### Devil World 171

### Chapter 171: Attack on Big Cliff Village

Kong Tianyu shouted in a very loud voice! "All you scums! Retreat!"

Listening to the order to retreat, these prisoners discarded their shields and machetes as they ran back with all their speed. The shields were quite heavy and discarding them would enable them to run faster. In this short period of time, they had killed 300+ zombies. Each man's stamina had dropped significantly.

Their bloodlust had also withdrawn as they focused all their efforts on running. Earlier, they did not have a choice – it was either to kill the zombies or be killed by their captors. Therefore they gambled their lives on killing as many zombies as possible and had a bloodlust. But now that they were given a chance to retreat, naturally they would choose to flee, and hold back their bloodlust.

Kong Tianyu roared a command at the group of prisoners "All of you put your hands behind your head and squat down immediately! I will shoot all those that dared to run!"

If the men ran in a disorganised manner, they could escape or in the worst case, rush into Yue Zhong's camp and to spread confusion and chaos. With the zombies attacking them, Yue Zhong can not afford to have confusion and chaos in his camp.

Under gunpoint, all the prisoners ran towards the area that Kong Tianyu had designated and put their hands behind their heads and squatted down.

3 of the close combat team members quickly examined the prisoners, and dragged out 23 prisoners who were injured in the battle with zombies. They shot these prisoners at point blank.

The sounds of gunfire and the deaths of their comrades made the prisoners trembled in fear, and they dare not move a muscle and as they looked downward and behaved.

Individually, normal zombies are not that scary. Their strongest threat to man-kind is the zombie virus. These creatures are extremely slow and are only dangerous in overwhelming numbers. In the short skirmish, none of the prisoners were eaten alive by the zombies.

However, there were approximately ¼ of the prisoners who were scratched or bitten by the zombies, and infected by the zombie virus. Since there is no cure for the zombie virus, Yue Zhong sent his men to kill these infected men. He did not want any prisoners to turn into a zombie and infect other prisoners.

"All close combat teams, follow me!" Looking at the zombie horde that persistently creeped forward no matter how many times he mowed them down with gunfire, Yue Zhong finally lost his patience and gave the order for all his close combat teams to attack. The close combat teams' members were more effective in killing zombies than gunfire.

All the close combat teams' members followed behind Yue Zhong as they charged towards the zombies.

In the team of close combat personnel, not all of these men are equipped with Tang Imitation Sword. Yue Zhong do not have enough swords to equip each man with a sword. Therefore some of these men also use the machetes. These machetes also easily cleaved apart the zombies, and the only disadvantage of using a machete compared to Tang Imitation sword was that any zombies that were killed by a machete do not give its killer any experience orbs. These close combat team members hacked at the zombie in a mad frenzy.

Yue Zhong and White Bones led the charge, and cut down several zombies with each swing of their weapon.

These close combat forces then engaged the zombies. The close combat forces team were comprised of evolvers who had killed scores of zombies before. Ordinary zombies have no way to bite nor scratch through the Water Python Snakeskin armour that the close combat forces were wearing. These zombies are also relatively slow. As long as a close combat team member took care not to be surrounded by zombies and retreated before his escape route is cut off, the close combat team member is not in any danger. But the same can not be said for the zombies. Each hack with the sword or machete will kill at least one zombie without fail.

Meanwhile the elite marksmen continued to burn their bullet supply as they continuously dropped zombies with each headshot.

With the aid of a team of about 50 men, Yue Zhong's group finally managed to whittle down the number of zombies to a more manageable number. But each close combat team member seemed to be drained of stamina, as they were breathing heavily from just the effort of standing up.

Only Yue Zhong and White Bones have the strength to continue to kill the zombies as the close combat team members are exhausted. But the few dozens of remaining zombies should pose no threat to either Yue Zhong or White Bones.

As he cut down the last of the remaining zombies, Yue Zhong breathed a sigh of relief "Finally we won!"

These zombies might be level 1 creatures, and are weak. But there were over 5000 zombies. Even after several rounds of concentrated fire, the number of zombies remaining were still over 1000 strong. The team of close combat fighters had managed to finish off these 1000+ zombies, however their stamina had depleted to a very critical level – they were unable to continue to fight until their stamina had recovered somewhat. The group of 50 close combat fighters were way too small in number to deal with the massive number of zombies.

"This time, I had really underestimated the enemy." Thought Yue Zhong as he stared at his men who were perspiring heavily and panting.

This time, Yue Zhong had only brought ½ of his troops to attack Big Cliff Village. This was because having experienced the last clearing of villages, Yue Zhong thought that these men were more than enough to clear Big Cliff Village, and at the same time, increase the experience of his men. But he did not anticipate that there was a zombie controller in this village. If not for the fact that Yue Zhong had evolved many times, this raid would have ended up as a massive failure.

"What the f\*\*k is controlling these zombies?"

Yue Zhong is suspicious and curious about the controller of zombies. He headed out alone with White Bones towards the village.

Yue Zhong had evolved much more than his regular troops and frequently allocated points to increase his stamina. As long as he did not continuously use his active skills, his stamina would not deplete so quickly. Therefore, although his men could barely move, he was not tired at all.

The town of Big Cliff Village was practically empty. Also there was a trace of dark coloured blood at various places, but there were no more zombies inside the town.

"It seemed that I was right! There is something or someone controlling these zombies!" Yue Zhong looked at the empty and silence town, and he frowned.

In the last raid against Stone Horse Village, although the zombies were drew out in waves of about 100 zombies, but the centre of the village had a massive number of zombies. But this town centre did not even have a single zombie. This means that someone or something had controlled all the zombies in this town and forced these zombies to attack Yue Zhong's team.

Having a mysterious zombie controller is not a good thing for Yue Zhong's team.

If there was something or someone controlling these zombies, than Lei Jiang City (its name means Thunder River City) with its population of 100,000 zombies would be invincible as there was nothing that could stop this massive army.

Although the strength of the men in Yue Zhong's team were much stronger than the time when he raided Stone Horse village, but the ammunition spent in this raid was several times the ammo used to capture Stone Horse village. As well, each member of his team were more exhausted compared to the time they raided Stone Horse village. A 100,000 zombie army was a very fearsome number. How much more ammo would they need to repel just a fraction of this army.

Therefore, this zombie controller must die! It must not be permitted to escape into Lei Jiang City.

Yue Zhong could not see any activity from the street where he currently was in. Therefore he activated his combine armour defense skill and merged with White Bones. He launched a bone spike onto the ground, and used a bone ladder created from the bone spike to climb onto the rooftop of a supermarket.

Standing at the top of the supermarket, he had an unobstructed view of the scenery and surrounding landscapes. Although he did not have the "1000 li eyes" ability that would allow him to see as far as 500 km, but his vision is relatively good. Somehow being an evolver had increased the range of his vision.

At the East side of the village, Yue Zhong saw there were eight L2 and seven S2 zombies that were grouped together and fleeing towards the East side of the city, as if they were protecting someone important.

Yue Zhong fired another bone spike into the ground and created another bone ladder to bring him safety back to the ground level.

Once he landed on the ground, he immediately speed up and sprinted towards the direction where he had seen the group of zombies.

Yue Zhong had spent a lot of points of his stats on agility. As well, he is wearing various agility enhancing items. The L2 might be strong, but they are relatively slow. Although the S2 are very fast, these creatures were guarding something. Therefore the whole group moved at the speed of the slowest member, the L2. With Yue Zhong speed, he quickly caught up to the group of fifteen evolved zombies.

Once he had caught up with the zombie bodyguards, Yue Zhong was able to see clearly that in the middle of the group of elite zombies, there is single grey colour zombie. This zombie is relatively small. Its limbs are very short, but its head is relatively big for its body. Its eyes are very long, and its mouth are very big and filled with sharp teeth. It sits on top of a massive L2 zombie as a man would sit on top of a horse.

# Chapter 172: Spiritual Attack

"Level 40 intelligence-enhanced zombie variant: Type I Commander Z1"

As soon as the Commander Z1 zombie saw Yue Zhong, it uttered a sharp cry. The L2 that was carrying it seemed to increase its speed as the group fled.

However, not all of these zombies fled. Like a ghost, three S2 zombies rapidly drifted towards Yue Zhong.

Yue Zhong smiled at the three incoming S2 zombies. Then he suddenly accelerated and sprinted with all his might. He seemed to become a bolt of lightning as he charged towards the Commander Z1 zombie.

As he passed by the incoming S2 zombies, there was a flash of light. Then he continued to chase after the Z1 zombie at full speed, ignoring the S2 zombies. Shortly after, the bodies of the three S2 zombies collapsed lifelessly onto the ground. The scariest thing about these corpses was that each of the corpses had no head. Then, as if answering the question of what had happened to the heads of these zombies, the heads landed a short distance away from their bodies. In the short period of time that the two parties had charged past each other, Yue Zhong had cleanly lopped off the heads of the three S2 zombies!

Looking at the ease with which Yue Zhong had dispatched its guards, the Z1 began to panic. It cried out a call of distress. Following its cries, three massive L2 zombies turned away from the group and charged toward Yue Zhong.

Each of these L2 zombies could withstand massive amounts of punishment before collapsing in permanent death. Their rock hard muscles were capable of repelling most ordinary swords and bullets. Even Yue Zhong found it very difficult to use the Tang Imitation Sword to hack apart a single L2 zombie's head. These three L2 zombies were indeed, very formidable opponents for Yue Zhong. Luckily for Yue Zhong, although these creatures were very tough, they were relatively slow compared to him.

Looking at the three L2 zombies smashing apart anything in their way as they charged towards Yue Zhong, Yue Zhong began to frown. He immediately activated his skill Devil Fire. In his right hand, an orb of devilish-red coloured fire that could burn anything into ashes was formed.

Taking advantage of his speed, he ran in front of a hulking L2 zombie. Before the zombie could react to him, Yue Zhong had already launched the orb of Devil Fire in his hands towards the head of the zombie. The Devil Fire was truly worthy of its name, as even the powerful and extremely tough L2 zombie's head was burnt into ashes.

The power of the Devil Flame skill depended on Yue Zhong's Spiritual Power, Stamina, Strength, and Vitality at the time of casting the skill. The stronger these four attributes were, the stronger the power of the Devil Flame.

However, if Yue Zhong wanted to increase the power of the Devil Flame further, he could sacrifice more Spiritual Power and Stamina to do so.

Similarly, Ice King Zhang Yun was able to take advantage of this loophole to create a wall that was able to withstand the might of a 12.7 heavy machine gun. Normally his ice wall could not last even a few rounds of bullets. But by expending a massive amount of stamina and spiritual power, Ice King Zhang Yun was able to strengthen his Ice Wall.

By using the Devil Flame, Yue Zhong was able to one-shot kill an abomination L2 zombie. But this kill came at a cost to him. He had expended 2 points of spiritual power and 2 points of stamina to do so. He had already tried to minimise the usage of Devil Flame by using it only to burn the head of the L2 zombie, instead of using it to burn the entire L2.

"Looks like I will also need to increase my spiritual power.", thought Yue Zhong

Yue Zhong's body seemed to flicker as he temporarily disappeared, and reappeared in front of one of the two surviving L2 zombies.. With a Devil Flame in his hand, he burned the head of the creature into ashes. Then he repeated his movements and dispatched the last L2 zombie that charged towards him.

Although he had managed to destroy three L2 zombies, he had squandered 6 points of spiritual power and stamina to do so.

After obliterating the three L2 zombies, Yue Zhong had rushed in front of the group of the bodyguards. With a stinger gun in hand, he pointed the weapon at the Z1 zombie and pulled the trigger.

At that exact moment when Yue Zhong was aiming towards the Z1 zombie, the Z1 zombie dropped down from the body of the massive L2.

As well, three S2 zombie appeared out of nowhere and used their bodies to block the bullet. The stinger gun blew apart the shoulders of an S2 zombie.

Having missed his shot because of the interferences of the S2 zombies, Yue Zhong refused to give up. He stepped forward and attempted to chase the Z1 zombie. With a Tang Imitation Sword in his left hand, he beheaded an S2 zombie that was blocking his way. But he was greeted with the sight of a powerful fist smashing down towards him as an L2 zombie attacked him. One usage of Devil Flame later, the L2 zombie's massive body collapsed lifelessly onto the ground as its head was burned into ashes.

The Z1 commander zombie's eyes turned bloodshot at the carnage Yue Zhong was wreaking on its forces. It stared at Yue Zhong with eyes filled with unbridled fury. Then it focused and launched a mental attack at Yue Zhong.

A wave of spiritual power discharged towards Yue Zhong. At this exact moment, Yue Zhong was blocked by an S2 zombie and an L2 zombie from advancing any further. The spiritual power hit the S2 and L2 head on, and their head exploded from the impact of the spiritual attack.

Although the two zombies in front of Yue Zhong borne the blunt of the attack, Yue Zhong was also not spared from this powerful attack. He felt as if his head was hit by a baseball bat. His world spun in circles, and he could have sworn that he saw stars circling around his head. He could not maintain his balance, and collapsed onto the ground.

The mind blast attack is an area of effect (AOE) spell, that does not distinguish friend from foe. It directly blew apart the brains of the zombies near Yue Zhong, and almost knocked Yue Zhong unconscious with a single blast.

Seeing that Yue Zhong had fallen, three S2 zombies immediately rush up towards Yue Zhong, intending to finish him off. Three massive L2 also began to walk towards Yue Zhong.

Yue Zhong was shaken, and his vision was blurry. He seemed to see double or triple of everything. He bit down hard on his lips, until he was bleeding. The pain seemed to jolt his brain into working again as his survival instincts kicked in. Finally he regained control of his body. His first action was to rapidly retreat!

Yue Zhong believed that the mind blast had a limited range. If not, Yue Zhong would have already been hit with the attack from afar, rendering him unable to fight the first group of three S2 zombies that charged towards him.

From the sky, Little Greenie become a ray of green light as it charge down towards the zombies. A mighty swipe of its claw separated the head of an L2 zombie from its body.

Yue Zhong was still feeling a bit groggy from the mental attack and was not as fast as before. The group of three S2 zombies were able to rapidly close in on Yue Zhong.

Yue Zhong tried his best to focus, and calm his mind. At that instant when the three S2 closed in on him with their terrible claws swiping at his head, three bone spikes were launched from his bone armour, and directly penetrated through the heads of the three S2 zombies.

Their claws was but a few centimetres away from Yue Zhong's head, when they lifelessly collapsed onto the ground.

Yue Zhong was able to withstand the impact of the mind blast only because he had strong spiritual power. This ability was further augmented when he equipped several items that enhanced his spiritual powers. For instance, the white jade ring he had taken from the corpse of Ice King Zhang Yun had provided a massive increase of 6 points of spiritual power. Hence, he was able to partially resist the power of the mind blast.

Although the mind blast attack had not blown apart his head, it still managed to make him feel highly disoriented and dizzy. He had managed to shake off most of the effects of the mind blast, and his condition had improved somewhat.

After killing the group of S2, Yue Zhong stepped forward and pat his hands on the head of an L2. He was intending to use his Devil Fire to burn the brain of the L2 into ashes. But suddenly he felt a massive headache, and his spiritual power seem to be drained and unstable. The Devil Flame did not appear.

(note: I used Devil Fire and Devil Flame interchangeably)

The L2 raised both its fist and smashed down towards Yue Zhong.

Like a gust of wind, Little Greenie appeared behind the L2 zombie. With its mighty claws, it lifted the L2 zombie off the ground as it flew upwards. Then it flew downwards rapidly and sent the L2 Zombie smashing headfirst against the concrete floor. The poor L2 zombie's head and its upper body turned into a spectacular display of bloodletting as the floor around it shook from the impact.

Yue Zhong had no time to worry about Little Greenie. There was still two more L2 zombies that were charging towards him. He used his superior speed to apply behind one of the L2 zombies. With the stinger gun in his hands, he blew apart the brains of this L2 zombie.

The last L2 zombie suddenly did something very surprising: It turned and tried to run. Normally L2 zombies were without fear. Perhaps this L2 zombie was trying to rush back to carry the Z1 commander zombie away to safety instead of fighting. But how could Yue Zhong let such a good opportunity slipped by? He pointed his stinger gun at the back of this zombie and fired 3 stinger bullets.

Each stinger bullet had explosive penetrating power. The bullets tore through the back muscles and bones of the L2 and blew apart its brains. The L2 zombie collapsed in a pool of blood.

But when Yue Zhong saw the shadow of the Z1 zombie leaping off from the L2 zombie arms at the exact moment he fired the stinger bullets, he understood why the L2 had ran instead of fighting him. For some strange reasons, all the commanders he had met so far were cowardly in nature. This include the Z1 commander zombie, and the Mutant King Rat.

Although the Z1 zombie had very short limbs, it speed was not slow at all as it scrambled off to safety.

If the Z1 zombie had chosen to fight and launch another mind blast, Yue Zhong would be in trouble. But for some strange reason, the Z1 zombie had chosen to run and exposed its back to Yue Zhong. Yue Zhong had no qualms about killing an enemy from the back. In fact, there was nothing he liked better. He grinned and activated Ice Cone spell from his white jade ring.

Runes appear from the air around Yue Zhong and a cone of ice flew towards the Z1 commander zombie. It tore a massive hole in the Z1 commander's body and proceeded to encase the body in a block of ice.

A massive globe of experience flew from its body toward Yue Zhong.

"Congratulations! You have advanced to level 33 and have gained 2 stats points."

"Put all the stats points into Spiritual Power" groaned Yue Zhong as he rubbed his head. He was having a spitting headache.

Once he made his choice, he could feel some spiritual power entering into his body. His fluctuating spiritual power seemed to be stabilised somewhat.

## Chapter 173: Spiritual Solidification

Yue Zhong walked up the corpse of the Z1, and found that the Z1 zombie had dropped several items: A skill book, a green coloured treasure box and 200 [System] coins

"Level 3 skill book: Spiritual Solidification. This skill is a passive skill. After learning this skill your spiritual power will permanently increase by 10."

Yue Zhong immediately opted to learn this skill.

Instantly, in Yue Zhong's brain, there appears a new rune. Once this new rune appeared, Yue Zhong's headache seemed to magically disappear. The mild feeling of disorientation he had as a result of the mind blast also completely vanished.

Looking at the massive head of this Z1 zombie, Yue Zhong took out his Tang Imitation sword and chopped off its brains. He tried to examine if there were any blood coloured beads or crystals inside it.

Just as Yue Zhong was checking the corpse, Little Greenie flew down, and with a peck, begins to eat the zombie with relish. After several big gulps, it quickly swallowed the entire zombie.

"There is no evolution this time?"

Seeing that Little Greenie had not evolved, he was feeling quite disappointed.

He opened the green treasure box, and BINGO!

"Level 3 Treasure: Power Gloves. +10 to strength on equip."

On the route back to the camp, he kept all the items that the elite zombies had dropped into his spatial ring.

Once the Z1 zombie had been killed, the entire town had no further threats. Yue Zhong's men had also entered into Big Cliff village, and had began to look for survivors,

While his men were busying searching for survival, Yue Zhong was greedily looking at the spoils of this battle.

This time, the numbers of evolved zombies were relatively high. Therefore the rewards were also much higher. Yue Zhong had managed to collect 63 white colour treasure box, 3 green colour treasure box and 6 skill books.

After opening all the treasure boxes, Yue Zhong found that he had 3 pairs of Level 1 strength enhancing shoes, 32 Tang Imitation Swords, 1 complete set of Level 1 protective vest, 1 set of Level 2 protective vest, 3 pairs of white colour gloves, 1 Level 2 Tang Sabre, 1 Level 2 wand.

As well, the seven skill books include Level 1 fireball, Level 2 strength boost, Level 1 Ice Cone, Level 1 Minor Healing, Level 2 high speed movement skill, level 1 accelerate skill.

"Level 2 Treasure: Tang Sabre. This sabre is much sharper and more resilient than the Tang Imitation Sword"

"Level 2 Treasure: Inferior Wand. With the aid of the wand, spells that take more than 15 seconds to cast may save 1 second off the casting time.

"Level 1 accelerate skill: Using this skill will consume 5 points of stamina. After using this skill, the agility will be increased by 10 points for 30 seconds."

Looking at the 32 sets of Tang Imitation Swords, Yue Zhong was very happy. "With this I can create another 3 teams of close combat evolvers!" he thought.

Each evolver's combat powers and stamina is way stronger than normal humans. With strict training and more combat experience, it is very easy to create a team of special elite troops.

Most of the white colour treasure boxes that were dropped by ordinary zombies were empty. The drops were mostly taken from white colour treasure box dropped by evolved zombies. Big Cliff village had a

much larger number of evolved zombies than Stone Horse village. As a result, the number of treasure box that were dropped was much more than that of Stone Horse village.

Having a new Tang Sabre, Yue Zhong can finally let go of his Tang Imitation Sword.

Although the Tang Imitation Sword were effective against normal zombies, it was ineffective against creatures with high armour such the Snake Mutant Beasts or L2 zombies. If not for the fact that Yue Zhong had invested some points into strength, it would not be so easy for Yue Zhong to kill the S2 zombies.

With each successive evolution, the zombies not only increase in their primary stat. Their skin and bones also harden, making them tougher to fight. The S2 zombies may not be comparable to an L2 zombie in terms of toughness, but these S2 zombies are almost as tough as an L1. If Yue Zhong had insufficient strength to behead an S2 zombie with a single hit, the battle against these zombies would be much harder.

While Yue Zhong was busy looking into the spoils of war, the troops that rushed into Big Cliff village had discovered many survivors. Almost all of these survivors were starving. The village that used to have more than 5000+ people had been reduced to less than 400 survivors!

Of course, there were cannibals among the survivors who preyed on other humans. These cannibals were shot by Yue Zhong's men. For those who had commit other crimes against their fellow men, they were dragged towards the prisoner camp.

The prisoner camp suddenly had 53 more prisoners. After considering the death toll from earlier, the total number of prisoners had a net gain of 20+ new prisoners.

Big Cliff village had a steel factory. At the same time, there were many enterprises that use the steel from the factory to produce other items. Before the apocalypse, the steel factory and the coal power plant had massive amount of coal in their reserves. If there were sufficient men, it would be possible to restart the factory.

During this time, Yue Zhong had repeatedly recruited men from Longhai Survival Camp. In addition, he had assigned men to find survivors from the surrounding area. If you include this group of survivors from Big Cliff Village, he finally had close to 3,000 men under his command!

After he had taken control of Big Cliff village, Yue Zhong sent 1,000 of his citizens from Stone Horse Village into Big Cliff Village. He began to process steel, and used this steel to create more items that he deemed were useful, such as machetes, steel shields, barbed wires, sharp iron staffs etc.

The amount of steel remaining in Stone Horse Village was very little. Creating 100 steel shields and machetes had already used up a majority of the steel in Stone Horse Village. Therefore, Yue Zhong could only let his men create these primitive weapons and armors to arm the prisoners.. Therefore, capturing the steel factory was of paramount importance in the eyes of Yue Zhong.

A construction site in Big Cliff Village had been surrounded with barbed wire. In this place, various clothes had been placed on the ground. These clothes are the bed for the prisoners who were held in Big Cliff Village.

There were 10 sentries keeping watch over the prisoner camp. If these prisoners try to talk to each other or try to escape, these guards were authorised to shoot and kill these prisoners.

In this prisoner camp, a group of men clustered together as they complained about the harshness of the camp.

"Damn it! Big Brother Gao, these men are really too much! This time we went out and fought, 20+ men died. If this continues on, all of us will die." A short, skinny man was complaining to the massive 1.9m tall giant man besides him.

The tall giant just stared at the short, skinny man. With a voice as cold enough to freeze the surrounding air, he rebuked: "Nanlan Mingzhu [Pearl Nanlan]! Shut up! You know the predicament we are currently in! If the top brass hears what you have just said, you and I will be shot on sight!"

The big prisoner is named Gao Daqiang (Strongman Gao). Before the apocalypse, he was a farmer. After the apocalypse, he drifted along and worked for Bi Caishan. As a man working under Bi Caishan, he had also committed several crimes. After Yue Zhong destroyed Bi Caishan, he was sent to the prisoner camp.

Listening to Strongman Gao, Pearl Nalan began to shiver and seemed to shrink smaller as he hugged himself and curled up. He carefully looked around at the guards surrounding the camp, and his eyes shown traces of fear.

## Chapter 174: Strongman Gao

In Yue Zhong's base, the prisoners do not have any human rights at all. If the words of Pearl Nalan reached the ears of the Guards, even if the Guards shot him immediately, no one will say a single word.

These prisoners also have no power to object to this treatment. If they try to revolt, the type 79 assault rifles of the guards are more than enough to kill them all.

In addition, there were two heavy machine guns mounted on vehicles that were pointed at the group of prisoners.

Pearl Nalan had a stupid grin on his face as he tried to brush what he said away, "It is a careless rant!"

"Who is Strongman Gao?" a guard walked into the camp and shouted out aloud.

All the prisoners' eyes turned to look at Strongman Gao.

Many of the prisoners who were sitting next to Strongman Gao also shifted their body as they tried to put as much distance between them and Strongman Gao as possible. Although his face turned white with fright, Pearl Nalan continued to sit next to Strongman Gao.

Strongman Gao also turned pale. He clutched his fist and slowly stood up. He was perspiring heavily, as he declared. "Me! I am Strongman Gao."

To these prisoners, having their name called out is not a good thing. Not long ago, there were twenty plus men who were called out, and these men were all shot dead in front of the other prisoners.

The soldier looked at his journal and shouted: "Today, Strongman Gao has shown his courage in battle, and killed 7 zombies by himself. From now on, he is promoted to be a squad captain among you

prisoners. The following prisoners are assigned to his squad with immediate effect: "Pearl Nalan, Tiger Wang... etc.

As a squad leader, for the period of 1 week, he will be given a piece of fish every day. We hope that he can quickly kill 30 zombies, and win back his freedom."

Pearl Nalan's eyes shone with happiness for his friend, as he congratulated Strongman Gao.

"Big Boss Gao! Please take care of me!"....

The 12 men assigned under his command all came forwards to offer their congratulations. From now onwards, he will be in charge of them.

Strongman Gao was stunned by the announcement and could not believe his ears. But listening to the stream of congratulatory messages from his team woke him up from his stupor. He immediately thanked the soldier. "Thank you! Thank you!!"

The soldier smiled and looked at Strongman Gao with eyes that were much warmer than the cool looks of the guards. "There is no need to thank me. I am just here to carry out Captain Yue's orders!"

The soldier continued to list out the names of prisoners who shown promise in fighting zombies, and promoted 10 prisoners into squad leaders, and assigned team members to each squad leaders. All of these squad leaders gained the right to have 1 fish everyday as a reward for their bravery.

After announcing all the rewards, the soldier waved his hand, and several men pushed a trolley of food into the prisoner's camp. In the food tray, in addition to rice and buns, there were several pieces of fish.

All of the prisoners looked at the fish, and their saliva dripped uncontrollably out from their mouths.

After the apocalypse, food becomes scarce. Only the top brass in LongHai city could afford to have a fish to eat. Most of the prisoners have not even taste meat after the apocalypse. Today, when they saw the freshly cooked fish and the nice aroma that accompanied the dish, their mouths could not stop watering, and they could not help staring hungrily at the fishes.

The soldier then shouted coldly, "All of you, come and get your food! You are not allowed to make any noise, and you are not allowed to jump the queue. If anyone is caught infringing these rules, you will be given 20 lashes of the whip, and double the usual workload!

After listening to the soldier's words, the prisoners all behaved themselves. They queued up in an orderly manner to get their food. The behaviour of these prisoners was much better than their behaviour before the apocalypse.

Strongman Gao gathered a big bun, a bowl of porridge, and a steamed carp and returned to his seat.

Along the way, Strongman Gao could sense all the hungry looks of the other prisoners as they glanced at his fish. If not for the fact that there were guards manning the camp, and that he is relatively big and fierce compared to most of the men, there would be a lot of people who will attempt to snatch his fish.

Pearl Nalan took a bowl of porridge and a bun, and sat next to Strongman Gao. Like all men, he had not tasted fish for months, and with great difficulty, swallowed his saliva as he looked at the fish.

Strongman Gao placed the fish between them and said, "Pearl, come here! Let's eat together!"

Pearl Nalan face flushed with happiness as he thanked Strongman Gao repeatedly.

Strongman Gao smiled, and picked up a piece of steamed fish. In front of the envious men, he ate the fish and savored the taste.

Although he was but a farmer before the apocalypse, he is not stupid. He understood that in order to take control of a team, he needs to take control of people's hearts. Only then will he have people who are willing to follow his orders. If his team refused to obey him, he would be nothing but a commander in name only. Having saved Pearl Nalan's life during the battle with the zombie and shared his fish with Pearl Nalan, Pearl Nalan is naturally willing to follow him.

"Our current population is 2786 men. Stone Horse village has 1438 men, while Big Cliff has 1348 men. Yesterday, the men managed to find another 87 survivors. ..."

Inside the Stone Horse village, Guo Yu was wearing a white dress, and was reporting the status of the village to Yue Zhong.

"We are still short of men!" Sitting on the table, Yue Zhong was frowning as he seemed lost in his thoughts.

As a commoner without any government authority, it is very hard for Yue Zhong to recruit more people. Even if he use radio or T.V. to broadcast his intent to recruit more men, the number of survivors who would come to him would be very small in number. The majority of the survivors prefers to go to LongHai Survival Camp as they believe more in government officials. Although Yue Zhong had been 'stealing'people from LongHai Survival Camp, and had tried his best to find more survivors in surrounding area, the number of people he could get is still very small in number.

Without men, he could not build a stronger army.

LongHai survival camp has more than 6,000+ survivors, and is getting more survivors everyday. This made Yue Zhong realised the power of just having a status as a government official.

"Chen Zhiguan has sent a secret message: LongHai survival camp had issued an order to prevent us from recruiting more men to build a wall in our village. They also began to build a wall around their camp."

Yue Zhong eyebrows raised as he said: "What? Let me see the report!"

Chen Zhiguan had already become a trusted man who will provide Yue Zhong with insider information in LongHai Survivor Camp. He is a local resident in LongHai Survivor Camp, and well versed in the ways of the city. He had been assigned to help Yue Zhong recruit more men from LongHai Survivor Camp.

Most of the men in Yue Zhong's villages were recruited from LongHai Survival Camp. By banning him from recruiting more men, Yue Zhong's plans for expansion had been greatly affected.

"Should I forcefully attack the LongHai Survival Camp?" Yue Zhong struggled with this decision.

The presence of LongHai survival camp prevented Yue Zhong from expanding his base. Although they had worked together in the past to raid the granary, it was more like this matter was of mutual interests. Right now, it is hard to determine if LongHai survivor camp is an ally or a foe...

## Chapter 175: Attack of the Zombies

In restricting Yue Zhong from continuing to recruit survivors, Longhai Survivor Camp seemed to imply that they had already regarded Yue Zhong's group as a possible enemy, and is not willing to allow Yue Zhong to continue expanding his forces.

Yue Zhong had considered attacking and taking LongHai Survival Camp many times, and snatch all the survivors, food and equipment. But Yue Zhong's forces were limited as a majority of his men were normal humans. In a battle, the strongest two groups of men are naturally the evolvers and the military.

In a real war, the Military group will be much more effective than an evolver. The Military had taken control of all military weapons including but not limited to IFV, cannons, rocket launchers etc.

Although Yue Zhong had many militants who had defected to his camp, Yue Zhong had no confidence that they would listen to his commands and attack LongHai Survivor Camp. After all, many of their friends are still in the LongHai Survivor Camp.

Also, the LongHai Survivor Camp group is not weak either. There are more than 6000 survivors in LongHai Survivor Camp. In addition to the military, there are still countless numbers of policemen, commandos, military police and several factions with power. Even if Yue Zhong tries to take them head on, he does not have any guarantee that he will be able to win the war.

But if he does not take control of LongHai Survivor Camp, he will need to leave at least half of his army to guard his camp. If he takes all his soldiers out with him on a raid, it is highly probable that the LongHai Survivor Camp will launch a sneak attack at his camp. All that he had worked to build up will be swallowed by the LongHai Survivor Camp.

Similarly, LongHai Survivor Camp also feel threatened by Yue Zhong's group. They also dare not to take any large scale actions in the event that Yue Zhong's group attack them when all their forces were engaged with the enemy. They could only send small teams of men to go to the surrounding areas to search for more food.

Both parties are wary of each other, and are placed in a difficult position by the presence of each other. At the same time, they are locked in a stalemate. Neither of them dared to use all their forces to try to recover surrounding villages.

Looking at the pretty Guo Yu in front of him, he could not help feeling a bit better. "Yu Er [1], come here!" he waved.

Guo Yu approached Yue Zhong and sat on his lap.

Feeling the soft feeling of Guo Yu's body and the lovely smell of her fragrance as she slipped into Yue Zhong's arms, Yue Zhong felt very happy as he hugged Guo Yu. His troubles seemed to magically disappear.

Yue Zhong hugged Guo Yu, and slowly shared his troubles and frustration with her: "Yu Er, Longhai Survivor Camp is becoming an eyesore to me. I am hoping to move my soldiers and take the city by force, and remove this obstacle. What do you think?"

After listening to Yue Zhong, Guo Yu's big round eyes seem to widen in surprise. The she smiled and replied. "Master, I feel that now is not the time to forcefully launch an attack. For LongHai Survivor Camp, there is only one man standing at the top – Chen JianFeng. All we have to do is to assassinate him. LongHai Survivor Camp will be in chaos as each faction fights for control of the city. All we have to do is to grab the opportunity created by the Chaos to attack LongHai Survival Camp. This will allow us to get what we want with half the effort."

Listening to Guo Yu, Yue Zhong eyes also widen in surprise. He looked at the pretty and seductive Lolita in his arms. Never did he imagined that Guo Yu would come up with this devilish plan.

But this plan is really not a bad idea. The officials in power LongHai Survivor Camp are corrupted and only care about their own powers. Only Chen JianFeng and a few other officials are holding the fort by themselves. Also, Lei Cheng, the military commander, is standing at one side, waiting for an opportunity to strike. If Chen JianFeng is assassinated, there will definitely be Chaos in LongHai Survivor Camp as various factions fought for power.

It is just that Yue Zhong did not expect that the pretty and innocent looking Guo Yu would come up with such a plan.

Guo Yu also looked at Yue Zhong. Her big pretty eyes did not even blink or show any trace of impurity. She had racked her brains to think of this scheme to assist Yue Zhong.

Yue Zhong hugged Guo Yu tightly and softly replied: "We cannot do that!"

Chen Yao and Ji Qing Wu has strong ties to Chen JianFeng. Ji Qing Wu is also one of the generals under Yue Zhong. If he tries to attack LongHai Survival Camp, Ji Qing Wu and Chen Yao will sit on the fence, and will not help either party. But if these two girls know that Yue Zhong had ordered a hit on and assassinate Chen JianFeng, they will not take this lying down and may attack Yue Zhong's camp instead.

Only a few very loyal men from Yue Zhong's team would be comfortable with the idea of Yue Zhong assassinating Chen JianFeng. But as for the rest of his men, especially the newly recruited men from LongHai survivor camp, it would be difficult to predict their reactions.

Guo Yu just smiled and said: "Then we have to wait for a chance. Lei Cheng is not willing to take orders from anyone, including Chen JianFeng. I estimated that we need not wait for long before he will stage a coup."

Yue Zhong was playing with Guo Yu's fingers, as he considered for a moment, and agreed. "For the time being, we could only do this."

Seeing that Yue Zhong had turned silent, Guo Yu is like a cat, as she enjoyed the pampering that Yue Zhong showers on her. Yue Zhong is often busy and seldom have much time to be with her. If he is not bringing men to search for more food supplies, he would be among the marksmen to practice his shooting skills. They have very little time spent together, and Guo Yu treasured each moment.

"Captain Yue! Captain Yue! Chen Zhiguang issued an urgent missive!" Da Gou shouted as he entered into the room without knocking. Seeing that Yue Zhong was hugging Guo Yu, he turned beet red in embarrassment and stopped moving and shouting.

Once Yue Zhong let go, Guo Yu discretely walked away from Yue Zhong's embrace with a hint of disappointment on her face. She stood besides Yue Zhong, and her presence was like a pure and flawless lily.

Da Gou quickly informed Yue Zhong of Wisemen Chen's missive: "Shang Lin county has a huge army of zombie that was marching towards LongHai Survival Camp. LongHai Survival Camp has requested for help from us, and request that we assign some soldier to protect the survivor camp!"

Yue Zhong raised his eyebrows and seemed to mull over this piece of news. Then he asked Da Gou: "How reliable is this piece of information? Has Chen Shi Tou verified this piece of information?"

Before the apocalypse, the population in Shang Lin county has a population of over 100,000 people. It is much bigger than Qing Yuan county where the Survivor Camp is located it. Although the number of people is lesser than Shang Lin county, it is also easier for Li JianFeng [2] to control the city.

Killing 5000+ zombies in Big Cliff village is already the limit of what Yue Zhong's party could do. If there were 100,000 zombies, Yue Zhong feels that this is mission impossible.

A town has various ancillary facilities that were much better than that of villages. Yue Zhong also knows this fact. But the problem is that a town has insanely high numbers of zombies. Capturing a town will need a massive amount of ammunition. With the LongHai survivor camp watching at the sidelines, Yue Zhong dared not to lead his men to capture any town.

Da Gou quickly replied, "Chen Shi Tou has already verified that piece of information. There is indeed a massive throng of zombies that were making their wave towards LongHai Survival Camp."

Chen Shi Tou is a very careful man. He would definitely confirm the information before reporting it to Yue Zhong.

# Chapter 176: [Title Withheld]

Each day, there were several teams that head out of the village to search for materials or to hunt zombies. In this evening, as soon as the search teams returned to the camp, their team captain was immediately summoned to a meeting in Big Cliff Village's conference hall.

"This is the problem that we are facing now! I would like to listen to your opinion." In the conference hall, Guo Yu reported the news that Chen Shi Tou [1] has sent to all the men.

Kong Tianyu spoke very loudly: "Captain Yue, we cannot send out soldiers. The LongHai Survivor Camp bastards dared to stop us from recruiting man, and they still expect us to send soldiers to save them? They think we are their servants?"

Kong Tianyu is a brave and mighty soldier. He is also loyal to Yue Zhong. This is the reason why Yue Zhong assigned him as the team captain for Close Combat team 1. He had won the right to participate in decision-making process.

Da Gou Zi (Big Dog) also mulled over the question, then he also gave his opinion. "Captain Yue, I also think that this is not the time for us to send our soldiers to help out. I feel that the men from LongHai survival camp just want to use us as cannon folder. If we go to rescue them, all the guns and bullets are

all taken from our supply of ammunition. The men over there are ingrates, even if we saved them, they will also attack us at a later date."

Da Gou Zi is the quartermaster, and he take care of supplies in the camp. Fighting the war in Big Cliff Village had expended a lot of supplies. Although Yue Zhong men had found some ammo in Big Cliff Village's police stations and armed forces, he still experienced a net loss as he ammo found was less than the ammo he used to capture the village.

Liu Yan also agreed: "We should let them fight the zombies first! After the zombies had managed to enter the base, we can send people to save the survivors. At that time, those guys would no room for bargaining."

Zhao Xing also spoke his mind. "Captain Yue, there are over 6000 men over there. Lei Cheng has a big military base, and 7 IFV. They also built a wall. Even if they had a battle with the zombies, they should be able to last for a few days. After they could not hold on, it is not too late for us to send soldiers to help them."

Seeing that about half of the team captains opposed sending reinforcement, Wu Guang, Lang Zi and the men that Yue Zhong had recruited from the military faction in LongHai survival camp chose to keep quiet.

But against the backdrop of protests, Chen Yao stood up and say: "Yue Zhong, let's help! There are over 6000 survivors in the LongHai Survivor Camp. If the zombies managed to break into the camp, 6000 people will die. "

Although Chen Yao was disappointed with the high ranking officials in LongHai Survivor Camp, but she was pretty concerned about the 'normal citizens' survivors. Should the zombies manage to break down the walls, there will be countless numbers of death among these survivors.

Yue Zhong mulled over Chen Yao's words and did not say anything. He looked at Chi Yang, and asked "What do you think?"

All the eyes in the conference hall were on Chi Yang. They all knew that Chi Yang is Yue Zhong's best friend and buddy. As the first search team captain, he is often in the front lines of battle, and he found a lot of food and other supplies. All the men also acknowledge his leadership and the value of his words.

"My view is that we should help." Chi Yang explained. "Our relationship with LongHai is intimately interdependent. After the LongHai Survivor Camp, our village has the most survivors. After the zombie horde had destroyed LongHai Survivor Camp, it is highly likely that their next target will be us. Once the LongHai survivor Camp is destroyed, we also find it hard to find more people to defend our bases. We have less than half the number of people in LongHai survivor camp. It will be very tough for us to face the zombies by ourselves."

After the apocalypse, the worth of a man's life is cheaper than that of ants. The strong bullied the weak, and killed wantonly. A weak man who did not act accordingly to circumstances will be killed by the strong.

But at the same time, men is also a valuable resource. Without men, it is not possible to use the machines to create more weapons. Without men, there will be no soldiers. Man could not survive alone.

Having enough man is required to prevent others from attacking. Therefore, after the apocalypse, it could be said that the value of a man's life could be cheap but valuable.

The LongHai survivor camp of 6000+ men is to Yue Zhong, a big piece of fatty meat. If he could swallow this up, his strength will increase by leaps and bounds.

Yue Zhong slapped his palm on the table and announce. "I have decided. We will bring our soldiers to help! Kong Tian Yu, Liu Yan, Xiao Ming, Wu Guang, Zhao Xing, Ji Qing Wu, Lang Zi team, Wang Shuang, Cheng Yu squad, all follow me to LongHai Survivor camp. The rest of the men remain on guard here. In my absence, Chi Yang will be the commander. Da Gou Zi, please prepare the required material. We will set off tomorrow morning. "

Chi Yang also said, "Yue Zhong, Let me go to the Longhai Survivor Camp with you."

There are over 100,000 zombies that will be attacking the survivor camp. Among the 6,000+ survivors, less than 2,000 of them dared to fight with the zombies. In addition, the various powers in the Survivor camp are not united. They fight as much among themselves as they fought zombies.

This time, Yue Zhong will be bringing 6 squads and all the prisoners. Even then the number of men does not exceed 400 men. He not only need to navigate the sea filled with treacherous politics among the various powers in LongHai Survivor Camp, but also face the might of a 100,000 strong zombie army. Any mistake on his part will result in death.

Yue Zhong immediately rejected Chi Yang's request. "No, you can't. Chi Yang. It is not easy for us to come this far. We cannot stop the reconstruction efforts in Big Cliff village and Stone Horse Village. We must continue to clean up zombies so that we can return things to normal. I need you here."

Listening to Yue Zhong's decision, Chi Yang kept quiet. He had been buddies with Yue Zhong for so long, of course he knows that Yue Zhong will not change his mind once he made a decision.

"All of you go back and rest. Dismiss!"

After concluding the meeting, Yue Zhong returned to his villa.

"I also want to go to with you the Survivor Camp!" Once he returned to the villa, Lu Wen who had kept her silence throughout the meeting suddenly hugged Yue Zhong and made this request. She wanted to be with Yue Zhong in this difficult period.

Zhang Xin was wearing a sexy black underwear and was massaging Yue Zhong's legs. Before the apocalypse, she often watched dramas about the struggle for power among the King's concubines. She knew that she is not very important in the heart of Yue Zhong, at least not when compared to Lu Wen and Guo Yu, and hence behaved herself.

Guo Yu was sitting to the right of Yue Zhong and just listened attentively to their conversation.

"No way, it is too dangerous!"

Lu Wen was not satisfied with Yue Zhong's answer: "I know how to cast offensive spells, and also can heal. I also have evolved to Level 7. Why can't I go with you? Didn't I also help out during the raid against Big Cliff Village?"

Yue Zhong really lacked people who can fight the zombies. As the leader of the team, he is often fighting in the front lines. Guo Yu, Luo Wen, Chen Yao etc, all these female mages-in-training will occasionally take part in battles as well. On one hand, they can kill more zombies and gain more experience to evolve. On the other hand, they can help to conserve bullets.

Yue Zhong explained "This time, what we are experiencing is different from the time we attacked Big Cliff Village. This time we are not facing several thousands of zombie, but rather over 100,000 zombies. If we are not careful, all of us will perish. This is too dangerous."

## Chapter 177: Entering the City

100,000 zombies and several thousand zombies are completely different concepts. And these 100,000 zombies are organized.

The Z1 Commander Zombie in Big Cliff Village that organized several thousands of zombies had already given Yue Zhong a lot of pressure. A 100,000 strong zombie army with organization and hierarchy would be even more formidable.

Lu Wen pouted and asked: "Then, why can Ji Qing Wu go with you?"

Yue Zhong pinched Lu Wen's cheeks and replied: "You also know about Ji Qing Wu's strength. She can protect herself in a zombie horde. Even if she met with any danger, she is able to escape it by virtue of her skills. That's why I allowed her to come with me."

Ji Qing Wu was skilled in using the sword. After joining Yue Zhong's team, she often took the initiative to bring men to search for more food supplies, and constantly gained experience and evolved. Right now, she is the 3rd strongest in Yue Zhong's team.

"Let's sleep." Yue Zhong bent down and kissed Lu Wen and Guo Yu on their forehead and immediately closed his eyes. Although he had 3 beauties in his arms, he did not have the mood to engage in sex. He needs to conserve his stamina and energy for the events that will soon happen.

Guo Yu who was sleeping beside Yue Zhong keep looking at Yue Zhong's face: "Power. If I have sufficient power to fight in battles besides him, how great would it be."

The next morning, two IFVs, five military jeeps with artillery guns, a machine gun car installed with a type 14.7 mm dual-mounted machine gun, seven trucks, ten Hummers, a large tanker and six converted buses drove towards Longhai Survivor Camp.

From the sky, Little Greenie was using its sharps eyes to keep a lookout for potential hazards.

This time, Yue Zhong took more than half of his elite forces and half of his ammunition supply to LongHai Survivor Camp. An army that is greater than 100,000 zombies is no joking matter. If there are insufficient preparations, most his elite forces will end up dead.

Of course, Yue Zhong is not so stupid as to offer his forces for free. He requested for the control of the North Gate in LongHai Survival Camp. All his men smoothly made their way into the LongHai Survival Camp.

But in Phoenix Street area, the LongHai Survivor Camp had deployed 5 IFVs in that area. As well, sandbags and barbed wires were formed to make a make-shift barricade. There were many soldiers

standing guard over that street. The area outside of Phoenix Street has been rezoned to make way for Yue Zhong's troops.

The LongHai Survivor Camp may be using Yue Zhong's forces, but at the same time, they also need to protect themselves against Yue Zhong's forces. If not for the fact that there were massive numbers of zombie walking towards the Camp, the authorities in charge will never agree to let Yue Zhong bring soldiers into the LongHai Survivor Camp.

As soon as Yue Zhong disembarked from the vehicle, he immediately looked for Chen Shi Tou and asked. "What is the situation now? Quickly tell me whatever intelligence you have on the movement of the zombies!"

Chen Shi Tou eyes were bloodshot. For the last few days, he had not slept well. As soon Yue Zhong asked, he immediately replied. "The zombies are moving towards us, but their speed is very slow. If they continue to approach us at this pace, I estimated that they will reach here in about 10 days."

Listening to Chen Shi Tou's words, Yue Zhong could not help raising his eyebrows.

Shang Lin County is about 100 km away from LongHai Survivor Camp. Although these zombie's movement speed is very slow, they are able to move continuously non-stop around the clock. They do not need to rest, nor do they feel tired. Yue Zhong could not help being sceptical that the zombies need 10 days to reach LongHai Survivor Camp.

Yue Zhong looked at Chen Shi Tou and asked, "How many able-bodied survivors have you recruited?"

Chen Shi Tou replied, "400 men"

After getting news of the movement of the zombies from Shang Lin County, Chen Shi Tou immediately started a mass recruitment for all able-bodied man. After some training, they would be able to fight against the zombie.

After the apocalypse, man and woman are both valuable resources [C1]. The women represent mankind's future. The men represent mankind's present.

Women can do what men cannot do: they can give birth and increase the population of humans. Without women, humanity has no future. Men could not increase their population and humans will die out.

Men are naturally stronger and more aggressive than women. Hence, this usually makes men more suitable for fighting than most women. At present, men are needed to fight, and Chen Shi Tou naturally recruited the stronger and able-bodied men.

Yue Zhong replied: "Make arrangement for these men to eat, then begin training as soon as possible. If you need more equipment, request it from Wang Shuang."

When trained, 400 men is a powerful weapon against zombies.

Chen Shi Tou replied: "Understood! Tonight there is a gathering in the Special Administrative Region. Various factions and powers in LongHai survivor camp will attend this gathering. Lei Cheng had sent an invitation, and hope you can attend. They said the purpose of this gathering is to discuss the zombie invasion."

"Noted! Please let someone inform them that I will be on time."

Yue Zhong walked towards Little Greenie and mounted it.

Although Little Greenie can not be compared to its parents, it is also a massive Mutant Beast with a wingspan of 15 m. It is not a problem for it to carry a man.

Yue Zhong patted Little Greenie on its back, and Little Greenie immediately flapped its wings and soar up towards the sky, and head in the direction of Shang Ling County.

Chen Shi Tou could not help looking at Yue Zhong with envy. He also wanted to have such a magnificent beast. Then he turned around and walked towards the 400 men he had recruited.

400 survivors were gathered in an empty field. Each of them had a bowl of porridge in one hand, and a bun in the other hand, and was eating their meal.

Chen Shi Tou walked in the front of these men, and coldly shouted: "You have 30 seconds to finish your meal, and then assemble here immediately!"

After Chen Shi Tou's announcement, the 400 survivors immediately wolfed down their bun, and washed down the bun with the porridge, and assembled.

After raiding Shang Lin granary, the lives of all survivors did not improve by much. The relief gruel was a bit thicker, but that all.

Raiding Shang Lin granary had provided very rich returns for LongHai survivor camp, they have accumulated a lot of food, and even ¼ of their gains from Shang Lin granary is enough for 10,000 people to eat for 2 years. But after the apocalypse, all the seeds could not germinate. To ensure that humanity can survive for a longer term, LongHai Survivor Camp did not distribute the food for all the survivors. And there are some people in positions of power who felt that if the survivors are well fed, it will become much harder to control them.

It is no wonder that most of the survivors in LongHai Survivor Camp are hungry and dressed in rags. Having good food to eat (the bun and porridge are so much better than gruel) is a blessing for these survivors, and they will not easily let go of this marvellous opportunity.

Chen Shi Tou waved his hands, and several men carried in carts full of machetes and steel shields. There was a small mountain of these products.

There are 400 machetes, and 400 shields. These items were all created from Big Cliff Village. From the first day that Yue Zhong had conquered Big Cliff Village, the steel factory has been churning out all sorts of weapons and armours, and have not stopped production.

Chen Shi Tou shouted: "Each of you come and get one machete and one shield!"

All the survivor was surprised to see these items, but all of them stepped up to get their machetes and shields.

[to be continued...]

C1: Censorship (again)

# **末世之后**, 无论男人女人都死宝贵的资源。女人能够生孩子, 繁衍族群. 而男人则...

It directly translated as "After the apocalypse, man and woman are also valuable. Women can give birth, and increase the population. Man... blah blah blah"

In the above sentence, it sounds awful. The author seemed to imply that women are only good for giving birth and nothing more. I edited this to

"After the apocalypse, man and woman are both valuable resources. The women represent mankind's future. The men represent mankind's present.

Women can do what men cannot do: they can give birth. Without women, humanity has no future. Men could not increase their population and humans will die out.

Men... blah blah blah" "

It says the same thing (women can give birth, increase the population). But the way I said it in the second paragraph does not discriminate as heavily against woman and make it seemed that women are only good for giving birth. It is much nicer, right?

Your mums, sisters and wives or girlfriends would be proud of being a woman.

#### Chapter 178: Investigation

Chen Shi Tou announced: "Some of you might have guessed – We are allocating machetes and shields to you because we want you to fight against the zombies. If you do not have the guts to do so, put down your weapon and your shield and walk out of here. From this moment onwards, you have nothing more to do with us. But if you are willing to fight against the zombies, I will guarantee that each of you will have enough to eat every, and you also have a chance to earn meat to eat."

After listening to Chen Shi Tou, many men among the 400 survivors turned pale. The machetes and shields in their hands dropped to the floor as they shook uncontrollably.

Fighting with zombies is not that easy. These zombies look horrible, and there is a high chance of being infected with the zombie virus. One hit is all it takes to turn you into a zombie.

One survivor threw down his machete and shield and walked out. Even if he could have more food to eat, he also refused to fight against the zombies. This is especially true if he is armed with just a machete and a shield to fight.

As if the first man leaving the camp had opened the floodgates to leave, one by one, more and more men chose to leave the camp. After a short while, over 200 men have chosen to leave. Only 100+ survivors remain.

The most important aspects of this team were courage and guts. Without courage and guts, it is impossible for these men to fight. If Yue Zhong has more time, he will not allow a single man to leave this camp. He will make sure that all of these men will be brave and willing to fight the zombies.

But at this moment, time is what Chen Shi Tou lacked the most. Slowly but surely, these zombies are coming. Right now, he can only let those without guts to fight to leave his camp.

Those who left are all survivors that joined LongHai Survivor Camp relatively recently. They had not experienced hunger for a long, and still believes that the authorities will not ditch them and will provide help to them.

But the men who stayed are all pioneers who had stayed in LongHai Survivor Camp for a long time. They were already so hungry and oppressed until they could not withstand the hunger. As long as there were food for them to eat, they were ready to do anything.

If forced into a corner, a human will show extraordinary strength as he retaliates. However, if given a choice, almost all man will not chose to fight with their lives on the line. Now that these men had experienced hunger and were cornered by the authorities, these men were willing to fight. To kill zombies in exchange for food? Not a problem! Dying in combat is so better than dying of hunger!

Chen Shi Tou looked at the 100+ remaining men, and said: "Excellent! Now swing your blade downwards 100 times!"

All the 100+ remaining men began practicing swinging their machetes.

Chen Shi Tou was assigned as the trainer for these 100+ men. He was the best hunter in Chen Family Village, and have experience numerous battles with Yue Zhong with his Tang Imitation Sword. This gave him some knowledge of using a sabre. Although his skills are not as good as a master of a sabre, but he had no problems teaching new recruits the correct way to swing their machetes for maximum impact.

After the last survivor who refused to fight the zombies had left the camp, Wang Sheng walked towards a man who was recording down the details of these survivors, and asked: "Did you record down their name and particulars?"

"Yes, Sir! We had recorded all these information already!"

Wang Shuang had a cold look in his eyes as he said "Very good! These cowards! When we recruit more men, make sure we don't recruit these rubbish."

Wang Shuang was one of the men who had followed Yue Zhong since the apocalypse. His combat ability and qualifications was considered mediocre. But after experiencing the hash and cruel world after the apocalypse, his mind-set and personality slowly changed, and he had managed to evolve to level 9.

"Understood!"

== Meanwhile, in the skies ==

Yue Zhong was seated on Little Greenie's back and soaring freely in the sky.

Being able to fly is a dream for many man. But the feeling of flying on the back of a great eagle is far from the ideal landscape of freedom that was painted by false expectations and imagination.

In reality, Little Greenie is very fast. In the sky, hundreds of meters away from the nearest land, the wind resistance was like hundreds of blade of knives cutting into Yue Zhong, and threatened to push him off

Little Greenie's back and fall to his doom. Even with Yue Zhong's strengthened body, he also felt very pressurised by the wind resistance.

Yue Zhong lie down on his front to minimise the wind resistance, and gently patted Little Greenie and said: "Fly slowly, please."

Little Greenie understood Yue Zhong words, and slowed down, and leisurely flew towards the direction where Shang Lin County lain in.

After about 2 hours, Yue Zhong was able to see the army of zombies.

From Shan Lin County, the army of zombies was as thick as ants, and there seemed to be no end to the number of zombies. From the sky, it look like a massive black-coloured tidal wave that was slowly moving forwards, destroying everything in its path.

In the land where the tide of zombie had moved over, it was eerily empty. There was no sound of insects, no mutant beasts, nothing at all. All that remains were bones of various beasts, and blood-stained ground.

In front of the massive, colossus army of zombies, all the mutant beasts in front of the army could be seen fleeing in all directions.

From the zombie horde, hundreds of speed-enhanced S1 and S2 zombies broke apart from the zombie tide, and hunted down all the fleeing mutant beasts. Then they ate these creatures.

Not all Mutant Beasts choose to run although. Some chose to fight. After all, the normal zombies that made up the bulk of the army were only level 1 and were much weaker than them.

A Mutant Bull was charging among the zombie horde, and sent several zombies flying with its stampede. After sending about 10 zombies flying, its horns impeded itself on to the massive body of an L2 zombie.

The massive L2 smashed its fists on the head of the Mutant bull. The impact of the force smashed a dent in the thick skull of the bull and crushed its brain, killing it immediately.

Once the mutant bull is dead, the normal zombie swarmed upon on the Mutant Bull's body as if they were files attracted a corpse, and began to eat it. In a short while, only the bones and the blood spilled on the floor were all that remained of the Mutant Bull.

A Mutant Cat Beast with a body like a leopard was constantly hunting down as many normal zombies as possible that had wandered into its territory. Each bite or claws would kill a zombie and it would retreat immediately after each hit. The normal zombies had no way to stop the hit and run tactics employed by the Mutant Cat. They were far too slow to keep up with its speed.

Suddenly, seven S2 zombies rushed out from the zombie crowd, and with their terrifying claws, made short work of the Mutant Cat. In no time at all, the mutant cat joined the Mutant bull as nothing but a pile of skeleton and pool of blood.

As the zombie horde passed by the river, a water python emerged from the waters. It begin to swallow the zombies and help itself to a feast.

The normal zombies could not even scratch its scales as it wrecked carnage on the zombies. To the water python, the zombies are like snacks to be enjoyed at its leisure.

From the zombie horde, sixty S2 zombies each held a H1 zombie [1] high above the rest of the zombies. The sixty H1 zombies opened their mouths and sixty balls of fire blew apart the head of the water python. It collapsed lifelessly onto the ground.

Although the water python scales may be immune to the attacks of normal zombies, the scales could not withstand the might of H1 fireball.

A massive horde of zombies rushed up, and devoured the Water Python. In a few minutes, all that remained are some bones and some scales.

"This is bad! If we engage these zombies in a battle, we need to destroy all the H1 zombie at the earliest opportunity." Yue Zhong was worried about his subordinates after witnessing the death of the water python.

Even a massive and powerful water python mutant beast whose scales are immune to most physical attacks also ended up being nothing more than food for the zombies. His subordinates who were dressed in Water Python Snakeskin armour would also be unable to withstand a single hit from the H1 zombies.

Yue Zhong patted Little Greenie and requested for Little Greenie to fly lower. Little Greenie flapped its wing and immediately flew down towards the H1 zombies.

From the sky, a fireball spell and a cone of ice runes suddenly appeared. In the next moment, a fireball and a cone of ice was launched and hit 2 of the H1 on their heads, and killed the two H1 in one hit.

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Having killed the two of h1, Yue Zhong took out his stinger gun and fired three shots at the h1 below.

In moving at high speed on top of Little Greenie, Yue Zhong's accuracy was significantly affected. Of the three bullets he fired, 2 of these bullets ended up hitting the L2 zombies [1] that were supporting the H1 zombies. Only 1 of these bullets managed to kill an H1 zombie.

Seeing that his accuracy had been affected, he waved his hand and kept the stinger gun. From his hands several hand grenades appeared, and he tossed them towards the group of zombies without a thought.

### "BOMB!!! BOMBBB!!"

One explosion after another continuously resounded from the area, and seven to eight H1 and L2 were torn apart by the blast.

After tossing about seven to eight hand grenade, Yue Zhong's danger-sense triggered. He immediately patted Little Greenie and roared "Fly upwards with all your speed!"

Little Greenie flapped its massive wings and seemed to tear through the sky as it flew into the clouds.

After Little Greenie has flown into the cloud, several H1 zombies were also hosted up by L2 zombies, and aimed towards the direction Yue Zhong escaped in. This time, there were about 50 of these H1 zombies. If Little Greenie were to be hit by 50 fireballs, it would also be killed instantly.

"So hard to kill! If only we have a bomber plane, that would be much easier!"

In the clouds, Yue Zhong frown as he looked at the sea of zombies.

The zombies were packed tightly together. Before the apocalypse, several bomber planes with heavy bombs could easily blow these zombies into oblivion. But, let's not mentioned bomber aircraft, Yue Zhong did not even have an armed helicopter.

Yue Zhong did not continue to toss out his hand grenades. After the battle with the Mutant Rat Horde, his supply of grenades has dropped by a lot. He was unwilling to waste these valuable explosives on the regular zombies.

Yue Zhong was lying flat on Little Greenie back as he observed the zombies' movement. He finally found the reason for the slow movements of these zombies.

The sea of zombies did not make a direct beeline towards LongHai survivor camp. Rather, they walked towards the surrounding villages. For each village the zombies passed over, all the zombies in that village would shakily walk out and join the zombie army, making the number of zombies increase significantly with each village passed.

The zombie horde was moving so slow because it continuously gathered more and more zombies from the surrounding area.

"If this continues, after ten days, the number of zombies we face will definitely be a lot more than just 100,000." Looking at the number of zombies that crawled out of each village to join the sea of zombie, Yue Zhong felt very depressed.

Although the zombie tide may be very slow, the general direction of its movements seemed to indicate that it is moving towards LongHai Survivor Camp. Yue Zhong estimated that at most, it will take ten days for the zombie to arrive.

"Where are the Z series of zombies?" From the sky, Yue Zhong kept a sharp lookout, trying to find the Z type of zombies from among the sea of zombies. But the Z series of zombies are short, and there were like 100,000 zombies. It was like looking for a needle in a haystack.

After a fruitless search, Yue Zhong directed Little Greenie back toward LongHai Survivor Camp. Along the way, he grabbed the opportunity to observe the surrounding landscape.

To fight in any war, the timing, geography of the land and the men are three important factors. The geography is of particular importance. Throughout Chinese history, many generals have used the terrain to their advantage to win a battle even though the enemy troops outnumbered them. Yue Zhong had not been to these locations before. Therefore, he wants to observe the surrounding lands as he made his way back to LongHai Survivor Camp.

That night, Yue Zhong brought Ji Qing Wu and Cheng Yu through the deadlock in Phoenix Street into the Special Administrative Area to attend the Banquet.

Once he reached the outskirts of the villa where the banquet was held in, Cheng Yu seemed to vanish into the shadows. He is an assassin. The darkness his best protection. His sneak attacks from the darkness are ten times as efficient as ordinary men.

Under the canopy of bright lights, many sharply-dressed waiters and waitresses in clean and neat uniforms were shuttling among the banquet and serving the guests. Smartly-dressed men in suits and women in gowns formed a small circle as they chatted among themselves, while holding glasses of wine in their hands.

In the middle of the hall, there was a long table, filled with fruits, cakes, pastries, salads, drinks, and a variety of meat dishes, and about two dozen vegetarian dishes.

The scene inside the villa makes it very hard for anyone to imagine that they were living in a postapocalypse world. The lavish feast seemed to ignore the fact that in the fields, seeds could not germinate, and there was a severe food shortage. The world inside the brightly lit villa is in stark contrast to the lives of the survivors outside the villa, where there was a widespread lack of food, and many survivors were wearing rags. Things were so bad that many women were willing to prostitute themselves for a slice of bread.

"Yue Zhong, you arrived!" Once Yue Zhong entered the villa, a handsome man by the name of Gu Yan Yi's [2] eyes seemed to shine, as he walked towards Yue Zhong.

Gu Yan Yi stopped in front of Yue Zhong. Yue Zhong was wearing a simple warrior outfit, and a Tang Sabre hanged from a scabbard attached to his waist. Besides him stood the ever-lovely and beautiful Ji Qing Wu.

Gu Yan Yi eyes seemed to flash with mixed feelings as he smiled and said: "Isn't this Ji Qing Wu? Yue Zhong, is she your girlfriend? You are really accomplished! Ji Qing Wu is the dream woman for many men in LongHai Survivor Camp."

Ji Qing Wu and Chen Yao are also residents of the Special Administrative Region. The spoilt, wealthy men from the Special Administrative Region naturally know about this beauty.

Yue Zhong just returned the smile and replied, "It a pity, but you guessed wrong. We are just good friends."

Ji Qing Wu eyes seemed to flash with a strange light, but she did not say a word, and quietly stood beside Yue Zhong.

Gu Yan Yi smiled as he led the two guests towards a corner of the great hall.

Ji Qing Wu was dressed common casual clothes, while Yue Zhong was wearing a warrior's outfit. Their attire stands out from the crowd of well-dress men and women in suits and evening gowns.

Most of the glares that looked at the attire of Yue Zhong were snobbish, and had a hint of contempt at first. But when these glares saw Yue Zhong's face, most of the contemptuous gazes immediately disappeared to be replaced by one of awe and respect.

All of the men who attend this banquet were heads or leaders of the various factions within LongHai Survivor Camp. They had either directly participated in or sent their men to participated in the raid on

Shang Lin granary. They were very familiar with the strength of Yue Zhong and his team, and dare not to look down on Yue Zhong. After all, Yue Zhong's team was the only team that escaped from the Mutant Rats without a single causality. Also, Yue Zhong was the one who hunted down the Mutant Rat King, and hence scattered the horde of rats.

Many of these leaders instead wanted to find some way to deepen their relationships with Yue Zhong. The future is uncertain, and nobody knows what will happen in the zombie attack. But all of them agreed on one thing. In this post-apocalypse word, having good relationships with a powerful evolver backed by a team of elite men is not a bad thing to have.

Just when Yue Zhong and his date were casually chatting with some of the guests, a gorgeous, voluptuous lady wearing a red dress cut in the conversation. Her hair was very neatly style, and she was wearing makeup on her face. But her attitude was cold as she sneered "What country bumpkins! To come to this high-class banquet dressed in casual clothes. Tssk... You two do not know what etiquette is."

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Another coquettish-looking woman decked in jewellery joined in to heckle at Yue Zhong. She threw cold look towards Yue Zhong, and spoke the man who Yue Zhong was chatting with, "Young master Gu, are two hillbillies friends of yours? They seemed to have no common sense. This is battalion commander Lei's banquet. How could you let these two commoners come in dressed like this? Isn't that being too disrespectful to the commander Lei?"

Flame King Gu's team is a relatively strong faction in LongHai Survivor Camp. But in LongHai Survivor Camp, there are too many factions fighting for power, and there is always someone more powerful. Although Flame King Gu is an evolver, in the eyes of the bigger factions, he is considered insignificant.

Here, the military controlled weapons and bullets with an iron fist. If Flame King Gu dares to use his skills to attack any man from the Special Administrative Region, a type 40 rocket is more than enough to send him to heaven.

The two pretty women are the women of the Green Wolves Clan's leader and the Big Knife Clan's leader. These two Clans were created by Lei Cheng to do all the dirty deeds that Lei Cheng cannot publicly do. These two clans often clashed with Flame King Gu's faction.

The voluptuous lady wearing a red dress is the woman of the Green Wolves Clan's leader, Wang Tian (Sky Wang). Her name is Zhang Yan.

The other lady decked in jewellery is the woman of the Big Knife Clan's leader, Xu Yi Dao (One Blade Xu). Her name is An Yan Hua.

Listening to the two ladies' chatter, Yue Zhong raised his eyebrows, and coldly stared at Green Wolves Clan's leader, Wang Tian (Sky Wang).

Wang Tian (Sky Wang) noticed the cold look on Yue Zhong's face, and immediately slapped Zhang Yan on her face and scolded her: "Bitch! You better watch what you say! The one in front of you is Captain Yue! Quickly kneel down and apologise to Captain Yue!"

Green Wolves Clan's leader, Wang Tian (Sky Wang) had also participated in the fight against the Mutant Rats Tide. He had personally witnessed Yue Zhong's might with his own eyes. As a subordinate of Lei Cheng, he is also aware that this man had the strength and power to fight on par with Lei Cheng's forces. At the same time, this man is also the man that his boss, Lei Cheng, wants to rope in. Furthermore, he knew that Yue Zhong was responsible for the overnight destruction of Ice King Group. He had no desired whatever to become the second Ice King.

To Wang Tian (Sky Wang), Zhang Yan is only one of his toys. He did not place particular importance on her. After all, he had many more toys.

Zhang Yan's face swell from the force of the slap, and she immediately turn pale. She cried and kneeled in front of Yue Zhong and beg for forgiveness. "Sorry, Captain Yue! I have eyes, but failed to see you, and even offended you."

Although Sky Wang will not do anything to her during the banquet, Zhang Yan knows Sky Wang's character. He is a man who would not hesitate to kill or torture his women if these women displeased him. Zhang Yan dare not to disobey Sky Wang's words, for fear or recuperations after the banquet.

Sky Wang also apologises, "Sorry, Captain Yue! I am Green Wolves Clan's leader, Wang Tian (Sky Wang). It is my fault for not being strict enough!! Please forgive my mistake."

Yue Zhong then stared at Big Knife Clan's leader, Xu Yi Dao (One Blade Xu) coldly.

Xu Yi Dao (One Blade Xu) felt a chill creeping up his spine. But he had long accustomed to being a leader in his clan, and is not willing to follow Sky Wang and beg for forgiveness. He just silently stood there, and did not let his woman An Yan Hua apologise to Yue Zhong.

An Yan Hua saw that Zhang Yan was kneeling before Yue Zhong, and knew that today, she had offended someone she should not have. She also turned pale and walked towards One Blade Xu, and hope that her man can protect her.

Yue Zhong saw that One Blade Xu had kept silent, and he step forwards and hit One Blade Xu. The force of his blow was such that One Blade Xu's mouth was covered with blood and his head was swimming with stars. "You better teach your woman what they should not say!" Yue Zhong coldly said.

"You are asking for death!" Ever since One Blade Xu had followed Lei Cheng and became the leader of the Big Knife Clan, everything goes

smoothly for him. He had never been this humiliated before. His eyes turned red with fury, and he launched a blow at Yue Zhong in retaliation, without considering the difference in strength.

Before the apocalypse, he was a Muay Thia Kick Boxing instructor in a martial arts school. His fists are heavy and quick. Normal humans find it hard to withstand his fists. He had joined Lei Cheng early, and, as a result, he was given the leadership of the Big Knife Clan.

"Idiot!"

One Blade Xu's fist may be useful against low-level evolvers. But against someone who has seven times the speed of a regular human, the fist is slow as a turtle.

Yue Zhong stepped aside and easily dodged the punch. He kicked One Blade Xu's legs, and forced One Blade Xu to fall onto the floor. Then he stomped his foot heavily on One Blade Xu's back.

One Blade Xu spat out a mouthful of fresh blood, and was pinned down like a dog under Yue Zhong's foot.

Although Sky Wang and One Blade Xu are both Lei Cheng's subordinates, they get along like oil get along with water. Both of them secretly plot against each other in their struggle for power. Looking at his rival who was pinned dog and unable to get up, he felt conflicted. On one hand, he gloated at his arch-rival's misfortune. On the other hand, he could not help feeling afraid.

Seeing that One Blade was pinned below Yue Zhong's foot, An Yan Hua immediately kneel and beg for forgiveness: "Captain Yue, it is me that had a foul mouth! It is me that talked rubbished! Please spare One Blade Xu! I am begging you! I am sorry. I am so sorry!"

After the apocalypse, human lives are as cheap as ants. An Yan Hua may be pretty, but if not for the fact that One Blade Xu had protected her, she could not have such a good life. One Blade Xu had treated her quite well, and is not like Sky Wang who discarded woman like objects after using them. She also had some feelings for One Blade Xu. Therefore, upon seeing One Blade Xu in trouble, she unhesitatingly swallowed her pride and begged for forgiveness.

This event had attracted the attention of the security guards, and seven men dressed in security suits quickly made their way to the scene and surrounded Yue Zhong and One Blade Xu.

"What happen?" A burly, well built and dark-skin man stepped forward from among the guards and asked.

Sky Wang also stepped out and smiled at that security guard. "Captain Fu, this is just a minor misunderstanding. Stone Horse Village leader, Captain Yue, and Big Knife Clan's leader, One Blade Xu, had a minor misunderstanding. There is no trouble."

Sky Wang quickly pointed out Yue Zhong's status. Lei Cheng wishes to have Yue Zhong serve him and control Yue Zhong's power. His ambition is not a closed secret. Sky Wang do not wish to create any conflicts between Yue Zhong and any direct subordinates of Lei Cheng. If not, Lei Cheng would not forgive him

This guard is one of Lei Cheng's strongest evolvers, Fu Ming.

After hearing Yue Zhong's name, Fu Ming looked at Yue Zhong, as if asking Yue Zhong to confirm the words.

Yue Zhong then lift his leg and smiled towards Fu Ming and said: "This is really a minor misunderstanding!"

One Blade Xu also slowly get up. With eyes full of poisonous hate for Yue Zhong, he swallowed his anger and killing intent and said: "This is a misunderstanding."