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Chapter 301: Introducing currency!

Yue Zhong chuckled as he pulled the mature Zhuo Yatong and pressed on to her, without even taking off her clothes, he immediately penetrated her and forcefully pounded her.

Zhuo Yatong's tenderness set Yue Zhong's desire off again, at the same time, under Yue Zhong's constant ravaging, she could not help but let out cute moans, giving a sense of being Dominated, which fuelled Yue Zhong's passion further.

After the intense love-making, Yue Zhong embraced the voluptuous Zhuo Yatong and loveable Tong Xiaoyun as they laid quietly in the bed, while he breathed in their scent and took the the beauty of their skin, his heart filled with peace and happiness.

Zhuo Yatong laid in Yue Zhong's embrace as she raised her head to kiss Yue Zhong, before cheekily asking a pointed question: "Husband!! Between Xiaoyun-meimei and myself, who makes you feel better?"

Tong Xiaoyun grabbed Yue Zhong's hands, as she used her breasts and stuck them to his hand, before coyly saying: "Yue-gege, it's me right? Xiaoyun is your obedient little sister~!!"

Tong Xiaoyun and Zhuo Yatong always shared a close relationship, but with regards to getting Yue Zhong's affection, they would compete unknowingly. Although Zhuo Yatong did not say it, she still felt jealous of Tong Xiaoyun that managed to gain a position within Yue Zhong's heart as well.

"Haha!! Both of you are my precious darlings." Yue Zhong laughed out loud, and managed to dodge the tricky question, as he lowered his head to kiss them both on their cheeks, hugging them tightly.

Zhuo Yatong and Tong Xiaoyun looked at each other, and exchange a smile, and decided not to make things difficult for him, instead, they kissed him and placed their heads on his chest, listening to his heartbeat.

Yue Zhong was enjoying his time here. On the other hand, Da Gouzi was actually kept extremely busy, trying to handle so many things at once, he wished he could split himself into three.

The consequences of the downpour had surfaced, amongst those 130,000 survivors that had crossed, 40,000 had fallen ill because of the rain, and were running high fevers.

As the transportation of goods were in a rush, the medicine and supplies brought from the hospital were not enough to deal with the number of patients.

"What do we do? Officer Da Gouzi?" Tai Yiyan looked at Da Gouzi as she asked.

Tai Yiyan had shown her worth and capabilities by working closely with Yue Zhong's unit, and had become an integral member of his team.

Da Gouzi massaged his temple and gave out a few orders: "Give those fever patients a can of Type 2 Meat, then organize some people to help boil some water for them to drink!! Those who have already fallen ill, gather them and quarantine them. I don't want a new source of outbreak for illnesses." In this post-apocalyptic world, falling ill was an extremely dangerous thing, especially with the shortage of doctors and medicine. Just a simple flu and fever could take the life of a person. Da Gouzi had distributed the meat like medicine because he had no choice, he could only pray that after gaining the energy, they might be able to fight the illness. Other than that, there was nothing else he could do.

"Yes!" Tai Yiyan swiftly replied, and dismissed herself.

Da Gouzi then pondered for a while, before continuing his distribution of the type 2 Meat to those soldiers who had put in their all during those intense battles. All of these soldiers had stronger bodies, all they lacked was rest. However, the Type 2 Meat could allow them to swiftly regain their energy and stamina, preventing them from suddenly falling sick.

With Da Gouzi's allocation, cans of Type 2 Meat were sent to those survivors who had fallen ill, under the supervision of the 5,000-over men led by Tian Hu, the female survivors were gathered, and took on the roles of temporary nurses, and helped take care of those who had fallen ill.

The Type 2 Meat was extremely beneficial, as the moment the patients ate the meat, it displayed its rejuvenating properties, and many regained some colour on their pale faces.

As there was no adequate care given on time, out of the 40,000 who had taken ill, 1,000 had passed away, but the rest of them managed to overcome this hardship, and escaped death's door.

This time, Yue Zhong had managed to save so many survivors, the huge amount of Type 2 Meat played an important role. If it was not for the Type 2 Meat, even if these over 100,000 survivors crossed the bridge, at least half would have died due to the rain.

After the cold harsh autumn rain fell for 5 days, the skies regained its warm blue colour.

The moment the skies cleared, the 120,000-over survivors who had been squeezing and waiting it out embarked on their journey towards Ning Guang County.

When these survivors arrived at Ning Guang County and Qing Yuan County, the masses joined and integrated with the strongholds under Yue Zhong, and started a bustle of activities.

Factories were filled up, and everyone began production on steel knives, barricades and making use of the hides from the Mutant Beasts to create armor and protection.

Those 5,000-over survivors who had proved their worth during the last few critical moments were also accepted and integrated into the preliminary troops and began their tough training.

Yue Zhong was extremely generous with his own troops who had fought hard for him, they had decent amounts of food. In between their training gaps, they also spent time and resources within the county, bringing all sorts of economic growth within the county.

It seemed that overnight, various snack stalls, bread shops, hair styling salons, restaurants, etc all sprung up.

Chen Jianfeng sought Yue Zhong out and spoke: "Yue Zhong! I feel that we should start introducing a currency, otherwise it will be detrimental to our current economic growth."

Within the counties, the barter system was still popular. Most of the time, rice or other food was used. As to the renminbi used prior to the apocalypse, it was worth even less than toilet paper now. The barter system was primitive and inefficient, and was not helpful to development.

However, the renminbi had declined. Those who had tried running with their huge stacks of renminbi were in dire straits, not even comparable to a beggar, and no one was willing to accept it. Only Yue Zhong and his group could introduce something to be used, that would be acceptable by their citizens.

Yue Zhong frowned as he asked softly: "Do we give out cash? Based on our skills now, can we maintain the security and strength of the currency?"

Chen Jianfeng replied swiftly: "I have already found someone to handle this issue."

Their total number of survivors rescued from SY County were 120,000 adding on to the 20,000 that he had secretly transported out earlier, his stronghold had increased by a whopping 150,000 in strength. Amongst those survivors, there were various people with specialized skill sets and knowledge. Chen Jianfeng only had to spread the word, and his subordinates had found some people already.

Yue Zhong nodded his head: "Fine! I'll let you handle this!"

Chen Jianfeng was extremely efficient, and his methods and work ethics were extremely resolute. Under his supervision, Yue Zhong's government swiftly issued out a currency called the Grand Central Empire Dollar* as the new form of currency.

1 Central Dollar could be used to buy a jin of cornmeal within the rules Yue Zhong established for food companies, and 2 Central Dollars could be used to buy a jin of rice. At the same time, there were various other items that can be bought, including cigarettes, milk, soap, canned Beast Meat, canned Type 2 Beast Meat.

Yue Zhong then issued out salaries to the military and government, allowing them to spend them as necessary within the counties.

As the Central Dollar could be used directly to purchase food, the strength and credibility immediately gave the survivors the confidence to accept it as the new currency replacing the previous renminbi. Furthermore, many shops had the stock of Type 2 Beast Meat.

Amongst the survivors, many of them had experienced and gone through so many setbacks. They recognized the importance and value of the Type 2 Beast Meat. Many of them had their hearts set aflame, wishing to own a Type 2 Beast Meat as an insurance for their lives in the future.

Of course, the Type 2 Beast Meat could not be purchased so easily. Yue Zhong had set a price of 10,000 Central Dollars on each canned Type 2 Beast Meat. Type 2 Mutant Beasts weren't easy to kill after all. To even encounter them, one had to travel to places where the Mutant Beasts were strong and ferocious, if he were to be careless, he could meet a few different Type 2 Mutant Beasts, if that happens, Yue Zhong would also lose his life.

The moment the currency was introduced, both counties seemed to regain their vigor, and many survivors started showcasing and making use of their abilities and knowledge prior to the apocalypse, and started up their own shops. There was a huge variety of snacks, and various shops had sprung up due to demand. Both counties displayed a thriving scene.

Under the supervision of Chen Jianfeng, the development and economic growth boomed, and the people were filled with satisfaction and happiness. On the other side, Yue Zhong had allowed his troops to rest for 5 days, before assigning them in shift systems to make their way towards Long Hai County, clearing the various villages of zombies as they came across them, at the same time grooming and training his troops.

Tian Hu and the rest of the warriors of the preliminary troops were undergoing Xu Zhengang's harsh training everyday.

The various troops of Liu Huifeng were absorbed and distributed amongst Yue Zhong's troops, with the addition of a few hundred veterans, the combat power of the battalions received another huge boost.

Shen Hongyang was extremely cooperative as he handed command of Xu Xiao and the few other experts to Yue Zhong, who transferred them into his Special Combat Forces. The 10 tanks, 7 assault helicopters and their operating personnel were then allocated to the armored division.

As a form of reciprocation, Yue Zhong had allocated a large number of soldiers from his preliminary troop to fill up Shen Xue's 2 infantry battalions, fulfilling his promise.

As his power was expanding, Yue Zhong once again overhauled the military system, and reorganized the entire troops as a regiment, declaring himself as the Regiment Commander, with Chi Yang as the Second-in-Command.

Chapter 302: Assault on Long Hai City

The elite 1st and 2nd Battalion of Qing Yuan County, 1st and 2nd Battalion of Ning Guan County as well as the Armored Battalion were grouped as the 1st Division belonging to Yue Zhong, its commander Xu Zhengang and vice-commander Wu Guang.

Qing Yuan's 3rd Battalion, Ning Guang's 3rd and 4th Battalion were reorganized as the 2nd Division, its commander Chen Shitou, vice-commander Kong Tianyu.

SY County's 8th Battalion and Shen Xue's 2 battalions were grouped into the 3rd Division, its commander Xiong Zheng, vice-commander Shen Xue.

The Special Combat Forces remained under the command of Ji Qingwu. The preliminary troops remained as it is, belonging to Yue Zhong and trained by Xu Zhengang.

Da Gouzi was conferred the title as Support Commander, being placed in charge of all support activities. The support division was important and could decide victory in modern warfare.

On top of that, Yue Zhong established a Youth Guards. This Youth Guards was comprised of various youths that had ambition and idolized Yue Zhong. They numbered in the 3,000, consisting of both boys and girls. They had to go through a specialized programme where they had to learn about culture and skills in the day, and learnt various fighting and combat skills from the Special Combat Forces. They ate Mutant Beast meat, and got to enjoy Type 2 Meat once in a while, strengthening their bodies through the course of training. Zhang He and Zhang Yulan had joined it the first moment they could, as they possessed the drive and idolization of Yue Zhong.

The top expert of the Youth Guards was the little loli Yao Yao. Zhang Yulan had been awed by her the first moment she saw her, and became her huge fan, and her small attendant.

Yao Yao saw that she had someone who idolized her, and felt smug as well. She did not hold back and taught Zhang Yulan all she knew and experienced. It was just that regardless how hard Zhang Yulan worked, she could not match Yao Yao as she was lacking in both age and talent.

However, Zhang Yulan and her brothers did not slack off, and absorbed all that they could. They wanted to become useful members of society in this new post-apocalypse world.

A month went quickly with all the adjustments, integration and training. After the reorganization and training, Yue Zhong's troops had surpassed what they were previously, and became even stronger.

"Now! Let's move out! Our target is Long Hai County!!"

Following Yue Zhong's single command, his 1st Division started to move towards Long Hai City.

The army set off, and following them from the rear were over 20,000 survivors as well as the support troops and their transportation supplies. As there was not enough fuel, the support troops could only use their own legs to follow the vehicles forward. It was extremely tough.

However, these troops and the survivors had not a word of complaint, as they were very clear that the operation this time on Long Hai County was extremely crucial. If they could conquer it, they would gain a huge amount of resources, and could gain a new city to become another habitat.

If they failed, then the horde that was holed up inside would cause all their deaths.

This battle, they could only win! They could not lose at all!

The zombies in the surrounding villages had either been summoned into Long Hai County, or were already wiped out by Yue Zhong's troops as training.

Yue Zhong's huge army had marched on for a few days, before finally arriving at the highway which led to Long Hai County and encountering the horde of zombies.

The huge horde of zombies was also slowly making their way towards Qing Yuan County, on the highway, through the various plains and forests. As far as the eye could see, they were all filled with zombies.

Upon sighting in on zombies, the 10 tanks that had become part of the armored vehicles immediately opened fire as they slowly and continuously advanced forward.

The zombies scattered throughout the plains and forest were immediately gunned down by the heavy fire, as they slumped to the floor.

The 10 tanks continued advancing forward, intending to crush the zombies.

The troops behind followed as they stepped on the meat paste on the ground, advancing behind the cover of the tanks.

In the skies, Greenie and 2 drones were flying, and the drones were feeding information back to the central command, while Greenie was in charge of chasing away the other flying Mutant Beasts that got attracted by the huge number of humans.

"Scum Battalion! Go charge!" Yue Zhong looked at the zombies that had been shot and laid on the ground on the plains and in the forests, and he gave the command to the scum battalion!

The commander of the Scum Battalion was Gao Daqiang, who was wielding a Tang Replica Sword, decked in Mutant Water Snake hide armor, another hand holding a steel shield, as he shouted at the 2,000 males who were made to join the scum battalion: "Your father, I, am Gao Daqiang!! I'm sure you guys can tell that I used to be a criminal who was sentenced to the Scum Battalion in the past. However, I have killed enough zombies, and have become an upright leader under Commander Yue's forces. My current rank is 2nd Lieutenant, and I'm a Level 18 Enhancer. I even have 2 wives as well! Everyday,I get to eat my fill, with meat in my meals also!"

Gao Daqiang let out a roar, and he charged at the zombies: "If you want to become like me, give it your all! Kill the zombies!! As long as you risk it all and fight, women, food, lodging, they will be yours! If you want to rise in rank and get rich and have your way with women, charge with me!! Whoever dares to retreat from battle, will be shot by the troops behind! Charge!!"

Yue Zhong had always placed importance and rewarded on those who worked hard. This Gao Daqiang had dared to fight and risk his all, and had killed numerous zombies. Even after he became a proper soldier, he continued putting in effort, and gained a Tang Replica Sword and Mutant Water Snake armor for himself. He had truly grown to become a powerful Enhancer, and was always the first to lead the charge in the Scum Battalion.

"Charge!! Follow Boss Gao, and let's rise in rank!!!" Beside Gao Daqiang, Nalan Mingzhu shouted out loudly and charged as well.

Under the motivation of Gao Daqiang and Nalan Mingzhu, those warriors of the Scum Battalion, who had been forced to train without any entertainment or break, seemed to become beasts with eyes filled with battle lust as they took up their weapons and charged. Only by killing enough zombies, could they earn freedom for themselves, and become normal citizens. Otherwise, they will forever remain as cannon fodder within the Scum Battalion forever.

When Gao Daqiang and Nalan Mingzhu appeared, and showed that they were examples of warriors who earned their freedom and rose in ranks, and even managed to marry wives, the criminals within the Scum Battalion were immediately motivated and found the incentive and hope to perform. They wanted to regain their freedom. Only when one loses freedom, will one truly understand its preciousness.

Those who earned their freedom from the Scum Battalion were a sturdy troop of veterans who had killed at least 30 zombies. When these hardened veterans were reintegrated within the normal army, when they obtained their God and Devil System equipment, they quickly rose to become strong Enhancers, and had filled up the ranks of experts within Yue Zhong's troops.

Those 2,000 troopers from the Scum Battalion were like tigers amongst sheeps the moment they charged at the zombies, as they waved their steel blades in frenzy and lopped off the zombies' heads in a wild and yet strangely disciplined manner, one by one.

When the troopers were riled up and threw away their fear, they became unstoppable, and the ordinary zombies weren't their match, they could only be slaughtered.

The zombies within the forests and plains were easily decimated by the scum battalion just like that.

The main force of Yue Zhong were easily picking off those zombies who stood in their way along the road.

As the forward party of zombies which numbered in the tens of thousands were being wiped out, the remaining scattered zombies quickly made their way back towards Long Hai County to gather.

On Greenie's back, Yue Zhong saw the droves of zombies making their way towards Long Hai County, forming a huge horde that stretched for miles.

"The number of zombies could number in the millions!!" Yue Zhong frowned as he thought to himself.

Although the number of zombies seemed to number in the millions, Yue Zhong did not panic as he currently possessed over 7,000 soldiers, including the preliminary troops and Scum Battalion, he had over 10,000 men who could fight. At the same time, he had the equipment from the Mechanized Infantry Brigade as well as enough ammunition for a regiment to expend, it was more than enough for him to fight with.

Yue Zhong had also constructed his own factory, that specialized in refilling bullets and could produce 20,000 bullets a day. In a month, the workers could churn out 600,000 bullets. Although the refilled bullets were less accurate, under heavy fire, they could cause waves of zombies to fall.

With this kind of support, Yue Zhong had the confidence to deal with these couple millions of zombies!

After the zombies within Long Hai County had gathered, they used their old methods, surging forth like a tidal wave and charging towards Yue Zhong's troops in a frenzy as commanded by their Z-Types.

After gaining valuable experience from the previous defeat, Yue Zhong swiftly commanded his troops to station at various strategic points, and began construction of fortifications and barricades, in the event the frontlines could not maintain, they could at least withdraw with ample protection.

The main force of Yue Zhong's troops swiftly gained control over Green Wind Gorge, an important channel, and began their fortifications and awaited the assault from the horde.

Green Wind Gorge was not as wide as Tiger Mouth's Gorge, and it had a decent defence line of about 4 km wide, but it was the most suitable for Yue Zhong's troops to begin their work with.

As the construction work was in full swing, and various traps were being dug, the sea of zombies finally approached the Green Wind Gorge.

If there were any weaknesses of the horde to be pointed out, it would be that their mobility was severely impaired, and thus Yue Zhong could find ways to deal with it.

As the sea of zombies lumbered towards the Green Wind Gorge, while their speed was slow, it was extremely steady. Soon, the landscape was filled with the zombies.

"Open fire!!"

Following Xu Zhengang's orders, the artillery unit began firing.

Round after round of rockets landed accurately amongst the zombie horde, exploding outwards with flame and shrapnel. With every blast, a huge hole would appear, and the zombies within a certain radius would be incinerated along with it. Regardless if they were ordinary zombies, or the evolved L1s, L2s, H1s, S1s, or S2s, under the relentless bombardment, they would become ash, with no way to retaliate.

Within a short 5 minutes, the densely packed horde had been blasted many times, and the leading force became a handful of scattered zombies.

Artillery weapons were considered godly weapons, and in this post-apocalyptic world, using them against the zombies could display their terrifying strength. In just this short 5 minutes, over 30,000 zombies had been incinerated.

After the constant bombardment for 5 minutes, the artillery immediately stopped. The zombies in front had been annihilated, and continuing their firing would not achieve anything. Furthermore, their ammunition was not endless, firing one meant one less for the future. Xu Zhengang had to utilize them to their fullest potential.

Facing the remaining scattered zombies, Guo Quan led the warriors from the 1st Battalion of the 1st Division forward, as they were decked in Mutant Water Snake hide, Mutant Black Fish hide, wielding Tang Replica Swords, and charged at the zombies.

With the protection of the hides, as long as the soldiers took care not to let their faces get scratched, they would not get infected. With the protection of those hides, the ferocity of the soldiers from the 1st Battalion was like a sharp knife that pierced the zombies after they had just faced the bombardment of the artillery, killing any few zombies that remained.

Ji Qingwu also deployed 20 soldiers from the Special Combat Forces as they followed the 1st Battalion, killing any evolved zombies such as the L2s or S2s that appeared, allowing the other soldiers to focus on the ordinary zombies.

The moment Guo Quan led his men into battle, they hacked and slashed their way through, killing over 2,000 zombies, before retreating to their positions. Many had gained levels after this first onslaught. Under Guo Quan's command, they all allocated the enhancement points into Stamina. In war, a modernized battalion that had immense Stamina was extremely fearsome, as long as they had enough Stamina, they could remain fighting on the frontlines, killing even more enemies.

The rest of the battalions also took turns and launched assaults on the remaining zombies, treating them as training fodder and experience. Without the densely packed horde and support of numbers, these zombies could only become meat for slaughter.

The 50,000 zombies leading the horde were wiped out in such a short time, and the endless zombies behind continued forward to fill up the places and gaps, as they lumbered towards Yue Zhong's forces.

The moment the horde stepped up again, the artillery that was resting immediately opened fire, and the fearsome bombardment of rockets blasted the zombies into smithereens, with the scattered zombies taken out by the troops.

Chapter 303: At Bottom ...

With the support of the artillery, the position of the troops was really quite impregnable. Even when the horde swarmed in wave after wave, they would be wiped out almost instantly. Green Wind Gorge had become a merciless meat grinder, with were bits and pieces of corpses flying and splatting everywhere. The entire ground seemed to be soaked in dark blood and the rotten stench was unbearable.

The amount of firepower Yue Zhong possessed surpassed the amount the SY army had, furthermore, he had chosen a place that was more strategic than previously. The current fighting spirit and morale of the soldiers were much higher than previous, therefore the maintenance of their position was not a difficult task.

The battle continued all the way till noon, and over 400,000 zombies had been annihilated by Yue Zhong's troops. The entire Green Wind Gorge was filled with countless body parts of the zombies. However, the sea of zombies still looked as endless as ever, as though they could not be wiped out.

Yue Zhong observed the horde that stretched without end, and he furrowed his brow before ordering: "Let the armored battalion attack!! Push forth! 1st Regiment 2nd Battalion attack!"

Following Yue Zhong's orders, his trump card finally showed itself, 30 Type 69 tanks, 26 IFVs, 64 modified armored vehicles, 6 huge rollers were activated, and became a stream of armor that charged forward and flattened any unfortunate zombies that stood in their way.

The 1st Division 2nd Battalion's soldiers were mostly also decked in Mutant Black Fish hide. With their .03 rifles and grenades, as well as rocket launchers, they followed behind the armored line and picked off any remaining zombies by the sides.

The 30 tanks had only 10 that could fire cannons, the other 20 could only be driven. A mortar hand could not be trained up so fast in such a short time. Recklessly firing could cost the lives of teammates. However, the frontal charge of the tanks were fearsome enough, not a single zombie could impede the charge of these Metal Valkyries

Scads of zombies were flattened into meat paste by the 30 tanks with each pass and they couldn't even put up a fight. The rest of the armored line, including the IFVs, modified tanks, and rollers, were all capable of crushing the zombies as well, and any zombies unfortunate enough to be in the way of that armored line were flattened.

After forcefully carving a way out for about 5 to 6 km, the horde split up, as a group of 1000 L2s with brute strength started charging towards the Type 69 tanks.

The L2s were all a towering 3m, their strength immense, and could easily flip a car. However, when those L2s charged to the front they were immediately knocked down by the tanks, and the L2s were directly flattened and ground beneath the tires and tracks.

The IFVs also smashed onto those L2s viciously, knocking them away. Those L2s did not suffer any broken bones though, as they quickly got up again.

By this time, the ZPT90s on the IFVs started firing like mad, and under suppressive heavy fire, the L2s were shredded.

The few remaining L2s were also blasted to pieces by the troops of the 1st Division 2nd Battalion who were using the various grenade and rocket launchers.

After dealing with those L2s, the horde once again split up, and this time, a group of H1s packed in orderly formation started executing their fireball attacks at the armored line.

In just an instant, numerous fireballs landed on the tanks, IFVs, and the rest of the armored vehicles.

The moment the fireballs landed, the drivers in 3 of the rollers were instantly incinerated. 6 of the modified heavy vehicles also caught fire, and the passengers inside died on the spot. 13 of the modified heavy vehicles had their tires exploded and they fell uselessly to the ground. 4 of the IFVs were hit by the fire blasts, causing them to be filled with holes and their armor destroyed. One of the IFVs instantly caught fire. 3 of the IFVS also had their tires taken out, and lost their mobility, lying uselessly on the ground.

Only the tanks remained unscathed amidst that bombardment, and continued pressing forwards, pulverising the zombies that got in their way.

When the H1s had just appeared to fire those fireballs, rockets had already landed on them, blasting numerous H1s into smithereens.

The infantry battalion was also firing their rockets, grenades and their .03 rifles at the dangerous H1s, directly turning them into shredded meat.

After decimating the troop of H1s, another troop formed entirely out of S2s approached!

It was just that when they appeared, they already met the vicious attacks of the 10 tanks and remaining IFVs, those evolved S2s had not even displayed their fearsome attack before they were fired at till kingdom come. The remaining S2s were accordingly picked off by the experts in the 2nd Battalion.

Crushed, they were absolutely crushed!! The armored fleet just had to continue advancing forward, forcefully crushing their way through, turning over 100,000 of the zombies along the way into meat paste.

Yue Zhong sat on Greenie's back, as he observed his armored vehicles crushing the zombies as they advanced, and his heart was filled with elation.

As long as fuel did not run out, the tanks could continue rolling forward on and on! Nothing could stop these steel monstrosities!!

This armored fleet was Yue Zhong's trump card, and the strongest blade he had against the horde of zombies.

"Push forward for another 40 km! That way, it would be impossible for the bulk of them to attack Green Wind Gorge during the night. It can earn us a night of precious time!" Yue Zhong was laying on Greenie's back as he looked down, and calculated before giving the order.

Night battles were the hardest to fight since ages ago. Yue Zhong had sent the armored fleet out because he was not willing to engage in a night battle with the zombies. Even though he had the flares, it was not that the humans could not fight in the night, but compared to daytime, it was indeed harder to fight.

"Eh? What's going on?" Yue Zhong was still in the air observing, when he suddenly noticed that there was a group of zombies suddenly rushing forwards towards his armored fleet without a care for death. At the same time, the horde was opening up a pathway for another group to retreat backwards..

Yue Zhong looked at the obvious retreat of the zombies, and his heart leapt in joy: "Those must be the Z-Types?! Are they finally scared??"

It was as Yue Zhong had guessed, those Z-Types that had been hiding within the horde had seen the terrifying power of the armored fleet, flattening their troops, and had begun to fear for their lives, and was running to the back for protection.

"Kill it!! As long as I kill it, victory will be halfway in our grasp!!" Yue Zhong thought excitedly, and patted Greenie gently, pointing towards the movement within the horde.

Greenie understood Yue Zhong with just that pat, and immediately shot forward like an arrow towards the horde of zombies.

As an air-type Type 2 Mutant Beast, Greenie's speed was truly fearsome, in just a few blinks, it had brought Yue Zhong within 20m of the retreating group.

Yue Zhong could see clearly 200 S2s, a 100 L2s and 10 enormous L3s, and they were accompanied by 20 zombies that were greyish-green, slender-looking but with powerful legs, 1.7m-tall and glowing with a slight green glow.

On top of that, there was a weird zombie with a head the size of a pumpkin, its limbs as short as fingers, perched atop an L3.

"Level 45 Type 3 Strength-based Evolved Infector S3. It possess extreme speed and sharp claws that can tear through anything. It possess the ability to infect, can cause an infected to become a infector as well."

"Level 50 Type 2 Mental-based Evolved Infector Z2. It possess fearsome Spirit, as well as control over a horde of 1,000,000 zombies."

On the frontlines, there were no signs of the fearsome L3s or S3s, it was obvious that this cowardly Z2s had commanded them to be their guards.

Greenie shot forward like a lightning bolt, using its huge claws to grab an L3's head before exerting strength to behead it. It then swiftly activated its innate ability Wind Control, flapping its wing vigorously, causing powerful tornados to be conjured and blowing the numerous S2s and S3s away by a few tens of metres, leaving the 100 L2s and the remaining tower-like L3s.

The Z2 saw Yue Zhong and Greenie and immediately shot out a terrifying Spirit Blast, and a huge Spirit attack that could render a normal human into a retard shot towards Yue Zhong.

Yue Zhong was after all a Spirit-based Evolver, but with that fearsome attack from the Z2, his eyes darkened, as he fell from Greenie's back.

The attack was however, ineffective against Greenie, which was a Type 2 Mutant Beast, as Greenie immediately shot downwards, and bit off the Z2's head, gobbling it up in just a matter of seconds.

With the death of the Z2, all the zombies that were under its control immediately broke away. Groups of zombies lumbered off, and the 9 L3s and 20 S3s shot towards Yue Zhong.

The scent of evolved flesh and blood from Yue Zhong enticed them greatly.

Yue Zhong could reach a speed of 12 times that of normal humans upon activation of all his buffs and skills, but the speed of the S3s were well beyond Yue Zhong's speed that was enhanced by abilities, reaching at least 150 points base speed!. They had rushed from way behind the L3s, but had arrived near Yue Zhong and started attacking even before the L3s, their claws reaching for Yue Zhong.

As Greenie had just killed the Z2, it was not fast enough to react and save Yue Zhong!

Chapter 304: Capturing Long Hai City! Yue Zhong's gains!

Facing the S3's whose movement speed surpassed his own, Yue Zhong's eyes gleamed as he activated a skill. White Bones materialized out of thin air and immediately transformed into an orb of light which morphed into his Bone Encompassing Armor.

Yue Zhong then activated his Devil Flame with another thought, an extra expense of 50 points of Spirit and 20 points of Stamina was used to condense it into a flaming sword.

The moment the Devil Flame Sword appeared in his hands, his killing intent was unleashed! In the next instant his body was struck viciously by 3 of the S3's, slashed by their piercing claws.

Under the attack of the S3's, Yue Zhong's Bone Encompassing Armor that was impervious to even heavy ammunition was scored furiously, leaving 3 deep claw marks.

Yue Zhong activated his Shadow Steps quickly in response. At the same time he swung his Devil Flame Sword and extended it to a 6m-long sword, instantly surprising and slicing across the 3 S3's in front as well as another 6 of them who were rushing forward.

A huge experience orb instantly combined and got absorbed into Yue Zhong, finally pushing him to the next level.

"Congratulations on achieving Level 45, you have gained 2 points of enhancement to be allocated."

Yue Zhong directly enhanced his Agility, before waving the fearsome Devil Flame Sword again, instantly beheading another S3.

The remaining 10 S3's had evolved and possessed a higher perception for danger, so they had evaded the first moment they could. This and their insane speed allowed them to avoid Yue Zhong's strikes.

Yue Zhong ignored the S3's that were avoiding him, and went for the L3 that was charging towards him. Under that mighty Devil Flame Sword, the L3 was also instantly beheaded, its head rolling onto the floor.

The L3s were known for their impregnable defence and immense strength. Since its tough armor was broken through by Yue Zhong, its threat level diminished. Of course, if Yue Zhong was struck by the charge of the L3, his Encompassing Bone Armor might not be able to withstand that overly fearsome strength.

After killing the L3 with a single slash of his blade, his left hand shot out 3 extremely sharp Bone Spears towards the neck. Startlingly, the Bone Spear that could kill an L2 instantly, only managed to create a white mark on that L3's neck with a sharp 'ding' as though it had hit metal.

"To use the Bone Spear to deal with these L3 is really too exhausting!" Yue Zhong frowned, as he thought to himself. The Devil Flame Sword was truly terrifying, but likewise, it expended a huge amount of his energy, and was not meant for long battles. If he could possess a sharp weapon, dealing with these high-level zombies would be easier.

Yue Zhong's attack had angered the L3. It swiftly stepped forward, and a fist that was the size of a wok came swinging towards him, bringing with it a terrifyingly formidable air pressure.

The L3 had strength equivalent to 18 men! Thus, each fist consisted of a few tonnes of raw power and it could pummel even an armored vehicle easily. If Yue Zhong was hit by that, even with his enhancements, he would definitely be heavily injured.

Facing the mountain-like L3, Yue Zhong zipped about like a spectre, dodging its repeated attacks. At the right moment he swung his flame sword down, beheading the L3!

The S3's that were encircling Yue Zhong seemed to have seen their opportunity, they rushed forward, surrounding him in just an instant and reached out to slash at him.

As he saw the sudden ambush by the 10 S3's, Yue Zhong activated his Gravity skill so that those attacking S3's would be weighed down by the increased gravity. It had appeared as though their lean bodies had gained an extra 100 jin, and their speed decreased substantially.

The increased gravity did not affect the L3 which was Strength-based, but to those Agility-based S3's? It was an utterly lethal move. Under that pressure, they had lost their only advantage: speed.

Facing these S3's that had slowed down, Yue Zhong did not hesitate, swinging his Devil Flame Sword about in attack, he easily decimated the 10 S3's.

After killing those S3's, Yue Zhong charged towards the remaining L3's. With a few plain slashes of his blade, the remaining L3's were all wiped out.

After taking care of these high-level zombies, Yue Zhong swiftly swept any and all drops into his storage ring and jumped on Greenie's back before they flew to the skies. Yue Zhong's strength was indeed tyrannical, but even he could not fend off 100,000 zombies.

When he was in the skies, he looked once more at the battlefield below, only to discover that the onceconcentrated and densely packed horde had broken up, scattering in different directions within their various smaller groups.

There were some remnant groups that were still attacking the armored fleet, but even more were dispersing and lumbering off.

The death of the Z2 had caused the horde to lose their commander, and many of the zombies were standing around blankly, without a hint of their hostility earlier.

Xu Zhengang who was stationed within the command centre had noticed the horde breaking apart, and immediately ordered the 1st Division to begin their assault on the leaderless horde.

When the 1st Division arrived at the battlefield, most of the zombies had already broke away, running with a Z1 and escaped in different directions. Those that remained on the battlefield were a few hundred thousand which were still moving mindlessly forward.

Although the horde looked as dominating as ever, without the command of a leader, they could not form into wave after wave of coordinated attack. They could only advance with instinct, and that kind of assault posed no threat to the power of the 1st Division. Pretty soon, they were overcome easily.

The huge horde had dispersed and were scattered everywhere, so even when the soldiers fought till evening time, the 1st Division could not totally annihilate the zombies. They could only retreat under the cover of the armored battalion. It was simple truth that fighting during the night was too disadvantageous.

However, since the commanding Z2 was taken care of, the remaining zombies were still scattered. Having to suddenly evolve a new Z2 required time as well.

The next day, Xu Zhengang got an early start, and had already led the entire 1st Division to launch countless assaults on the various zombie groups both here and running.

As these groups were comprised of mostly ordinary zombies, and their mobility was severely impaired, Xu Zhengang and his troops swiftly caught up.

Under the constant bombardment of the Armored Battalion, huge patches of zombies were blasted into pieces. As a result, those Z1's hiding within these groups abandoned the mini-hordes and retreated under the protection of the other evolved zombies.

With Greenie's help, Yue Zhong managed to dispose of another 4 Z1's, but there were still 3 of them who managed to escape with the cover of other evolved zombies.

Losing the command of the remaining Z1's, the horde of zombies turned into free exp, allowing the troops to slaughter with no efforts whatsoever. Xu Zhengang commanded the troops forward and they took care of the remaining zombies with extreme ease.

The intense battle continued for another 5 whole days, and almost 700,000 of the zombies were annihilated without the control of their Z2 or Z1's.

In fact, they had managed to wipe out over 500,000 of them with the help of heavy firepower. Only because if this had the slaughter of the zombies achieved such a height.

After losing the command of the Z-Types, the zombies did not surge forward like they did initially, and hence the heavy artillery could not achieve similar results as that of the beginning.

After 5 days and almost wiping out all the zombies, Yue Zhong's troops made their way into Long Hai City.

"Congratulations, on recovering Long Hai City and gaining the title [Long Hai City Conqueror]! This title gives you +2 enhancement points in all attributes. This title cannot be re-earned! These enhancements can be stacked!"

"You have gained +3 levels, and gained 6 points of enhancement to be allocated for bringing an army to conquer Long Hai City."

"You have gained 10,000 Survivor Credits for bringing an army to conquer Long Hai City!"

"You have gained a Level 4 Defence Vest for bringing an army to conquer Long Hai City!"

"You have gained an additional skill enhancement point for bringing an army to conquer Long Hai City!"

The moment Yue Zhong stepped into Long Hai City, the various notifications resounded in his head. A huge beam of experience appeared out of nowhere and entered his body, pushing his level to reach Level 48, and garnering him 6 points of enhancement to be allocated.

Yue Zhong chose to enhance 4 points into Agility, and the other 2 into Stamina.

"Level 4 Defence Vest, equipping it provides a +15 enhancement points to all 6 attributes. Furthermore, the Defence Vest can deflect any bullet below a 25-calibre cannon round."

After conquering Long Hai City, Yue Zhong had really obtained a huge enhancement, especially this Level 4 Defence Vest, which was quite obviously a priceless item. It could make a normal person become virtually impervious to most firepower, and obtain stats twice that of another normal person.

As for the skill point enhancement, Yue Zhong did not even hesitate, and directly allocated the point into his Devil Flame. A magic light shined within his mind, as the rune for the Devil Flame glowed, before evolving once again.

"Level 3 Skill: Devil Flame (+3 Enhancement level)......x4 bonus to Devil Flame's initial attack power"

The moment he added the skill point to Devil Flame, his Devil Flame Skill had reached its maximum level. The next step for evolution would be saving 2 skill points before learning the Type 2 Devil Flame Skill.

In Qing Yuan City, there was a tense atmosphere. As everyone was working, they were also awaiting the news brought by Yue Zhong's troops on handling the Long Hai City issue.

If Yue Zhong lost, the terrifying horde would set its sights on Qing Yuan County next, and the recent peaceful lifestyle of theirs would be threatened again.

After 8 days had past, the quiet frontlines finally sent back some amazing news! "Victory!!! Victory!!! Commander Yue has brought his troops and wiped out the million-strong horde! He has already conquered Long Hai City!!! Long Hai City is ours!!!" One of the soldiers ran into Qing Yuan County, as he hollered at the top of his voice.

"That's awesome !!!"

"Great!!!"

"Praise to Yue Zhong!!"

"...."

Hearing this news, all the survivors in Qing Yuan erupted in cheers. They had been praying and hoping for the news of victory. Such sweet news meant that they were free from any zombie threats for a long time. They could set their mind at ease to work, and live on with pride and dignity. The entire Qing Yuan County celebrated, as everyone fell into a festive mood.

After Yue Zhong conquered Long Hai City, he immediately deployed his troops to continue their assault on the zombies in the surrounding towns. Long Hai City had over 6,000,000 citizens previously, and Yue Zhong had only conquered its City centre.

In the villages all around, there were still countless zombies scattered about. If they didn't take care of them now, these zombies could gather again under the birth of another Z-Type, or even evolve and pose a threat to them.

Humans had a strong adaptation ability, so they would do anything to survive. Even when Long Hai City was overrun by over a million zombies, after Yue Zhong had conquered the City, he managed to find over 2,000 survivors from various corners of the City. These survivors had long since been starved and were emaciated severely. Most were down to their very last breaths. At the same time, he found 165 Enhancers, of which 32 had already leveled above Level 30.

Yue Zhong immediately brought them into his troops, and the 32 Enhancers over level 30 were brought into the Special Combat Forces, becoming part of them.

Yue Zhong also brought about 100,000 survivors from Qing Yuan County and Ning Guang County over to stay at Long Hai City. With an influx of human survivors, the various production plants and factories started operating again.

Liu Yujiao had introduced many people of talents to Yue Zhong, and together with various professionals, new bullets and ammunitions were starting to be manufactured. Of course, since the new workers were not like the factory workers from before the apocalypse, the speed at which ammunition was being manufactured was not as fast.

Even though Yue Zhong had obtained victory over the million-zombie horde, he had expended quite a bit and suffered some loss. After clearing those zombies, his total ammunition count from the warehouse had dropped to half of its original count. As of the near future, he had no means of waging another huge war against another horde of zombies.

After conquering Long Hai City, Yue Zhong's prestige had reached its highest among the survivors, and his soldiers all held high hopes for the future.

"Commander Yue!! The Snake Birth Fruit Tree has again born fruits!!" Xiao Ming found Yue Zhong and reported to him.

Xiao Ming was also a veteran who had followed Yue Zhong from the very start, he had led a small team of elite soldiers and guarded the Mechanized Infantry Brigade with fervor. The location of the Brigade was a classified secret, and other than a few top officials within Yue Zhong's team, no one was allowed to get even relatively near to the Mechanized Infantry Brigade camp.

The fruits of the Snake Birth Fruit tree that could cause people to evolve was the most highly secured trump card of Yue Zhong's.

Chapter 305: Type 3 Nether Beast!

"It bore fruit?" Yue Zhong's eyes lit up, and he quickly followed Xiao Ming to the Mechanized Infantry Brigade.

Currently, there were sentries everywhere within the Mechanized Infantry Brigade. All the soldiers were equipped with modern weaponry, and every 2 soldiers had a rocket launcher and grenade launcher. Furthermore, there were 2 IFVs and 2 Red Arrows hidden within the darkness.

Following Xiao Ming's lead, Yue Zhong came to the trunk of the enormous Snake Birth Fruit tree.

Right in front of the tree, there was the beautiful Chen Yao who was decked in military uniform. Chen Yao had become a female officer with the rank of lieutenant after joining Yue Zhong's troops. Her combat abilities could not match Ji Qingwu, hence she did not join the Special Combat Forces, instead, she chose to take a position within the military. She had the Manipulate Flora ability, and she had come to the Mechanized Infantry Brigade in search of powerful Mutant Plant seeds.

Chen Yao looked at Yue Zhong who was approaching closer, and her eyes flashed with a complicated gleam. This average-looking student who had not raised many eyebrows when he was at school, had actually grown to a leader who was supporting over a 100,000 survivors, had defeated countless zombies and beasts, and actually subdued a few cities. As for her – who was the object of adoration from countless males – she had actually become his subordinate. Some things in the world are just too strange.

Yue Zhong glanced at Chen Yao, as he gave a slight nod, before lifting his head up towards the Snake Birth Fruit tree.

Chen Yao and Ji Qingwu knew about the tree and were the rare few who could approach it. Their relationship was extremely close. Chen Yao also knew of the secrets of this tree. As she was one of the first few followers of Yue Zhong, she was also someone Yue Zhong trusted.

Chen Yao glanced at Yue Zhong, and a glint again appeared in her eyes, as she walked to his side without saying anything.

Although she liked Yue Zhong, her pride and dignity would not allow her to make the first move. Since Yue Zhong had not chased her of his own accord, she would not lower herself to beg for his love. However, she could not help but want to get closer to him.

Witnessing this, Xiao Ming left discreetly, not wanting to become a lightbulb in between them.

Since finding out that the fruits of the Snake Birth Fruit tree could cause people to evolve, Yue Zhong did not order anyone to pluck the fruits. Instead, he assigned a huge number of troops to bring the corpses of the zombies to become fertilizer for the tree.

The tree could really absorb, regardless of how many bodies were thrown onto its roots, it would quickly absorb the nutrients, leaving only the bones on the ground. The bones themselves were also stripped of all essence, becoming very brittle, just a light touch could cause them to crumble and disappear.

After a few hundred thousand zombie corpses, the Snake Birth Fruit tree finally bore fruit again. Atop its wide and beautiful canopy, there were countless huge pink flowers, and within them, countless green colour fruits.

Yue Zhong swiftly climbed atop the canopy to conduct a quick search, discovering only 13 pink fruits and 63 green fruits.

"Good!! With this 13 pink fruits, I can gain another 13 Evolvers!" Yue Zhong eyed the 13 pink fruits, and his eyes flashed, as he reached out his hands for the fruits.

"Yue Zhong!! Look out!!" Right as Yue Zhong was about to grab the fruits, Chen Yao who was standing below looked up and her expression changed, shouting shrilly. At the same time, she threw a strange seed down, and a vine instantly sprouted upwards bringing her towards the canopy.

Hearing Chen Yao's shrill warning, Yue Zhong's heart tightened as he lifted his head. He saw a monster with weird engravings and magic circles all over its blue body, a single horn on its forehead. Its body was long like a snake with no wings, but it was floating in the sky, and it was charging right at him.

"Level 75 Mutant Beast: Type 3 Nether Beast!"

Yue Zhong saw the Type 3 classification, and his expression changed to that of horror, before he immediately activated his Bone Encompassing Armor and Shadow Steps. At the same time, he waved his hand, pulling out the PF98. It was the single most powerful weapon Yue Zhong carried with him at all times, and facing this fearsome Type 3 Mutant Beast, he could only wager it all and hope for the best.

Yue Zhong had just activated his skills, when the Type 3 Nether Beast's horn started glowing and it opened its mouth, as an array of mysterious circles were spat out, shooting towards Yue Zhong.

At that instant, the strange array enveloped Yue Zhong and Chen Yao who had just arrived in front of him.

In a huge flash, Yue Zhong and Chen Yao disappeared.

The Nether Beast then proceeded to fly atop the canopy, opening its huge mouth, and swallowed every single green fruit. After absorbing the 63 green fruits one by one, it flew unhurriedly towards the distance.

The huge Snake Birth Fruit tree had been surrounded by cameras, and the scene of Yue Zhong and Chen Yao disappearing after the Nether Beast swallowed them had been captured on the screens.

The entire Mechanized Infantry Brigade was activated and the soldiers piloted 4 anti-aircraft guns out and started firing wildly into the skies at the Nether Beast.

However, the speed of the Nether Beast was too fast, and in a few moments, it had travelled far into the horizon.

Soon the news of Yue Zhong's disappearance had travelled to the upper echelons of Yue Zhong's party, and their hearts were shaken.

Chi Yang swiftly recalled all the high ranking officials of both the government and military, and conducted a serious meeting.

"Yue Zhong has gone missing!" The moment they arrived, Chi Yang spoke with a grim face.

Hearing that news, everyone's expression was that of shock, all of their hearts shaken. If Yue Zhong was around, no one dared to start anything funny, but with his disappearance, it would be hard to control this bunch of mavericks.

Da Gouzi was the first one to speak out: "Commander Yue will be fine!! He's so strong, his disappearance this time would not be an issue as well. If anyone dares to betray Commander Yue! I, Da Gouzi, will be the first to deal with him!"

As one of the first few loyal supporters of Yue Zhong, Da Gouzi's achievements had all been a result of Yue Zhong's efforts. He was fiercely loyal and believed in him, he did not want the strongholds Yue Zhong established to be snatched away like that.

Kong Tianyu also piped in with a grim face, looking all around and said fiercely: "Who dares to betray Commander Yue? I will be the first to kill him!"

Wu Guang also spoke out coldly: "Our 1st Division will only listen to Commander Yue!! If anyone dares to betray Commander Yue, our 1st Division will definitely not let the person go!!"

"Don't worry, no one has that intention!!" Chi Yang frowned, as he spoke out softly: "I have gathered you all to inform you, at the same time, hope you guys can maintain your calm. I believe Yue Zhong will be fine, and he will be back just like previously. We just need to get on with our matters as always, and wait for his return."

Hearing Chi Yang's words, everyone present relaxed. As long as there was no rebellion, everything was fine. It was not like it was the first time Yue Zhong had disappeared, and they believed that Yue Zhong would create miracles, and come back again.

Chi Yang spoke out extremely calmly: "Before Yue Zhong left, he did discuss with me about the next target, which would be Lei Jiang City!! Our next target shall be to conquer Lei Jiang City. Before we set off to do that, we need to make sure that the surrounding villages around Long Hai City are cleared of zombies..."

Under Chi Yang's calm and reassuring demeanor, the entire room was affected, and soon the shock and anxiety from Yue Zhong's disappearance wore off, as they listened to Chi Yang giving out orders.

After the meeting, the generals who held power quickly left, and brought their troops to clear out the zombies surrounding Long Hai City.

Inside the office, a beauty dressed in an OL uniform (OL: Office Lady) walked towards Chi Yang. She was Wang Qian, and she spoke out with undisguised ambition: "Chi Yang!! Yue Zhong has gone missing, it's your chance now. As long as you act, the entire establishment will be yours. You will become the leader of these 100,000-over survivors. You can act independently and there will be no more need to hide in Yue Zhong's shadow!"

Wang Qian had always felt disgruntled with Chi Yang being Yue Zhong's second-in-command. To her, based on Chi Yang's abilities, he could become a capable tyrant. However, because of his relationship with Yue Zhong, he would forever be number 2, and she was extremely unhappy about it.

Chi Yang who was shuffling and tidying his documents looked up and stared at Wang Qian with a cold gaze.

When she was looked upon like that by Chi Yang, Wang Qian was shocked as she spoke loudly: "Chi Yang!! I'm thinking for you!! Think about it, Yue Zhong has always been disappearing. It has always been

you who held the fort. You have done so much for the establishment. What's wrong with wanting it for yourself? It's not like he single-handedly carved out the establishment."

Chi Yang looked at Wang Qian, his eyes filled with disappointment as he pointed to the door: "Get out! From now on, we're no longer friends. You're dismissed of any official positions! I don't want to see you anymore."

Wang Qian was shocked and immediately kneeled by his leg as she pleaded: "Chi Yang, what are you doing?! I'm doing this with the best intentions!! I love you deeply!! Please don't chase me away!!"

Chi Yang glared at this woman who forgot her benefactor so easily, and ignored her, shouting: "Men! Drag her out of here!!"

2 soldiers walked in, and grabbed Wang Qian, pulling her out.

"I love you Chi Yang!! Don't throw me away!! I was wrong!!" Wang Qian pleaded miserably as she cried out.

"I don't love you!" Chi Yang coldly glanced at Wang Qian, before he continued clearing the documents. He had no interest in Wang Qian's suggestion. Asking him to betray his best friend and comrade, he would rather die. Wang Qian had thought too little of Chi Yang's character.

Chapter 306: Remote Jungle!

With a large flash, Yue Zhong and Cheng Yao landed in a forest.

The array that the Nether Beast had spat out was called Spatial Transportation Array, its innate ability was the free control over space and its laws. Yue Zhong and Chen Yao had been absorbed into the array, and transferred to this random foreign place without the slightest ability to resist.

When Chen Yao landed, she fell into Yue Zhong's embrace; fortunately Yue Zhong was sturdy, and did not suffer any injuries.

As Yue Zhong hugged Chen Yao, his heart could not help but skip a beat as he felt that warm and fragrant body. Chen Yao was after all one of the school flowers. She and Ji Qingwu were the pair of scholar and athlete, that held the pride of Yue Zhong's school.

There were countless guys who had been wooing her, and Yue Zhong was just an ordinary university student who was struggling to study while working part-time, and both of them never had the chance to interact.

Chen Yao had slammed into Yue Zhong's embrace. Feeling the warmth of his protection, she was reluctant to get up. However, her prideful nature pushed her to get up from his arms, as her face reddened before saying: "Sorry, it must have hurt!"

Yue Zhong felt a little regret as he lightly smiled: "It's ok!"

Chen Yao observed her surroundings, only to see a seemingly infinite amount of trees, as she asked a little fearfully: "Where do you think we are?"

Yue Zhong laughed bitterly: "No idea."

"However, we're unlikely to be in Long Hai City." Yue Zhong observed the surroundings, looking at the dense foliage and large patches of Mutant Plants, as he frowned and continued.

Chen Yao looked at Yue Zhong helplessly: "What do we do?"

Although Chen Yao had also become a Level 13 Enhancer with the help of Ji Qingwu, her natural combat abilities were not exceptional, and she was never interested in going down the route of a combatant. Now that they had met with danger, she automatically looked to Yue Zhong for guidance.

Yue Zhong pulled out a compass from his storage ring, studying it for a while: "Let's walk to the south!"

Chen Yao followed behind him as he started walking towards the south. White Bones had already separated from Yue Zhong's body wielding its iconic large axe, walking beside Chen Yao quietly. After gaining basic intelligence, it could already make the judgement of who to protect.

Inside that vast forest, the ground was muddy. Not long after, both of their military boots were covered in mud. Chen Yao's path of enhancement had largely been on Spirit, after walking in that forest for just 2 hours, her face was flushed and her breath ragged.

"Wear this." Yue Zhong observed Chen Yao, before pulling out a Level 3 Defence Vest out, throwing it at her.

"Thank you!" Chen Yao received it and immediately knew the effects of this Level 3 Defence Vest. A sweet feeling arose in her heart, as she thanked Yue Zhong.

The drop rate of Defence Vests were always low, and Yue Zhong only had this Level 3 Defence Vest in his entire stronghold. As for his Level 4 Defense Vest, he only had 1 as well.

After Chen Yao put on the Level 3 Defence Vest, her body felt lighter instantly, and she could match Yue Zhong's pace.

Both of them continued for another half an hour, when they suddenly heard some rustling sounds. Huge spiders the size of human faces started swarming and crawling towards Yue Zhong, Chen Yao and White Bones in a frenzy.

"Level 16 Mutant Beast: Mutant Venomous Spiders! They possess sharp fangs with paralyzing properties, and as long as they are gathered in a group, they are the most feared killers within the forest!!"

The Mutant Venomous Spiders crawled out from various corners of the forest, packed together densely. It was likely they numbered above 500.

Most girls were usually scared of creepy crawlies such as these, Chen Yao was no different. The moment she caught sight of those spiders the size of a dinner plate with their vicious expressions, her face turned pale, and her hands so clammy, that she even forgot to activate her Flora Manipulation ability.

Yue Zhong on the other hand, had already taken out a .05 submachine gun and started firing wildly at those spiders.

White Bones also started waving its huge axe about, as each flash of the axe meant the death of a disgusting spider.

With Yue Zhong's firing and White Bones limitless hacking, the Mutant Venomous Spiders were decimated, as their disgusting slime were splattered all over the forest ground, which made Chen Yao even paler, to the point of nausea.

As those Mutant Venomous Spiders had weak defences, but quick speeds, even with Yue Zhong's constant firing, a few actually managed to reach his side.

Yue Zhong swiftly kept the .05 submachine gun back inside his ring, and brought out his Dark Tooth Blade, before swinging it casually and splitting the a few Mutant Venomous Spiders into two.

After the deaths of more than 200 Mutant Venomous Spiders, the rest of the spiders finally noticed that this group of 3 weren't a pushover, as they retreated swiftly.

The corpses of those 200 Level 16 Mutant Venomous Spiders only gave Yue Zhong 3 white treasure boxes and 600 survivors credits. With the passing of time, even the drops of the Mutant Beasts were diminishing in amount and power.

Yue Zhong opened up the 3 white treasure boxes, with a flash, out of the 3, he only managed to take out a white wood cutting knife.

"Level 1 Treasure, Wood Cutting Knife. This treasure can allow you to hack dead wood and weeds, carving a path for yourself within forests."

To Yue Zhong, this Level 1 treasure was not particularly useful, therefore he kept it in his storage ring.

He turned back, and discovered that Chen Yao was crouching and vomiting.

Yue Zhong looked at Chen Yao and frowned: "Chen Yao!! You can't go on like this!! We are currently in a dangerous position, even though we're within a forest. You have to be able to protect yourself, otherwise what will happen if I can't get to you during a critical moment."

If it was within Yue Zhong's establishments, he would not mind her princess behaviour. Even when it was expanding and growing, Chen Yao had remained safe and secure within it. However, they were far away from the safety of their base, and the world was one where the strong preyed on the weak. Her current constitution would only invite countless trouble.

Chen Yao gritted her teeth and said resolutely: "I know...Yue Zhong! I will do my best not to drag you down!"

After which, the trees started moving, as a huge group of Mutant Monkeys were coming closer. The moment they saw Yue Zhong and Chen Yao, they let out excited shrieks, and charged faster.

"Take care of them." Yue Zhong ordered Chen Yao.

Chen Yao's beautiful eyes flashed with splendor, as she threw 5 Mutant Vine seeds on the ground, activating her Plant Manipulation ability.

Instantly, the 5 seeds grew into small vines, and they shot out towards the Mutant Monkeys in a rush, strangling them to death.

Chen Yao possessed the Level 3 Skill: Plant Manipulation, which was a powerful skill as well. It was just that she disliked fighting, and even though she had a strong ability, she was only Level 13.

As for Yue Zhong's Special Combat Forces, there were many over Level 30 Enhancers and not a single one had a Level 3 Ability, and had actually relied on the various Level 1 or 2 abilities to rise in level and fight.

On one hand, it was that these Level 3 Skills did not just appear freely, on the other hand, most of the strong skills had already been possessed by someone like Yue Zhong, who learnt a few. That was why many of the Enhancers did not have them.

As these Mutant Monkeys were strangled to death one by one, the rest of the group still numbered over 300, and a huge number of them charged towards Yue Zhong's party.

White Bones waved its huge axe, and became like a tornado that charged into the midst of the monkeys, attacking and creating a whirlwind and rain of blood. This way, countless Mutant Monkeys lost their limbs and lives.

Yue Zhong just stood in front of Chen Yao, protecting her, as he watched her control her vines to kill the monkeys. Those who managed to get past White Bones and were rushing towards Chen Yao would be immediately picked off by Yue Zhong.

Under Yue Zhong's protection, Chen Yao focused her attention on using those 5 vines to continue strangling the Mutant Monkeys, as she gained huge orbs of experience and levelled up.

As Chen Yao was hunting the Mutant Monkeys, those Mutant Monkeys suddenly abandoned all thoughts of attacking Yue Zhong's party, as they swiftly retreated into the distance.

"Hurry escape!!" Yue Zhong's Danger Perception had also notified him, giving him an unprecedented sense of crisis, as he shouted at Chen Yao, and he rushed forward.

Chen Yao turned around, only to see countless enormous snakes with huge mouths that could easily suck her into their stomachs, covered by large green scales, slithering over towards them.

"Level 42 Mutant Beast: Mutant Forest Venomous Snake! It possesses sharp venomous fangs and huge strength. They hunt in groups."

"Wait for me!!" Chen Yao looked at those Mutant Forest Venomous Snakes slithering over. Her face fell, and she shouted out desperately, based on her current abilities, she had no way of winning against these Level 42 creatures.

One of the Mutant Snakes saw Chen Yao, and it opened its jaws, shooting toward her with incredible speed and accompanying wind pressure.

Chen Yao knew that she could not escape the Mutant Snakes with her speed, and hence she commanded the 5 vines to attack the Mutant Snake attacking her.

If Chen Yao was a Level 30 Enhancer that had enhanced her Plant Manipulation Skill thrice, her vines could maybe wrap and cause damage to the Mutant Snake. However, her strength was insufficient to even impede the movements of the snake.

The Mutant Forest Venomous Snake twisted with strength, and the 5 vines were instantly broken apart, as it charged towards Chen Yao with its mouth open.

Chen Yao looked at the Mutant Forest Venomous Snake her eyes full of despair.

Chapter 307: Type 2 Mutant Forest Venomous Snake!

Just as Chen Yao was about to be swallowed whole by the Mutant Forest Venomous Snake, there was a flash! The huge Devil Flame Sword swung down, directly beheading the Mutant Forest Venomous Snake and causing lukewarm blood to fountain out, splattering onto Chen Yao.

"You're still not running!!" Yue Zhong held the Devil Flame Sword as he pulled Chen Yao and bellowed.

One or 2 of these Mutant Forest Venomous Snakes would not be much of an issue to Yue Zhong, but if the entire group was to charge over, it would be tough. Furthermore, Yue Zhong had detected something with his danger sense. He was almost certain there were multiple Type 2 Mutant Forest Venomous Snakes on their way here!

Having to deal with this many Mutant Snakes, Yue Zhong would have to give it his all.

With Yue Zhong's voice shocking Chen Yao awake, she gritted her teeth and followed Yue Zhong as she ran.

"White Bones! Protect her!!" Yue Zhong eyed Chen Yao, before ordering White Bones.

With her current running speed, it was impossible for Chen Yao to outrun those Mutant Snakes. Yue Zhong could only give it his all to battle with them.

Seeing their own comrades being killed by Yue Zhong, those Mutant Snakes opened their jaws to attack him.

Yue Zhong activated his Shadow Steps at the first opportunity, and moved so fast in and out of the huge group of snakes, he seemed to teleport! The serpents were seemingly dancing in an demonic way, weaving in and out of each other as they lunged and snapped with their cruel poison fangs. He blocked a venom ball spit at him as he slashed and attacked repeatedly with his Devil Flame Sword causing the striking snakes to be decapitated after each swing.

After killing 6 or 7 of the Mutant Forest Snakes the fishy smelling blood congealed on the ground in small puddles and Yue Zhong had finally arrived in front of the 2 Type 2 Mutant Forest Venomous Snakes.

"Level 60 Mutant Beast: Type 2 Mutant Forest Venomous Snake. It resides in the deep parts of the forest, and can easily crush and swallow an elephant whole. It also possesses a Consumption skill and a venom with nearly a unrivaled corrosive nature"

2 huge snakes the size of a house were coiled together like some demented lesser Orochi or some such beast. Yue Zhong looked up and saw that their bodies had scales as big as faces, and they they expertly blended in with their surroundings while emitting a terrifying aura.

The 2 Type 2 Mutant Forest Venomous Snakes eyed Yue Zhong with their intelligent serpentine glare, as though they were looking at a weak and easily swallowable prey.

One of them opened its jaws wide, and started to Inhale with all its strength, as a monstrous consuming vortex pulled on Yue Zhong, threatening to yank him into its gaping maw.

Within that huge suction force, countless stone fragments, twigs and leaves were all gulped into the Type 2 Mutant Forest Venomous Snake's mouth, disappearing into the inky blackness.

Yue Zhong pulled out his Black Tooth Blade and struck it down furiously into the ground to stop himself from being drug by the consumption ability. As he secured his footing, he turned around pointing his finger at the Type 2 Mutant Snake and conjured a Devil Fireball which flew along with everything else in the air before exploding in its mouth.

While the small fireball could not take the life of such an enormous beast, exploding in its mouth would surely cause it terrible and unimaginable pain.

The Type 2 Mutant Snake let out an a bloodcurdling screech which turned into an anguished howl as it closed its huge mouth.

Yue Zhong did not dare to be careless, and immediately pulled out his PF98, firing a round after aiming it at that Type 2 Mutant Snake.

The missile shot forward with a flash, as it exploded on the body of the Type 2 Mutant Forest Venomous Snake, resulting in a predictably large and bloody hole.

Other than Turtle who had the Ice Manipulation Ability which placed it amongst the top Type 2 Mutant Beasts, Yue Zhong had not come across any other Type 2 Mutant Beasts that could withstand a round from the PF98.

However, this Type 2 Mutant Forest Venomous Snake was apparently pretty fearsome. After suffering that attack from the PF98, even though it had a huge hole in its body now and even though it bleed steadily, it still did not die. As It struggled in immense pain, it crashed and flopped, causing the trees around it to fall due to its massive body.

The other Type 2 Mutant Forest Venomous Snake opened its huge mouth, and a thick cloud of jade green poisonous gas shot towards Yue Zhong.

Yue Zhong's expression changed, and he activated his Devil Flame. He enclosed himself within the ball of flame, as he tried to navigate his way out of the oversized cloud of poison gas.

The coverage area of the poison gas skill was too huge however, even though Yue Zhong pushed his speed to the extreme, he had no way of breaking out of that gas in a short moment.

When the gas touched the trees and branches, they withered instantly, even the stones that got in range cracked and crumbled into dust. Any living creature that got caught within the enveloping gas was quickly turned into a puddle. It could be easily seen how terrifying the poison was.

When the jade green poison gas came into contact with Yue Zhong's Devil Flame that surrounded him, the Devil Flame blazed brightly and became the perfect counter. The gas would swoop in and instantly burn up with a swishing sound, at the same time, it turned into poisonous smoke that floated to the skies.

When Yue Zhong saw this, he heaved a sigh of relief. As he continued to run, he waved his hands and another of his pre-loaded PF98 appeared. He aimed it at the Type 2 Mutant Forest Venomous Snake and fired, and with a roar of flame, the rocket shot out explosively, spiraling towards its target.

Only this time, the rocket had not even left the PF98 for a terribly long distance, before it was Corroded by the poison gas, and immediately melted into a useless glob. The melted rocket soup simply splattered on the Type 2 Mutant Snake's body.

"Powerful!!" Yue Zhong exclaimed and sucked in a breath of humid air, as he witnessed the effects of the poison gas on his missile. If it wasn't for the protection of his Devil Flame, he would surely have long since been melted down!

The uninjured Type 2 Mutant Snake's eyes glinted with wrath, as it continually spewed out large volumes of the poison gas towards Yue Zhong.

A huge part of the gas also shrouded the Type 2 Mutant Snake itself, enveloping it, however, its scales and body excreted a strange mucus, which protected itself from its own poison.

Yue Zhong's Devil Flame was continually burning with crackles and hisses. Sadly, even though it was the perfect counter to the poison gas, with every second that it was activated, Yue Zhong's Spirit was being expended to support its activation.

"Damn bastard!! These Type 2 Beasts are indeed scary!!" Yue Zhong's eyes flashed coldly, as he left the epicentre of the poison gas, charging towards the Type 2 Mutant Snake.

In comparison with regards to holding out, Yue Zhong could not hope to match the Type 2 Mutant Snake with his Spirit and Stamina, he could only attempt to take down the Type 2 Mutant Snake within the short time period. This was the best way to ensure he had a fighting chance at survival. Fortunately, he had already injured the other Type 2 Mutant Forest Venomous Snake, otherwise he was most likely dead already.

In a few short breaths, Yue Zhong had arrived in front of the Type 2 Mutant Forest Venomous Snake, as he condensed part of the Devil Flame into the 6m-long Devil Flame Sword and swung it down onto its scaled head.

After enhancing the skill three times, the Devil Flame Sword that required 20 Stamina and 50 Spirit points to form was seemingly invincible. The swing directly took the head of the snake off its body, causing blood to forcefully blast all over him, before the body slumped to the floor lifelessly.

"Congratulations on achieving Level 49. You have gained 2 points of enhancements to be allocated."

The moment Yue Zhong decapitated the Type 2 Mutant Snake, the sweet notification sound rang out within his mind.

Before Yue Zhong even made his decision, he felt a huge sense of danger behind him! He tried to turn but the distraction meant he didn't have the time to react, before the remaining Type 2 Mutant Forest Venomous Snake crashed into him viciously.

Yue Zhong was knocked forwards and crashed heavily into a tree by the charging attack! The resulting impact caused his ribcage to immediately snap in most places! If his body wasn't strong enough, or it

was someone else with an Endurance of less than 70, this one move could easily take the life of that person.

Yue Zhong spat out a mouthful of fresh blood, and expended a fearsome 20 points of stamina to condense his Devil Flame Sword into a spear, flinging it with all his strength towards the remaining Type 2 Mutant Forest Venomous Snake.

The Devil Flame Spear shot towards the Type 2 Mutant Snake and through sheer luck penetrated its brain! The flame roared then immediately combusted, turning into raging fiery flames that started burning within the snake, roasting the brains and flesh, thereby turning them into ash.

After he took care of the remaining Type 2 Mutant Snake, he quickly made his way towards the perimeter of the gas with his heavy injuries.

With each step he took, Yue Zhong felt his sharp pains in his chest. Having a broken ribcage, most ordinary people would have found it hard to even walk. However, Yue Zhong's body was resilient, and with the Level 4 Skill: Regeneration, his body was already repairing itself. At most, it would require a day for him to return to his tiptop condition.

The other remaining 23 ordinary Mutant Forest Venomous Snake could feel the blood scent from Yue Zhong, and their eyes flashed with reptilian greed, as they quickly slithered over. Consuming high-level Mutant Beasts, Enhancers or even zombies would allow them to quickly evolve, and hence Yue Zhong was like a piece of delicious meat in their eyes.

"Even if I'm injured, you piled up trash shouldn't piss me off!" Yue Zhong's eyes flashed coldly, and he stopped running. Instead, he raised his hand and pulled out yet another pre-loaded PF98, and fired it at the group of Mutant Snakes.

With a flash, the group of Mutant Snakes were caught in the explosion, and many of their bodies were blasted into pieces.

Yue Zhong swiftly kept back his PF98, before he pulled out another PF98 and fired it at a single Mutant Forest Venomous Snake that was slithering towards him, exploding it to a rain of smoking meat balls.

The flashes from the firing continued without stop, as Yue Zhong aimed and fired all around him with a resolute look on his face. Countless Mutant Forest Venomous Snakes were blasted into smithereens, their blood puddling and corpse chunks piling up on the floor of the forest.

After 18 of the Mutant Snakes had died, the remaining 5 Mutant Snakes seemed to realise that Yue Zhong was too tough to handle, and they quickly slithered away.

When he saw that the remaining Mutant Snakes had retreated, he heaved a sigh of relief, and he checked his PF98's, discovering that there were only 9 rounds remaining. If he had to fire all of them, he would lose one of his strongest weapons.

Yue Zhong looked at the forest ground that was littered with the corpses, and his heart could not help but ache. These high-level Mutant Beasts were all treasures, as their meat could be treated as nourishment, and their bones could be formed into weapons, while their tendons could become good bows, and their hide turned into protective clothing. However, he was currently without his subordinates, and his storage ring had a limit to its capacity, and hence he could only keep the truly precious items, regardless of how tempting and useful the corpses of these Mutant Beasts might be.

After the poison gas had dissipated, Yue Zhong walked to the 2 Type 2 Mutant Beasts that he had killed, and he picked up the 2 dropped skill books and 400 survivor credits.

"Level 3 Skill Book: Forest Ranger Transformation! Active Skill. After activation, user will become a forest ranger. Within the forest, user will be granted with high Agility, high danger perception, strongbow skills, extraordinary night vision, and the ability to navigate through any terrain. The strength after transforming into a Forest Ranger is dependent on user's 6 attributes. Can be maintained for 10 minutes. After 10 minutes, user will be rendered weak."

"Level 4 Skill Book: Type 2 Forest Ranger Transformation! Active Skill. Requires a 3 times enhanced Forest Ranger Transformation skill. Requires 2 Skill Points to use."

Yue Zhong looked at those books and he frowned, keeping them into his storage ring. They were skills meant for forest battles. Even though they were extremely useful in their current situation, it was specialized only in such terrains and was not suitable for Yue Zhong who was adapted to and focused on evolution in all situations.

Therefore, he instead opted to keep them and pass them down to someone suitable.

Yue Zhong looked at the corpses of the Type 2 Mutant Snakes, as he swallowed some Life Saving Grass, before burrowing into the head of one and pieces of the other snake, retrieving the blood essence and nuclei.

After digging those out, he took out his Black Tooth Blade and started carving the scales off.

The scales of these Type 2 Mutant Snakes were the same as the Type 2 Mutant Black Scaled Boars, if they are used to manufacture more armor, Yue Zhong would have more troops that would be impervious to guns and weapons, only their heads would be exposed.

In fact, Yue Zhong's troops suffered little loss overall, mainly due to the fact that a large number of them were protected and equipped with such defensive hides. They were much tougher than the protective vests prior to the apocalypse, and only heavy artillery could pose a threat to them.

Chapter 308: Mutant Leeches Rain, Myriad Mutant Mosquitos Swarm!

"Amazing!!" Chen Yao came to the clearing under White Bones' protection, and seeing the numerous corpses, her heart was filled with shock.

"Go skin the snakes!" Yue Zhong looked at Chen Yao, before he casually threw a Dark Magic Blade towards her.

Chen Yao accepted the Dark Magic Blade and did not say anything more, instead she went towards one of the Mutant Forest Venomous Snake corpses. Forcing down her fear and disgust, she started to pry open the tough scales.

White Bones walked to Yue Zhong's front, as it lifted its head to look at Yue Zhong. Suddenly it grabbed the venomous fangs and activated its Bone Manipulation Ability.

Upon activation the essence from the bones of the Type 2 Mutant Forest Venomous Snake started flowing into White Bones. After about 5 minutes, the entire 70m-long skeleton was absorbed into White Bones.

The huge Type 2 Mutant Snake was reduced to half its size.

Yue Zhong retrieved 2 cups of Divine Spring Tea, and took out a can of Type 2 Meat and started helping himself. With the nourishment from the Divine Spring Tea, his Spirit was replenishing at a quick rate. The Type 2 Meat also helped him regain a huge part of his energy. Using the Black Tooth Blade to skin the scales of the Type 2 Mutant Forest Venomous Snake was too tedious, and it could not match the ease of using his Devil Flame.

Using the Divine Spring Tea, Life-Saving Grass as well as the Type 2 Mutant Beast Meat, Yue Zhong's injuries started to heal at an extreme rate. His Level 4 Regeneration ability was boosted with the help of the Type 2 Mutant Beast meat, and his broken ribcage knitted itself back together with waves of horrendous itching. By the time he consumed the 8th canned meat, his ribcage had finished mending.

"The Level 4 Skill is truly powerful!" After his body recovered, Yue Zhong jumped down easily from the top of the Type 2 Mutant Forest Venomous Snake, before he stretched his healed body, and revealed a satisfied expression.

Yue Zhong activated his Devil Flame again, condensing a smaller 3m-long Devil Flame Blade, before he continued butchering the 2 Type 2 Mutant Forest Venomous Snake. In a short while, he turned them into sizeable chunks of meat.

Yue Zhong then enveloped the pieces of meat with his Devil Flame, burning them down into ash, before leaving the snake skin intact.

White Bones used its Bone Manipulation to clean up the Mutant Beasts' bones, while Yue Zhong made use of his Devil Flame to clean the blood and meat, and all that was left was the precious snake skins.

Using these methods, Yue Zhong soon turned the 20+ corpses of the Mutant Snakes into ashes, leaving only the skins.

"Let's go!" After finishing, Yue Zhong turned to Chen Yao and spoke.

Chen Yao followed Yue Zhong as they started to walk out.

"Shit!!" Yue Zhong had just taken 2 steps, when his face changed, and he immediately grabbed Chen Yao and dashed towards the distance.

From a distance, a few gigantic Mutant Crocodiles could be seen crawling towards them. They were attracted by the smell of the blood from the Mutant Forest Venomous Snakes.

These Mutant Crocodiles were extremely deadly when they attacked, their speed almost too fast to be seen! When they were crawling on land, they did have a handicap but their speed still reached 3 times that of normal people!

Yue Zhong carried Chen Yao and ran like crazy, stopping only after a dashing nearly a kilometre away.

The moment they reached the 1km mark, passing by another patch of forest, small Mutant Leeches the size of 2 fingers dropped from the trees like rain.

"Level 6 Mutant Beast: Mutant Leech. These greedy bloodsuckers could drain even a Mutant Cow dry in roughly 30 seconds."

Yue Zhong's reaction was extremely quick. The moment those leeches dropped from the trees, he had already activated his Devil Flame skill. His right hand extended towards the sky as he conjured a terrible fire that enveloped all those Mutant Leeches.

With the burning of the Devil Flame, those who tried to drop and land on Yue Zhong and Chen Yao were immediately incinerated. If it wasn't for Yue Zhong's quick reactions, he and Chen Yao would have long been latched on to by these disgusting worms.

Those who landed further away did not stop wiggling, as they made their way towards Yue Zhong and Chen Yao.

Chen Yao looked at those Mutant Leeches as they wiggled about and her eyes flashed with shock, as she stepped on them.

With each stomp of Chen Yao, those Mutant Leeches would be driven into the mud, but they did not stop moving about and we're obviously not affected by the kicks and squishes.

Leeches were originally extremely resilient, after mutation, their resilience mutated to become stronger, in addition to the muddy ground, it was hard for these Mutant Leeches to be stomped to death.

"Quick, let's leave!!" Yue Zhong grabbed Chen Yao, and activated the Tornado ability of the Tornado Necklace he had on, and a hurricane blew out with him in the centre, extending outwards.

With the strong gusts of winds, the moment those Mutant Leeches dropped, they would be blown away.

Yue Zhong carried Chen Yao and made his way towards the outskirts. Chen Yao was only about 100 jin (50kg), and Yue Zhong had no problems lifting her. When he was undergoing tough training, he usually carried over 200 jin (100kg).

They kept running, and finally they managed to extract themselves away from the leech-infested forest.

They had just exited from the Mutant Leech forest, when they heard the droning hum of countless wings, only to discover a huge swarm of black Mutant Mosquitoes! Each of them was the size of a finger, flying towards them like a huge windstorm.

"Level 2 Mutant Bug: Mutant Poison Mosquitoes! These countless little monsters will suck you dry by the time you notice them."

Yue Zhong's expression turned for the worst, and he again immediately activated his Devil Flame, enveloping him and the mosquitoes were predictably burnt up the moment they came in contact with the fire.

Chen Yao remained hugging Yue Zhong tightly, only by being in his embrace, did she feel the warmth and security. Initially, she thought that while she may not be an expert at Level 13, she was still at least capable of protecting herself. However, the events today and the future prospects had opened her eyes to the reality of the world. With her current measly strength, she was nothing to these fearsome Mutant Beasts and nature.

Even Yue Zhong who was pretty strong would be dead if he was surrounded by a group of Type 2 Mutant Beasts.

Yue Zhong charged straight at the windstorm of Mutant Mosquitoes, under the protection of the Devil Flame, a large number of them were instantly incinerated.

Feeling the fiery heat of the Devil Flames, the swarm of mosquitoes made to avoid Yue Zhong, and allowed him to run past them.

Only after breaking free and leaving them far behind, Yue Zhong then heaved a sigh of relief.

"We need to leave this place fast!!" Within this forest, they had met wave after wave of Mutant Beasts and Mutant Bugs, even Yue Zhong was starting to feel weary having to deal with them continuously. If he stayed there for too long, who knows, he might be worn down and killed if he was careless.

After leaving the swarm of Mutant Mosquitoes for yet another 1km, they had to deal with a few harassing Mutant Monkeys, before they finally saw a small town with a few buildings.

When they saw the small town, Yue Zhong eased up a little, compared with the Mutant Beasts with different types of abilities and numbers, the ordinary zombies from a town were definitely easier to handle.

As long as there wasn't a horde of over 10,000 zombies, Yue Zhong had confidence he could wipe them out.

Yue Zhong pondered for awhile, before he took out a huge bag with food and tools from inside the storage ring. That way, regardless of how he retrieved anything, people would assume he took it from the bag, and not suspect it was due to the precious storage ring.

After settling this, Yue Zhong brought Chen Yao towards the small town.

The moment they entered, the zombies who caught scent of the smell of humans lumbered over.

"Get rid of them!!" Yue Zhong eyed those zombies, and gave a command to Chen Yao.

Now there was only the 2 of them, Yue Zhong had no choice but to push Chen Yao, he did not want to drag along a burden in this alien location.

Within the forest, if there wasn't Chen Yao, he could at least survive on his own. But since he had her along, it would be dangerous. He needed to ensure her safety, which would put himself into more danger, and it would be hard to escape from it.

When Chen Yao heard Yue Zhong's orders, she grabbed a vine seed, and activated her skill, in a blink, the vine seed transformed into a huge vine that went straight for the heads of those zombies.

These unevolved ordinary zombies were weak. It was so much so that even a heavy wooden plank could break their brittle bones, they were naturally unable to resist or defend against the strength of the vine, as it cut off their heads.

Those zombies that were constantly rushing up, regardless of L1s or S1s were all unable to handle the strength of that vine, allowing it to display its ferocious strength.

It was just that Chen Yao's abilities were simply too weak, her Spirit was too low, after killing over 20 zombies, her face was flushed and she was perspiring, her breath ragged. The control of the vine expended too much of her Stamina and Spirit.

"Alright, take a break!! Follow me!!" Yue Zhong saw that Chen Yao had lost half her battle strength, and lightly shook his head before charging into the zombie group.

The blade flashed about, any zombies that got too close would be immediately chopped up.

Chen Yao looked at Yue Zhong easily crushing his way through the zombie group, her eyes filled with admiration and envy, as she followed him closely.

Chapter 309: This is Vietnam!

"This isn't China!!" Yue Zhong was killing the zombies effortlessly, as he looked around, and discovered that the writings on the buildings around were characters he did not recognize.

After gaining the Language Skill, he learnt Russian, English, Chinese and Japanese. Yet the words on the buildings and constructions around did not match any of these 4 languages.

Yue Zhong aimed as he waved his blade about, killing another 3 zombies, before he asked Chen Yao: "These words, do you recognize them?"

Yue Zhong had been an ordinary student during his university days, and was always hardworking in his life as well as studies. However, prior to the Apocalypse, language was one of his weakest points.

Chen Yao casually looked at the surroundings and she saw more words. Then she took some time to think as she continued to scan her surroundings before replying: "I don't recognize these words. But I have a feeling this place is in Vietnam!

I have been to Hanoi for a holiday, and the words there and here seem very similar. Furthermore, there are many motorcycles, and the houses are built like matchboxes."

Chen Yao stared ahead, noticing that there was a pile of scattered coins on the road, as she immediately picked them up, and revealed a confident smile: "Now I'm very certain that this is Vietnam! Look Yue Zhong, these are Vietnamese Dong!"

Chen Yao waved the Vietnamese Dong, and was smiling extremely sweetly. She finally proved that she was not just a useless decoration, and could be useful when the situation required. 1*

Yue Zhong continued asking: "Which part of Vietnam do you think we are in?"

"Not sure..." Chen Yao felt discouraged.

"Regardless, let us first try and survive!!" Yue Zhong laughed lightly, before swinging his Dark Tooth Blade. He continued to care freely carve out a road of slaughter, leading Chen Yao and White Bones towards a small supermarket. Yue Zhong got White Bones to guard the entrance, while he and Chen Yao made their way into the building. The moment they entered, Chen Yao rushed towards the female restroom, and grabbed a few rolls of sanitary napkins, skincare products, cleanser, soap and the like, stuffing them into a huge military bag.

"Why are you packing these items? You should pack more food and drinks right?" Yue Zhong grabbed a few canned food and beef before striding over, looking at Chen Yao stuffing those items into her bag as he asked cluelessly.

If Yue Zhong did not have the storage ring, he would definitely only keep food and high-calorie food, as well as water and weapons.

"Yue Zhong, you really don't understand women! These are necessities to us women." Chen Yao looked at Yue Zhong, before saying a little coyly, "Also, don't you have a storage ring? Use that to keep more food and water!"

Without sanitary napkins and clean undergarments, Chen Yao felt that she would go crazy.

On top of that, with Yue Zhong's current strength, it was not an issue for him to obtain food, he pondered a while, and did not press for Chen Yao to throw those items away.

Yue Zhong then gave a pink Snake Birth Fruit to Chen Yao and said: "Eat this!!"

"Snake Birth Fruit!! You're really giving it to me?" Chen Yao looked at Yue Zhong handing her that precious fruit, her heart skipped a beat, as her beautiful eyes remain fixed on Yue Zhong, and asked with a shaky voice.

Snake Birth Fruit! The fruit of Evolution!! The secret of this Snake Birth Fruit was a classified secret even amongst Yue Zhong's stronghold, only Chi Yang, Ji Qingwu, Da Gouzi, Xu Zhengang, Liu Yan and Guo Yu, etc. Only the top brass knew about it.

Chen Yao only had knowledge of the secret of the Snake Birth Fruit because of her close relationship with Ji Qingwu, therefore, she knew it was extremely precious, that huge Snake Birth Fruit tree would only bear slightly less than a 100 fruits after consuming over a few hundred thousand zombies.

Yue Zhong looked at Chen Yao and said indifferently: "Just eat it!"

As they were in a foreign place, having the strength of one more combatant was definitely better! Although Chen Yao was weak, and lacking in battle experience, as well as possessing a low combat ability, after becoming an Evolver, her strength would definitely increase. This would be a good thing to him.

He didn't let Chen Yao evolve while they were in the forest because the evolution process required a day's worth of recuperation. The time period required meant that staying in the forest would be too dangerous.

Chen Yao received the Snake Birth Fruit and swallowed it without hesitation. Becoming an Evolver was the dream of many people. Even under Yue Zhong's command, the total number of Evolvers now were only about 30. Their preciousness and rarity was obvious.

After she swallowed the Snake Birth Fruit, she started to run a fever and as expected, fainted.

Yue Zhong carried her to the second storey, and laid her on a bed. He the strolled over to the nearby window and looked out, peacefully enjoying the scenery of the place.

On a small slope a distance away, 5 short Vietnamese were huddled within a grass patch. Whispering to themselves, they all stole glances towards the supermarket.

The supermarket had never been opened before, and there was bound to be plenty of food in it. At the same time, it was a man-eating trap. Many, many survivors had been enticed by the food and tried to open it up, but all failed miserably and became part of the zombies.

One of the more handsome Vietnamese men looked at the supermarket, before saying a little apprehensively: "Fan Tongxuan!! Do you really want to go over there? With just us? There's no way, we can't make it in. Let's go back!!"

Another man, who had extremely tanned skin, ripped muscles, and a fierce expression, responded in a gruff voice. "Damn it! Huniu Shishan, If you're scared get lost and go eat that other shit! That kind of life, I've had enough!! Tree bark, vegetable roots, sweet potatoes!! I'm sick of these unappetizing foods!!"

A wretched-looking man called out coldly: "Ai Luode! Then you charge up!! I will help you look after your daughter!! Nowhere other than her bed obviously!!"

The tanned and muscled man was a Vietnamese called Ai Luode. Even though he was Vietnamese, he had taken on an auspicious sounding foreign name. As for his original name, he had long since discarded it.

Ai Luode eyes flashed with fury, as he spat out the words: "Fang Chunyi, one more word from you and I'll slaughter you!!"

Fang Chunyi laughed coldly: "Not only am I not gonna stop, I will say even more! You let an American fuck your bitch of a daughter, why can't I? I know this, Tom fucked both your wife and daughter together!! I remember it was for a bag of instant noodles right!!"

That seemed to have hit a raw nerve. Tom was an actual American who was Ai Luode's backer before the apocalypse.

Due to his support, Ai Luode had managed to build a fortune for himself. The downside? As Tom's dog he had given his own wife to be teased and toyed with by Tom. After the apocalypse, he even gave his daughter to Tom in exchange for a bag of instant noodles.

Now, these dark and secret things that he did were actually mentioned by someone else, Ai Luode charged towards Fang Chunyi furiously, and they started to brawl.

The leader, Fan Tongxuan, who was holding a rifle immediately pointed it at the two men fighting and called out: "Shut up! Whoever causes trouble, your father, I, will kill that person first!"

During the Vietnam War, almost all the Vietnamese were soldiers so normal citizens had access to guns. Fan Tongxuan's family had carefully kept and saved a rifle. During these post-apocalyptic times, he had become the leader of a small faction just by relying on this rifle.

With that threat, both Fang Chunyi and Ai Luode separated, as they glared at each other.

One of the Vietnamese suddenly exclaimed softly: "Fan Tongxuan, there's someone inside the supermarket!!"

Everyone looked over, and saw Yue Zhong who was gazing out the window and observing the sights.

As they looked at Yue Zhong, their hearts were shaken with the thought: "What! There was actually someone inside!?! Impossible! There are 2 ghost zombies inside!!"

Only those Enhancers who possessed the Eyes of Perception could tell the information and abilities of the zombies and Mutant Beasts. Fan Tongxuan and the rest of these Vietnamese survivors weren't survivors, and could not tell the differences between zombies. They had thought that the S2's were ghost zombies.

Taking into account that S2's possessed speed far exceeding normal humans, with the 2 S2's hiding inside the supermarket, no ordinary humans could enter.

Yue Zhong's perception was extremely astute. The movement from those Vietnamese who saw him put him on alert! He zeroed in and caught sight of them through the Barrett Sniper rifle he had produced from his ring when he first was jolted into action. After sighting in he carefully aimed at them.

This Barrett Sniper rifle was one of the few treasures Yue Zhong obtained within the huge armory. It possessed absolutely devastating firepower, and its stability was top-notch.

"What? So they are just normal survivors?" Yue Zhong observed them carefully and quickly should red his Barrett Sniper rifle.

Fan Tongxuan and the rest of the Vietnamese had pale looks of fear and sweat. Their very best weapon was only an old Type 56 semi automatic rifle, which didn't pose much of a threat to Yue Zhong.

This single action from Yue Zhong had thoroughly frightened those Vietnamese silly. Only after Yue Zhong put away his gun, did they recover from their shock. They instantly bolted for cover, their hearts thumping with fear. They did not recognize that world-famous sniper rifle, but they could feel the pressure and danger from it.

Yue Zhong eyed these Vietnamese as they did not do anything wrong in his eyes. Merely, now that Chen Yao was recuperating, he needed to watch over her until she finished her Evolution.

Huniu Shishan's heart was thumping as he quickly said: "Let's leave now! Otherwise we will surely all be killed by him!!"

The rest of the Vietnamese all looked towards Fan Tongxuan.

Fan Tongxuan sighed for a moment, after thinking awhile, he could discern Yue Zhong's intentions to some degree. "No! If he had wanted to kill us, based on his abilities, a number of us would have died already! I believe he doesn't harbor any killing intent towards us..."

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Huniu Shishan's eyes lit up: "Then we can trade with him!! Since he entered the supermarket, he must have a good haul! We can take some items to exchange with him!!"

One of the Vietnamese, Huan Yuanji frowned: "Since he already possesses the whole supermarket, what can we trade with him? Sweet potatoes? Wild vegetables? Or tree bark?"

These Vietnamese survivors were at their wits' end, otherwise they would not have risked their lives to come and make an attempt on this supermarket. They would naturally not have any items worth trading for.

Fan Tongxuan pondered deeply, before saying: "Women!! We can use women to exchange food with him!! Ruan Minghou, go call your sister over. Ai Luode, bring your daughter over as well."

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Both Ruan Minghou and Ai Luode both turned around silently, as they crouched and entered the forest, leaving the place.

After a while, a voluptuous, healthy-looking beauty of 1.6 metres with defining features as well as another 16-17 year old mixed-blood girl with blond hair, big black eyes and fair skin came over.

The healthy skinned voluptuous beauty was called Ruan Chunhua, and was Ruan Minghou's elder sister. The pretty mixed blood girl was Ai Luode's daughter, Aina.

Ruan Chunhua and Aina were the best beauties this little group could bring out. During this postapocalyptic times, women selling themselves for food was not a big deal. They had slept with countless men, and were indifferent to the trade that these guys wanted to propose to Yue Zhong. There was more concern about how delicious the food would be.

On top of the arrival of the 2 ladies, they had brought a long white cloth, writing some Vietnamese words on it: "Esteemed powerful person, we hope to trade with you!"

Fan Tongxuan stood on the small slope and opened up that huge white cloth, as he looked expectantly at Yue Zhong.

Yue Zhong who was within the supermarket observing his surroundings looked at the words, and was still as blank as ever, he did not understand what they stood for.

He thought for a while, then found a bedsheet, and wrote on it with chinese: "I am Chinese!"

After which, Yue Zhong threw up the bedsheet and hung it out the window.

Fan Tongxuan stared at the bedsheet for awhile, before softly speaking: "That is chinese!! That man is from China!!"

Fan Tongxuan did not know Chinese as well, however, the words "China" were pretty obvious, and even he could recognize it. At the same time, based on the Chinese that Yue Zhong had written, he had formed the assumption that Yue Zhong was in fact from China.

Fan Tongxuan turned around and asked the rest: "Who knows Chinese here?"

One of the Vietnamese Wu Tongwen spoke out with a little anger: "Fan Tongxuan! Do we really have to deal with that Chinese guy? The Chinese aren't a good bunch! They stole our South China Sea!!"

Amongst the Vietnamese, there were a few who were on friendly terms with the Chinese, while there was also a group who could not see eye to eye with them. This Wu Tongwen was on the side of those who disliked the Chinese.

Fan Tongxuan looked at Wu Tongwen as he frowned: "I don't really care about the damn sea. All I know is, if we don't deal with that Chinese guy, then we have to go into the Forest of Death to look for food. If you, Wu Tongwen, are willing to go look for food in the Forest of Death for all of us, then we'll leave now."

The rest of the survivors also looked at Wu Tongwen coldly. In the Forest of Death, there were countless fearsome Mutant Beasts and Bugs. Even for someone as strong as Yue Zhong, if he were to be the slightest bit careless, he could lose his life in there, not to mention an ordinary person like Wu Tongwen. Although they were locals, they were wary of the Forest of Death.

However, there were indeed some Mutant plants and various small Mutant Bugs that could be eaten. The risk of death was too high though, when this group of survivors was at its peak, there were 26 males who could go out to hunt for food, now they were only left with 7.

Fan Tongxuan had seen a survivor being sucked on by a Mutant Mosquito until he was literally dried up, that scary scene and the anguished howls of the survivor, caused him to be unable to sleep for a few nights.

To these survivors, the matters about territory, country and history couldn't be any less important. They just wanted to live on. Furthermore, the world had already become like it was, and they could not even fend for themselves, let alone worry about some useless piece of territory.

Seeing the cold gazes of his comrades, Wu Tongwen also calmed down, and shrank back like a quail. He was very clear about the dangers of the Forest of Death, he was also unwilling to risk his life to hunt for food in it.

Fan Tongxuan did not request for Ruan Chunhua to write some nonsense about China-Vietnam relations or a long-winded message, instead, he set the bar pretty low: "Great! Write this: 'Hello, esteemed powerful person, we hope to trade with you."

In this post-apocalyptic world, to these lone rangers, the relations between China and Vietnam was worth only shit. The only thing that could interest these characters was benefits.

Ruan Chunhua followed Fan Tongxuan's wishes and wrote those words on the white cloth, before Wu Tongwen waved it upon Fan Tongxuan's orders.

Yue Zhong stood at the window and saw the scrawly chinese characters, he chuckled, before he wrote: "Not free today! Come again tomorrow!"

Yue Zhong had to guard Chen Yao who was undergoing evolution, these survivors weren't of paramount importance to him. Of course, if he could gain some form of intel from their mouths, it would be best, otherwise, it wasn't an issue. Based on his strength, he just had to follow the path of civilization to come to a dwelling with humans.

Fan Tongxuan turned to Ruan Chunhua and asked: "What did he write?"

Ruan Chunhua thought hard before replying: "It should be that he's not free today! He wants us to come again tomorrow."

If Yue Zhong was unwilling to come over, Fan Tongxuan and the rest were helpless to that as well. The zombies were easy to kill for Yue Zhong, however, to these common survivors, a simple S2 and L2 could wipe them out, therefore, they did not dare enter the small town.

A day passed just like that, and Chen Yao who ran a fever throughout the night had successfully Evolved and woke up the next morning.

She opened her eyes, and saw Yue Zhong sitting beside her sleeping without changing, and her eyes flashed with gratitude, and she leaned forward to kiss him lightly on his lips.

After that kiss, Chen Yao seemed to flush red and her heart thumped, before she quickly curled up in her blanket, her emotions in turmoil. This prideful princess had actually kissed someone ogher own accord.

"Chen Yao, what's wrong with you? How could you initiate the kiss! He's a flower-hearted carrothead! You can't like him!!" Chen Yao was in a dilemma as she chided herself. She had started to fall for Yue Zhong very early on, but was adamant on not admitting it. This time Yue Zhong had helped her Evolve, and he even stood guard over her throughout the night, which touched her greatly. That slight sweet feeling had transformed into a surge of love like a torrent, which thoroughly confused this poor girl who hadn't ever even dated before.

Not long after, Yue Zhong opened his eyes, and he stood up. Yawning, he looked at Chen Yao and asked: "Chen Yao, what's your current condition now? Did you succeed?"

Hearing Yue Zhong's voice, Chen Yao swiftly checked her own status, and immediately broke out in a huge smile: "En! I succeeded! I'm a Spirit-based Evolver, and my Plant Manipulation has been enhanced!"

After becoming an Evolver, Chen Yao's strength predictably leaped overnight, to almost 4 times that of her condition prior to evolution. Especially now that her Plant Manipulation had been enhanced once, her skill prowess was strengthened by at least half.

Chen Yao was also very clear that only with overwhelming strength could she protect herself. In a place without the military and other experts protecting her, she could only rely on herself and the man in front of her.

Yue Zhong looked at the excited Chen Yao as he laughed: "Alright! Let's go, someone has invited us!!"

"En!!"

Chen Yao followed behind Yue Zhong, as they walked towards the outside of the compound.

The moment the 3 of them left the supermarket, zombies started to shuffle over and surround them.

Chen Yao looked at the moving zombies, as she eagerly spoke out: "Let me!!"

Yue Zhong nodded his head, he was not interested in dealing with these low level zombies. Right now, to level up by killing these ordinary zombies, he had to kill more than tens of thousands of them. It took up too much time and expended too much energy, Yue Zhong did not have that kind of time to waste.

Facing those encroaching zombies, Chen Yao grabbed her vine seed, and activated the lvl 4 Plant Manipulation ability. In the next instant, 10 vines as thin as arrows shot out towards the heads of the zombies, and easily pierced through a dozen of them. She then pulled back with her strength, causing those zombie corpses to be swept to the side.

After evolving, Chen Yao's stats all improved, and her Spirit also increased to twice its original number, at the same time, her Plant Manipulation ability received an enhancement, and she could do even more interesting things with her vines. One of them was that she could condense the vine to be as strong as steel for the span of a few seconds.

One S2 which was currently hiding in the midst of the zombies, suddenly sprang out and rushed towards Chen Yao at the same moment she was distracted in her triumph.