

## Devil World 321

### Chapter 321 – Seeking Instructions

The soldier that was in charge of reporting the intel was trembling and broke out in cold sweat as he faced the pressure emitted from Wu Dahui's body, and he panted as he continued to speak "Yes!! That person also wanted to pass a message saying that we have to take out 300 tonnes of rations to exchange for Li Bingyan."

Wu Dahui's face turned steely, as he grabbed the soldier tightly and asked: "Who was this "guy" who killed Da Yang and the rest?"

Da Yang was after all one of the top ten experts amongst this group of experts in the Wolf Fang Battalion. This small team had every single type of utility available! These included close combat, ranged combat, pursuit, and summons. Even powerful Evolvers had died at their hands! Yet somehow this elite team was actually wiped out by this single person called Yue Zhong, and Wu Dahui could not believe it.

The soldier immediately replied: "The person who killed them all was a Chinese man! His name is Yue Zhong!"

Wu Dahui's gaze turned cold, as he emitted out a killing intent: "Yue Zhong!!!

Go back and tell them! I will take out 300 tonnes of food to exchange for Li Bingyan. Tell Yue Zhong, if he dares to hurt even a single hair on her, I will not let him go!" "Yes!" The soldier affirmed and quickly dismissed himself.

A tanned dwarf with a height not even 1.4m stepped out. With a frown, as asked Wu Dahui: "Dahui!! Are you really gonna exchange 300 tonnes of rations for Li Bingyan?"

This dwarf was called Li Yuanda, and he was an Agility-based Evolver. He was also the vice-commander of the Wolf Fang Battalion, as his combat prowess was second only to Wu Dahui. With his fearsome technique and speed, he had once single-handedly wiped out an entire line of soldiers who were fully equipped.

Amongst the Wolf Fang Battalion, his views were treated with respect as well, and his teamwork and cooperation with Wu Dahui was extremely tight.

Wu Dahui's face broke into a cold grin: "Of course not!! I want to use the 300 tonnes of rations as bait, and thoroughly mess with that Chinese pig Yue Zhong! I will turn his bones into dust!!"

As they say, the same type of men flock around a leader of their own hearts. Wuyan Hong's racism against China and her people was extremely apparent, and he exclusively viewed the Chinese as slaves. Wu Dahui and the rest of his subordinates were likewise, and didn't view the Chinese as people but rather something closer to a sub-human. It was almost like the Germany of World War II.

Hearing Wu Dahui's words, Li Yuanda did not speak up anymore. He just wanted to kill people, as long as Wu Dahui did not go against his few principles, he would not interfere with Wu Dahui's actions. It was because of this, these 2 had such a great working relationship, and did not have any conflict because of power.

Not long after, huge trucks drove out of Tooth County, and they were packed filled with rations as they drove towards the mountain top that Yue Zhong had designated. 300 tonnes of food was after all not a small sum, and the fleet of trucks had to travel slowly for a few hours before arriving at the summit.

Wu Dahui deployed troops to block off the mountain top, and swiftly arranged for the warriors of the Wolf Fang Battalion to get in position at different key points on the mountain. At the same time, there were 2 assault helicopters hiding within the forest, preparing to take off at any moment and commence an assault on Yue Zhong.

Wu Dahui did not dare underestimate this Yue Zhong that could decimate his elite team, and though this type of strong character could not possibly take on Wuyan Hong's army, when it came to guerilla warfare, it could cause problems for the Great Vietnam Empire.

The Wolf Fang Battalion had killed a number of experts who had gone against Wuyan Hong, but these experts had given them a fair bit of trouble, over a hundred soldiers had died at the hands of these experts. These opposing experts had also caused quite the delay for some of his troops.

As time passed, the important Yue Zhong still had not appeared.

"Damn that Yue Zhong! What the fuck does he want?" After 3 hours, Wu Dahui was starting to feel impatient, his brows furrowing and he cursed out loud.

"Commander!!" Right at this time, a soldier ran forward from a small road, as he reported: "Yue Zhong had sent someone over! He said since we have set up traps and ambushes, we don't have sincerity. He wants us to move everything to Bamboo Peak now."

Wu Dahui's expression was steely, as the fear towards Yue Zhong increased by another fold. "Was it seen through by him? He sure is cunning!!"

Another soldier asked: "Commander! What now?"

Wu Dahui pondered a while, this small hiccup was also within his calculations, and he gave an order: "Let's go along with his wishes for now. Bring everything to Bamboo Peak. This time, none of you follow!"

"Yes!" The soldier replied with respect.

"As long as you're still greedy for this 300 tonnes of food of mine! You will not be able to escape from my clutches!" Wu Dahui thought fiercely in his heart. Out of these 300 tonnes of rations, mostly were real rations, but there were 30 boxes which hid the experts of the Wolf Fang Battalion.

As long as Yue Zhong sent someone to retrieve the 300 tonnes of rations, the experts in the boxes could then slaughter their way out, and with the support of the 2 assault helicopters, they would be enough to take down even an entire battalion of untrained soldiers.

The Vietnamese soldiers abided by Wu Dahui's orders and moved the 300 tonnes of rations to Bamboo Peak, wasting another few hours in the process.

"Commander!! Yue Zhong wants us to send the rations to the Lizard Forest." After the entourage had arrived at Bamboo Peak and waited for an hour, a soldier came running to Wu Dahui and reported.

“Fucking Yue Zhong!! You dare to mess around with me!! Once I catch you, I’ll make you die a slow and horrible death!!!” Wu Dahui’s face was twitching with anger, and he lashed out on a huge tree. With a ‘hong’, his punch caused the tree to be split apart. He now knew Yue Zhong had no intentions of dealing with him in the first place, otherwise he wouldn’t play him around like this.

Wu Dahui gritted his teeth with his ashen expression and said: “Let’s go back!”

Under Wu Dahui’s command, the warriors of the Wolf Fang Battalion and the rest of the Vietnamese soldiers went back amidst their exhaustion.

At this time, Yue Zhong had actually brought Li Bingyan along with him as they went towards the direction of the small town that was the living quarters of the vanguard team. He had already accomplished his objective of observing the situation in Tooth County for a day, and he had to return back to organize a retreat and leave the town.

Yue Zhong could only cause a little disturbance for the troops of Wuyan Hong, as he was not able to face the entire army.

As long as the Wolf Fang Battalion set out against Yue Zhong, they could easily wipe out Yue Zhong’s current troops.

Li Bingyan stared at Yue Zhong heatedly and said: “You’re untrustworthy! Didn’t you promise that as long as there was 300 tonnes of rations, you would let me go? Didn’t our men bring the 300 tonnes of food for you? Why didn’t you deal with them and then let me go?”

Yue Zhong had not gone to the designated exchange points, and this had infuriated Li Bingyan. She was clear, that the moment Yue Zhong stepped into the exchange location, it would only be death for him. She had held on to that hope, but her hopes were dashed because of Yue Zhong’s actions.

Yue Zhong eyed the angry Li Bingyan and coldly retorted: “Shut up! It’s your Wolf Fang Battalion that cannot be trusted, they actually set up an ambush, and hence caused the deal to fall through. Don’t blame it on me.”

From their ready agreement, Yue Zhong knew there wasn’t a chance for the negotiations to go through. 300 tonnes, it wasn’t a small sum after all. Furthermore, if their positions were swapped, if Yue Zhong were in Wu Dahui’s shoes, he would also think of ways to get rid of that greedy bandit.

Li Bingyan stared at Yue Zhong with hate, before lowering her head, with a humble expression, her heart was however, filled with thoughts of killing Yue Zhong countless times.

After Yue Zhong brought Li Bingyan into the town, he saw the Chinese, Caucasians and African survivors all had recovered a little of their health, as their hands held weapons, patrolling the town, instilling fear in the Vietnamese survivors.

Throughout the streets, there was not a soul in sight, instead, there were some sandbags, barbed wires and a few soldiers.

Seeing Yue Zhong walking over, those gun-wielding soldiers all saluted Yue Zhong, as their eyes filled with reverence and gratitude. This man in front of them had actually saved them from their captivity

and given them food, health, and their dignity. His actions allowed them to live once more as humans, and not like pigs or dogs. This caused them to be deeply thankful to Yue Zhong.

One of the Chinese soldiers with a huge burn scar mark on his face that gave him a ferocious appearance, came up and saluted Yue Zhong with idolization and gratitude in his eyes. He spoke, saying: “Boss Yue!! Miss Chen Xue is over there, please come with me!”

Those 200+ non-Vietnamese had led lives that were worse than pigs and dogs, and every one of them carried scars to show for it, not many were unblemished.

“What’s your name?” Yue Zhong walked along with the soldier as he asked.

“I’m Pan Jinyong!” The soldier swiftly replied.

Yue Zhong lightly smiled: “Are you willing to be my personal guard?”

Pan Jinyong’s expression would become even more ferocious at the mention of the Vietnamese, and he spoke with killing intent: “Of course I’m willing!! But Boss Yue! I want to be on the frontlines to kill those Vietnamese dogs even more!!”

Those bullshit professors who talked about ‘retribution when the time comes’ and ‘revenge would not solve anything’ were simply talking. They did not suffer any form of harm, and could naturally engage in debate and theoretical talks. If their daughters or wives had been raped or hurt, if they could still maintain their calm and forgive the perpetrators, then that would be more convincing. \*1

Yue Zhong had rescued these 200 people from the clutches of the Vietnamese, and it was normal for them to be filled with hatred for the Vietnamese. They could not wait to kill those who had caused them such suffering.

Hearing Pan Jinyong’s words, Li Bingyan frowned, she was after all Vietnamese, and hearing everyone scolding the Vietnamese as dogs, she was naturally unhappy.

Yue Zhong patted Pan Jinyong’s shoulders, and didn’t force it: “Then fine!! Focus on recovering first! In the future, kill more enemies!”

## Chapter 322 – Suspicion!

“Who’re you?” Right as Pan Jinyong brought Yue Zhong before the town government building, 4 women wielding guns blocked their way and barked out coldly.

Pan Jinyong stepped forward to declare: “This is Boss Yue, he’s the man who saved us last night!! He’s Miss Chen Yao’s boyfriend!”

These female survivors had been saved by Chen Yao personally and did not see Yue Zhong.

“Many thanks Boss Yue, for saving us!!” The 4 gun-wielding women looked at Yue Zhong, tears of gratitude welling up in their eyes, as they all got down on the floor and expressed their thanks with a

huge bow. If Yue Zhong had not taken action, they would have been tormented to death without a shred of dignity.

Yue Zhong sighed lightly: "Get up! It's what I should do." The women stood up only then. Yue Zhong allowed Pan Jinyong to lead him into the building.

Out of the 4 women, 2 were assigned to follow Yue Zhong, just in case he turned out to be a fraud, and had bad intentions towards Chen Yao.

"Yue Zhong you're back!" In that office, Chen Yao was currently assigning responsibilities and duties to some female survivors, the moment she saw Yue Zhong, she squealed out in delight.

Chen Yao had been under stress having to get things in order. In this town, the number of Vietnamese numbered above 2,600. The total non-Vietnamese were about 400. Most of these 400 had also been tortured and tormented, their bodies and health having suffered, and required time to recuperate. If the 2,000+ Vietnamese decided to revolt, wanting to put down the rebellion with only the 400 weak non-Vietnamese would be difficult. Other than that, Chen Yao had to be constantly worried about the potential threat of Wuyan Hong's troops. In the forests, the Mutant Beasts could attack at any time. The distribution of the food amongst the survivors. All were matters weighing on her mind.

Being the temporary leader, Chen Yao discovered that she had to consider so many issues within a short space of time. She finally understood the difficulties of Yue Zhong who had to shoulder so many things all along.

Seeing Chen Yao's pleased expression, the women in the room all took a deep look at Yue Zhong, committing the features of this man who saved them into their memory, before exiting the room tactfully.

Yue Zhong lightly smiled and walked to the sofa beside Chen Yao and sat while praising her: "Chen Yao! Good job! Seems like the entire town is under your control."

Not anybody could just make use of a small force to subdue an entire town. Chen Yao had managed to do so without a big fuss, it showed how capable she was.

Chen Yao looked to Yue Zhong and smiled sweetly, as she sat beside him, and narrated how she went about doing things.

After Yue Zhong left, Chen Yao had swiftly allocated all those survivors who could move and fight to control the important channels within the town.

At the same time, after rounding the women who were treated like playthings by the Vietnamese soldiers, she distributed weapons to them. Although they were deemed as playthings by the enemy, they could at the very least eat decently, and while their bodies were weak, they had enough strength for combat.

With the 200+ female survivors wielding weapons and patrolling in town, the Vietnamese survivors were kept in check. Chen Yao had also imposed martial law, executing anyone who walked on the street, and all the Vietnamese survivors were forced to remain within their own homes, preventing them from engaging in any events.

After employing various measures, Chen Yao could then considered herself to have fully tightened the control over this small town. This was after all Northern Vietnam, where the Sino-Vietnam War had only occurred 30 years prior. Even still, many of the people here were still filled with hatred against the Chinese. In this area, being Chinese, the moment Chen Yao slipped up, she would face the wrath of these Vietnamese.

At the time when Vietnam had fought against France and America in the Vietnam War, China had tightened their belts and sent war aid of over 20 billion yuan worth of supplies, volunteers who had helped in combat, and improved the relationships between the officers and fighters. It was all forgotten.

Of course, the Southern part of Vietnam which was not as affected by the war had different sentiments. The Vietnamese there were still on fairly friendly terms with the Chinese.

After a day's rest, those who consumed the Type 2 Meat had started to recover a huge part of their health, and could engage in low-intensity combat should the need arise. Of course, based on their current constitution, it was too much to hope for them to fight out a prolonged battle.

Chen Yao's beautiful eyes flashed with anxiety, as she stared fixedly at Yue Zhong: "What do we do now, Yue Zhong?"

The situation did not bode well for them. Not only were they in unfamiliar territory, they were in the Northern Vietnam area, where people viewed the Chinese with enmity. This made it particularly difficult for them to rally troops that they could trust. On top of that, many of the survivors would not be able to accept Yue Zhong's leadership as he was Chinese. Last but not least, their current position was too close to Wuyan Hong's Tooth County. The distance apart was not even 60km, as long as the opponent sent 3 battalions, they could easily wipe out Yue Zhong's group.

Yue Zhong replied in a heavy voice: "Quickly organize everyone, we're retreating towards Lang Son City!"

They could only take it step by step from here, after all, the direction to Lang Son was fraught with forests that were filled with ferocious Mutant Beasts, as well as various towns overrun by zombies. The remainder were all within Wuyan Hong's control.

If Yue Zhong were to try challenge Wuyan Hong's troops based on his current force, it was basically seeking death.

Chen Yao frowned and said: "Yue Zhong, there are over 2,000 Vietnamese here. If we just retreat like that to Lang Son, won't there be a problem? The Mutant Beasts will be attracted to them on the way."

The migration of 2,000+ people, would definitely be a source of attraction for the Mutant Beasts with acute sense of smell. At that time, when Yue Zhong had arranged for the hundred thousand survivors of SY County to move to Ning County, they could only follow the highway, as before the apocalypse, there weren't any huge wild beasts in those areas. This way, there wouldn't be any large Mutant Beasts there after the apocalypse. At the same time, they had the protection of the army, and even then, during the migration, there were still cases of waves of Mutant Beasts launching assaults on the migrating group.

Vietnam had so many forests, and the number of Mutant Beasts were shockingly high, if this group of 2,000 people were to migrate, the attacks of the Mutant Beasts were bound to happen.

Yue Zhong's eyes flashed with a strange gaze, as he said without batting an eyelid: "No cause for concern! Let's proceed!"

Chen Yao frowned, as she looked at Yue Zhong. In her mind, she knew him to be someone who did care for innocent survivors. However, she was intelligent enough to understand what Yue Zhong did not say. It was hard to tell if those Vietnamese survivors were friends or enemies, and may possibly be the ones to stab a knife in their back. Under those circumstances, even if they all died, Yue Zhong would not possibly be heartbroken. Yue Zhong would definitely not leave 2,000 survivors to Wuyan Hong, because they would become his workers and soldiers.

Chen Yao thought of those Chinese women who were treated like dogs by the Vietnamese, and she gritted her teeth: "Then I'll go and organize the moving now!"

Right then, a scary explosion resounded from outside. At the same time, there were angry shouts, and gunfire broke out. "Quick follow me!!" Yue Zhong's face changed, and he swiftly rushed out the door.

Chen Yao also followed tightly behind Yue Zhong and ran out from the building.

When Yue Zhong and Chen Yao had just exited the building, a few rockets landed on it, and following the terrifying explosion, the entire building was blasted apart.

Chen Yao turned her head to look at the wreckage, her face pale. If it wasn't for Yue Zhong, she might have perished within that rubble.

Yue Zhong lifted his head, only to see 2 assault helicopters in the air. The 2 assault helicopters were firing wildly, displaying their position as the tyrant of the skies, causing a huge number of buildings to be destroyed, burying the survivors within as well.

With the different types of inflammatory bullets that was fired, the entire town was soon engulfed in a sea of fire. A large number of Vietnamese survivors came running out of their houses, wailing loudly before being shredded by the hail of gunfire.

Those soldiers under Yue Zhong were firing their guns continuously. There were some who even tried to fire a rocket at the assault helicopters.

It was just that the assault helicopters weren't staying stationary, or waiting for the rockets to hit them. Other than those with special abilities or Evolvers like Yue Zhong, or Agility-focused Enhancers, normal people would find it hard to shoot down those assault helicopters with the rocket launchers. As for the normal bullets, they just deflected off the thick armor of the assault helicopters.

The 2 assault helicopters only had to spray their line of fire towards those soldiers firing at them, and would be able to annihilate Yue Zhong's troops entirely.

The 2 helicopters remained hovering in the air, exuding the aura of death and fear of an oppressive tyrant, as they looked and aimed at Yue Zhong's troops.

"Damn it!!" Yue Zhong eyed the 2 assault helicopters and his eyes flashed with coldness, as he activated his Devil Flame. The Devil Flame appeared in his hands and was condensed into a Devil Flame Spear.

With all his strength, he threw the Devil Flame Spear under the guidance of his Spirit to penetrate one of the assault helicopters.

The Devil Flame instantly combusted! The terrifying flame roared within the body of the assault helicopter, causing it to burst into flames, turning it into a huge fireball, as it descended rapidly to the ground and crashed.

The other assault helicopter saw that its companion had fallen, and it swiftly rose up, flying towards higher ground. As long as they flew to the clouds, Yue Zhong would not be able to handle them without any flying machines or modern weaponry.

### Chapter 323: Shocked

“You’re too slow!!” Yue Zhong’s eyes flashed with a hint of cold fury, as the Devil Flame danced in his right hand. He condensed into another Devil Flame Spear, and he used all his strength to throw it at the escaping helicopter! In a flash, the spear penetrated the helicopter.

With a huge HONG sound, the Devil Flame combusted and caused the remaining helicopter to explode in a ball of fire as well, before crashing towards the ground.

“Too strong!!”

“What strength!!”

“.....”

The troops that were standing beside Yue Zhong, be it female or male, had eyes filled with endless respect. Yue Zhong had used his own strength to take down 2 assault helicopters, which they couldn’t believe was a feat that could be accomplished by a human.

“Damn bastard!! He has already caught up!!” Yue Zhong had no joy on his face even though he destroyed the 2 assault helicopters.

The 2 assault helicopters that were deployed by Wuyan Hong had instantly decimated a number of Yue Zhong’s troops, and amongst the central force of 400 people, over 50 had died. Over 400 Vietnamese survivors were killed amongst the 2000+ survivors as well. An additional 400+ had seized the opportunity during the chaos to run, and their whereabouts were unknown.

Many vehicles had been destroyed by the 2 assault helicopters, on top of that, a vehicle loaded with over 30 tonnes of rations had also been burnt, turning the food contained inside to cinders.

“Evacuate!” Yue Zhong looked at the burning town and the corpses littered on the ground, as he gritted his teeth and barked out the order. He could only commit this atrocity to heart, and wreak vengeance in the future. After all, he couldn’t do anything if he were to face Wuyan Hong directly with his current strength.

Under Yue Zhong’s orders, the remaining 1,000+ survivors were led by the 300 soldiers who were still weak as they went towards the direction of Nabu Town.



A few of the vehicles that were not destroyed were filled to the brim with the items that could be brought along and followed the human group from behind.

By this time, it was already evening, and night was about to fall. Still, Yue Zhong had no choice but to order the group to continue moving. This was because the town of the vanguard troops was really too close to Wuyan Hong's troops. Staying there would just mean certain death.

In the dark, the advance of the troops had slowed to a crawl.

Organizing a movement in the dark was easy to lose some troops if they were not careful, and especially since they're in the midst of the forest that was filled with Mutant Beasts, it was a dangerous operation.

In the dark, pairs of green eyes lit up, as they stared down at the group of delicious prey. Without hesitation, they embarked on a ferocious assault.

"Level 23 Mutant Beast: Mutant Leopard Cat. It is an agile night hunter."

"Careful!! There're enemies!!" Yue Zhong had always kept his guard up, and the moment those ferocious Mutant Leopard Cats with bodies like cheetahs and strange runes covering their bodies appeared, he had already shouted his warning.

White Bones immediately charged forward into the midst of the Mutant Leopard Cats, waving his iconic White Bone Axe about, at the same time, protruding small Bone Blades from its body. This combo of attacks ended up instantly decimating the Mutant Leopard Cats that pounced towards it.

Yue Zhong had already taken out his heavy machine gun and was firing wildly at the Mutant Leopard Cats that somehow numbered in the 100s.

Under the heavy barrage of firepower, those pouncing Leopard Cats found themselves being suppressed. The strength of the machine gun bullets were extremely lethal, and they, being low-level Mutant Beasts, were not mutated enough to deal with these bullets.

The leader of the defence troop Gan Tao had fired a flare into the skies the moment the attack started, and had shouted loudly: "Fire!! Kill those damn beasts!!"

The 300+ soldiers started firing their guns at the Mutant Leopard Cats. However, as they had not gone through much target practice prior, their shots mostly missed. There were even a few who received the recoil badly on their shoulders, causing their guns to drop to the floor.

Thankfully, with just the efforts of Yue Zhong and White Bones, they managed to kill a large number of the Mutant Leopard Cats.

Under the flare, Chen Yao had also seen clearly the Mutant Leopard Cats, as she immediately activated her [Plant Manipulation] Ability. She attacked while making use of 6 vines to slaughter those Mutant Cats that survived the onslaught of Yue Zhong and White Bones.

The coordination between the 3 of them was so smooth that it allowed them to kill a large number of the Mutant Leopard Cats, but as the total numbers were above 300, there were quite a few who managed to charge into the midst of the Vietnamese survivors, as they slaughtered those survivors mercilessly.

The Vietnamese survivors were plunged into chaos. Those who were within the areas of attack quickly escaped toward various directions, wailing as they ran.

Those extremely agile Leopard Cats pounced forward, and swiftly bit the throats of many of those escaping survivors, gorging on them.

As for those who had their wits about them, they ran towards the direction of Yue Zhong, Chen Yao and Gan Tao. Only by being near these experts, could they have a chance to live on.

As Yue Zhong made use of his heavy machine guns to kill a large number of the Leopard Cats, he then pointed to those who were chasing the Vietnamese survivors, as dozens of Devil Flame balls were conjured out of thin air, and shot towards those Leopard Cats.

The dozens of Devil Flame balls exploded atop the heads of those Leopard Cats, directly killing a few of them.

After decimating those Leopard Cats, he quickly pulled out his Stinger, and shot at the remaining Leopard Cats continuously. Each time he fired a bullet, he could cause the head of a Leopard Cat to explode.

The heavy machine gun was the best weapon against a huge mob, and the Stinger was most effective against single targets. Under the [Night Enhancement], Yue Zhong' Agility had already surpassed normal humans by 10 times, and his Stinger kept firing, as he changed out bullets, every single movement of his fluid and precise. His shots rang out accurately and ferociously without stop, killing the Leopard Cats one by one.

On the other side, White Bones was also killing with a speed that was slightly higher than Yue Zhong. Both of them combined had slaughtered over half of the original group of Mutant Leopard Cats.

"Congratulations on achieving Level 50, you have gained 2 attribute points to be allocated, as well as a skill enhancement point. Due to the possession of [Heart of Darkness], your Devil Flame Skill can be enhanced to +4. With it, its strength will be enhanced even further, and the power of the Type 2 Devil Flame will also increase exponentially."

After Yue Zhong had just used a Stinger to kill off a Leopard Cat, the sweet notification sound resounded in his ears. He had gained a level.

His mind thinking fast, he only chose to allocate the 2 attribute points to Agility, and did not immediately enhance his Devil Flame to +4!

With the combined ferocious attacks of Yue Zhong and White Bones, the remaining Leopard Cats were finally scared off, as they left 200 corpses, before escaping into the distance.

"Continue moving!!" Yue Zhong looked at the retreating group of Leopard Cats, before heaving a sigh of relief, and collecting the items dropped by the Mutant Leopard Cats, and then ordering for the journey to continue.

This wasn't the place to stay for long, and the fur of the Mutant Leopard Cats were good materials for protective vests. Even though they could not defend against bullets, they could be useful in protection against the claws of normal zombies. But Yue Zhong wasn't willing to stay too long here.

The Mutant Leopard Cats were considered smaller Mutant Beasts, if a Type 2 or Type 3 was to appear, then this entire group of survivors would only be facing certain death.

After the assault of the Leopard Cats, all the survivors became aware of the dangers of the nighttime journey. They quickly picked up their speed as they continued on their journey in the darkness.

Not long after the group continued on their way, a Type 2 Mutant Leopard Cat with the body of a liger and the majestic aura of a king stepped out from the forest. It sniffed the scent in the air, before shooting towards the direction of Yue Zhong and his men.

The Type 2 Mutant Leopard Cat activated its maximum speed as it gave chase from behind, and the normal survivors could only feel the strong gust of wind blowing past, not even catching sight of the appearance of the Type 2 Mutant Leopard Cat.

Like the flash of a lightning, the Type 2 Mutant Leopard Cat had reached Yue Zhong's back, and noiselessly extended its lethal hooked claws towards Yue Zhong's neck.

Only when the Type 2 Mutant Leopard Cat extended its claws, did Yue Zhong feel the danger from his [Danger Perception] ability, and at the first instance, he activated his [Shadow Steps], lowering his body and dodging towards the side.

White Bones who was by Yue Zhong side had also discovered the Type 2 Mutant Leopard Cat as it swung its axe ferociously towards it.

The speed of the Type 2 Mutant Leopard Cat was truly astonishing, even after activating his [Shadow Steps], Yue Zhong did not manage to fully escape from its claws, receiving a huge slash on his shoulders, and the Type 2 Mutant Black-Scaled Boar hide was actually torn through by the Type 2 Mutant Leopard Cat easily. Yue Zhong's shoulder also received a deep wound, when the Leopard Cat actually clawed out a huge chunk of his flesh and blood.

"Level 60 Mutant Beast: Type 2 Mutant Leopard Cat! The tyrant of the forest."

The Type 2 Mutant Leopard Cat had no innate abilities, its strength could not compare with those huge Mutant Beasts, nor could its defences match those of the Type 2 Mutant Black-Scaled Boar or Type 2 Mutant Snapping Turtle, like Turtle. Its fur could only withstand against the bullets of a normal heavy machine gun, but not the explosive power of rockets. However, it possessed an incredible speed that was terrifying, nearing the extent of a Type 3 Beast, and its sharp claws, as well as a superior fighting instinct, therefore making it the top killer within the forest.

White Bones' axe was extremely fast, even an Agility-based Evolver would be hacked in two at such a close distance. However, the Type 2 Mutant Leopard Cat just nimbly twisted its body, evading the blow of the axe, before its 4 limbs stretched on the ground, and pushed off with great strength, crashing into White Bones' body, knocking it backwards for a few dozen metres.

Yue Zhong rolled to the side, and swiftly leapt back to his feet, pulling out his trusty PF98 that had worked against many Type 2 Mutant Beasts. Although it had only 9 rounds left, at this crucial point in time, he couldn't care less.

Yue Zhong had just aimed at the Type 2 Leopard Cat, when it used its 4 limbs to push itself off the ground, disappearing from Yue Zhong's aim like a ghost. This Type 2 Leopard Cat was not like other Type 2 Mutant Beasts which had huge bodies. Although it didn't have the power and defence that came with the size, its speed on the other hand was extremely terrifying.

The moment the Type 2 Leopard Cat disappeared, it appeared to Yue Zhong's right, its eyes filled with a cold and cruel tint, as it swiped its claws towards Yue Zhong's neck. As long as it found its aim, Yue Zhong's head would be slashed away.

Yue Zhong threw the PF98 to one side while waving across his ring, and the 2m-long Black Tooth Blade appeared in his hand. He only had time to bring it in front of him to defend, and the huge cat paw struck the blade.

The moment the claws met the blade, a huge force reverbed throughout the sword, causing the Black Tooth blade to tremble uncontrollably. Yue Zhong had forcefully blocked this attack, but had been sent flying a few metres backwards.

Although the Type 2 Leopard Cat was not as strong as the other behemoth Type 2s, its strength still exceeded Yue Zhong who wasn't a Strength-based Evolver. The moment Yue Zhong was sent flying, the Type 2 Leopard Cat had sprung forward like a bolt of lightning. Its vapor like movement made it appear in front of Yue Zhong, once more stretching out its huge claws to swipe at him!

Yue Zhong took a deep breath, activating his [Gravity Manipulation], as a 100 jin suddenly weighed down on the Type 2 Leopard Cat.

With the pressure of the 100-jin, the Type 2 Leopard Cat found its speed greatly reduced, and while Yue Zhong who had activated his [Shadow Steps] accordingly was still far from matching it, he was not as helpless as he was at the beginning of the fight.

Different skills could create different results for different situations. Yue Zhong's [Gravity Manipulation] was low-level, and could only exhibit its effectiveness on a non-strength type Mutant Beast like the Leopard Cat. If it was a Type 2 Black Scaled Boar, then the 100-jin weight would not even feel like anything to the beast.

Yue Zhong could now catch the speed of the Type 2 Leopard Cat, and his eyes flashed with ferocity. The Black Tooth Blade in his hands turned into a flash as it slashed towards the Mutant Beast, intending to cleave it in 2.

This Type 2 Leopard Cat had truly given Yue Zhong a dangerous sense of pressure. The speed it exhibited was precisely the perfect counter to Yue Zhong's chosen path of enhancement. His main killing blow, the PF98, could do nothing to the speed of this Type 2 Leopard Cat. Using the PF98 was just a meaningless way to die.

The Type 2 Leopard Cat agilely twisted its body, evading the blow from the Black Tooth Blade, before it curled up slightly, and sprung out explosively towards Yue Zhong, knocking him to the ground.

When it had knocked Yue Zhong to the ground, it opened its huge jaws to chomp down towards Yue Zhong's neck!

At this critical juncture, Yue Zhong's left hand raised up to defend his neck, and the Type 2 Leopard Cat bit down harshly, its sharp teeth penetrating through the Type 2 Mutant Black Scaled Boar hide, crushing the bones in Yue Zhong's left hand.

"Bind it Chen Yao!!!" Yue Zhong hollered amidst the excruciating pain he was feeling.

In response, 4 vines suddenly shot out from the ground, and coiled around the limbs of the Type 2 Leopard Cat like snakes, pulling down tightly, and dragging it forcefully away from Yue Zhong's body.

Chen Yao had already risen to Level 23, and not only was she an Evolver, her [Plant Manipulation] ability was risen to Level 3, her control over her vines had improved plus the vines themselves had grown a lot sturdier. It was definitely enough to contend with this non-Strength based Type 2 Mutant Beast.

Yue Zhong rolled towards this direction, because he had seen Chen Yao's vines being controlled here.

When the Type 2 Leopard Cat found its limbs entangled, it started struggling furiously, and the 4 vines were being tested to their limits, seemingly about to break anytime.

Yue Zhong eyed the Type 2 Leopard Cat that was bound tightly, and immediately activated his [Body Encompassing Armor], and White Bones turned into a bone carapace that covered his entire body. His left hand that was mangled by the Leopard Cat could only form an exoskeleton with White Bones' carapace.

"Stinky cat!! You have bitten off more than you can chew!! Now it's my turn!!" Yue Zhong glared at the Type 2 Leopard Cat, and his eyes showed a cold hate, before jumping onto the cat's head. As he landed, immediately his fist started pummeling the head of the Type 2 Leopard Cat, his 60+ Strength exploded out, beating the Type 2 Leopard Cat senseless.

Yue Zhong punched out with all his strength, his fists raining down on the head, causing the brain to suffer the whiplash from the force until it started haemorrhaging.

Yue Zhong's Strength that was far greater than a normal person could not do much to a huge Type 2 Mutant Beast with a thick hide and huge body mass, but to the Type 2 Leopard Cat that was Agility-focused, it had an immense potential to maim and kill.

The Type 2 Leopard Cat continued to struggle violently, each time pulling the vines tautly.

On the other side, Chen Yao's eyes were bloodshot, she had expended her Spirit to maintain the strength of the vines, and to prevent them from breaking. Without the support from her Spirit, the vines would have snapped long ago.

Yue Zhong's fists collided with the head of the Type 2 Leopard Cat constantly, after bashing it multiple times did the Leopard Cat finally slump limply to the ground.

Yue Zhong then heaved a sigh of relief, and allocated the precious skill point to the [Tamer Technique] causing it to reach +2, increasing the number of lifeforms he could tame to 3.

Yue Zhong then focused the [Tamer Technique] onto the Type 2 Leopard Cat that was beaten senseless by him, as a green light shot in between the brows of the Leopard Cat, and started to condense into a rune. Upon completion, it entered the body of the Type 2 Leopard Cat.

The gaze of the Type 2 Leopard Cat immediately turned fierce, and the condensing rune dissipated. Yue Zhong's 1st attempt at taming this beast was a failure!

"Damn bastard!" Yue Zhong roared out angrily as he pummeled the head of the Type 2 Leopard Cat with his right fist mercilessly, and lashing out with dozens of blows, causing the Type 2 Leopard Cat to throw up blood again, become dispirited.

Yue Zhong saw that the Type 2 Leopard Cat threw up blood again, and once more activated his [Tamer Technique], as the green light once again shot in between the brows of the Type 2 Leopard Cat, and condensed into a rune as it entered its body.

Only this time, there was no further resistance from the Type 2 Leopard Cat, and the rune was fully absorbed into its body.

When the [Tamer Technique] rune entered the body of the Type 2 Leopard Cat, Yue Zhong felt the connection established between them.

Yue Zhong heaved a sigh of relief, and called out to Chen Yao: "Chen Yao! You can release it now!!"

Chen Yao then deactivated her [Plant Manipulation] ability, and the 4 vines swiftly disappeared. She panted, and her back was drenched in sweat, while looking at Yue Zhong, her heart filled with worry and fear.

If Yue Zhong had been killed by that Type 2 Leopard Cat earlier, the entire group would have lost their will. Chen Yao shuddered to think of her fate in such treacherous terrains.

Although Chen Yao had successfully become an Evolver, in this post-apocalyptic world, the strong were as many as the clouds. Even Yue Zhong did not dare to say he was an invincible existence, more so for herself. She did not have the confidence to even handle a single warrior of Wuyan Hong's troops. The moment she was captured, she would live a life worse than death.

After the Type 2 Leopard Cat was released from its binding, it approached Yue Zhong docilely, as it nuzzled Yue Zhong, giving an air of playfulness.

"Your speed is so fast! Let's call you Lightning then!!" Yue Zhong pulled out a Type 2 Forest Venomous Snake's nuclei and fed it to the Type 2 Leopard Cat he just tamed as he said. \*1

Lightning stuck out its tongue and gobbled up the offered nuclei, before crunching it, and its huge eyes squinted comfortably, licking Yue Zhong constantly.

The flesh and blood of high-levelled Evolvers, Zombies, Mutant Beasts and even the nuclei of some Mutant Beasts were all nourishments that helped evolution for Mutant Beasts. Amongst them, the nuclei was one of the preferred food of the Mutant Beasts, as swallowing them could help boost the evolution process.

"Let's go!!" Yue Zhong called out to the entire fleet that had stopped moving.

Under Yue Zhong's orders, the fleet that had come to a stop resumed its journey towards Nabu Town.

With Lightning's protection, there were no more attacks from any Mutant Beasts along the way. Finally, daylight shone and they reached the zombie-infested Nabu Town.

When Yue Zhong reached Nabu Town, he took out a small bottle of juice that was squeezed from the Snake Birth Fruit and gave it to Gan Tao, saying: "Gan Tao, drink this! After you consume it, you will gain a huge power!"

"Yes! Boss Yue!!" Gan Tao eyed the bottle, without hesitation, he downed the whole bottle in a single gulp. Even if Yue Zhong did not have good intentions, he would not retaliate. Furthermore, he trusted Yue Zhong deeply, because Yue Zhong had rescued him and his brothers from the depths of hell.

After Gan Tao drank the Snake Birth Fruit juice, he was soon besieged by that raging force, his entire body turning feverish, and his eyes went dark as he slumped to the floor. \*2

"Squad Leader!!" Gan Tao's brothers immediately knelt down to support Gan Tao, as they looked to Yue Zhong worriedly, hoping to get an explanation.

#### Chapter 325 – Gratitude

"He will run a fever for a day! After that, he will possess a new power. During this period, you must take good care of him!" Yue Zhong just spoke this sentence, before beckoning to Pan Jinyong.

Yue Zhong directly gave the Level 3 Skill [Forest Ranger Transformation] to him and said: "I'm handing you this skill book! Make good use of it to kill the enemies."

Pan Jinyong received the skill book, and replied excitedly: "Many thanks Boss Yue!! I will definitely kill the enemies! I won't let you down!"

Level 3 skill books were extremely rare, and if Pan Jinyong could utilize this skill book properly, he could become a strong Enhancer.

Yue Zhong was currently in a foreign land, and the number of people he could make use of was really too small. Hence, he could only give away a precious Snake Birth Fruit as well as a Level 3 skill book to these soldiers whom he had yet to know well enough. At the very least, they could start to form the basis of his establishment here, and increasing his might here was also a good thing.

Yue Zhong patted Pan Jinyong's shoulders, before taking huge strides with White Bones to the entrance of Nabu Town.

At this time, at the entrance of Nabu Town, Lightning had gathered with 100 of its companions.

As a Type 2, Lightning possessed the ability to lead the other members of the same species. These Mutant Leopard Cats were its subordinates.

Greenie and Turtle both have the same type of ability. Only Greenie was a lone warrior and did not like to gather with other of its kind, hence it was hard for to randomly summon a few fellows. As for Turtle, while there were no low level similar members of its species, it could subdue the other Type 2 Mutant types, and control their underlings through them.

Yue Zhong patted Lightning, and pointed to the small town: "We'll have to trouble you Lightning, rid the town of all the zombies!"

Lightning nuzzled Yue Zhong for a moment, before letting out a low growl to the group of Leopard Cats.

With Lightning's command, the 100 Mutant Leopard Cats shot towards the town like arrows. As they ran, they could be seen pouncing on any zombie they came across.

These Mutant Leopard Cats were the result of a lifeform that adapted to the onset of the Apocalypse virus. Therefore, the infection from the zombies was unable to hurt these Mutant Leopard Cats. It was also the strongest advantage they had against the zombies. Many Mutant Beasts preyed on the zombies, as long as there wasn't a Z-Type controlling an entire horde, the normal zombies could only become the food for Mutant Beasts.

When the Mutant Leopard Cats charged into the town, they embarked on a slaughter. If it was in the past, after eating enough zombies, they would leave the town. However this time, under their boss Lightning's orders, these Mutant Leopard Cats slashed about without stopping, decapitating countless zombies.

Lightning also charged into the town, casually slaughtering any zombies it came across. Be it an L2, or S2, there were no zombies that could escape from its claws. In just an entire morning, the 2,000 or more zombies in Nabu Town had been totally wiped out by Lightning and its little brothers.

Yue Zhong saw Lightning elegantly walking out of Nabu Town, and gave the order to the survivors: "Enter the town! Under Chen Yao's organization, the 1,000+ survivors trickled slowly into the town.

Fan Tongxuan strolled about in Nabu Town, along the way, he saw the countless corpses of the zombies, and he felt his heart shook: "What a terrifying man! The zombies were just cleared so easily by him, he truly is amazing!"

Wuyan Tong had followed along the side of the soldiers and felt immense shock when he saw the situation of the town. At that time, when he was told to wait outside the small town, he did not escape. On one hand, as a traitor, he would not be let off by the cruel Wuyan Hong, and if he escaped to the forest, based on his abilities, he would most likely die. In fact, he harbored some hope with Yue Zhong.

What he didn't expect was that not only did Yue Zhong single-handedly take down the entire vanguard town, he even brought over a thousand survivors out with him to enter Nabu Town, and even then he still ended up annihilating the zombie horde within Nabu Town with ease. He made the decision to follow Yue Zhong.

After entering Nabu Town, the corpses of the zombies were gathered and burnt.

The different storehouses within the town were opened and obtained when Chen Yao assigned some duties to different people.

The Vietnamese survivors were all given a bowl of thick gruel, before being herded into different bungalows and kept under watch. These Vietnamese survivors were not a dependable existence, as they could revolt at any time.



After settling the accommodation of the Vietnamese survivors, the soldiers comprising of the Chinese, Blacks and Caucasians finally got a chance to rest.

When the soldiers got into their assigned rooms, they laid on the bed and fell into deep sleep straight away like pigs. They were still weak, had undergone a rough night of operations, and almost could not handle it anymore. If an expert was to sneak into the camp now, just one person was enough to assassinate these soldiers in their sleep.

Yue Zhong had faced battle after battle as well, and was feeling exhausted. After ordering White Bones to guard the door, he laid on the bed and fell into deep slumber. He was after all not like the strange creatures from the God and Devil System, even though he possessed power now, he was still a mortal. After countless intense battles, he would feel tired all the same.

On the other side, Wuyan Hong's response had been pretty quick as well. On the morning of the 2nd day, he had deployed 2 battalions of soldiers from Tooth County to set off for the vanguard camp.

Wuyan Hong had long since gotten information on Yue Zhong's sneak attack on the vanguard team from those Vietnamese soldiers who ran. They were extremely clear that 2 battalions led by 20 members of the Wolf Fang Battalion would be more than enough to decimate Yue Zhong's force.

Hong!!

Following a huge explosion, the 2 battalions that were marching lost 2 of their men, while another 3 sustained heavy injuries.

"There are landmines!! Everyone be careful!!"

After that shout, all the soldiers became cautious, and they stopped moving. Wuyan Hong had only set up this Army of the Great Empire of Vietnam recently, and amongst them, while there were actual Vietnamese soldiers, the majority of them were normal survivors who joined in. They did not have much experience dealing with other humans, especially the unforeseeable threats such as landmines.

The 3 soldiers that were blasted with heavy injuries moaned out in agony, severely undermining the morale of the troops. In this post-apocalyptic world, it wasn't just China that lacked medical resources. Even Vietnam had its struggles as well. These casualties would only be put out of their misery, as Wuyan Hong would not waste precious rations to take care of those soldiers that had become handicapped.

"Engineers!! Go scout for the mines!! Engineers go scout for the mines!!" A Vietnamese commander ordered out loudly with a steely expression.

A staff officer replied meekly: "Commander!! We don't have the necessary expertise and equipment!"

In fact, there were some experienced engineers and proper equipment within the Army of the Great Empire of Vietnam. However, they were all old soldiers, and were part of Wuyan Hong's personal battalion. The rest of the battalions lacked the necessary expertise, furthermore, their aim was to battle against the Mutant Beasts of the forests and zombies in towns, not facing against other humans with modern warfare.

Furthermore, in their own homeland, they didn't expect that there would be landmines at all. This was a point that they neglected.

“Damn it!! What do we do now?” The commander’s expression turned ugly as he lashed out. He had thought that this operation to attack Yue Zhong’s forces was going to be an easy one, and they could casually quell any resistance from them. After all, when Yue Zhong had fought his way in the vanguard town, there was no one here to protect it. Never did he imagine that they would be stopped by a single landmine.

The staff officer hesitated, as the safest method they could muster was to turn back and deploy some landmine engineers, as they help to clear the landmines, before the entire troop can proceed carefully. However, he was not sure if the suggestion would be acceptable to the commander who seemed ready to explode himself.

Another staff officer frowned and quipped in: “Why don’t we find some wild beasts to open the way for us?”

Making use of animals to set off landmines was also a common tactic. On top of that, there were other demolition methods, profession landmine-resistant vehicles, and engineers who could clear them.

The commander cursed out loud: “Fuck! Under these kind of conditions, where’re you going to find beasts?”

Using animals to clear the landmines was in fact a good idea, it was just that it was a post-apocalyptic time now. Wild beasts such as cows and horses were hard to find, even if they were found, they were rare and precious sources of meat, they could not be squandered on such a mission just to clear the way.

As each staff officer chipped in with their ideas, the commander turned them all down.

In the end, the 2 battalion commanders discussed, and decided to send someone back to request aid, asking for a team of engineers to come help clear the mines.

When the team of engineers came, they immediately began demining the place. What made the commander’s blood boil was that, Yue Zhong did not actually plant many land mines in a cluster, but at the same time, he had placed countless other booby traps, which severely impeded the advance of the troops.

By the time the 2 battalions arrived at the small town, night had fallen.

In the town, there were countless buildings and corpses that were blasted by rockets, before Yue Zhong left, he had even set the entire town ablaze, turning it into a ghost town. This made the 2 battalion commanders extremely furious.

As they did not know which direction Yue Zhong had led his people to, the 2 battalions could only spend the night within the town.

With the previous encounters serving as a lesson, the soldiers of the 2 battalions did not dare slack off in their duties, even at night, there were patrols to prevent the possibility of Yue Zhong launching a night raid.

As he had escaped in time, Yue Zhong could have been considered to buy precious time for his troops, and avoided being annihilated by the Army of the Great Empire of Vietnam.

## Chapter 326 – Evolver!

“This is what it’s like to be an Evolver!! I’ve become an Evolver?!” After one whole day, Gan Tao had regained consciousness, and the moment he awoke, he could feel the earth-shattering change that had happened to his body. He had directly become an Agility-based Evolver from a normal human in just one day, and at the same time, he gained comprehension in a Level 3 Agility skill: [Enhance Agility].

Under the various enhancements of agility, Gan Tao already had a 30 point bonus to his base Agility attribute, even though he was only at Level 1 Enhancement, it could be seen how huge the change was.

“Captain!! You’re awake!!”

“Captain, how are you? Boss Yue said you would become an Evolver. How is it, did you become one?”

“...”

Right now, in the room, it was filled with Gan Tao’s subordinates and a few other Chinese survivors. They all knew that Gan Tao could possibly become an Evolver under Yue Zhong’s help, and would gain a fearsome strength, therefore they had come to observe.

Gan Tao replied excitedly: “That’s right!! I’ve become an Evolver!!”

During the post-apocalypse, Enhancers and Evolvers all possessed miraculous abilities. Their strength that surpassed normal humans was not a secret, and everyone wished to become a powerful Enhancer or Evolver.

Amongst them, the natural talent and enhancements of an Evolver far surpassed that of an Enhancer. Upon hearing that Gan Tao had become an Evolver, many present were envious and jealous.

One of the soldiers called Xu Liangchen said: “Captain! Let’s have a spar!!”

Xu Liangchen was one of the best grapplers in their defence force. In the past, Gan Tao could not overcome Xu Liangchen at all. Gan Tao’s expression was full of eagerness and excitement as he replied: “Sure!!”

Under the encirclement of the audience, they quickly came to the open grounds. Many of the soldiers were attracted to this spar between Gan Tao and Xu Liangchen, and had gathered over.

“Here I come!!!” After the 2 of them had gotten in position, Xu Liangchen let out a grunt, and charged towards Gan Tao like a ferocious tiger.

“So slow!” Gan Tao looked at Xu Liangchen and a thought appeared in his mind, as he slightly manoeuvred his body and kicked out at the opponent’s calf. The attack caused Xu Liangchen to fall to the ground. He then casually applied his weight on Xu Liangchen’s back, and locked his right shoulder. As long as he applied a little pressure, he could easily dislocate his right shoulder.

Gan Tao's actions were extremely swift, and surpassed what Xu Liangchen could follow. He had no way to react, and was easily overcome by Gan Tao. If it was in the battlefield, Xu Liangchen would have been killed just like that.

"So strong!!"

"This is an Evolver's strength? It's too powerful!!"

"....."

When the surrounding soldiers saw Gan Tao subduing Xu Liangchen with ease, their hearts were filled with excitement, adrenaline and a little envy. Since Yue Zhong possessed the means to change someone into an Evolver, they were filled with excitement and hope that they themselves could become an Evolver as well.

"Gan Tao! Boss Yue's looking for you!!" Right at this time, the audience parted, as a soldier came running up to Gan Tao. Gan Tao forcefully kept his excitement in check as he left with the soldier.

Soon after, other than Gan Tao, Pan Jinyong and 25 other warriors who had recovered their strength quickly left Nabu Town with Yue Zhong. Led by the locals Fan Tongxuan, Wuyan Tong and 6 other Vietnamese warriors, they entered the Forest of Death.

In Nabu Town, those old soldiers were currently training up the 300 soldiers that Yue Zhong had gathered. Without strict military training and battle, the new soldiers would not amount to anything.

The rest of the Vietnamese survivors were organized by Chen Yao, and assigned to work on the hide of the Mutant Forest Venomous Snakes. After becoming workers, these Vietnamese survivors were allowed to eat their fill, and the decent treatment made them feel slightly more satisfied as they did their job diligently.

As Wuyan Hong did not have much rations, adding to the fact that most grain seeds were mutated, and the rest could not develop. Under those circumstances, the large majority of the Vietnamese survivors could only rely on gruel to survive. If they wanted to eat their fill, they had to rely on themselves.

After entering the Forest of Death, they soon encountered a rustling within the tall grasses, as a few Mutant Jungle Lizards jumped out and charged at Yue Zhong's group.

The number wasn't considered high, there were only 7 of them, but every single one of them was vicious, and their speed quite fast.

"Gan Tao! Pan Jinyong! Take care of them!" Yue Zhong looked at those 7 Mutant Jungle Lizards, and gave a command to Gan Tao and Pan Jinyong.

By this time, Gan Tao was decked out in a God and Devil System protective covering that Yue Zhong had retrieved from the corpse of Da Yang. With these clothes his speed reached 40 points, becoming faster than the average human by 3-4 times. He held the Black Tooth blade that Yue Zhong lent him, as he shot forward like an arrow, and swung the blade down on the body of one of the Mutant Jungle Lizards.

The sharp 2m-long blade easily dissected the Mutant Jungle Lizard in two, and with that one-hit kill, Gan Tao gained a huge orb of experience, instantly achieving Level 3.

Gan Tao excitedly swung the blade back and turned into a flash as he went for another Mutant Jungle Lizard, reaching Level 7.

On the other side, Pan Jinyong had transformed into a Forest Ranger. His hands wielded a Dark Magic Blade as he engaged the Mutant Jungle Lizards in close combat. After transformation, his senses were enhanced and his stats increased, he swiftly took care of the 2 Mutant Jungle Lizards, also becoming Level 7 with only a moment's work.

White Bones raised its hands, as 3 bone blades shot out from its arm, tearing into the limbs of the remaining 3 Mutant Jungle Lizards.

With Yue Zhong's instructions, 3 of the normal soldiers wielding chopping wood knives stepped up and expended some energy to kill the 3 Mutant Jungle Lizards, and also gained some enhancements. However, as it wasn't by their own singular efforts, the EXP was split and they only managed to gain 1 level each. They could not compare to Gan Tao and Pan Jinyong who had reached Level 7 in one shot.

Yue Zhong led this small platoon of soldiers as they patrolled about the edge of the Forest, hunting down all sorts of Mutant Beasts, pushing them to become stronger and raising their overall strength.

As the Forest of Death had too many huge Mutant Beasts within its depths, Yue Zhong did not dare venture in too far. Every single Type 2 Mutant Beast was a terrifying existence, and if he wasn't careful, he could cause this small platoon to be wiped out.

Yue Zhong led this team of warriors and fought continuously within the Forest of Death for a grueling 7 days. After 7 days of constant battles, the 31-member team lost 2 of their members. As for the rest, they had risen to above Level 10, and gained some measure of strength.

The ones who experienced the most growth were the Evolver Gan Tao and Pan Jinyong who possessed the [Forest Ranger Transformation] skill. Gan Tao had risen to Level 26, while Pan Jinyong had become a Level 21 Enhancer.

After becoming an Agility-based Evolver, Gan Tao possessed more potential than the rest. Furthermore, with the equipment Yue Zhong prepared for him, slaughtering ordinary Mutant Beasts was easy for him. In addition, Gan Tao was from the military, and had received proper military training, and hence he wasn't weak in the first place.

That was why he could grow so fast. Evolvers grew faster than ordinary Enhancers amidst battles. After raising this team of experts, Yue Zhong could be considered to have an additional trump card.

A force consisting of 29 warriors of above Level 10 was not to be underestimated. Of course, when compared to Yue Zhong's own Special Combat Force or Wuyan Hong's Wolf Fang Battalion, they were still far off.

Amongst the team, those who could contend with the Wolf Fang Battalion would at most be the Agility-based Evolver Gan Tao, the [Forest Ranger Transformation]-possessing Pan Jinyong, and Chen Yao with her [Plant Manipulation].

After 7 days, Yue Zhong led this small team out of the Forest of Death. In order to quickly raise the strength of all of them, they had to venture deeper into the Forest of Death, where the more ferocious

beasts reside. In that place, even Yue Zhong had no confidence of protecting everyone. After all, a Type 2 Mutant Beast was no joke, and they didn't possess enough heavy firepower.

The moment they exited the Forest and reentered Nabu Town, Gan Tao and the rest fell straight asleep when they reached their beds. While the 7 days of intensive training had strengthened them a lot, it was extremely exhausting for both body and mind.

"Was there any activity from Wuyan Hong's side?" When Yue Zhong went back, the first thing he did was to find Chen Yao to clarify on matters.

Wuyan Hong and his troops were considered Yue Zhong's primary concern right now, as the power they held was too strong. If they were not careful, Yue Zhong and his team might be wiped out easily.

Chen Yao's brows lifted slightly, as she swiftly replied: "Wuyan Hong's troops don't seem to be making any moves towards us at this moment. The 2 battalions that he had stationed at the vanguard town have already retreated back towards Tooth County."

Intel was perhaps the most important aspect for any power. When Yue Zhong had left to train the small team, Chen Yao had immediately selected 4 soldiers to survey at the frontlines. That was how she obtained this precious information.

Those soldiers were also fighters, and possessed a little skill, even if they met some low level Mutant Beasts, if they could not defeat them, they could at least escape. Those with a little bit of survival skills would be considered stronger than normal humans. With this in mind, Chen Yao had selected 4 such soldiers to conduct reconnaissance.

Yue Zhong pondered a while, as his brows furrowed: "Wuyan Hong must be up to something big!!"

After destroying an entire battalion, and having stolen a thousand plus people, as well as goods, if Wuyan Hong could even tolerate this, there must be something else that required his attention, that was why he had to recall his troops to protect Tooth County.

#### Chapter 327 – Making Necessary Arrangements!

Yue Zhong conducted a series of arrangements after that. He deployed Gan Tao and Pan Jinyong to lead small teams of non-Vietnamese soldiers to sweep towards the direction of Guangxi, clearing the zombies that they came across. On one hand, they were to search for survivors and resources, on the other hand, they could train to become strong.

Currently, this small team under Yue Zhong could handle their own against any one battalion of Wuyan Hong's. Although they wouldn't be defeated, the gap between the prowess of the two sides was still large. Yue Zhong had to make use of killing zombies to strengthen this team, only through constant battle, would the team grow to become indispensable and independent.

What Yue Zhong lacked most was time. The immense pressure made it hard for him to focus on establishing his roots and training the troops properly. After all, this was Vietnam, he had little to lose here, and had not much capital. If he wasn't careful, he could be easily annihilated by Wuyan Hong.

Under the combined efforts of the Vietnamese survivors, pieces of protective covering made from the hides of the Mutant Forest Venomous Snakes were produced, and worn by the soldiers. The aesthetics

was not much, but to these soldiers, these hide coverings were essential to their survival, and no one gave a hoot about the look of the hides.

When the protective hides finished production, Chen Yao gathered the Vietnamese survivors and assigned work for defences and constructions to be carried out. Under the supervision of the soldiers, outposts and secret places of firepower started to take form.

Yue Zhong wasn't too sure himself if these constructions were going to be handy, but what else could they do to keep from letting the Vietnamese survivors idle around and give birth to dangerous thoughts? He chose to play it safe, to prevent any chaos from happening. Therefore, he chose to make use of them to construct defences.

After he passed on some crucial objectives of development for Chen Yao to handle, Yue Zhong made White Bones stay on to protect Chen Yao, while he left towards Tooth County on his own. He had to create some hindrance to Wuyan Hong's plans.

"The inspection is pretty strict, seems like it's going to be hard to sneak in!!" Yue Zhong quickly came to a hilltop near Tooth County as he observed the ongoings of the town, his brows furrowing.

Currently, at the entrance of Tooth County, there were 16 soldiers stationed. They were checking every person and vehicle that was entering the town. Near the county itself, there were a few ponds, forests, marshes and areas where wild vegetables grew abundantly. As well, worms and aquatic life thrived there. As long as one wasn't afraid of being eaten by a Mutant Beast, it was possible to obtain huge amounts of food in those places.

However, there were many smart people around. Some Enhancers who could directly make use of their strength would organize a party of normal survivors to go pick the wild vegetables and fish, while they were in charge of facing any arriving Mutant Beasts. This was how countless hunting groups were formed.

Just as Yue Zhong was pondering on how to enter Tooth County, he noticed a fleet of armored vehicles exiting from Tooth County, moving towards the direction of the main road into the distance.

"There's some activity!" Yue Zhong's eyes brightened, as he leapt onto Lightning's back, pointing to the fleet of vehicles and spoke lightly: "Follow them!"

Upon receiving Yue Zhong's orders, Lightning swiftly made its way towards the forest, with Yue Zhong on its back. They were closely followed by a pack of over 100 Mutant Leopard Cat underlings.

The large fleet soon came to a camp.

In front of the camp, there was a small town, and at the moment, there were gunshots ringing from within the town. At the same time, there were various artillery pointed towards the small town, raining terror on the buildings, causing them to be blasted.

The entire town was engulfed in dancing flames, yet the residents of the town did not seem to be giving up, instead, they were retaliating with even more ferocity. The gunfire only ceased temporarily when the artillery was raining their rounds, the moment the artillery stopped, the gunfire resumed.

The battle within the town was obviously brutal, and the battalion that had just arrived as reinforcements were quickly caught up in the fight. The countless soldiers made their way towards the town in a disorganized fashion.

“Good chance! Do it! Lightning, go kill those artillery soldiers!” Yue Zhong saw the battalion of soldiers being deployed to enter the fray, and he quickly gave an order to lightning, before taking up his .05 submachine gun and charged towards the battalion of soldiers.

Lightning let out a low growl, and shot towards the artillery squad like a bolt from the heavens.

These artillery soldiers were the most wretched, because of them, the other party had to struggle very hard. Without the support of the artillery, then the Vietnamese soldiers in the town would have to pay a price 10 times their current losses to achieve the current state of battle.

Lightning’s speed was way above Yue Zhong even after he had activated his [Shadow Steps], to the point of unbelievable. The 500m distance was near instantly covered by its movements in a matter of 2-3 seconds.

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Before the artillery squad even had the chance to react, Lightning had already leapt into their midst and lashed out every which way, knocking soldiers to the ground and biting the ones with now exposed throats.

Seeing that there was a Type 2 Mutant Beast amongst them, the Vietnamese soldiers promptly fell into chaos, as they struggled to take out their weapons and start firing.

Sadly for them, Lightning’s burst speed was absolutely too terrifying. It spared no effort as its claws swished left and right, easily slashing the throats of the closest soldiers. Many soldiers fell within these first few seconds.

The rest of the Mutant Leopard Cats had also now pounced forward, charging towards the camp in attack! While their speed could not compare with Lightning’s, it was more than enough to spell certain death for the normal soldiers.

Within the camp, other than the commanding officers, there were 2 platoons, a squadron and some soldiers in charge of the back-end support for the Vietnamese army.

When the Vietnamese camp came under attack, the 2 platoons of soldiers swiftly picked up their weapons. They charged into the fray while relying on cover. Every step of the way they were firing at Yue Zhong and the huge group of Mutant Leopard Cats.

Yue Zhong continuously dodged about and attacked as was his wont in battle. Each leap avoided incoming bullets, while he lobbed grenades into the midst of the soldier groups as he passed.

Hong! Hong! \*3

The sounds of explosions rang out, as many soldiers were blasted and sent flying. With his countless battles, he had found plenty of use for the hand grenades.



Some of the Mutant Leopard Cats started suffering some wounds amidst the 2 attacking platoons of soldiers, and there were a few casualties already.

Near the command centre, there were 2 12.7mm heavy machine guns, firing rapidly and causing mass destruction. Under the heavy barrage of firepower, 6 Mutant Leopard Cats were quickly shredded, and 3 others suffered broken vertebrae and lost their combat ability.

Just as the 2 heavy machine guns had begun exhibiting their prowess, Yue Zhong appeared from the side! He quickly hoisted a rocket launcher and fired a missile at one of the machine guns.

With a flash, the Vietnamese soldier behind the heavy machine gun was blasted to death.

After destroying the heavy machine gun, Yue Zhong waved his hand, and a grenade flew over towards the other heavy machine gunner, causing him to face a similar fate, dying together with the exploding machine gun.

When the 2 machine guns were destroyed, and the pressure of the 2 heavy machine guns was gone, the Mutant Leopard Cats could once again unleash their fury! They suddenly frenzied and engaged in a mad slaughter amongst the soldiers.

Facing the ferocious attacks of the Mutant Leopard Cats, the Vietnamese soldiers finally lost their morale and started to abandon their posts, as they tried escaping in various directions. They were after all not troops that had gone through many battles, and many of them were still considered normal people. They had only received training for 2 months, and not being able to withstand the attacks of the Mutant Beasts was extremely normal.

Yue Zhong ignored the Mutant Leopard Cats slaughtering the Vietnamese soldiers, his own gaze a chilling cold, as he rushed towards the command centre.

30 Vietnamese soldiers quickly rushed out from the command centre, 9 of them decked in strange attire. They were either wielding longbows, or huge maces, some were even holding large steel shields, their aura very different from the normal soldiers.

The 9 of them were experts from the Wolf Fang Battalion, and were specially in charge of protecting the commanders from being killed in any attempts on their lives.

The moment the 9 experts appeared, Yue Zhong pulled out his strongest weapon, the PF98! Without hesitation he immediately aimed at one of the warriors holding a scepter and fired immediately.

With a flash, the rocket landed and exploded on the warriors from the Wolf Fang Battalion, bursting into raging flames! Before that poor guy even got to do anything, he was killed in one shot by Yue Zhong, the scepter in his hands also dropping to the ground.

“Shit!!!!” A huge man bellowed out in rage. Towering at 2m, his hands carrying a huge steel shield that likely weighed a ton, he charged at Yue Zhong like a typical Tanker.

4 other Agility-based Enhancers also activated their various abilities while running to the sides. They intended to surround him as they started firing their weapons wildly.

One of the Enhancers activated his [Forest Ranger Transformation], retrieving the long bow on his back, before firing an arrow at Yue Zhong. Even though they weren't in a forest right now, his power was still terrifying even though it wasn't at the max potential.

A second Enhancer slapped his hands to the ground, activating his [Earth Manipulation] skill, as sharp spikes exploded out from the ground, aimed at Yue Zhong.

Another Enhancer had huge fireballs conjured in both his hands, as he combined them into one and condensed it into a spear. He threw out with his might, as the spear shot towards Yue Zhong swiftly. \*1

Although Yue Zhong had killed one of their comrades, these 8 experts of above Level 30, were absolutely capable of killing a normal Level 50 Enhancer through their teamwork.

### Chapter 328 – Genuine Ability!

Yue Zhong activated his [Shadow Steps], his body flashing out of sight. As he dodged the freshly incoming bullets, he zigzagged, evading the numerous Earth Spikes on the ground. Expertly multitasking, the blade in his hand danced simultaneously, and slashed at the oncoming Ranger arrow.

HONG!

The destruction of the arrow caused a tremendous repulsive force to explode outwards, sending him 6 – 7 metres back from the point of impact. Thankfully at the same time, the huge bone arrow was also destroyed by him.

Since Yue Zhong was in the air when the flame spear had flown out in attack, it hit him just as he landed. The blazing spear keenly pierced Yue Zhong in the upper right part of his abdomen, before combusting, and engulfing Yue Zhong entirely in flames.

This explodable flame spear was the true killing move of this small Wolf Fang Battalion team. No one could withstand the flames that could burn everything.

"Is he dead?" The foremost Agility-based Enhancer threw his spent gun away, as he took out a dagger, looking at Yue Zhong consumed by flames and his heart relaxed a little.

The rest of the team also relaxed. Regardless of the expert, facing this team of 9 who worked extremely well together, they had that confidence that the enemy would fall.

With a peng, the front most Agility-based Enhancer had his brains shot out, as his headless corpse fell back onto the ground.

All their eyes turned to the ball of flame, only to see that within the flames, there was an even more fearsome red-hot fire consuming the flames conjured by that Enhancer.

The Enhancer with the [Fire Manipulation] ability saw his own fire being consumed, his eyes filled with shock: "How is that possible? My fire was actually consumed by him. Is he also a [Fire Manipulation] expert?"

Yue Zhong's body was wrapped entirely in a thin sheet of the fearsome Devil Flame! He walked forward, his gaze cold, looking akin to the Devil himself.

He pointed towards the Enhancer with the [Forest Ranger Transformation] skill and the other Enhancer with the [Earth Manipulation] skill. 2 Devil Flame spears shot out explosively, penetrating their heads in an instant. After the impact, the combustion of the flames enveloped their brains and turned them into ash.

Seeing that Yue Zhong had killed 3 of their elites within a matter of seconds, the remaining 5 Wolf Fang Battalion warriors felt a shudder in their hearts, as their fear of Yue Zhong mounted.

The 2m-tall man, who was the leader, shouted out crazily: "Kill him!! If we don't, we'll die!!"

Before he even finished speaking, Lightning pounced noiselessly, landing on his back and bit off his head in one mouthful! The huge man fell lifelessly to the floor, his headless corpse leaking a fresh, brilliantly crimson puddle from the ragged stump.

When their leader died, the remaining 4 members all lost their will to fight, and they started escaping towards the other directions. As for the important commanders they were supposed to protect, they were left behind.

Yue Zhong looked at the Enhancer with the [Flame Manipulation] skill, as he raised his Stinger and aimed coldly at him.

"Don't kill me!! I surrender!! I surrender!!" The Enhancer felt his heart turn cold, as he immediately knelt on the floor and pleaded profusely.

Yue Zhong shot 2 of the escaping Wolf Fang Battalion members, before coldly gazing at the Enhancer with the [Flame Manipulation] skill: "Can you speak Chinese? If not you can go and die!"

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Although Yue Zhong did not understand Vietnamese, the physical act of kneeling and raising hands was universal for surrender. That was why he spared the Enhancer at first.

Wei Ningguo kneeled and spoke out in haste: "Yes!! Yes!! I can speak in Chinese!! My name is Wei Ningguo!! I am of Chinese-Vietnamese blood,  $\frac{3}{4}$  Chinese infact. Please don't kill me!!"

Wei Ningguo was truly a mixed blood of Chinese and Vietnamese descent. Prior to the apocalypse, he was a small time businessman working on the borders of China and Vietnam. He was extremely glib and well-versed with going with the flow in life. When he had to work for Wuyan Hong, he was a simple Vietnamese, now facing Yue Zhong, he was suddenly a mixed-blood with  $\frac{3}{4}$  Chinese ancestry.

"Follow me!!" Yue Zhong gazed at him coldly, before taking out a .05 submachine gun, and charged towards the direction of the Vietnamese commanders.

Thoughts raced in Wei Ningguo's mind, as he looked towards the corpse of the leader who had been beheaded by Lightning in one bite, and his heart trembled, before throwing out all the useless thoughts, and he followed Yue Zhong closely.

The commanders were mostly normal people, with a few being low-level Enhancers. Their escaping speed could not possibly match against Yue Zhong's pursuit, and soon Yue Zhong caught up with them.

Yue Zhong did not waste time talking with the commanders, and directly used his .05 machine gun and sprayed wildly, killing them all as they fell into pools of their own blood.

Wei Ningguo saw how Yue Zhong killed those 20 commanders without batting an eyelid, and his heart turned cold.

After killing those 20 commanders, within the entire camp, there were only the Mutant Leopard Cats which were devouring the spoils of war.

Yue Zhong brought Wei Ningguo as they walked around the command centre, only to discover a small walkie-talkie crackling with an urgent voice.

Yue Zhong looked at the walkie-talkie and asked Wei Ningguo: "What are they saying?"

Wei Ningguo carefully reported: "Sir, they are from the 7th Battalion. They are currently asking if there're any problems with headquarters."

Yue Zhong coldly ordered: "Very good!! Tell them now. There are 3 battalions with unknown equipment currently attacking headquarters, let them all retreat and protect the command centre. Otherwise, their retreat will be cut off by these unknown forces!!"

Wei Ningguo's heart trembled, without any hesitation, he replied: "Yes!"

After which, Wei Ningguo quickly proceeded to use Vietnamese and spoke frenzily into the walkie-talkie, ordering for the retreat of the 7th Battalion, which was currently attacking the small town.

The 7th Battalion had heard the sounds of gunfire and explosions from the command centre, now hearing Wei Ningguo's explanation and order, they had no more doubts. They quickly pulled back from the small town, and retreated in a frenzy towards the camp, in order to protect their way back.

In this small town, Wuyan Hong had deployed a total of 3 battalions of power. The 7th Battalion was the aid sent as reinforcements, the moment they pulled back, the other 2 battalions were thrown into chaos, as they panicked and demanded the reason for withdrawal.

When they heard that their retreat might possibly be cut off, the remaining troops of the 2 battalions immediately abandoned their positions and started withdrawing. Enemy troops cutting off possible retreats was a nightmare for strategies, the moment they could not retreat, then the 3 unknown battalions could easily wipe out everyone here.

The 3 battalions that Wuyan Hong had deployed were the 7th Battalion, 9th Battalion and 5th Battalion. The 9th Battalion had the most number of new recruits. This time, the attack on the town was for the 5th Battalion to guide the 9th Battalion, raising their combat prowess.

This sudden retreat caused a multitude of problems. As the 9th battalion soldiers had only received training for a short while, fighting a winning battle was not a problem, but a sudden withdrawal was almost like a collapse of fighting will. A large number of them threw away their equipment and started making a run for the exit of the town.

When the Vietnamese soldiers were trying their best to escape, the leader in the small town saw his chance, and immediately organized 2 platoons of elite soldiers to start their counter attack on the Vietnamese soldiers.

As the main fighting force, the 5th Battalion was starting to become exhausted, and when they faced the rash actions of the 9th Battalion, they themselves could not tolerate it and started to run themselves. In the end, their retreat was chaotic and lacked all sense of order, as a number of soldiers were killed in their attempt to escape.

The remaining soldiers of the 7th Battalion, 9th battalion and 5th Battalion abandoned the armored vehicles and ran out of the small town.

Just as they had made their way out, Yue Zhong had already summoned White Bones from far away, as he himself activated [Shadow Steps], and brought Lightning and a 100+ Mutant Leopard Cats charging towards the 7th Battalion.

When Yue Zhong charged into the midst of the 7th Battalion with his hands wielding his .05 machine gun, he activated his [Art of Fear], casting it in a wide radius while firing wildly, and the huge Spirit attack blanketed the entire area without restraint.

If it was within an area of proper construction, the 3 battalions could easily defend against the attacks of over 100 Mutant Leopard Cats, but as they were currently in the midst of escaping, and were suddenly assaulted by these ferocious Mutant Beasts as well as Yue Zhong, they were soon overcome. Many of them suffered heavy injuries, and the entire 7th Battalion was turned into a blubbering mess, with their body count mounting. The remaining 9th and 5th Battalion also escaped in various directions.

The Mutant Leopard Cats possessed insane speed, and the retreat of the soldiers could not hope to compare with them, as every second there were soldiers with their throats ripped out by the Mutant Beasts.

Lightning exhibited even more of its unworldly speed, continuously flashing about, and soldiers would find their comrades being beheaded by a slash, after a mere 10 seconds, 15 soldiers had already lost their lives. Lightning's slaughter of the soldiers was at a terrifying speed compared to Yue Zhong.

The moment the soldiers of the 7th Battalion collapsed, their remaining soldiers were slaughtered by the Mutant Beasts. After an intense battle of not even 2 hours, the 3 battalions were wiped out entirely by the one hundred+ Mutant Leopard Cats. A few fortunate survivors escaped to the forests, surviving the attacks of the Mutant Leopard Cats.

Wei Ningguo had been following by Yue Zhong's side, and upon witnessing the utter annihilation of the 900-strong army at the hands of these 100 something Mutant Leopard Cats, he was filled with a renewed fear of Yue Zhong: "What is this man!! Too scary!! How can he command such terrifying Mutant Beasts?"

#### Chapter 329 – Eliminate the Remaining Troops!

Yue Zhong led the group of Mutant Leopard Cats and engaged in a thorough slaughter of the 3 battalions, before he met with a representative from the town.

The middle-aged man walked out from the town, and eyed the more than 100 Mutant Leopard Cats behind Yue Zhong. His tone was extremely respectful as he said: "How do you do sir! I am Zhang Weiyang! Thank you for lending a hand! May I ask how should I address you?"

“Vietnamese?” Hearing Zhang Weiyang’s Vietnamese, Yue Zhong frowned, and his face turned cold. His felt a little disappointed as well. In this region, the Vietnamese didn’t look at the Chinese kindly just like their were similar Chinese provinces. Lastly, these Vietnamese that he saved might not be anybody good as well. He felt a little upset, and was starting to consider if he should kill all the survivors within the town cleanly to prevent a pointless hate war in advance.

In these antagonistic parts, it was hard to convince the Vietnamese to accept Yue Zhong as a leader. He didn’t dare to trust them too much as well. Since this was the case, he would consider killing them, rather than allowing them to be absorbed as part of Wuyan Hong’s forces. After all, with every increase in strength of Wuyan Hong, it would spell additional trouble for Yue Zhong.

Zhang Weiyang heard Yue Zhong’s Chinese and immediately replied in fluent Chinese: “No!! No!! We’re Chinese!! We’re from the Chinese Association!!”

Yue Zhong then relaxed before replying: “I’m Yue Zhong! Is Zheng Qiang present? If he is, let him speak to me!”

“Yes!! Yes!! He’s here!! I’ll bring him here now!” Zhang Weiyang then heaved a sigh of relief, as long as there was someone familiar to handle things, it would become easier. He was after all an astute person, and he could detect the rising killing intent from Yue Zhong when he had spoke in Vietnamese.

Zheng Qiang walked out of the town quickly soon after, his entire body covered in ash, his eyes bloodshot, and his expression one of exhaustion. The moment he saw Yue Zhong, he became excited: “Yue Zhong!! It really is you!! Much thanks for your help!! If it wasn’t for you, I’m afraid the Chinese Association would have been wiped out this time!”

Zheng Qiang then caught sight of the 100 something Mutant Leopard Cats and Lightning behind Yue Zhong. His eyes flashed with passion: “Are you controlling these Mutant Beasts? Holy shit, you’re amazing! How did you do it? Can you teach me?”

In this part of Vietnam, there were forests, swamps, marshes, and the number of Mutant Beasts running around rampant was truly terrifying. If one could learn how to tame and control Mutant Beasts, although it would be hard to claim to that they could subdue the world, one could still have some capital and trump cards.

Yue Zhong chuckled, before gesturing to Lightning.

Lightning let out a snarl, before it quickly disappeared into the forest. Its little brothers also followed suit.

“That I can’t do!” Yue Zhong directly rejected, and as he looked at the equipment left behind by the 3 Vietnamese battalions, said to Zheng Qiang: “These equipment are mine!! Can you get someone to collect them for me? Wei Ningguo, stay here and look after this!”

Wei Ningguo replied with utmost reverence: “Yes Sir!!”

Zheng Qiang blinked as his gaze turned different before speaking softly: “Yue Zhong!! This isn’t too good right? We had fought quite hard within the town, and a number of our brothers have died. This equipment, we do deserve to share some don’t you think? What’s more, what are you going to do with all this equipment on your own? You can’t take them away anyway!”

There were after all armaments and more left behind by 3 entire battalions! There were even a few heavy artillery. These equipment and weapons were enough to make anybody's eyes go red in these post-apocalyptic times. Yue Zhong just opened his mouth to lay claim on these items, and it didn't sit too well with Zheng Qiang.

Yue Zhong's expression immediately frosted over and his tone became overbearingly cold: "Zheng Qiang! Your words are wrong! If it wasn't for my efforts to save you guys, your Chinese Association may only have had a few experts left this time. In fact, you might not even be alive to try and negotiate with me. Don't tell me that the price for saving all your lives is worth less than these 3 battalions' worth of equipment?"

If he had saved a white wolf, Yue Zhong wouldn't mind using his own knife to kill it if it had no conscience. These 3 battalions' worth of equipment could not be given away freely. With this equipment, as long as Yue Zhong found enough survivors, he could start equipping them to enlist into his force. Without equipment, even if he did find people, he could only treat them as cannon fodder.

Hearing Yue Zhong's stern lecture, Zheng Qiang's face turned ugly, he was not someone who forgot the gratitude of being saved. However, the importance of the equipment was too huge, if the Chinese Association could get their hands on these equipments, it would greatly bolster their fighting strength.

In the end, he managed to suppress his greed as he replied in a heavy voice: "Yue Zhong, the Chinese Association people are not ungrateful. This equipment belongs to you, I will get someone to help you gather them!!"

Although they could not get the equipment, if they could receive the support of Yue Zhong who could control Mutant Beasts, it wasn't too bad of a deal to the Chinese Association.

Yue Zhong then revealed a smile: "Good! You're a friend worth having! I won't let you guys get the short end of the stick though. I can give you guys a platoon's worth of equipment. Out of the artillery platforms, I can gift you 2 of them, with 20 shells. If you guys can offer me reasonable prices, I don't mind selling more to you guys, but the maximum is a battalion's worth!"

Zheng Qiang's eyes lit up in excitement: "Like this?! Thanks!! Yue Zhong, really, thank you so much! Come with me and have a sit in the town! Our president and the committee would like to meet you."

The Chinese Association was really lacking in weapons and equipment. Many of the warriors were still using primitive weapons like knives, watermelon knives, butcher knives, long spears, etc. If it wasn't for the fact that they lacked weapons, they wouldn't have been forced to a corner by Wuyan Hong's forces, almost to the point of collapse. The single platoon worth of equipment was really precious to them.

Yue Zhong smiled and said: "I too, would like to meet the heroes of the Chinese Association!"

A few Chinese survivors walked out from the town, and they started to gather the equipment of the Vietnamese soldiers, before packing them together under orders.

Wei Ningguo became Yue Zhong's representative to oversee these Chinese survivors.

In that small town, within an office, a middle-aged man with a refined temperament, his looks imposing and dashing, bowed towards Yue Zhong, and he spoke with sincerity: "How do you do! Yue Zhong, I am

Shu Wenyan, the president of the Chinese Association! I'll take it upon my humble self to thank you on behalf of the 1,300 Chinese people within our Association.

Thank you for lending us a hand in our dire times of need! If it wasn't for you, I'm afraid every single one of our Chinese people here would end up under the whip of Wuyan Hong, that beast!"

The Chinese Association had no shortage of experts, there were even 2 Evolvers amongst them, but they lacked heavy weaponry. They had limited ammunition as well, and many soldiers could only rely on handguns or melee weapons to fend off the enemy attacks. This caused them to suffer greatly.

When the 3 battalions of soldiers under Wuyan Hong had pressed in, although the Chinese Association managed to kill a large number of their enemies, they themselves were facing a mounting number of casualties. If Yue Zhong had not provided aid at that time, the Chinese Association would have likely fallen. Even though they had 2 Evolvers above Level 40, it wouldn't change a thing.

If Yue Zhong had not enlisted the help of Lightning and its little brothers, it wouldn't have been so easy to decimate 3 entire battalions.

Yue Zhong looked at Shu Wenyan and smiled: "No problem!! If we Chinese want to live on here, we need to stay united. It was something I should have done anyway!"

The fact that Shu Wenyan could pull together a small faction like this in Vietnam, it could be seen that he was capable as well. Regardless of his motive, at least he had ensured the dignity and lives of 1,300-over people. With regards to him, Yue Zhong had a favourable impression.

Shu Wenyan looked at Yue Zhong, before his eyes flashed and he laid out an attractive proposal: "Yue Zhong, are you willing to join our Chinese Association? As long as you join, I'm willing to let you be the vice-president!"

"President!! No!! How can we let him be the vice-president?!"

"No way!! President! That's too important a position! Let him be an elder!"

"...."

With a single sentence from Shu Wenyan, the entire office went into an uproar, and resisted loudly. The Chinese Association only had 2 vice-presidents, both of them having contributed a lot to the cause, and their strength earning them respect. At the same time, the vice-president possess quite the amount of authority, even elders would have to obey. It could be said that their position was under one, but above many. Seeing that this position was to be given to someone they barely knew, it was unacceptable to them.

"Quiet!" Shu Wenyan frowned as he called out in a deep voice, he truly had the prestige, with just a single word, all the upper echelons quietened down, although dissatisfaction could still be seen in their eyes.

Shu Wenyan looked to the 2 vice-presidents beside him: "Xingchun, Tiger, what are your thoughts?"

The Chinese Association had a president and 2 vice-presidents. The president was Shu Wenyan and the 2 vice-presidents Wang Xingchun and Tiger Chu! Amongst them, Shu Wenyan and Wang Xingchun were Evolvers, and possess great might. Tiger Chu was also an Evolver of above Level 40, with countless



battles and experience under his belt. He had helped the Chinese Association on many occasions, thus earning merit and rising through the ranks. Shu Wenyan could not ignore their views and just offer the position to Yue Zhong straight away.

Wang Xingchun was a skinny, tanned-looking middle-aged man, his appearance a little wretched. He pondered a while, before softly speaking: "I'm for Yue Zhong becoming a vice-president!!"

Shu Wenyan's gaze then turned to Tiger Chu, a stout and muscular man, with a face full of scars.

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Tiger Chu lifted his head and looked at Yue Zhong, as he nodded and said: "I also approve of Yue Zhong to be a vice-president!"

When the president and even the vice-presidents have agreed for Yue Zhong to be a vice-president, the elders could only shut up and look at Yue Zhong with envy.

"I'm sorry! I don't wish to join the Chinese Association. Let's just remain as allies!" Right at this moment, Yue Zhong smiled and declined.

If Yue Zhong was to join the Chinese Association, then the 3 battalions of equipment would be handed over to the Chinese Association without any conditions. Furthermore, he did not have enough prestige within the Chinese Association, and no subordinates. If he wanted to gain some actual power and authority, it would be an uphill task.

If Yue Zhong wanted to control the Chinese Association, he needed to ensure that he first captured the hearts of Shu Wenyan, Tiger Chu, and Wang Xingchun. To him, this was too troublesome. He would rather remain an ally, that way his position was more carefree, and he could do as he pleased.

Zheng Qiang had a look of shock, as he spoke hastily: "Yue Zhong, aren't you going to consider? It is the position of vice-president after all!!"

Zheng Qiang and Yue Zhong's relationship wasn't too bad, and he wished for Yue Zhong to join the Chinese Association very much. With his strength, joining the Chinese Association would help to bring up the strength of the Chinese Association.

In this parts of Vietnam, the Chinese Association was considered the biggest faction of Chinese.

By joining them, there was a stronger chance of resistance against Wuyan Hong.

Shu Wenyan's sharp eyebrows raised, as he spoke directly: "Yue Zhong, do you have any burden? We are after all good brothers here! As long as you join us, I believe we will be able to get along well."

Yue Zhong shook his head and insisted: "I'm sorry. I'm really not interested in joining. Let's just discuss on the issue with the equipment. I'm willing to sell 3 platoons' worth of equipment. President Shu, what will you guys be willing to offer for it?"

Shu Wenyan broke out into a warm grin and said: "Yue Zhong, just call me Wenyan. You're someone worth befriending, even if you don't want to join us, you're still a good friend of ours! We will never forget the kindness that you've shown by saving our lives today."

Shu Wenyan's words made Yue Zhong extremely comfortable, and instantly caused the friendship to be closer. He could naturally be such an outstanding leader not just because of his strength but also with his eloquence.

Shu Wenyan thought for a while, before lifting his head and asked Yue Zhong softly: "Our Chinese Association does in fact need the batch of equipment, dare I ask your conditions to sell those items to us?"

"First, I would like the intel that the Chinese Association has. Including those of Wuyan Hong and the other Chinese factions, their leaders as well as locations."

"Second, I would need to borrow 100 soldiers for a battle, I will require them for a month. Zheng Qiang is extremely familiar with the areas around here, I hope to borrow him for a month as well.

"Third, prepare 200 tonnes of rations for me to use anytime."

"Fourth, allow my subordinates to borrow the territory of the Chinese Association to rest."

Shu Wenyan thought for a while, before he nodded and agreed: "Fine! I'll promise you"

The full battalion's worth of equipment was too important to the Chinese Association compared to a single platoon, that was why Shu Wenyan agreed to the terms.

Yue Zhong grinned at Shu Wenyan: "Much thanks President Shu!!"

Shu Wenyan wore an amiable smile as he replied: "It isn't safe here anymore! Let's move! After a night's rest, I'll hand those soldiers over to you."

"Sure!"

Yue Zhong wasn't worried that Shu Wenyan was going to go back on his word, after all Shu Wenyan possessed more power than Yue Zhong now, if he really wanted to swallow the equipment, Yue Zhong wouldn't have a choice. However, if things really got to that state, Yue Zhong wouldn't mind giving them something harsh to remember.

Shu Wenyan then started introducing the rest of the upper brass of the Chinese Association: "Yue Zhong! Let me introduce this bunch of good brothers. This is vice-president Wang Xingchun brother Wang and this is vice-president Tiger Chu, brother Chu....."

The Chinese Association had a strong sense of brotherhood and valued loyalty. The top brass was made up of a president, 2 vice-presidents and 14 elders. They made up the majority of the authority, and were the top figures amongst the Chinese Association. Under the elders, the rest were members, and they formed the rest of the Chinese Association.

Amongst the 14 elders, there were 2 female elders, 12 male elders. Of the 2 female elders, 1 was called Zhang Yu, her looks ordinary, with some 6 or 7 knife scars, her eyes radiating a ruthless gleam. The other was Shu Tianya, with a full head of thick black hair, her features defined and her demeanor uncommon. She was strikingly beautiful and had a good figure. This beauty was also precisely Shu Wenyan's sister.

The other 12 male elders were Zheng Qiang, Feng Qingtian, Zhang Mu, Hu Yan, Liu Ming, Niu Wei, Zhang Shuwen, Sun Tie, Luo Ming, Luo Tu, Chen San, Liu Niujin.

Every single elder was an Enhancer above level 30. They possessed extraordinary combat abilities, and it was precisely because of them that the Chinese Association could withstand the assault of Wuyan Hong's forces.

Other than these Enhancers, the normal soldiers of the Chinese Association were mostly new recruits. The training period could not even compare with Wuyan Hong's training. They had fought bravely because they knew how Wuyan Hong treated the Chinese. They would rather die than end up in the Vietnamese's hands, and hence had given it their all when retaliating.

If it was a comparison of fighting force, without the help of these high-level Enhancers, the Chinese Association's 1,000+ fighting members would not be able to contend against a single battalion of Wuyan Hong.

However, these Enhancers were not invincible existences. Initially, there were 22 elders. The attack this time had caused the deaths of 8 elders. Now there were only 14 elders remaining. Without Yue Zhong's interference, the remaining 14 elders would not have been able to withstand the onslaught either.

After a round of introductions, the Chinese Association started to evacuate. Survivors carried all sorts of resources and followed vehicles as they went away into the distance.

The Chinese Association had no way of standing up to the entire army of Wuyan Hong, and since their town had been discovered, they could only hastily change locations.

In this post-apocalyptic world, investigations weren't as easy and convenient, as long as the Chinese Association relocated, they could buy some time to rest and recuperate.

The Chinese Association did not just have this one location as their base. Other than this town, they had 6 or 7 other secret locations. However, this town was the most important location of theirs. This time, Wuyan Hong had really struck at a good time, and almost wiped out the entire top brass of the Chinese Association.

If Wuyan Hong was successful in decimating the upper echelons of the Chinese Association, then the entire Chinese Association would have suffered a great loss, and would not be able to put up any resistance against Wuyan Hong for a long time.

The relocation was done quickly, and not long after, Yue Zhong followed the group to a forest, within a secluded hillside, there were a few holes dug up, that was covered entirely by grass. Normal people would be unable to discover this place.

It was so secretive that even if Wuyan Hong had plenty of local Vietnamese, they would be unable to find it. However, it wasn't all that convenient living here, the biggest danger they faced were Mutant Beasts, and in this forest, if there were too many people gathered together, attracting the attention of huge Mutant Beasts was a disaster. Other than those that travel in packs or groups, there were a few monstrous lonesome Mutant Beasts that posed even more danger to these survivors.

The survivors started moving into the various holes and furnishing their new homes. Losing the town, they could only stay here for a long period of time, and await the next chance.

Yue Zhong walked quietly amongst them, behind him was Wei Ningguo who followed obediently.

After witnessing Yue Zhong's methods, Wei Ningguo had killed all thoughts of betraying him, his own hands stained with the blood of Wuyan Hong's soldiers. Even if he went back, he would only face death.

When it came to meal time, within the forest, the survivors all grabbed their bowls and drank some gruel with wild vegetables.

In this post-apocalyptic world, any faction faced the same issue: rations. Unless they had opened the national strategic grain reserve near Nanjing, which would provide a temporary reprieve from the problem. Both the experts of the Chinese Association and Wuyan Hong forces had fought hard, killed many zombies and Mutant Beasts, yet their total reserves were not more than 2,000 tonnes. They could only eat sparingly, with the warriors enjoying a full meal, and the normal survivors eating half that amount.

However, these survivors were contented with that. Under Shu Wenyan's leadership, the people had their basic needs met, if they were to fall under Wuyan Hong's hands, then the males would definitely be tortured and tormented as slaves till death, while the women would be treated like playthings, after being raped and tormented, they would be turned to meat and eaten.

When Yue Zhong and Wei Ningguo walked by, those survivors would look at them with a face of envy and respect, not because Yue Zhong was the one who saved them – no one knew who it was other than the top brass. Instead, it was that both Yue Zhong and Wei Ningguo were carrying AKs on their back, loaded with bullets.

In this post-apocalyptic world, it was many survivors' dream to become a soldier. However, not everyone got to be one.

A short figure looked at Yue Zhong and Wei Ningguo, as she crept behind stealthily, and nimbly stretched out her right hand, towards Yue Zhong's pocket.\*1 \*2