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Chapter 251: Fight

As Yue Zhong was at loggerheads with the powers of SY County, Yue Zhong's side had always been at a disadvantage. He brought along a few people and the Survivor Camp was able to still accept it. Of course if he were to bring an entire battalion along, it would not sit well with the Survivor Camp.

As Yue Zhong and his team were clearing the checkpoint, a bespectacled man with a scholarly aura stepped up to greet them: "Hello, I am Fan Ming the appointed secretary of Mayor Wen! You must be Commander Yue Zhong. You're really a hero you know. With your age and ability, you managed to save 30,000 survivors which is very commendable."

Lǚ Níng looked at Fan Ming's behaviour and frowned, as a foreboding feeling rose up in her heart.

Yue Zhong glanced at Fan Ming, before replying blandly: "How do you do, Secretary Fan. I am Yue Zhong, is there something you need?"

Fan Ming smiled lightly: "Commander Yue, Mayor Wen would like to have a meeting with you! Please come with me."

Right at this time a young man with a slightly skinnier build, darker skin, aged about 27-28 and sporting a calm air walked over with a kind expression before he spoke. "Hello Yue Zhong. I am Secretary General Peng's assistant, Wei Jueguang! Secretary General Peng has extended his invitation to you! Please come along with me, I have already prepared a car for you."

A luxurious Rolls Royce drove up to Yue Zhong's side, purring quietly at an idle. From within the car an extremely attractive woman stepped out. She was clothed in proper office wear; attractive black stockings that seemed to accentuate her long slim legs, hair that fluttered lightly in the wind and vibrant, purple lipstick. It was nearly enough that one could not take ones eyes off of her.

The beauty that stepped out of the Rolls Royce smiled sweetly at Yue Zhong. Such a scene with a pretty lady and luxurious car, it was quite eye-catching as surely intended.

Fan Ming was displeased and spoke out: "Wei JueGuang, what's the meaning of this? I was the one to invite Commander Yue first. Once his meeting with Mayor Wen is done, it wouldn't be late for you to extend your invitation to Commander Yue."

Wei JueGuang eyed Fan Ming icily and said, "Secretary General Peng is SY County's party representative, and the honourable leader of our SY County. After his meeting with Commander Yue has concluded, it wouldn't be too late for Mayor Wen to talk to him."

The mayor of SY County was called Wen Baoguo, while the Secretary General was Peng Mingde. These 2 were long-time rivals, and each were in control of a huge portion of SY County. Peng Mingde had single-handedly gained strength and support, forcing Wen Baoguo to a corner. However, he had failed in disciplining his child well; it was precisely his son Peng Ji who had caused the problem with the Evolver, leading to such a huge loss of food.

After the incident with the arson, Peng Mingde had expended all his power to protect his only song Peng Ji. However, his influence and power in SY County suffered as a result, many people threw their votes in

with the mayor Wen Baoguo, which led to him rising in power again. Now that Wen Baoguo had a say amongst the people of SY County, his words often held a hint of suppressing Peng Mingde.

Although extending an invitation to Yue Zhong was a small matter, both sides were unwilling to give in this time. In these current days, as long as one side revealed a moment of weakness the other hungry wolves would pounce on the opportunity and rip their throats out. Mostly figuratively speaking of course. Mostly.

If initially, Yue Zhong had bowed towards Shen Xue's threats and pressure, the whole of Ning Guang County might very well have ended up in her palms.

Fan Ming eyed Wei Jueguang coldly as he laughed towards Yue Zhong: "Commander Yue, Mayor Wen has already prepared a feast to welcome you, there's even the celebrity Zhou Yanxue performing for you. Mayor Wen is absolutely sincere about making your acquaintance, do consider coming with me!"

The celebrity Zhou Yanxue was a person of huge influence and following prior to the apocalypse. Every time she held a concert, be it in Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau or even Taiwan, tickets would be swept up almost immediately. There were fans who were obsessed enough to queue for 2 days straight just to purchase a single ticket. To be able to watch the performance of such a huge star before the apocalypse was something incredible.

Upon hearing Zhou Yanxue's name, Tong Xiaoyun's eyes lit up, as she pulled on Yue Zhong's arms and pleaded: "Brother Yue! Let's go to greet Mayor Wen! I want to see Zhou Yanxue, I'm a huge fan!"

Although Tong Xiaoyun had like everyone witnessed many horrid and cruel things, when she's within safety she could still be her innocent self. Now that she had a chance to catch her favourite idol, she was practically jumping up and down with excitement.

Hearing Tong Xiaoyun's words, Fan Ming's eyes gleamed with smugness. While the live performance of a huge star like Zhou Yanxue might not hold much priority for people who struggled with food, to those without such problems, it was a luxury that was attractive.

Wei Jueguang just lightly chuckled before saying: "Commander Yue, as long as you will come with me now to Secretary General Peng then this Xiao Shishi, a graduate from XX University of the Arts will belong to you. The girl is considered to be her schools #1 Flower and of course the Rolls Royce is included in the package deal."

Wei Jueguang had instantly proposed an incredibly practical and attractive offer. Xiao Shishi was a beauty with looks and demeanor not losing out to Gu Manzi. The Rolls Royce was also a powerful sports car. Just to step on the pride of Wen Baoguo, Peng Mingde was willing to invest much.

After the apocalypse, without the supervision and scrutiny of the media, people with power or authority started to grow more daring and impudent with the exchange of girls and items as bribes or conditions, all without batting an eyelid.

Seeing Fan Ming and Wei Jueguang openly engaging in a power struggle, Lu Níng frowned in displeasure, her expression cold as she spoke out, "Fan Ming, Wei Jueguang, what is the meaning of this? Yue Zhong is a guest of my invitation, he is naturally coming with me."

Fan Ming smiled at Lǚ Níng and said: "Wherever Commander Yue would like to go is his freedom to choose. Miss Lǚ, dare I ask who are you to Commander Yue? In what capacity are you making his decisions for him?"

Following the flow of time and being unable to accept orders from the central government, the officials and military had initially worked together in SY County. However, due to the difference in power distribution there was a rift between both parties. After all, power was a huge attraction to many regardless of gender and anyone who possessed it found it hard to let go.

Peng Mingde could protect that degenerate son of his who had committed such an atrocious act, was because he had the power. If he didn't, Peng Ji would have been shot dead countless times for his various misdeeds.

Lå Ning turned to Yue Zhong and asked: "Yue Zhong, where do you want to go?"

Yue Zhong lightly laughed and said: "Let's head to Mayor Wen's place, I'm also interested in the idol Zhou Yanxue."

Hearing Yue Zhong's choice, L\u00e0 N\u00edng and Wei Jueguang's expressions turned cold.

After recovering himself, Wei Jueguang continued smiling and said: "Since that's the case, would Commander Yue have the time to meet with Secretary General Peng tomorrow?"

If there were normal people who dared to turn down Secretary General Peng's invitation Wei Jueguang would have laughed coldly, before dealing with the person harshly. Thus making his or her life difficult in SY County. After the apocalypse, if a normal person had dared to anger or slight Secretary General Peng Wei Jueguang could absolutely make sure the person would not live for another day.

However, Yue Zhong wasn't someone normal. He had established his own base(s) of operations, and commanded a troop of over 2000 warriors, while keeping 30,000 people surviving with his various abilities. He was also a strong Evolver all on his own. This figure of existence could not be offended, and Peng Mingde was unwilling to make an enemy out of him.

Yue Zhong replied with courtesy: "Of course I have the time, I also have high regards for Secretary General Peng."

"Then, I'll come pick you up at 9am tomorrow! I hope you have a great night." Wei Jueguang looked towards Yue Zhong and smiled, before getting back into the Rolls Royce and leaving.

"Have an enjoyable evening! I shall return to the camp first!" L\u00fc N\u00edng glanced at Yue Zhong before she boarded her vehicle and left as well.

Fan Ming looked at the defeated Wei Jueguang and Lǚ Níng leaving as he laughed and said to Yue Zhong: "Please, this way!"

Under Fan Ming's guidance, Yue Zhong's team came to a villa compound that was decorated lavishly.

How amazing!! Brother Yuan, your strength is really great. Based on your ability, I think even Ning Guang County's Yue Zhong is not your match." A clear female voice had just resounded across the villa's garden, and was heard by Yue Zhong's team.

Yue Zhong looked towards the source of the voice, only to see a young lady of about 17 or 18 with extremely good looks dressed entirely in red. Her skin was a perfect snow-white colour, both smooth and pure. She seemed to be staring with an adoring gaze at a man of about 26, 27 with dark skin, tall stature, and eyes that seemed to shine with a heroic aura.

There were a total of 13 other young men and women surrounding the 2 of them, and right in front of the huge young male there was a sandbag that was lying on the ground in a battered state.

Fan Ming immediately turned ashen as he pointed out her background: "That is Mayor Wen's precious daughter Wen Peishan. She's still young and doesn't know what she's talking about, if her words had offended you, please don't take it to heart!"

Yue Zhong's deeds in Ning Guang County had naturally reached the ears of those higher-ups in SY County. They were starting to pay attention to him and in their eyes, he was a vicious and cruel warlord with no emotions who lusted after women. Fan Ming was worried that Yue Zhong would go against Wen Baoguo just because of the words uttered by Wen Peishan.

Yue Zhong glanced at the girl in red and the huge man before replying blandly, "Relax, I won't take offense."

Yue Zhong had after all, gone through many battles. With a good look he could tell the young man did possess some abilities as well, but lacked the aura and temperament of a warrior that had been through life and death battles. Any of the warriors in Yue Zhong's elite force could wipe the floor with him.

Wen Peishan had just seen Yue Zhong's entourage, and she brought along the group of young men and women as she walked over. "Uncle Fan! Who are these people?"

When the group of people came over, their gazes were drawn to the lady whose hair was tied in a ponytail and dressed in warriors clothing. She had an extremely sexy figure, her skin blindingly white, her appearance peerless, and her aura extremely valiant. She was Ji Qingwu.

Chapter 252: [The Elite Battalion's Prowess!]

Amongst the elite battalion warriors that Yue Zhong brought everyone had eyes on Ji Qingwu. Be it her features, figure or demeanor. All of it was extremely eye-catching. When compared to Yue Zhong, he didn't even seem worthy of a second look.

The few other girls who could match Ji Qingwu in terms of her looks and figure were Guo Yu and Chen Yao, who were staying behind at Qing Yuan County handling governance and other matters. Zhuo Yatong was also in charge of the warriors hunting zombies and Mutant Beasts. She wanted to quickly shorten the gap in terms of enhancement between herself and Ji Qingwu, becoming even stronger and more worthy of Yue Zhong.

Fan Ming hurriedly introduced them to Wen Peishan: "Peishan, let me introduce these people to you, this is Ning Guang County's Yue Zhong, also known as Commander Yue."

Wen Peishan looked at Yue Zhong and frowned, as she spoke with an undisguised arrogant tone: "So you are Yue Zhong? You don't look like much though! I heard you used some brutish methods to execute some people in Ning Guang County after your takeover. Is this true?"

The group of people behind Wen Peishan also stared coldly at Yue Zhong, wanting to see how he answered.

Yue Zhong replied blandly, "Yes, it's true."

Wen Peishan became furious immediately and said: "How could you be so cruel? What right did you have to do that? Even if those people were in the wrong, you could have taken care of them by law. What you did was despicable!"

Wen Peishan had always been under her father's protection and had not tasted the bitterness or harshness of life. She naturally did not know the blackness and cruelty of people's hearts in the outside world. Her naive thinking was still stuck in the pre-apocalyptic days, and she naturally felt Yue Zhong's actions were damnable, and he should be thrown in jail.

The rest of the group however, knew far better than Wen Peishan, and they did not dare step up to point at him. After all, this man in front of them was rumored to be a killing machine that did not bat his eyelids at slaughter.

Yue Zhong glanced at the naive Wen Peishan before shaking his head at Fan Ming: "Mayor Wen's ability at guiding his daughter is really subpar!"

In the current world, based on Wen Peishan's temperament, if she lost the protection of Wen Baoguo... who knows? All that awaits her might be a pack of hungry wolves who wouldn't leave a single bit of her behind.

Fan Ming couldn't help but blurt out: "Teaching the young is one of the hardest things in the world. Compared to the Pengs, Peishan is considered very good already."

Even prior to the apocalypse, there were such cases aplenty. Those with power and affluence usually kept low-key but their own sons and daughters were, on the other hand, arrogant and despotic, doing what they liked, an idiotic bunch in fact.

Wen Baoguo had brought his own daughter up to be caring and kind, which was a good thing before the apocalypse. But after such a drastic change of the world, this was dangerous. The moment Wen Baoguo fell, his naive daughter wouldn't stand a chance of surviving at all.

Wen Peishan saw that Yue Zhong had actually slighted her, and her face flushed red with anger: "Yue Zhong, I know you take pride in your own abilities and strength, that's why you're so arrogant about it. But as the saying goes, there are mountains beyond mountains, people above people, there are definitely people who are at least 10 times stronger than you. Do you dare take on Jiang Tao my brother Jiang? If you lose, you surrender yourself to the authorities, who knows, your punishment might be smaller."

After those words from Wen Peishan, the big and burly man Jiang Tao beside her immediately took a step out, his eyes full of animosity as he looked at Yue Zhong.

Jiang Tao was a naturally awakened Strength-based Evolver, and could be considered a true genius. Other than the status of an Evolver, before the apocalypse, he was also an expert in judo, being proficient in various judo wrestling skills, and was extremely good in melee combat. That was why he dared step forward to test Yue Zhong.

"Let me!" Right at this time, amongst Yue Zhong's troops, the loli Yao Yao jumped out, her huge eyes staring at the burly man like a small cheetah eyeing its prey.

Yao Yao was after all a naturally awakened Agility-based Evolver, a genius amongst genii. She didn't like to study culture and normal knowledge, instead, she spent her time frequently polishing her knife skills, learning about combat, weapons, shooting, driving and various other wartime information. Although she had not yet joined the special forces, she wasn't behind them in terms of various combat abilities. She even joined in on the efforts to clear the passage between Ning Guang County and Qing Yuan County, and her own kill count of zombies were numerous, while at the same time, she had already reached Level 28 as an Enhancer, her strength could be comparable to Ji Qingwu.

Jiang Tao looked at Yao Yao, as he frowned and spoke in a deep voice to Yue Zhong: "Yue Zhong, you dare to hide behind a girl's back? That's really shameless of you!"

To Jiang Tao, even if he beat Yao Yao this loli, it wasn't something to be proud of, instead, it would feel like he was bullying the weak.

Yao Yao was immediately enraged by Jiang Tao's words, and she activated her Shadow Steps Skill, her Agility instantly soaring to around 140 which was much faster than a normal person. Even faster in fact than Yue Zhong's own Agility.

"You're dead!!" Before Jiang Tao even knew what was going on, Yao Yao had appeared behind his back. She already had a sharp Tang Replica Sword held at his neck, prickling a small wound, blood sluggishly trickling down it.

Everyone present was instantly shocked by Yao Yao's spectre-like speed, it was the first time they saw an Enhancer with such a sickeningly fast speed. Jiang Tao simply had no way of reacting to that and was controlled instantly. If it was a real battle, he would have already died without knowing what hit him.

After Jiang Tao was held in place by Yao Yao's Tang Replica Sword, his entire back broke out in cold sweat his knees shaking, and he didn't dare make a move. He could feel the cold steel and its sharpness, as long as Yao Yao lightly slashed, his limitless future potential as an Evolver would come to an end here.

Yue Zhong frowned, as he stepped forward and raised his hands to catch Yao Yao.

Yao Yao's strength had increased by a scary amount, and wasn't the little Level 1 Evolver that relied on Yue Zhong. When she activated her speed, her Agility was truly beyond that of Yue Zhong. Seeing that Yue Zhong was about to grab her, she immediately retreated swiftly, shooting towards one side like a cheetah.

Yue Zhong glared at Yao Yao, before activating his Art of Fear Skill and a huge baleful and oppressive aura locked on to Yao Yao giving her a shock. She quickly fell weakly like a little kitten into Yue Zhong's arms.

Yue Zhong looked at the rebellious little loli saying, "Who gave you permission to act?"

Yao Yao just pouted, as she twisted her head to the side, showing an expression of a stubborn pig that wasn't afraid of boiling water, and ignored Yue Zhong.

"I'll deal with you later!" Yue Zhong was absolutely driven up the wall by this little lady Yao Yao. Within his establishment, few people dared to be disrespectful to him, and only this wilful Yao Yao could get on his nerves.

Yao Yao was extremely cute, and also she was capable. Within the base, she got on well with everybody and most people liked her. Furthermore, she was backed by Ji Qingwu. As long as she didn't do something that was too infuriating, Yue Zhong also couldn't bear to discipline her too harshly.

Seeing the little Ioli Yao Yao who had defeated Jiang Tao so easily simply being captured by Yue Zhong without breaking a sweat.... Other than those on Yue Zhong's side, everyone's eyes went wide.

At this time, another elite warrior with a slightly slimmer build walked out from Yue Zhong's side. While taking an indifferent look at Jiang Tao he spoke. "Jiang Tao! I'm Song Wen. I am considered the weakest amongst the Elite Battalion, allow me to take you up on that challenge."

By this time, Jiang Tao had lost all confidence of challenging Yue Zhong. Ha! Even facing Song Wen of the Elite Troops caused him to be wary and assume a serious expression as he replied with a: "Yes!"

Song Wen did not say anything further. With a single step, he flew forward and his eyes flashed with an incredibly brutal gleam, as though he was a beast that caught sight of a prey, rushing towards Jiang Tao.

Jiang Tao also raised his hands and reached out to grab Song Wen's clothes. As long as he could get a grab, he could then give him a good throw.

Song Wen suddenly came to a stop, before lashing out with a kick towards Jiang Tao's abdomen without mercy, sending Jiang Tao flying somewhere between 5 – 6m.

Although Jiang Tao wasn't weak, he possessed little to no experience in actual combat, and could not compare with the troops trained by Yue Zhong. They who had been through countless battles and training vs him? He was naturally defeated easily.

Wen Peishan and the rest of the youths looked at Jiang Tao grabbing his stomach rolling on the ground groaning in pain, their eyes flashed again with shock. They had thought that Jiang Tao, being an Evolver that could disintegrate a punching bag with a punch was way beyond the over talked Yue Zhong of rumors. Who knew that Jiang Tao could not even contend against a single warrior from Yue Zhong's troop, causing them to feel devastated.

"Please, come in!" Fan Ming's eyes flashed with admiration, as he led Yue Zhong and his team into the inner area of the villa. It wasn't time for the feast yet, hence he wanted to show them to their arranged resting quarters.

Yue Zhong also didn't give any further attention towards Wen Peishan and the rest of the youths as he entered the villa.

Ji Qingwu and the rest were quickly assigned their resting areas, while Yue Zhong was led by Fan Ming towards a meeting room.

In the meeting room, a dignified and handsome man, with an aura of prestige sat on the sofa, there were even documents placed on the glass table in front of him. This middle-aged man must be one of the 2 heads of SY County, Mayor Wen Baoguo.

"Please sit!" Upon seeing Yue Zhong enter, Wen Baoguo did not engage in any nonsense and immediately gestured for Yue Zhong to take a seat.

After taking a look at Yue Zhong, Wen Baoguo immediately started the conversation: "How do you do? I am SY County's mayor Wen Baoguo. Yue Zhong, would you be interested in coming over to SY County to help me? As long as you're willing, I am willing to let you hold a post of a special forces battalion commander. All the people under you will be through your own selection, assigning tasks and jobs are also your own responsibility, as long as you report what they do after each mission it'll be enough for me."

Wen Baoguo had immediately proposed an attractive offer. This allowed him to retain his own forces, act on his own, and in short, gave him a position of power within SY County without giving up his trained troops.

Yue Zhong just smiled lightly, and immediately rejected the offer. "Mayor Wen! I have no interest in expanding to SY County. Let's forget about this matter!"

Yue Zhong was enjoying his life as the leader of his own establishments, he was supporting 30,000 survivors, and wasn't a single survivor on his own anymore. He wasn't willing to throw in with anyone and submit to their wishes and regulations.

Chapter 253: Discussion

The Chinese were by nature people of orthodox means. Even in history, characters like Song Jiang and Zheng Zhilong who were outlaws of their times had made use of the opportunity to receive political amnesty. Wen Baoguo had extended this means and absorbed a number of small powers around him, and this was the reason why he successfully rose in strength enough to be able to contend with Peng Mingde.

Seeing that Yue Zhong had turned him down, Wen Baoguo did not have too big a reaction. He simply smiled and said: "Since you're uninterested, it's fine. Yue Zhong, I would like to purchase 5000 tonnes of rations from you and I want to use 5000 tonnes of steel to exchange with you."

After the apocalypse, steel was an extremely useful resource as well, it could be used to manufacture blades, spears, arrows, steel barbed wires, steel lines, etc that were helpful in the fight against zombies.

5000 tonnes of steel was after all, not a small sum, Yue Zhong' Big Stone Town had a small steel factory as well, however the small steel factory was limited by resources, its maximum output was about 6000 tonnes before it had to stop production. It wasn't like the days of before, where one could purchase raw materials easily.

However, humankind could triumph over every other species and become dominant was because humans were resourceful and intelligent. Those vehicles that could not be operated due to fuel issues were stripped down on orders from Guo Yu. The important parts were kept well, while the rest of the steel were sent back to be melted down. That was why Yue Zhong wasn't in sore need of steel at the moment.

Without batting an eye, Yue Zhong replied: "I can sell 5000 tonnes of food to you, but I will require the Survivor Coins, System Equipment, ammunition, mechanical lathe, cotton, sulphuric acid, and some other resources.

The God and Devil System was the source of all enhancements so with its equipment, Yue Zhong could quickly raise an entire army of Enhancers. While the Enhancer army might not be invincible, they were at least of a better physique compared to normal people and could tolerate/undergo tougher training. This would in turn lead to being better and stronger soldiers.

Wen Baoguo looked at Yue Zhong, his eyes narrowed. He could tell that this young man in front of him was formidable in many aspects other than war indeed.

When the county's Enhancers killed the zombies and Mutant Beasts with the System Equipment, they of course managed to gain some Survivor Currency. It was just that there were no Newbie Villages. So obviously the Survivor Currency was considered useless. Wen Baoguo possessed over 15,000 of them, yet could find absolutely no use for it.

Yue Zhong shook his head: "1 point of survivor currency for 2 kg of rations. This time I brought along 5000 tonnes of food intending to conduct a trade here in SY County. Regardless of who the person is, as long as they are able to offer a price to my liking, I will sell to that person. I will only sell 5000 tonnes though because I don't have any more."

Rations were currently the most sought-after resource. After opening 2 huge granaries, and the constant scouring he only managed to scrape together about 17,000 tonnes of food. He was willing to take out 5,000 tonnes for an exchange and this was already the largest consensus he could arrive at, he would not easily sell off his food.

Previously, because he had to quell the insurgency, he hurriedly agreed to exchange 3,000 tonnes of rations for 300jin of gold. Coupled with the fact that his strength wasn't sufficient then he had chosen this option.

Now that he gained control of his 2 established counties and had the total strength of 7 battalions of soldiers, his strength was vastly different. Naturally his threshold had risen as well, and he could be firmer with his words.

Be it before or after the apocalypse, the world had always worked on the fact that people with power would usually be tougher to deal with. Regardless of international relations or the relationship between 2 major powers, it was the unspoken general rule that most adhered to.

The reason why Yue Zhong had only brought 5,000 tonnes to exchange was mostly due to the fact that he wasn't willing to part with his precious rations. At the same time, he harbored ill intents, and wanted to see the major powers in SY County break up in an internal struggle for the food.

Wen Baoguo looked at Yue Zhong and smiled lightly: "All these administrative matters, let's have the subordinates handle them! This time I've invited you here to see the kind of person and hero that had saved countless survivors from the mouths of the zombies and Mutant Beasts. After seeing you, you are indeed as the rumors say and a lot more. Of this 5,000 tonnes, I hope to gain at least a 1,000 tonnes of it."

Wen Baoguo wasn't a negotiator, although he did have people who were good in it under him. As long as he embarked on the first step, the actual negotiations could be left to his subordinates.

Yue Zhong also expressed an extremely warm smile but remained vehemently firm and said: "I'm willing to send you a gift of 1 tonne of food as a sign of our friendship. At the same time, as long as you are able to present items that we need... the entire 5,000 tonnes of food can be sold to you with no problems."

Wen Baoguo saw that Yue Zhong was extremely closed to his advances, and did not pursue the matter. Instead he smiled and said: "Since you have come from afar, why don't you go get some rest. We'll leave this matter for another time, hopefully you'll enjoy yourself tonight."

"Farewell!" Yue Zhong gave Wen Baoguo a smile, before rising and left.

After Yue Zhong left, Wen Baoguo closed his eyes in thought, as he picked up a stack of documents and poured r over them carefully. The documents contained information on Yue Zhong.

SY County was after all, an official governing body. They had long sent someone to enter Yue Zhong's establishment and had been receiving information on him. As the leader of such an establishment, Yue Zhong was an important character and all sorts of intelligence had been pouring in to SY County.

"What a pity! We already missed the best chance to contain him..." Wen Baoguo looked through the report and saw that Yue Zhong had brought his men to Qing Yuan County originally, only to be turned away by the Ice King. He sighed once again.

This was the crucial turning point for Yue Zhong's actions. Prior to this, if Chen Jianfeng had sincerely made use of his position to welcome Yue Zhong.... Who knows, Yue Zhong might have long ago become a powerhouse for Qing Yuan County. However he had been forced out, and established his own base. Thereafter, there would definitely be no chance to offer him political amnesty. Of course he wouldn't want it anyway.

Soon night fell, and a number of well-dressed aristocrats came trickling into the villa.

At the location of the banquet, countless crystal lamps illuminated the huge hall. While the dignified-looking men and women proceeded to mingle around with red wine in their hands as they discussed the news in the city, a number of suave waiters and beautiful waitresses were walking around serving people.

On the sides of the banquet hall there were 2 long tables of food from all sorts of places, plates of seafood, mutated vegetables, and even meat from Mutant Beasts all laid out in full view. It gave the distinct impression that there was no apocalypse to worry about.

Right at this time, a group of people wearing a variety of military uniforms, evening dresses, suits, white shirts and even jeans walked into the hall with big strides.

"What a bunch of ignorant country bumpkins!" These shoddily-dressed people aroused the attention of the countless nobles hanging around, whose eyes all flashed with disdain.

This group of people receiving the cold stares was precisely Yue Zhong and his people.

Amongst Yue Zhong's special forces, their backgrounds were all complicated, there was even someone like Ji Qingwu who received a refined upbringing, yet she still did things her way. There was also Tong

Xiaoyun from a common family background. There was the loli Yao Yao who seemed to prefer nothing else but military wear and jeans. There were even 2 people who were farmers prior to the apocalypse, and were upstarts themselves. This motley crew of mavericks had actually come together into Yue Zhong's special forces.

The Special Operations Battalion only wore proper uniforms during times of mission and objectives, otherwise, they would dress in whatever they liked. As they were the strongest of Yue Zhong's troops, they had a certain pride and character.

"What a feast!!" A number of the Special Operations warriors took one look at the various delicacies laid out and their eyes lit up, before rushing forward like hungry wolves.

Although the Special Operation Battalion received one of the best treatments amongst Yue Zhong's troops, chances to eat their fill at such events were rare. During times of the apocalypse, there was hardly a time when a soldier could just set his mind to eat such delicious foods without worrying about anything else.

When those warriors made their moves, the rest of the Special Operation warriors did not linger beside Yue Zhong. They individually headed towards their favourite food and grabbed it before stuffing their faces, looking like a bunch of hungry ghosts.

Yao Yao had activated her Agility and within the blink of an eye, she actually collected 3 plates of cakes, 4 fishes, and 2 fat crabs within her arms, just as quickly she started swallowing the cakes nearly whole. The whole while she was maintaining a vigilant stare at the rest of the Special Operations warriors as though she was a cheetah protecting her own meal.

Other than Gu Zhixing, Ji Qingwu, Bai He and a few other special forces members, the majority of them had already rushed up and were snatching the good stuff while shovelling food into their faces.

"This time, I've lost all face!" Yue Zhong looked at his men who were acting like hungry ghosts, as he sighed. Shaking his head he walked over and directly grabbed a plate of cake and started relishing it.

With regards to his Special Forces, as long as their leashes stayed on during important times, Yue Zhong didn't want to control them too much.

The countless nobles looked on as the warriors Yue Zhong brought started to clear the food like hungry wolves. Their eyes were turning red as the amount of food dwindled at the speed of a tornado.

This was after all, a time of trouble. The people who were able to host such a lavish banquet were only Wen Baoguo, Peng Mingde, and maybe the Army itself. Even Wen Baoguo who was the 2nd strongest power in SY County could only host such a party at most once or twice a month, and it was already impressive. Most other parties had no means of organizing such a party nor could they afford to be so extravagant with their food.

The difference was, that even all these distinguished guests had attended the banquet with the intention of having a great feast as well. However, because they valued their face and pride, they all put on a refined and well-mannered front. They were even only taking bits and pieces at times to show their culture.

"How could you guys be like this? Isn't this too uncouth!" Wen Peishan arrived in front of Yue Zhong. She was bedecked in a red dress with a plunging neckline, various jewellry, and even wearing a pink headband. She looked extremely gorgeous, yet was annoyed at Yue Zhong and his troops' behaviour.

"Open your mouth!" Yue Zhong had just cut out a slice of cake, and was using a fork to feed it to Tong Xiaoyun, as he smiled.

Tong Xiaoyun's face was currently flushed and she wolfed it down in a single bite, the flavor exploded and her tastebuds were overpowered by the sweetness.

"How are we unbecoming? Miss Wen?" Yue Zhong was in a good mood, and just turned his head to question Wen Peishan.

He turned Only to find that there were 6 people by her side. Of these 6, 4 looked pretty ordinary while the 2 others were extreme beauties. One of them had a doll face a petite figure, and her skin was extremely fair. These gave her a cute vibe overall, coupled with a stunning clear gaze. The other beauty had a voluptuous figure her skin also fair, yet her expression seemed as though she wanted to rebel.

Wen Peishan replied angrily, "With the way you guys are eating, all the food will be eaten and there will be none for the guests."

Yue Zhong glanced at Wen Peishan before saying indifferently: "This is a banquet after all! Everyone should help themselves. What are we doing wrong by eating our fill? If they want to eat, just go ahead and take it. If the food is not enough, and they didn't eat their fill, then it's the host's fault for not preparing enough."

"You're shameless!" Wen Peishan was furious and her face flushed red. She had never come across such a shameless person before. A guest who went into someone else's banquet and dared to eat without restraint, while criticizing the host for not having ample preparations.

Right at this time, a suave gentleman in a suit and holding a glass of wine walked over looking at Yue Zhong with an extremely haughty expression and saying coldly: "Where are you from, you country bumpkin? This is not a place for people like you without etiquette. Get out!"

Wen Peishan took a look at the handsome gentleman whose background was influential, and she frowned. This young man was called Lu Chenguang, and he was the 2nd Young Master of the Lu Family in SY County. He was also well known for being arrogant and despotic. He was currently chasing her without restraints, and had obviously come over to make a scene and to show himself.

Behind Lu Chenguang were a few other young men who were respective young masters of their own household. They looked at Yue Zhong, their faces filled with ridicule. They wanted to join up and humiliate Yue Zhong thoroughly, just because he had a few beauties by his side and was currently infuriating the princess of SY County.

The 2 beauties next to Wen Peishan also locked their gazes on Yue Zhong, wanting to see how he was going to handle the situation.

Yue Zhong coldly gazed at Lu Chenguang and spoke, "Kneel!"

Lu Chenguang heard those words, and his eyes flashed with an icy gleam, as he reached out to slap Yue Zhong: "Kneel?? Your words are sure big!! You dare to make me kneel! Seems like if I don't teach you a lesson, you won't know the difference between I, your master and you."

Chapter 254: I am Yue Zhong!

Lu Chenguang had just raised his hands, when Cheng Yu, who was standing beside Yue Zhong shot forward like an arrow, raising his own hand and grabbed Lu Chenguang's hands, before forcefully applying strength and twisting Lu Chenguang's arms behind his back. His next move was kicking out twice at his knee, forcing Lu Chenguang to kneel down in a humiliating manner.

Lu Chenguang found that he had been forced to kneel in such a manner, and he gritted his teeth saying, "Do you know who I am? I am Lu Family's 2nd Young Master Lu Chenguang. SY County's top expert Lu Tianzong is my brother. You dare to touch me, my brother will definitely not let you off!!"

"Let go of Young Master Lu!!"

I'm going to get Master Lu Tianzong!

"If you don't want to live in SY County any longer, you can kill him anyways?"

"....."

"...."

All the young masters behind Lu Chenguang immediately stepped forward and issued threats.

One of the elite soldiers called Kong Wei suddenly exploded forwards, and with a single kick, he sent one of the young masters flying through the air hitting a table and causing screams.

Song Wen's gaze also flashed with a murderous intent as he shot forward like an arrow, grabbing one of the young master's head, before harshly kneeing him in the face causing his nose to spontaneously erupt blood.

Another 3 of the warriors stepped out and with just a move, they forced the remaining 3 young masters to sprawl on the floor, grabbing on to their heads and presenting them like dogs to Yue Zhong.

Song Wen smacked his lips, with his eyes radiated an intense battle lust, as he laughed coldly and said, "Commander Yue! Do you want them dead?"

Song Wen was a murderer prior to the apocalypse. After joining Yue Zhong's troops, he had always fought valiantly and was extremely used to killing enemies without hesitation. Killing these soft rich men's sons wasn't an issue to him.

The special forces not only had to deal with zombies, they also were in charge of special missions to clear some troublesome characters, every single warrior had blood on their hands. Human lives were not important to them!!

"Don't kill me!!"

"I'm sorry!! Don't kill me!!"

Feeling the intense murderous intent from Song Wen, the 5 young masters who were originally extremely arrogant were frightened out of their wits, and started pleading for mercy.

"My brother is Lu Tianzong, you won't be able to kill me!! If you kill me, you will not be able to escape from SY County's government." Lu Chenguang was honestly terrified by the ruthless measures of Song Wen and the rest, and his face was white while he trembled as he tried to threaten Yue Zhong again. SY County was protective of these important characters and Lu Chenguang was banking on the fact that SY County would not forgive Yue Zhong if he committed murder.

Yue Zhong stared at Lu Chenguang and laughed coldly: "I am Yue Zhong! Ning Guang County's Yue Zhong! If your brother Lu Tianzong or your entire Lu Family wants to challenge me, I will welcome them with open arms!"

"Yue Zhong!!" Upon hearing this name, Lu Chenguang involuntarily shuddered and his heart went cold. This person was someone his dad had specifically warned him not to provoke under any circumstance. The monster from Ning Guang County in front of him had casually executed over a hundred people, and laughed while tossing a person to be eaten alive by zombies. If this madman was to kill him, his Lu Family might even have to apologize for his behaviour. Yue Zhong was a scary existence that even the Army did not want to offend.

Lu Chenguang immediately bowed his head, as he apologized profusely without regards for his image and pride: "I'm sorry, it was my fault!! I didn't recognize you and had offended you!! Please have mercy on us and let us off!!"

Lu Chenguang was usually arrogant and despotic, towards people he deemed weaker than himself. However, if he met someone who was stronger, his attitude would take a 180 degree turn. If he had offended them, he would immediately apologize and lower his head, as he knew he could not afford to make an enemy out of Yue Zhong for his family.

"This time, I'll overlook it! Release them!" Yue Zhong waved his hand, Song Wen and the rest released their grip on the 6 young males.

Amongst the 5 other young masters, not all of them had heard of Yue Zhong's fame. However, they knew that since Lu Chenguang, one of the biggest young masters in SY County had actually bowed down to this person, he naturally could not be offended. 4 of them immediately excused themselves abashedly, leaving behind Lu Chenguang and the other member of the group, who stood to the side.

"What a brute!" Seeing how Yue Zhong had overcome Lu Chenguang and his lackeys by overwhelming force, the doll-like girl Zheng Peipei had a look of disgust in her eyes. She detested those who forced others into submission like Yue Zhong.

"Brute? This person is heroic and valiant. In such chaotic times, only these type of characters can get the important things done." The other beauty with the attractive figure, Tai Yiyan, was currently licking her sexy lips. Her eyes stared fixedly at Yue Zhong without blinking.

After Lu Chenguang received his just rewards he did not slink away with embarrassment. Instead, he actually worked up the courage and nerve to ask Yue Zhong, albeit with respect this time: "Brother Yue Zhong! My Father had always been in awe of you, and hopes to invite you to our mansion as a guest. I'm not sure when will be a good time?"

While Lu Chenguang might be arrogant and trample over others, he wasn't a good for nothing as well. He switched his attitude at the first sign, and took the initiative to lower himself while extending a gesture of goodwill to Yue Zhong.

SY County was after all in a midst of a power struggle, since Yue Zhong was here to engage in a large trade of rations, the Lu Family naturally wanted a part of it.

Yue Zhong glanced at Lu Chenguang before saying indifferently: "Let's talk about this another time!"

Yue Zhong wasn't familiar with SY County, and he needed to find some allies in here. Although he was reluctant to engage in clash with the Army that possessed proper troops, he was envious of the abundant resource SY County had: trained people.

During the times of apocalypse, trained people were the most precious resource, with enough capable people, an establishment could quickly grow and develop. This time, Yue Zhong wanted to see if he could use a peaceful method to pull some specialized people over from SY County. Under this kind of scenario, the more allies he had in SY County, the better it would be.

At the same time, Yue Zhong had to maintain a strong and unshakeable front, he absolutely could not reveal any signs of weakness. The stronger he is, the more parties that will be willing to work with him. Vice versa, if he is perceived to be weaker then there will be more people who might make use of the chances to stab him in the back.

Wen Peishan looking at Lu Chenguang's behaviour was repulsed, and she didn't hide it as she immediately berated him: "Lu Chenguang, you're no man!"

Lu Chenguang looked at Wen Peishan with a complicated gaze, but as he tore his eyes away, he did not give another look towards the girl that he used to like very much. Compared to the importance of his Lu Family, Wen Peishan was just a girl, and the priorities were clear to him.

Even if he did not succeed in wooing Wen Peishan, Lu Chenguang could still go for other girls. Right now in SY County, whoever had food, had the power to mess with a few girls and it wouldn't be a problem at all. Without the Lu Family, Lu Chenguang might have been a beggar for all he knew.

"Not a man!" Tai Yiyan looked at Lu Chenguang's performance, and laughed coldly as well.

Zheng Peipei frowned and came to Lu Chenguang's defence: "That wasn't Chenguang's fault! If you want to blame, blame Yue Zhong. If he wasn't so adamant about going against him, Chenguang wouldn't have become like this."

Just as men liked beauties, ladies were drawn to suave and charming guys. Lu Chenguang was in fact good-looking, and knew how to maintain his complexion, even a number of young idols could not compare to him. He was considered an eligible bachelor, and the women who liked him were numerous, Zheng Peipei included.

"Zhou Yanxue!!"

"The huge star Zhou Yanxue is here!!"

"...."

"…"

Right at this moment, the banquet guests started to buzz with excitement, as an incredibly beautiful and attractive woman walked into the hall. Dressed in a purple dress with a plunging neckline, her figure extremely sexy, her age about 23. She had a head of black long hair, abundant curves in front and behind, and was walking with elegance. This was precisely Zhou Yanxue.

Right beside her, was a fair-skinned, tall and well-built man, with an air of dignity and confidence. The handsome gentleman walking beside the beauty painted the picture of a golden couple, as they became the centre of attention.

Song Wen looked at the absolute beauty Zhou Yanxue, as a look of lust appeared on his face, while licking his lips and said: "That must be the celebrity Zhou Yanxue! She's really exquisite. If I could just sleep with her for one night, my whole life is worth it!"

Lu Chenguang was after all SY County's native, as he pointed out the identities of Zhou Yanxue and her partner: "That is precisely Zhou Yanxue. Beside her, is the well-known flower boy Su Tianyang! He is the son of Su Dongming, who happens to be one of the 5 big heads within SY County's Army. With him around, no one dares to approach Zhou Yanxue. If you dare to touch her, it's equivalent to going against the Army."

The might of the SY County army was indeed terrifying, Yue Zhong also did not want to provoke them for no reason. He carefully observed Zhou Yanxue and could not help but admit she was extremely attractive. Even within his circle, the only comparable person in terms of looks and aura was Zhuo Yatong.

Guo Yu, Chen Yao and Ji Qingwu were beauties in their own right, but their overall package could not compare to the women who had reached perfection in their prime, like Zhuo Yatong and Zhou Yanxue.

One by one, members of the party stepped up to engage in conversation with Su Tianyang and Zhou Yanxue. While it was an honour to engage in small talk with a celebrity such as Zhou Yanxue, most of the people were actually more interested in forging good relationships with Su Tianyang, after all, he was backed by one of the 5 heads in the army, each and every move of his could affect plenty of lives.

Tong Xiaoyun rushed up in front of Zhou Yanxue excitedly and called out: "Miss Zhou Yanxue! I am a huge fan, can I get an autograph?"

"Of course! Little sister!" Zhou Yanxue was used to the adoring gazes of her fans, and had seen her fair share of fangirls, she revealed an extremely charming smile, as she received the paper from Tong Xiaoyun, and proceeded to sign her autograph.

Chapter 255: Ambush by the Dark Crows!

Lu Chenguang had come forward to introduce Su Tianyang and Yue Zhong: "Tianyang, let me introduce this person to you! This is Ning Guang County's Yue Zhong!! Yue Zhong, this is Su Tianyang Second Young Master Su."

"Yue Zhong?" Su Tianyang frowned, as he looked at Yue Zhong, before coldly saying: "Yue Zhong, you have come to plead for amnesty right? If you are willing to surrender to the SY County army, I can help put in some words for you, and let you become a squad commander. If you still want to hesitate and drag this matter longer, once the army reaches your Ning Guang County, it will only result in your death!"

SY County had many different characters hanging out together, each of them with unique temperaments. Different powerhouses treated Yue Zhong differently.

Yue Zhong glanced at Su Tianyang coldly and replied with: "I'm waiting for your army to come! If you have the guts, you best lead the army yourself. At that time, I'll let you experience who will be buried."

Even though Yue Zhong was reluctant to clash against the army, if the army took the initiative to launch an assault, he would definitely not back down, and thoroughly wipe out the enemy troops. The 7 battalions under Yue Zhong have all went through some sort of warfare, 3 of them could be considered having enough battle prowess that surpasses the army's soldiers. The remaining 4 also did not consist of cowards that ran at the first sign of trouble. These battalions were Yue Zhong's trump cards, and even if SY County were to come on strong, he would reply back with a lot more ferocity.

At this point, the conversation between Su Tianyang and Yue Zhong had come to an icy halt.

A few of the Special Forces warriors came beside Yue Zhong and stared at Su Tianyang coldly.

After expansion, the 36-man Special Forces Battalion possessed Enhancers that were all above level 26, each of them experts at utilizing different skills. If it came down to using them, with just their battalion, they could set in motion a wave of carnage nobody would forget.

Su Tianyang's words had just come out and he was immediately rebuked by Yue Zhong, followed by the cold stares of Yue Zhong's warriors. This led him to be in a difficult situation, he did not want to continue but he could not back down for fear of his face. He had always been direct and overbearing, but because the Army's influence and power was huge, no one dared say anything back. This was the first time he had actually faced a retort. It must be made clear that the Army was SY County's strongest force currently, and most of the smaller powers would rather throw their weight in with the army. Just being the commander of a small squad was an incredible position, and it was more attractive than being part of the government.

Zhou Yanxue walked right towards them at this moment, with a hint of fragrance about her, as she spoke in a charming voice: "Master Su, Master Yue. It is time for me to perform, can I trouble the 2 of you to give me face, and shelve your disputes while listening to my songs?"

"On account of Zhou Yanxue, I won't pursue this matter." With the chance to step down, Su Tianyang hurriedly told Yue Zhong off, with a cold look.

The Army was still unprepared to wage war on Yue Zhong, Su Tianyang had just used some words to probe Yue Zhong. If Yue Zhong had shown some weakness, he would have bank on that to increase the

pressure on Yue Zhong. He didn't expect Yue Zhong to retaliate so strongly, making things difficult for him.

Yue Zhong replied indifferently: "On account of Miss Zhou, this matter shall be overlooked."

Since the army possessed huge strength, Yue Zhong did not want to go against them so fast. Even if he used all his means, it would only result in a tragic win, and if he lost, then everything will be for naught.

Watching the 2 headstrong men backed down with their pride intact, Zhou Yanxue lightly smiled, before she walked towards the stage.

The moment she stepped on the stage, the guests quietened down.

Under the shine of the stage lights, Zhou Yanxue looked stunning and beautiful beyond compare.

Su Tianyang, whose mood was low after the verbal exchange with Yue Zhong, upon seeing Zhou Yanxue, his eyes lit up with passion. He had seen many women, and played around with countless beauties, but someone like Zhou Yanxue, he had never been with. He also truly fell in love with Zhou Yanxue, that was why he did not make use of his background, to force himself on her.

Prior to the apocalypse, Su Tianyang did not even have the qualifications to woo Zhou Yanxue, but after the apocalypse, if he was willing to provoke and offend some of the SY County's powerhouse, he could still have his way with Zhou Yanxue.

On that stage, Zhou Yanxue broke into her song with an extremely captivating voice. Her voice was like the flow of water from a clear spring, trickling into the audience's hearts, washing and cleansing their state of minds.

Every single member of the audience was thoroughly enamored by Zhou Yanxue's voice, their expressions drunk.

Tong Xiaoyun was currently moved beyond words, as teardrops flowed from her eyes. Ji Qingwu had closed her eyes, and was quietly appreciating the beautiful music. As she was brought up and learned in culture, she could not help but admit that Zhou Yanxue's voice was truly beautiful. Even Yue Zhong who did not know a single thing about music, felt that her voice was amazing.

The moment the song came to an end, the applause was like thunder, every member of the audience could not help but praise Zhou Yanxue.

As Zhou Yanxue stood on the stage, she looked at the men and women below with a hint of fatigue. Before the apocalypse, as she had a family background that was not simple, even if people coveted her, they would not dare show it. But after the apocalypse, since there were no news of her family, all those people who had designs on her started to show up. If it wasn't for the fact that she mingled with the top brass of society, who checked each other, she might have become a canary in captivity.

"Yanxue, great work!" Su Tianyang saw Zhou Yanxue coming down from the stage and he walked towards her with a charming smile.

"I should just choose him! At least he's young, and he has a good family background. And he should be true to me." Zhou Yanxue looked at the good-looking Su Tianyang walking towards her, and her heart skipped a beat.

Although Su Tianyang wasn't the best man out there, compared to the smelly old men, she was at least more receptive towards this young man who had a promising future and some strength.

Right at this time, all of a sudden, a piercing alarm sounded out across the entire SY County.

In the next moment, within the compound, countless glass shattered, and numerous mutant birds with black feathers, beaks 20cm long, huge claws with 5 cm talons rushed in.

"Level 16 Mutant Beast: Dark Crow! It likes to attack during the dark of the night. It is ferocious and extremely hostile!"

As soon as Yue Zhong saw the Dark Crows, his eyes filled up with the information from the system.

The moment the Dark Crows broke through the windows, they started an attacking frenzy on thr various guests.

One Dark Crow flapped its wings and became a ray of black light that shot towards a man in a suit, before clawing viciously, and pecked a huge bloody hole in his head with ferocity. It then proceeded to feast on the blood and brain matter with gusto.

One by one, the Dark Crows chased the various guests in the villa, plunging the people into chaos. These people were the elites of society, and had never faced a Mutant Beast in combat before. Facing the sudden assault of these Level 16 Mutant Beasts, they naturally lost all composure and fighting spirit.

Amidst the chaos, Zhou Yanxue and Su Tianyang were currently trying to escape together, when suddenly, a Dark Crow flew towards Zhou Yanxue's direction.

Zhou Yanxue let out a desperate cry towards Su Tianyang: "Help me!! Tianyang, help me!!"

Su Tianyang shuddered, before a resolute glint appeared in his eyes, as he pushed Zhou Yanxue forward, directly into the path of the Dark Crow. Once the Dark Crow had its fill, it naturally would leave Su Tianyang alone. Although he liked Zhou Yanxue alot, he valued his own little life a lot more.

When Zhou Yanxue was pushed in this manner by Su Tianyang, a hint of disbelief and desolation could be seen in her eyes. Not long ago, he had sworn to love her and protect her, wanting to marry her and only death till they part. Who knew at this time of crisis, he didn't save her, instead pushing her further to the impending grasp of death, turning her heart into dead ash.

The speed of the Dark Crow was extremely fast, in a few seconds it had appeared in front of Zhou Yanxue, with its claws outstretched and aiming at her shoulders. As long as it grabbed her shoulders, with a single peck, one of the world's greatest beauty would die just like any other human being.

Right when Zhou Yanxue had lost all hope, with a flash of a blade, the Dark Crow was instantly sliced in two, fresh blood splattering on Zhou Yanxue.

Having escaped certain death, Zhou Yanxue looked towards the owner of the blade with glistening eyes, and saw the back of Yue Zhong as he waved his Dark Magic Blade around, killing the Dark Crows left right centre.

As she looked at Yue Zhong, her eyes had a strange gleam, as her heart grew complicated: "So it is you!! During this time, only he could be relied on."

"Help!! Help!!" Wen Peishan watched her friends getting pecked to death by the Dark Crows, as she cried out while crouching on the floor.

It was just that everyone was frantically escaping for their lives, therefore no one could care less about Wen Peishan this princess.

Amongst the Dark Crows circling in the air, one of them suddenly dove down towards Wen Peishan and she was so terrified that her body trembled uncontrollably, as a yellow liquid ran down her fair legs. This pretty flower had actually been frightened to the point she lost control of herself.

As the Dark Crow came in front of her eyes, with a flash of a blade, that Dark Crow was cut in two.

Wen Peishan lifted her head, and discovered the killer of the Dark Crow was precisely the Yue Zhong that she hated.

"Don't leave me!! Please, don't leave me behind!!" Just as Yue Zhong turned to leave and kill another Dark Crow, Wen Peishan grabbed onto his shirt, and was sobbing her heart out, pleading profusely.

Chapter 256: Zhou Yanxue's Confession!

Wen Peishan had always been in the protection of her father. Even before the apocalypse set in and zombies walked the face of the earth, she had never witnessed the deaths of other people personally. This time she was truly scared out of her wits and she grabbed Yue Zhong's shirt tightly and didn't let go.

Yue Zhong only glanced at Wen Peishan before saying, "Follow me closely or I can't guarantee your survival!"

After all, a person's background might play an important role at any time. If Wen Peishan was just a normal girl, Yue Zhong wouldn't mind her too much. At least not enough to risk his own hide to save her. However, she was Wen Baoguo's daughter, if Yue Zhong wanted to do anything in SY County, he needed to work together with some major powers and forge good, lasting relationships.

Wen Peishan grabbed Yue Zhong's clothes tightly, as she suppressed her shame and embarrassment at remembering all her prior words, following closely behind him.

Wen Peishan's close friend Tai Yiyan was also trying to escape amidst the chaos. As she ran she saw just ahead someone she knew was pecked to death right in front of her eyes, the bird beak easily slamming through the persons forehead. In response her body numbed and her bowels clenched, her heart thumping heavily, icy fear slithering through her veins. Fleeing even faster she caught sight of Yue Zhong and at that moment, her eyes were filled with a strange relief as she hurried over frantically shouting: "Help!!!"

2 dive bombing Dark Crows shot towards Tai Yiyan like arrows, forcing Yue Zhong to wave his sword in successive swings, instantly killing the 2 Dark Crows, fresh blood and fluffy gore splattering on the ground.

Tai Yiyan took the chance to immediately throw herself into Yue Zhong's arms, a heavy scent of perfume wafting into his nose, and squirmed seductively, crying out somewhat fearfully: "I'm so afraid!!"

Wen Peishan looked at Tai Yiyan currently in Yue Zhong's embrace, and her heart felt a little sour. It was strangely as though something precious of hers was stolen by someone else.

"Follow me closely!" Yue Zhong did not have the time or heart to console Tai Yiyan this little vixen, as he pushed her away and strode forward once more.

After Tai Yiyan was pushed out of Yue Zhong's embrace, she followed behind him tightly. It seemed that right now amidst the chaos, the safest place to be was by Yue Zhong's side.

The celebrity Zhou Yanxue had also silently come along and was following behind. She was not a fool and was clear that following Yue Zhong was the safest choice.

"Save me!! Save me!!" Zheng Peipei was trapped in the chaos, and she unconsciously made her way towards Lu Chenguang while pleading loudly. However, Lu Chenguang's speed of escaping was fast, even with the loud shouting of Zheng Peipei, he pretended not to hear her.

Amidst the chaos, a man from behind ran forward and knocked Zheng Peipei to the ground. The people behind didn't notice the living person beneath their feet as they just proceeded to violently stamp and smash their way over her in a mad dash to escape.

Just as she was about to be stomped to her death, the people dispersed and escaped towards other directions. The print riddled half-corpse of Zheng Peipei could hardly be in a worse condition. A number of the Dark Crows were currently flying over, and like arrows, shot down on top of their shoulders leading with their sharp beaks to peck holes in the runners heads.

One of the Dark Crows also turned into a streak of black lightning that shot towards Zheng Peipei, who could only helplessly cough up blood from her pitiful place on the floor. There was a look of fear written in her eyes as she watched her own death soar.nearer on silent wings.

Just at this moment, there was a flash of bladelight and the Dark Crow was savagely chopped into two halves, saving Zheng Peipei's life.

Zheng Peipei glanced at whomever might be her saviour only to discover that it was precisely the 'barbarian' whom she had greatly despised not all that long ago.

Right at this time, Tai Yiyan, who was standing beside Yue Zhong, saw the heavily-injured Zheng Peipei who had been trampled over a dozen times. She immediately walked over and helped Zheng Peipei up, supporting her as she asked anxiously,

"Peipei, are you alright?"

Although Tai Yiyan and Zheng Peipei had different personalities, they shared close family backgrounds and had been best friends ever since they were young. Both of them were very close with each other. Upon seeing that Zheng Peipei had received heavy injuries, Tai Yiyan truly felt anxious in her heart.

As she coughed up blood, Zheng Peipei, whose baby face had fear written all over, held tightly onto Tai Yiyan's small hand and cried as she said,

"Yiyan, I'm almost dead!! I don't want to die!!"

After her delicate body had been trampled over by a dozen people, Zheng Peipei had already received heavy injuries; if she didn't receive emergency medical treatment the only remaining road for her would be the unknown trail of death.

Tai Yiyan held back the tears in her beautiful eyes as she said,

"Peipei, hold on, you will be alright!! I will call a doctor for you very soon! I will definitely find someone to nurse you back to health!"

A gruff voice ruined the painful of somewhat nauseatingly emotional moment: "Apply one bag externally and also take one bag orally! Let her consume one bag first. Then support her as you come along with me!

Right when Tai Yiyan and Zheng Peipei were both starting to tear up, Yue Zhong tossed two medicine bags containing the Life-Saving Grass powder into Tai Yiyan's hands.

Upon receiving the medicine bags, Tai Yiyan only glanced at Yue Zhong before tearing open one of the bags without any hesitation and pouring the medicinal contents into Zheng Peipei's mouth.

The Life-Saving Grass Powder possessed miraculous curing effects: once Zheng Peipei had swallowed it, her incredibly pale face finally regained some of its color and soon after, she also stopped coughing up blood.

"What a miraculous medicine! Exactly how many secrets are still hidden on him?"

As she watched Zheng Peipei's rapid recovery, Tai Yiyan felt a slight shock in her heart. Gritting her teeth, she carried Zheng Peipei as she followed behind Yue Zhong.

Right at this moment, Zhou Yanxue walked up to Tai Yiyan's side and revealed a beautiful smile as she said,

"I'll help you!"

"Thank you Sister Yanxue!"

Tai Yiyan instantly gained a favorable impression of Zhou Yanxue. It was truly too exhausting for her to carry Zheng Peipei by herself, so having an extra person to help out was the best right now.

Wen Peishan continued following Yue Zhong tightly. Earlier, she was truly frightened, and even though Tai Yiyan and Zheng Peipei were supposed to be her good friends, their relationship with her was just that: good friends. During such a time of crisis, she was willing to only stay by Yue Zhong's side, it made her feel more safe.

The entire banquet had been thrown into chaos, yet Yue Zhong's Special Combat Battalion had not lost their composure. They gathered in small units of 4, supporting one another, as they each utilized their skills and abilities to take out the Dark Crows.

While half of them acted, there was another group of them that stayed still, calmly observed and reported the surroundings. There were currently more enemies than allies in SY County, they naturally would preserve their strengths so as to be ready to retreat anytime.

Although only half of the warriors from the Special Combat Battalion deployed, the Dark Crows were still unable to resist the warriors' attacks as they were killed off one by one.

When the other guests of the banquet saw that the Special Combat Battalion had made their move, they started to move towards them, hiding behind this group of warriors whom they had just despised as barbarians.

Yue Zhong was like a Wedgestone that stood at the front of the group. As any frenzied Dark Crow flew over, they would only see a flash of a blade, and if flying particularly fast after they were split down the middle they would fly apart into large pieces with a light spattering of blood across his chest with each kill.

Although Yue Zhong had not received any pointers on swordplay from any great masters, after being tempered through many difficult battles, his swordplay had now become extremely tyrannical in nature. The specialty of his swordplay was that it was both fast and accurate; with his agility that was around 80 at its base, he could casually send out 3 slashes in just one second. At his fastest, he could even send out five attacks. The Dark Crows had just flown up to him when they were engulfed in bladelight and chopped into two halves.

Meanwhile, Ji Qingwu stood in support beside Yue Zhong. Her swordplay was greatly superior to Yue Zhong's; every one of her attacks displayed both elegance and power and she did not waste any strength in her movements whatsoever. Any Dark Crow that flew within her range would immediately see only her sword, before falling from the sky lifelessly.

Little Yao Yao also made use of her Agility-based advantage by constantly flitting in and out of the action, killing the Dark Crows at the same time.

Under the consistent killing of the Special Combat Battalion, within the entire hall there were no more casualties. However, Yue Zhong's group had a few people, while there seemed to be no end to the number of Dark Crows which kept flying into the hall through the broken windows. The continuously surrounded Yue Zhong, his team, and the group of helpless guests. If this continued on, Yue Zhong would also not be able to hold on.

The guests who formed a huge part of the upper echelons of the remaining society, were currently watching the scene with pale faces and hearts filled with fear. They knew that this group of warriors under Yue Zhong could not possibly maintain their intensity, and the moment they fell everyone would die under the assault of these Dark Crows.

After the battle went on for another 5 minutes, sounds of concentrated fire rang from the outside areas.

"Reinforcements!! We're saved!!"

"It's the reinforcements, oh thank God!!"

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Hearing the constant bra-tatatatat of gunfire, the distinguished guests immediately let out whoops of delight. As long as reinforcements arrived, their lives were surely saved.

This particular villa was after all the property of Wen Baoguo who was the number 2 in SY County. Its defence was naturally thick; not only were there experts who were personally commanded by Wen Baoguo, there was even a force of 200 soldiers who were fully equipped with modern weaponry.

This time, the reason that the reinforcements had arrived a little slower than expected was because the experts had all went to protect Wen Baoguo first, while the special group of 200 soldiers had also come under attack from the Dark Crowsat the same time. That was why they arrived late.

This group of soldiers under Wen Baoguo could also be considered strong, coupled with the fact they were of course amply equipped. Every soldier had the latest .05 submachine gun and the moment they entered the fray, under the concentrated barrage of bullets, numerous Dark Crows fell from the sky like rain, pouring down to the earth in various degrees of solidity with a sickening series of Splat! noises.

These Mutant Birds Dark Crows also possessed a fast speed plus their attack power was high, yet they had typically weak defences. The moment they were hit by a bullet, they would lose their combat ability and had no way of defending against the attacks from the special forces.

After losing nearly 2,000 of their comrades, the flock of Dark Crows finally could not withstand the attacks and retreated swiftly.

"Shanshan, are you alright!!" The moment the Dark Crows retreated, Wen Baoguo arrived, under the protection of 7 experts, and the first thing he did was to find his own precious daughter as he asked around worriedly.

Wen Peishan replied with an expression of fear: "Dad! I'm fine! This time, I was saved by Yue Zhong!! Without him, I would really have died already!"

Wen Baoguo looked towards Yue Zhong, before nodding slightly: "Yue Zhong! I must Thank You for saving my daughter this time."

Yue Zhong knew he had gained the trust of one of the stronger powers in SY County. Although it wouldn't matter much when it came to the bigger matters, he would still be able to move around SY County without too many problems.

Yue Zhong lightly smiled and replied courteously: "It wasn't much, it's what anybody would have done."

Yue Zhong could offend Wen Peishan without a care, but he wouldn't just go out of his way to provoke other people and reject their kind intentions without a reason.

"I'll be leaving first! Yue Zhong, thanks for saving me, I will find you tomorrow and let's hang out, I know SY County very well." Wen Peishan came in front of Yue Zhong and broke into a an extremely lovable smile towards this man whom she had despised not too long ago, before immediately turning and walking away. Although she wanted to stay behind, she could still feel the dampness which reminded her of her embarrassing accident earlier.

Tai Yiyan came to Yue Zhong's side with her perfume trailing behind her, and kissed him furiously on both cheeks as she smiled sweetly and said, "Yue Zhong!! I am Tai Yiyan, the 1st kiss was for saving me!! The 2nd kiss was for saving Peipei!! From today onwards, we're good friends! I'll find you soon for some fun!"

After that, she also turned around and left with 2 people carrying Zheng Peipei.

Su Tianyang brought 2 bear-like experts from the military and walked towards Zhou Yanxue, as he spoke tenderly, "Yanxue, are you alright? Earlier, when I saw you in danger, I was really worried!! Come, let us go back!"

Su Tianyang knew that his actions earlier must have hurt Zhou Yanxue deeply, and it would extremely difficult to win her heart again, therefore he decided to possess her body. With her beauty and demeanor, keeping her by his side as his companion was more for face than anything else. The 2 experts were Su Tianyang's subordinates who killed at his orders, and he decided that even if it came to force he would have Zhou Yanxue today.

Zhou Yanxue took a look at the handsome Su Tianyang, and realised that her past good feelings about him had disappeared only to be replaced by vehemence and disgust. She felt the man in front of her was extremely fake, vicious and cold, even worse than the smelly old men that she hated.

Zhou Yanxue took big strides and walked towards Yue Zhong before saying seriously: "Yue Zhong, I like you, and I hope to be your girlfriend!"

"Zhou Yanxue, that Zhou Yanxue actually asked out a guy of her own accord!!"

"That Yue Zhong is such a lucky bastard!!"

"What courage! She actually confessed in front of so many people, she really has guts!!"

"It's so romantic, too romantic!!"

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Seeing Zhou Yanxue confessing to Yue Zhong of her own accord, the entire hall was in an uproar. Prior to the apocalypse, she was a huge celebrity, and even after the world was plunged into chaos, she retained her star status and fans, and was the goddess of many guys. This perfect woman had actually taken the initiative to confess to Yue Zhong, it was too shocking for everyone present.

Ji Qingwu saw the dauntless actions and the confession from Zhou Yanxue, and she trembled outwardly while a complicated gleam appeared in her eyes.

Chapter 257: Intel

Tong Xiaoyun looked towards the absolutely beautiful Zhou Yanxue, noticing her eyes had a strange gleam. "Don't tell me I'll have to share my husband with an idol?"

In the banquet hall, countless envious and jealous gazes from the many men were piercing Yue Zhong like knives. If looks could kill, Yue Zhong would have died countless times over.

Under the envious gazes, the main character of the confession Yue Zhong actually frowned. He did not believe he had the charm to incite Zhou Yanxue to confess in front of so many people.

Su Tianyang saw the girl of his long-time affection actually confessing to another guy in public, and felt like someone had gave him a tight slap! His expression turned extremely steely.

Su Tianyang stepped forward with a frozen expression as he coldly ordered: "Yanxue, you must have been frightened badly! Follow me back to recuperate okay? Go bring Miss Yanxue back, she's tired!" He said as gave the orders to his men.

Hearing those orders, the 2 bulky military experts immediately stepped forward towards Zhou Yanxue. Su Tianyang was determined to use force.

Zhou Yanxue's face turned pale as she stepped forward and lowered her head towards Yue Zhong's ear. Her suttle flowery fragrance softly wisped sound him as she said softly: "I know all about the powers of SY Couny like the back of my hand. As long as you protect me, I'm willing to tell you everything and be your woman."

During these turbulent times, other than some exceptional women who relied on their own strengths, the rest who did not have any background could only rely on strong people. Zhou Yanxue's influential family had disappeared with no news. She still remained free of captivity because she was a celebrity, and the few powers that lusted after her were keeping each other in check. Now it was evident that Su Tianyang was about to offend some of them with his intention to forcefully take her, hence she could only rely on Yue Zhong.

As Yue Zhong smelled the fragrance from Zhou Yanxue's body and heard her words, his heart was moved. Waving his hands, he signalled 2 of his Special Combat warriors to step out and block the 2 military experts.

The 2 military experts had just rushed forward only to come face to face with the 2 Special Combat soldiers, causing their eyes flashed with a complicated gleam. The Military men could feel an extremely oppressive aura from their bodies. It was just as apparent that they had definitely seen blood, and many must have lost their lives at their hands.

Su Tianyang looked at the 2 warriors under Yue Zhong who were blocking his own, and his face turned an even uglier colour. Calming down outwardly, he spoke out sensibly: "Zhang Lai, Niu Jin! Stand down!"

Although Su Tianyang had utmost confidence in his own experts, Yue Zhong had too many experts on his side. If they really made a move, his side would be at a disadvantage.

Su Tianyang steeled himself impressively and then spewed out words threateningly: "Yue Zhong, Zhou Yanxue is my girlfriend. You actually want to split us apart and steal her? If you return her to me we can still be friends. In SY County, whoever is my friend, can get to enjoy tons of benefits. As for my enemies, they have been wiped off the face of the earth!"

Yue Zhong cocked his eyebrows at Su Tianyang and reached out to wrap his arms around Zhou Yanxue's extremely flexible waist, as he coldly laughed: "Yanxue, is he your boyfriend?"

"No! He has always been pursuing me. However, I don't see anything in him it seems it's just his wishful thinking!" Zhou Yanxue laughed seductively at Yue Zhong, her words cutting deeply at Su Tianyang's heart.

Zhou Yanxue had always been someone amicable to everybody, but now she was extremely clear that she had to dissolve all relations with Su Tianyang and gave all her attention to Yue Zhong. Only then

could she be valued on the level she desired. As for offending the powerful Su Family in SY County, she could care less.

"Good! Good! Yue Zhong, today's humiliation... I will return it in the future!" Su Tianyang's expression had turned extremely ugly and his gaze was like that of a venomous snake staring at Yue Zhong and Zhou Yanxue. Abruptly he turned around and left with his 2 henchmen in tow.

Wen Baoguo came to Yue Zhong's side and reminded him: "Yue Zhong, Su Tianyang is a really vengeful person. Thus you must be careful."

Su Tianyang had intended to take away Zhou Yanxue in front of Wen Baoguo and it infuriated him. If it wasn't for Yue Zhong's presence, he would have lashed out on the spot. Zhou Yanxue was a celebrity and if Su Tianyang had brought her away quietly, Wen Baoguo could turn a blind eye. However, intending to abduct her in front of so many people like a bandit was tantamount to not giving Wen Baoguo face. So of course even if Yue Zhong had not acted, Wen Baoguo would have immediately clashed with Su Tianyang.

Yue Zhong lightly smiled and said, "I know, Mayor Wen."

Within the villa, there were human and Dark Crow corpses everywhere, as the remaining guests left in a scattered manner, the banquet had somehow ended.

In Yue Zhong's living quarters, he was sitting on his huge bed, while the huge celebrity Zhou Yanxue was currently seated beside him, carefully massaging his legs for him!

Yue Zhong looked at the stunning beauty in front of him as he waved his hands to stop what she was doing. "Speak! Tell me all that you know. If the value of the intel is sufficient, i can give you your freedom!! I can also assure that you'll never be bullied ever again!"

Intel was extremely important. All those years throughout history, countless successful battles have been due to the amount of effort put into gathering information. A crucial piece of information at the right time can help turn the tide in any situation.

Yue Zhong had little to absolutely no information on SY County's happenings and with someone who thoroughly understood the network of power and information giving it to him, he would definitely shelter that person. Furthermore, once Su Tianyang had expressed enmity against him, he did not mind giving him a few stinging slaps.

Zhou Yanxue gave Yue Zhong an enchanting smile. "I don't want freedom, I just want to be your woman! As long as you don't leave me behind, I will be your most loyal concubine!"

Zhou Yanxue was not like Wen Peishan who had the protection from a father with power. Her looks were a double edged sword, she could only rely on someone strong because without someone she would be enslaved. It happened that the person she had decided to rely on was Yue Zhong.

Zhou Yanxue gave Yue Zhong a light laugh and proceeded to tell him everything she knew.

As Zhou Yanxue was experienced at mingling and often took part in various gatherings and events, she often got closer with her fans and friends. Couple this with the fact that many guys wanted to impress her with their knowledge, and she often reaped a lot in information.

Through Zhou Yanxue's vivid explanation, Yue Zhong started to understand the situation within SY County and why Su Tianyang would hate him so much.

SY County's governance was run by 2 powers: Wen Baoguo and Peng Mingde. Both were incredibly influential people, and the control they had over the government was large. Within the entire county government, there was no 3rd party's influence.

As for SY County's military, it was filled with many different people, with different ambitions and traditions. It had a regiment with 6000 people. This regiment was formed from the remaining soldiers during the onset of the apocalypse.

When the world was changing, the 2 Infantry Divisions that were going through an exercise had suffered huge losses. The total number of soldiers who survived numbered a little over 2 regiments, and the highest commanding officers had faced unfortunate endings. The next highest commanding officers were only Lieutenant Colonels. Amongst the remaining soldiers there were 5 Lieutenant Colonels, and these 5 each commanded a small division. After forging through countless battles, the 5 divisions expanded continuously. In the end they formed the current military power of Long Hai County.

The 5 major powers of the military were Su Dongming, Shen Hongyang, Luo Tianyi, Qian Weimin and Liu Huifeng. These 5 all held some form of power over the soldiers of the military. Of course, amongst them there were some who held more power and some less. With Su Dongming holding the largest faction of soldiers, he resultingly became the nominal commander of the Long Hai County military. Unless it was a joint effort though, he could only command his faction. Wanting to move the other factions required the approval of the other powers.

The Long Hai County's military had differing views and opinions and they naturally disagreed on their views of Yue Zhong, a thorn in their side. Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi who were the 2 major powers, voted to wipe Yue Zhong out quickly and planned on taking over everything in his current existing system. Shen Hongyang and Qian Weimin voted for pacifying Yue Zhong and forging a relationship. Assuming it didn't work then they could form a temporary alliance and take care of Yue Zhong, by then they naturally wouldn't suffer much loss for waiting. Liu Huifeng was neutral and did not have any stance.

It was precisely because of Su Dongming's attitude that Su Tianyang had disliked Yue Zhong from the get go. This led to him trying to be domineering and not put Yue Zhong in his sights at all.

These matters that concerned the internal affairs of SY County, L\u00e0 Ning naturally wouldn't tell Yue Zhong. As for the ordinary survivors, they simply could not fathom the ongoings amongst the top brass. It was only someone like Zhou Yanxue who often turned up at such events and gatherings amongst the elites, that she could get such detailed insights.

"So that was the case!!" After hearing Zhou Yanxue's explanation, Yue Zhong finally understood why Shen Xue had given in.

SY County's military had only over 2000 people just at the beginning of the apocalypse, and after regaining SY County, they had lost another 200 people. However they now had over 6000 that formed an entire infantry division, but the bulk of them were new recruits. The ones that could really match up

against Yue Zhong were only a few battalions. The moment they full-scale clashed with Yue Zhong, they would suffer huge losses.

That day when Shen Xue attacked Yue Zhong, she had actually brought Shen Hongyang's most capable battalion. If that battalion had been annihilated by Yue Zhong, Shen Hongyang's power would have diminished by half. It was because of that, that Shen Xue had chosen to compromise and not attack Ning Guang County.

After hearing Zhou Yanxue's extensive intelligence report, Yue Zhong finally felt that he had some knowledge of the current affairs in SY County and wasn't as ignorant about it as when he first arrived.

"Damn it!! Damn you Yue Zhong!!" Su Tianyang's current face was contorted, as he picked up the nearby antique chair and smashed it down violently on the ground.

A few pretty ladies were kneeling in front of Su Tianyang, their bodies trembling as they tried to brave Su Tianyang's tantrum.

"Su Chen! Within 3 days, I want to see Yue Zhong's head!!" Su Tianyang had just smashed the once priceless antique to the floor to vent his frustrations, but it didn't really work. He turned around and ordered the silent and dark-skinned yet robust young man with calloused hands.

"Yes! Young Master!" Su Chen had a look of indifference as he replied. He was the butler of the Su Family, and had been saved by Su Dongming once before the apocalypse. Of course he had since sold his life to the Su Family.

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Su Chen glanced icily at the 4 ladies kneeling in front of Su Tianyang as he asked coldly: "Young Master, what about these 4?"

Su Tianyang glanced at the 4 extremely beautiful ladies, as he frowned slightly. He had given the order to kill Yue Zhong in his blind rage, and forgot that they were there, if this matter was to leak out, it wouldn't bode well. However, these 4 ladies were the cream of the crop amongst beauties, and were extremely meticulous in their service to him, and he couldn't bear to kill them at the moment.

One of the taller, slender ladies immediately begged: "Young Master Su!! Don't kill me!! I have not heard anything! I'm willing to do anything!!"

"Don't kill me!!"

The other 3 beauties also had expressions of fear as they started grabbing Su Tianyang's legs with their voluptuous bodies, begging pitifully.

Their pleading did the opposite, however, as Su Tianyang steeled his heart and gave the extremely merciless order: "Kill them all! Don't dirty the place!"

These women had to pay with their lives for a mistake that he Su Tianyang made.

Su Chen acknowledged with a nod of his head, and shot forward like an arrow, grabbing one of the women by the throat and breaking her windpipe. He followed up by grabbing another woman's head, twisting it lightly into an angle that defied nature. After killing 2, he took big strides forward and

viciously chop down on the remaining ladies' heads, leaving 2 deep dents in their heads, killing them instantly.

In just a few short breaths after killing the 4 service ladies, Su chen had already dragged their bodies out silently and left Su Tianyang's room.

"Yue Zhong! It's all your fault!! I want you dead!!" Su Tianyang's face was once again twisted with fury as he smashed another 5 pieces of antique furniture. In his mind he wasn't to blame, so he pushed the blame of the deaths of the 4 ladies, as well as his fury and hatred unto Yue Zhong.

Early next morning after breakfast, Wei Jueguang drove the Rolls Royce with the beauty Xiao Shishi and fetched Yue Zhong to Peng Mingde's residence.

Peng Mingde was of 46 – 47 years, with defining facial features. His brows had a hint of a stern expression, yet not a single strand of white hair was seen even though he was middle-aged. In fact he remained looking extremely youthful.

The moment they met, Peng Mingde immediately spoke with shock: "Yue Zhong, did you know you've invited huge trouble this time!"

Yue Zhong's expression did not change as he quickly responded: "What type of trouble?"

Peng Mingde replied: "The army had decided to dispatch 3 regiments to deal with you. Tell me if this is huge trouble or not?"

3 regiments meant over 3000 soldiers, it could even be a 4000-strong army. If this type of huge army were the military-trained soldiers from before the apocalypse, all of Yue Zhong's efforts in establishing himself could come to a halt.

However, since Yue Zhong had received vital information about the actual flaws and strengths of the army from Zhou Yanxue, Yue Zhong wasn't flustered at all. Their current core was only the 2 regiments of a thousand over people, after expanding into a 6000-strong army, the might still needed time to be trained up.

Yue Zhong himself had 7 battalions' worth of soldiers that numbered in 2000s, if it came down to a clash, unless the army really went all out with all they had, Yue Zhong still had some of hope of success.

Yue Zhong spoke out with a strong killing intent: "If the soldiers come, the general defends. If the water comes, the soil will block it. If the army really wants to fight, then I shall give them the fight of their lives! I have 3 regiments worth of soldiers. I want to test for myself if the army's 3 regiments are stronger, or my army is stronger!"

Peng Mingde narrowed his eyes, as he carefully assessed Yue Zhong. He smiled and spoke. "You really are a hero! I have already rejected the proposal of the army. After all, as humans, we should not fighting amongst ourselves. Our current greatest enemies are the zombies! As long as we wipe them out, our humankind can once again repopulate the earth."

"Yue Zhong, my dream is to build a new world without zombies, everyone is equal, all is fair, upright, transparent. Everyone is free, everyone prospers, and equality for all with no exploitation. Are you willing to help me with this?" Peng Mingde had a passionate expression as he spoke to Yue Zhong.

Most university students were hot-blooded and passionate about the world, and were easy to influence and manipulate. Peng Mingde wanted to use the idea of rebuilding the world to hook Yue Zhong in.

This was after all under the banner of righteousness. Throughout history, countless young people have given their all for the cause of a just, fair and equal new world for all.

"I have brought 5000 tonnes of meat to sell, I wonder what items you might want to offer in exchange? If you are not interested in my rations, then I'll leave." Yue Zhong gazed at Peng Mingde indifferently. He had no interest in the new world order that Peng Mingde was raving about.

While Peng Mingde was capable, he was lacking in his guidance of his kid. His son had actually caused so much trouble that he should have been executed, but this type of degenerate was still allowed to live under Peng Mingde's protection, furthermore, it was a good lifestyle. If Yue Zhong really sold his life to Peng Mingde just based on the ideals he was talking about, his brain must have been knocked silly.

Yue Zhong did not have lofty dreams. Currently he was living life to the fullest, and was the leader of 30,000 people. With just an order, he could immediately execute over a 100 people. To throw all that away and be someone else's dog just because of some illusionary ideal? He wasn't willing.

"This young man is not a simple character." Peng Mingde was thrown off by Yue Zhong's practicality, as his brows furrowed he continued carefully sizing him up.

Peng Mingde decided to throw all talks about ideals and righteousness to the side, before he replied pragmatically: "The terms of the negotiations will be handled by my people later on! However, I hope to at least fulfill the quota of a 1000 tonnes!"

Ideals and righteousness are used as tools by Peng Mingde to win people over. Those who succumb to the idealistic thinking were perfect for being passionate cannon fodder. In fact, this was not a bad tactic. Under the pretext of ideals and righteousness, Peng Mingde had actually gathered over 200 youthful people as his Young Guards. The results made it so they were all crazy supporters, to the extent that they were willing to give their lives up for him.

Yue Zhong lightly smiled before giving the same terms he gave Wen Baoguo: "I can gift you 1 ton of rations as a sign of our friendship. However, the remainder will have to be matched by items that are suitable and to my liking, otherwise, no deal."

Peng Mingde immediately laughed and responded graciously: "Since this is the case, then let me gift to you the Rolls Royce and the beauty Xiao Shishi as a sign of our friendship as well. I hope we can always be friends."

Yue Zhong looked at Peng Mingde and laughed lightly: "Mm! I hope we'll always be friends!"

Peng Mingde was indeed extremely capable. Yue Zhong could not help but have a good impression of him. However even if the father was a hero, the son was a bastard. Just based on the aspect of his upbringing of his kid, it cost him some points with Yue Zhong.

Yue Zhong brought the Rolls Royce and Xiao Shishi that Peng Mingde presented him and headed towards Wen Baoguo's villa, before leaving with his entire party.

At a nearby river, there was a group of survivors gathered together, looking towards the river with a look of greed. Right beside the river, the water was full of nutrients. There were countless thick Mutated Vegetables growing, even abundant aquatic life was showing in the waters.

Although the river seemed to be flourishing with food, few people were willing to go there and gather food. Only when they were starved beyond belief and had no options, would some pale and weak women brave the danger to pluck some of the vegetation at the outskirts. There were some who were under the control of SY County, and if they didn't go look for food, those who were waiting for them would definitely be killed.

Dedition: He's trying to say that the river looks beautiful and bountiful (1st paragraph), but it is in fact misleading and dangerous and that some of the people there are, in reality, forced to be there (2nd paragraph).

Zhang He carefully climbed out from the water, in his hands, he had a few river prawns that were the size of his fingers, as well as a heap of shellfish and mussels. He knew there was a shoal nearby, and the Mutant Beasts inside the water seldom appeared there. However, nothing was for certain, he had witnessed his partner being torn apart by a Mutant Beast just 3 days ago, and fresh blood had dyed the shoal. He could vividly recall the despair and fear of his friend when he was torn in two. His friend was only 11, Zhang He himself, 12.

Zhang He looked at the few river prawns and heaved a sigh of relief, these river prawns could be exchanged for one or 2 jin of cornmeal, which could feed him, his brother and sister for one or two full meals.

Zhang He looked towards his left and right, before keeping the river prawns inside a plastic bag, and hid it in his clothes. He took the mussels and shellfish and placed them in another plastic bag, before digging up some wild vegetation that could be eaten, before walking towards the exit.

"You, come over here and pay your taxes!!" A middle aged man in uniform saw Zhang He approaching from the riverside and called out to him with a wooden expression.

Right beside the man in uniform, there were 7 burly men. All those who tried to make a living from the riverside had to pay them taxes, otherwise they would receive a beating, and if they were beaten to death, they would be thrown into the river to be fed to those monsters.

6 extremely frail looking women helplessly presented their spoils to these tax officials. Even after being skimmed by them once, they would still be skimmed another time by the other underground societies as protection fees.

Zhang He walked towards them frigidly, as he handed them the plastic bag filled with the mussels, shellfish and wild vegetation.

"These are yours! You can go!" After taking over half of the items in the plastic bag and throwing them into a basket, he threw the plastic bag with the remaining items back to Zhang He.

Zhang He received the bag that was reduced one, and wanted to turn around to leave.

"Wait a minute!!" The tax officer seemed to have suddenly thought of something, as he grabbed onto Zhang He, and ordered the 7 burly men: "Hold him down!"

Dedition: You need 7 big guys to hold down a 12 year old?

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As Zhang He struggled, the tax officer opened up his shirt and patted his tiny body, before finding the bag of prawns with a satisfied expression as he said, "Stinky brat! You want to pull a fast one over me, you're still lacking. Because you tried to evade tax, these prawns will be confiscated."

"Return them to me! Please just return them to me!! I caught those myself!!" Zhang He shouted out struggling, as his eyes turned red. Those prawns meant that his family could last for a few more days, without them, his family would go hungry.

"Damn it! You better know what's good for you!" The tax officer's face turned darker, as he waved his hands, which led the 7 burly brutes to start kicking and punching Zhang He.

Zhang He was after all just a kid, after that round of beating, he was quickly covered in bruises, before being thrown in a corner.

"Whoever dares to evade tax will face the same consequences!" The tax official glared coldly at all the other frail ladies present. He had to use the cold, harsh reality to shock these people, that way his job would go on smoothly.

The survivors who had come forward to pay tax, had seen such scenes countless of times, and were numb to it.

"How can you do this to a kid!!" Right at this time, a furious voice resounded out.

The tax officer turned his head towards the voice. He was just in time to see a few young men and women dressed neatly, and could tell with one look these survivors were not the common survivors.

The person who had verbally reprimanded the tax officer was Wen Peishan, who was dressed in red, making her look incredibly innocent yet sexy at the same time.

The tax officer glanced greedily at Wen Peishan. After all, most women had gone frail and lost their looks and health during the apocalypse, while someone young with such fair-skin and a healthy glow like Wen Peishan was rare.

The tax officer looked at Wen Peishan and responded neither hastily nor slowly: "I am doing my job according to the rules! Miss, if you have any grievances or complaints, please take it up with my superiors!"

While the tax officer had some sort of background, he wasn't willing to come to loggerheads with Wen Peishan, who anybody can tell is not from a simple background as well.

"You're an asshole!!" Wen Peishan scolded a little agitatedly. However she was brought up well, and was usually more reserved. She didn't know how to deal with bullies, and could only resort to scolding.

Yue Zhong looked on at the scene, and slightly frowned. While what the tax officer did was indeed overboard, they were in a chaotic time, if the tax officer did not show some form of harshness, he might not even be able to collect a single tax.

"Yue Zhong, help me teach this asshole a lesson!!" Wen Peishan could not think of anyway to discipline the tax officer and decided to turn to Yue Zhong for help.

Yue Zhong took big strides forward. He decided he could not stand the overboard actions of the tax officer as well.

The tax officer looked at Yue Zhong approaching with alarm: "What do you think you're doing? I'm just doing my job!!"

The 7 burly men also stepped forward to surround Yue Zhong, staring at him with vicious gazes.

Yue Zhong stared coldly at the tax officer and said: "Your takings are obviously over 50%. I don't believe the top brass had actually set such a ridiculous amount! Do you want to cough up the excess, or do you not want to see the sun ever again?"

The top brass of SY County would definitely not be so stupid to engage in a 50% tax. However, it was that as the line went further down, the requirements became more absurd. In truth, SY County only expressed that those who went out to forage for wild vegetables and fishing would only have to pay 20% tax, and as for these outrageous tax officials who took more than 50%, the remaining 30+% went to their own pockets.

The tax officer saw that his tricks were exposed, as he stared at Yue Zhong and said: "I am Zhang Xueming, My cousin is the Deputy Commissioner of the Inland Revenue, Wei Tong! Who are you?!"

The tax bureau, regardless of the apocalypse, was a department with a lot of power. Especially after the end of the world, those who were in power had huge influence, Wei Tong could become the Deputy Commissioner must have been due to his wide network of contacts. Zhang Xueming had hoped to use his cousin's name to cause Yue Zhong to back off, so that everyone can continue peacefully.

Yue Zhong directly pointed out Wen Peishan's identity: "Slap yourself! Otherwise you won't see the sun anymore. She is Mayor Wen's daughter Wen Peishan."

Zhang Xueming instantly turned pale, Mayor Wen was one of the 2 major powers in SY County, with just a flick of his hand, he could call for the deaths of measly people like Wei Tong and Zhang Xueming. This was a world where human lives were almost worthless, he himself was just a small fish, even if he disappeared tomorrow, no one would care, instead there would be many people who would celebrate his departure.

"It's my fault!! I was despicable! It's all my fault!! Miss Wen, I won't dare do this again!! I'm sorry!! I'm sorry!! Please let me off just this once, I was also doing things according to orders!!" Zhang Xueming had kneeled in front of Wen Peishan, and was smacking himself profusely, while crying out pitifully.

Zhang Xueming had forcefully slapped his own mouth, to the point where blood started to flow from the corners of his mouth.

Wen Peishan's heart softened and said: "Forget it! I'll let you off this time. Give the confiscated items back to the kid!"

"Yes!" Zhang Xueming then stood up, before walking personally to Zhang He and returned his items: "Little brat, this are all items gifted by Miss Wen, hurry go and thank her!"

Zhang He held on to his prawns tightly like a wounded wolf, as he looked at the well-dressed good-looking Wen Peishan. Looking down he mumbled extremely reluctantly: "Thank you!"

After that, he immediately turned around and limped towards the distance.

Zhang Xueming looked at Zhang He who had looked extremely defiant as he frowned and asked Wen Peishan: "Damn it! That little brat doesn't know his manners! Miss Wen, shall I go catch him back and teach him a lesson?"

"No need!" Although Wen Peishan was ticked off by Zhang He's unruly behaviour, she was after all extremely kind-hearted, and did not want to make things difficult for Zhang He.

Yue Zhong looked at the few frail female survivors plucking the wild vegetation, before looking at those survivors staring into the horizon blankly, as he frowned, and seemed to ponder, before walking towards Zhang He.

"Wait!! Yue Zhong wait for me!!" Wen Peishan saw that Yue Zhong was moving, as she hastily chased after him.

Zhang He had just moved a distance, and saw Yue Zhong chasing after him from behind, as he gripped his plastic bag of prawns even tighter and asked warily: "What are you following me for?"

Yue Zhong immediately took out a huge bag of bread and held it out to Zhang He asking: "Do you want to eat your fill?"

Zhang He looked at the plastic bag in Yue Zhong's hands, as he swallowed his drool, while a look of greed shone in his eyes. He clenched his fists tightly and shouted out: "I won't hand my sister over to you people!! Even if you give us more food, I will not sell my younger sister away!!!"

Yue Zhong frowned as he knew Zhang He had misunderstood: "Younger sister?"

Yue Zhong immediately offered his conditions: "I want you to work for me! Help me do things! In exchange I will let you eat your fill everyday, and give you half a jin of cornmeal. If you do your tasks well, I will even give you cans of meat and dried pork!"

This Zhang He in front of him was only 12, just a kid

Yet he had courage and principles that was lacking in some adults. While the river was bountiful, and many survivors gathered, few dared to venture in, to actually fish. Since Yue Zhong wanted to gain a foothold in SY County, he naturally required someone who knew the workings on the ground.

He had already made friends with the upper echelon of society like Wen Peishan, Lu Chenguang and Tai Yiyan these people, he also needed someone on the ground.

Zhang He had courage, and his own resolve. Yue Zhong admired that and did not mind helping him out.

Zhang He's eyes grew bright, with an expression of hope and asked: "You can really let me eat my fill?"

Truthfully, with regards to a large number of the survivors in SY County, as long as there was food, they would be willing to do things. Zhang He had wanted to even join gangs, but those gangs did not want scrawny brats without attacking strength or combat power.

Tong Xiaoyun walked to Yue Zhong's side and eyed the little beggar-like boy and spoke on Yue Zhong's behalf: "How would Brother Yue lie to you? Our rations are really beyond comparison."

Zhang He looked at the pretty Tong Xiaoyun and the group of special soldiers behind Yue Zhong, and immediately kneeled in front of Yue Zhong and swore: "Benefactor, I don't ask for much, just for my younger brother and sister to eat their fill. I'm willing to give my life for you!! Whatever you ask of me, I would do it!"

Zhang He was young, but mature. Those who could pull out such a troop was definitely not a small power in SY County, and he would only benefit from relying on him. His conditions were not outrageous as well, as long as his younger siblings could eat, he would be willing to slave for Yue Zhong.

In times like this where human lives weren't worth much, for the price of a meal, countless survivors were willing to sell themselves. It was just that in this cruel world, even if you are willing, you may not find a buyer.

Yue Zhong curiously asked: "Get up! I want to know, near this river, why won't those people go and fish?"

The river that surrounded SY County's borders, was a huge treasure in Yue Zhong's eyes, and the water was extremely beneficial in the growth of the plants and even aquatic life. If the river was made use of well, providing a constant source of food for a few ten thousands of people would not be an issue.

Since the upper brass of SY County were not idiots, there must be a problem for them to not make use of the river.

Zhang He hesitated: "How do I address you, benefactor?"

"I am Yue Zhong!" Yue Zhong replied in a deep voice.

Zhang He swiftly continued: "Boss Yue, the fact that this river has many aquatic life is not false, but similarly, there are all sorts of fearsome beasts in there. There are snakes that grow over tens of metres, there's a big black fish that can swallow a person whole, and there are some huge crabs that can cut a person in two with just a claw! At first, there were many people fishing, but very quickly, they were all preyed on by these wild beasts! After the death count hit over hundreds, very few people are willing to fish anymore!"

A few hundred people had died in the river, the rest of them had been frightened off. Naturally no one was willing to fish anymore in those waters. Therefore, even though there was a river surrounding the county, the people of SY County were still lacking.

Yue Zhong continued: "Didn't the government or army make any moves to deal with those Mutant Beasts?"

The Mutant Beasts might be extremely terrifying, but they were not invincible. Since SY County had so many survivors, there would definitely be experts within the government and military, dealing with those Mutant Beasts should not be an issue.

Zhang He thought for a while, before replying: "There were indeed some experts who stepped forward to deal with those Mutant Beasts, and they did manage to kill a few, but after that, the Mutant Beasts

got even fiercer. Even those experts were eaten, now there are few experts willing to come and hunt these monsters."

Experts were after all a rare resource, with every death meant one less expert. There were simply too many Mutant Beasts hiding within the river, and after the government and military lost over 20 powerful Enhancers, they halted all assaults on the river Mutant Beasts. The price was too heavy to bear.

As Zhang He and Yue Zhong continued talking, more details of the life of the lower members of society began to emerge. The people in the worst situations were the lower members of society in SY County. Although the upper brass had given the order for some emergency rations to be handed out to preserve these survivors' lives, as there was greed, countless rations were siphoned by greedy officials, and many of these survivors did not obtain their rightful ration. There were countless women selling their bodies for just a bun. There were even people willing to sell their children at various survivor camps.

Under Zhang He's guidance, Yue Zhong's party came to an alley near a sewer, where the buildings were dilapidated, and stinking human waste everywhere.

On the street, there were various survivors sitting down numbly by the road, their bodies giving off an odor, while a large number of mosquitoes and flies were currently circling them.

There was a woman with tattered clothes, dark eyebags, sunken face, and emitting a sour smell from her body grabbing a little girl's hands kneeling on the floor in front of Yue Zhong pleading profusely: "This master!! Please, buy my daughter!! Just a box of instant noodles, as long as you pay a box of instant noodles, I'll sell her to you!! She knows how to do everything, bring her with you, and she can help you do anything!!"

The little girl of roughly 11-12 years, whose hair was in a ponytail, and had starved to the point where she looked like a little beansprout, was also kneeling and begging: "Master, please buy me. I'm willing to do anything!"

Tong Xiaoyun saw this and she could not help but ask, "Auntie! Isn't she your own daughter? How can you bear to sell her away??"

Wen Peishan saw the scene in front of her and could not believe her eyes. It was her first time coming to this sort of place, and in her thinking, selling one's son or daughter was something that happened only in books or the societies of old. The SY County that her father was governing over definitely would not have something like that.

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The woman who had dark circles around her eyes, she spoke in a grieved manner. "We haven't had anything to eat for 2 days! 2 days ago, we managed to eat some buns because I let someone have his way with me for 1 night. These 2 days, no one is willing to use food to buy my services! If this goes on, Qiqi and I will starve to death. If I sell her to you, she can at least live on!"

Wen Peishan looked at the mother-daughter pair, and her heart was full of sympathy: "Yue Zhong! They're so pitiful!! Help them please!!"

Yue Zhong glanced at them before giving 2 pieces of chocolates, "I'm buying both of you! But let me say this first, since I've bought you. You are my people. If in the future, you disregard my orders, I will be merciless! If you agree, eat the chocolates!"

Yue Zhong did not lack food, but he did lack people. Accepting these people under his wing weren't an issue

"Thank you master! Thank you master!!" The moment the mother-daughter pair received the chocolates, their eyes flashed with delight, and thanked Yue Zhong profusely.

Especially the mother, Zhang Qiong, who thought that the best scenario would be Yue Zhong buying her daughter, never did she imagine that she would also be accepted by Yue Zhong. Even if Yue Zhong wanted her to strip in front of everybody now, she would do so without hesitation, to show her gratitude towards him.

During the initial stages of the apocalypse, as their bodies were more robust, men had a slight advantage over women. However, with the flow of time the strong men mostly died in the fight against zombies. Others perished as a result of power struggles with other strong people, even against some Mutant Beasts as well. Currently, SY County's ratio of women to men was huge.

Zhang Qiong and her daughter were not beauties, and naturally would not catch the eye of any groups around them. These groups were not willing to squander precious rations to care for the 2 of them, hence they had no one to rely on. Now that Yue Zhong was willing to keep them, their hearts were filled with gratitude.

Wen Peishan saw that Yue Zhong had accepted the mother-daughter pair, and she was surprised as she sighed in her heart: "He is actually a good man!!"

"Please! Take me in! I can do anything!"

"Master, please take me in, no matter how you want to play me, I will definitely make you satisfied."

"Master, please take in us mother and daughter!! We are willing to wait on you!!"

After Yue Zhong took in Zhang Qiong and her daughter, the entire alley went into an uproar, and a few dozens of women surrounded Yue Zhong, pleading with him profusely. They wanted to live as well.

Yue Zhong frowned, and called out in a heavy voice, "All of you, keep quiet, whoever makes any more noise will have to scram!"

The women instantly became silent and looked at Yue Zhong with a little fear while awaiting the next words that would decide their future.

Yue Zhong called Zhang Qiong over and asked, "Zhang Qiong! I want to buy a street to accommodate all of you, how much rations would that cost?

"Master! You would require 50 tonnes of rations to buy this street!" Zhang Qiong carefully calculated before replying.

In the age, houses were not valuable anymore. In SY County, as it could accommodate over a 100,000 survivors, 1 normal alley for survivors to stay in would not cost much, 50 tonnes of food was sufficient to buy it with some balance.

Yue Zhong immediately called out 2 of his Special Combat warriors: "Song Wen, Kong Wei, you guys make a trip with Zhang Qiong, go buy the entire street."

As long as they did not meet someone too overly powered, Song Wen and Kong Wei could easily deal with 20 delinquents or troublemakers. It was enough to ensure that Zhang Qiong would not be taken advantage of.

Yue Zhong looked at the women around him and he said coldly, "As for you all, stay here and await my orders!"

Those women, including their children, numbered a few dozens, and Yue Zhong could not bring them and move around.

The group heard his orders and stayed there obediently, not daring to wander about.

"He really does have the capital!!" Zhang He looked at Yue Zhong easily taking in all the women and kids around, and his mind was set, and decided to follow Yue Zhong wholeheartedly.

"Si Xian, Xiao Lan, I'm back!!" Zhang He excitedly ran into a dilapidated garden and hollered loudly. He had followed a capable person, and from today onwards, the trio wouldn't have to worry about hunger anymore.

However, the moment Zhang He stepped into the garden, he saw his younger brother Zhang Si Xian beaten up till his entire face was swollen, and was lying on the ground motionless. His precious younger sister was nowhere to be seen, and a foreboding feeling arose in his heart.

Zhang Si Xian, who had just recently turned 12, spat out a mouthful of fresh blood, as he looked to his brother with a stricken expression and said, "Big Brother!!! Meimei had been captured by Shi Ergou that bastard! Go save her quickly!! Otherwise it will be too late!!"

Dedition: The real question is...what did the brothers expect their youngest brother to do to save her?

Zhang He's face turned pale, as he immediately kneeled in front of Yue Zhong and begged: "Boss Yue, please help me save my sister!! As long as you save her I'm willing to do anything to repay you!! Even if you want my life, I'd give it to you willingly!"

Yue Zhong furrowed his brows and asked: "What sort of person is Shi Ergou?"

"He's scum!" Zhang He spat out as he was kneeling.

Shi Ergou was a scum. Prior to the apocalypse he was a watchdog for a gambling den and a loan shark. He was a resident of SY County. Then, after the change of the world he made use of his various connections to engage in many dealings, and became a huge figure in the underground scene. All the while obtaining numerous benefits.

Currently, Shi Ergou had a small force of 50 fighters. Thus he was someone people didn't dare offend in this part of the county. Those who antagonized him had their families broken, mostly because he was supported by various backers, all of whom were strong.

"How is it? Boss! How are the goods this time? She is that little dog Zhang He's younger sister Zhang Yulan!" A huge burly man, with decent features and an aura of self-righteousness pointed towards a little girl of about 11 years old. She had snow-white, delicate and pretty looking skin.

"Not bad!! She's decent!!" Shi Ergou's eyes flashed as he broke into a smile. Leisurely he reached his hand out to grab Zhang Yulan's face.

"Pei!" Zhang Yulan looked at Shi Ergou's disgusting expression, and directly spat at him.

As Shi Ergou did not have enough time to block and he received the spit on his face. He reached to wipe his face with his hand and he proceeded to lick his hand of the saliva, and said in an extremely perverted manner, "How fragrant!!"

Dedition: *Spits on hand and shows it for inspection* I beg to differ...

Ulamog: I distinctly smell chicken and chips. I'm sure of it. As for the Scum.... Torture is not enough....

Zhang Yulan broke out in cold sweat and felt the hair rise on the back of her neck, as she used her voice that had yet to mature and shouted, "Damn pervert!!"

"Little bitch, you dare to curse me!!" Shi Ergou's eyes flashed icily. His palm immediately slapped Zhang Yulan's face, causing her pretty face to swell, as he laughed coldly: "Don't worry, I like you very much. I will train you properly, to become the most shameless bitch! The esteemed buyer likes shameless bitches like you the most. Once you are delivered to him, he will definitely guide you well! However before then, let me taste you first!"

Ulamog: OK. Maybe slightly less torture time for this guy. So that I can spend more time on the buyer. *sharpens Hatchet*

After that, Shi Ergou reached out towards Zhang Yulan's clothes.

Zhang Yulan's heart started to beat faster in fear, and tears started to stream down her pale face.

"Boss!! There's someone killing their way in!!" Right at this time, one of Shi Ergou's subordinate rushed in and shouted out loudly.

"How many are there?" Shi Ergou furrowed his brows as he stopped his intention to violate Zhang Yulan, and questioned his subordinates.

"4 of them, there are only 4 of them!" The subordinate cried out in alarm.

Shi Ergou immediately lashed out in fury: "You have 50 people, there are only 4 of them, and you can't take them down, do you guys eat shit or something?"

The subordinate quivered in fear and exclaimed, "They are experts! They are all high level Enhancers!!!"

Shi Ergou's face instantly fell. Enhancers had strength that vastly surpassed normal people, and one Enhancer could take on 10 people with no issues. He had 3 or 4 Enhancers amongst his underlings, but

they were at most Level 3 or 4, and were not much stronger than normal people. Against higher level Enhancers, they were basically useless.

Right at this time, following a huge explosive bang, one of Shi Ergou's subordinate was kicked in, and violently smashed into a table, knocking the table away.

Yue Zhong strided in.

Shi Ergou looked at Yue Zhong, as he immediately bowed in a respectful manner and said: "May I ask who you are? Dare I ask what business might this esteemed guest have with us?"

Zhang Yulan looked towards the previously arrogant and despotic Shi Ergou treating Yue Zhong with respect, before looking at Yue Zhong, her eyes flashing with a strange gaze.

"Hand her to me!" Yue Zhong pointed to Zhang Yulan.

Shi Ergou put on an extremely complicated expression as he tried to find a way out of the situation: "Honoured guest! This is a person that Director Yuan Yueshan from the Tax Bureau wants. Doing things like this is a little overboard, isn't it? In my courtyard, there are a few more little bitches like her, although they may not compare to her, but they are definitely more obedient than her!!"

The tax bureau held a great deal of resources after all. The director of the tax bureau was also an important person, such that even Wen Baoguo and Peng Mingde had to keep an eye on him.

"If it's like that, then scum like you do have some use after all!!" Yue Zhong immediately stepped up and lashed out with a kick, causing Shi Ergou to fly and hit a table, fainting immediately.

With the flash of a blade, the ropes on Zhang Yulan's body were immediately cut loose!

"Your elder brothers have already followed me! From now on, you're also under me! I will protect you guys to the best of my capabilities." Yue Zhong eyed Zhang Yulan as he spoke in a heavy voice.

Zhang Yulan blinked twice, as her eyes had a strange gleam. She walked over to Yue Zhong's side and hugged his arm tightly, as though it was the one place she could feel the safest.