

Devil World 281

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Yue Zhong felt excited, he was initially worried that it would require more energy to try and tame the Type 2 Mutant Snapping Turtle, at the very least, he might have needed to try three times. He did not expect that he would be successful upon the first try.

Yue Zhong immediately stopped the burning of the Devil Flame. After all, it was a Mutant Beast under his control now, and he did not want to injure his pet.

The moment Yue Zhong ceased his Devil Flame, the Type 2 Mutant Snapping Turtle immediately crawled towards him.

It came to Yue Zhong and lowered its head, expressing subservience.

Yue Zhong took a look at the Type 2 Mutant Snapping Turtle, only to discover that its eyes were showing signs of exhaustion, as it had expended a huge part of its energy, to the point of injury.

The Black Fish's green slime projectile, as well as the ice mountain and ice wall skills of this Type 2 Mutant Snapping Turtle were the last resorts of such Mutant Beasts. However, activating them came at a huge price, after expending huge amounts of energy, they would become weak, therefore, unless they came across a powerful opponent, they would usually not resort to these moves.

As Yue Zhong had incapacitated the other Type 2 Mutant Beasts with his PF98, the Type 2 Mutant Snapping Turtle had spared no effort to try and deal with him.

"Let's call you Turtle!!" Yue Zhong looked at his new pet that was the size of a bungalow, and proclaimed its name in an extremely satisfied manner. Yue Zhong had no talent in coining names. He liked it simple, so as long as he could say it easily, it would suffice.

The Type 2 Mutant Snapping Turtle nodded its head, seemingly accepting the name. After all, it possessed some intelligence, after being connected with Yue Zhong, it could understand a bit of his speech.

Yue Zhong looked at his new pet Turtle and his eyes flashed with excitement and joy, it was a Type 2 Mutant Beast, and extremely powerful. It could even block the power of PF98 anti-tank rounds. With this new Type 2 Mutant Beast, the river would become Yue Zhong's inexhaustible resource.

With Turtle's help, as long as Yue Zhong gave the command, the entire river channel would become Yue Zhong's fishing grounds. Similarly, with just an order, the entire channel could only allow fishing and no boats.

Yue Zhong looked at the exhaustion in Turtle's eyes, and immediately retrieved the 2 nuclei that he picked from the Type 2 Black Fishes.

When Turtle saw the 2 nuclei, its eyes brightened up, and stuck its tongue out, swallowing the 2 nuclei from the Type 2 Mutant Black Fish.

Yue Zhong had not discovered any use for the nuclei, it did not seem to have any effect on humans. However, it was different for Mutant Beasts. Greenie could evolve so quickly into a Type 2 Beast was

precisely because Yue Zhong gave it plenty of nuclei to swallow, of which there were nuclei from the Type 2 Mutant Black-Scaled Boar and Mutant Water Snake. That had hastened the evolution process.

After Turtle swallowed the 2 nuclei, its eyes seemed to shine with vigor, and its health started to regenerate quickly.

Yue Zhong saw that Turtle was recovering well, and jumped on top of Turtle and commanded: "Turtle, let's charge!! Take care of those guys!"

Hearing Yue Zhong's command, Turtle started to take huge steps towards the battlefield of the Mutant Crabs and Mutant Crayfishes.

Turtle's speed was not extremely fast, but that was when compared to Mutant Beasts of the same level on land. It was after all a Type 2 Mutant Beast, its body massive, every step it took was like tens of steps taken by a human. Its ordinary movement could already match up to an Enhancer with 6 times the speed of a normal human. If it exerted its strength, it could reach up to speeds 9 times that of humans.

Turtle charged and crushed everything in its path, all the Mutant Crabs and Mutant Crayfish unfortunate enough to be in its path would become meat paste.

When those ordinary Mutant Crayfishes and Mutant Crabs lost their Type 2 leaders, they launched an assault on Turtle. However, while their claws were sharp, they could not do anything to Turtle's defence, since it was a Type 2 Mutant Beast.

"What monster is that!!"

"Heavens! There's such a monster!!"

The soldiers of the 8th Battalion who were guarding Xinglong Street noticed the building-like Turtle and their eyes were filled with shock. The size of the Mutant Beast was too shocking.

"Boss Yue!! It's Boss Yue!!"

"Commander Yue!! Goodness, it really is Commander Yue on top that Mutant beast!!"

"What?! He even managed to subdue such a beast??"

The soldiers of 8th Battalion and the Special Combat Force saw Yue Zhong on top of the Type 2 Mutant Snapping Turtle, and their morale shot through the roof.

Countless shots were fired and bullets rained on the horde of Mutant Crabs and Mutant Crayfishes, riddling them with holes.

The Special Combat forces also rushed out to engage the Mutant Crabs and Mutant Crayfishes in battle, although the experience gained would not be too much, accumulating it all would still be beneficial.

Yue Zhong urged Turtle towards the Elite Mutant Crayfishes and Elite Mutant Crabs engaged in slaughter amongst themselves.

Turtle quickly reached their location, as it opened its huge mouth, and bit off the heads of the Elite Mutant Beasts, gobbling them up.

When the Elite Mutant Crayfishes and Elite Mutant Crabs saw that the tyrannical Turtle attacking them, they dispersed and scattered, each trying to make a run for it. These Elite Mutant Beasts possessed intelligence, and could sense the overbearing danger from the Type 2 Mutant Snapping Turtle. Without the adequate strength, they could not even muster the courage to face it.

When the Elite Mutant Beasts of both hordes started to scatter, it created confusion and chaos amongst the hordes. A huge number of the Mutant Beasts also made their way towards the river, escaping into the water.

“We won!!!”

“We won!!!”

Seeing the Elite Mutant Beasts retreating and escaping like a receding tidal wave, the entire Xinglong Street erupted in celebration.

Many of the soldiers of the 8th Battalion were elated, earlier when the 2 hordes had moved against them together, they were sure that they were going to die. Never did they imagine that the Mutant Beasts would suddenly fell apart, and escaped towards the river.

“Go back to the river!!” Yue Zhong patted Turtle’s head, and gave it an order.

Turtle nodded towards Yue Zhong, and lifted its massive body as it entered the waters.

After the huge victory, the entire stretch of land from Xinglong Street to the river was filled with corpses of Mutant Crayfishes, Mutant Crabs and Mutant Black Fishes.

Yue Zhong immediately ordered some troops to keep watch and sealed the place, not allowing any outsiders in.

This time, the huge number of Mutant Beasts that had launched an assault on them, resulted in the deaths of 9 soldiers from the 8th Battalion, and another 8 with injuries. However, Yue Zhong had gained a lot more.

Over ten thousand Mutant Crayfishes and Mutant Crabs had been beaten to death on the ground, on top of that, there were over a 100 Mutant Black Fishes as well as the bodies of 6 Type 2 Mutant Beasts.

The corpses were enough to provide a 1000 tonnes of food for Yue Zhong, furthermore, this was not normal meat. Instead, it was Mutant Beast meat, which was an incredible gift that helped nourish the bodies of normal people who ate it, especially those who had been tormented by hunger over an extended period of time, it was the best supplement for those people to recover.

The survivors that Yue Zhong had arranged to be sent out of Xinglong Street were brought back.

All the women and ladies were put to work, deshellng the Mutant Beasts and collecting their meat. After all, such a huge load of meat could not be eaten in a day, a huge portion of it would be converted to dried food, or canned food, otherwise most of it would start to decompose in a few days.

“Commander Yue!! I’m afraid we don’t have enough manpower!” Da Gouzi observed the ongoing work, and reported to Yue Zhong.

Although Yue Zhong had deployed all available hands, for 8,000 people to handle 1000 tonne of Mutant Beast meat, everyone had to handle over a 100 jin of meat. Out of the 8,000 survivors, 3,000 were kids, and the responsibilities were too much for them to handle.

Yue Zhong directly commanded, “Go notify Tai Yiyan. Get her to bring 10,000 survivors to help deal with the meat. Get those who handle the 6 Type 2 Mutant Beasts to send the meat directly to the processing plant.”

Yue Zhong had spent 50 tonnes of food to buy a processing plant from Wen Baoguo, as well as another 50 tonnes to purchase generators and fuel, to support the manufacturing of processed meat.

The meat of the Type 2 Mutant Beasts were exceptional treats that were hard to come by, as long as the weak survivors were to eat a few jins, they could recover their health quickly. If the soldiers who fought at the front lines continuously managed to eat the processed meat, it would help their recovery in battle.

The moment Tai Yiyan received Yue Zhong’s orders, she delegated and deployed 10,000 survivors to join in the handling. Everyone near the riverbank was working hard, they were in high spirits, as they received news that there would be a feast that night. The anticipation of the tasty seafood in their hands fueled their drive in handling the meat.

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Even Ji Qingwu and Zhuo Yatong, who were considered experts, were assigned to help cut up the hard shells of the Mutant Beasts. Yue Zhong even lent his Black-tooth Blade to Ji Qingwu to use.

The Level 4 Treasure Black-tooth Blade was incredibly sharp under the Blade Strengthening Skill of Ji Qingwu. Even the tough scales of the Type 2 Mutant Black Fish that had withstood Yue Zhong’s PF98 anti-tank rounds, were cleanly cut apart by Ji Qingwu, revealing the fresh fish flesh underneath.

Ulamog: say that 5 times fast. Fresh Fish Flesh...

The Type 2 Mutant Crayfish and Type 2 Mutant Crab had shells that were slightly tougher though. Even Ji Qingwu found it hard to cut apart their scales regardless of the combination of her skill and the Black-tooth Blade.

Zhuo Yatong however, had an idea. she wielded her mace that was over a hundred jin, lifting and swinging it downwards to shatter the shell into pieces. Doing this, she slowly broke them apart.

Under the joint efforts of over 18,000 people and by the time evening fell, the countless Mutant Beasts’ carcasses near the river had been cleaned up. Only a huge mountain of bones from the Type 2 Mutant Black Fishes were left.

If it was just Yue Zhong alone, he would definitely have no way of settling the issue with the meat of the dead Mutant Beasts. However, what he could not accomplish on his own, 18,000 could easily accomplish it.

In the evening, the survivors under Yue Zhong’s banner started cooking the seafood, every survivor of age received a jin of Mutant Black Fish meat, while the kids received half a jin of Mutant Black Fish meat.

The Black Fish meat was absolutely fresh, and even tastier than the meat of the Black Fish prior to the apocalypse. The survivors sat together and enjoyed the fish soup while eating the fish meat, and everyone had satiated expressions on their faces.

They were extremely satisfied with their lives currently. As long as they did their work honestly, not only were they able to eat their fill, they could enjoy meat as well. At the same time, the territory under Yue Zhong was the best governed amongst the rest of the county.

If there was something they had to say they were unhappy about, it would be that there were too many rules. The slightest infringement of a law could result in whipping, but the main point was that after being whipped, the person would be chased out of the camp. Seeing those survivors who fell back into hard times the moment they were forced out, all the survivors under Yue Zhong's care were secretly alert, and constantly reminded themselves never to flout any rule.

White Bones walked to the huge pile of bones, and activated its Bone Manipulation Ability to absorb the bones into its body.

"Your Special Summon: White Bones, has gained an enhancement of 15 points to Endurance."

Yue Zhong was sitting in his own quarters and when he heard the sweet sound of a system notification, he was not distracted in the slightest. Instead he popped the 6 blood essences from the Type 2 Mutant Beasts into his mouth and swallowed.

The moment the 6 blood essences entered Yue Zhong's abdomen, they transformed into a warmth that surged throughout him, nourishing and enhancing his body continuously.

With the help of blood essences, every pore of Yue Zhong's body started oozing out black dirty blood, and soon he was covered entirely in dark grime.

Ulamog: XianXia elements anyone?

After some time has passed, the effects of the 6 blood essences wore off, and Yue Zhong heard the familiar notification of his own enhancement: "Congratulations on gaining 40 Points in Vitality, and 10 Points in Endurance."

Due to his increased immunity to the essences, even after swallowing 6 blood essences he only gained 40 points in Vitality and 10 points in Endurance. The effects could not compare to the first time he consumed the first blood essence from the Type 2 Mutant Black-Scaled Boar.

Additionally, Yue Zhong had been consuming so many blood essence that even the Type 2 Blood Essences were starting to lose their potency.

Yue Zhong opened his eyes and could feel the tremendous vitality surging within himself. He knew he had grown stronger yet again.

"What a stench!" Yue Zhong sniffed the pungent grime on him and frowned in disgust. He immediately got up and went to take a cold shower, cleaning himself up.

After his bath, Yue Zhong came to the dining hall. Right now, the dining hall was filled with many beautiful ladies.

Along the long dinner table, on the left, sat Wen Peishan, Tai Yiyan, Cheng Peipei, Zhou Yanxue, while Ji Qingwu, Zhuo Yatong, Yao Yao and Tong Xiaoyun sat on the right.

“What absolute beauties!!” Both parties were evaluating the other, and their eyes could not help but widened in shock. The women on both sides were thoroughly awed by each other.

Only Yao Yao that loli was still dressed in her military garb, and was glancing around with impatience. She sat restlessly in her seat like a little monkey. No one dared to look at her.

In today’s battle, the numerous Mutant Black Fishes that were felled by Yao Yao were above her in Enhancement Levels. Most importantly was that she was the top Agility expert within Yue Zhong’s forces. In just terms of Agility, even Yue Zhong could not match Yao Yao. After all, he was a Spirit and Endurance Dual-attribute Evolver.

When Yue Zhong came to the main seat, he smiled at the ladies: “There’s no need to wait for me. Go ahead and eat, don’t stand on ceremony.”

“I want to eat the claws of the crayfish!!!” Yao Yao immediately reached for the claws of one of the crayfish without reserve, and used her strength to crush the external shell, *CRUNCH* before digging into the sumptuous meat ravenously.

Yao Yao’s somewhat child-like behaviour broke the awkward atmosphere and the ladies all started to help themselves to the food.

The dining table was truly laden with delicacies. There was Mutant Crayfish and Mutant Crab as well as huge slices of Type 2 Mutant Black Fish meat. Also there was Type 2 Mutant Crayfish claw meat as well as Type 2 Mutant Crab claw meat. It was incredibly tasty and luxurious in this age. The women could not stop once they started, and enjoyed the food tremendously.

“Congratulations on gaining 1 point in Strength!”

Tai Yiyan was enjoying a few mouthfuls of the Type 2 Mutant Black Fish meat, when the notification sound rang out in her mind, and her expression was full of joy, and she immediately disregarded her etiquettes and continued to consume her meal in huge bites. She was after all a normal person and not an Enhancer. Therefore the meat of the Type 2 Mutant Black Fish was extremely beneficial to her, allowing her to gain a point in Strength.

“Boss Yue!! Someone is requesting an audience!”

Right as the people in the dining hall were enjoying themselves, Zhang He walked in and reported to Yue Zhong. He had already become a member of Yue Zhong’s Youth Corps, and was extremely loyal to Yue Zhong. Loyal even to the point of idolization. He was in charge of relaying messages to and from Yue Zhong, including his orders.

“Who?” Yue Zhong frowned, and asked in a low voice.

Zhang He replied: “She said she’s called Shen Xue!!”

Yue Zhong immediately recalled the extremely beautiful and elegant, yet cold to the point of indifferent lady.

“Let her in!” Yue Zhong thought for awhile, before replying softly. He did not have a favourable impression towards Shen Xue and it was likely the same for her. However, he guessed that she must have something to discuss with him.

Under Zhang He’s guidance, Shen Xue walked in with a proud gait.

Shen Xue eyed the 8 absolute beauties in the dining hall, and her gaze towards Yue Zhong increased in contempt and disgust: “I have something important to discuss with you, here’s not the place.”

Yue Zhong brought Shen Xue into a meeting room and immediately said, “What do you need! Just say it!”

Shen Xue directly replied: “I heard that you have taken care of a few Type 2 Mutant Beasts. I want to use 1 tonne of gold to purchase 30 tonnes of Type 2 Mutant Beast meat.”

In SY County, they had also hunted down a Type 2 Mutant Beast before, but it was at the expense of 2 Infantry Fighting Vehicles, a tank, 3 Evolvers, 13 Enhancers. The top expert of SY County had also perished after being eaten by the Type 2 Mutant Beast.

However, the nourishing and beneficial properties of the meat from a Type 2 Mutant Beast were discovered by the top brass of SY County and it became their privilege alone. Only a few top officials could enjoy it.

This time, upon hearing that Yue Zhong had killed a few of these Type 2 Mutant Beasts, Shen Xue had rushed over at the first minute.

Yue Zhong coldly gazed at Shen Xue: “No way! On account of Commander Shen, I can gift you with 20 jin of Type 2 Mutant Beast meat. As for the gold, keep it for your own use!”

Gold could move people’s heart, even in SY County, gold was still used as a form of currency, to exchange for food. However, to Yue Zhong, gold was basically trash, it could not be eaten, nor used, and is useless, unless it was given free to him, otherwise he would not even want it. Initially he had agreed to exchange the food for gold was a form of expediency and convenience, now that he had the sufficient power, he naturally would not lower himself.

Shen Xue glared at him coldly: “I knew you wouldn’t be willing! Why not we do it like this, I have an important piece of intel to exchange. A top-secret one.”

Yue Zhong continued without batting an eyelid: “What intel?”

Shen Xue responded in an extremely serious manner:

“There is a horde of zombies that number around 1,000,000 that seems to be aiming for SY County and are currently moving here. Based on their sustained movement speed, within 20 days they would be here to attack!”

“Is this for real?!” Yue Zhong had a huge change in expression, as he bolted up and asked.

Initially at Qing Yuan County, the horde of 100,000 had already given Yue Zhong a headache, and he had suffered major losses.

Now that he was well prepared and had an army as well as the firepower to boot, he was not as apprehensive. He really wasn't, but the figure this time was actually a million! That was a different story. It was 10 times larger than the previous time, if they really charged, it would be like an unstoppable ocean wave.

Shen Xue replied indifferently, "Definitely true, this was the result of drones that were sent out to collect info. Furthermore, we lost a total of 10 drones because of this."

Amongst the skies, while there were no zombies, there were Mutant Birds, and the drones that were sent out by the SY County's Army would definitely come across some Mutant Birds, and a number of them were destroyed.

Shen Xue looked at Yue Zhong and asked, "Is this piece of information worth 30 tonnes of Mutant Beast Meat?"

Yue Zhong replied heavily, "Yes!"

With this, Yue Zhong could go about preparing and preempting disaster. This way he didn't have to wait till the last moment and panic.

Ulamog:Dum Dum Dum....

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Yue Zhong asked somewhat curiously, "What are the military's plans?"

A horde of over a million zombies, this was on a different scale compared to 100,000. The sheer number made Yue Zhong's scalp go numb.

The zombies had an advantage over Mutant Beasts, and that was that they did not know death. Add in the disease and infection they carried with them, this could cause resisting humans to feel desolate.

Many of the survivors dared to take up arms against the Mutant Crabs and Mutant Crayfishes, yet they would not have the same courage to face the zombies.

Shen Xue spoke with extreme confidence: "We will initiate a frontal assault, annihilating them completely."

At the initial phase of the onset of the apocalypse, the army had defeated the 700,000 zombies in SY County easily. To them, the million-zombie horde was just an issue that required a matter of time.

Offence was the best defence, and since the army had a huge amount of modern weaponry. These included the Infantry Fighting Vehicles, Assault Helicopters and even tanks. They naturally would not fear the million-strong horde.

Yue Zhong pondered awhile, before asking the crucial question: "Do you have enough ammunition?"

A modern army that was adequately equipped with logistics and supply would naturally not be afraid of a million-strong horde. However, the logistics issue was currently pressing on SY County. After the SY army had regained control over SY County, and killed off the 700,000 strong horde, its ammunition usage was pretty high.

Normally speaking, for an expert like Yue Zhong, it would take a bullet to kill a zombie. However, not everyone were sharpshooters like him.

For the inexperienced soldiers, even a few rounds might not be enough to kill a zombie. As for the veterans, they would require a few shots to take out zombies at a distance as well.

After wiping out the zombies in SY County, Yue Zhong estimated that the ammunition left should number around 2 million rounds.

In fact, when the SY Military were clearing SY County, they had expended over 2 million rounds, at the same time, they even used heavy rounds on the horde then, which allowed them to regain control over SY County.

However, this led to the huge expenditure of ammunition, and was precisely the reason why Shen Hongyang and the other military heads were not in favour of fighting against Yue Zhong.

If the 2 sides really fought it out, the ammunition would really be depleted quickly. Without ammunition, in a world where danger was everywhere, they would lose their stronghold.

Shen Xue gazed at Yue Zhong icily: "Our ammunition is sufficient, there's no need for your concern."

"That's good to hear then!" Yue Zhong smiled lightly, and did not press further.

After a few minutes of silence, Shen Xue stared at Yue Zhong and said, "Yue Zhong, this battle is extremely important to us. My father Shen Hongyang hopes that you can lead your troops and join us in battle, killing the horde as they come."

Yue Zhong coldly asked: "If I provide reinforcement, what good is in it for me?"

Bringing his own troops to assist SY County in facing the zombies? Not only will it consume a huge amount of ammunition, there would be casualties on Yue Zhong's side. If there were no benefits, he would definitely not lend a hand.

Yue Zhong's aim was the huge military plants in Long Hai County. Even if he brought people to wipe out the horde of million zombies, he wouldn't gain any territory, it would just be a waste of his military strength.

Shen Xue frowned, and coldly lectured: "Yue Zhong, how can you always only think about your self-interest? Can't you just see the bigger picture? This is an issue concerning the lives and deaths of over a few hundred thousand people here in SY County, you should forsake any personal interest, and send your troops as reinforcement, only then can you be considered a hero. If you are willing to send people to help save the county, over a few hundred thousand people would be thankful."

Yue Zhong eyed the slightly agitated Shen Xue and icily replied: "I'm sorry! I'm not some hero, nor am I looking to become one that your county is looking for. I am just a normal commander. I need to think for my people and subordinates. Without enough benefits, I would definitely not send my troops to their certain death."

Yue Zhong continued on with a hint of contempt towards Shen Xue: "Furthermore! Miss Shen Xue, if your father was such a big hero, why isn't he doing anything about Su Tianyang or Peng Ji those criminals of SY County?"

Su Tianyang and Peng Ji were not good things. However, due to the fact they had powerful fathers, even after all the mistakes and catastrophes they caused, they were only grounded. Yue Zhong was not willing to stick his neck out for this type of SY County.

Shen Xue grew red in the face upon hearing Yue Zhong's tone and retorted in a loud voice: "What do you understand?! My dad has to think of the bigger picture, that was why he chose not to fall out with them. He himself does not condone the actions of Su Tianyang nor Peng Ji."

Yue Zhong looked at Shen Xue's flushed face as a result of his provocation and laughed: "Forget it! There's no point in arguing with you! I just want to know, if I send my troops out, what is in it for me! Otherwise, please head back! Otherwise, I am not interested in partaking in this war alongside you guys."

Shen Xue gritted her teeth, as she glared at this man in front of her who had managed to become the most hated person in her life. He made her feel that she just wanted to tear him apart. However, she calmed herself down and asked, "Don't you like beautiful women? We will gift to you 20 beautiful women. This should be enough no?"

Yue Zhong was speechless for a moment, because of that judgement from Da Gouzi, his own reputation had become like this. He quickly shook his head and said: "No! It's not enough!"

Shen Xue's tone became incredibly cold as she replied: "We'll add the 10,000 people you have hired under Tai Yiyan, they will be free to leave SY County. This should be enough."

The workers that Tai Yiyan had recruited were all working for Yue Zhong, and their hearts had long since favoured him, SY County thus decided to let them join him to get him to deploy his troops. This way, Yue Zhong had in fact gained over 20,000 people from SY County.

Yue Zhong's eyes flashed, and he pushed his luck: "Add on another 5,000 men, I will deploy my soldiers!!"

Shen Xue immediately rejected flatly: "Impossible! Letting you take those 10,000 survivors from Tai Yiyan is our bottom line. If you still aren't willing to, then forget it."

Yue Zhong pondered for a while longer, before he replied: "Fine!! I promise you! When the time comes, I will send 3 battalions to take part in the action. However, let me make this clear, my troops will only listen to my commands, our co-operation will not have any mutual interference."

Shen Xue did not press for the issue of command and immediately answered, "Good!"

After concluding her negotiations with Yue Zhong, Shen Xue immediately left the place, she wasn't willing to stay a moment longer by his side.

Shen Xue had just left, when Yue Zhong also set off towards his villa, and beckoned Greenie over. He then proceed to get on top of its back and they flew off towards SY County. He wanted to confirm the intel that Shen Xue had brought.

Flying through the skies was not that romantic as people thought, after Greenie had evolved into a Type 2 Beasts, its flight speed was as fast as the wind speed during a hurricane. Yue Zhong was sitting on its

back, and could feel the piercing winds, as they brushed past him, causing all sorts of discomfort. If it was any other normal person, they would definitely not be able to take the journey.

In mid-air, there were a number of Mutant Birds that were circling the skies, but they could feel the oppressive aura from the Type 2 Mutant Bird Greenie, and they all avoided it, not daring to be within a 100m radius of Greenie.

Under Greenie's lead, Yue Zhong came to the skies above SY County. As his eyesight was better in the night than the day, he could clearly see the surrounding horde of zombies surrounding SY County, like a sea that had no end. Every direction he looked, there were zombies.

Yue Zhong continued his exploration atop Greenie, and discovered that the horde stretched for 10 miles, furthermore, there were large groups of zombies that came from elsewhere and were joining the horde!

Yue Zhong observed the sea of zombies, and he furrowed his eyebrows while thinking nervously: "This time, SY County will be hard to defend!!"

Based on a rough estimation, Yue Zhong found that the situation was more serious than Shen Xue had estimated, the number was actually way above 1,200,000.

The entire population of SY county prior to the apocalypse numbered 7,000,000, and within the downtown area, the 700,000 that had turned into zombies were decimated by the military. Throughout the region, there were still a total of over 6million zombies roaming. The current 1.2 million encroaching the surroundings of the downtown was but only one-fifth of the entire number.

However, to deal with just these 1.2 million zombies would be tricky. It must be clear that within SY County, there was only a regiment of 6,000 soldiers, and that regiment's firepower had been greatly reduced, while the new recruits were aplenty. Under these conditions, wanting to face off an enemy with over a 100 times their numbers, it was going to be incredibly difficult.

After he finished his investigations and confirmed the seriousness of the situation, Yue Zhong swiftly made his way back to his villa and called for a meeting to delegate duties amongst his commanders.

The next day, Yue Zhong arranged for the 8,000 survivors under him to be moved to Ning Guang County.

Post-apocalypse, fuel was extremely valuable. The journey for the 8,000 survivors was not aided by any vehicles, therefore every single one of them had to make the journey on their own feet to Ning Guang County over a 100 li (50km) away. Only the warriors of the 8th Battalion and the Special Forces were escorting them on armored vehicles, within the survivor group, they were mostly women and children. Originally, without the nourishment of the Mutant Beast meat, just relying on their weak constitution and health, the journey would definitely take toll on at least over a hundred people. However, with the supplementary properties of the Mutant Beast meat, their health and vitality were recovered, and no one showed signs of dropping out of the journey.

Almost all the survivors harbored high hopes, and looked forward to a new life in a new place. Yue Zhong had given them a life that had steady meals, a decent living and these led them to anticipate a better future.

As for the 10,000 survivors that had been transferred from Tai Yiyang to his hands, he arranged for them to all work in the canned meat processing factory, pushing for the Type 2 Mutant Beast meat to be packed. At the same time, those meats from the Mutant Black Fish, Crayfish and Crabs were all processed into dry meat.

To bolster the strength of these 10,000 survivors for the migration journey to come, Yue Zhong specially distributed Type 2 Mutant Beast meat through Tai Yiyang to these survivors. Only the Type 2 Mutant Beast meat could quickly replenish and nourish their health, while the ordinary Mutant Beast meat might be delicacies hard to come by, compared to the more precious Type 2 Mutant Beast meat, the effects were not as beneficial.

When those 10,000 survivors ate the distributed Type 2 Mutant Beast meat, every single one of them regained their vitality swiftly, and became extremely energized, and their work became even faster.

Out of the 10,000 survivors, Yue Zhong then selected another 2,000 robust males, and formed a new preliminary group.

Chen Shitou was transferred to act as the chief instructor over this preliminary group, and started to train and instruct them. They were preparations made by Yue Zhong to replenish the ranks of the various teams as new recruits.

The preliminary team got to eat meat and rice everyday, and the food consisted of the meat from Mutant Black Fish as well as the Type 2 variant, causing the rest who were not selected to be envious. They wished to be selected as well, but Yue Zhong had closed off the selection after 2,000.

Furthermore, the back end factories all required manpower, to manufacture all sorts of weapons against the zombies, turning the hide and skin from the Mutant Beasts into protective garments, as well as repacking ammo. All these support jobs required manpower. Without sufficient people, the fighting forces would not have the equipment and supplies.

On the other side, as per Yue Zhong's commands, Liu Erhei, Xiong Zheng, Zhang Niujiang and Guo Quan brought 4 battalions to SY County. Guo Quan had become the first in command in Ning Guang County's First Battalion after Yue Zhong, and was in charge of Ning Guang County's First Battalion when Yue Zhong was not around.

These 4 battalions consisted of numerous elite veterans from Qing Yuan County that served as the backbone, and after countless battles against zombies, they had all grown together. They were no longer some motley crew that would fall apart at the first sign of trouble.

Yue Zhong's elite soldiers from Qing Yuan County within the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalion remained at Qing Yuan County, maintaining their defence and constant assault towards Long Hai County, wiping out the zombies towards the direction of Long Hai County. They searched for resources, and rescued any survivors, expanding their power slowly.

The moment all 4 battalions of Yue Zhong arrived, the entire SY County was shocked. This time when Yue Zhong entered the city with grandeur, everyone could see the amount of preparation and equipment on each and every soldier of the battalions. On top of that, there were various advanced weaponry and machinery escorting the troops, including the 14.5mm Double Mounted machine guns,

Red Arrows, Type 95 Anti-Air Missile vehicles, 40 self-propelled rocket launchers. They were not lacking in any sense. SY County's own army could not even compare with it.

When SY County had re-established themselves after the onset of the apocalypse, they only had 2 regiments left. These were the 2nd line of attack, and weren't the elite soldiers, they didn't even have tanks prior. The tanks and assault helicopters they obtained were borrowed for the purpose of the exercise. As for Yue Zhong, he had opened up a real Mechanized Infantry Brigade, and thus his equipment and weaponry was much more advanced.

[Chapter 284: Deployment](#)

Upon seeing the equipment and strength of Yue Zhong's troops, everyone in SY County celebrated the fact that they had not gone head to head with Yue Zhong. Based on his weapons and machinery, if it had really come to a clash? Even if they won against Yue Zhong, they would have suffered greatly.

While equipment was not the deciding factor of the success of a battle, it was one of the strongest factors. If 2 armies of similar size were to clash and one side was using rifles against the other with tanks, it was next to impossible.

"Commander Yue, according to our agreement, please send your troops to assist with the clearing of zombies." When Yue Zhong arrived, the army had sent out an envoy to remind Yue Zhong.

"I know! Go tell Commander Shen that I'm about to set off!!" Yue Zhong directly replied.

After the fierce battle between Su Dongming and Yue Zhong, the tanks and assault helicopters that were destroyed by Yue Zhong, as well as the numerous elite soldiers that were annihilated, Su Dongming's once tyrannical military strength was greatly diminished. It had fell to the lowest position of the 5 major heads, and was now only the Vice Division Commander. The Division Commander post went to the strongest now which was Shen Hongyang.

Of course, the other 3 powers only had their smaller corps, but were conferred the vice Division Commander Posts as well.

After sending the envoy on his way, Yue Zhong went to find Guo Quan: "Guo Quan!! This place here is our path of retreat. If this place comes under attack, the brothers of the 4 battalions will all be in peril. This time, I'm bringing the troops to clean up the horde, you have to protect this place! Are there any questions?"

This time, Yue Zhong only intended to bring 4 battalions to fight at the front line, the best of Ning Guang County was kept at SY County, to prevent any potential trouble.

After all, in this post-apocalyptic world, anything could happen. Yue Zhong did not wish to see while he was fighting in the frontline, his path of retreat would be suddenly cut off by his "allies".

Guo Quan stared at Yue Zhong, and his face displayed a resolute expression as he replied: "No problem!! Commander Yue, even if I have to risk my life, I will definitely defend this place!"

Guo Quan had went through countless battles, and grown from a normal survivor to become the Vice-Commander of the First Battalion of Ning Guang County. He was an exceptional military personnel. War

was the best form of tempering, and it had caused Guo Quan to grow into a good commander in just the short span of 2 months.

Yue Zhong left Guo Quan, while bringing Ning Guang County's 2nd, 3rd and 4th Battalion, SY's 8th Battalion, and his Special Forces. He left with a total of 5 battalions and joined the military as they made their way towards the zombie horde that was coming.

SY County's military had also mobilized a total of 5,000 people, marching towards the direction of SY County.

Due to the preciousness of fuel, other than the self-propelled rocket launchers, and the infantry fighting vehicles, as well as the various armored vehicles, the rest of the fighters had to use their feet to march on.

SY's army had been attacking their way towards SY County, and a large number of the zombies along the way had been killed by them. Yue Zhong's forces thus had a relatively relaxed time.

After 2 days, Yue Zhong's forces had come to a clearing that was about 10 kilometres away from SY County.

The entire 8,000-strong army was segregated into 6 parts, the mutual trust between each party was not strong. Especially since the relationship between Yue Zhong and Su Dongming was like water and fire. The 8,000 strong army split into 6 different paths as they went on to clash with the zombies.

While both Yue Zhong and the military of SY were on guard against one another, they were also using one another. The zombies were the enemies of humanity, not only were they SY's problem, they were Yue Zhong's problem as well. The moment SY County fell to these zombies, they would target Yue Zhong next.

Yue Zhong led his troops and they came to a stop at Tiger's Mouth Gorge.

Tiger's Mouth Gorge was a channel that led to SY County, it had 2 hills that were a few tens of metres high on either side. The space of the valley in between only allowed for a maximum of 2 huge tracks to pass through. It was easy to defend and tough to attack, and was the perfect place to set up defence.

The moment they arrived at Tiger's Mouth Gorge, Yue Zhong commanded the 1st and 2nd Battalion to commence work on some construction. A few steel barbed wires were laid out, while some steel strips, wooden fences, barricades and a huge pit soon appeared in the gorge itself.

The 2 small hills on either side were then occupied by some of Yue Zhong's troops, in case the zombies made use of them to break past this line of defence.

After bringing the troops to Tiger's Mouth Den, he handed over command to Xu Zhengang. Xu Zhengang was an outstanding officer, and had experienced many battles against both zombies and Mutant Beasts. Commanding a battle of defence was not an issue.

Yue Zhong himself went to the command centre, the 5 heads of the military were currently within giving commands as well.

There were many drones activated in the skies, with positions as the commanders of the military, the heads only had to give out orders from within the safe confinements of the command centre, while the battle would be fought by the subordinates.

Yue Zhong also obtained a few command vehicles and drones, however, he did not have the technical know-how to train up UAV(Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) personnel, therefore, he could only watch as the equipment collected dust within the armory.

Su Dongming saw Yue Zhong walking over, as he coldly snorted, before turning his head and not looking in his direction.

Yue Zhong possessed a military might that was way stronger than Su Dongming, and thus he could only resort to such petty means to display his unhappiness. As for picking a fight with Yue Zhong, Su Dongming was not that stupid.

Shen Hongyang saw Yue Zhong entering and laughed: "Yue Zhong, you're here! Are your preparations done?"

This time, Yue Zhong had deployed more men than Shen Hongyang had expected, and thus he had a more favourable impression of him.

Yue Zhong laughed, "My side's done! I can deploy them anytime!"

Shen Hongyang casted a meaningful look to Yue Zhong, "Let's set off then!"

"Begin the assault!"

The 6 heads gave the command within the command centre, and their subordinates set off and began their ferocious assault on the zombie horde.

Various self-propelled rocket launchers spat out fire in a frenzy, as the rockets landed in the densely packed horde of zombies, blasting several patches of zombies into smithereens.

Regardless of the strong L1, or L2 which had high defence, or even the speedy S2s, any zombie that got caught in the blast zone of the rocket, would immediately be rendered into pieces.

After a round of fearsome blasting, the soldiers of the military proceeded forward with the armored vehicles as cover, and started their assault. With the barrage of the bullets covering the battlefield, huge patches of zombies would fall like wheat that was reaped.

The zombies that had been caught by surprised seemed to awaken from their stupor, as they quickly reacted, and under the command of the Z-Type, the zombies made for the soldiers like a huge wave.

The moment the horde moved, it was unstoppable, and the soldiers from the military experienced for themselves firsthand the true fear of being charged by zombies. Initially when they had launched their assault, the zombies were not organized, and were easily disposed of, but this time, it was very different. One can imagine how the waves of assault that came from an organized charge of over a million zombies was unstoppable.

Behind the army, the numerous self-propelled rocket launchers and Type 40 rocket launchers fired their missiles in a frenzy into the horde, blasting more patches of zombies to oblivion.

Under the barrage of heavy fire, the densely packed zombie horde had lost over 30,000 of their numbers. If it was a human army that had lost 30,000 of their comrades, the morale would have been lost. However, these zombies knew no fear nor death, and continued their relentless assault towards the soldiers and the weaponry.

The pockets of dead flattened zombies were quickly filled up by other zombies.

The soldiers continued their relentless firing, and the fearsome attack rained down on the zombies, killing many of them.

Those zombies which were rushing towards them in a frenzy would find themselves dead before they even managed to get too close.

However, the waves making up a million zombies were more terrifying than facing a thousand or even ten thousand zombies. It was as though there was no end to the nightmare.

[Dedication: No shit...]

The relentless barrage of bullets did not seem to stop, and under those firing conditions, many of the heavy and light machine guns, as well as rifles had heated up by the continuous firing.

The military soldiers immediately swapped out their guns and barrels, and during the switch, the firepower was reduced by a lot.

Just as the soldiers from the army paused in their attacks, the horde suddenly split open, and over a hundred H1s suddenly appear, as they opened their mouths and shot numerous fireballs at the armored vehicles.

Many of the vehicles were instantly destroyed at the first moment of that fireball attack, as they exploded, it engulfed and killed the nearby soldiers.

The moment the first attack was successful, the countless S2s hiding within the horde immediately shot outwards with speeds like howling winds towards the soldiers.

The speed of the S2s were incredibly fast, crossing a distance of over a 100m in only 7 seconds. Although many of the soldiers had finished reloading, quite a number of S2s had already reached the soldiers, and used their claws to slash at the soldiers, killing lots of them.

Facing the sudden attack of the S2s, the soldiers of the military immediately lost their fighting spirit, and started to escape towards the back.

“Covering fire!! Covering fire!!”

Under the orders of the command centre, the self-propelled rocket launchers, mortars, multi-barreled missiles all fired at will into the horde of zombies. Large patches of the horde were instantly pulverized and swallowed in flames, burnt into crisps.

Those huge H1s numbering in the hundreds were also turned into ash.

The various Enhancers within the army also made their moves and started slaughtering the S2s. Everyone must fight if they want to survive.

[Chapter 285: Beginning of The Battle!](#)

[Book 2: The Sea of Zombies]

When the various Enhancers of the army made their move, those soldiers under attack were saved. However, while the 5 battalions of the Army had crushed over 60,000 zombies (the bulk of it through the rockets), it had cost them over 300 people who were clawed, leaving them either dead or severely injured. Those who were slashed by the S2s were definitely dead. Adding the 20 armored vehicles that had been destroyed by the H1s, their losses were already huge.

Yue Zhong's side was extremely cautious, he had commanded his men to make use of the mortars and blast the zombies from afar, making use of the opportunity to train up the mortar team.

The mortar team was a specialized unit in some sense, and Yue Zhong's troops were considered professionals, while those from the army were considered to be semi-proficient. This time, Yue Zhong had brought his troops with the aim to shape them up as well. Regardless of how well-trained and well-equipped a unit might be, they could not be considered experienced or elite, until they were forged through war.

Other than the mortar team, Yue Zhong assigned his elite snipers to engage in picking off the zombies from afar. None of the other units were deployed, as he knew without tanks, facing the zombies in an open area was tantamount to suicide.

The army having suffered such heavy losses from the get go was due to their separate command of the 5 battalions. There was no organization, furthermore they had underestimated the threat of the horde.

The horde continued their pursuit of the soldiers, chasing towards their posts.

The artillery of the army was constantly firing without stopping, each time their attacks landed, it would pulverize a huge number of zombies. The soldiers on the battlefield also took turns to fire, and they finally managed to stop the advance of the horde.

After maintaining 15 minutes of constant firing, the artillery all started to overheat and turn red, they could only wait it out and let them cool down. The non-stop firing of the artillery was terrifying, and it had destroyed over a hundred thousand zombies. However, the sea of zombies still seemed endless, as though there was no reduction in their numbers, and it gave birth to a sense of helplessness within the soldiers' heart.

Right at this time, the zombies stepped over the corpses of their comrades, and continued their advance towards the soldiers. Seeing the zombies that were seemingly endless, even many of the veterans of the military had fear in their eyes.

It was simply too terrifying, the sea of zombies was too terrifying. Within a short span of 2 hours, the military had used loads of heavy artillery, and countless ammo to kill over 180,000 zombies. However, right in front of their eyes, the sea of zombies seemed endless. Furthermore, as they had to fire the artillery continuously, the weapons would heat up easily and during the downtimes, they could not support the soldiers. This battle had become hard to fight.

The military soldiers maintained their stand at their various stations, making use of their rifles, guns, grenade launchers and any other weapons they could get their hands on to strike out savagely. The

moment their weapons overheated, their comrades would provide assistance to swap out the guns. At the same time, grenades rained from the skies onto the zombies, blasting numerous zombies into pieces.

The battle was increasingly intense, but without the support of the heavy artillery, the zombies were surging forward, with the deaths of their comrades not fazing them in the slightest. They continued to charge forward, engaging in an all out slaughter with the soldiers.

Under the rush of the sea of zombies, the various sites that were not reinforced or aided by any form of construction were instantly swallowed by the horde. Other than the few experts that managed to extract themselves from the danger, most of the soldiers died, or became part of the ranks of the zombie horde.

A few of the experts were entangled with a few of the S2s, and one of them died after killing a few S2s, before being pounced on immediately and devoured.

Seeing the different positions facing crisis and being decimated one by one, the 5 heads within the command centre had ugly expressions.

“Send out the tanks!!”

Following Shen Hongyang’s orders, 10 tanks immediately set off and joined the fray. On top of that, they were joined by 20 IFVs and 1 battalion of soldiers.

The moment the tanks entered the battlefield, they were like tigers amongst sheep, directly obliterating everything in their paths. They flattened the zombies into meat paste, and used their cannons to unleash fearsome balls of fury unto the zombies, incinerating them. At the same time, their mounted machine guns fired heavy round after round into the horde, killing off numerous zombies.

The 20 IFVs following behind were also utilizing their ZPT90 and firing wildly, lobbing grenades into the groups of zombies, blasting them out of the way and turning any zombies who blocked their paths into spraying waves of meat paste.

The battalion of soldiers followed the fleet of armored vehicles, picking off those zombies that did not die or slipped the net.

All of a sudden, the horde parted, and 300 L2s with their immense strength appeared, as they rushed towards the 10 tanks in a frenzy.

One of the L2s managed to crash into a tank viciously, causing the entire tank to shudder. By the next moment, the tank had knocked the L2 down, and was crushed mercilessly into meat paste.

The remaining L2s that had charged over faced the same fate, a single fist of theirs could punch a huge hole in those small armored jeeps, but against these thick armored tanks they did not possess too much of a threat.

The 300 L2s that had charged forwards were either knocked down and crushed beneath the tanks, or were directly blasted by the heavy rounds of the Type 69 Tanks. These fearsome L2s that had evolved and become stronger, were absolutely nothing in front of the kings of the battlefield.

The 300 L2s had just been annihilated by the fleet of tanks, when 400 S2s emerged from the group of zombies, after paying a painful price, they managed to jump onto the Type 69 Tanks, and were currently using their sharp claws to assault the weaponry. One of the mounted machine guns was immediately destroyed by the S2s, however they could not break past the tortoise-like armor surround the tanks.

The battalion of soldiers using the tanks as cover were currently firing wildly at those S2s, killing those zombies as they were crawling on top of the tanks.

The 20 IFVs behind the tanks were also making use of their Type 25 ZPT90 to fire crazily, killing off many S2s.

In the midst of the horde, some patches started squirming before 200 H1s appeared at about 200m away from the tanks.

The moment those 200 H1s appeared, the 20 IFVs started firing at them, causing tens of them to directly explode.

The remaining H1s opened their huge mouths, as fireballs landed on the 10 tanks. It was obvious that the Z-Types within the horde has determined the tanks to be the most dangerous weapons.

Fireballs landed on the 10 tanks one after another, before exploding into huge gouts of flame.

The flames had not yet scattered, when the 10 tanks burst out from the fiery inferno, and charged towards the direction of the 200 H1s, firing their weapons, and a huge explosion occurred, directly blasting most of them into pieces. The battalion of foot soldiers were also firing their guns, riddling the remaining H1s full of holes.

Yue Zhong looked on as the tanks exhibited their prowess and advanced forward without a care for its surroundings nor being hindered by anything, and he could not help but sigh in his heart: "As expected, the tank is the king of the battlefield. If I had 100 tanks, even a million zombies would not be able to amount to much."

The 5 military heads looked on as the 10 tanks proceeded to crush everything in their path, seemingly invincible, and their eyes lit up in delight.

However, their joy was cut short. While the tanks were indeed effective against the zombies, the number of zombies was simply overwhelming.

After the tanks had rolled over and crushed god knows how many zombies, causing them to become meat chunks. After so much killing the total number seemed to decrease only by a little, and their positions were soon filled by others.

Furthermore, the zombies were still advancing in their assault on the soldiers of the military, the 10 tanks and 20 IFVs could only become a fleet that helped save some of the soldiers, travelling everywhere and crushing any zombies that came in their path.

With the assistance of the 10 tanks and 20 IFVs, the soldiers of the army managed to catch a moment of breath, and got rid of those zombies who were filling in the empty spaces.

After another 10 minutes, the artillery of the army had finally cooled down, and the 10 tanks and 20 IFVs made their way back to rest the equipment as well. Earlier, under the attacks of the H1s, one of the tanks suffered a damaged launcher, and had to change the barrel.

Similarly, a few of the mounted machine guns had been damaged by S2s, and required some swapping out there as well. The ammunition and fuel that were expended had to be refilled too.

The artillery of the military started their relentless firing again, shooting rockets into the horde, directly exploding huge patches of zombies into ash and cinders. With the support of the heavy artillery, the soldiers were in a better shape.

On the other side, Xu Zhengang had gotten his snipers to lure the zombies over. The moment they were in range, the soldiers immediately retreated back to the traps and constructions set up in Tiger's Mouth Gorge.

The densely pack horde soon advanced towards the Tiger's Mouth Gorge.

The light machine guns that Xu Zhengang had ordered to be mounted on both sides of the small hills started firing, as the barrage of bullets cause the nearby zombies to be shot full of holes.

At the same time, Xu Zhengang activated the command to fire the artillery, as round after round of rockets landed in the midst of the zombies, blasting them into pieces. Under those conditions, Yue Zhong's artillery team also grew quickly.

As the valley of Tiger's Mouth Gorge was extremely narrow, combined with the support of Yue Zhong's artillery team, the defence was relatively easy. A huge number of the zombies that went through the gorge would be immediately killed off, or blasted into ashes.

Xu Zhengang observed the battle for a while, before ceasing fire immediately, and deployed Ning Guang County's 3rd Battalion forward with their Tang Replica Swords, as they began their close combat fight against the zombies at Tiger's Mouth Gorge.

[Chapter 286: Uphill Struggle!](#)

The soldiers of Ning Guang County's 3rd Battalion were all wearing the hide of the Mutant Black-scaled Boar as armor, gloves, and other bits of body armor. Just like the Black-scaled Boar, these protective coverings were thick and resilient. The strong scales could block the attacks of any ordinary zombies.

With the protection of the Mutant Black Boar hide, the soldiers of Ning Guang County's 3rd Battalion were like winged tigers when facing the ordinary zombies. Every swing of their Tang Replica Swords cut through the zombies like they were chopping vegetables. With such non stop slaughter the soldiers continuously received enhancement.

The experts of the Special Combat Forces were still relying on sniper rifles as well as their abilities to pick off the evolved zombies. The sound of a clacking semi-automatic bolt was inevitably followed by Zombie heads exploding.

Under the cover of the heavy artillery, the soldiers of Ning Guang County's 3rd Battalion courageously charged forward, massacring the zombies with wild chops of their Tang blades as blood flew everywhere.

Yue Zhong's forces were extremely proficient in melee combat, this was a requisite bit of training. When being whipped into shape, every single battalion had gone through close quarter combat with zombies.

Of course, equipment was important to morale. The protection of the Mutant Black Scaled Boar's hide greatly reduced the chances of being infected, therefore they were fearless as they charged into the horde. The slow reaction speeds of the ordinary zombies were simply no match for these soldiers.

As there was a limit to the cover and support of the artillery, and after firing continuously for some time, Xu Zhengang had to let the artillery cool down or risk damaging it. In response to this unavoidable fact, he ordered for the soldiers to fall back.

The sea of zombies continued advancing towards Tiger's Mouth Gorge regardless of the bullets and shelling, they knew no fear. At this time, the earlier preparations at the gorge were set in motion. Right in front of the gorge, there were numerous sharp steel spikes aimed outwards like a barbed fence.

When the zombies knocked onto the spikes, they would be pierced through by them. Add on to the mindless advance from the other zombies behind, and the zombies in the front found themselves properly impaled by those spikes. Very soon, there were numerous spikes full of mostly squirming zombies.

The zombies continued squeezing forward, causing the steel spikes to be continuously stuck with zombies, blocking off the route for the zombies behind.

After losing more than a few hundred basic zombies, the hundreds of remaining L2 charged out with the horde in attack! As these huge freaks were obvious within the crowd due to their size, the 12.7mm heavy machine guns started firing.

Due to the well planned sweeping fire from the heavy machine gun, those armored L2s were also incapacitated giving more breathing room. Tong Xiaoyun had been hiding behind cover and at the right moment took the opportunity to thrust the Dark Magic Blade and pierce one of the L2 in its head, before twisting it like a blender and killing it.

Tong Xiaoyun's telekinesis ability could exhibit its prowess under these conditions like a fish in water! Those L2s that tried to get back up from the machine-gun fire knocking them down? They were systematically picked off by her and the Dark Magic Blade.

Flame King Gu was also an old hand at these situations one should know. His attacks were multiple conjured fireballs and he exploded them on those L2s' heads, causing skull shrapnel and flaming, fleshy pulp to fly as they were blasted into pieces.

After he had joined Yue Zhong back in Qing Yuan County, he had taken part in many other battles against zombies and had reached to an enhancement level of 35. His Flame Control Skill had been enhanced three times, and the fireballs he conjured were no longer small or faded ones but instead were voluminous blazing spheres!

Bai He had an extremely icy gaze as he held his sniper rifle, and picked off the L2s one by one. The L2s kept dying, as their heads exploded gloriously under his attacks.

The valley was too narrow, and the result was the horde could not force their way through. Xu Zhengang ordered the soldiers of the 4th Battalion to lock the place down. With the assistance of the Special

Combat Forces they slaughtered a large number of zombies, while their own casualties were almost zero.

The intense battle continued all the way until evening, and no one had the luxury of time to rest. The zombies were constantly rushing to their deaths, and the soldiers from the army had to maintain their staunch defences.

Due to the overall lack of rest and constant firing, many soldiers' shoulders were starting to swell from the repeated recoil of their guns. The majority of the guns barrels had to be changed a few times as well. The intensity of the battle was way out of the 5 heads' expectations.

Even Yue Zhong's force who were guarding Tiger's Mouth Gorge, were feeling the fatigue. Xu Zhengang had rotated in the 8th Battalion to take over the 2nd Battalion, which had been fighting nonstop for the entire day.

Out of the 10 tanks and 20 IFVs which formed the steel fleet that was constantly dispatched into the battlefield, 4 of the IFVs had been destroyed by H1s which were hiddenly firing amongst the horde.

On this first day of intense fighting, with the assistance of the heavy artillery, the military and Yue Zhong had jointly massacred over 400,000 zombies. However, the cost was the gruesome death of 482 of their soldiers. Furthermore, the important and highly effective artillery had fired over half of their available ammunition.

Without the artillery, the military and Yue Zhong would definitely not be able to obtain such a promising result. Even if it were 400,000 pigs given to be slaughtered, the 6,000 people had chopped and slashed to the point of exhaustion.

The self-propelled rocket launchers could fire rockets into the midst of the horde, causing an area of effect within a radius of 18m, violently exploding and incinerating all zombies caught in its blast zone. Additionally, the shrapnel was incredibly effective at taking down any remaining zombies as well.

Each rocket could decimate a few hundred zombies. With the support of the rockets, Yue Zhong and the military had the means to wipe out over 400,000 zombies and had tenaciously defended their positions.

However, even after killing almost half a million zombies, the sea of zombies seemed as dense as ever, and one still could not see the end.

Inside the command centre, the 5 military heads and Yue Zhong were having a review.

Su Dongming suggested in a loud voice: "Retreat!! We should quickly retreat, before deploying small teams to snipe them at various places they advance to. The majority of the army should head back, regroup and prepare defences, before engaging them!"

Qian Weimin frowned and spoke softly, "No. The moment we retreat, how will we deal with those S1s? Our soldiers cannot outrun the S-Types!"

Amongst the million-strong horde, the ordinary zombies numbered the most, but the L1s and S1 type also numbered in the 10s of thousands. While the soldiers' speed outstripped the L1s, they could not compare to the S1s.

If they were to retreat, and the S1s formed a unit to chase up, those soldiers who could only rely on their legs would definitely die miserable, bloody deaths.

Luo Tianyi took a deep puff of his cigar, as here released a smoke circle and frowned. After some thought he spoke. "But if we were to continue fighting, who knows when the battle will end. Our troops may die first!"

The 5 heads of the military and Yue Zhong had seen the terror of a million-strong horde today. Even with the support of the artillery and the assault of the tanks, it was an incredibly tough battle. There was the constant danger of the frontline collapsing, morale was incredibly low, and it was only under the condition of the military sending their 7 assault helicopters to join the fray that they managed to hold the fort.

Although they had killed over 400,000 zombies, every single soldier was exhausted. If this continued on, they would not be able to hold for more than 2 days. The crux of the matter was that the battle was too intense, anyone who had to fight continuously for more than 8 hours without rest, was definitely going to feel exhausted.

When fighting against other humans, the war could take a pause and both sides would retreat to rest. Against these inhumane zombies, which only knew how to charge forward without fear of death, the soldiers did not even have the time to catch a breath, and had to maintain the defence like a robot. Under that high intensity, a lot of gun barrels were used to the point of waste, and many soldiers had swollen shoulders.

Of course, it was not without merit, after killing the 400,000-over zombies, there were some individual zombies straggling about that retreated, converging with those in SY County, this led the soldiers to breathe a little.

Su Dongming laughed coldly: "That's right! We should retreat immediately! As for the assault from the zombies, we can let one of the teams stay behind, and cover our retreat! Since Yue Zhong's forces are the strongest, and they had suffered the least losses, I suggest to let Yue Zhong and his men stay behind, to cover our retreat!"

After Su Dongming's words, the rest of the 4 heads all shifted their gaze towards Yue Zhong. Yue Zhong's crafty yet brilliant move in defending Tiger Mouth's Gorge, in addition to the preparation and construction they had done, had indeed wore down the zombies' fighting capabilities, and thus they had suffered almost no casualties.

Luo Tianyi looked towards Yue Zhong apologetically and said: "I too feel that Vice-Division Commander Su's words are right. Yue Zhong's forces are indeed the strongest. Letting him stay behind and cover our retreat, is the best option available. Yue Zhong, as long as you are willing to do so, you will become a huge hero in SY County's eyes. All the citizens will definitely remember this."

Yue Zhong flatly refused: "I disagree!! Covering the retreat is definitely a good idea, which I feel that the responsibility should fall on Su Dongming Commander Su and Luo Tianyi Commander Luo. The chance to be a hero, I'll leave it to you guys."

Su Dongming let out a cold laugh, and raised up his right hand: "Let's vote! Then it'll be fair. Those who are in favour of letting Yue Zhong stay behind please raise your hand!"

Luo Tianyi also raised his right hand.

Qian Weimin and Liu Huifeng seemed to hesitate a while, and raised their hands as well. Yue Zhong was an outsider after all, letting him stay behind, even if there was loss, it would be borne by Yue Zhong. It was not their problem.

Shen Hongyang pondered a while before offering some conditions: "Yue Zhong, as long as you stay behind and cover our retreat, once you're back at SY, as long as you have the power, how many survivors you want to take you may take. Since you like women, we'll try and find 300 pretty virgins for you as well!!"

Yue Zhong had an icy expression as he directly refused: "Not interested!! If you insist on my staying back, I'll pull my troops back immediately!"

If Yue Zhong covered their retreat and suffered losses, without power, the military would pounce on him the first chance they got.

Luo Tianyi frowned and spoke loudly, "Yue Zhong! Why are you like that, can't you see the big picture!! Our army is now facing a crisis, only you have your fighting power intact. Just to protect your own power, you're not willing to stay behind. Do you really want to force all of us to our deaths?"

Yue Zhong gazed at Luo Tianyi contemptuously, and said coolly, "Since Commander Luo can see the bigger picture, why can't you stay behind and cover the retreat?"

Luo Tianyi was naturally unwilling to stay behind, it was job that was tantamount to suicide. If one was not careful, he might lose everything. Without troops nor the equipment, Luo Tianyi would not be worth much. He was not willing to bring his troops to their deaths.

Liu Huifeng thought quietly for awhile, before suggesting an offer that made Yue Zhong's heart itchy: "Yue Zhong, if you're willing to stay behind! We can give you 3 assault helicopters and their pilots, as well as their maintenance crew!"

3 assault helicopters were potent weapons, with just 3, Yue Zhong could be considered to possess an aerial unit, facing any small powers would just require a single assault helicopter. It could easily cause the enemy to lose the will to fight and surrender immediately. Furthermore, he could use the assault helicopter to directly fly over any places that were surrounded by zombies.

Hearing Liu Huifeng's offers, Yue Zhong was slightly tempted, but he still shook his head and refused, "I'm not interested!! If you guys insist on my staying behind, I will immediately pull my troops back!!"

It was still the same logic, if Yue Zhong lost his strength, he would have no way of protecting himself against the army, much less demand for what was promised.

Regardless of their pleading and offers, Yue Zhong rejected them all.

None of the 5 heads were willing to stick his neck out for the rest as well, and pretty soon the talks came to a deadlock.

After a long while, Shen Hongyang had no choice but to dismiss the meeting, letting the various leaders to take a rest and have some food.

Su Dongming immediately found Luo Tianyi and asked, “Old Luo, what do you think about the battle?”

Luo Tianyi and Su Dongming were from the same regiment, and their relationship was decent. Furthermore, Su Dongming was the one who always held the lead position, only after clashing with Yue Zhong did he suffered heavy losses, and thus their relationship had undergone a little change. However, it was still closer compared to the rest of the 3 heads.

Luo Tianyi furrowed his brows, and came to a precise conclusion: “It’s gonna be tough!! If those zombies launch a mass scale assault in the night, we would definitely not be able to hold!”

Battling in the night was one of the hardest part of war. Under the cover of darkness, even the most elite of snipers would find it hard to discern friend from foe, not to mention the ordinary soldiers.

While the army brought plenty of flares, they could not compare to the illumination by daylight.

Su Dongming laughed coldly: “Tough?! There’s only death awaiting us all if we stay! It’s not like you have no idea how crazy it is to fight in the night. Based on the troops’ morale and fighting capabilities now, the moment there is a slight mistake, the entire formation would fall!!”

Luo Tianyi maintained his silence, he knew Su Dongming was right. They had such a high number of inexperienced soldiers who had not gone through tough training or experiences like the veterans. The moment a mistake occurred, they were bound to lose their will to fight.

Luo Tianyi pondered a while, before saying: “What do you suggest?”

Su Dongming’s eyes flash with viciousness: “We take our troops and leave. By that time, even if they don’t want to cover us, it’ll be too late! Stopping the horde will consume their resources! And then we’ll be the rulers of SY County!”

[Chapter 287: Collapse](#)

Luo Tianyi considered a while, before a resolute gleam flashed in his eyes and he nodded in agreement: “Fine!!”

If one does not fend for himself, the sky will come falling down*. Luo Tianyi was not willing to lose his capital here. Without his troops, his post as Commander Luo would be a joke,

After coming to a decision, Luo Tianyi and Su Dongming quickly boarded their vehicles and left the command centre, under the protection of their own experts, they went to the positions of their troops.

Soon, the entire battalions of Luo Tianyi and Su Dongming had left their posts, leaving behind some weapons, and were escaping directly towards SY County.

“Division Commander!! Luo Tianyi’s troops and Su Dongming’s troops had deserted!!!”

Shen Hongyang, the other 2 heads and Yue Zhong had just come back to the command centre when one of the officers ran up to Shen Hongyang and reported the news gravely.

“What!!!” Hearing the news, Shen Hongyang, Liu Huifeng, Qian Weimin and Yue Zhong all turned pale.

Luo Tianyi and Su Dongming had left without a word at this critical juncture, this caused their defence earlier agreed upon to have 2 large holes. The horde could easily breach the defence through the holes and surround the other troops from behind.

Even the strategic point of Tiger's Mouth Gorge that Yue Zhong was controlling would lose its effectiveness. The zombies could go through the gaps left by Luo Tianyi and Su Dongming to cut around the gorge and attack Yue Zhong's troops.

"I curse your entire families, Luo Tianyi and Su Dongming!!" The usually calm Liu Huifeng was currently so agitated that he cursed out loud. He was beyond infuriated as the deserting actions from the other 2 heads would definitely cause the loss of the war.

Qian Weimin's eyes were currently bloodshot as well, and he scolded out loud: "Fuck!! Div. Commander Shen, I recommend that we announce that Luo Tianyi and Su Dongming as traitors, and to activate the assault helicopters to wipe the deserters out!!"

The remaining 7 assault helicopters were under the command of Shen Hongyang, if they were deployed, they could easily annihilate Luo Tianyi and Su Dongming.

Yue Zhong also walked forward furiously and said, "Commander Shen!! Please send out your helicopters to make an example of the deserters!! Also, make the announcement that Luo Tianyi and Su Dongming are traitors!!!"

This was absolute treason!! At the most critical point of the battle, Luo Tianyi and Su Dongming had backstabbed them ruthlessly. Yue Zhong could not help but feel infuriated as well.

Shen Hongyang lowered his head in thought before replying: "No!! Luo Tianyi and Su Dongming have deserted, that's true, but their subordinates are innocent! They are all good soldiers, and have done SY County a lot of merit. I can't give this order!!"

Hearing Shen Hongyang's words, Yue Zhong felt extremely disappointed! Shen Hongyang was caring for the soldiers under the 2 traitors, and weren't willing to label them as traitors and deserters, nor did he want to punish them. While his intentions were good, under these circumstances, it was basically cowardice and indecisiveness.

"Division Commander!!! The horde is attacking!!!" One of the officers called out.

Those zombies had retreated earlier to regroup, and await more of the their comrades to join in, once they were gathered, they launched their assault again.

Yue Zhong glanced coldly at Shen Hongyang: "Commander Shen, since you're not willing to give the command, I can't force you. Goodbye."

After that, Yue Zhong immediately strided out. He did not want to stay here any longer to be buried with Shen Hongyang. The moment Luo Tianyi and Su Dongming deserted their posts, the battle was lost. He could only retreat at the fastest speed, bringing his troops along with me. Talking anymore words with Shen Hongyang was wasting time.

Shen Hongyang's face changed, as he called out agitatedly, "Yue Zhong!! Come back!! Yue Zhong, come back this instant!!!"

If Yue Zhong were to leave, the situation will become more dire.

Yue Zhong ignored Shen Hongyang, and in a few breaths he got on top of Greenie, flying towards his troops.

“Heed my command! All battalions are to retreat immediately and make your way back to SY County! Special Combat Forces maintain your resistance from where you guys are! Xu Zhengang, you organize the retreat!” Sitting aboard Greenie, Yue Zhong talked through the walkie-talkie, giving a slew of orders to his subordinates.

“Commander! What happened?” Xu Zhengang who was in the midst of commanding, immediately asked Yue Zhong. He could detect that there was something wrong from the urgent tone of Yue Zhong.

Yue Zhong gritted his teeth and said, “Those bastards Luo Tianyi and Su Dongming have deserted!! We can’t hold the horde back anymore!”

“I understand! I will complete your orders!” Xu Zhengang replied and immediately started organizing the retreat!!

The 1st Battalion which had the least equipment to worry about were the first to retreat. They started making their way back towards SY County in huge steps, everyone of them holding a can of Type 2 Mutant Meat. They ate while walking, and the precious Type 2 Mutant Meat helped recover their vitality.

The various equipments and setups on the hills were torn down and packed into the vehicles, and the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Battalions started making their way back. Only the Special Combat Forces remained behind to defend the Gorge, buying some time for the rest of the battalions.

Yue Zhong transmitted an order to Guo Quan: “Guo Quan! Take all the troops now and conquer the riverbank bridge!! Transfer all the survivors to the other side. That is the only path of retreat for our troops, you must definitely protect it!!”

Guo Quan replied loudly: “Yes! Commander Yue!!”

After Yue Zhong left, Liu Huifeng and Qian Weimin both stared coldly at Shen Hongyang, not even bothering about him anymore, before they both left the command centre and gave the urgent commands to their subordinates to abandon their posts and prepare to evacuate. As long as there were people remaining, there would be a chance back at SY County.

The moment the troops of Liu Huifeng and Qian Weimin left their posts, the entire defence line collapsed, and the zombies made their advance through the various posts.

Shen Hongyang had immediately deployed the tanks and IFVs to fire crazily at the zombies in an attempt to kill them.

However, the moment the soldiers on the ground received news of the retreat of the other 5 powers, Shen Hongyang’s troops all felt despair. Some of the companies started to lose their will to fight, and ran for their lives.

Zombies had routed around from the gap left by Luo Tianyi and were attacking Shen Hongyang’s soldiers, surrounding them on both sides.

With their retreat cut off, the troops started to lose composure, and a huge number of the soldiers abandoned their positions, throwing their equipment and running into the night.

The S1s and S2s amongst the horde were the most terrifying killers, they chased down those soldiers who tried to run, killing them effortlessly.

There were many deaths happening every single second. The defence line collapsed and the soldiers lost all composure and will to fight, throwing down their equipment. All sorts of ammo belts, heavy machine guns, mortars, rocket launchers, were all left behind. They only had the thought of lightening their weights so as to escape faster.

One officer ran up to Shen Hongyang's side and pleaded bitterly, "Division Commander!! Please evacuate!! We can't hold on any longer!! If we don't, the zombies will reach here soon!!"

Shen Hongyang looked at the chaos and death on the screen, and looked crestfallen: "Was I wrong? Where was I wrong? How did it become like this??"

Shen Hongyang looked at his elite soldiers being bitten to death, and felt pain in his heart. These were the hope for mankind.

Due to Liu Huifeng and Qian Weimin pulling their troops at the first moment, Shen Hongyang's troops were encircled by the zombies, and a huge number of them were dying out, in fact, only Shen Xue's elite First Battalion was left fending for themselves.

The officer could not care less about ranks and hierarchy anymore as he shouted at Shen Hongyang, "Division Commander!! If you still don't act, Miss Shen Xue's unit is gonna be annihilated!!"

"Let the First Battalion retreat!! Send the armored vehicles to cover them!!" Shen Hongyang seemed to have been jolted to his senses after that shout and quickly issued the orders.

Upon Shen Hongyang's activation, the tanks and IFVS formed an assault line, and charged into the horde, crushing any zombies in their paths.

The 7 assault helicopters were also activated by Shen Hongyang, and followed the armored vehicles to rescue the First Battalion that was surrounded by zombies.

Facing the sea of zombies, other than Shen Xue's unit, the other troops had abandoned their equipment, and ran like crazy back towards SY County.

Defeat!! It was a complete and utter defeat!!

On the road, there were many soldiers running back, having thrown their armor and equipment. The moment they were caught by the S-Type zombies, they would die.

Those S2s had speed that vastly outstripped the ordinary zombies, very soon, they had caught up with the retreating troops of Liu Huifeng and Qian Weimin, launching a ruthless assault upon them.

The troops of Qian Weimin and Liu Huifeng had their Enhancers step out to take care of the S2s that were chasing up, however, under the relentless assault, numerous soldiers from the different battalions were all defeated and killed.

Yue Zhong had rushed to Tiger's Mouth Gorge at the first moment. He wanted to join his Special Forces in fighting back the zombies, buying more time for his own subordinates to retreat farther.

Without the support from the other positions, Tiger's Mouth Gorge would definitely be overrun, they could at most withstand for a little longer, which in turn meant that the advance of the zombie horde would be slowed down as well.

By the time Yue Zhong arrived at Tiger's Mouth Gorge, the battle had reached an extreme intensity. The endless waves of zombies were constantly advancing towards the gorge.

At the Tiger's Mouth Gorge, there were a few heavy machine guns being fired rapidly, and with the hail of bullets, the zombies were being slayed by the numbers as well.

With the continuous advance and death of the countless number of zombies, a 4m high mountain of corpses soon piled up at the mouth of the valley.

[Chapter 288: Capturing the Bridge!](#)

The riverbank bridge was an important channel of transportation towards the north in SY County. It was also the only channel that led to Ning Guang County. If it wasn't for this bridge, if one wanted to go to Ning Guang County from SY County, it would be over 80km, and one had to travel the outskirts of SY County to find the other channels. Accordingly, the riverbank bridge was like a lifeline for SY County.

Therefore, on the bridge, there were 20 policemen who were guarding both ends of the bridge.

Zhang Cheng was a policeman of SY County, he was also the vice director, who had been stationed at the bridge long-term. He was extremely satisfied with his current position, not only did he get to eat his fill everyday, his wages were 30 jin of rice in a month. 30 jin in the current post-apocalyptic world was a sizable sum, and allowed him to pay to toy with a few women.

"Boss!! Want to go for a round?" One of the younger policemen called out to Zhang Cheng. Inside the room, 6 of the policemen were currently playing "Fighting the Landlord" and "Win the Chicken", and had bet their wages as stakes.

"You guys go ahead!!" Zhang Cheng laughed.

Right at this moment, the door was kicked wide open, and a number of soldiers rushed in with their .03 rifles, aiming the guns at the policemen as they coldly shouted out: "Nobody move! Put your hands up!"

Zhang Cheng and his team were all shocked, and immediately raised their hands. The current world was not like in the past, the moment there was a bit of resistance, their lives might be gone in the next instant.

"I say, this brother! Is there some misunderstanding?? I don't think we have offended you guys in any way right?" Zhang Cheng looked towards the military-dressed soldiers and worked up his courage to ask.

The leader of the soldiers shouted out coldly, while waving his hands and a few other soldiers stepped up to tie up the 7 policemen, as he said, "Shut up, keep your mouth shut the whole lot of you!"

This police station was thus won easily by Guo Quan.

Although there were over 20 policemen standing guard near the bridge, they were not wary enough, and their fighting capabilities were weak. Before they even knew what had happened, the bridge was easily subdued and conquered by Guo Quan and his men.

Obtaining control of the bridge was easy, but defending it was going to be tough.

Guo Quan had ordered for a few streets near the bridge to be closed off within the first chance he got, and the survivors were all chased out.

At the same time, Guo Quan had assigned a platoon of soldiers to launch an attack on the policemen on the other side of the bridge.

As they were caught unprepared, the policemen on the other side were also easily subdued, and all the policemen were brought together and locked up.

The first group of soldiers also started constructing some defence under Guo Quan's orders. As long as they did not face the attacks of any artillery, the defence fortifications would be of extreme use.

"Guo Quan, what is the meaning of this?" Guo Quan's actions were picked up by the 2 heads of the government, and Wen Baoguo had personally come into Guo Quan's zone, asking with a steely expression.

Guo Quan replied curtly, "I'm doing this on Commander Yue's orders!!"

Wen Baoguo continued, "Leave here immediately! I'm telling you to leave here, otherwise I'll be forced to announce that you guys are not welcome here anymore."

Guo Quan replied icily, "Before Commander Yue comes back, we're not going anywhere."

Wen Baoguo stared fixedly at Guo Quan, and thought deeply before asking suddenly, "Is there something wrong with the frontlines?"

Guo Quan hesitated a while, before revealing to Wen Baoguo: "Luo Tianyi and Su Dongming had abandoned their posts first and made a run for it. The entire defence line had collapsed!! This time, we're defeated!! The huge horde of zombies are currently making their way towards us!!"

It was as though Wen Baoguo was struck by a lightning bolt out of nowhere, as he stammered to confirm the news with Guo Quan: "Is this true?"

If it was as Guo Quan said, things had gotten to a seriously bad point. When the army had left to deal with the horde, everyone had seemed so full of themselves and confident. Who would have expected that the army which possessed modern weaponry and high-tech equipment to have lost to a horde of mindless creatures.

It must be clear that initially, the army had easily taken care of the 700,000 zombies within SY County itself, after expending huge amounts of ammunition and suffering little casualties. This time, most of the survivors thought that dealing with the horde was only a matter of ammunition, and never did they imagine that the army was actually defeated.

Guo Quan coldly replied, "This is what Commander Yue transmitted to us. If you don't believe it, you can ask Shen Hongyang personally."

Wen Baoguo did not seem to notice Guo Quan's indifference, he immediately rushed back to the government, assigning a subordinate to confirm the news with Shen Hongyang.

"What do we do?" Wen Baoguo's first course of action was to seek Peng Mingde to discuss.

Peng Mingde pondered a while, before speaking: "There are 2 paths we can take now! The first is to activate the survivors, to construct fortifications and defence mechanisms, giving them weapons, to join the army in defending SY County. The other, is to forgo SY County, and to evacuate the survivors!"

Wen Baoguo shook his head, "The zombie horde could overcome even the army, what hope will we have with our citizens? The first path you speak of is not possible."

SY County had over 100,000 survivors, their numbers exceeding the soldiers of the military, however, most of them had been starved to the point of emaciation, their bodies extremely weak. It was too much to ask of them, seeing that throwing a punch would drain them, not mentioning taking up arms against a huge horde of zombies as well as evolved ones.

Peng Mingde frowned as he softly replied: "Then we can only abandon SY County and shift. However, where can we go with 100,000 survivors?"

Yue Zhong's Ning Guang County and Qing Yuan County were naturally the safest places to be, however, Peng Mingde was not willing to take the survivors to Yue Zhong's strongholds. The moment the survivors ended up in Yue Zhong's hands, his position as Secretary General Peng would not last long.

Wen Baoguo thought for a while, and said resolutely, "Let's move to Yue Zhong's Ning Guang County! The place is big enough, accommodating an additional 100,000 people shouldn't be an issue."

Wen Baoguo had his desires to remain as a government officer, and loved his authority. However, he knew what his bottom line was. He would definitely not risk the lives of a 100,000 people for the sake of his own power.

Peng Mingde hesitated a while, before shaking his head: "Let's slow down!! Maybe things aren't as bad as we thought!!"

Power was an amazing thing. To give up the power and authority a person has, required a huge deal of courage and determination. Peng Mingde could not see the end picture, and was thus unwilling to give up his own power.

Peng Mingde did not agree with Wen Baoguo's suggestion to evacuate the survivors, however he started to activate them to begin fortifications at the borders.

Guo Quan was currently organizing the survivors calmly, preparing for them to leave towards Ning Guang County.

At the frontlines, Yue Zhong had been engaged in battle against the horde with his Special Forces, and a huge group of zombies had just routed behind them from the other positions and were starting an attack on them.

The Special Combat Forces unit had already done their preparations beforehand, every one of them tied a rope to themselves which were tied to Greenie's legs.

With a flap of its wings, Greenie rose towards the skies, bringing the Special Combat Forces with it. The soldiers, carried by Greenie, enjoyed the aerial flight that was hard to come by.

Yue Zhong, Zhuo Yatong, Ji Qingwu and Tong Xiaoyun were seated on Greenie's back.

Tong Xiaoyun was hugging Yue Zhong tightly, her expression comfortable.

Yue Zhong was also hugging Zhuo Yatong tightly, taking in her fragrance, a look of satisfaction on his face.

When Greenie was in mid-air, as the winds were too harsh, no one spoke, they all huddled tightly together, enjoying the rare moment of peace.

After flying for a while, Yue Zhong patted Greenie's back and said, "Fly a little lower, Greenie!"

Upon hearing the command, Greenie started its descent, flying at a low altitude.

Yue Zhong laid on Greenie's back, and looked below.

Greenie's flight speed was extremely fast, not long after, it had chased up to Xu Zhengang's unit that had left an hour earlier.

At the same time, there were over a hundred S2s chasing Xu Zhengang and his men from behind.

However, Yue Zhong's troops were experienced when dealing with these S2s with high speed.

5 IFVs tied with wire charged towards the S2s.

As the speed of the S2s were extremely fast, when they made contact with the thin wires, their own speed coupled with the frontal charge of the IFVs caused their own head to be sliced through by the combined force.

Other than the 5 IFVs charging forwards, a few steel wire nets were already taken out, forming an entire piece. While these steel wire nets were of no use against the L2s which had incredible strength and defence, they were extremely efficient against the S-Type zombies. Many of the S2s charged into the nets, before being brought down by them. The soldiers then stepped forwards to execute them.

Some of the warriors decked in Mutant Water Snake hides and wielding their Tang Replica Swords even dared to come up and hack off the heads of the S2s.

Bright flashes of gunfire illuminated the skies, causing this entire area to be lit up like a normal day. Yue Zhong's troops were engaged in an intense battle with these S2s. While Yue Zhong's troops had the upper hand, the S2s were simply too fast, from time to time, there would be some soldiers who had their Mutant Boar hides slashed through, and being injured as a result.

Right as the battle was going on, Greenie had flapped its wings and arrived.

Yue Zhong leapt down from Greenie's back, activating his Shadow Steps and rushed into the midst of the zombies. He attacked, waving his 2m-long Black-tooth Blade as he killed the zombies effortlessly.

The rest of the Special Combat Forces also undid their ropes, and joined in the fray.

The moment the Special Combat Forces joined in, the remaining more than a 100 S2s were decimated. The performance of the little loli Yao Yao was especially eye-catching. Her speed had long surpassed the S2s of course. As long as she was moving about, the S2s found their heads decapitated, and her speed of executing the S2s was even faster than Ji Qingwu and Yue Zhong as a result.

[Chapter 289: Breakout!](#)

After killing the S2s that had chased up, under the command of Xu Zhengang, the 4 Battalions immediately gathered together and continued on with their retreat towards SY County in an orderly fashion.

Xu Zhengang was the defeated commander that Yue Zhong had brought over to his side from Qing Yuan County previously, and he was truly an exceptional commander. Under his command, even in the darkness, other than a measly few who had escaped during the retreat the rest of the 4 battalions maintained their order and spirit. This prevented any falling apart at all. Those who had escaped were also from the preliminary group that had to join in the fray at short notice.

The soldiers from the preliminary group had not gone through any tough battles. So when the S2s arrived and begin their assault, the soldiers from the preliminary group had escaped and parted from the army due to fear.

However, compared to the SY's military that had collapsed till they lacked all resemblance to an army, Yue Zhong's troops were considered to have been preserved well.

Yue Zhong's army being maintained was due to Yue Zhong's efforts in leading his Special Combat Forces to buy time for the rest of the soldiers led by Xu Zhengang.

After disposing of the group of S2s, Yue Zhong and his elite Special Combat Forces with the strongest fighting capabilities out of the entire army stayed behind. continuing to cover the retreat for the rest of the troops. At this time, the Special Combat Forces each took out their dried fish meat of the Type 2 Mutant Black Fish. Upon feasting on this meat, it replenished their depleting energy, allowing them to regain the strength to fight.

After fighting for an entire day, the Special Combat Forces were exhausted. If it wasn't for their condition that surpassed most normal humans, they would have lost the will to fight long ago.

This time, the horde that Yue Zhong and the army had to face? Firstly, the zombies numbered above 1.2 million. During the day, they had managed to kill over 400,000 of them. Unfortunately there were still 800,000 of them left. The number of S2s within this horde of 800,000 still exceeded over 3,000.

These S2s were urged by the Z-Types within the horde, and charged forwards like knives, chasing and killing the retreating soldiers of both the army and Yue Zhong's troops.

As long as they were marked by the S2s, the S1 army would quickly catch up, and the lethal combination could break down any resistance that the humans had left.

Therefore, Yue Zhong had to take his Special Combat Forces to kill those S2s in pursuit. Otherwise, if the fight dragged on too long, Xu Zhengang and the 4 Battalions would definitely be wiped out.

In the wilderness covered by darkness as well as the lack of any forms of construction? Obviously, the moment the S1s reached them, Yue Zhong's 4 battalions would not be able to last long.

Yue Zhong and his Special Combat Forces killed off a few other straggling zombies that had managed to catch up. Suddenly, 10 defeated soldiers appeared and ran towards them, with 4 S2s in pursuit.

"Help!!! Help!!!" The leader of the team saw Yue Zhong and eyes brightened as he shouted out madly.

Without any equipment, nor terrain advantage, even 30 soldiers would die against 4 S2s.

"Go save them!!" Yue Zhong glanced at the 10 soldiers and commanded.

Yao Yao, who was feeling excitement and lingering battle-lust after killing so many zombies, charged into the ranks of the 4 S2s. As she arrived her Dark Magic Blade began flashing about, and the heads of the 4 S2s instantly fell on the ground.

After killing the 4 S2s, Yao Yao immediately rummaged through the items they dropped, seeing that there was nothing of use to her, she stuffed them in a bag and threw it to Yue Zhong.

The 10 soldiers looked on with an expression of shock. They did not expect that this little loli decked in the smallest military attire, with such cute looks, would be capable of such fearsome combat skills. The 4 S2s that they, as grown men, could not handle were disposed off easily by this little loli.

The 10 soldiers came forward to Yue Zhong and the leader kneeled as he begged pitifully: "Commander Yue!! I am the Commanding Officer of Division Commander Shen's 3rd Battalion 2nd Company, Liu Lijian! Please, I'm begging you to bring your men to save our Commander Shen!! Our brothers from 2 battalions have been surrounded by zombies, if no one goes to save them, they will die soon!!"

The rest of the soldiers who managed to escape death's door also kneeled and started begging bitterly: "Commander Yue!! Please save our Commander Shen!!"

Although Shen Hongyang was not perfect, he was a commander that valued his soldiers. He could even remember the names of any officer or commander he groomed. Furthermore, regardless of any issues that his subordinates might face, he would be the first to step out and help. It was because of his nature that he was admired and loved by his troops.

Of the 6 armies, Shen Hongyang's troops were the slowest to evacuate, thus even though he had tanks and assault helicopters, he was bogged down by those S-Types. And it was because Shen Hongyang had attracted the attention of the zombies that the pressure on Yue Zhong's troops was reduced a lot.

Song Wen quipped in harshly, "Commander Yue!! That bastard Shen Hongyang didn't give the orders to take down those traitors Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi. There's no need for us to care about him. Let them feed the zombies! At least they can be useful for slowing the horde down. It's the best outcome possible!"

Shen Hongyang's decision to not pursue Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi who had abandoned their posts created a dip in morale and fighting spirit amongst the rest of the army. Based on the situation, if Shen Hongyang had deployed the 7 assault helicopters to give chase, Luo Tianyi and Su Dongming did not possess any anti-air defence, and thus would be defeated, slowing their retreat down. The rest of the

army could then work together to capture the 2 of them and their troops to act as cannon fodder to slow the zombie horde down. That would have been the best course of action to take.

Yue Zhong glanced at Liu Lijian and said indifferently, "From now on, you're under me! You are no longer Shen Hongyang's men. I will bring some people to take a look, if he's still worth saving, I will lend a hand!"

Any veteran soldier that had gone through the forge of war was a prized treasure. They possessed combat ability as well as a strong fighting will compared to newer soldiers.

This time, the military had underestimated the horde, as they had retained the thinking of the prior battle where they managed to conquer SY County and the 700,000 zombies without counting for the evolved zombies this time round. This was the main reason for their loss, however, they still managed to clear 400,000 of the zombies with Yue Zhong. If it wasn't for the fact that there were selfish and personal interests, the army might still have lost, but it would not have been this bad.

After speaking, Yue Zhong directly brought his Special Combat Forces and headed towards Shen Hongyang's direction.

Shen Xue currently felt despair at the situation. Shen Hongyang had given the orders to evacuate too late, and thus a large number of the zombies had already surrounded them, cutting off their retreat. At this time, the First Battalion being led by Shen Xue was engaging in an all-out fight against the zombies together with the armored vehicles and tanks, which formed a defensive post, coupled with the assault helicopters in the air. They had managed to kill off waves after waves of S2s, however, before the total number of S2s had been killed, the S1s had come arrived.

The total number of S1s far outnumbered the S2s, and they were simply endless. Even with the constant heavy fire by Shen Xue and her unit, which resulted in a lot of deaths of the S-types, there were a still few who managed to rush past the defence line, and started killing the soldiers.

Shen Hongyang had sent in his experts to the frontlines at the first moment he could.

A few experts who were extraordinary, their strength only slightly inferior to Yue Zhong's own Special Combat Force appeared on the battlefield

With their abilities, they managed to lock down those S1s and S2s, killing them all entirely.

Yue Zhong was not the only one who knew how to raise experts, the five heads of the military as well as the 2 governing heads of the government had a handful of experts that were similar to Yue Zhong's Special Combat Force. Amongst these experts, some were even naturally awakened Evolvers.

Amongst Shen Hongyang's experts, there was a burly, dark, middle-aged man with calloused hands, his name was Xu Xiao, and he was the leader of the group of experts. He also possessed the strongest fighting capabilities as an Evolver amongst the group of experts.

Xu Xiao was a Spirit-based Evolver, and had a Ferrokentic ability called Steel Manipulation. Surrounding him, there were 4 Tang Replica Swords and 2 Dark Magic Blades, sealing the space within 10m of him. As long as he passed near the horde, the 6 God and Devil System equipments would fly out crazily, chopping and slashing those S2s.

As Shen Hongyang's strongest expert, Xu Xiao had experienced countless battles. As of now, he was a Level 38 Enhancer. With only 2 more levels to go, he would undergo another leap in strength.

However, these 2 levels were hard to achieve, even after hunting and killing so many S2s, Xu Xiao would need to kill over a few hundreds of them before he could reach Level 40. If he were to hunt and kill the normal zombies, then he would be required to kill over 10,000 of them before he can reach that level.

In this post-apocalyptic world, the fastest way to gain levels was to hunt and kill extremely strong Mutant Beasts. As long as one could hunt these tyrants, one could gain strength rapidly. However, Xu Xiao was but one member of the army. He could not travel around alone freely to hunt and seek for high-level Mutant Beasts to hunt.

This was because he had to obey commands. The fact that he could reach Level 38, was because he had already killed many Type 2 zombies, and had slowly climbed up the Enhancement ladder.

Under the lead of Xu Xiao, the 10 experts all exhibited their abilities to the maximum. Their ruthless attacks continuously ground and killed the S-Type zombies that got too close, maintaining the morale and fighting spirit of the soldiers.

However, those who managed to take down most of the zombies, were still the normal soldiers. With the help of the seemingly unceasing firepower, huge numbers of the zombies would be slain just like that.

In the sky, flares would be fired constantly, illuminating the battlefield. Without the illumination, the 2 battalions would have long been swallowed by the sea of zombies.

Shen Hongyang initially had 4 battalions of soldiers, but all he had left now were 2 exhausted and almost broken battalions. The other 2 battalions were made up of too many new soldiers, and once they knew their comrades had abandoned their posts, they had lost their composure at the first moment. Only these 2 battalions fighting were left in Shen Hongyang's hands.

While the 2 battalions put up a brave fight, their numbers were dwindling as time passed, and their exhaustion was increasing. Facing the never ending waves of zombies, being swallowed by the sea of zombies was only a matter of time. It was just that while Shen Hongyang knew that fighting on would result in his entire army being killed, he had no choice but to fight. If he were to evacuate them right now, the 2 battalions would be slaughtered by the S-Type zombies anyway, and only death awaited.

"Division Commander!! Battalion Commander Shen Xue's side requires the aid of the tanks. They cannot hold on for much longer!!" One of the officers transmitted to Shen Hongyang.

"Ask her to hold on for 10 more minutes!! The tanks are supporting Yuan Lei and the other battalion right now!! Organize my guards right now, and deploy them over to her side!!" Shen Hongyang's eyes were bloodshot right now, and he looked as though he had aged a few years as he spoke out hoarsely.

At this time, both battalions were reaching a critical point, and needed support everywhere they could. Shen Hongyang simply could not pull out any more soldiers to assist Shen Xue, and thus could only assign his guards to go help her.

"Commander Shen! Do you require help?" At this time, Yue Zhong had brought his Special Combat Forces and entered the command centre.

Shen Hongyang saw the sudden appearance of Yue Zhong, and his eyes lit up, as though he had seen a glimmer of hope: "Yue Zhong!! You're here!! I need your help urgently. If you can save the 2 battalions, I will definitely repay you."

Right now, the situation was dire, and Shen Hongyang did not have the energy nor mind to engage in any more mind games with Yue Zhong.

Yue Zhong immediately stated his conditions: "I can think of a way to get your men out. However, I want those 10 tanks, 7 assault helicopters as well as their drivers, artillery soldiers, as well as 10 drone operators. On top of that, I will require 2 companies of veteran soldiers. If you agree to these, I would immediately lend a hand, if not, I will leave. You can rely on your own capabilities to try and kill your way out then!!"

Yue Zhong had decided to save Shen Hongyang because he was eyeing the various equipment and experience soldiers on Shen Hongyang's side. He had the machinery of his own at the Mechanized Infantry Brigade base, but he lacked the professionals and the know-how. As long as he obtained the talent, he could train a few more within a short time, and quickly assemble a powerful unit.

Shen Hongyang pondered for just a while, before accepting Yue Zhong's terms: "I promise you!"

If his men were dead, he was left with nothing! Shen Hongyang loved his troops like he loved his children, he would not sacrifice them if he could. If right now Yue Zhong wanted him to surrender, as long as the soldiers could live on, he would not hesitate to do so.

Yue Zhong said deeply: "Order your units to pack up and evacuate now! Get the experts, the armored troop and the assault helicopters to fall back orderly. I will send my guys to cover your retreat!"

Shen Hongyang nodded his head, and immediately gave a list of commands, ordering his men to start evacuating.

Yue Zhong also sent out his experts to cover the 2 battalions in their preparations to retreat.

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Very soon, the 2 battalions had finished their preparations, and were currently being surrounded by many S1s.

Shen Hongyang had ordered the 10 tanks and 6 IFVs to bring up the rear, while the sides were covered by his experts and Yue Zhong's Special Combat Force.

At the front of the troops, there was only Yue Zhong, White Bones and Greenie. There was only 3 of them, and they were the lead force in charge of opening a path!

"Greenie!! It's up to you now!!" Yue Zhong gave a nuclei from the Type 2 Mutant Crab to Greenie, as he patted its head and said seriously.

Greenie gobbled up the nuclei in one mouth, and flapped its wings as it activated its ability: Wind Power!

In mid-air, Greenie flapped its wings continuously, and a number of hurricanes appeared, blowing towards those S1s and S2s that were blocking the way. Under the fearsome strength of the winds, those tightly-packed S1s and S2s were blown a few metres away.

With the mini-hurricanes generated by Greenie, a hole appeared in that horde of 10,000 S1s.

“Charge!!!” Shen Xue saw the hole and immediately hollered without a care for her bearing!!

The 2 battalions saw the lifeline, and in that instant, they managed to summon their last bit of strength as all of them made a rush for the opening.

Yue Zhong hoisted 2 .05 submachine guns and immediately rushed to the front. With his superb aiming, he shot his guns, his both hands constantly firing wildly. With each spray of the machine gun, a line of zombies would immediately be slain as their heads exploded.

If we remember that Yue Zhong possessed incredible night vision, in the dark, he was like a fish in water. Any zombies that got too close would immediately be fired upon and killed with a bullet to the head.

White Bones just charged directly into the midst of the hordes, and with its body, it constantly shot out and in 10 incredibly sharp bone spikes in random orders. that pierced through the heads of countless zombies killing them instantly.

Now that it had Evolved to possess some intelligence, White Bones’ combat ability became even more fearsome. It could now control any part of its body to shoot out its bone spears, and it literally became a moving, flexible spike ball. Furthermore, after possessing the ‘Sharpening’ ability, every single bone spear that it shot out could easily penetrate the heads of even the L2s that knives and most guns could do nothing about.

With the protective cover of Yue Zhong and White Bones, the S2s could not even come close enough before they were instantly decimated. Thus the path for the soldiers’ movement was unhindered.

“So strong!!” Shen Xue looked at Yue Zhong and White Bones. With just the 2 of them, they battled while maintaining the gap that was created by Greenie’s hurricanes. She gritted her teeth and could not help but admit that Yue Zhong was incredibly powerful.

Even the strongest expert within Shen Hongyang’s camp ~ Xu Xiao, who led the other experts, could not match Yue Zhong’s team’s spectacular performance and ability.

Especially powerful here was Greenie, whose natural ability allowed it to conjure up hurricanes. With every attack, a few hundreds or even occasionally thousands of zombies would be blown away.

It was because of this Type 2 Mutant Beast’s help, that Yue Zhong and White Bones could carve out a way for the soldiers to retreat.

The soldiers of the 2 battalions munched on the emergency Type 2 Mutant Beast dried meat as they were escaping frantically.

The Type 2 Mutant Beast meat gave them much needed nutrients as well as the replenishing of their energy and stabilizing of morale. After finishing the meat, they would be able to reform much more efficiently.

Shen Hongyang had known of the revitalizing properties of the Type 2 Mutant Beast meat, therefore had sent Shen Xue to purchase 30 tonnes of the meat prior.

Even with Yue Zhong leading the Special Combat Forces, the retreat of the 2 battalions were still fraught with danger. They were surrounded by the numerous S1s after all, and the S1s would continually throw attacks as and when they could, be it in front or from the back.

“Kill!! Kill!! Kill!!” Xu Xiao’s eyes had gone bloodshot with ferocious battle rage. His 6 God and Devil System swords were dancing, bobbing, and weaving continuously in the air, those zombies that were unfortunate enough to get too close were immediately chopped in pieces.

On the other side, Zhuo Yatong was wielding her huge mace. She slammed and swung it around non-stop, with every monstrous swing 3 or 4 S1s would be crushed, flinging various pieces all about.

The loli Yao Yao flitted around the battlefield with bursts of speed. As she attacked, her blade swung in fast flashes, and numerous S1s’ heads would tumble around after being neatly shorn from their bodies.

The Special Combat Forces and the experts under Shen Hongyang had powers that far surpassed normal people, but they also received a lot of pressure. Under that kind of intense battle, everyone’s stamina was being worn down at an insane speed.

Those experts would immediately add their points into Stamina upon levelling. No one would allocate any points to anything else at this point. Stamina! This was the only thing that could allow them to continue on under such harsh conditions.

The 10 tanks were also firing their cannons continuously! Every shot fired would guarantee the death of at least a few tens of S1s. The remaining IFVs were firing their ZPT90s rapidly in a cleanup of the wounded zombies in the neverending tide. A single round could pierce through a few S1s, and those zombies that got fired at by the ZPT90s would have a large hole in their body, some even had their bodies shredded in two, losing any real further fighting capabilities.

The smaller caliber mounted machine guns were being utilized as deterrence, a hail of bullets rained on the S1s, killing and injuring many zombies, as they fell to the ground incapacitated.

The 7 assault helicopters in the skies were using their own rockets, firing at the places where the zombies were packed the most tightly, killing off entire patches each time they exploded.

Under the relentless attacks, the horde of S1s were being picked off quickly, as huge groups of them were incinerated or killed. This allowed Yue Zhong and everyone else present a chance to withstand the never ending assault from the zombies themselves.

With the efforts of Yue Zhong, his troops and the various other experts, the 13,000 S1s that had been troubling Shen Hongyang’s troops were being decimated

Under the obliteration of the continuous attacks their numbers decreased quickly, very soon, there were only about 2,000 left.

However, at this time, the 10 tanks, the remaining IFVs as well as the assault helicopters in the skies, had gone through their available ammunition and firepower.

Greenie, which was continuously beating up hurricanes, had also expended a lot of its energy, and could not help but fly off into the distance, leaving the battlefield to rest momentarily.

Losing the support of the heavy weaponry, even though there were only about 2,000 S1s left, the battle had just become incredibly tough.

Yue Zhong made White Bones lead from the front as it hacked and slashed his way through to keep the way open. He himself went to join the Special Combat Forces as they continued their battles at the sides.

All these Special Combat Forces were Yue Zhong's precious troops, even losing one would cause him a heartache. Especially Ji Qingwu, Zhuo Yatong and Tong Xiaoyun. They were incredibly powerful beauties who could do much more than warm his bed. They could fight well! He would definitely not allow them to die.

Although the Special Combat Forces were elite soldiers, under such intense conditions, their Stamina had been depleted. Killing the S1s became increasingly harder as the battle went on.

Yue Zhong came to the other side, and saw the avalanche of S1s. In response his hands waved about and he threw a handful of grenades. Through the air they flew before they directly exploded and caused a few S1s to be blasted to pieces.

"Shit! There were still the grenades!! I'd almost forgotten!" Seeing Yue Zhong lob the grenades over, Song Wen's brain seemed to be jolted awake and he exclaimed with a little regret.

The Special Combat Forces were so used to using their God and Devil System equipment and abilities to kill the zombies to gain enhancement, that in the heat of battle, they forgot about the modern weaponry they carried on themselves.

Every single one of the Special Combat Force were armed to the teeth, and they all had .05 light machine guns, 8 50-round magazines, and 8 grenades.

The .05 light machine guns were the best measure against these zombies that could be pierced through by the bullets. Under the cover of Yue Zhong's firing, the soldiers all took out their .05 machine guns and started firing at the zombies wildly.

In that dense hail of bullets, a large number of the S1s that had not reached the soldiers were immediately shot and brutally killed. While some did not die, the upside was it broke their dense and concentrated attack formation.

The moment the formation was broken, the scattered S1s that were rushing forward became much easier to pick off.

On the other side, Shen Hongyang had deployed a company of old veterans to join Xu Xiao's unit of experts, and with the suppressing fire they provided, Xu Xiao's unit managed to catch a breather as well.

The entire group fought as they retreated, not daring to stop or stay stationary. Every single minute of delay meant additional danger. Facing this advance group of S1s was already extremely tiring. If the rest of the horde caught up from behind, they would bite the dust.

The intense hit-and-run battle continued for another 2 hours, and the remaining 2,000 or more S1s were finally annihilated by the experts of both Shen Hongyang and Yue Zhong's troops. With this small victory they finally managed to break free from the siege.

However, Shen Hongyang's troops also suffered a great loss. Out of the 2 battalions, he lost a total of 30% of his troops. The other 2 battalions had collapsed earlier during the defence, and were most likely dead within the mouths of the zombies.

All the advanced vehicles had run out of ammo, without weapons, even the assault helicopters could only be used for reconnaissance.

After breaking out of the siege, other than Yue Zhong who possessed a Stamina 8 times that of normal humans, most of the fighters were exhausted to the point that they were breathing raggedly. However, they did not dare slow down, as they continued to flee with all their might towards SY County. Based on their current condition, if another 2,000 S1s were to appear, they would be unconditionally defeated. Even if Yue Zhong was around, it would surely still be useless.

With the motivation of staying alive, the entire group made their way towards SY County without stopping.

Just as they neared the entrance to SY County, they discovered that outside of the gate, there was a small team stationed there, and they were currently involved with some fortifications and constructions.

Seeing the small team, Shen Hongyang's troops became wary, as they hoisted their weapons. They were already exhausted, if this small team were to make a sudden assault, these 2 battalions of Shen Hongyang would most likely be wiped out.

"Commander Yue! Are you there? I am Xiong Zheng!!" Xiong Zheng brought along a company of soldiers as they called out to Shen Hongyang's troops.

"I'm here!!" Yue Zhong stepped out from the Special Combat Force and replied loudly. They were finally safe!