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## Chapter 291: Ambush! Confusion!

The moment Shen Hongyang's troops entered Yue Zhong's territory, they immediately laid on beds and entered a deep, rejuvenating slumber. They had all fought beyond the limits of exhaustion. Especially the soldiers of the Special Combat Force as well as the experts under Shen Hongyang.

Xu Zhengang came to Yue Zhong and reported: "Commander! After setting up camp here, we have absorbed a total of 213 straggling soldiers. Luo Tianyi, Su Dongming, Liu Huifeng and Qian Weimin have all dispersed back to the main headquarters in SY County."

Yue Zhong replied in a heavy voice: "Go carefully enquire about the abilities and skills of those stragglers. Assign them to the various battalions. Get the preparatory force to work faster on the fortifications. We don't have much time left!!"

Without fortifications and traps, especially after all the heavy weaponry had either been lost, damaged or emptied, the humans stood no chance against the horde.

Xu Zhengang replied seriously: "Yes! Commander!"

"Then I'll leave it to you! I'm taking a rest!"

After that, Yue Zhong immediately went to a huge bed and laid down before entering sleep straight away.

In that latest battle, Yue Zhong had rushed everywhere to save everybody, and had constantly pushed himself as the fighter on the foremost front line, and the head of the spear. The enhanced zombies that had died at his hands had numbered over 700, but likewise, the toll on him was the greatest. His Spirit and Stamina had been depleted constantly throughout the battle. If it wasn't for the fact that he was resilient enough, he would have fainted from exhaustion on the battlefield already.

"Damn Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi!!" Qian Weimin was currently cursing furiously.

During the hasty retreat, Qian Weimin had lost a huge number of his troops. After reaching SY County, he had only 3 companies left. The rest of the troops had either AWOL in their terror with their location unknown, or they had been chased and killed by the zombies.

A large number of the S-Type zombies had chased the troops of Shen Hongyang that had been the last to evacuate, but there were other S-Types that went on to chase the other troops.

Qian Weimin had experts himself, but they were nowhere as strong as Shen Hongyang's. Furthermore, without tanks or assault helicopters to cover them, the S2 zombies had basically wiped out his troops. As they were retreating with their lives, only after reaching SY County did he manage to grasp control of about 3 companies of his troops. He had gone to war with 2 battalions, a total of 800 people. His losses were too huge.

"Once I have rested well, I will go show those assholes!!" Qian Weimin's heart was full of fury as he thought, and walked out from the command centre in huge strides.

'Peng!' A gunshot rang out. Qian Weimin had a new hole in between his eyebrows, his face full of shock and disbelief as he slumped to the floor.

"Commander!!"

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"...."

Seeing Qian Weimin murdered on the floor, the various officers rushed over and called out in anguish.

"No one moves!! Those who resist will be executed on the spot!!" All of a sudden, military soldiers rushed in from all entrances holding guns. They flooded in and occupied every part of the centre, as they pointed their guns at their past comrades.

Su Dongming called out loudly: "Qian Weimin had wantonly accepted bribes, buying over officials, conducted unauthorized interference in various affairs and had betrayed the party's trust as well as the country's trust!! He had been dealt with! You can all choose to surrender now. As long as you surrender, I promise that you will be treated fairly!"

One of the officers shouted: "Fuck you!! Su Dongming, Luo Tianyi, you bastards who betrayed us and your comrades! Brothers, let's kill them!!"

The rallying cry of the officer rattled the hearts of many soldiers, and they all took up arms and started their counter attack against Su Dongming's troops.

Both parties broke out in an intense gunfight within SY County.

Su Dongming was truly heartless, as his troops had made it back to SY County the earliest, he did not suffer much. Therefore, he took advantage of the opportunity, and killed those exhausted soldiers under Qian Weimin.

However, without the support from heavy artillery, the troops of Su Dongming found it hard to just take down these enraged soldiers of Qian Weimin, who had been pushed past their breaking points.

Desperate soldiers were the hardest to deal with, and they could be extremely ruthless. Especially since Qian Weimin's troops had been betrayed, and now their commander had been assassinated by Su Dongming, they were beyond anger. Therefore, even though they were exhausted, they were extremely tenacious.

On the other side, Luo Tianyi had failed in his attempt to assassinate Liu Huifeng, both parties had also started a brawl within SY County, with people dying one by one as time passed.

Luo Tianyi and Su Dongming were extremely clear, that when Liu Huifeng and Qian Weimin were back, they would not let them off. Therefore, they had decided to attack first and at the proper moment, they made their move against Liu Huifeng and Qian Weimin.

Under the sudden ambush by Luo Tianyi and Su Dongming, the troops of Liu Huifeng and Qian Weimin suffered greatly, and were caught unprepared.

"What do we do?" The in-fighting amongst the military heads had been noticed by the 2 heads of the government, and Wen Baoguo had immediately sought out Peng Mingde's opinion.

Due to the divide and clash between the military, the police and special forces that the government commanded could become the deciding factor. As long as Wen Baoguo and Peng Mingde were to command them to help out a single side, that side would definitely obtain victory.

Peng Mingde did not skip a beat as he said: "We will help neither!! This is a matter amongst themselves, let them handle it."

Su Dongming had already sent people to notify Peng Mingde, requesting that Peng Mingde should send people to help him, otherwise not to interfere. After this battle, both Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi will follow Peng Mingde's lead.

After this battle, regardless of victory or defeat, the army would definitely have suffered. A weaker army that would obey Peng Mingde appealed to him greatly.

"That won't do! If they continue like this, the victorious side will still have suffered. This will not be beneficial to the defence of our SY County! We should make a decision now!" Wen Baoguo frowned as he urged.

Peng Mingde seemed to reply enigmatically as he said: "If you insist on interfering in this battle, then I feel that we should immediately send people to aid Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi in suppressing the others. Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi possess the strongest force now, and have already gained the advantage in this battle. If we help them, we can easily subdue Liu Huifeng and the rest. If we were to help Liu Huifeng and the rest, facing Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi, we would definitely suffer more."

Wen Baoguo considered a while, before furrowing his brows even further and said: "But Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi abandoned their posts and friends to escape, and even ambushed their ex-comrades.

This type of behaviour is too despicable. How can we help these shameless bastards? Furthermore, since their characters are so untrustworthy, if during the defence of the County, they decide to evacuate, then what? We should send our men to help Liu Huifeng in exterminating Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi."

Peng Mingde frowned deeper, and his forehead formed 3 lines "|||": "If Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi's troops get annihilated, who will we use to defend SY County?"

Wen Baoguo's eyes flashed with determination: "If we can't defend any longer, we can leave SY County, and make for Ning Guang County. Yue Zhong's side definitely requires manpower, he would not turn down our request."

Peng Mingde could not help but spit because he absolutely 100% didn't want to loose power. "Baoguo! If we go to Ning Guang County, you won't be the mayor of SY County anymore!"

Wen Baoguo laughed lightly, as he continued to show a determined look: "Compared to the life and death of a hundred thousand people, what is the point of my position?"

Those who sat in the governing position usually saw other lives as less important than their own post. Wen Baoguo was someone who valued his authority and position greatly. Prior to the apocalypse, he

had approached his superiors countless times to try for a position. However, in the face of the lives of 100,000 people, he made the tough choice, to give up his own power in exchange for the hope of life for 100,000 people.

Peng Mingde thought quietly for a while, before saying pointedly: "I'm not for sending our men to subdue Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi!"

"Then I'll bring them myself!" Wen Baoguo stood up, and turned around to walk out, he had already made up his mind.

Peng Mingde looked at Wen Baoguo's back, and his eyes flashed with a strange gaze, before turning vicious, as he swiftly pulled out a gun he had kept for self-protection, and aimed it at Wen Baoguo before firing.

Peng! Peng!!

The sounds of gunfire rang out. At such a point blank range, Wen Baoguo received 6 gunshot wounds, and he slumped to the floor in a pool of blood without even uttering a word, his eyes full of shock and regret.

Peng Mingde's hands were trembling, as his eyes seemed to have clouded with madness: "SY County is mine!! No one should think of taking it away!!! Wen Baoguo, don't blame me. Since you were in the way, you had to die!!"

Peng Mingde had grown accustomed to being one of the top in SY County. He could sleep with whomever he wanted. He could order the death of whomever he disliked, and the person would not live to see another day. He could promote whomever he liked.

All sorts of matters were under his control. He was like an emperor who decided the life, death and even glory of the common people. Countless people idolized him, tried to curry favour with him, even feared him! His power exceeded that of the Party's Secretary prior to the apocalypse. He had become drunk on that power, and was not willing to give it up. Thus he would resort to any means to protect his postion.

Peng Mingde summoned his trusted aides and experts and gave an order: "Situ Guang! Go bring people immediately to take over command of the police force. If that Zhu Liufeng is not willing to give it up, execute him immediately..."

Upon receiving Peng Mingde's orders, his henchmen immediately went to work, making their way towards one of the key sectors.

Situ Guang was a good-looking, stout 31-32 year old man that was extremely charming, he handed a document to the Special Forces leader Zhu Liufeng and said: "Zhu Liufeng! I'm here to convey Secretary General Peng's orders, to take over command of the Special Forces' 1st Unit. These are the documents!"

Zhu Liufeng received the documents and scanned it carefully, discovering that it was genuine. He rearranged the papers, before replying without a change of tone: "Situ Guang! If you want to take over my position as the leader of the Special Forces' 1st Unit, you will require Mayor Wen's signature as well. Otherwise, you're not following the rules."

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Situ Guang's eyes flashed coldly, and handed another document to Zhu Liufeng: "This is the document Mayor Wen signed!"

Zhu Liufeng felt shock in his heart, and hurriedly made to receive the document. If Wen Baoguo also really wanted to transfer him out, it would be troublesome.

"Now!" Situ Guang saw that Zhu Liufeng lowering his head, and his eyes flashed fiercely. Activating a Flame Claw skill he attacked as a pair of flaming hot claws appeared on his hands, and he made a vicious strike towards Zhu Liufeng.

Under the effect of the Flame Claw, even the covering of an armored vehicle would be punctured by him, it showed how terrifying his skill was.

Zhu Liufeng was caught unprepared, and just as his body was about to be pierced by Situ Guang, his trusted aide beside him activated his own skill Tornado, blowing harshly and sending Situ Guang flying to one side.

However the aide acted just a second too late, and Zhu Liufeng's entire right arm was penetrated by Situ Guang's Flame Claw. Nearly instantly it was burnt cleanly off his shoulder, dropping to the ground w

At the same time, the 10 experts that had followed Situ Guang immediately activated their own abilities, and charged at Zhu Liufeng and his aides.

One of the experts working for Situ Guang immediately changed into a werewolf, shooting forward in front of the aide that saved Zhu Liufeng. He used both his claws to pierce the heart of the soldier, before pulling apart with all his strength, tearing the soldier in two, splattering blood and organs all over the floor.

Another expert took out a .05 submachine gun and started firing at Zhu Liufeng's aides, and at that instant, 6 of them were hit by the bullets and fell to the floor.

All those who followed beside Zhu Liufeng were his trusted aides, there were also the experts of SY County's Special Forces, every single one of them possessing a unique ability. Each of them could hunt and kill 20 ordinary zombies with no problems, but they were definitely unable to defend against gunfire from such a close distance.

"Captain!! Quickly escape!! You must seek vengeance for us!!" One of the experts who had telekinesis erected a psychic barrier in front of the remaining members of the 1st unit, as he hollered out in grief.

As the bullets landed on the psychic barrier, they were deflected.

One of the Strength-based Enhancers directly swung a huge hammer weighing over 50kg (100 jin) onto the psychic barrier.

With a huge 'hong', the body of the Telekinesis user shuddered, and he spat out a mouthful of fresh blood. There were a lot of pros in utilizing the Telekinesis ability, but the defence was based on the amount of Spirit the user had. The moment the force exceeded what the Spirit could take, the user will suffer backlash.

With the support of the Telekinesis user covering the rear, the remaining 4 aides of Zhu Liufeng immediately brought him and left the centre swiftly.

In this battle, they had suffered greatly under Situ Guang's despicable sneak attack.

Under the continuous bombardment of attacks by Situ Guang's group of experts, the Telekinesis user managed to hold on for another 3 seconds before being beaten down, and the expert wielding the hammer swung his weapon viciously, smashing the Telekinesis user into a pulp.

After decimating the entire group of the 1st Unit, the werewolf expert brought another 5 Enhancers with him and chased after the 4 who brought Zhu Liufeng away.

Situ Guang went around subduing the members of the Special Forces in the government's name to gather everyone, so that the control lies with Peng Mingde.

Peng Mingde then proceeded to send experts to the various parts of SY County to clear up the other factions of Wen Baoguo. Those who used to throw their weight in with Wen Baoguo were either annihilated or surrendered to Peng Mingde.

In the chaos that ensued, there were a few factions that seized the opportunity to fight, in an effort to expand their own force. There were a few other factions who also saw the chance to launch sneak attacks on other factions, to seize their weapons and rations, forming their own powers. The entire SY County was going down in a mess.

Most of the ordinary survivors hid in their homes, as they trembled and looked on at the ongoings of SY County. Amidst the chaos, several mobs took to the streets and wreaked havoc, committing vandalism and theft, giving in to the inner demons of their hearts. Even prior to the apocalypse, there would be people who were like that during times of chaos and strife, and now during the post-apocalypse, there was no difference. In fact, following the change of the world, there were many more people who joined in the mobs than compared to the past.

After obtaining control of the police, the armed police as well as the special forces, Peng Mingde then deployed them to suppress the chaos in the County. When those policemen arrived, they were extremely harsh on those mobs, immediately executing those who were wreaking havoc. Regardless of the power behind them, when dealing with these troublemakers who liked to take advantage, the moment one captured them, one cannot be merciful.

After deploying the police force to suppress the trouble within the county, Peng Mingde then sent the Special Forces the first chance he got to assist Su Dongmind and Luo Tianyi in subduing Qian Weimin and Liu Huifeng's troops.

The fighting capabilities of the Special Forces were also tyrannical. There were elite snipers that were a vital part of the force, the moment they entered the fray, the troops of Qian Weimin and Liu Huifeng felt the pressure intensify, being wiped out was only a matter of time.

"Commander!!" Xu Zhengang came to Yue Zhong's side and woke him up from his slumber.

As White Bones already possess some basic intelligence, it did not feel any killing intent from Xu Zhengang and thus, did not hinder his actions.

Yue Zhong opened his eyes immediately and jumped down from the bed and asked: "What is it, Battalion Commander Xu?"

Yue Zhong knew that they were in the midst of a crisis, and thus had slept with his clothes intact.

Xu Zhengang continued: "The soldiers of Qian Weimin and Liu Huifeng had been ambushed by Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi's troops. Qian Weimin had been assassinated, while Liu Huifeng had suffered a serious injury. Right now, there are soldiers from Liu Huifeng and Su Dongming outside, and they are seeking your audience."

"Take me there immediately!"

Yue Zhong quickly arrived in front of the 2 envoys by the 2 sides of the military.

A 1.85m-tall, dark-skinned man with defined features and soldier-like demeanor spoke out first: "Commander Yue! I am Li Hua, the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Company under Commander Liu's First Battalion!! Our regiment as well as Qian Weimin's regiment had been ambushed by the traitors Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi, and have suffered great losses. We hope that Commander Yue can lend a helping hand, and help us clean out these traitorous scums. After the matter is settled, we will show our appreciation!"

Another similar-dressed soldier, with a bit of a refined aura, directly stated some offers for Yue Zhong's assistance: "Commander Yue! I am Le Minghai, Chief of Staff under Luo Tianyi! As long as you send your troops to help us annihilate Qian Weimin and Liu Huifeng's troops, we are willing to send you 300 beautiful virgins, 10,000 tonnes of rations, and help you train up personnels to handle artillery and tanks. At the same time, you may take in another 60,000 survivors from SY County."

Compared to Liu Huifeng's side where the conditions were not too clear, Luo Tianyi's side had indeed come up with an attractive offer. Luo Tianyi and Su Dongming knew how to work negotiations to their advantage.

Hearing the conditions that Le Minghai had stated, Li Hua's expression fell.

Le Minghai had a look of confidence as he looked at Yue Zhong. He believed Yue Zhong would accept his proposition gladly. After all, Qian Weimin and Liu Huifeng were about to be defeated, they were down to their last leg. Yue Zhong just had to deliver the last strike, and could easily annihilate the 2 factions, after which, he would gain immeasurable benefits.

Yue Zhong heard Le Minghai's words, and revealed a cold smile: "Go back and tell Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi, there's only one road in front of them now. That is to surrender unconditionally. If they continue to put up a resistance, only death awaits. If it wasn't for the clash between your 2 armies, I would have already executed you. Get lost!"

2 soldiers walked over, and grabbed onto Le Minghai like he was a dead dog and dragged him out.

Le Minghai's expression changed, as he shouted out fearfully: "Commander Yue!! Commander Yue, let's talk things out!! We can still discuss the terms!!"

Yue Zhong then spoke in a heavy voice: "Battalion Commander Xu! Immediately deploy Ning Guang County's 2nd Battalion, 3rd Battalion and 4th Battalion to attack Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi!"

"Yes! Commander!" Xu Zhengang responded, and immediately left to convey the orders.

Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi had abandoned their posts without a single word, infuriating Yue Zhong. Furthermore, if he could take them out now, the entire SY County would fall into Yue Zhong's hands. By then, he could take whatever he wants, instead of waiting for people to give it to him.

Li Hua seemed as though he had just escaped hell and entered heaven, with a look of ecstasy and immediately thanked Yue Zhong profusely: "Thank you!! Commander Yue!! Your magnanimity and help, we will definitely not forget!!"

"Go back and take command!" Yue Zhong left one more sentence, before he went out.

Li Hua swiftly left the area, and went back to his own troop.

Under Xu Zhengang's leadership, the 2nd, 3rd battalion immediately joined in the fray, launching their ferocious assault on the troops of Su Dongming.

Yue Zhong's 2nd and 3rd Battalions have recovered most of their energy after resting for a few hours. With the coordination and joint efforts of the remaining members of Qian Weimin's army, they continuously subdued and conquered many areas.

Su Dongming's troops had went through an entire day's battle, followed the retreat in the night, and then a fierce battle with Qian Weimin's troops for a few hours. They were already beyond the point of exhaustion, the moment Yue Zhong's troops joined in, Su Dongming's forces were broken through repeatedly. Especially Yue Zhong's troops had the support of 12 Howitzers, and every time the troops charged in, they would face the fierce bombardment of rockets or missiles.

With the relentless attacks from the Ning Guang County's 2nd and 3rd Battalions, Su Dongming's troops quickly lost their will to fight, and started to retreat and tried to escape towards different directions.

Some of the soldiers that were broken down even threw down their weapons, tore off their uniforms and became normal survivors. Some directly surrendered to Yue Zhong's troops. They had already fought for an entire day and night, and were extremely tired. Facing the constant attacks from the heavy artillery, they lost the will to fight on.

After defeating Su Dongming's troops in one fell swoop, the 2nd and 3rd Battalion then made their way towards Luo Tianyi under the command of Xu Zhengang.

Under the fierce attacks of the 2nd and 3rd Battalion, Luo Tianyi's troops also collapsed. However, within the troops of Luo Tianyi, there were some Special Forces soldiers that Peng Mingde that had assigned to aid Luo Tianyi. That was why they could forcefully maintained some sort of resistance.

3 of the soldiers from Ning Guang County's 3rd Battalion proceeded cautiously through a street with covers.

All of a sudden, one of the Agility-based Enhancers under Luo Tianyi jumped out from a corner, his hands wielding a .05 submachine gun, firing at the 3 soldiers wildly. A hail of bullets flew through the air and penetrated the Mutant Boar Hide they wore, causing them to fall to the ground.

After taking down those 3 soldiers, that Agility-based Enhancer immediately made his way to another corner.

When the Enhancer experts of Luo Tianyi engaged Yue Zhong's soldiers in a fierce battle, they might have dispersed under the pressure of the huge army, yet they also managed to kill a number of ordinary soldiers under Yue Zhong. Those experts would not stay too long at a single location, and thus the heavy artillery also posed little threat to them.

Xu Zhengang received the feedback from the frontlines, and he immediately deployed the entire unit, and did not let any single team entire riskily. Instead, he chose to proceed and push slowly as entire force.

A Special Forces elite sniper was proning on a rooftop of a bungalow, aiming at a small soldier, it was going to be the 6th kill for him today. The other 5 targets had already died at his hands with their heads exploding. He licked his lips, as his finger twitched and rested on the trigger.

With a 'peng', the Special Forces elite sniper's head had a new hole, his eyes filled with disbelief and shock. He was actually sniped by someone else.

At the rooftop far away, Bai He swiftly got up from his position, and left this sniping spot, before searching for his next target.

Yue Zhong had sent his Special Combat Forces soldiers that had just rest for awhile into the battlefield, and the ones to be taken out first had to be the snipers! The snipers posed the most danger to Yue Zhong's Special Combat Forces. Just a single elite sniper could threaten a number of experts under Yue Zhong.

Amongst the Special Combat Forces, they had only about 8 elite snipers, led by Bai He. Together with the snipers of the 2nd and 3rd Battalion, they started massacring all the snipers of Luo Tianyi.

Yue Zhong himself activated his Encompassing Bone Armor, and like a tank, he directly charged into the midst of the experts within a post of Luo Tianyi, all by himself.

The experts under Luo Tianyi saw Yue Zhong rushing into their post with his bone armor, and the sniper immediately started firing at will, attempting to kill him.

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The Special Forces, as well as the 7 snipers under Luo Tianyi aimed at Yue Zhong and fired the first chance they got.

Right as they aimed at Yue Zhong, he had already sensed the danger, and dashed to the right swiftly.

The 7 bullets missed him and hit the ground, creating 7 small holes.

On the other side, Bai He led 8 other snipers and they fired at the same time.

Following the 2nd round of gunshots, the Special Forces and 4 snipers under Luo Tianyi had their brains blasted into pieces.

When Yue Zhong was forced to evade, 2 Agility-based Enhancers could not stand waiting behind cover and immediately charged out while hoisting their .05 submachine guns as they fired wildly at Yue Zhong.

Yue Zhong just stood there like some Demon Lord incarnate, as the bullets bounced right off his Bone Armor. He opened his right hand, and 5 incredibly sharp spikes shot outwards, and with a little force the 2 Agility-based Enhancers were immediately sliced in 5 pieces.

After disposing of the 2 Enhancers easily, he continued charging forwards like a tank, gunning for Luo Tianyi's position.

"He is Yue Zhong!! Join me and take him down! Once he's killed, the rest will collapse!!" The top expert hired by Luo Tianyi, Chen Xiong saw Yue Zhong rushing in, and he hollered to the remaining 17 experts of his group.

The Bone Armor on Yue Zhong had become like his symbol. The moment Chen Xiong saw it, he recognized Yue Zhong, and he was immediately filled with killing intent.

If Yue Zhong had not appeared, they would have definitely lost the battle. The only question was how much damage could they deal to Yue Zhong's troops before they lost. Now that he was personally here, it gave them a chance to turn the tides.

The 18 experts, with Chen Xiong leading the charge, all stepped out from behind their cover, as they wielded all sorts of weapons and charged towards Yue Zhong.

"You're looking for death!" Yue Zhong looked at the soldiers charging at him and his eyes possessed a cold gleam. Swiping his ring, he swiftly pulled out a PF98 Anti-Tank Rocket Launcher in his hands.

With a roar and flash, a rocket swiftly flew out and exploded on one of the experts who was not wielding any weapons, preparing to use his Telekinesis ability.

With a loud explosion, the Telekinesis user was immediately blasted into pieces.

At the next moment, a huge vine burrowed out from the ground, shooting towards Yue Zhong. It was the Vine Manipulation ability of one of the Enhancers present.

3 other Strength-based Enhancers directly lifted their heavy weapons and rushed towards Yue Zhong.

There were 2 experts who had high levels in their Firearms Control, one was holding grenade launcher, and he fired at Yue Zhong. Due to the Firearms Control ability, they had superb aim, within a range of 100m, they would definitely hit their target.

6 Agility-based Enhancers activated their Shadow Steps and High Speed Movement abilities to charge at Yue Zhong. They knew normal bullets would not be able to hurt Yue Zhong, and since they did not carry any other weapons with them, they had to become a form of attack themselves.

A Spirit-based Enhancer tried to use his Spirit Blast ability, only to discover that it was useless. As a Spirit-based Evolver, Yue Zhong's Spirit was averaging 11 times higher spirit than normal people, and the Spirit Blast attack from the Enhancer was simply ridiculous.

2 other Enhancers that possess the Summon Beast skill summoned a huge bear that towered over 2m, as well as a huge tiger. Both beasts shot towards Yue Zhong.

Other than that, there was a Enhancer with the Curse ability and he was currently chanting, as a magical symbol appeared in the sky, signifying the forming of a magic spell.

Chen Xiong himself was a Strength-based Evolver, and his Strength was beyond comparison. He wore the hide of a Type 2 Mutant Black Fish (They had earlier hunted a Type 2 Mutant Black Fish as well) that was remade into an armor piece, his head donning a helmet, and he carried a QJZ89 easily as he fired wildly at Yue Zhong.

Yue Zhong eyes stared icily, as he activated his Devil Flames, and a huge fireball was conjured out of thin air, immediately incinerating the vine below him. With just a wave of his hand, 5 Bone Spears were shot towards the 5 Agility-based Enhancers.

In that instant, the 5 bone spears pierced the heads of those 5 Agility-based Enhancers, stringing them up, and nailing them to the ground.

Chen Xiong was firing wildly with his QJZ89 at Yue Zhong, yet those bullets that could pierce holes in armored tanks, could only leave faint white scars on Yue Zhong's Bone Armor, at the same time the resulting explosion blew Yue Zhong back by a few metres.

Chen Xiong discovered that the hail of firepower could not do a single thing to Yue Zhong, and his eyes were filled with shock: "How is this possible?? This is actually heavy ammunition, why is it that his defence could not be broken??"

Yue Zhong flashed about, and dodged the countless bullets and grenades, shooting towards Chen Xiong and activating his Devil Flame Skill again. A huge Devil Flame Tornado conjured out of thin air, and it consumed Chen Xiong, the 2 summoned beasts, as well as the 3 Strength-based Enhancers.

After the fire storm stopped, Chen Xiong and the 3 Strength-based Enhancers had been incinerated, even the QJZ89 in Chen Xiong's hands had melted into a pool of metal. Only the armour made of the Type 2 Mutant Black Fish was intact, which showed the freakish defence of the beast.

"I surrender!! Don't kill me!! I surrender!!" The remaining Agility-based Enhancer saw how tyrannical Yue Zhong was, that even Chen Xiong could not last a second, and he was so frightened that he immediately kneeled on the floor and threw his weapon down, bawling loudly.

Yue Zhong glanced at the Enhancer who lost his fighting will, and pointed at the Enhancer with the Curse Ability, as a fireball shot out and directly exploded on his head, causing his head to disappear.

"Surrender, or death! You have 3 seconds to make your decision!" Yue Zhong turned his head and looked at the remaining experts of Luo Tianyi coldly as he called out.

"I surrender, don't kill me!!!'

"Commander Yue!! I surrender! I surrender!"

"...."

The experts that were gathered by Luo Tianyi had hurriedly kneeled on the floor in fright. Yue Zhong's vicious methods had caused them to lose their courage. They did not dare put up any further resistance.

Yue Zhong eyed those Enhancers that submitted to him and said: "Good! Charge into Luo Tianyi's position!! I want them thoroughly wiped out."

"Yes!! Commander Yue!!!"

"Yes!!"

"…"

The remaining 7 experts quickly acknowledged and followed behind Yue Zhong to charge into Luo Tianyi's base.

With Yue Zhong leading this group, they quickly arrived in front of Luo Tianyi.

The Enhancer with the Spirit Blast ability immediately used his ability on those soldiers of Luo Tianyi when he saw them, and most of them died on the spot with their eyes turning white and leaking blood tears before throwing up blood and dying.

Ulamog: I am SO not mopping that up.

The 2 summoning experts immediately called out 10 huge wolves. On orders they shot forward with incredible speed, charging into the ranks of the soldiers and gleefully ripping out their throats.

The Agility-based Enhancer zipped about, appearing from behind corners and used his guns to great effect, picking off the soldiers one by one.

The Enhancer that had the Vine Manipulation ability was extremely crafty as well. Using his power from time to time, he would cause his vines to burrow out of the ground, penetrating the ordinary soldiers feet or suddenly growing up into their bodies, killing them.

Yue Zhong was still decked in his Bone Armor, wielding his .05 submachine guns and charging in the front. With only his individual strength, he managed to suppress the troops of Luo Tianyi. Those soldiers who were unfortunate to poke their heads out would immediately be shot in the head by him.

With only this small group of experts led by Yue Zhong, the entire army of Luo Tianyi was defeated.

Xu Zhengang saw the development, and immediately ordered the 2nd and 3rd Battalion to join the battle, making their way towards Luo Tianyi in a rush.

Luo Tianyi's troops as well as the Special Forces could not maintain their resistance, and started to retreat towards SY County.

As Yue Zhong's troops were hot in pursuit, a group consisting of the police, armed police and Special Forces had constructed a few defences, forcefully impeding the advance of Yue Zhong's 2nd and 3rd Battalion.

Peng Mingde personally came to the frontlines, and made use of a loudhailer to speak to Yue Zhong: "Yue Zhong!! I am Peng Mingde!! I want you to call off your army now!! This is an internal matter between our factions in SY County, you shouldn't interfere too much."

Peng Mingde continued in his self-righteous voice: "Commander Liu, Commander Shen, things can be talked through. We should settle this amicably over a meeting, and stop the pointless slaughter amongst ourselves. If you continue, the soldiers are the ones who suffer. They are all important and excellent soldiers, if they had to die, it should be during a battle against the zombies, for the sake of our country. Not in these internal conflicts. Just because of your own fury, you guys have caused the needless deaths of so many soldiers, don't you feel ashamed?"

Peng Mingde was after all a politician, and whenever he spoke, he tried to use logic and reason to sway the masses. Hearing Peng Mingde's words, the troops of Qian Weimin and Liu Huifeng were moved.

Liu Huifeng eyes went red as he grabbed a loudhailer and shouted: "Peng Mingde! Fuck your bullshit! Today your daddy, I, want the heads of those bastards Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi! Because of them, so many of our brothers have died. If they're not dead, your words are meaningless!!"

Peng Mingde had a strange glint in his eyes: "As long as Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi are dead, you will not pursue the matter?"

Liu Huifeng replied loudly: "Of course!! As long as the 2 of them are dead! Your daddy, I, won't continue fighting!"

# Chapter 294: Conquering SY County

"Good! Make sure you keep your word!!" Peng Mingde's mouth raised in an arc, as he waved his hands, and 2 Special Forces brought out Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi in front of the 2 armies.

Su Dongming's expression was steely, as he cursed out: "Peng Mingde! You damn bastard, you will die a horrible death!!"

Luo Tianyi's eyes were bloodshot as he stared at Peng Mingde: "Peng Mingde!! Fuck you and your entire family! Fuck your mother with a pointy stick!!!"

The moment Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi had retreated, they were immediately captured by the experts sent by Peng Mingde. They did not expect that the allies that had helped them not long ago would turn on them so quickly.

Peng Mingde spoke in a clear voice: "Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi had abandoned their posts during the great battle, and had instigated a coup against their allies, there is evidence to prove it. For their crimes, they will be executed according to military law! Carry out the punishment!!"

2 armed police stepped out and aimed their guns at the heads of Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi, and pulled the trigger!

Bang! Bang!

Following the gunshots, Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi had a new hole in their heads leaking blood, as they slumped to the floor lifelessly.

Peng Mingde looked on as Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi died, his eyes flashed with delight. After their deaths, he could easily subdue the old troops of these 2 men. Counting the police, armed police and Special Forces that he now controlled, he could become the strongest power in SY County.

Liu Huifeng and Shen Hongyang had already been defeated, he would possess the strongest force. He could then employ other means in the future to slowly take over their military as well and thoroughly control SY County.

Liu Huifeng looked at the lifeless bodies of Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi, and he finally released the bit of anger he had kept, but at the same time, he felt the loss.

Right at this time, Yue Zhong brought his Special Forces and charged into the ranks of Liu Huifeng, pointing a gun at Liu Huifeng and spoke coldly: "Commander Liu! You have 2 choices now! The first is to surrender to me, and integrate into my troops. The other is to die with your troops!"

At almost the same time Yue Zhong made his move, Ning Guang County's 2nd and 3rd Battalions also turned on the troops of Liu Huifeng.

Qian Weimin's troops had already been captured and locked after they were saved by Yue Zhong.

Liu Huifeng looked at the gun pointed at his head and he laughed bitterly: "If I surrender, what will become of my subordinates?"

Yue Zhong did not hide anything and said: "All the soldiers will receive education, and reintegrate into many different units under me. I will treat them fairly!"

Liu Huifeng's troops were veteran soldiers that Yue Zhong valued. Initially, Yue Zhong had sent troops to help Liu Huifeng because he was eyeing the veterans.

Liu Huifeng seemed to be agreeable, and he asked: "What about me, what treatment will I receive if I surrender?"

Yue Zhong sincerely extended his invitation: "You will get to enjoy the privileges of a Lieutenant Colonel. Furthermore, I would like to invite you to become a military instructor in my military school, and provide training to my officers in all forms of modern warfare."

Yue Zhong's military school lacked the guidance of an experienced military instructor, and he had no choice but to select outstanding commanders like Xu Zhengang to be on the frontlines often. The reasoning was of course to lead his military, save survivors and engage in resource hunting. The military academy did lack an instructor with the adequate experience and knowledge in modern warfare.

Yue Zhong had obtained many incredible equipments from the Mechanized Infantry Brigade after all, but he lacked the professional knowledge, and hence could not utilize them. If he had the necessary technicians, his units' combat prowess would definitely increase by a few times.

Yue Zhong had done his investigations, and although Liu Huifeng was kind of a pervert, and had married 3 wives after the apocalypse, his character was not bad. The 3 wives also followed him willingly. Although he did not have any outstanding achievements in his command, he followed the rules, and was extremely sturdy as a leader. He did possess the qualifications as a Commander.

Liu Huifeng laughed lightly, and replied light-heartedly: "Sure! I surrender!"

Liu Huifeng surrendered and his troops also put down their weapons and went with Yue Zhong willingly. Liu Huifeng's troops had fought for a very long time, and when they arrived at the rooms assigned to them, they fell into a deep slumber.

Shen Hongyang looked at the loaded gun in front of him and said: "What is the meaning of this?"

At this moment, Shen Hongyang, Shen Xue and a few of their military officers were being surrounded at their place of residence. A few heavy weapons were aimed at them, and 300 soldiers had enclosed the area, not allowing even water to trickle past.

Zhang Niujiang stepped up and spoke directly: "Commander Shen! I apologize, but we have to keep you here. We have already arranged for all sorts of heavy artillery to aim here, if there's any strange movement, then we're terribly sorry, but we will blast you guys to death."

Shen Hongyang was a good commander who treated his subordinates fairly. If he was taken down, the troops would definitely not follow Yue Zhong willingly, and Yue Zhong would have no choice but to kill them all. Therefore, he had no choice but to temporarily trap Shen Hongyang. Of course, if Shen Hongyang really decided to try something, Yue Zhong would not hesitate to wipe him out.

Shen Hongyang looked at Zhang Niujiang, as he furrowed his brows and asked softly: "Battalion Commander Zhang! Is Yue Zhong finally going to make his move on SY County?"

This time SY County had suffered a huge loss against the zombies, all the military heads had lost the majority of their troops. Yue Zhong who had always kept his eye on SY County could find no better time to subdue them all.

The laws of the jungle, the strong preyed on the weak. Even after the apocalypse, it had not changed. As long as someone revealed his or her weakness, there would be countless hungry wolves that would pounce at the first opportunity. When Yue Zhong was weak, SY County had wanted to conquer and subdue him. Now he was stronger than them, he naturally would not hesitate to do the same. Only when both sides possessed the same strength, could there be equality and peaceful negotiations.

Zhang Niujiang had a worshipping look as he affirmed the news: "Yes! Our Boss Yue wants to control the whole SY County!"

Shen Hongyang sighed, and did not speak further. Now that Yue Zhong had set his mind on it, and was willing to pay any price, controlling the entire SY County was not an impossible task.

On the frontlines, Peng Mingde eyed Yue Zhong's army that still had not retreated, and a bad feeling arose in his heart, as of now, the only person that could stop him from being the king of SY was Yue Zhong.

Peng Mingde raised the loudhailer and called out: "Commander Liu, Yue Zhong, are you guys there? Let's have a good discussion!!"

Yue Zhong walked out with huge strides and eyed Peng Mingde and said lightly: "Peng Mingde! Surrender now! If you get your men to surrender, I can still leave you with a way out."

Peng Mingde's face had a huge chance, as he forcefully replied: "Yue Zhong, what are you talking about? Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi who had betrayed you guys have already been dealt with right? What reasons would you have to continue fighting!! Don't tell me you're thinking of betraying your comrades and the government?! If you're like this, you will become a sinner that went against his country and citizens!!"

"Attack! Annihilate those who dare resist!" Yue Zhong waved his hand, and shouted out the command.

With a 'bang'!

A bloody bullet hole appeared in Peng Mingde's head, as he fell to the floor.

Bai He had hidden himself 2km away and exhibited his fearsome sniping skills, directly taking out Peng Mingde who had carelessly revealed his position.

Following Yue Zhong's orders, 12 Howitzers displayed their incredible offense, as rounds of heavy artillery landed amongst the police force.

Bombarded by the attacks of the rockets, a huge number of the police, armed police and Special Forces were immediately incinerated. The death of Peng Mingde, who they had sworn loyalty to, caused them to lose their morale.

The members of the police force tried escaping under the relentless attacks, abandoning all thoughts of resistance.

Xu Zhengang had ordered the soldiers of the 2nd and 3rd Battalions to charge at the desolate soldiers of Peng Mingde.

The battle lasted only for a while, and Yue Zhong was incredibly successful. Everywhere he went, the police surrendered without a fight. Those who tried to resist were instantly executed by the soldiers of Yue Zhong's forces.

This group of policemen, armed police and Special Forces had been so easy to subdue was precisely because Peng Mingde had been assassinated. The other reason was that due to Peng Mingde wanting to exert his full control over this unit, he had cleared out many of the officials, and all the members of the unit were feeling fearful and naturally did not have much fighting spirit.

"Boss Situ! What do we do now?" Peng Mingde's 20 experts had gathered by Situ Guang's side, as they all looked to him fearfully.

The experts gathered by Peng Mingde were fighters who could take on 10 individually, but compared to Yue Zhong's army, it was like a mantis trying to block a car. They could at most give Yue Zhong a little trouble.

Situ Guang's eyes had a strange glint: "We can't stay here any longer!! We have already done so much for Peng Mingde. Let us leave now. Under the broad sky, based on our abilities, can't we carve something out for ourselves?"

Situ Guang had always been wild at heart. With Peng Mingde's death, no one could hold him back any longer.

"Good! We will follow Boss Situ and make a name for ourselves!"

"Let's go obtain a stronghold for ourselves!!"

"...."

The 20 members of the elite group whooped in delight, and under the lead of Situ Guang, they made their escape towards the distance.

As SY County was really big, Situ Guang just had to follow the longer road and could avoid the bridge that Guo Quan was guarding to leave the county. Although the huge lands were filled with zombies, to

experts like them, as long as the number did not exceed tens of thousands, ordinary zombies were helpless against them.

With the escape of Situ Guang and his gang, the entire SY County had no other experts left to stand up to Yue Zhong. His troops quickly conquered and controlled the important channels of SY County. At the same time, any form of rebellion or mobs that arose were quickly quelled by him.

After gaining control of SY County, Yue Zhong swiftly gave the order for his troops to rejuvenate themselves. At the same time, he assigned for the preliminary warriors to quickly begin work on the entrance of SY City and SY County. The horde of zombies were making their way here, and he had to make his preparations fast.

## Chapter 295: The Urgent 12 Hours

"How much longer until the horde reaches us?" Yue Zhong asked the recon soldier in front of him in a heavy tone.

The recon soldier immediately replied: "Based on their current speed, it would take them roughly 12 hours to reach our first line of defence!"

Yue Zhong looked at the bloodshot eyes of the soldier and said: "Go have a good rest!!"

"Yes Commander!" The soldier saluted and withdrew quickly.

"Just 12 hours? It's really too rushed!!" Yue Zhong frowned, his heart filled with anxiety.

The horde that was coming closer to SY numbered in the 800,000s. Based on the current fighting strength of SY County, they would not be able to withstand the assault of that number. Although Yue Zhong absorbed the remaining military unit and police unit, the total number of fighters reaching 1,300, they could not be deployed straightaway. The 4 battalions of Yue Zhong had engaged the zombies previously, and had to escape with their lives, followed by the internal conflicts, they were extremely tired as well. Furthermore, the heavy weapons belonging to the military had been left behind during the battle against the zombies, without heavy weaponry or fortification, trying to defend against the sea of zombies was simply impossible.

It was a situation where he had to give up SY County. However, the current 140,000 survivors inside, having to transfer them was also a huge issue.

Firstly, to gather all 140,000 was a problem in itself. As Yue Zhong had just disposed of the governing head Peng Mingde, the entire government had become paralyzed. Many officials had fled their posts, those who stayed behind were wary and unsure of their future. Since the government was ineffective now, trying to mobilize all 140,000 survivors would definitely require more time.

Yue Zhong told a signal officer to convey his orders: "Go get Tai Yiyan, Cheng Peipei, Lu Chenguang, Liu Yujiao, Yun Qiang, Shen Hongyang and bring them here. I want to see them here within 20 minutes. Tell them, if they aren't here after 20 minutes, they can forget about finding me in the future."

The signal officer nodded and immediately left to carry out his duty.

Yue Zhong then pulled Chen Shitou over and questioned him: "Chen Shitou! Go get the 8th Battalion and gather the survivors. Take those from Xinyang Street, Zhongshan Street, Yanjing Street and Xijian

Street, and gather them up. After thats done, transfer them according to order over the riverbank bridge and get them to Ning Guang County. How much time do you need?"

Chen Shitou thought for awhile, before looking at Yue Zhong resolutely and replied: "6 hours!! Please give me 6 hours! I promise to carry it out properly!"

Yue Zhong was a little short-tempered and he shouted out: "4 hours! I will only give you 4 hours!! After those 4 hours, you better be taking those people across the bridge!! After they cross the bridge, give every single one of them a can of Type 2 Meat. Eat as they move! If you can't complete this, you can forget about being a battalion commander anymore!!"

Yue Zhong only had 12 hours to work with, and he had to gather all 140,000 survivors within 12 hours, it was extremely difficult. What's more, he had to get them across the riverbank bridge that was not exactly wide.

Other than those 140,000, there were the few 100,000 tonnes of rations, various other foods, precious machinery, other kinds of production materials that required transportation as well. These were all important items to be sent out of SY County.

Every minute every second counted, and time was extremely precious. If there wasn't enough time to transport all 140,000 people over the bridge, Yue Zhong had to get his precious soldiers to fight and buy precious time for the transportation to be carried out. That kind of price where he had to put his life and his soldiers' lives on the line, was something he was not willing to pay so easily. The immense pressure was weighing down on Yue Zhong, and it caused him to be frustrated, and his temper was shorter.

After all, Yue Zhong was only human. Even though he had gained a lot of enhancements through his own efforts, these 2 days he had been fighting on the frontline as much as he could, and his rest time was extremely short. Under that huge pressure, he was naturally less amiable.

Chen Shitou frowned, and he asked directly: "What do I do if those survivors don't want to co-operate?"

In this world, there are many types of people, some who liked to wreak havoc under the pressure of imminent danger, and there would definitely be accidents.

Yue Zhong replied with an icy voice: "I'll permit you to use any means to complete this mission. I only want results, I don't care about the process!"

Chen Shitou shuddered in his heart as replied loudly: "Yes! I will perform this well!!"

After making the promise, Chen Shitou quickly ran out from the small room. 4 hours, was incredibly tough and urgent for him.

Within 20 minutes, Tai Yiyan, Cheng Peipei, Lu Chenguang, Liu Yujiao, Yun Qiang and Shen Hongyang had all gathered in front of Yue Zhong.

Yue Zhong was the controller of SY County now, a single order could cause their entire family to be razed to the ground, they could not afford to offend him.

Yue Zhong glanced at Tai Yiyan and the other 4 excluding Shen Hongyang and said: "Tai Yiyan, Cheng Peipei, Lu Chenguang, Liu Yujiao and Yun Qiang, when you go back, immediately gather all the survivors

towards the riverbank bridge and await orders! The more survivors that are gathered that, the better I'll reward you after."

The Tai family, Cheng family, Lu family, Liu Yujiao and Yun Qiang had decent authority within SY County. Yue Zhong could only make use of these heads to quickly mobilize the numerous survivors within the city, as he was not yet the widely accepted leader unlike in Ning Guang County and Qing Yuan County.

Tai Yiyan was astute and could detect some hint of urgency within Yue Zhong's words and asked: "Brother Yue, did something happen?"

The other 5 picked up on Tai Yiyan's concern and also looked towards Yue Zhong. They had felt that something was wrong. Yue Zhong was never this anxious, and his words revealed that his current mood.

Yue Zhong had a dark look as he said softly: "After 11 hours, the zombie horde of SY County will reach the city. That is to say, SY City has only 11 hours left."

Hearing Yue Zhong's words, all of the 6 people present had a huge change in expression. They did not expect that things would be dire to this extent.

When the army was defeated, and the clash amongst the heads happened, under those conditions, the huge horde of zombies were basically unhindered and had no enemies. SY City was basically a sitting duck.

Cheng Peipei knew Yue Zhong would not lie about such a grave matter, but she still could not help and ask: "Is this real, Yue Zhong?"

"Yes!" Yue Zhong looked towards Shen Hongyang who was kept prisoner in his own home earlier, and immediately stated his terms: "Commander Shen! I apologize for the treatment earlier. I had no choice then, and I need your help now."

Yue Zhong stared fixedly at Shen Hongyang and said softly: "As long as you send your troops and help us tide this over, I just want 10 tanks, 7 assault helicopters and their support personnel. After we're done with this, I can let you and your troops take a fixed amount of ammo, 2 tonnes of fuel, a 100 tonnes of food and leave. Wherever you want to go, I would definitely not stop you."

Although Yue Zhong valued the veterans under Shen Hongyang, if he were to kill Shen Hongyang now, he would not dare to utilize the troops. Shen Hongyang's position within his troops was still very high. Killing Shen Hongyang would just force the remaining troops to take up arms against Yue Zhong.

Shen Hongyang smiled lightly, as he looked at Yue Zhong, his eyes twinkling with a little pride: "If I cannot even protect the citizens, how can my troops be called an army? This time even if I help you, it isn't for anything else, but the citizens of SY County. After this battle, I am willing to hand my troops to you, but I hope that you will treat them fairly."

When compared to Su Dongming and Luo Tianyi, Shen Hongyang was truly different, he valued his subordinates, and was truly a commander who fought for his country. Even in a world where values and principles were trampled upon, Shen Hongyang was still someone who stuck to his beliefs, even if it was a little naive.

Yue Zhong was surprised, and he nodded: "Fine! Don't worry. I will definitely treat them fairly!!"

After the meeting concluded, the 6 people quickly left the place and embarked on their duties.

Yue Zhong also released all the troops under Shen Hongyang that were captured, and returned their light weapons to them. As for heavy weapons, each person was allocated a grenade only.

Without heavy weapons, Shen Hongyang's troops did not pose a threat to Yue Zhong, the only people they had to be wary of, were the experts.

Under Yue Zhong's orders, the entire SY City had begun moving.

The 2000-over soldiers at the forefront of SY City were currently using whatever materials they had to construct their fortifications. All sorts of barbed wires, steel wires, barricades, cones, even some old-fashioned defences were brought out.

The barricades and traffic cones were simple and crude but were extremely efficient against the ordinary zombies. To Yue Zhong's troops, the ordinary zombies were the toughest to deal with, instead of the evolved ones, due to their numbers. The ordinary zombies gave an impression that they were endless. If it wasn't for the huge numbers of the ordinary zombies, the military would have annihilated the evolved zombies long ago.

On the riverbank bridge, there were numerous vehicles constantly transporting food and rations over to the other side, placing them down, and then using the bridge to re-enter SY City and continue their moving.

Once the rations were transported to the other end, they were safe for the time being.

Within SY City, Chen Shitou and Tai Yiyan were gathering people near the bridge, separating them into groups of male, women, elderly and children.

After the apocalypse, there were still the elderly around, although their numbers were not high, being about 5% of the total number of survivors.

Guo Quan assigned soldiers to guard the bridge. It was after all the lifeline for Yue Zhong's troops, if something were to happen to it, Yue Zhong and his army would be trapped in SY City. If they wanted to go to Ning Guang County from there, they would have to go by a detour of around 100 km, going into dangerous areas which they had not yet explored.

After making a series of arrangement, Yue Zhong handed over the running of the tasks to Da Gouzi. He had always been assisting Yue Zhong in overseeing affairs and transfer of goods and people. In fact was extremely familiar with all the different types of jobs. With the help of Da Gouzi, Yue Zhong could also heave a sigh of relief.

Yue Zhong walked out of the office, and felt that the horizon looked a little dark. He lifted his head, only to see dark clouds gathering, the air humid, as though it was going to rain.

"The weather, don't tell me it's going to rain??" Yue Zhong's expression turned ugly as he thought.

Mobilizing troops in the rain was the toughest even for the well-trained soldiers. Not to mention those survivors who had undergone so much hardships and weren't in the best of health.

If preparations were not made for those survivors to move in the rain, the moment it poured there would be at least a fourth of them who would fall and never get up again.

"Fuck!!" Yue Zhong could not help but swear, as he hurriedly rushed into the command centre.

Yue Zhong had a green expression as he called out: "Da Gouzi! Immediately notify Guo Quan, get him to think of a way to prepare some umbrellas and raincoats. And quickly distribute the Type 2 meat to those survivors that have gathered, make sure they eat it!! Those items that have been moved over the bridge, find some place to shelter them now!"

Da Gouzi nodded his head, and immediately conveyed the command to Guo Quan: "Yes! Commander Yue!!"

Xu Yang, who had been promoted to a deputy Commander of a company grumbled to Guo Quan: "Battalion Commander!! The leader's orders are too rigorous! We only have a battalion's worth of people here, how can we manage so much?"

Guo Quan's 1st Battalion of Ning Guang County only had 400 people, not only did they have to maintain security over the bridge, they had to keep watch over those people who were being moved across the bridge, and they were in charge of distributing the Type 2 Meat as well, everyone was worked to the bone.

Guo Quan looked to Xu Yang ordered: "The orders from our Leader has to be followed, regardless of how harsh it gets! Xu Yang, take some men and get some helpers from the survivors. Tell them to help distribute the Type 2 Meat. The umbrellas and raincoats, you can assign them to other people as well, try your best to find them."

Umbrellas and raincoats were items that were hard to find in such a short time. Guo Quan understood Yue Zhong's desire to save these survivors, and made the best judgement, as he handed out the Type 2 meat to the survivors. As long as they ate the meat, they could recover their vitality quickly. That way, they stood a fighting chance. If they didn't have the meat, the moment they were caught in the rain, their weak bodies might collapse from hypothermia.

"Yes! Battalion Commander!" Xu Yang replied, and he went to the survivors, and used the price of 10 jin of rice to hire over 400 survivors to help him.

The moment Xu Yang expressed that there would be free food given out, a long line formed in front of the 400 helpers.

Every survivor was given a ammo cartridge, and it was the necessary item to exchange for a can of meat. As long as they handed over a shell casing, they were given a can of Type 2 meat.

# Chapter 296: Cruel, Cruel Rain

"You stole my canned meat!! You stole my canned meat!!"

Just as Xu Yang was leading the troops in their distribution, there was a kid tugging on a middle-aged man who had just exchanged for a canned meat and was shouting loudly.

The middle-aged man eyes flashed fiercely, and he kicked out with viciousness, knocking the kid to the floor. "You little bastard! Who the fuck are you calling a thief!! Your daddy, I, used the ammo cartridge to exchange for this canned meat! Call out one more time, and I'll cripple you!"

"Stop!!" Xu Yang frowned and walked over, asking: "What's going on?"

The middle-aged man bowed and nodded his head towards Xu Yang and said: "Bro!! This little bastard is framing me for stealing his canned meat. I had exchanged this canned meat for the ammo cartridge. The worker over there can vouch for me!!"

Xu Yang looked towards the worker.

The worker swiftly nodded his head and said: It's true! He did exchange an ammo cartridge for a canned meat."

Xu Yang looked at the kid and said coldly: "Little brat! What do you have to say for yourself?"

The kid stood up, and had an enraged expression as he pointed at the man and said: "This man stole my ammo cartridge to exchange for the canned meat!! He still has one more cartridge within his clothes. Check him if you don't believe me!"

Xu Yang commanded: "Grab him!"

2 soldiers stepped towards the middle-aged man.

The middle-aged man's face turned pale, as he took a few steps back, before calling out loudly: "The army is killing people!! Help me!! Help me!!"

This middle-aged man was the leader of a small band of thieves, during the post-apocalypse, he had also gathered a small group of brothers. With his shout, his comrades hidden within the survivors also started shouting: "The army is killing people!! The army is killing us!! Let's escape!!"

After which, those thieves immediately made their escape towards different directions.

Humans are easily influenced in a crowd. When those words were shouted, a number of the survivors could not help but became fearful and followed the lead of the thieves.

Guo Quan who was standing further away saw the group of escaping people, and he gritted his teeth before shouting the order: "Open fire!!!"

In an instant, the soldiers that were on standby opened fire on those survivors, and a dense hail of bullets rained upon the survivors, turning them into sieves within a few moments.

In just 10 seconds, 200 people had fallen to the ground in huge pools of blood, many of them crying out in pain. Guo Quan was helpless and felt even more pained. They only had 300 people, to quell any sort of commotion, they had to resort to the harshest means, otherwise the entire group could overcome their small unit.

"Who dares to run! You will be executed immediately! Who dares shout nonsense, you will be shot as well!! Get down on the floor! No one moves! Whoever moves will die!" Xu Yang's expression was steely by now, and used his gun to aim at the man who instigated the riot, before pulling the trigger.

With a peng, the middle-aged man who had had a smug look was shot dead, and his body slumped to the floor like a limp noodle.

During the frenzied firing, those survivors had screamed out in terror, and fell to the ground. Their bodies trembled non-stop, not daring to move.

Xu Yang had a steely expression, as he looked towards the direction of the other instigators: "Fucking bastards! Damn you, you bastards! We are giving you a lifeline out of goodwill, we gave you food and drinks! You spineless scum dare to give us trouble! Where are those assholes who shouted earlier?"

Silence, every single survivor was silent. Under the influence of the corrupted society, everyone minded their own business, no one daring to meddle too much. After all, those troublemakers were together, they did not want to invite trouble.

Xu Yang's eyes flashed with rage and killing intent. With a gesture over 10 soldiers raised their .03 rifles and pointed them at the survivors, as Xu Yang shouted: "You don't want to say right? Fine! You have backbone! Men! Prepare to execute the whole bunch of them!! Since there are people who dare to create trouble, and those who know but aren't stepping forward to point them out, kill the whole lot of them!!"

Seeing those gleaming black guns, the survivors could not bear it and they started pointing fingers at the band of thieves as they shouted: "Don't shoot!! It's this guy!! They are the ones who shouted earlier!! It's him!!!"

Those band of thieves saw that the situation was against their favour and they tried to frame others: "It was obviously you who said it, you dare to say it's me!!"

Xu Yang directly got his subordinates to drag those survivors who were pointed out. He then chose one, whom after confirming the authenticity by checking with the majority, he beheaded in front of everybody.

Seeing the fresh blood spraying up into the air in front of them like some demented apocalyptic rain, the survivors all felt terrified.

Xu Yang directed his gaze at those he dragged out and coldly said: "Those who lied, the moment you are caught, you will be beheaded! Those who own up and point out the rest I can give you leave to go with your life. Those who tried to take advantage to malign others, if I find out, I'll break your waist!"

Under Xu Yang's cruel methods, the instigators of the riot were quickly identified. 2 males were beheaded immediately, while another had his waist broken. The poor bloke did not die instantly, instead he struggled on the floor in excruciating agony, for a long while before dying with a final painful whimper.

Seeing the brutal and bloody scene, all the remaining survivors were thoroughly shocked and did not dare make any strange moves.

One of the soldiers pointed to the 7 remaining troublemakers who owned up and asked Xu Yang: "Commander! What do we do with these assholes?"

Xu Yang waved his hands: "Send them to the scum battalion!"

The Scum Battalion was basically cannon fodder for Yue Zhong, and was always in need of manpower.

After the dust settled on the mini riot, Xu Yang walked to the front of the survivors, and he held a loudhailer as he shouted: "All you bastards listen up! If anyone dares stir up anymore trouble, you better point him out at the first chance you get. Otherwise, you will all be sent to the Scum Battalion to fight with the zombies ON THE FRONTLINE!! And, everyone only gets one canned meat. If you dare steal anyone else's, I will send those thieves to the scum battalion as well!"

Facing the arduous journey to come, a can of Type 2 Mutant Beast meat was equivalent to a survivor's life. Stealing a can that could replenish someone's vitality was the same as stealing the chance for the person to live. Xu Yang had to reinforce this, and mete out heavy punishments for infractions. Only through this method could he control the survivors and keep them from getting out of hand.

The survivors saw that Xu Yang was like an enraged, vicious god, and their expressions were frozen in fear. No one dared to move or say anything.

Xu Yang took a can of Type 2 Mutant Beast meat and threw it to the kid and said: "Here, it's yours! Dig in quickly!"

The boy immediately opened the can, and started devouring it. The moment the meat entered his body, he could feel the warmth spreading throughout his body, filling his little frame with a rush of energy.

Right at this time, raindrops started to fall from the sky.

"Damn you heavens!!!" Xu Yang looked to the skies, and under the sudden downpour, he could not help but curse.

With the heavy rain, the survivors gathered were instantly drenched. They looked at Xu Yang and the soldiers surrounding them, not daring to move.

"What do we do now? Commander!!" Xu Yang had been drenched to the toes as he ran to Guo Quan and asked.

"Immediately dispatch people to cross the bridge!!!" Guo Quan looked at the untimely downpour, and he gritted his teeth as he spat out.

Xu Yang's face fell, "What? Now? Those bastards don't have any raincoats, they will definitely be drenched!!!"

Guo Quan's eyes flashed with a pained expression, before he gave the order resolutely: "We only have 7 hours left. The horde will then catch up with us!! The people who have crossed the bridge are not even in the ten thousands!! We still have over 130,000 people waiting behind!! Everyone needs to cross now!! This is an order!! Go carry it out, I'll shoulder all responsibilities!!"

This command was extremely harsh!

With the current downpour, expecting the survivors to cross without any raincoats, coupled with the fact that their bodies are so weak, they were bound to fall sick. Even if they crossed the bridge and didn't die on the spot, many of them would definitely fall ill and be too sick to move.

Although Yue Zhong had the Life-Saving Grass, but it had no effect to the common ailments such as flu and fever, that had no poison. SY County was also short on medical supplies. One could imagine the potential casualties of those who got caught in the rain.

Xu Yang had a grim look as he replied: "Yes! Commander! I'll go carry out your orders! Whatever happens, I'll shoulder them with you!"

After that, Xu Yang hurried left to convey the command, and quickly rushed the different groups into crossing the bridge.

The younger children were the future of humanity, while the females could bear more children. Although it was extremely cruel, the elderly, especially those without any special skills were the last to cross the bridge. They were holed up in a nearby building, only after the majority had crossed was it their turn. Unless they were doctors or scientists that had some value to the future of mankind, they did not receive any special treatment.

In the heavy rain, countless survivors were herded across the bridge, walking towards the other side. After they had crossed, they had to continue for another 500m before they came to a building to rest. Only by crossing the bridge, could they be considered safe.

# **Chapter 297: Tough Crossing**

The autumn rain was extremely chilly, and the heavy downpour beating down on the survivors caused their bodies to tremble uncontrollably. The Type 2 Meat was not a wonder drug after all. In that cold harsh rain, the weaker survivors fell amidst the downpour, never to get up again.

Amongst those who fell, there were children, women, and men, but regardless of who it was, no one would help to support them. The people behind continued to push the human sea forward while trampling on the dead, and the people forward had no choice but to continue moving or join the ones on the ground.

Even when the soldiers under Yue Zhong saw this happening, they could only harden their hearts and ignored it. They had to get the survivors across the bridge as soon as possible. Every minute they delayed, the soldiers fighting at the frontlines would have to stay put a little longer.

Under the 1st Battalion's watchful gaze, the survivors lined up obediently, crossing the bridge according to the given order. Nonetheless, the speed was at its maximum and could not be quickened.

The bridge was 500 m long, and the number of people that could cross per hour was at most 12,000 people. This was under the condition that there was no blockade, and was the fastest speed they could muster.

After 7 hours, approximately 80,000 survivors had crossed the bridge, at the same time, 400 had collapsed on the way. The heavy downpour not only claimed the lives of the weaker survivors, it had impeded the actions of Tai Yiyan and the rest of the group. No one wanted to be drenched in the rain as well.

After 7 hours, the warriors on the frontline together with Yue Zhong saw the sea of zombies approaching from the distance.

The moment the horde appeared, all sorts of firepower was rained upon the horde.

Facing the assault of the heavy weaponry, the zombies in the front were like wheat that was reaped, falling down line by line. Very soon, the zombies behind shambled forward to fill the gaps. At the same time, there were other zombies laying around that got up slowly and started to push towards SY City as well.

Those steel barbed wires, barricades and various other blockades exhibited their effectiveness, as those ordinary zombies that only knew how to advance were caught and fell to the ground. Same as the humans the fallen zombies were being trampled by the zombies behind, turning them into piles of meat mush.

The cones and sharp fortifications caused countless other zombies to be impeded and killed even. However, the moment those L2s that towered above 2m appeared on the battlefield, they used their monstrous strength to forcefully crush those fortifications.

The zombies relied on their numbers and lack of fear for death, carving a path out for themselves in their steady advance.

The sea of zombies was an extremely simple yet terrifying tactic. Just relying on their endless numbers and their disregard for death, they could go on forever.

Yue Zhong and Shen Hongyang's troops had joined together and were killing the zombies constantly, but could feel the taxing nature of having to deal with such a tactic. Regardless of how many zombies they killed, there would be more from behind to replenish the ranks. They lost position after position, as they retreated at each juncture.

"Guo Quan, what's the status report on the bridge crossing? Hurry, check and reply back to me!" On the frontlines, Yue Zhong was wielding a .05 submachine gun and firing wildly at the horde, while he was shouting into the walkie talkie with the other hand.

Facing the hundreds of thousands of zombies, even if Yue Zhong was a dual-attribute Evolver, he was practically useless. He had stood at the forefront, because he wanted to use his own power to lessen the pressure on the other soldiers.

Guo Quan swiftly replied: "91,000 survivors have crossed!"

Flames of fury arose in Yue Zhong's heart, as he was gunning down tens of zombies, he shouted into the walkie-talkie, enraged: "What the fuck are you doing? How come there are only 91,000 of them across?"

The 800,000 zombies was moving towards them like tidal waves of the sea. Yue Zhong's warriors were forced to abandon their posts as they retreated bit by bit.

It was a critical situation, all the soldiers were feeling the fatigue. They had been engaged in long hours of warfare, and had not gotten the necessary rest. They were humans, not robots, and could not withstand such long intense battles. If it wasn't for Yue Zhong standing like a general in front of them, igniting their morale and fighting spirit like a fighting god, they would have collapsed long ago.

Regardless of how much Yue Zhong inspired the troops, the fact was that the soldiers were exhausted. If the intense battle was to go on for too long, they would not be able to hold up. The assault of the sea of

zombies was simply too ferocious, even in the cold rain, many of the barrels were overheating and became useless. Numerous soldiers had swollen shoulders because of the recoil, and they were relying on their fighting breaths and will to hang on.

As long as the leader was not useless, the soldiers of China were soldiers that could fight on with a strong fighting spirit\*.

Although Yue Zhong had his shortcomings, he was the one who always fought in front. Perhaps he was tyrannical at times but he treated his soldiers fairly, and he always led his troops into victory after victory, creating myriad miracles. This type of leader was a commander soldiers were willing to fight to the death with!

On the other side, Guo Quan laughed bitterly: "There are some who aren't willing to leave their homes!"

People are known to love their homeland, and aren't willing to desert if they could. Especially in this type of weather, the survivors were all the more unwilling to move.

Yue Zhong's eyes flashed with killing intent and lashed out: "Let them die! Damn it! Tell them about the zombies encroaching on SY City. If they don't want to leave, I won't force them, let them be buried with SY City for good! Bunch of assholes!! Guo Quan, I'm giving you 2 more hours! Whoever can be moved within these 2 hours will be my limit! After that, clear the road and leave a space for our troops to retreat! Whoever blocks our way, kill them regardless of who they are! No discussion!!"

To Yue Zhong, his soldiers were more important than the survivors of SY County. They trusted him wholeheartedly and were loyal, that's why they had chosen to fight till the end with him. Every single one of them were exhausted, and hanging on for another 2 hours was most likely their limit.

Within SY City, the remaining 50,000 survivors could not compare to his loyal subordinates.

"I understand, Commander Yue!! I promise to fulfill the responsibilities!!" Guo Quan gritted his teeth, as a resolute look appear on his face.

The news of the zombie horde attacking SY City soon spread like wildfire, and upon hearing the news, all those who were hiding at home and not willing to be soaked in the rain felt shock and trepidation, and finally understood the severity of the situation.

Those survivors took their raincoats, and rations and various other items in bags and rushed to the bridge. The sudden influx of the survivors led to chaos, and were jostling amongst themselves to be first, trying to find ways to cross the bridge. No one dared to stay in SY City longer than necessary, as the zombies would attack them in the next moment.

In the resulting chaos, many people who knocked to the ground, and trampled by the others, becoming more of the runny meat paste as the rain continued to fall.

Xu Yang looked at the messy and chaotic crowd and shouted: "All of you better line up in rows, whoever dares to cut the queue, you will be executed on the spot!!"

As these people were all fighting to be in front to cross the bridge, it had caused a blockade in front of the bridge, and no one could move.

No one paid attention to Xu Yang's shouts. The law would not punish the masses, this truth was imbedded deeply in their hearts, since there were people squeezing everywhere, they all thought that they would not be punished.

"Open fire!!" Xu Yang looked at the survivors squeezing, his face turned grim as he finally shouted the command.

The soldiers that were guarding the bridge used their machine guns and started firing into the crowd.

Under that sweeping fire, over a hundred of the survivors were shredded and fell down in pools of blood and gore. That terrifying scene shocked the remaining survivors, and they became obedient, looking towards Xu Yang in fear.

Xu Yang called out loudly: "If you want to cross the bridge, you better separate yourselves into 3 groups now. Children on this side! Women this side, and finally the men this side. The elderly, please wait at this side. For those who don't want to cross the bridge, scram far away! Don't fucking block my way here!"

Under Xu Yang's orders, the survivors quickly segregated themselves into 3 groups of people.

Following which, under the 3rd Battalion's watchful gazes, the children left the place first, crossing the bridge towards the other side.

As the survivors were being organized and moved, more than a dozen well-dressed men and women came in front of Xu Yang. The leader was a chubby-faced, fat middle-aged man with a protruding tummy. He smiled at Xu Yang, handing a bag to Xu Yang and said: "Hello Officer! I am SY City's Secretary for Commerce and Industry, Qu Bufan. You have worked hard, this is a small token, please accept it if you don't mind."

Xu Yang opened the bag, only to discover various diamonds that were twinkling inside. If it was prior to the apocalypse, these diamonds were easily worth several millions of Renminbi.

Xu Yang coldly asked: "What's the meaning of this?"

Qu Bufan pointed to a slender and fair-skinned beauty beside him as he laughed at Xu Yang: "I hope that this Officer can allow us to go over first. As long as you do that, this woman is yours!!"

The lady also fluttered her eyelashes at Xu Yang. Becoming the woman of an officer was not a bad thing. In this post-apocalyptic world, she wasn't the first to sell her body, nor would she be the last.

Xu Yang looked at Qu Bufan and laughed coldly: "Men! Lock these useless people up. Send the men to the scum battalion, the women into the women's battalion."

A few soldiers stepped out swiftly, and captured Qu Bufan and his group.

"Sir!! Sir!!" Qu Bufan had a look of shock and fear as he squealed out like a pig in distress.

"Don't be getting any funny ideas! Otherwise, you will face the same consequences as them!" Xu Yang scanned the survivors like a cheetah as he spoke out coldly, the survivors all looked down, not daring to meet his gaze.

#### Chapter 298: Hot Blooded Heroes!

Under Xu Yang's fierce threat, all the survivors became obedient, following the orders and moving in an orderly fashion towards the other side. The speed soon picked up.

However, as the rain was cold and relentless, many of the survivors who had not eaten the Type 2 Meat, continent to fall amidst the downpour and never stood up again.

At this time, no one could afford to pay attention to those fallen survivors. Xu Yang could only continue distributing the Type 2 Meat with the aide of his subordinates, hoping for the meat to help the miserable survivors.

Guo Quan looked at the proceedings anxiously, the time was too short. 2 hours were simply not enough to move everybody across. He would check his watch from time to time, while racking his brain for a solution.

Guo Quan suddenly beckoned a Company Officer called Xu Mo and asked: "Xu Mo!! Did you guys find any boats around here?"

Xu Mo reported back: "Battalion Commander, I've brought men to search. There aren't any."

Prior to the apocalypse, the riverbank had plenty of tugboats and fishing boats. Post-apocalypse, they had all been used to catch fishes. In the end, as they came across the Type 2 Mutant Beasts in the waters, the boats were all destroyed or capsized. Hence there were no more boats around the area.

Guo Quan looked at the bridge with a steely expression, and continued to check his watch frequently. Nearby, there was still the bustling activity of moving, the group of children had crossed over fully, while the women were still making their journey on the bridge. They could hear the sounds of gunfire in the distance, and were aware of the intense battle happening.

Not long after, the preliminary group of soldiers had dispersed from the frontlines and came to the bridge. They had continued construction and fortification without a wink of sleep and were thoroughly exhausted. Even though they did not participate in the battle directly, because of their efforts, their constructed defences and traps helped delay and caused the deaths of over ten thousand zombies.

"Battalion Commander Guo! Yun Fei leading the preliminary troops and reporting!" The young master of Black Tiger Gang had shaved his head long ago, and was decked in a military uniform, and had saluted in proper bearing.

An environment can change a person, good companions exert good influence while bad ones causes bad influence. After joining Yue Zhong's troops, and undergoing Chen Shitou's strict training and regimentation, he had shrugged off his hooligan image, and was starting to become a lot more disciplined and upright, developing and growing as a young man should.

"Xu Mo, go arrange for the preliminary troops to cross the bridge immediately!!" Guo Quan responded to Yun Fei with a military salute as well, before conveying some orders to Xu Mo beside him.

Xu Mo nodded his head, and he brought Yun Fei and the rest of the preliminary troops towards the crowd, and started to cross the bridge.

"They're jumping the line!!"

"Why are they allowed to cut the queue? They're playing with privileges here!!"

"How can they be allowed to jump the queue, while we're supposed to wait for death? That's not fair!!"

"Since they came last, they should queue behind!! We should be first!!"

"…"

Seeing Yun Fei and the preliminary troops cutting the queue, the survivors got riled up, as they called out loudly.

The survivors had been obedient as they were not treated too shabbily, even though Xu Yang was fierce, he was indeed fair. No one had the special privilege to cut queue, nor could they try to bribe their way through, hence they were all accepting of the situation. Now there were people allowed to cut, they felt agitated.

"Fuck all of you bastards!!" Xu Yang raised his loudhailer and jumped on to the roof of a jeep: "Damn it! All you assholes! Earlier we asked you to gather, what the hell were you doing? Dragging your feet and not willing to leave. When all of you were holed up in your homes, these guys were on the frontlines! To delay the advance of the zombies, they didn't sleep a wink and have been working for 12 full hours!! Some have even clashed with the zombies and died already!"

Xu Yang's expression was extremely steely: "They are all heroes!! Because of their efforts and the other soldiers who are staying on the frontlines, you guys are still alive now!! Even if you don't want to thank them that's fine. You assholes who still want to scold them, are you guys even human? Where's your damned conscience?!"

Hearing those words from Xu Yang, warmth flowed in the hearts of Yun Fei and those preliminary troopers. They were heroes. They had used their own sweat and blood to protect so many people, Yue Zhong would not mistreat them. At this time, their hearts were filled with gratitude and acceptance towards Yue Zhong as a leader.

Many of the preliminary troops were so touched that they broke down in tears. During the post-apocalypse, many of them were the lowest rung of society, and were living as though they were ants. For a single bread, or 1 jin of rice, they had disregarded all sense of self-worth and pride, and done anything possible, no matter how shameless. The government officials had treated them like trash when they were overlooking and governing. Under Yue Zhong, they had finally obtained the respect and pride, and were being labelled as heroes. At this moment, even though their bodies were drenched in that cold rain, their hearts were filled with an infinite warmth.

The survivors were reprimanded and did not dare make another sound. When Yue Zhong had deployed people to gather them, indeed they were not willing to leave. Now they had nothing to say against Xu Yang.

"You bunch of assholes, if any of you are a man, and still have your balls with you, then come over here, grab a weapon and go to the frontlines and fight!! As long as that person can kill 10 zombies, I will allow him to cross the bridge first and welcome that person into our ranks!!" Xu Yang swept his gaze over the 20,000 males and shouted.

At this time, a huge truck dumped a huge load of steel blades and shields onto the ground, forming a small mountain of weapons.

These items were initially used by Yue Zhong to equip the preliminary troops for both training and real combat, and there were enough to arm about 4,000 men. On top of that, he managed to obtain 6,000 blades that were recently completed from the army's storehouse.

The army had also known about the issue of ammunition, and to boost up the fighting capabilities while they had low ammo, they had decided to manufacture a huge number of steel blades. Compared to just random knives, these huge blades were more efficient against zombies.

The 20,000 men looked towards the 10,000 blades and shields, their eyes flashed with a complicated gaze, and they sunk into deep thought. They knew that the horde was definitely fearsome, seeing the retreating army as well as forceful defence of the place by Yue Zhong's troops. Fighting against these terrifying monsters, if one wasn't careful, they would lose their lives. They were unwilling to die after all.

Xu Yang swept his gaze with scorn at the 20,000 men, and spat: "Pei! Bunch of cowards with no balls!! You aren't men! Since you aren't men, stay still and be obedient, await your turn! Don't act or speak out of line, otherwise my guns will fire blindly!"

"I'm a man! I will go kill the zombies!!" A 1.8m tall man stepped out from the crowd and took up a blade and shield as he hollered: "I am Tian Hu!! I am a man!! Whoever still has the guts, take up arms and follow me!!"

"I am Hai Mingfeng!! I am a man!! I'm not a coward!!"

"I am Shen Xiong!! I am also a man, not a coward!!"

Tian Hu's shout seemed to ignite a fire amidst the 20,000 men's hearts, and they started to step forward in droves, grabbing a weapon and shield, while shouting their names, announcing their existence.

Xu Yang looked at Tian Hu and the rest of them, his eyes gleamed, and he saluted them, as he shouted: "Good!! You are all men!! You will be my good brothers!! Pi Dafu! Go distribute a can of Type 2 Meat to each of these brothers, and bring them to assist Commander Yue at the frontlines!!"

Xu Yang's company officer Pi Dafu stepped out, and saluted the group of heroic males, and immediately brought them towards the sounds of gunfire.

There were many good men, at the same time, cowards were aplenty as well. Amongst those 20,000 men, only 6,000 had stepped forward. The rest had lowered their heads, not daring to look into Xu Yang's eyes, as though they were quails. Not everyone had the courage to face death.

"Trash!" Xu Yang coldly glared at the remaining 13,000 men and spat out the words, before moving on.

Under the lead of Pi Dafu, the 6,000 hot-blooded heroes quickly arrived at the battlefield and joined in the fray.

The soldiers who were struggling to maintain their defence managed to stabilize their position with the help of the unexpected 6,000 additional warriors.

The ordinary zombies were weak after all, they only had strength in numbers. Tian Hu wielded his steel blade and shield, and hacked about with force, those zombies were either chopped in two or beheaded. He was like a deranged tiger, and continuously slashed at the zombies.

With Tian Hu's example, the rest of the warriors following him seemed to gain a boost in fighting spirit, as they slashed fervently, chasing the zombies out of the street.

Under the support of Tian Hu and the newly joined warriors, Yue Zhong's 2nd Battalion that had been involved in the fighting since the first moment managed to catch a breath. At the same time, the Special Combat Forces as well as the experts under Shen Hongyang targeted the evolved zombies, as those evolved zombies posed the most threat to Tian Hu and the rest who were normal survivors.

Tian Hu hacked and slashed in his battle-lust, after killing 14 zombies, he was starting be out of breath, and the steel blade in his hands felt heavy. He ate 2 cans of Type 2 meat, and regained a huge amount of his energy back, however, his fighting speed could not match his initial power. After awhile, he would feel his stamina depleting quickly. He was after all not an Enhancer, and did not have the stamina to fight 100 zombies at once.

Right in front of him, 20 ordinary zombies had surrounded him and were making their way towards him. He rushed forward and like a possessed tiger, managed to kill another 2 more zombies. However, 3 of them stretched their claws out at him.

"Am I going to die?" Tian Hu looked at the incoming claws, and his face changed, as he lost all strength to retaliate.

Right at this time, 5 bone spears shot out, decimating the zombies in the entire area, and the surrounding zombies were instantly chopped up into many pieces.

"So strong!!! Is this the might of an Enhancer?" Tian Hu looked at the ease of which the zombies were disposed of, and a huge number behind them were also chopped up easily, and his mind was rattled. It was the first time he had seen the prowess of an Enhancer.

At this moment, Yue Zhong and White Bones came in front of Tian Hu and looked at him: "You must be Tian Hu! Well done!! You're a needed hero, care to join my troops?"

"Yue Zhong!!" Tian Hu's heart was shaken, as he stared fixedly at Yue Zhong. Yue Zhong had gained quite the notoriety in SY City, and in many versions, he was depicted as a 2m-tall, fierce looking hero that seemed to reek of blood. However, the person in front of him now was just an ordinary youth.

However, when he observed carefully, he could detect the faint pressure and bearing of a leader. He immediately responded: "I'm willing!! Extremely willing!!"

During the post-apocalypse, if one was lucky enough to join a power, especially that had an army of such size, it was a blessing to most survivors. Becoming a soldier ensured that they would not go hungry, at the same time, they were backed by the army, and could live uprightly in this new world.

Tian Hu had wanted to join the SY Military previously, however, he lacked the connections, and had even offended some people, hence he did not have the chance.

"Bring the rest of them and retreat!!" Yue Zhong looked at White Bones that was slaughtering the zombies, before he told Tian Hu.

"Yes!" Tian Hu responded without thinking, as he looked at the whirlwind of destruction that was White Bones, and brought the rest of the 6,000 men and withdrew.

The scene of White Bones slaughtering the zombies like chickens had embedded deeply in Tian Hu's mind, and he was filled with fervent admiration and blazing motivation: "One day, I will become an Enhancer like that!"

Tian Hu and the 6,000 other men had attacked the zombies, and managed to decimate over 13,000 of them. It helped impede the advance greatly, and at the same time, they bought Yue Zhong's troops another precious hour.

However, as they had poor defences, without the necessary armor, in this battle, over 900 had been injured and infected, they had no choice but to execute them on the spot.

During this precious and hard won hour, Yue Zhong led the 8th Battalion and Ning Guang's 3rd Battalion towards the bridge.

### Chapter 299: Retreat, Riot, Despair

The appearance of the 6,000 warriors had bought a precious hour of time for the Special Combat Forces as well as the elites under Shen Hongyang. To these Enhancers, an hour was enough for them to recover a huge amount of stamina.

Yue Zhong led the Special Combat Forces as they hunted the zombies everywhere, blocking them from advancing. The main force was slowly making their way towards the back.

Yue Zhong's Special Combat Forces had absorbed the experts of Liu Huifeng and Luo Tianyi before this battle. By adding on the various Enhancers who have been gaining levels nonstop throughout the battles, the total number of experts had reached 72. Every single one of them was above Level 20, and a number had broke past the Level 30 barrier. Each of them possessed incredible battle ability, however the horde was simply endless, Yue Zhong could only retreat bit by bit with them, and soon they came to the bridge.

At this time, the moving process was still ongoing, and a huge number of women was packed on the bridge. In front of the women, it was Tian Hu and the rest of the 5,000+ warriors.

The 13,000+ cowardly men had started to become fidgety with the approaching sounds of gunfire, and were visibly anxious. They could feel the tension rising as the horde got closer.

"Let us cross!!! Move!!! We want to cross!! Everyone, let's fight it out with them!" Amongst the survivors, one of them suddenly hollered out these words loudly.

"We want to cross!!"

"We want to cross!!"

"We want to live!!!"

"Get lost!! Damn army dogs! Thugs!!"

"…"

The survivors were riled up in an instant, and erupted in rage and chaos as they charged towards Guo Quan.

Seeing the 13,000+ survivors rushing towards them, Guo Quan seemed to hesitate for a moment. This was after all 13,000+ survivors! He might be fierce and threatening, but he did not want to become a murderer of his own kind!!

"Open fire!!" At this time, Yue Zhong's cold harsh voice resounded from beside Guo Quan.

Guo Quan heard the familiar voice, and did not hesitate further as he also shouted: "Open fire!!"

In an instant, all sorts of heavy weaponry opened fire on the survivors, and those miserable sods who had rushed forward without even a shred of metal on them immediately fell to the ground amidst screams of agony and pain.

Under that sudden oppression, a number of them became confused and scared, and decided to escape elsewhere, or kneeled on the ground begging for forgiveness, some even started crying not knowing what to do!

Yue Zhong looked at the survivors, and hesitation flashed in his eyes. Now was not the time to be benevolent, the moment they erupted in chaos, not only will this group of survivors die here, even his Special Combat Forces and the elites under Shen Hongyang would be buried here as well.

Yue Zhong did not bother about those who were escaping in all directions, he immediately picked up the loudhailer and spoke into it: "You are the last batch of survivors here, if you want to force your way across, I will not hesitate to kill you! There are weapons here, if you want to live on, take up and fight for your own life. If you don't have the guts, just wait for death!"

After which, Yue Zhong threw the loudhailer aside, and charged into the battlefield. It was the last critical moments of the battle, covering the retreat was the only priority on his mind now. Here, having a few extra hands would not mean shit.

"All of you evacuate! I will cover you!!" The moment he reentered the battlefield, he shouted towards Xu Xiao and Ji Qingwu.

Hearing Yue Zhong's words, Xu Xiao's eyes flashed with intense respect. Covering the retreat was the most dangerous part, and a leader who would do that for his subordinates were rare and few. Fighting for this kind of leader, Xu Xiao truly felt fortunate. He saluted Yue Zhong, and quickly brought his men to leave the frontlines.

Ji Qingwu glanced at Yue Zhong and gritted her teeth saying: "You're going to be alone? No way! I will stay behind with you!!"

Yue Zhong frowned and replied: "No! I can definitely leave by myself. With you, it would be impossible! Be good and listen to me!!"

Ji Qingwu stared at Yue Zhong stubbornly: "I don't WANT TOO! I have the means to protect myself!"

Yue Zhong directly exerted pressure on her: "No way!! It's too dangerous!! Go back, this is an order!! You are the commander of the Special Combat Forces!! You are responsible for the lives of our Special Combat Forces!"

Ji Qingwu was like Yue Zhong, and was exhausted from the countless battles. It could be said that there was no Special Combat Forces soldiers that was not tired, but no one could compare with Ji Qingwu and Yue Zhong who had not even taken a breather. The moment they slipped, it would be disastrous.

"Fine! I'll listen to you, but you must promise me you will come back!!" Ji Qingwu was after all a girl who could see the bigger picture, so she quelled the anxious feelings she had for Yue Zhong and swiftly retreated.

Yue Zhong looked Ji Qingwu's back and heaved a deep sigh of relief, before charging out towards battle with White Bones.

The paths to the bridge had been blocked earlier upon Yue Zhong's orders, there was only one main channel now. All the places required at least a few tens of minutes to break through. Hence, Yue Zhong and White Bones had to defend against the horde for a few minutes.

The moment the Special Combat Forces and elites evacuated, over 200 zombies lumbered towards Yue Zhong. If it wasn't for the other places being blocked, they might have been swarmed by more.

White Bones lifted its hands, changing them into huge bone blades that could reach down to the end of the street. With a large arcing swing, the Razor Bone blades came down and across the street area, chopping an excess of 50 zombies into lopsided rotting halves.

After gaining 4 points of enhancement in the Summon Special Skeleton Skill, White Bones could finally display its intended raw power. Zwish! His arms chopped and killed the zombies like a swinging meat cleaver. Even the L1s and L2s could not defend against the powered up, enhanced White Bones.

"Damn!! That's awesome!!" Yue Zhong had thought that it would a tough battle, but seeing White Bones cleaving through the zombies so easily? He finally understood the extent of strength his enhanced Skill could display.

It could be said that, White Bones could take on 2000 zombies on its own.

Under that kind of exertion, White Bones' stamina was also depleting like mad. When it reached zero, it could not use any types of skill. The more powerful the skill, the higher the energy or stamina consumption.

When White Bones' stamina reached 10 points, Yue Zhong immediately called it back, then whistled extremely loudly.

Following that shrill whistle, Greenie flapped its wings as it descended from the skies.

Greenie hovered above the city, and unleashed its Wind Control ability in response to the whistle. Following its incessant beating of its wings, countless tornados formed and shot towards the zombies.

Under the assault of those sharp tornadoes, lines of zombies were sliced in twain. At the same time, the power of the gale wind caused long cracks along the floor.

After Greenie released the gusts of winds, it immediately flew off, without needing Yue Zhong's orders. It was not willing to expend all its energy to attack an enemy that was endless.

Many high level Mutant Beasts had manifestations of their natural abilities. However, each usage could expend a huge part of their energy. Therefore, unless it was extremely dire, mutant beasts were unwilling to use their abilities freely.

After Greenie flew off, Yue Zhong also retreated at full speed backwards, moving so fast that he appeared to almost teleport 3-4 steps with each movement. As he retreated he wielded his .05 submachine gun and fired wildly while making a mad dash for the bridge.

At this time, near the bridge, there were only Guo Quan, the 1st Battalion from Ning Guang County, as well as the 12,000 male survivors who were pushing and shoving each other.

"Please!! Please Master Yue, let me go!! I'm willing to do anything!!"

"I'm begging you, let me go across!! I'm willing to slog and toil for you!!"

"Isn't the army about protecting the citizens!! Please!! Let us go over!!"

"...."

A number of the survivors had kneeled on the floor, and were begging Guo Quan profusely. The bridge was their only way out. With the passing of time, death was approaching faster.

Other than a few hundred survivors who took up the balance steel blades, the rest of them basically ignored them. These cowards only wanted to cross the bridge, and didn't have the guts to face the zombies.

Yue Zhong glanced at those weak survivors, and ordered Guo Quan: "Guo Quan! Take your men and evacuate now!! Let these people decide their own fate!"

"Yes! Commander!" Guo Quan saluted Yue Zhong, before taking the soldiers from the 1st Battalion across the bridge.

Losing the pressure of Guo Quan and the 1st Battalion, the survivors started to fight to get to the bridge.

With no one to maintain the order, all the survivors went crazy, those weaker ones were pushed to the ground. For the chance to escape, some of the people even went as far as to kill their fellow humans. In just a moment, the 13,000-over survivors were thrown into chaos, they did not dare fight against the zombies, but they were not above slaughtering amongst themselves.

Seeing the cruel and chaotic scene, Yue Zhong furrowed his brows, and let out a deep sigh. He had done his best, but he could not save these 13,000 survivors even if he wanted to.

Right at this time, the horde broke through all the barricades and defences, and was swarming towards the survivors!

"Ah!!!!" Seeing the terrifying zombies, one of the survivors screamed out, before jumping into the river, trying to swim his way across.

Ulamog: There you have it. The author has cleared the confusion: Whitebones can do movement and basic attacks infinitely, but any skills draw from a separate and not unlimited stamina total.

### Chapter 300 – Turtle to the Rescue! Tong Xiaoyun's Passion!

The number of survivors that chose to dive into the river increased as the zombies neared them, each one franticly trying to make their way across.

At the same time, the slaughter amongst those at the bridge had become even more intense, and devastation and desolation was in every survivors' eyes.

Yue Zhong shook his head and he proceeded to call for Greenie, to pick him up. All of a sudden, his heart shook, and he looked towards the river.

He was shocked as he observed that the waters were churning, as whole groups of Mutant Crayfish were climbing ashore! As they charged out of the water they immediately started attacking the zombies, using their sharp claws to chop them in two, before gobbling them up.

The waters churned constantly, and the Mutant Crayfish continued to come up in droves. Furthermore, there were 20 Elite Mutant Crayfish as well, followed by a Type 2 Mutant Crayfish, and finally Turtle!

Turtle looked at Yue Zhong, and let out a strange call. The Type 2 Mutant Crayfish also let out a sharp shrill call.

The 20 Elite Mutant Crayfishes rushed into the horde, and started slaughtering the zombies.

Those Mutant Crayfish had hard shells, and the ordinary zombies could do nothing to break them. They also had terribly sharp claws, and were impervious to the zombie virus, thus they were the perfect counter to the zombies.

The moment those Mutant Crayfish joined in the battle, they attacked the zombies in a frenzy, and huge numbers of the zombies were chopped up and dismembered by them, before being eaten.

These Mutant Beasts it seems, like to feast on zombies. If they could swallow the blood essence of the higher level zombies, they could use it to power up as well.

Seeing the Mutant Beasts coming out from the river, all the survivors felt worse, and the fights began to become more vicious. People were killing each other faster and faster as time went on.

Yue Zhong jumped on top of Turtle's head, and urged it to go to the bridge: "I am Yue Zhong! All of you stop right this instance! The Mutant Beasts are here upon my orders!! Get in line!! Cross the bridge orderly! Otherwise I'll execute you!"

The frenzied survivors were frightened by Turtle and had stopped in their tracks. They regained their composure, and observed the surrounded Mutant Beasts, before becoming like sheep and getting in line, crossing the bridge according to their lines.

"Turtle! This time, it's really thanks to you!!" Yue Zhong looked at the subdued survivors crossing as he sighed in relief, patting Turtle's head.

If Turtle had not appeared with its countless little brothers, the over 10,000 remaining survivors here would have died at the hands of those zombies.

When Turtle was praised by Yue Zhong, it wagged its tail, and thumped it against the ground. It was obviously pleased. After being tamed by Yue Zhong, it had already established a soul link with him, and could understand what he said.

With Turtle's command, the countless Mutant Crayfishes guarded the 10,000+ survivors across the bridge. However, these weak cowards had to face the cold winds, the terrible chaos that ensued earlier, where there was slaughter amongst themselves, and over a thousand of them had died. Although the loss was huge, the only consolation was that the majority of them had managed to cross the bridge safely.

"Burn the bridge!!" Yue Zhong came to the other side of the bridge, and immediately issued the order!

'Hong'! With a loud blast, the bridge that was painstakingly built by countless people before the apocalypse was destroyed. The only way for the 800,000-strong horde to reach Ning Guang County was destroyed just like that.

If they wanted to make their way to Ning Guang County, they had to go on a detour for over a 100 km just to find the road.

After gaining these 100,000 survivors of SY County, Yue Zhong's next aim was Long Hai County!

As long as he conquered Long Hai County, Yue Zhong would obtain factories, and could start manufacturing ammunition. He wouldn't have to worry about ammunition shortage to deal with a huge horde like that ever again.

The close quarter combat placed too much pressure on the soldiers. Unless they wore Mutant Beasts hides that could prevent even the penetration of guns and knives, the loss of soldiers from fighting zombies was too much to handle.

The huge horde of zombies followed the scent of human to the river where the bridge once stood.

Under the influence of a mysterious command, the zombies plunged into the waters, seemingly trying to use their own bodies to create a path towards the other side. They had been advancing for such a long way with just their masses, crossing whem they saw mountains and crossing water bodies as they saw them.

However, the river was filled with the little brothers of Turtle, and the moment these zombies plunged into the water, they were immediately gobbled up by the Mutant Crayfishes.

After no results from sending countless zombies to their needless deaths, the Z-Types hiding behind the horde also woke up and stopped the useless notion. The entire horde stood at the river looking blank.

After confirming that the horde could not possibly make their way across, he heaved a sigh of relief, and went back to take a bath, before lying on the bed and falling into a deep sleep. He had over-extended himself these past few days, and the moment he could relax, he did not fight it.

Yue Zhong was after all just a human, after experiencing such intense battles, he was on high alert and high strung at all times. The lives and deaths of over a few 100,000 weighed on his shoulders and he had

not dared to relax for even a single moment. That sort of intense pressure almost suffocated him. He could finally take a break.

As Yue Zhong was still drowsy and unconscious, he felt his member being grabbed by someone, before entering somewhere moist and warm, and he was woken up from the shock, before looking down.

[Dedition: Fun fact: After long periods of exercise, your body releases dopamine, loads of endorphins along with seratonin. Yue Zhong wouldn't be interested in sex as his body would already be feeling 'spent' as if he had been in an orgy for the whole day.]

Only to see Tong Xiaoyun in a simple white shirt, which was unbuttoned, revealing her beautiful pink mounds and the flawless skin she got after Evolving. She was kneeling in between his legs, grabbing his member, and was revealing an enchanting smile: "Good morning, Yue-gege!"

"Xiaoyun, what are you doing?" Yue Zhong looked at that enticing and charming Tong Xiaoyun that was looking extremely feminine and alluring right now, and his heart skipped a beat.

Tong Xiaoyun teasingly licked his member and charmingly said: "Yue-gege, this is called waking you up! Do you like it?"

"Yes!" Yue Zhong reached out to caress her face, and did not hide the rising passion in his eyes, as his body grew warmer. Since the issue with the horde and danger was temporarily over, he wanted to give in to his desires and enjoy himself properly.

"Then, treat me lovingly!" Tong Xiaoyun giggled, and took the initiative to climb on top of Yue Zhong, before sitting down and allowing his member to enter her.

Tong Xiaoyun furrowed her brow slightly in pain and pleasure, as the snow-white bed was stained with a blood-coloured flower, "Love me tenderly ok? Yue-gege! I really like you! Oh!!!" Tong Xiaoyun hugged Yue Zhong tightly, as her huge eyes looked at Yue Zhong pleadingly.

"Of course!! I like you too!!" Tong Xiaoyun's pleading look was the strongest aphrodisiac and ignited Yue Zhong's passion. He pushed her on to the bed, and started to thrust in and out with pleasure.

As the room Yue Zhong was in was the temporary dwelling of the cititzens, Tong Xiaoyun's moans of pleasure could be heard through the walls, as it resounded out.

The little loli Zhang Yulan was currently holding a towel, standing in embarrassment outside Yue Zhong's room, putting her head to the wall and listening to the ongoings within the room. Her heartbeat was quickening. She had originally wanted to take a towel to help wipe the face of the hero that she idolized so much.

In truth, Yue Zhong's image amongst the majority of the survivors was not that good. Especially Shen Xue, who hated Yue Zhong to the core. However, Zhang Yulan absolutely adored Yue Zhong as he had saved her. Her heart was filled with only gratitude and reverence towards him.

"What are you doing here?" Just as Zhang Yulan was eavesdropping, Zhuo Yatong's voice travelled to her ear.

Zhang Yulan was scared and jumped up like a frightened rabbit as she trembled, before looking at Zhuo Yatong, saying on the brink of tears: "Ma'am, I'm sorry!! I didn't meant to eavesdrop!! I just wanted to take towel to Commander Yue!! I'm sorry!!"

"This husband is also too neglectful!! Xiaoyun also, how could she moan so loudly, giving kids a bad impression." Zhuo Yatong heard the moans of pleasure from within the room, and couldn't help but blush and thought to herself with a little jealousy.

Zhuo Yatong smiled tenderly at Zhang Yulan, before receiving the towel and said: "You can scoot along! I'll help you give it to him!"

"How beautiful!! How tender!! His wives are really all so pretty!! If I can become like them, will he look at me more?" Zhang Yulan looked at the absolute beauty of Zhuo Yatong and her eyes flashed with a hint of yearning, before she replied docilely: "Yes! Ma'am!"

With that, Zhang Yulan left the place obediently.

Zhuo Yatong strided into the room, only to discover Tong Xiaoyun's arched back, and her body flushed with an enticing pink, breathing erratically while lying in exhaustion in Yue Zhong's embrace, and her expression one of satisfaction and extreme charm

Yue Zhong took a look at Zhuo Yatong, herself dressed in stunning clothings that accentuated her mature charms, as his eyes brightened up and he smiled: "Yatong! Come over! I want to kiss you!"

Zhuo Yatong first closed the door, then giving Yue Zhong a tender smile, as she went over to him and started making out: "Really! Husband, if you and Xiaoyun-meimei want to do this kind of thing, please notice your surroundings also! What if the kids pick up the bad habits from you!"