## **Power and Wealth**

## Chapter 495 – Near escape!

One hour....

Two hours....

Three hours....

Dong Xuebing did not know how much time had passed, but it's dark when he woke up.

The waves hit Dong Xuebing's face, and he looks around. He was stunned for a while before he remembered what happened. His plane exploded, and a huge wave swallowed him. Luckily, he is wearing his life jacket, and he is floating in the darkness. He could not see anything other than waves and the sea.

Where am I?

Where is the aircraft debris?

Dong Xuebing looks around with the help of the moonlight. He had lost his directions, and it should be night. His plane crashed in the afternoon, and he does not know his current location after drifting on the sea for hours. He only knows he is very far from the crash site.

This is the worst scenario!

Dong Xuebing is floating in the middle of the sea, helplessly. He sighed in his heart and knows it's not so easy to escape death. Although he survived the air crash and explosion, he is still not out of danger. He is far from the crash site, and the search party will not find him. The search party might not even find the crash site as the plane had disappeared under the sea. At most, some debris can be found floating near the crash site, and the search plane might not even spot it.

Some things are destined to happen.

Dong Xuebing still cannot escape his fate.

Dong Xuebing cursed loudly, but no one can hear him in the vast sea!

No!

I had barely survived the crash! I must think of a solution!

Dong Xuebing's only hope is the search party's plane notices him. But he must find somewhere to rest, as he cannot continue to drift around in the sea. He almost cannot feel his legs because of the cold.

Swim!

It would be terrific if Dong Xuebing can find an island with trees and drinking water!

Dong Xuebing picks a direction and started swimming to find someplace he can rest. He also needs to move his body before he gets freeze to death.

One hour passed.

Two hours passed.

Dong Xuebing swam and swam. He will stop to rest when he is tired and continue after he regained his energy.

Nothing is around Dong Xuebing other than water. He could not see anything, and he can feel fishes brushing against him in the water. About fifteen minutes ago, he saw a two meters shadow swimming across his path and was shocked. He is afraid he might be eaten by a shark and quickly change direction to avoid that area.

The sea is scarier than the Amazon forest.

No one can survive without food and water. His fate will be freeze to death, starved to death, died of dehydration, drown, eaten by fishes, etc., in the end.

Middle of the night.

The sea breeze is freezing cold.

Dong Xuebing did not spot any search party and is exhausted. He has no more energy to swim.

Suddenly, the waves got stronger!

Swish... swish!

The wind howled above Dong Xuebing, and he can only see high waves in front of him. A few minutes later, waves around four to five meters swallowed him!

Pui...!

Dong Xuebing closed his eyes and pinched his nose as his body was sucked towards the bottom of the sea!

Dong Xuebing can only hold his breath for one minute and could not hold on much longer underwater. He opened his eyes and felt the sting because of the seawater. He used his remaining strength to swim upwards. The current had made him lost his direction, and his lifejacket helped him float towards the surface as he was almost out of breath!

Splash!

Dong Xuebing's head is finally out of the water, and he gasped for air!

Before he could catch his breath, another wave pressed down on him and pushed him back into the water. He could feel pain in his back and left shoulder from the impact!

Dong Xuebing continued to struggle among the waves.

About twenty minutes later, the sea and wind calmed down.

Dong Xuebing sighed in relief. He is cold, exhausted, hungry, and thirsty. This is worse than death. But he did not give up because of Xie Huilan, Qu Yunxuan, his mother, and Yu Meixia. Damn! It's only the sea! I was never scared of anyone or anything all my life!

Bam!

Dong Xuebing suddenly felt his back hitting something!

Dong Xuebing cursed and turned to see what he had hit! He immediately brightens up! Heaven has not given up on him!

Dong Xuebing does not know where the waves and current had swept him, but he had hit on a reef!

The reef is about four to five meters wide and two meters above the water!

Dong Xuebing finally found a place to rest. He grabbed onto the reef rock and climbed onto it. He laid on it, panting, and could not move. All he can hear is the waves crashing into the rock and look at the moon in the sky. He knows China should receive news of his death if the search party found the plane's debris.

Most air crashes do not have survivors. Even if the search party managed to salvage the aircraft debris, they would not know if anyone survives the crash. Most of the bodies will be in pieces or swept away by the currents. That's why Dong Xuebing knows he should be pronounced dead or missing by now. Dead or missing are the same in air crashes in the open seas.

Will Aunt Xuan abort her child if she knows I am dead?

What about Sister Xie? Will she get married to that Deputy Mayor Cheng Keliang?

What about my position? Someone should have replaced me as the Investment Promotion Agency's Chief.

Dong Xuebing slapped his forehead after letting his imaginations run wild for a moment. This is not the time to be thinking about these. What matters most is how to survive this ordeal!