

Devil World 81

Chapter 81: Overwhelming Destruction

Yue Zhong discovered Liu Yan's party in a private house. At that time there were five unarmed men crouching beside Liu Yan.

"Brother Yue, You came!" seeing Yue Zhong and White Bones, he approached and welcomed them. Pointing to the five men he said: "They were Lei Zhen and Tiger's men. What should we do with them?"

The five men were all looking a little afraid at Yue Zhong and White Bones figures. Among them, some had seen White Bones's killing spree of horror.

Yue Zhong looked at the five men, coldly saying: "From now on, you are all my subordinates. You must unconditionally obey my orders. If you don't obey, then you will simply die. Now grab some guns, and do battle with me. Understand?"

Yue Zhong only needed to follow behind the unit. He didn't need to worry about them defecting. If they defected, he would ruthlessly kill and behead them. But, right now, Yue Zhong lacked manpower. He could only use the people he could grab.

The five men relaxed a little in their hearts. They went to the side and grabbed their weapons: "Yes! Brother Yue."

Being able to stay alive was the greatest wish of the five men. In the midst of this chaos, staying alive is the number one priority. They didn't care who was most effective, not everyone was willing to risk their life for Tiger. They relied on Tiger and Lei Zhen in order to stay alive. Staying alive is much better than dying.

Always Bright Village's four Chiefs represented the village's greatest four powers. Tiger's military force was destroyed among the three mutated dogs. Lei Zhen and Zhang Xiang's power was destroyed by Yue Zhong's hand. Now the only thing remaining was Chen Yan's military strength

"Liu Yan, take your men to guard Tiger's Villa. Ji Qingwu and Chen Yao, you go defend Zhang Xiang's Villa. Don't let the people fool around. Everyone else come with me!" Yue Zhong quickly gave out the distributions.

After Liu Yan's small group passed the trial, they managed to gain a little trust. Yue Zhong placed the ones he could trust the most to stable situations. The uncertain gunmen he kept by his side. He was confident he could eliminate the unreliable gunmen at anytime.

Under a subordinate's guidance, Yue Zhong quickly found Chen Yan's sheltered villa.

Yue Zhong arrived at the sheltered villa's exterior. He didn't ask for anyone to surrender. He commanded White Bones, "Go kill everyone holding a gun!"

The four Chiefs in Always Bright Village all possessed huge influence. Yue Zhong had basically no influence in the village. If Chen Yan came down on him, it would be hard to handle. It would be better to take advantage of this situation and kill him, completely wiping out all of the village chiefs. Like this, the whole village wouldn't have enough power to disobey him.

Yue Zhong didn't want to create any conflicts with Tiger and his people in the past. This was for Chi Yang, Lu Wen, and everyone else's safety. It did not represent an approval of Tiger's methods. He didn't mind taking advantage of this opportunity to get rid of Zhang Xiang and others.

White Bones immediately sped towards Chen Yan's sheltered villa.

Chen Yan was an incredibly bright person. As soon as he saw Yue Zhong's Special Skeleton White Bones, his face turned white. Guessing the whole story: "Skeleton? Yue Zhong returned? He wants to kill me!!"

Chen Si and two remaining henchmen began firing a mass of bullets at White Bones without ceasing.

White Bones moved like thunder within a hail of bullets. Even if hit by several bullets, there was no way to break his bones. Like a killing God he quickly dashed into the villa. Waiving the ax, a gunman was decapitated by White Bones.

(Editor note : Axe and ax are both correct in spelling. Ax is preferred in modern English literature.)

Chen Si switched a clip just in time. Soon after he closed the distance between him and White Bones, spraying fire in a burst of madness: "Damned Bastard! Go Die!!"

White Bones, being extremely nimble jumped to the side , avoiding Chen Si's fire. With ease the ax waved, the air pressure made a screaming sound sending Chen Si's skull flying.

Chen Yan turned wanting to flee.

White Bone's ax connected, chopping Chen Yan in two. Blood and intestines littered the ground.

"Don't kill me! Don't kill me!!" Another gunman peed his pants, tossed his type 81 rifle, and held up his hands.

White Bone's eyes stared at the gunman glowing with fiery soul magic. Its image flashed. Dexterously jumping into Chen Yan's villa. With the ax, he destroyed all the doors in the villa, checking to see if there were any armed enemies inside.

"Come with me!" Hearing the gunfire in the villa die down, Yue Zhong brought the five new subordinates to Chen Yan's Villa.

After entering Chen Yan's Villa. He saw the terrifying scene of Chen Yan chopped in half at the waist. The five subordinates at Yue Zhong were celebrating without end in their hearts. Without surrendering, they would have already become corpses in the ground.

The gunman let go by White Bones were crouching on the ground, holding up both hands, not daring any strange movements.

Yue Zhong looked at the five people, coldly saying: "Go search for supplies. Take any survivors into custody, and bring them out. Don't get handsy, clear?"

"Yes! Brother Yue!" The five men's hearts shivered, responding loudly. Then they entered the villa and started searching.

The five women brought out in custody by Yue Zhong's new subordinates all looked at Yue Zhong with fright. They didn't know what would become of their fate.

Yue Zhong looked at the five women, discovering the five women were all pretty good looking. Every one was no less than Wang Lan.

An armed personnel excitedly reported to Yue Zhong: “Brother Yue! On the second floor, second room on the right, we discovered a large amount of rice, flour, alcohol, and other staple foods. That place is the place where Chen Yan stashed things.”

In Z-age, goods and food were the most important.

Yue Zhong instructed: “Leave two people here to protect the supplies, bring the others with me.”

“Yes! Brother Yue!” two armed personnel responded and then guarded the location.

Yue Zhong wasn’t worried they would flee. Everywhere outside of Always Bright Village had dangers monsters like zombies and mutated beasts. If those gunmen raided the goods and left, they wouldn’t live long.

“Over there is the Henhouse! What’s going on there?” Yue Zhong hadn’t left Chen Yan’s villa long ago, and he saw the Henhouse’s door was open. Three men were hastily going inside.

Yue Zhong’s brows wrinkled, leading a group of people towards the Henhouse.

As soon as Yue Zhong arrived at the Henhouse, he smelled a fishy stench. He stepped inside and saw an astonishing sight.

There was a layer of yellow straw spread inside the approximately one hundred square meter room. A dozen malnourished and sickly looking women. They looked withered and numb, lying or sitting on the ground. There wasn’t a thread of anger, they were like dead people.

Seven men surrounded two pretty women who still had a little liveliness in them, doing that type of thing.

The Henhouse echoed a sound of men lewdly laughing and gasping for air while the women wept.

Chapter 82: Celebrity

“Damn it !” looking at this scene, Yue’s eyes flashed with killing intent, going forward a single step, putting a sword above the man’s head, beheading him.

Blood sprayed out from the man’s neck, splashing down from his body towards the woman and his surroundings.

Splashed by that man’s hot blood , the two males were immediately scared witless , without even having the time to wear their pants, at once knelt on the ground and pleaded : “ Daye, mercy ! Daye, mercy !!”

(TL note: daye(pinyin: Dàyé) literally means uncle / term of respect for older male and the literal translation felt weird so just wrote the pinyin version)

The remaining 4 men were also scared and their condition became awful, kneeling on the ground towards Yue, pleaded : “Big brother, mercy ! big brother, mercy !”

Yue Zhong, with a cold voice, ordered those 3 subordinates that came with him “ I said, the men who take advantage of the situation and defile the women, all must die, Shoot them down!”

“Yes! Brother Yue !” the three subordinates responded. They straightforward used the guns and burst fire on those 6 men who were kneeling on the ground.

Those six men covered by dozens of concentrated bullets, they all fell to the ground.

Yue Zhong looked around the room at those tormented human shapes of the women , his heart was extremely hard. This is Z-age, a maddening Z-age. The darkness of human hearts was due to the loss of institutional constraints. The future hopelessness started expanding without limits.

I would rather be a peaceful and secure dog than a human in chaos. Yue Zhong had heard these words before, but he had never before truly felt the weight of those words.

After Yue Zhong entered college, his temper quieted a little, reading several books. Among them were several Nationalist Party senior official’s memoirs. He recalled they contained some feudalistic superstitious. Looking at their self glorification, you can clearly see the societal circumstances at that time.

A high ranking officer recollected, after his troops were scattered by incessant fighting between warlords, those soldiers murdered, pillaged, and raped without any qualms. In order to stop them the high ranking officer was forced to put them all to the gun. The blackness in mankind’s heart can be seen, as soon as people lose the restrictions of order. It has so much madness and perversion.

Yue Zhong plainly said: “Leave one person here defending! No one can enter without my command!”

“Yes!” a subordinate replied.

“Yue Zhong.....are you Yue Zhong?help me.....help me!”

At Yue Zhong’s side, as he decided to leave, an endlessly weak voice came from the ground.

Yue Zhong turned his head to look. Although fair skinned, the woman whose body was covered in gonorrhea was begging him.

Yue Zhong walked a few steps towards the woman and asked: “Who are you?”

The woman was weak without compare, her eyes flowing with remorseful tears feebly said: “I am Li Manni.”

Li Manni, since that night after she escaped from the school bus, as a fugitive hiding along the way, escaped from Lei Jiang City. Then she was discovered by Tiger’s group going out to look for supplies, and brought back to Always Bright Village.

Li Manni’s appearance could be considered pretty good. A couple of days ago after she carelessly provoked tiger, she was sent to the Henhouse, suffering insult.

Yue Zhong called over a subordinate and gave him two pieces of candy: "Come over here. Carefully take care of this woman."

"Yes! Brother Yue!!" The subordinate somewhat slowly walked over. Looking at Li Manni, a little awkward, he went to the woman on the ground.

Yue Zhong looked at the subordinate, understanding a little he said: "The past is settled. I won't investigate. You only have to look after her. Don't let her die and it's okay. She is only my former classmate."

The majority of women in the Henhouse had all been visited by those gunmen. If Yue Zhong wished to get revenge for those women, he would have to kill those gunmen. From his point of view, Yue Zhong couldn't do it.

Yue Zhong's subordinate relaxed and said: "Brother Yue don't worry. I absolutely can take good care of her."

Yue Zhong nodded, stood up, and took large strides outside. Li Manni was certainly not one of his people. He could only do this small step for her. If she needs anything else, he couldn't delay over this woman who formally chose to leave his side.

Gazing at the sight of Yue Zhong leaving, Li Manni's eyes flowed two pairs of quiet tears. Remorseful and weak with gratitude she said: "Thank You!"

Li Manni endlessly regretted choosing to flee Lei Jiang City at that time together with Zhao Zhen. If she stayed at Yue Zhong's side, she wouldn't have encountered this type of disaster.

Yue Zhong's subordinates bowed down. From his chest pocket he pulled out a military canteen and piece of candy, and gave it to Li Manni.

After those who plundered and raped women were put to death by the firing squad, the situation slowly stabilized. After all the majority of people were timid, hiding in their homes and not going outside. The rioters were a small portion.

"Brother Yue, these are Tiger's private women."

When Yue Zhong lead the people to Tiger's Villa, Liu Yan excitedly brought a crowd of women to Yue Zhong and gave a report.

There were eleven women in the group, each one with appearance and stature above average. One of them had a voluptuous figure and delicate face that carried a hint of pride and charm. Among the group of women she appeared to be a crane in flock of chickens, completely remarkable.

Yue Zhong looked at the woman, eyebrows wrinkling: "Who is that woman? How does she seem a little familiar?"

Liu Yan excitedly said to Yue Zhong: "Brother Yue! That woman is the big celebrity Lei Yuqing! The big star actor who was once popular north and south of the Yangtze river. She was also Tiger's most cherished woman."

[TL: north/south Yangtze means everywhere.]

Amidst Lei Yuqing's charm she also looked somewhat arrogantly at Yue Zhong. She was an extremely beautiful and classy woman. She carried that big celebrity status which increased her charm even more. In addition she had skillful ways with men. Originally however she held Tiger's infatuation. The majority of time he pampered her alone. She also had confidence to be able to craze Yue Zhong into her boy toy.

Among Tiger's women, only Lei Yuqing alone with status, appearance, figure, charm combined could contend with Guo Yu's appearance and temperament. Guo Yu clearly is the type men like. She has a mature flirtatious behavior, rare outstanding temperament, and socialness.

Lei Yuqing seeing Yue Zhong sizing her up, immediately smiled, perking up her ample peaks, showing off her most beautiful side. In Always Bright Village she already experienced Z-age's cruelty. Only with the strong's blessing could she have a better life. Whether it was Tiger or Yue Zhong she didn't care.

Yue Zhong only looked at Lei Yuqing once, and didn't look at her a second time. He plainly said to Liu Yan: "I know! Leave two people to look after them! Wait for arrangements!"

Chapter 83: Establishment

Hearing Yue Zhong's words, Lei Yuqing's face changed, yet it showed no resistance. "Don't disobey the strong" was one of the first Z-age laws she learned. Those women that disobeyed and resisted Tiger were tortured to no longer look human. Unable to survive and unable to die.

Yue Zhong brought people from all around to work in Always Bright Village. They would search for materials, keep the peace, look for more recruits, delegate new responsibilities, and the like all day. Yue Zhong had finally made Always Bright Village return to its former tranquility.

That night, inside Tiger's former villa, several big banquet tables were put out.

At the banquet, Yue Zhong sat with survivors of Lei Jiang city who he brought to the Always Bright village, and planned to recruit several subordinates for promotion.

The banquet was held privately in the courtyard inside the villa. Gathered were Yue Zhong, Wang Shuang, Lu wen, Chi yang, Ji Qing Wu, Dagouzi, Lu yan, Xiao Ming. Whereas, Guo Yu was standing behind Yue Zhong to act as Yue's exclusive waitress.

Dagouzi, Liu Yan, and Xiao Ming were promoted by Yue Zhong to squad leader. Each squad leader would manage two militants. Wang Shuang was also appointed as a squad leader by Yue, giving him two militants as his subordinates. Whereas, Chi Yang was a commander-in-chief with 5 militants as his subordinates.

In the villa banquet, delicious baiqieji, fried chicken with river snails, broth steamed grass carp, stir-fried river shrimps, sauteed wild herbs, white steamed buns, and cooked white rice were arranged.

[TL note: baiqieji is Cantonese poached chicken. Grass carp is a type of fish.]

Prior to Z-age, these vegetable and meats were common and ordinary. Now, though, this feast was regarded as extremely sumptuous. It could have even exceed the decadence of Abalone and edible bird's nests before Z-age.

[TL: It's a thing https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edible_bird%27s_nest]

There weren't many chickens and ducks in Always Bright Village; no more than twenty. In other words, even Yue Zhong couldn't eat this type of feast every day.

Everyone was wolfing down food in the Banquet room without stopping to speak. Ji Qingwu and Chen Yao, the two woman who accompanied Yue Zhong taking risks and fighting alongside him, were normally reserved, but this was their first time eating non-canned meat after Z-age. They both lost a little restraint and took big mouthfuls.

Needless to say Da Gouzi, Liu Yan, and Xiaoming all knew how hard chicken and fish were to come by in Z-age. They all took this opportunity to gorge themselves. They feared there would be few opportunities to eat like this again anytime soon.

In the courtyard banquet there was only rice and fried vegetables. Everyone's bowl also had a piece of lunchmeat and a slice of chicken.

Zhang Xin fiddled with her bowl of rice. Unhappily she said "Why are they able to eat Baiqiejie, while we get lunch meat. And only a single piece!"

Wang Fang's brows wrinkled, and sarcastically said: "Go be barefoot! The people sitting over there all have the strength of zombies. We are privileged to have this meat. Could it be you still want to go eat that corn gruel and wild herbs?"

When Wang Fang said "corn gruel and wild herbs," every person couldn't help but look towards the last seat of the banquet.

Li Manni sat at that position. She was bathed clean, and wearing clean clothes, but still looked a bit haggard.

She had her head down, and didn't respond to the other's glances. She looked at the grains of rice in her bowl, and she had no more of the arrogance from before when she criticized Yue Zhong's haughtiness. Some things, when lost, feel that much more precious. That bowl of rice, at that moment, was delicious.

Zhang Xin fiddled with her bowl of rice. She spoke begrudgingly, "Even if that's the case, I'm not happy about it. Lu Wen and Chen Yao don't have any great abilities. Why do they get to eat and drink all they want while we are stuck here eating this?" She motioned to her rice.

Zhang Xin knew their plight was much better than the people of Always Bright Village, but not many people shared that opinion. Compared with Lu Wen and Chen Yao, their quality of life was a level below.

Yuan Ying stared at Zhang Xin, and smiled coldly. "Lu Wen is Yue Zhong's woman. Chen Yao and Ji Qingwu are covered because of their aptitude. Originally, everything under heaven wasn't fair. Do you think that before Z-age everything was fair?"

Yuan Ying had no way of entering the inner banquet, and her heart ached, but she hated Zhang Xin even more. She wanted to refute Everything Zhang Xin said.

Zhang Li advised: "Silence is sometimes the better option."

Zhang Li was much more sensible than the pampered Zhang Xin and Yuan Ying. She didn't want everyone to talk privately about Yue Zhong like he was a felon. In today's battle, Yue Zhong killed several people. Everyone changes. Yue Zhong could turn into a tyrant like Tiger.

Under Zhang Li's advice, the two women gave each other a glance, not saying anything else.

Zhang Xuan ate and silently stared in the direction of the dining hall, seeking Yue Zhong's image.

Yue Zhong ate and quietly considered future plans.

In the past, Yue Zhong had never been the head boss. He deftly disposed of the four Always Bright Village chiefs, and in a short time had accumulated great influence here. His success was also a burden, though. The future of Always Bright Village's citizens rode on his shoulders.

To speak of nothing else, the problem of feeding hundreds of people was the central pressing matter on Yue Zhong's mind.

Always Bright Village's previous four chiefs had always gathered up quite a bit of supplies. They were able to gather so much that if dozens of people feasted for several years they wouldn't run out of food. But now, if hundreds of people ate, they would only last a few months.

For this reason, Tiger fed himself and his henchmen well, and only gave moldy food to the survivors.

The land in this area was also infertile, and that only compounded the food supply problem.

Yue Zhong thought to himself and shook his head. "It isn't so great being the Boss. Being a good boss is even more difficult. I wonder if being a tyrant might be a little easier."

If he acted like a tyrant, inconsiderate of the lives and future of other people, he would be able to live comfortably. These thoughts, however, were inconsistent with his nature.

After everyone had eaten their fill, three beautiful women walked over from the side and gathered up all the leftovers and cleared the table.

"Good!" began Yue Zhong, "Today we discuss our future. First, I have decided that our troops will be split into three different groups and rankings. Official team members on top, preliminary team members next, and outside personnel last. Wages for these teams will also be split into three levels.

"Official team members will receive twenty five grams of rice in wages per day. Preliminary members will receive sixteen grams. Outside personnel will receive six grams of rice. As for the other Always Bright Village personnel, twice a day provide them with enough gruel to keep them alive. We will use rice to pay for the services of Always Bright Villagers. If they want to live better, they must work hard and contribute."

Right then, food was the most valuable thing in Always Bright Village. Yue Zhong figured that he could use the rice and other goods he found in the houses of the four chiefs as payment for other goods and services.

Chapter 84: Agility Solidification

Yue Zhong gave the most lucrative assignments to the people he could trust: “Lu Wen will be responsible for the safeguard and distribution of goods. Da Gouzi, you will assist her.”

Da Gouzi beamed with joy, and clapped his chest pledging: “Yes! Brother Yue! I will certainly defend the resources for you.”

This time, Da Gouzi’s intelligence paid off. Yue Zhong must reward him. If not for Da Gouzi’s intel, several of the people that Yue Zhong rescued from Lei Jiang City would have died.

Goods and supplies allocations was indeed a lucrative post. When Da Gouzi obtained that appointment, the whole village looked highly upon him, not daring to offend him.

“Chi Yang is responsible for the first combat unit! Primary duty is to search for supplies. Ji Qingwu is responsible for the second combat unit! Wang Shuang is responsible for the third combat unit! Liu Yang is responsible for the fourth combat unit! Xiao Ming is responsible for the fifth combat unit! Units, tomorrow go out and enlist team members.”

“Newly recruited members belong to the outside personnel. After killing five ordinary zombies, outside personnel can promote to preliminary members. After preliminary members kill twenty ordinary zombies, they can be promoted to official team members.”

“Each unit captain will be official team members, and enjoy official team member treatment. Apart from all of you, the other current personnel will temporarily be preliminary members. After they accumulate sufficient achievements, they will be promoted.

Yue Zhong looked in the direction of Chen Yao, “Go and organize an interior affairs department, Chen Yao. Find and select a few subordinates. You’ll be responsible for miscellaneous matters.”

Yue Zhong recognized that Chen Yao was more suited to organizational and management duties, and lacked the innate combat capabilities of someone like Ji Qingwu. Furthermore, Qingwu wasn’t comfortable with Chen Yao participating in dangerous combat. Chen Yao would be more valuable to Yue Zhong off the battlefield than on it.

Chen Yao looked at Yue Zhong, and asked: “Yue Zhong, where will you stay? Could it be you aren’t going to the Long Hai City base?”

As soon as she spoke, everyone’s eyes rested on Yue Zhong. This matter was related to all of their futures. They all wanted to hear Yue Zhong’s reply.

Yue Zhong boldly stated: “I certainly want to go to the Long Hai City survivor base and continue exploring it. But before then, I must help settle down the hundreds of people in Always Bright Village. I cannot leave until my work here is done.”

It had been almost a month since Z-age began. Yue Zhong still hadn’t formed any long-term plans. He wasn’t thinking about migrating the Always Bright Villagers to Long Hai City’s survivor base even if they could take care of them. He was more interested in taking his people to search for friends and family.

In the face of catastrophic disaster, powerful regimes and powerful organizations are the things everyone relies on. The government is that powerful regime.

Chen Yao firmly stared at Yue Zhong and said, "Please! Arrange me into the second combat unit. I want to use my ability to battle."

With Z-age, the world had changed. Talented and powerful people were more likely to survive now. Chen Yao had already come to see this reality. In Z-age, one could only rely on power.

"So be it," Yue Zhong nodded reluctantly. He respected Chen Yao's choice. After all, Chen Yao and Ji Qingwu both followed him through the enormous dangers in Lei Jian Shi. This left the matter of miscellaneous affairs unattended to, though.

Guo Yu, who was standing at Yue Zhong's side, offered her services. "I'll be responsible for the miscellaneous tasks. I can work hard."

Guo Yu, in this cruel Z-age, was determined to get as close to Yue Zhong as possible, and to do that she schemed to do everything she could to get into his graces. This opportunity to become responsible for miscellaneous affairs was the first step in her plans.

Yue Zhong looked at Guo Yu a moment, and finally nodded. "Good! I'll give you this responsibility. I'll give you six outside personnel. Work hard, and do not fail me. You will be a temporary preliminary member. If you work hard, you can promote to an official member."

Guo Yu's big bright eyes slightly curved, and she smiled sweetly. "Yes! Master!"

Wang Shuang couldn't help but notice Guo Yu's beauty and gave her several glances.

Lu Wen pursed her mouth and whispered, "Little Fox..."

At Yue Zhong's command, an extremely simple organizational structure appeared in Always Bright Village. But this was only a stopping point, and he had no plans to turn the village into any kind of Kingdom. He stayed here only to establish simple order and help the survivors live on and maintain some of their dignity.

Returning his thoughts to the matter at hand, Yue Zhong instructed Guo Yu to search for people capable of wielding weapons, machinery and vehicle maintenance, remodeling, and blacksmithing. She was to find them and bring them to Yue Zhong.

Yue had become strong enough that dealing with a small scale zombie group would be no trouble, but a large scale problem would still require additional firepower. Armaments were still important.

Guo Yu nodded, "Yes!"

"Let's call it a day," said Yue Zhong. "Everyone return and get some rest."

One after another, everyone got up to leave.

Yue Zhong returned to the villa and cleaned himself up. Situated comfortably on his bed, he began to look through his storage ring at the spoils he won from the battle with the mutated dogs. He found two skill books, one blue treasure box and five white treasure boxes.

“Grade 3 skill: Agility Solidification. Passive skill,” he read aloud. “Learning this skill can increase agility by ten points permanently”

“Grade 3 skill: Study of Force Manipulation. Active skill. Using this skill consumes four points of spirit power and four points of stamina. After using the skill, every ten seconds, two points of stamina and two points of spirit power will be consumed. Study of Force gives the ability to control inanimate objects and manipulate them. The amount of weight and size that can be controlled depended on the user’s spirit power and physical stamina.”

“Grade 3 treasure: Fireball Ring. Spirit +6. Available skill: Small fireball technique. Can use once every day.

Yue Zhong looked at those 3 skill books, and a smear of worry flashed through his eyes. “It is a pity I can only learn three active skills right now,” he thought to himself. “Perhaps this Force Manipulation would be good for Chi Yang.

[TL: It says 3 skill books. Yue is possibly referencing a third skill book that he hasn’t used yet. For instance, I don’t think he ever used or distributed the critical strike skill book from CH46]

Without hesitation, Yue immediately chose the Agility Solidification skill and learned it. He also equipped the Fireball Ring.

After Yue learned the Agility Solidification skill, a new rune appeared in his sea of knowledge. That rune flashed and shot out black rays of light continuously strengthening Yue’s body.

Chapter 85: Powerful S2

On the second day, early in the morning, Yue Zhong quickly lead a party including Chi Yang, Liu Yan, and Wang Shuang out to the arsenal. Ji Qingwu remained to guard the household this time.

When they were in eye-shot of the arsenal, they stopped and got out of their vehicles.

Yue Zhong left behind Chi Yang and the men to defend the vehicles while he stealthily made for the arsenal.

He spotted the corpses of the three mutated dogs and felt relief. If they hadn’t been eaten, that meant that there were no other large beasts around.

Yue Zhong continued to carefully move forward.

He observed the camp from every angle looking for any mutated beasts. When he found none, he continued on towards the camp.

Yue Zhong stopped around one hundred meters from the entrance. He took the 81 type rifle he was carrying, aimed it at a zombie over a hundred meters away, then pulled the trigger.

A thunderous gunshot rang out, the zombie's head gained a new bloody hole and collapsed to the ground. After learning the Firearms Control skill, Yue Zhong was comparable to a veteran soldier who had gone through several years of rigorous training.

Attracted by the sound, dozens of zombies wearing military clothes immediately started to wobble towards Yue Zhong from within the camp .

Holding the 81 type rifle, Yue Zhong shot and retreated at the same time.

One by one the bullets pierced through the bodies of the zombies. Moving targets were much harder to headshot. Yue Zhong fired off twenty bullets, but only three were headshots. The remaining bullets all hit the zombies in other places.

By studying the firearms control skill, Yue Zhong still hadn't reached the level of hitting continuous headshots. He still needed to continually practice his shooting ability.

After being strengthened by the God and Devil System, he grasped several combat skills, but using up mighty and powerful skills consumed a large amount of stamina and spirit. In addition firearms are plenty powerful. He must master this skill to be able to survive in various situations. It allowed him to kill without expending too much energy.

After shooting twenty bullets, Yue Zhong pulled out his Imitation Tang Sword. He rushed into the zombies like an arrow. He flurried like thunder – beheading the small group of zombies.

When the sword flashed, the small group of zombies heads were sent flying. Filthy blood sprayed everywhere. They were slaughtered by Yue Zhong until there was almost nothing left.

Yue Zhong gathered up the twenty or so life coins dropped by the zombies, and he walked with White Bones to the military camp.

When Yue Zhong had just entered the military camp, a blue-green phantom shot from the side towards him like a laser.

Yue Zhong was greatly startled, only able to slightly lean his body, the shadow step skill hadn't been able to be used before the phantom had already begun to claw at his heart.

Under the claws of the blue-green phantom, Yue Zhong's defensive clothing started to change shape, a portion from the place in contact bubbled up in Yue Zhong's mental abyss. Clearly the strength of the claw was extremely terrifying, if it weren't for Yue Zhong's level three defensive clothing, his heart would have been ripped out while still alive

At this time, White Bones who was standing at Yue Zhong's side ruthlessly chopped his axe through the air towards the blue-green phantom.

The blue-green phantom was like a gust of wind, slightly shifting towards the side. After avoiding White Bone's formidable hatchet, it continued to claw at Yue Zhong's body.

Yue Zhong painfully resisted and initiated the skill shadow step. His speed finally managed to catch up with the blue-green phantom. His body slightly leaned, his leg fiercely kicked, booming into the phantom's body.

The blue-green phantom was immediately sent flying dozens of meters like an artillery shell.

Yue Zhong finally saw clearly the image of the monster that nearly had his life.

Its stature was a little smaller than an ordinary person, it had a layer of blue-green skin, its legs were large and powerful, and its body wasn't rotting anywhere. Its eyes were both filled with blood.

"Level 30 type II, agility evolution infected S2. Possesses ghostly speed. Possesses skill virus infection, able to turn living organisms into the infected."

"Damn, turns out it is a type II zombie. Zombie evolution is so fast, how are humans supposed to stay alive!" Yue Zhong lowered his voice and scolded. He raised the stinger towards the S2 and fired a shot.

As soon as Yue Zhong fired, the S2 kicked, speedily flashing to the side.

Sounding like thunder, the Stinger bullet boomed into a building on the military camp, exploding a fist sized hole in the wall.

The S2's image flashed, zig-zaging like lightning bolts towards Yue Zhong. The S2's agility was extremely high. Even though Yue Zhong's shooting skill was similar to an elite soldier, he was completely unable to hit the opponent.

Yue Zhong thought of something while looking upon the S2 which was fast like lightning, and he started a defensive technique.

White Bones, who was always protecting at Yue Zhong's side, changed into a flowing light falling onto Yue Zhong's body. It condensed into a bone armor covering his whole body. The middle of the chest armor had a skull, and his elbows and knees extended out with ten centimeter bone spikes. His most critical area, the head, was also covered by bone. There were only two openings for his eyes and a space for breathing.

In the blink of an eye, the S2 already appeared behind Yue Zhong, a claw stuck onto Yue Zhong's head.

The astonishing transformation of White Bones counteracted a large majority of the S2's attack. Yue Zhong resisted with great difficulty the pain booming from his head, and he fiercely thrust the thorn from his elbow towards the S2.

Yue Zhong was only barely a thread slower than the S2 while in the Shadow Step state, and after learning the Agility Solidification skill. His elbow spike struck like a clap of thunder into the S2's abdomen. The sharp bone spike penetrated through the S2's body.

The S2 felt no pain, and continued to claw at Yue Zhong's skull. It slashed five or six times creating a scratch on Yue Zhong's bone armor.

Yue Zhong used the spike that was pierced through the S2 and flung it into the ground. Using his foot, he pressed onto the S2's body. No matter how much it struggled, he forcefully held it under his foot. Pulling at the imitation tang sword at his waist, Yue Zhong decapitated the S2.

The S2's skull tumbled from its body. A large experience orb flooded into Yue Zhong's body. At the same time the S2's body also released a skill book, a blue treasure box, two white treasure boxes, and four hundred life coins.

“You leveled up to 19, please distribute two stat points.”

“You leveled up to 20, please distribute two stat points and one skill point!”

The sweet level up noise sounded in Yue Zhong’s mind.

Chapter 86: Arsenal

“Add four points to stamina!” Yue Zhong quickly issued his choice.

Yue Zhong grasped five active skills. To initiate each skill required a large amount of stamina and spirit. Without enough stamina, then there is no way to use several skills at the same time.

“Use the skill point to power up the skill Summon Special Skeleton!”

His goal was to max out one skill before moving on to another. He felt like this was a better use of the precious skill points.

After Yue Zhong selected, an aura within his body submerged into his sea of consciousness, falling on the Summon Special Skeleton rune. The Special Skeleton rune flashed with light, firing out black rays that fell on his core. Information bubbled up from Yue Zhong’s sea of knowledge.

“Your Special Skeleton has already started to evolve, and it has obtained a new skill. Bone Control. This augmentation will allow Special Skeleton to freely manipulate its bones, making its attacks become even more bizarre. A maximum range of 200m. Skill one: Bone Exploitation Skill’s cooldown is reduced to one day. Mastered new skill: Feign. Feign allows Special Skeleton to feign a change in its body type into a large creature.

“Special Skeleton (White Bones) Level 15.

Power: 34 (10)

Agility: 34 (10)

Vitality: 34 (10)

Stamina: 32/34 (10)

Spirit: 34/34 (10)

Strength: 56 (10)

Skill List:

Skill 1: Bone Exploitation

Skill 2: Bone Strengthening

Skill 3: Bone Control

Skill 4: Feign

In the Combined Body State, Yue Zhong can also use White Bone's abilities. He initiated a thought, and from his right hand extended a sharp bone spike.

Yue Zhong initiated another thought, and between his eyebrows a bone spike also extended from his skeletal armor.

Yue Zhong extended his palm out, and the spike between his eyebrows retreated back into his body. From his palm a slender spike continuously extended outward to two hundred meters.

[Editor's note. a 200 meter long bone would weigh more than he could hold, and would probably snap under its own weight.]

[TL: It says what it says!]

"After evolving, this skill which was originally used for defense has become absolutely awesome," Yue Zhong marveled and continued to manipulate the bones emitting from his core.

If two people battled, and a bone emitted from the pit of the stomach, it would be absolutely undefendable.

After experimenting with the newly acquired skill for a little bit, Yue Zhong gathered his state of mind and collected the treasures on the ground into his storage ring. He then walked into the military camp. The Combined Body defensive skill time period was only 15 minutes. He must quickly search through the military camp. If there was another S2 hiding, he could only choose to immediately run.

Realistically the S2's speed was too fast. Yue Zhong was still a thread slower after entering into shadow step. If Yue Zhong didn't have the Combined Body defensive skill, he basically didn't dare partake in direct combat.

Yue Zhong searched through the entire camp, and didn't find another S2 hiding or any other dangers. He then returned to Wang Shuang and the rest and had them drive their vehicles into the camp. They started to search for supplies.

"Level 4 skill: Rank 2 Agility Solidification. In order to learn this skill, one must first learn Agility Solidification three times. After learning this skill, one can permanently increase 40 agility skill points."

"Level three treasure: High Speed Leather Boots. 8 Agility."

"The skill is a good skill, it's a pity I can't learn it right now." After Yue Zhong equipped the pair of black High Speed Leather Boots, he put the Rank 2 Agility Solidification skill book into his storage ring.

The remaining two white treasure boxes were empty.

As Yue Zhong was looking through the items he collected, Liu Yan's ran out from the storage room with his face lit up. He yelled to Yue Zhong: "Brother Yue! Brother Yue! I discovered several weapons! There're so many weapons inside! This time we scored big!"

Seeing the expression of Liu Yan with his face all lit up, Yue Zhong quickly entered the storage room.

Type 56 Semi-automatic rifle, type 53 heavy machine gun, type 67 heavy machine gun, type 81 assault rifle, type 79 assault rifle, type 81 rifle, each type of vintage model gun filled the entire warehouse. Even

if there was only one of the types found in the storehouse it would be enough to equip a group of people.

Yue Zhong's eyes exposed a look of ecstasy as he looked upon the weapons storehouse: "We hit it big! This is a huge score!"

When Tiger was in Always Bright Village, he merely had a couple dozen men. Tiger didn't want to recruit more people because there simply wasn't enough guns and ammunition.

Having this weapons storehouse, Yue Zhong's subordinates didn't need to worry about a problem with weapons. It didn't matter how old the weapons are, as long as they are usable it's fine.

"Bullets! Bullets!" Yue Zhong knew if there weren't any bullets, these weapons were a pile of iron. They would pose no threat to zombies.

"Over here!" Liu Yan excitedly pulled Yue Zhong to another side of the storehouse.

The other side of the storehouse was filled with neatly arranged ammunition boxes. One of the boxes was already lifted open. Inside was a pile of neatly arranged yellow/orange bullets.

"Awesome!" Yue Zhong was excited without end as he looked at all the boxes in the weapons storehouse.

A police headquarters couldn't compare to this storehouse. The bullets of this storehouse were enough to make him extremely rich.

Yue Zhong asked Liu Yan at his side: "Are there cannons? Cannons!!"

Artillery is a crux of the battlefield. If a heavy artillery group was organized, zombie groups in the cities would be turned into residue.

Liu Yan bitterly smiled: "brother Yue! There is no artillery. There are some shells and spare cannon parts. I reckon they are spare parts taken from two cannons."

Yue Zhong couldn't help but feel a little bit of despair when he heard. There is a huge gap between a modern unit with artillery support and one without.

This arsenal was really a storage for old weapons that had been phased out. It was responsible for protecting the bullets and weapons that had died out from the People's Liberation Army. It lacked any of China's advanced weapons.

But these weapons that were phased out by the People's Liberation Army made Yue Zhong's men extremely excited. Their combat ability could go up another rank thanks to these weapons. The ammunition problem which was their greatest fear had been resolved.

The presence of the type 53 and 67 heavy machine guns especially made Yue Zhong's small firepower become much fiercer.

The arsenal also had some dismantled cannons. Yue Zhong loaded up the dismantled cannons and took them back to Always Bright Village.

Chapter 87: Recruiting Survivors

A cart of ammunition entered Always Bright Village, a few sharp-eyed villagers, upon seeing various firearms within the cart, began to secretly discuss it.

A survivor quietly said: "You know what? Brother Yue got some ammunition. There are quite a few carts!" The other survivor did not believe him, saying: "Really? Ammunition? For real?"

The first survivor solemnly swore: "How can it not be true, I saw it with my own eyes."

A survivor responded: "They did not want to recruit people"

After those survivors commented, they quickly moved towards the town square. A bunch of hiring jobs were available there.

In that time, Da GouZi, along with two guards went to the town square to set up a stall.

Da GouZi looked around, enjoying the scene of survivors that are begging for attention, he heard: "Hiring!"

"Hire me! ! Hire me! I can do anything!"

"Hire me ! ! Give me a gun, I am willing to go find supplies with you."

"..."

Da GouZi's bellows, and the survivors in town square immediately swarm near, calling out to him. They want to live on, they want to have food to eat. These survivors have been hungry for so long, and to eat, they are willing to anything.

Da GouZi reminisces to a time when there were the white collars workers, the elites and he couldn't be compared to those people, he knitted his brow and loudly bellowed: "Get in line! Line up and come one at a time! Write your name, land of origin, and any abilities. If you don't line up or cut into the line, we don't want you!"

After being shouted at by Da GouZi, those survivors began to earnestly line up into a queue and wrote their name, land of origin and skills on the report for Da GouZi.

Very easily, Yue Zhong was able recruit 60 men, and assigned them to various positions. If Yue Zhong wanted to, they would be able to recruit 100 men with no problems. As long as there is grain, he could casually pick any of the hundreds of villagers of Always Bright Village.

Of the 60 people recruited, 50 were men, they were assigned to different fighting squads, the other ten women were assigned to be Guo Yu and Li Manni's subordinates. Li Manni was chosen by Guo Yu to be her assistant, she once worked with a student association, so she has experience in organising staff for work. After going through so much, Li Manni also began to mature, she wants to become a useful person through hard work, she doesn't want to be abandoned by anyone anymore.

"What is your name?" within a villa in the Always Bright Village, Yue Zhong looks at a medium built body, with a yellow complexion, approximately 27-28 years old youth.

“Brother Yue, my name is Chen Da Lei. I used to be a car mechanic.” The youth’s complexion turned yellow as he looked at Yue Zhong. The ruler of Always Bright Village used to be Tiger however he would kill people if they just said something that opposed him, but after facing the wrath of Yue Zhong, he did not dare be reckless.

This Chen Da Lei that Guo Yu recruited is what Yue Zhong needed, a mechanic. Like a blacksmith, a man with complex talents are hard to find in Always Bright Village.

Yue Zhong asks: “What kind of vehicles can you fix? Can you fix large trucks?”

Chen Da Lei quotes a string of car names: “I can fix Hummers, Jeeps, BMWs... Volkswagen. I should be able to do trucks as well.” After he finished, Chen Da Lei carefully adds: “But if you want me to fix a car now, I can’t solve big problems. Because I don’t have any mechanic’s equipment.”

After a silence, Yue Zhong asks: “If I give you the blueprints and parts, can you construct a turret?” Chen Da Lei was shocked by Yue Zhong’s request, he shook his head again and again: “No! I have never touched that before. I do not know how to make that.”

Yue Zhong eyed Chen Da Lei then said: “Heh! You are qualified, you are now temporarily part of the non-essential personnel. After I find the tools for you to fix cars and you have proven your ability, I will promote to be part of the preparation team. If you do well, I will promote you to the official team. Now you go ahead. In the fastest time, get a copy of the plan for the modified Dong Feng Truck and give it to me. “

After Chen Da Lei left, Yue Zhong laid on the sofa and closed his eyes. During this time, Ji Qing Wu and Chi Yang led expeditions for supplies.

As long as they don’t run into S2 type mutated undeads, they should have enough strength to deal with a small group of undead. Wang Shuang, Xiao Ming and Liu Yang was responsible for security, guarding, and shooting. These 3 groups didn’t have the strength to keep holding the line, dealing with the zombie swarms is too exhausting. Their shooting technique is not good, so they still need more practice.

“Grain!! There is still not enough grain!!” Yue Zhong closed his eyes, grain is always in his head. Now what Always Bright Village lacks the most is grain. If the seeds that are sowed do not germinate, there is little grain to eat, even after eating less, Yue Zhong has barely enough to feed his subordinates. Moreover, some porridge is sent to the survivors of the village, so they would not starve to death.

It was at this time, along with the fragrant breeze, a pair of small, soft hands were resting on Yue Zhong’s shoulders, giving him a massage.

Guo Yu, with a gentle voice, by Yue Zhong’s ear, asks: “Master, what troubles you, can you confide in me? Telling someone your troubles will reduce your stress. If you can, let me share in your troubles with you.”

Yue Zhong opened his eyes to see the childlike manner of the beautiful face of Guo Yu sitting by his side massaging his shoulders.

Yue Zhong extended his arms, and Guo Yu went into his bosom, the girl’s fragrance entered his nose, in addition to the girl in his bosom, he was filled with the fiery passion, dispelling the worries of his heart.

This cute loli that Tiger gave him is smart and obedient, in addition to an demanding manner, it caused Yue Zhong to really like her.

Yue Zhong hugs Guo Yu, closing his eyes, slowly saying: "Grain! Grain Shortage! The seeds that are sown don't germinate. If we don't find a large grain supply, with the supply in this village, even if hundreds of people skimp, we can barely make it through a year."

Being a leader is not easy, being a competent leader is even harder. Once he thought about the future of the hundreds of people in the village, Yue Zhong's head ached.

Guo Yu suggested to Yue Zhong: "Master, if the seeds that were sown do not germinate, can we not try fishing? I remember near Always Bright Village, there is a river that connects to the Lei Jiang Lake. If we can fish, won't this relieve the pressure on the lack of grain?"

Chapter 88: Mutated River Snake

Yue Zhong casually said: "There's formidable mutated beasts there that can eat people. We don't have any way to fish there."

Yue Zhong looked distracted as soon as the words left his mouth. Then he hugged Guo Yu and gave her a two kisses on her cute little face: Thank you! Little Yu, you've inspired me. There's mutated beasts guarding the area. I only need to clear them out!"

Yue Zhong didn't plan to stay long in Always Bright Village. He didn't think twice about it when Da Gouzi said the brook had mutated beasts. Yue Zhong constantly thought of a way to obtain more food after becoming the boss, but he had unconsciously formed the small brook into a forbidden area in his mind.

Yue Zhong released Guo Yu from his arms and strode outside.

After Yue Zhong left, Guo Yu rubbed the places Yue Zhong kissed, and revealed a thin smile. She wanted to cram her image into Yue Zhong's mind step by step.

"It's there!" Da Gouzi pointed far away at the small brook and said to Yue Zhong. He had led Yue Zhong and several others to the small brook.

Yue Zhong stood on high ground, looked over at the area, and studied its terrain.

The small brook was about twenty meters wide, and groups of small fish were swimming about on the surface of the water. Every so often a large fish rolled out onto the surface, and created large round ripples. There didn't seem to be anything abnormal from far away. A person wouldn't think this small brook was hiding pythons capable of eating people.

"Bring it here!" Yue Zhong held out his hand towards Da Gouzi. Da Gouzi passed Yue Zhong a lively chicken attached to a cord.

Yue Zhong carefully snuck forward until he was about twenty meters away from the brook. He severed the Chicken's neck using an Imitation Tang Sword. A stream of blood flowed out from its neck while the Chicken continued struggling in Yue Zhong's hands.

Yue Zhong looked over and tossed the lively chicken into the brook.

The chicken continued to wiggle causing the surrounding water to turn red.

The chicken struggled for a moment, and then Yue Zhong started to pull on the cord. Slow and steady he pulled the chicken to the side of the brook.

As soon as the chicken was pulled to the the side, the extremely tranquil water started to roll about. Suddenly a wave rushed forward toward the chicken like an arrow shot from a bow.

Yue Zhong focused, and quickly gave the chicken a pull. The chicken flew up onto the shore.

A huge yellow scaled snake head splashed out from the water. It's mouth was stretched open wide, large enough to swallow a person whole. The python had exploded forth stretching its mouth towards the chicken

Yue Zhong pulled the chicken bait and sent it flying towards his direction.

The huge yellow scaled python also swam forth from the water, the huge writhing snake started to swim towards Yue Zhong.

"Level 33 mutated river snake: A mutated snake with ultra-powerful defense. Its strength can crush an elephant. It can easily turn a vehicle into a scrap of iron."

Yue Zhong looked at the information of the mutated river snake and gasped a breath of cold air. This was a level 33 mutated animal after all, he didn't know if he could handle it.

This wasn't an easy decision. The body was over 20 meters, and it was still extremely fast one land. It was barely three notches slower than a S2. In the blink of an eye an attack appeared in front of Yue Zhong.

Yue Zhong tossed the cord and grabbed the type 79 assault rifle with his right hand. He pointed it at the mutated river snake and spread a burst of fire.

Concentrated bullet fire hit the body of the enormous mutated river snake. The bullets rumbled into the scales making little indents, and then powerlessly fell onto the ground.

"The bullets can't break through! This mutated river snake is too ferocious!" Yue Zhong's eyes flashed with fright. This is the first time he'd seen a beast who couldn't be wounded by bullets. The mini BOSS hunter, and the S2 which was mobile like the wind both couldn't block gunfire. But this mutated river snake's scale armor could block bullets, and it made his heart set off bursts of terror.

Although the bullets couldn't penetrate the snake's armor, they could still inflict endless pain. Its eyes flashed with a fierce light, and it stretched open its mouth. The mouth carried a stinky fish smell and it went to bite towards Yue Zhong.

Yue Zhong's eyes flashed with rays of light as he initiated the skill Shadow Step. He quickly took a step to the left, and just dodged the snake bite in the nick of time.

While dodging, Yue Zhong extracted the Imitation Tang Sword from his waist, and ruthlessly chopped at the river snake's head.

There were strange thin scales on the mutated river snakes scale armor that secreted a type of bizarre liquid. When Yue Zhong slashed at the snake his sword slightly slid along the scales, and only left a white scratch. The scale armor didn't even break.

Yue Zhong's sword wasn't able to inflict heavy damage. Instead, it only infuriated the mutated river snake. The snake fiercely flung its head towards Yue Zhong like a small car.

The speed of the snake wasn't slow and its bulk was enormous. Yue Zhong had no way to avoid it even in Shadow Step.

Yue Zhong's mind was quick to action, and he started the Combined Body Defensive Skill. White Bones turned into a stream of flowing light that covered Yue Zhong's exterior, and then condensed into the astonishingly powerful defensive armor. Then he placed his hands out front to block.

The mutated river snake ruthlessly struck onto Yue Zhong's hands.

Yue Zhong was suddenly hit like a bus. His chest tightened up, and his mouth filled with blood. Yue Zhong's whole body was sent flying.

The mutated river snake quickly writhed towards Yue Zhong chasing after him. It opened up its jaws, and bit towards Yue Zhong while he was in mid-air.

Expecting the attack, Yue Zhong acted. He extended out two bone spikes into the ground behind him, shifted his body in the air, and avoided certain death from the river snakes bite.

But the two spikes were still struck and cracked by the river snake, and Yue Zhong flopped out of the air.

As Yue Zhong was falling, he immediately turned toward the river snake and pointed his finger. A magical fireball appeared from his ring. The small fireball spell flew out, quickly booming onto the mutated river snake's skull.

The explosion was deafening. The fireball struck the snake's head and scorched one of its eyes. It writhed in pain, but one small fireball wasn't able to snatch away its life.

Yue Zhong's image flashed like a ghost in front of the snake. A bone spike shot out from behind and propelled Yue Zhong in the air towards the river snake's head. He pulled out the Stinger and fired a series of six bullets at its brain.

The six bullets pierced through the river snake's scale armor, cracking it apart one by one, and then they sank into its brain. Bloody fist sized holes appeared on its skull.

That mutated snake's head exploded with six large holes, and its massive body writhed madly, finally powerlessly flopping to the ground.

Yue Zhong retreated several steps backwards. He extended out a hand, and a sharp bone spike shot out. The spike entered into the one of the six bullet holes and scrambled up the mutated river snake's brain.

A large experience orb finally flew out of the mutated river snake's body, and sank into Yue Zhong. In his sea of knowledge he once again heard the sweet level up noise.

"Congratulations, you've leveled up to 21. You've received two stat points.

"Congratulations, you've leveled up to 22. You've received two stat points.

"Distribute everything to Stamina!

After making his choice, he felt the splitting pain in his two arms. Looking at the mutated river snake, he bitterly smiled, and thought to himself. "What an extreme mutant! It's a good thing I increased my Strength, otherwise my bones would have been fractured just now."

When he was hit by the river snake, it carried an extremely unruly power that invokes fear. Even though Yue Zhong's Bone Armor and defensive clothing absorbed most of the power, the remaining force still rammed into Yue Zhong's two arms, nearly fracturing them both. If it weren't for these two things along with leveling up, his whole body would have been crushed to death by the mutated river snake.

A skill book and 200 Life Coins came out of the mutated river snake's body.

Yue Zhong walked over and picked up the items. A strand of information appeared in his mind: "Level 3 Skill Book: Perceive Danger. Passive Skill. Learning this skill will greatly increase your ability to preemptively sense danger. Your ability to perceive danger is dependent on your level of Spirit.

Yue Zhong's mind activated, The Perceive Danger Skill sunk into his sea of consciousness, and a circular mist condensed into a rune.

Yue Zhong yelled over to Da Gouzi: "Come over! Grab the snake and bring it back!"

"Yes, Brother Yue! Everyone follow me. Let's grab it and bring it back to the vehicle!" Da Gouzi excitedly yelled towards his team members.

Together with Da Gouzi, seven other people and White Bones, they carried the twenty meter long mutated river snake back to the vehicle.

"What is that?"

"What is that thing?"

The vehicle carrying the river snake arrived at the town square, immediately causing a sensation. The Always Bright Villagers stared at the mutated river snake, their eyes filling with amazement.

This is the first time several of them had seen a mutated beast.

Yue Zhong got out of the vehicle and saw Guo Yu walking towards him.

Yue Zhong directly said to Guo Yu: "Go find several tailors. I want to use the Snake's skin to make clothing."

Guo Yu stared at the twenty meter long snake. Her eyes flashed with amazement. She nodded her head and said: "Master, I know. Right, this monster is a mutated beast. What do you plan on doing with the meat?"

Yue Zhong's eyes focused. Staring at Guo Yu he lowly said: "What is your idea?"

Guo Yu used her two big beautiful eyes and looked at Yue Zhong saying: "I think you should find some people to test taste the meat. First see if there are any harmful reactions. If there isn't any danger, then from today on we have another food source."

These mutated beasts aren't like the wild animals without human intelligence. Their bodies could also take several shots and still be lively. Yue Zhong was always looking for food during Z-Age, but he had subconsciously rejected the mutated beast meat. This was because he didn't know what the after effects of eating it would be.

Yue Zhong looked at the beautiful and cute Guo Yu. He patted her head saying: "I know! I'll have you arrange it. Find ten volunteers to come eat. Every volunteer will be rewarded 5kg of rice. Furthermore, if the meat doesn't have any poison, reward them with 5kg of snake meat. If this experiment is successful, then tonight you can come to the table!"

Receiving Yue Zhong's praise, Guo Yu suddenly felt a burst of elation. A surge of pure joy burst out from her heart revealing a sweet smile: "Thank you master!"

These past few days, Guo Yu always served on Yue Zhong as he ate, and then she would finally eat her food after. Eating together with Guo Yu represented Yue Zhong's recognition of her status and position. She was no longer a present that Tiger gifted Yue Zhong, furthermore she was able to have a little bit of self dignity. This is a result of her hard work and intelligence, and this aspect made her especially happy. Before Z-age, Guo Yu's father gifted her Louis Vuitton bags worth 100,000 to make her happy.

[TL: 100,000 RMB is about 15/16k US dollars.]

That blossoming smile of Guo Yu was extremely beautiful, pure, and sexy. Looking at her Yue Zhong felt a little moved in his heart: "This little girl is truly lovely."

Yue Zhong entered into Zhang Xiang's villa. Dozens of people had taken the mutated river snake's corpse and transported it inside.

Yue Zhong waved his hands and ordered the dozens of subordinates to leave. He sized up the enormous twenty meter long snake.

Yue Zhong grabbed his Imitation Tang Sword and chopped at the mutated river snake's body. Even though the Imitation Tang Sword was wielded by Yue Zhong who had leveled with enormous strength, just as before there was no way to break through the snake's skin.

"How formidable!" Yue Zhong's eyes flashed with an intense heat. If this snake's skin was made into armor, his defensive power would increase to a new level.

Yue Zhong started to chant, launching his skill Devil Flame. A brilliant heat energy bubbled forth from the inside of his body. He focused, and the brilliant heat energy condensed on his finger and burst out. Five burning flames jumped from his finger .

[TL: Yue Zhong got the skill book Devil Flame in chapter 49.]

Yue Zhong extended his finger towards the crown of the snake's head. The cauterizing heat immediately started to combust the snake's scale armor. Yue Zhong pierced his finger into the mutated river snake's scale armor. He pulled with his finger inside the snake's body, using the flame to rip a long opening.

Yue Zhong used his Devil Flame skill to smoothly cut open the river snake's skin into two halves, revealing the meat inside.

"First remove gall bladder!" Yue Zhong looked at the twenty meter long snake. Using his Imitation Tang Sword he cut open the gall bladder. Inside, there was a small red glass bead had crystallized.

Yue Zhong grabbed up the small red bead into his hand. He looked at the small red bead, and he suddenly had a desire to eat it. He involuntarily took the small red bead and tossed it into his mouth, swallowing it down.

As soon as the bead entered into Yue Zhongs stomach, heat immediately started to spread in his body. The bead started to continuously change and strengthen him.

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The intense heat surged in Yue Zhong's body, continuously rolling and twisting, making his body boil for a long time. After a large sweat it finally rested.

"You have received 8 Vitality and 2 Strength"

A sweet notification sounded in Yue Zhong's mind.

"This type of thing can be eaten to get stronger? Did the mutated beasts I killed before have this type of thing inside?"

Hearing the sweet notification noise, Yue Zhong burst with happiness. With even more energy he cut up the mutant snakes into piece after piece, seeking little red beads. But, he couldn't find anything no matter where he searched in the mutant snake's body.

Cleaning his hands, Yue Zhong called over Da Gouzi and said to him: "Go find some people, grab the several mutated beast corpses from the weapons arsenal and bring them to me."

Da Gouzi asked a little curious: "Why transport them?"

" Yue Zhong said: "If the mutated snake's meat is edible, then they are also edible."

Da Gouzi clapped his hands and flattered: "Brother Yue, you sure are far-sighted. Your knowledge and experience is outstanding!"

"I want this done immediately!" Da Gouzi looked at Yue Zhong and his eyebrows slightly wrinkled. Da Gouzi immediately gave a command, and lead several people out.

After sending out Da Gouzi, Yue Zhong went out to the Always Bright Village shooting range.

A simple shooting range was established in Always Bright Village. Every day Yue Zhong and Chi Yang went out to the range to do target practice. Those few team members who had never been on official missions before also went out to the shooting range.

Peng! Peng! Peng!

Yue Zhong held an 81 type rifle and fired six bullets at a target 100m away. The six bullets hit the target, and a few hit the bull's-eye.

"This Firearms Control skill is really practical. The hit rate is amazing. Before I was just a beginner with guns, and overnight my skill is able to become this powerful." Yue Zhong looked at the faraway target, his mind quietly thinking.

Yue Zhong set down the type 81 rifle. At his side Guo Yu had had been standing there for an unknown amount of time and handed him a bottle of water.

Yue Zhong had a drink and said to Guo Yu: "How did the thing go?"

Guo Yu tilted her head and said: "The test eaters and tailors have already been found. But the snake skin is very difficult to handle. A kitchen knife basically can't cut through the skin."

"I know. Let's Go!" Yue Zhong set the gun down, then he and Guo Yu went together to Zhang Xiang's villa.

Four women and eight men were standing in Zhang Xiang's villa at that time. Seeing Yue Zhong enter, they all respectfully saluted and yelled: "Brother Yue!"

"This person is Zhu Di! The Lei Jiang City chief clothing designer for the store SIFM." Guo Yu pointed at a beautiful woman with snow white skin that was wearing a white blouse and jeans, introducing her to Yue Zhong.

[I'm guessing SIFM is another high fashion name. The author used LV last time for Luois Vuitton.]

Yue Zhong took a look at Zhu Di, discovering this was one of the beautiful women seized by Zhang Xiang.

Zhu Di looked at Yue Zhong and carefully said: "Hello! Brother Yue! I am Zhu Di! May I ask what kind of clothes you want? Do you want a sleeveless shirt, or something like a t-shirt?"

Before Z-age Zhu Di was also a proud and arrogant successful woman. But after Z-Age she landed in Zhang Xiang's hands. After experiencing Z-Age's cruelty, she also started to become cautious, not daring to offend people of higher status.

Yue Zhong said to Zhu Di: "A set of clothes that can cover the whole body and long pants."

"Will something like this do?" Zhu Di grabbed a pen and paper, drew up a sketch, and held it up to Yue Zhong.

Yue Zhong said to Zhu Di while pointing at Guo Yu: “We’ll do it like that! First make one set for me and one for Guo Yu! First draw a line, and then I’ll deal with the cutting.”

Zhu Di glanced at Guo Yu a little enviously, then respectfully said: “Yes! Brother Yue!”

Zhu Di already experienced the cruel Z-Age baptism. She clearly understood this material’s rarity and value. Yue Zhong wished to this kind of clothing for Guo Yu. It was equivalent to another layer of protection. In times of need it could save a person’s life.

Guo Yu understood Yue Zhong’s words, and her heart became happy. Looking at Yue Zhong her eyes flashed a touch of softness.

Zhu Di grabbed measuring tape to measure Yue Zhong and Guo Yu, then she started to draw on the enormous snake’s skin.

In addition those eight men over on the side were scared out of their minds as they ate the mutated river snake meat. These men had been ordered locked up by Yue Zhong. Yue Zhong held an Imitation Tang Sword and stood in front of the eight men. As soon as these men started to mutate, he would strike out and behead them.

Those eight men looked at the Imitation Tang Sword in the hands of Yue Zhong standing before them. Their hearts were full of pressure. They were extremely afraid they would mutate, and then be beheaded by Yue Zhong.

The longest time period that the God and Devil World virus could lay dormant was less than an hour. After Yue Zhong, Chi Yang, and Ji Qingwu took shifts watching over the eight men for twenty-four hours, they didn’t discover any abnormalities. Yue Zhong finally decided the mutated beast meat was edible.

“You all may leave!” After the observation period had reached twenty-four hours. Yue Zhong made people give the eight men the promised rewards. Waiving his hand he made them leave.

“Thank you brother Yue!” Among the eight men, seven grabbed their 5kg of rice and 5kg of snake meat, and they cheerfully left. That much food was enough to eat for a dozen days. Furthermore, as long as they were willing to accept food, playing with several women wouldn’t be a problem.

Yue Zhong stared at the somewhat thin 24 year old man and said with wrinkled brows: “Why haven’t you left? I’ve given you the promised rewards. You won’t receive more!”

The thin young man knelt in front of Yue Zhong and shouted: “Brother Yue! I’m named Lin Jun! Let me follow you!! I don’t need to take these rewards. Please make me your subordinate. Let me follow you into battle under your command.”

Yue Zhong stared at Lin Jun and plainly said: “If you want to follow me into battle, go apply with each squad captain! Given that you are begging me to accept you, after today, you will start as an outside member.”

Lin Jun smiled saying: “I’ll applied! But they didn’t accept me. They said I didn’t meet the requirements. I’m too short and small, and I don’t have any strength.”

Yue Zhong’s food supply was limited, and the recruiting of subordinates was limited. Naturally the combat units wanted to find strong team members. Small people without any strength, naturally

wouldn't be considered. Furthermore it was extremely easy to recruit among the survivors. The majority all rushed to apply, wishing to be under Yue Zhong's influence. After all, using guns to kill zombies wasn't too scary. If they had to use steel weapons to fight, the morale would greatly decline.