a swipe at them. With their Water Python Snakeskin armour, the claws of the S1 could not even scratch them.

But the L1 were a totally different story. They need to repeatedly hack at the L1 multiple times before they could lop off a single L1's head. In addition, the L1 attacks were very powerful and sent men flying with each hit.

Many team members managed to land a hit on the L1 heads, but they were left open to the L1's retaliation strike, and was seriously injured. If not for the Water Python Snakeskin Armour absorbing a massive portion of the impact, these men would have immediately perished.

But once the level 2 evolved zombie had been cleared, Yue Zhong, White Bones and Little Greenie turned their attention to the level 1 zombies. Under their combine attacks, the evolved zombies were quickly clear out. 5 of Yue Zhong's team members were injured by the L1 zombies and could no longer participate in this battle.

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These evolved zombies were not so easy to dealt with. Each evolved zombies had extraordinary abilities, especially the S series zombies. If not for the Water Python Snakeskin Armour that protected the close combat team from the S series zombie's strikes, more than half of the men would already been infected with the zombie virus. But under the protection of the superior armour, only five men were injured.

"Retreat!"

After destroying the evolved zombies, Yue Zhong kept some of the items that were dropped by the evolved zombies in his spatial ring. Then he led the two close-combat teams to retreat from the zombie horde.

Little Greenie stood unchallenged in the sky, as it picked apart zombies at it's leisure. From time to time it would swoop down and crush a zombie. Before any zombies could fight back, it was long gone, having flew out of reach of the flightless zombies. Not a single zombie could withstand its attack nor could these zombie touch a feather on its body.

Although the elite zombies had been destroyed, the ordinary zombies continued to stream out of every nook and cranny of Big Cliff Village.

At first, it was a river of zombies as the streams of zombies merged together and filled a street with zombie. The rivers of zombies merged together on the main road to form a massive sea of zombies over 5000 strong.

After all the efforts that Yue Zhong and his team had expended, they had only managed to kill 600+ zombies, a little more than a 1/10th of the zombie throng that were shuffling towards them.

Although the route to Yue Zhong's camp were littered with the corpses of countless zombies, but the sea of zombies seemed to shrug off the loss of their kind as they continued to advance towards Yue Zhong's camp. Seeing so many zombies created immense pressure on the team.

This was the first time that many of Yue Zhong's team members had seen such a massive number of zombies, and they were shaken. In the last encounter with zombies, Yue Zhong was able lead the zombie out in groups of 100s, making the task much easier. But with 5000 zombies walking shakily towards them, they could not help but tremble in fright.

Having to fight 5000s of zombie and 100 zombies were two different issues. In battles with groups of 100 zombies, they could afford to take a rest between fights. But in a tide of 5000s zombies, the waves of zombies were unending, and there is no respite for these men.

The elite marksmen in Yue Zhong's team had never stopped firing. Each hit would accurately blew apart a zombie's head. Although many zombies had fallen, it had no impact on stopping the mass of zombies from advancing forward. The zombies behind would step on the corpses of the fallen and continued to advance, slowly but steadily.

Looking at the sea of zombies approaching them, Ye Zhong was alarmed and he thought "Looks like this time we will suffer a big loss!"

Seeing the hordes of zombies unceasingly getting closer and closer, Yue Zhong immediately commanded: "All teams, fire at will!"

Following Yue Zhong's order, all his men let their guns ripped. Torrents of bullet washed into the sea of zombies.

Under the scythe of the bullets, many of zombies that were at the foremost of the zombie tide were cut down.

But the number of zombies were immeasurable, and the zombies were without fear. They continued to advance, regardless of their lives or the number of zombies that were scythed down by the bullet storm. Some of the fallen zombies picked themselves up from the ground.

Yue Zhong's team was also expending their ammo at a very rapid pace.

The sea of zombie at the back of the tide seemed to slam into an invisible wall of bullets as they advanced, and were scythed down. In this way, a number of these zombies were temporary held back, and created a zone of fallen zombies in the front.

Looking at the carnage, Yue Zhong commanded: "Stop firing! All the prisoner team advance!"

Yue Zhong must let his team conserve stamina, so that they have the ability to continue to fight or retreat. Using the prisoners at this team will buy his team some time to regain their diminishing stamina.

These prisoners shook uncontrollably and dared not advance.

Kong Tainyu angrily shook his fists at the prisoners and shouted, "Damn you bastards! You shitheads better rush forward! Otherwise I will kill you with my own hands!"

The other men in the camp also pointed their guns at the prisoners. Their eyes were cold and devoid of emotion. If these prisoners dared not to obey the orders or attempt to flee, they will gun these prisoners down in cold blood.

"I will count to 3, if you don't rush forwards by the count of 3, then do not blame me for opening fire!"

"3 ! "

"2 ! "

"1 ! "

Kong Tianyu's eyes were cold as he looked at the prisoners who refused to budge. He stepped forward and with a swing of his sword, he beheaded one prisoner. A spray of blood splattered onto the faces of some of the horrified prisoners. Then he looked into the eyes of the rest of the prisoners and bellowed "Charge out!! Go now!!"

Looking at the fierce look in Kong Tianyu's eyes, the prisoners also turned frightened. Nobody doubted that if they do not charge at the zombies, they would be killed immediately. Under the threat of death, these prisoners had no choice but to rush forwards. Perhaps Yue Zhong would let live if they kill enough zombies. But staying here would definitely result in their death.

"Wagghhhh...!!!" As if this warcry of the prisoners gifted them with courage, they charged towards the zombies. One of the prisoners chopped down on a zombie that was struggling to get up, and with a swing, he chopped off its head.

These ordinary zombies were very slow, and their bones were very brittle. Even an ordinary wooden club as granted by the [System] could smash apart these zombies. Therefore the steel machetes were highly effective in decapitating the zombies.

Although most of the prisoners fiercely fought against the zombies, there were some prisoners who were frightened out of their wits and tried to run away.

"Bang! Bang!"

The sound of two gunshots rang out, and the prisoners who tried to run away were gunned down.

Kong Tianyu shouted out "All who try to run will be shot without exception!"

Since they will definitely be killed if they try to run, the prisoners continued to hack at the zombies until their eyes turned red from bloodlust. They could only hope that if they killed enough number of zombies, they would be allowed to live.

The number of prisoners were not small. There was close to a hundred prisoners. As long as they overcame their fear, these normal zombies that were slowly climbing up from the bullet storm were not a match for these desperate men. The prisoners frenzied attacks were highly effectively as numerous zombies fell to the machetes of these men.

One of the prisoners was a massive 1.9m tall man. Armed with a machete, his performance was extremely outstanding as he chopped down like a fierce tiger on the zombies in front of him. While most prisoners only hacked apart two or three zombies, he had killed over 5 zombies.

"Let these men retreat!" After ensuring that each of these prisoners had at least killed one or more zombies, Yue Zhong then issued a command to Kong Tianyu.

Under the [system], men had limited stamina. Each kill would deplete their current stamina. Having killed a few zombies, their stamina had dropped a lot. If these prisoners had continued to battle, all these prisoners would be wiped out.

After the apocalypse, each men were also valuable resources. Men are not solitary creatures. No matter how powerful a man was, there was a limit to how much he could do alone. Men could only survive this apocalypse if they worked together. These prisoners are all men with able bodies. Although they had

committed crimes against humanity by engaging in torture, rape, murder or cannibalism, Yue Zhong had no intent to waste their lives.