

PAW 901

Chapter 901: The disgusting pirates

On the sea.

The pirate boat and the Navy vessel had entered a standoff.

The pirates had brought out the hostages, and the Chinese Navy did not dare to do anything. The Colonel raised his hand, and the soldiers stopped firing. They pointed their guns up, and they looked terrible. They looked at the hostages on the cargo ship and pirate boat. These pirates had hijacked another Chinese ship while waiting for ransom.

After a while, the pirate captain signaled to a speedboat, and the pirates sped towards the Chinese Navy vessel.

Fifty meters....

Thirty meters....

Ten meters....

The Navy vessel did not open fire on the pirates, and they sent a representative to the bow.

The pirates started shouting at the Navy representative in a foreign language.

That representative should be an interpreter as he could understand and converse with those two pirates. He said something to the pirates.

The pirates laughed as if they had heard a joke. They continued to talk to that representative.

Not far away.

Cargo ship's deck.

The cargo ship crew saw what was happening and whispered to their captain, Niu Dazhao. The Navy was their last hope.

"Captain, they are negotiating."

"I think they are negotiating for the release of the hostages abducted a few days ago."

"I think so. Look at the boat. There's Chinese onboard."

"They are ruthless and have killed many people. What's the point of talking to those bastards?!"

"Do you think we can be saved? My wife is still waiting for me at home. What will happen to my wife and child if I die here?"

"Don't be anxious. Our Navy will not give up on us."

"That's right. Nothing will happen to us. Those pirates are no match for our great Navy."

The crew were worried and were trying to comfort each other.

When the crew was talking, the pirates behind them took a few steps back and pointed their guns at the back of their heads. “!# #!\$!\$.”

The crew did not understand what the pirates were saying, but they knew the pirates wanted them to stop talking.

A timid crew member felt the gun behind his head, and his legs gave way. He fell on his ass and could not get up.

The pirates kicked that crew member and laughed.

Dong Xuebing, who was standing at the end of the line, eyes were glued to Little Qianqian on the main pirate boat. That boat was less than two hundred meters away, and he could not rescue her. His hands were tied behind him, and he remained still. He looked at that boat, getting closer slowly. The pirate captain should plan to group up with the pirates on the cargo ship. This was great news to Dong Xuebing, and he waited patiently.

The negotiations between the Navy and the pirates had ended.

The pirates did not leave and waited on their speedboat.

The Colonel and a few Officers were talking to the interpreter seriously.

The interpreter said. “They only want the ransom and will not accept any conditions.”

An Officer said. “How can they hijack a cargo ship in front of us?!”

The interpreter sighed. “Don’t even think of reasoning with these pirates. They will not listen. They will kill the hostages if they don’t get the ransom.”

The Colonel asked. “What else did they say?”

The interpreter replied. “They want us to give them the ransom first, and they will continue to talk to us.”

The Colonel’s eyes turned cold as he looked at those pirates. “Will they release the hostages when we pay the ransom?”

The interpreter nodded. “That’s what they say, but they want us to give the ransom first.”

An Officer frowned. “Commander, we cannot trust them. They also said they would release the hostages after we paid the ransom. But they dragged the release for months.”

The Colonel thought for a few seconds before saying. “Give it to them.”

“Commander....” An Officer disagreed with the Colonel’s decision.

The Colonel looked towards the main pirate ship. “Look at that pirate ship. That baby was only a few months old, and she looked weak. She will not last much longer.”

“But these pirates....”

“Stop. We must bring back the hostages as soon as possible.”

“Yes, Sir.”

“Send someone to deliver the ransom. Be alert!”

“I understand.”

A while later, a lifeboat with a heavy bag was lowered onto the water from the Navy vessel. That bag contained the gold bars demanded by the pirates. Two soldiers boarded the lifeboat and sailed towards the pirate’s speedboat.

The pirates were wary. “#@@#\$. ”

The interpreter shouted from the Navy vessel. “They want you all to open the bag first.”

A soldier put aside his gun and unzipped the bag. It was filled with shiny gold bars.

The two pirates immediately move their speedboat closer.

The soldiers gave them the bag.

The pirates cheered excitedly, and the speedboat returned to the main pirate boat. They carried the bag onto the boat, and the pirate captain checked the bag. He smiled and nodded.

The only condition the Navy wanted was the release of the hostages immediately, as there was a baby among them. This was the higher-up’s instruction. They cannot repeat the same mistake as letting the pirates leave without releasing the hostages. The Navy vessel shouted over the loudspeakers. “#@% #@\$.”

Dong Xuebing and the cargo ship crew heard it and knew the Navy demanded the pirates release the hostages.

Niu Dazhao and his crew’s eyes were filled with hope, and they were excited.

To everyone’s horror, the pirates ignored the Navy vessel. They continued celebrating, and the captain talked to a few of his men. The pirates nodded, and the captain smirked.

All the pirates stopped celebrating suddenly and started to sail away without releasing the hostages. Those pirates onboard the cargo ship followed.

The Colonel’s face changed.

All the soldiers were furious.

Bang... Bang... bang.... Warning shots were fired above the pirate boat and cargo ship, and the Navy vessel went after them. The speedboats were fast, but the main pirate boat was much slower than the Navy vessel.

The pirate captain waved his hand, and the boat stopped.

The Colonel shouted, and the interpreter repeated it over the loudspeakers. He was demanding the release of the hostages.

Release?

The pirate captain sneered. He had never planned to release anyone. What if the Navy vessel starts to fire at them after he releases the hostages? His rundown boat could not stand against the Navy vessel’s strong firepower. He had abducted Chinese shipping crew members several times since last year, and the Government was willing to pay the ransom for the safety of the hostages. They got

greedy and felt the Navy would not dare to do anything to them. They were not afraid of the Chinese Navy and needed money for weapons. This transaction was only the appetizer.

The pirate captain signaled to his men, and a pirate started to shout into a loudhailer.

The interpreter's face changed, and he said to the Colonel. "They asked us to back off, or they would kill the hostages."

The Colonel was looking terrible. "Are they not going to release the hostages?"

The interpreter was also mad. "They are not releasing and wanted more. They demanded ten times the amount we gave them for that cargo ship's crew."

"Outrageous!" The Colonel was furious.

The few Officers and soldiers were also raging.

The interpreter continued. "They said those crews are newly caught and cannot be included in this deal. They also demanded ten times more ransom if we wanted them to release the three hostages, the baby, and this ship's crew. They asked us to go back to prepare the new ransom."

The pirates were going back on their words!

They had promised to release the hostages after receiving the ransom. Now, they increased their demand to ten times and did not release any hostages.

Everyone was disgusted by the pirates.

We did not care about the goods you robbed or the people you killed. We paid the ransom because of the hostages, and you all don't honor your words.

The Colonel immediately gave the order.

The cannons on the Navy vessel moved and pointed at the pirates. The soldiers onboard raised their guns, and the vessel sped up to block the pirates' escape route.

The pirates saw it and raised their guns in retaliation. But their guns were pointing at the hostages.

The pirate captain laughed at the Navy vessel and knew the Navy would not fire at them because of the hostages.

Chapter 902: Let's go. Daddy will bring you along to kill these people!

The situation was tense.

Both sides pointed at each other with their guns. No one said a word.

Five seconds....

Ten seconds....

Twenty seconds....

Both sides did not make a single move.

The pirate captain knew the Chinese Navy would not dare to shoot at them because of the hostages. He laughed loudly and waved to his men to keep the gold. He ignored the Navy vessel and

continued on their way. The captain was confident that the Chinese Navy would not dare to do anything, which was why he participated in this transaction himself.

As expected, the Chinese Navy followed behind and fired no shots.

The soldiers could not shoot them as the pirates had more than a dozen hostages.

Navy vessel.

An Officer asked anxiously. "Commander, what should we do now?"

The Colonel replied. "Catch up with them, and don't fire any rounds."

"But...." The Officer said. "We cannot get back the hostages if we don't stop them."

Everyone knows this. However, the hostages might be killed if they fire at the pirates.

Cargo ship.

Niu Dazhao and his crew were hopeless.

"Captain, we are finished...."

"We will die if the Navy starts firing."

"These bastards. They had never planned to honor their words."

"These pirates are too much!"

Everyone was furious with the pirates. They did not expect them to be so despicable. If the pirates abducted them, they would be treated the same as those hostages and might be killed.

Ten times the ransom....

Will the Chinese government pay the ransom to save them?

Even if the Chinese government paid them, the pirates might go back to their words again. They might demand a more considerable ransom and not release anyone.

Dong Xuebing was the only one smiling. He looked at the pirates laughing around him and smiled coldly. I might still let you all off if you all had released my daughter. Don't blame me now. If I don't kill all of you today, I will change my name! one... five... ten... twenty.... He started to count the pirates. There were twenty-one pirates, and he would kill all of them.

Dong Xuebing will go all out today.

All twenty-one pirates were going to die!

The Navy vessel continued to chase the pirates.

They sailed a nautical mile, and the pirate captain gave an instruction. The main pirate boat started to move closer to Dong Xuebing's cargo ship. He planned to gather all his men and sail back to their base. The Navy vessel could not go after them if they went onshore. After all, that was not part of China, and the Navy could not save the hostages.

The main pirate boat got nearer.

One hundred meters....

Fifty meters....

Thirty meters....

Dong Xuebing could see Little Qianqian.

Both ships were sailing next to each other, and the land was spotted on the horizon.

The pirates were cheering as they were reaching home.

The Colonel and his soldiers were furious and knew they might not rescue the hostages this time. They had given the ransom for nothing.

At this moment, Dong Xuebing moved.

The ropes which tied Dong Xuebing's hands behind his back snapped and dropped on the deck.

"Xiao Dong?"

"What are you...."

"How did you untie yourself?"

Niu Dazhao and a few crew members looked at Dong Xuebing in shock.

Dong Xuebing smiled at them and did not say anything. He can release himself from handcuffs, let alone this small rope. If he could not even do this, he would not be called the 'God of Plagues' for so many years.

The pirates were still cheering and overlooked Dong Xuebing.

Dong Xuebing did not look at them and walked aside. He pulled out a metal hook attached to a rope. It was the tool used by the pirates to board the ship earlier, and it was the perfect tool for him now.

The pirates on a speedboat noticed Dong Xuebing's movement and shouted and raised their guns.

The pirates on the deck heard the commotion and turned. They saw Dong Xuebing and laughed. Their guns were pointing at him. The pirates had entered the bridge to steer the ship, and only two pirates were watching the hostages.

Dong Xuebing did not look at those two pirates and threw the hook onto the main pirate boat.

The pirates on board were furious and fired at Dong Xuebing.

Dong Xuebing tilted his head, and the bullet whizzed past him.

That pirate was stunned.

The next moment, Dong Xuebing jumped off the cargo ship, holding the rope. He used the rope and climbed onto the main pirate boat.

The pirates shouted at Dong Xuebing.

The soldiers on the Navy vessel and the crew members on the cargo ship were stunned. They wondered what Dong Xuebing was trying to do. Did he have a death wish?

Swoosh... swoosh... swoosh....

The ten pirates onboard the main pirate boat immediately pointed their guns at Dong Xuebing.

Dong Xuebing remained calm. He walked towards Little Qianqian, who was lying on the deck, and carried her up.

Qianqian was weak, and she recognized Dong Xuebing. She tried to grab his face with her tiny hand weakly.

Dong Xuebing's tears rolled down his cheeks. "It's all my fault." He said, and his eyes changed. "Let's go. Daddy will bring you along to kill these people!"

Chapter 903: Killing everyone

"Let's go. Daddy will bring you along to kill these people!"

The boat did not stop, and the air became tenser.

Almost all pirates pointed their guns at Dong Xuebing and his daughter.

This was something a father would not say to his daughter, but that was the only thought in Dong Xuebing's mind now. He looked at Qianqian, who was running a fever. He knew she didn't understand him and was not afraid of leading her astray. It's time to settle the score for Qianqian and those who these pirates killed.

Dong Xuebing carried his daughter and touched her forehead. She was running a high fever, and he mumbled REVERSE under his breath.

One second....

Five seconds....

Eight seconds....

REVERSE deactivated.

Dong Xuebing felt Qianqian's fever was gone. Her body condition had returned to a few days before she was kidnapped. He looked at her, and her eyes were sparkling. She reached out to grab his face and started giggling.

All the guns were pointing at Dong Xuebing's head.

Dong Xuebing was unfazed and ignored those pirates. He kissed his daughter's chubby cheeks.

"Hahaha...."

"You are adorable."

"Ooh... aah...."

"What's wrong? You want Daddy to kiss you again?"

"Aah... aah...."

"Haha.... Ok. I will give you another kiss."

Dong Xuebing kissed Qianqian's forehead, cheeks, nose, etc.

Little Qianqian was giggling and swinging her arms and legs excitedly.

Everyone was stunned. Why was this guy playing with the baby when guns were pointed at him?
Cargo ship.

Captain Niu Dazhao and his crew were stunned.

“What is Xiao Dong doing?”

“That baby.... Is it his child?”

“No wonder Xiao Dong insisted on this route. He was here to look for his child.”

“But he should not be so rash. He is seeking his death!”

“That’s right. Those pirates would not let him off, and the baby might also be....”

“Xiao Dong had gone mad. Did he think he was invincible? Why is he so stupid?”

Everyone on the Navy vessel was shocked by Dong Xuebing’s actions. Instead of running after untying the ropes, he climbed onboard the main pirate boat to carry a baby. Didn’t he know he was going to die?

“Commander....” An Officer said. “This person....”

Another Officer was mad. “What is he trying to do? Is he trying to force the pirates to kill the hostages?”

The Colonel looked at Dong Xuebing. “Wait and see the pirates’ reaction.”

It was a standoff between the pirates and the Navy. The pirates needed hostages to get more ransom, and the Navy worried about the hostages’ safety. That’s why both parties did not fire at each other. But Dong Xuebing’s appearance broke the balance. The hostages’ safety was in jeopardy. The Navy understood that if Dong Xuebing had not interfered, some of the hostages might have been killed after the pirates returned to land. They might be beaten to death or fall sick.

The pirates were furious.

Standing behind Dong Xuebing, the pirate captain laughed and thought nothing about it. He said something to his men, and most of them put down their guns. They did not need to be nervous as Dong Xuebing was unarmed, and any one of them could handle him easily.

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A skinny pirate went up to Dong Xuebing and pointed his gun at the back of Dong Xuebing’s head.

“Stop!” The Colonel shouted.

A few soldiers aimed their guns at that pirate.

The pirate captain said something, and all the pirates laughed. They knew the Chinese Navy would not dare to shoot them, as they would kill all the hostages. They were not scared of the soldiers. We cheated your ransom, and we are going to kill your people! What can you do to us? We still have hostages, and you all are helpless against us.

These pirates were too arrogant.

As expected, the soldiers did not open fire.

Niu Dazhao and the rest on the cargo ship panicked. Xiao Dong had set sail with them, and they had a good impression of him after these few days. They don't want him to die.

This was a life-and-death moment.

Dong Xuebing was about to be killed and still playing with Qianqian. "My precious daughter. Are you scared?"

Little Qianqian started talking in baby talk and giggled.

Dong Xuebing was amused and pinched her nose lightly. "Great! You are my daughter, and you should not be scared of anything! You got my genes."

Little Qianqian giggled. "Ooh... aah...."

Dong Xuebing took out a paper napkin from his pocket and tore two small pieces. He rolled them into two small balls and stuck them into his daughter's ears. Although it's not as efficient as earplugs, it is a form of protection. He was afraid the loud gunshots would scare her. He stood up with his daughter in his arms and carried her in one hand.

Dong Xuebing's nonchalant attitude shocked everyone and made the pirates mad.

That skinny pirate was furious, and he squeezed the trigger.

Bang!

A shot was fired.

Niu Dazhao and his crew thought Dong Xuebing and his daughter were dead when they heard the gunshot.

Some of the soldiers onboard the Navy vessel closed their eyes. It was too late to save him now.

To everyone's surprise, Dong Xuebing was still alive. He seemed to have eyes on the back of his head and knew when the pirate would open fire. He tilted his head to his left and dodged the bullet in near range. The bullet whizzed past his ears, and the skinny pirate was stunned. He shouted angrily and was about to open fire again. He saw Dong Xuebing's body move and took out a knife from nowhere.

Before the skinny pirate could react, he could not move his body anymore.

Dong Xuebing did not turn and stuck that pirate's chin with the knife in his right hand. The blade penetrated the pirate's chin to his brain, and he died instantly. Thud! The pirate's body dropped on the deck and jerked a few times before he stopped moving.

Everything happened in a flash.

It was too fast, and no one knew what had happened.

One pirate....

Dong Xuebing turned and faced the pirates for the first time while carrying his daughter. "You all don't know what's good for you. Don't blame me for being ruthless."

The pirate captain shouted. “#@&\$#.”

Four pirates pointed their guns at Dong Xuebing and started firing.

Bang... bang... bang.... Bullets were flying out from the guns.

Dong Xuebing smirked. STOP!

Time stopped.

All the pirates froze in place, and flashes of fire came out of their guns' barrels. The bullets stopped midair, and Dong Xuebing looked at the bullets' trajectory. He found an opening and stood there.

STOP deactivated.

The boat was not big, and Dong Xuebing was only a few feet away from the pirates. The pirates were not afraid of missing him.

Something unbelievable happened.

The pirates felt Dong Xuebing's body move slightly, and all the bullets brushed past him. The bullets were millimeters away from his clothes, neck, cheeks, legs, etc.

Not a single bullet hit Dong Xuebing.

This.... Is this luck?

Who would expect Dong Xuebing to dodge bullets? Everyone thought it was luck.

The pirates stopped firing for a second due to shock and continued firing again.

It was too late for the pirates. Dong Xuebing rushed towards the nearest pirate, who was holding an AK 47, during their short pause and pushed his barrel away from him. A string of bullets was fired into the sky, missing him. The other pirates were afraid of hitting their comrades and stopped firing. He used this opening to dash toward the other pirates.

You forgot about me?!

That pirate did not know why Dong Xuebing did not attack him.

When the pirate wanted to fire his AK 47 at Dong Xuebing again, blood started spurting out from his neck.

That pirate held his neck and slowly dropped to the ground.

Until the pirate's last breath, he still did not know when Dong Xuebing had slit his throat.

Two men....

Dong Xuebing looked at the rest of the pirates. Only nineteen of them are remaining.

Chapter 904: What kind of marksmanship was this?

Dong Xuebing had killed two men within ten minutes.

This group of pirates knew Dong Xuebing was not ordinary.

Ordinary people will not be as calm as Dong Xuebing, and they can never dodge bullets because of 'luck.' Ordinary people can never kill two men while carrying a three-month-old baby.

Who is this guy?

Was he really a cargo ship crew?!

The pirate leader was furious and ordered his men to continue firing at Dong Xuebing.

It would be hard for Dong Xuebing to dodge so many bullets with STOP. Too many soldiers on the Navy vessel were looking at him, and he could not use STOP to 'teleport' to another area. He would expose his special powers. He immediately bent down to avoid two bullets and jumped between the five pirates in front of him.

The pirates had to stop shooting to avoid hitting their fellow pirates.

Dong Xuebing narrowed his eyes and plunged a knife into a pirate's chest.

All the pirates panicked as they could not hit Dong Xuebing, and the third man died.

A black pirate pointed his gun at the three hostages and shouted at Dong Xuebing. He demanded his surrender.

However, Dong Xuebing seemed to know he would use the hostages to threaten him. Before the black pirate could place his finger on the trigger, Dong Xuebing threw the knife. They were standing not far from each other, and the knife hit that black pirate in his mouth, penetrating his neck.

Another man was killed.

Four pirates were killed now.

The gunshots were loud, and Little Qianqian started crying.

Dong Xuebing stopped and swayed his body to dodge a bullet before kissing his daughter on her cheeks. "Don't be scared, my darling. Daddy is here with you."

Qianqian continued crying.

Dong Xuebing took out a knife from his back and slit the nearest pirate's neck. He continued to talk to his daughter. "It's alright.... Stop crying. Daddy will be done with them soon."

Qianqian seemed to understand what Dong Xuebing said, and her cries got softer.

"Good girl. Haha.... Daddy will get you new clothes and toys when we are back."

The cargo ship was next to the main pirate boat, and Niu Dazhao and his crew could hear Dong Xuebing. They were dumbfounded. They thought Dong Xuebing would die when he rushed into the group of pirates. But he had killed five men in an instant. Bullets were flying around him, and he still got the mood to comfort his baby.

How strong is your mental strength?!

How can you remain so calm in this situation?!

The jaws of the soldiers on the Navy vessel dropped.

Dong Xuebing found an opening among the bullets and walked over with his daughter. He felt it was a waste of time to kill the pirates with knives. After all, guns are much faster than knives. He wanted to end this as soon as possible and bent over to pick up an AK 47 from a dead pirate. It was

heavy, and he had only used pistols before. This was his first time using an assault rifle, but it did not matter with his powers. He could even kill people with a ballpoint pen.

Six men were killed, and the pirates did not dare to look down on Dong Xuebing. The pirate captain ordered his men to take cover.

Dong Xuebing's STOP was not unlimited, and he did not have much time left. He also took cover behind some obstacles and aimed his gun at the pirates on the cargo ship. He knew they were about to start killing hostages. Those three hostages on the main pirate boat had run behind covers when he started killing the pirates. All the pirates were focused on Dong Xuebing and did not care about them. However, the cargo ship was different. The pirates on the cargo ship were some distance away from Dong Xuebing and did not open fire on him. Ak 47 and the other guns they were using were not accurate, and they were afraid of hitting their friends. So, their guns were pointing at the hostages.

"Ah!"

"Don't shoot!"

"Don't kill me! Please!"

A few crew members started shouting, and Niu Dazhao looked terrible.

The Navy vessel.

The Colonel saw what happened and immediately ordered. "Provide cover for that young man, and the rest of the snipers prepare to protect the hostages! Open fire!"

Two snipers were in position.

Bang! Bang! Two shots were fired at the pirates on the cargo ship.

The bullets missed, and the pirates started to panic.

"Shit!" An Officer's face changed.

The Colonel was also looking terrible. "Continue shooting! Save the hostages!"

The two snipers were under tremendous pressure. The other soldiers also knew it was not easy to be accurate on the sea. The distance between the cargo ship and the Navy vessel, strong winds, and waves made it much harder for the snipers, and they might hit the hostages.

The pirates immediately used the hostages as shields.

The snipers could not open fire now.

"Commander, the targets are too close to the hostages!"

"We are not confident of hitting them at this distance with the waves!"

The Colonel did not blame the snipers. He was a sniper previously and knew how difficult it was to shoot at sea. Most of the time, they had to rely on luck.

As the Colonel was thinking of a solution, a gun fired.

The soldiers' first thought was the hostages had been killed.

But when they looked at the cargo ship, they saw a pirate, who was pointing his gun at a hostage, falling onto the deck. There was a bullet hole in between his brows.

Bang! Bang!

Two more shots were fired.

Two pirates on the cargo ship dropped to the deck. One was hit in his forehead, and the other was hit in his temple.

The Colonel and a few Officers were stunned as they saw Dong Xuebing keeping his gun.

Three rounds and three headshots....

What kind of marksmanship was this?

Chapter 905: –Twenty-one men

The wind and waves were strong.

The few boats were rocking to the strong waves.

Dong Xuebing had fired three rounds, and all of them were headshots. Some soldiers saw him firing from his hiding position, and his bullets got to brush past the hostages' heads to hit the pirates. It was almost impossible to hit the pirates from the angle.

It might be lucky for the first and second time. But the third round was still a headshot. How can it be luck?

Everyone looked at Dong Xuebing's smoking barrel and was stunned.

The Colonel thought for a while and asked. "Who is that guy?"

An Officer was still shocked. "Commander, could he be sent from the military?"

"I did not receive news that the military or other departments are involved in this operation." The Colonel frowned.

Another Officer said. "His marksmanship and how he used the knives to kill the pirates showed that he is not an ordinary person."

This Officer was stating the obvious. How can an ordinary civilian be unfazed by guns? AK 47's accuracy cannot be compared to a sniper rifle, and getting headshots in these conditions was almost impossible. Even the top sniper could not do that, let alone a crew from a cargo ship.

Those three shots shocked the soldiers.

The soldiers were different from the pirates. They received professional training and knew how difficult it was to hit those pirates' heads with an AK 47 at that distance. This was not taking into account they were on a boat at sea with strong waves and wind.

Dong Xuebing did it!

This move shocked everyone.

Cargo ship.

Niu Dazhao and his men were covered in a cold sweat.

Niu Dazhao and two of his men felt the bullets fly past their faces and headed earlier. They could still feel the bullets' heat on their heads. They looked at Dong Xuebing's position and the three dead pirates behind them. They immediately knew Dong Xuebing had killed the pirates, and the bullets whizzed past their heads. If the bullets were off target by one centimeter, they would be dead.

Their first thought was, "Who the hell is Xiao Dong?"

What was Xiao Dong's job? Why was he so good at fighting and guns?

Bang... bang... bang....

Bang... bang... bang....

Splinters flew from the obstacles where Dong Xuebing was hiding. The pirates behind him were firing at him.

More pirates were behind Dong Xuebing, and he could not turn to fire back. He waited for a while and saw no pirates rushing up to him. They were scared of his close combat skills. He felt slightly relaxed and shouted at the cargo ship's crew. "Get on the floor!"

Niu Dazhao heard it and shouted. "Yes! Get down!"

The crew members immediately got onto the floor. Their hands were tied behind them, and they fell face down on the deck.

The two pirates on the cargo ship's bridge stopped steering and ran out with their guns. One was the black pirate who had tied Dong Xuebing's hands. He was carrying an AK 47, and the other was holding a handgun.

The black pirate shouted. "@#%@#^."

Both of them raised their guns and were about to kill the hostages.

However, these two pirates were smarter. They saw the three dead pirates and quickly took cover behind a few wooden boxes before aiming at the hostages.

Since the Navy vessel had started firing, the Colonel could no longer hold back. He did not have time to think about this situation.

"Snipers! Fire!" The Colonel ordered.

Just when the two pirates hid, two shots were fired from the Navy vessel.

One shot hit the wooden box, sending wooden splinters flying everywhere, and the other bullet missed. The pirates were still alive.

The two snipers looked terrible, and I felt slightly embarrassed. The soldiers beside them knew they had tried their best.

The two pirates on the cargo ship were furious and clocked their guns to shoot the hostages.

The Colonel shouted. "Cover them, and don't let those pirates shoot the hostages!"

Bang... bang... bang.... A few rounds were fired, and it missed.

The wind and waves got stronger, and it was too difficult to hit the target.

Dong Xuebing did not know about these, as he had never used an assault rifle or sniper rifle. He did not know the difficulties of using rifles in these conditions. He saw the Navy snipers missed and felt they were unreliable. How can you miss after shooting so many rounds? What are you all doing? How are you going to save anyone with your poor shooting skills? Are you all not embarrassed by yourself? Any police officer from Yan Tai County's Public Security Bureau can do better than you all!

Laymen did not know how hard it was to hit the target.

Dong Xuebing was a layman and did not know the wind speed and rocking of the boat would affect the bullet's trajectory. He had only used handguns before, and it was close-distant firing. He did not need to take the wind speed into account.

Dong Xuebing knew he could not rely on these soldiers. He can only depend on himself.

Under the two snipers' heavy gun power, those two pirates took cover behind the boxes. Dong Xuebing glanced at them and fired two shots.

One pirate collapsed immediately, and blood spurted from the black pirate's head.

The first pirate was shot on his nose, and the other in his right eye.

These two shots looked easy, but Dong Xuebing had used BACK several times before hitting the target.

The two snipers were overjoyed when they saw the pirates were killed. They shouted. "Commander, the targets were eliminated!"

The Colonel ignored them and continued to look through his binoculars.

An Officer beside them sighed. "You two did not hit the targets. The pirates' bodies fell towards the west. That means the bullets came from the east."

The snipers realized it was Dong Xuebing who killed the pirates.

The snipers looked embarrassed, and the other soldiers were looking at them. An amateur's marksmanship was better than their military's snipers. This was too embarrassing.

The Colonel gave another order. "Provide support to that young man!"

"Yes, Sir!"

The snipers were forced to accept that Dong Xuebing was better than them and fired to provide cover for him.

Everyone knows Dong Xuebing was critical in this battle with the pirates. Whether the hostages can be saved would depend on him.

With the Navy vessel providing firepower support, the pirates on the main pirate boat slowed their firing. Dong Xuebing immediately felt less pressure.

It's about time.

Dong Xuebing had to eliminate the rest of the pirates and not let them escape.

Dong Xuebing had not planned to let anyone of them off. The pirate captain should have brought all his men for this transaction, and other pirate groups would not take revenge for them if all of them

had been killed. After all, the rivalry between pirate groups was fierce and Chinese ships didn't need to worry about pirate attacks in the future. This pirate group must be eliminated.

Dong Xuebing glanced at the speedboats below him. One of them was trying to escape, and the other three speedboats were speeding towards the main pirate boat. They tried to group up with their captain and avoid the Navy vessel.

The escaping speedboat was speeding diagonally away from Dong Xuebing. He aimed with his Ak 47 and fired one round.

Bang!

The speed boat was still moving forward, but the pirate had fallen into the sea.

Immediately after firing that shot, Dong Xuebing jumped out from his cover, rolled on the deck once to avoid a bullet, and started firing with one hand.

Bang... bang... bang....

Three rounds were fired toward the three approaching speed boats.

The three pirates steering the speed boats were shot and collapsed with shocked expressions.

After killing so many people, five pirates, including the captain, remained.

The pirates started shouting.

From their sounds, the pirates seemed to be getting anxious.

Suddenly, guns were firing nonstop at Dong Xuebing.

Dong Xuebing saw only a few pirates remain and did not attempt to take cover. He started to walk toward the pirates slowly.

The soldiers on the Navy vessel were shocked. They did not expect Dong Xuebing to walk toward the pirate without taking cover.

"Hurry, take cover!"

"Snipers!"

The Colonel and Officers started shouting and giving out orders.

To their surprise, Dong Xuebing dodged the bullets easily by moving his head and body slightly. He walked slowly toward the pirates, and no bullets could hit him. He fired four shots while walking, and four pirates fell to the deck.

Only the pirate captain remained.

When Dong Xuebing squeezed the trigger, he heard a 'click' sound. His Ak 47 magazine was empty.

The pirate captain was ecstatic as he aimed his gun at Dong Xuebing.

Dong Xuebing threw the Ak 47 aside and removed his third knife from his back. He tilted his body to dodge a bullet and threw his knife. The knife plunged into the pirate captain's heart.

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The guns stopped firing.

Silence and the wind stopped.

The pirate captain looked at the knife in his chest, and he was losing his strength. His eyes became dilated. All he wanted was to get the ransom and blackmail the Chinese government. Where did this crazy guy come from? Bullets could not hit him, he has superb marksmanship, and no one can match him in close combat. He wiped out the pirate group singlehandedly, without a single scratch on him. The captain clenched his teeth. How can someone be so good at combat?

Dong Xuebing looked at the captain and did not pull the knife out. He pulled the two paper napkin balls from his daughter's ears and said to him. "You had abducted my daughter and refused to release the hostages after getting the ransom. You still want ten times more?! You all had thought too highly of yourselves. Try hijacking and abducting our Chinese ships again! I dare you!"

The captain stared at Dong Xuebing, and he could no longer speak.

Blood was gushing out from the captain's wound, and he died slowly.

Dong Xuebing stood up with his daughter and looked at the bodies around him. He felt better and stroked his daughter's face. "Let's go home. Your Mum, godmother, and grandmothers are waiting for you. They will scold me if I don't bring you home. Haha.... You did not see how they treated me. You must speak for me when we get back."

Little Qianqian reached out to grab Dong Xuebing's face. "Ooh... Ohh...."

Dong Xuebing moved his face closer. "Go ahead and grab me."

Little Qianqian giggled as she grabbed Dong Xuebing's ears.

Dong Xuebing laughed and walked to the rails. He looked down and jumped off the boat, landing on a speedboat. He kicked the pirate's body aside and steered towards the Navy vessel. He did not care about the three hostages on the main pirate boat as they were smugglers. If they were not Chinese nationals, he would not even rescue them.

Ten minutes later.

The Navy vessel sailed up to the cargo ship and rescued the hostages.

Dong Xuebing was the last batch to board the Navy vessel, and the unpredictable Qianqian started crying again. Maybe she was afraid of strangers, and he carried her away from other people. "Don't cry... don't cry...."

All the soldiers and hostages looked at Dong Xuebing.

The first batch of hostages seemed to be afraid of Dong Xuebing.

Dong Xuebing had boarded the main pirate boat alone and killed twenty-one pirates. Who would expect him to have such combat skills? He could still play with the baby when bullets were flying around him. He is a monster, and no one knows where he is from.

"My baby.... Don't cry.... Are you hungry?"

"Wa... wa... wa...."

"Not hungry? Did you wet yourself?"

“Ooh... ooh... ahh....”

Dong Xuebing did not know what Qianqian wanted and tried to coax her clumsily.

The monster had turned into a loving father.

Niu Dazhao walked over to Dong Xuebing. “Xiao Dong.”

Dong Xuebing turned and smiled. “Captain Niu.”

Niu Dazhao grabbed Dong Xuebing’s hand. “Thank you! My crew and I are grateful to you for saving our lives.”

“Don’t say that.” Dong Xuebing waved his hand. “I am sorry for not telling the truth. Actually, I went out to sea on your ship to look for my baby.”

Niu Dazhao replied. “Without you, we would be abducted by the pirates, and we might be killed. You saved all of us.”

“Thank you.”

“Thank you, Brother Dong.”

The crew members thanked Dong Xuebing.

The Colonel and a few officers walked over with a few soldiers.

The Colonel looked at Dong Xuebing. “Hi. I am this ship’s Commander.”

The rest of the soldiers were observing Dong Xuebing. They did not find anything special in his appearance. He had average looks and a skinny frame.

Dong Xuebing nodded. “Nice to meet you, Commander. Thank you for providing the fire support earlier.”

The Colonel replied. “We should be the ones thanking you. The hostages would not be rescued without you.”

Both men shook hands.

Qianqian was still crying, and Dong Xuebing asked. “Commander, do you all have milk powder? My daughter seems to be hungry.”

“Sure.” The Colonel laughed. “We knew a baby was among the hostages and prepared milk powder and diapers.”

“Oh, thank you.” Dong Xuebing kissed Qianqian on her forehead. “Stop crying.... I will prepare milk for you. Haha....”

The Colonel asked the question that was bothering him. “How do I address you?”

Dong Xuebing thought for a while and did not want to reveal his name. What happened today cannot be spread, and it would affect his career. “Just call me Xiao Dong.”

The Colonel looked at Dong Xuebing. “Are you from the military?”

Dong Xuebing smiled and shook his head.

“State Security?” The Colonel asked again.

Dong Xuebing shook his head and replied. “No.”

The Colonel was still looking at him. “Then why are you...”

This question was critical. Dong Xuebing had out-of-this-world combat skills, and they still didn’t know who he was.

Dong Xuebing hesitated for a few seconds and said. “I am currently working in the Commission for Discipline Inspection. My goddaughter was kidnapped, and I went to sea to look for her.” He was telling the truth and knew the military would check his background after what happened.

Everyone almost fainted when they heard Dong Xuebing’s reply.

A Commission for Discipline Inspection’s staff?!

The Colonel and Officers were speechless. Shouldn’t a Commission for Discipline Inspection staff investigate others for corruption and bribery? How come they are practicing combat skills?!

Were there changes to the Commission for Discipline Inspection’s training?! How come I have not heard about it?!

How can a Commission for Discipline Inspection staff have such combat skills?

Chapter 907: Huilan’s Second Uncle’s phone call

Afternoon.

The sea was calm, and the temperature dropped.

Inside an individual cabin of the Navy vessel.

Dong Xuebing changed the diaper of his daughter and fed her. The Navy vessel was sailing back to China and should reach shore two days later. He was excited as he was returning home. After feeding Little Qianqian, he played with her for a while in the cabin. He pretended to be a big bad wolf and made her giggle. The Navy vessel had better facilities than the cargo ship. It even provided an electric stove and hot water for bathing.

“We are going home soon. Are you happy?”

“Ooh... ya... ya....”

“Why are you grabbing Daddy’s ear again? Naughty girl.”

“Yi... ya... ya....”

“Hehe.... Let go of Daddy.”

Knock... knock.... Someone knocked on the door.

Dong Xuebing said, “Come in,” and carried Qianqian. His hair was messy because she grabbed him, and he turned around.

A young female soldier entered. She saluted and said. “Mr. Dong, the Commander wants to see you.”

“Why?”

“I don’t know.”

“Oh, ok.”

“Please come with me. This way.”

The Colonel was reporting to his higher-up. “All the hostages were rescued, and we did not suffer casualties. We also got back the ransom, but all twenty-one pirates were killed. We are returning. Commander Xiong, do you have any other orders?”

The Navy Deputy Commanding Officer Xiong Liping heard the Colonel’s report and was puzzled. “Are you sure one of the cargo ship’s hostages had killed twenty-one pirates by himself?!”

The Colonel replied. “Yes, Sir.”

“How many pirates are there?” Xiong Liping asked.

“Err... Twenty-one.”

“Oh, you are telling me that all the firepower and military snipers on board your ship could not do anything to the pirates, and a civilian killed all of them himself?!”

The Colonel felt embarrassed. They disgraced the Navy and did not hit any pirates during the shootout. They could not even injure the pirates, let alone kill anyone. All they did was provide cover for Dong Xuebing, and the two snipers did provide some assistance. He still could not accept it, but that was the truth. “Xiao Dong is not an ordinary civilian. I asked for his full name, and he did not tell me. He only tells me his name is Xiao Dong, and he is a Commission for Discipline Inspection staff.”

“A Commission for Discipline Inspection staff?”

“Yes. That’s what he said.”

Xiong Liping felt this was ridiculous and was speechless. If Xiao Dong is a soldier, it might be possible. How can someone who works behind a desk most of the time wipe out all twenty-one pirates by himself? Not only does he kills all the pirates, he saves all the hostages without getting a scratch on himself. How was this possible?!”

“Are you sure?” Deputy Commanding Officer Xiong asked again.

The Colonel replied. “Yes, Sir. Many people saw it. Commander Xiong, could it be that he was sent from other departments?!”

Xiong Liping replied. “We had only sent you all and no one else.”

“Oh, Xiao Dong mentioned he was here to look for his goddaughter, the few months old baby among the hostages. He should be here on his own, and his claim of being a Discipline Inspection staff might not be true.” The Colonel refused to believe his men were no match for an administrative staff. If Dong Xuebing was from the Public Security Bureau, he might felt better.

Xiong Liping paused for a second. "Goddaughter?!"

"Yes." The Colonel replied.

"His goddaughter is that baby?!" Xiong Liping was deep in thought and said to himself. "Nevertheless, the mission is completed. You all had worked hard."

"It's fine, Sir."

"Prepare to return."

"Yes, Sir."

Xiong Liping paused for a second and said. "Get your men to watch that guy at all times. Try to find out about his background. Take him into custody if he tries anything funny. We can find out his real identity when you all are back."

"I understand."

"I will report to the higher up, and you all will get a second-class group merit for this mission."

"Thank you, Commander."

The female soldier brought Dong Xuebing to the ship's Commander's room.

On their way to the Commander's room, all the soldiers looked at Dong Xuebing.

Little Qianqian's eyes turned red, and she was about to cry.

Dong Xuebing thought to himself. Why are you all staring at us? You all are scaring my daughter!

Dong Xuebing carried Little Qianqian above his head before she started crying. "Our little princess is flying...."

Little Qianqian started giggling.

Dong Xuebing kissed her forehead. "How can your mood change so fast? Are you happy now?"

Little Qianqian ignored Dong Xuebing and started waving her tiny arms. "Ya... ya... ah...." She was getting anxious.

Dong Xuebing knew Little Qianqian wanted to be raised high, and he quickly carried her up.

Little Qianqian was not scared and started giggling loudly.

The female soldier beside Dong Xuebing smiled and winked at Little Qianqian.

They arrived at the ship's Commander's room.

The room was empty, and the female soldier pointed to the sofa. "Commander asked you to wait for a while. He is coming soon."

Dong Xuebing nodded and placed Qianqian beside him to let her play alone. His arms were aching from carrying her, and he took out his phone. There was one bar of unstable signal, and he could not make any calls. He turned to the female soldier. "Can you all let me use your communication

devices? I want to call my family.” He did not want his family to worry and wanted to tell them he had saved Qianqian.

The female soldier replied. “You can ask our Commander. I don’t have the authority.”

The door opened suddenly, and the Colonel walked in. “What is it?”

The female soldier replied. “Mr. Dong wants to borrow our communication devices to call his family.”

The Colonel looked at Dong Xuebing. “I’m sorry. Our military communication device is for military use only. We don’t allow let anyone to use it.”

Dong Xuebing nodded. “It’s fine. I will wait until my phone has a signal.”

The Colonel suddenly said. “We have to keep your phone with us. Sorry, comrade. We also need to search you. Please cooperate with us.”

Dong Xuebing frowned. “Why are you searching me?”

The Colonel replied. “We cannot confirm your identity, and this is our protocol. Please understand us.”

“Oh, I don’t understand.” Dong Xuebing would never bow down to anyone. He dares to scold a General, let alone a Colonel. He doesn’t care about the protocols or ranks. Moreover, he had helped the Navy save the hostages, and they will search him now?! Are you suspecting me?! If I am a criminal, why would I help you all save the hostages?!

The Colonel frowned.

The female soldier immediately stepped forward and was about to follow orders. She was going to search Dong Xuebing by force.

Dong Xuebing ignored them and continued to play with Qianqian.

The Colonel stopped the female soldier. He had no ill intentions against Dong Xuebing. He was about to say something when the communication device in the room sounded.

The Colonel walked over and answered. “It’s me.”

“Commander, Deputy Director Xie of the PLA General Political Department is looking for you.”

“Director Xie? Put the call through.”

Did the second-class merit got approve so fast, and it was Director Xie from the General Political Department calling to inform them.”

The Colonel was excited and straightened his back when he answered the call. “Good afternoon, Sir. I am the Commander of Navy 37....”

Before the Colonel could introduce himself, a middle-aged man’s voice interrupted him. “Your Commander Xiong had mentioned Xiao Dong. Is he with you? I want to speak to him.”

Xiao Dong?

The Colonel paused for a second and did not ask anything. He turned and looked at Dong Xuebing. "Our PLA General Political Department's Officer wants to speak to you."

Dong Xuebing was puzzled. Why is a top officer of the military looking for me?"

The female officer was curious as she looked at Dong Xuebing. Deputy Director of PLA General Political Department's rank was much higher than Deputy Commanding Officer Xiong.

Dong Xuebing walked over and answered. "Hello?"

The man asked sternly. "You are Xiao Dong?! Which Xiao Dong?"

Dong Xuebing felt this man's voice sounded familiar. "What do you mean by which Xiao Dong?"

"I am Xie Guojian."

Xie Guojian?!

Huilan's second uncle!?

Dong Xuebing was shocked and cleared his throat in embarrassment. His tone changed completely. "Second Uncle.... It's me. Xiao Dong."

Xie Guojian laughed. "I knew it must be you!"

The Colonel and the female soldier were stunned when they heard how Dong Xuebing addressed Director Xie.

Second Uncle?!

What the hell is going on?

The PLA General Political Department Deputy Director Xie is Xiao Dong's second uncle?!

Chapter 908: Special identity

Navy vessel.

Ship Commander's room.

"Second Uncle, how do you know it's me?"

"Your case had been escalated to the Central Military Commission. How can I not know about it?"

Dong Xuebing was speechless and placed Qianqian on his lap.

Xie Guojian continued. "Navy Deputy Commanding Officer Xiong had told me what happened, and Huilan asked me to take note of a three-month-old baby. She said it was her goddaughter, and I passed the message to the Navy. They would report to me if they received news of her. Someone named Xiao Dong rescued the hostages. Other than you, who else can have such combat power? Killing twenty-one pirates by yourself. I don't think you can find another person in the country. That's why I contacted the Navy vessel to see if it was you. It is you. Did you think the mess you created is not big enough?"

Dong Xuebing explained. "The pirates abducted Qianqian, and I cannot sit around and do nothing."

Xie Jianguo asked. "Did Huilan agree to let you go?"

Dong Xuebing lied. "Of course. She loves Qianqian too."

"Bullshit!" Xie Guojian laughed. "Do you know how many times Huilan had called home? She was asking us to look for you. You had been missing for days."

Dong Xuebing wiped the sweat off his forehead. "Ah... I was forced to do this. Qianqian was kidnapped because of me, and it was my fault. Furthermore, I am fine now. Sorry for making everyone worry. Sorry."

"Do you know how worried everyone is? I don't know what to say about you. You don't think of the consequences. What if anything happened to you? How will I explain to Huilan, my elder brother and Sister-in-law?" Xie Jianguo scolded Dong Xuebing and laughed suddenly. "But I am impressed with your combat skills. You killed all twenty-one pirates."

Dong Xuebing smiled. "It was luck."

Fighting the tiger at the zoo and killing nine escape convicts could still be explained. However, this time was too unbelievable.

Xie Guojian laughed. "Alright. Stop being modest. You are the perfect Xie family's son-in-law. You have guts and skills."

Dong Xuebing was embarrassed.

Dong Xuebing chatted with Xie Guojian for a while and said. "Second Uncle, I should be back around two days later. Can you tell Huilan and the rest? I don't want to worry them."

"I know."

"Thank you, Second Uncle."

"Ok. Come back early for New Year."

Dong Xuebing suddenly remembered something. "Wait, Second Uncle. Don't hang up first. I hope to keep this incident a secret. You should know where I am working, and... err... this incident might have an impact. Can you tell them to let me go when we reach the shore? Also, my name...."

Xie Guojian laughed. "You know this has an impact on your job?!"

"Yes.... I know my mistake."

"Alright. I know. I can't stop the Central Military Committee from finding out about you. Still, I can stop your name from appearing in the media. It will not affect your job."

"Thank you."

"Pass the phone to their Commander. I will speak to him."

Dong Xuebing looked at the Colonel and called him.

The Colonel quickly answered. "Sir."

Xie Guojian said. "Xiao Dong is my junior. Let him leave when you get to shore, and you don't need to care about other stuff."

The Colonel stood at attention. "Yes, Sir!"

Xie Jianguo replied. "Thanks for your hard work. I wish you all an early Happy New Year."

The Colonel no longer suspects Dong Xuebing after speaking to Deputy Director Xie.

After hanging up, the Colonel felt awkward. He did not expect Dong Xuebing to be PLA General Political Department Deputy Director Xie's relative. He no longer wants to search Dong Xuebing as he is not an outsider. They had planned to bring Dong Xuebing back when they reached shore to meet the higher-ups. Since Deputy Director Xie said this, he would make the arrangements.

After hanging up, the communication device rang again.

The Colonel answered immediately. "Transfer the call over."

A man said. "I am Xiong Liping."

The Colonel greeted. "Commander Xiong."

Xiong Liping continued. "I know about Xiao Dong. His identity is special, and you don't need to worry about him. Give him and his goddaughter a better cabin, and the media will be waiting at the shore. Don't let them see Xiao Dong, and ask your men not to reveal him to anyone. Do you understand?! Xiao Dong has a special identity."

"Yes, Sir. I know."

"Alright. Bye."

The Colonel's face changed after hanging up.

Commander Xiong had mentioned Xiao Dong's identity as special a few times.

The PLA General Political Department Deputy Director's relative does have a strong background. Still, it was not considered a special identity. This term cannot be used lightly, and Commander Xiong had said it twice.

Special?

How special?

Did Xiao Dong have stronger backing, or was it because of other matters?

The Colonel had guessed correctly. Dong Xuebing's identity was indeed special. Senior Xie's grandson-in-law and Xie Guobang's son-in-law. These alone made Dong Xuebing's identity special, and he was also an earthquake hero. All of these gave him the right to have a more 'special' identity than other Central Government Leaders' relatives.

The Colonel took a deep breath and composed himself. He looked at Dong Xuebing and extended his hand. "Sorry about earlier. It was a misunderstanding, and I didn't know you were one of us." A military officer's relative can be considered one of them.

Dong Xuebing shook hands with the Colonel. "It's fine. You are doing your job."

Dong Xuebing was not so petty and was only against getting searched.

The Colonel was relieved Dong Xuebing was not mad at him.

The Colonel kept thinking about Dong Xuebing's special identity and had a lingering fear.

Chapter 909: Lunar New Year's Eve

Two days later.

Navy vessel, afternoon.

Dong Xuebing could hear the strong winds from inside the cabin. Qianqian was afraid of the howling sounds, and he carried her out of the cabin.

The vessel was in a festive mood.

Soldiers were busy putting up New Year couplets and preparing dinner.

Dong Xuebing stopped a soldier. "Bro, what are you all doing?"

"Huh?" The soldier looked at Dong Xuebing. "It's Lunar New Year's Eve today."

"Oh...." Dong Xuebing slapped his forehead. "I had forgotten about it after sailing for so many days."

It was almost Lunar New Year, and Dong Xuebing cheered up slightly. Although his mother, Yunxuan and Huilan, could not celebrate with him this year, his daughter was with him. He did not feel lonely. He carried Little Qianqian up and let her sit on his shoulder as he walked around the inside of the vessel. She seemed to like to be raised high up and look down on others. She waved her arms and giggled loudly.

"Haha.... You are so happy."

"Ya... ya...."

"Do you know you are one year older after New Year? You cannot cry anymore."

"Yi... Yi... aah...."

After a while, the female soldier found Dong Xuebing and invited him to the vessel's dinner celebration tonight. Dong Xuebing agreed.

Evening.

The gallery of the Navy vessel.

Dong Xuebing saw four tables set up when he arrived, and most of the soldiers were there. The food was prepared. Although the food was simple and the gallery was small, it still had a Lunar New Year festive mood because of the lanterns and red couplets.

Dong Xuebing greeted everyone. "Happy New Year."

The soldiers replied. "Happy New Year."

Dong Xuebing lifted his daughter's hand and waved to everyone. "Little fellow, greet everyone and wish them good health."

Little Qianqian giggled and let out some baby gibberish.

The soldiers laughed. "This baby is so adorable."

"Happy New Year to you too." A few soldiers went up to Qianqian and shook her hands.

Dong Xuebing felt good because his daughter was popular everywhere.

The Colonel and Officers arrived and wished everyone Happy New Year.

The Colonel smiled and looked at Dong Xuebing. "Xiao Dong, this is the best food we can serve as we don't have much onboard. I hope you will like it."

Dong Xuebing quickly replied. "It's good. I am getting hungry from the smell."

The Colonel laughed. "Great. Come and sit at the table."

The three hostages from the smuggling ship were also at the dinner. They were taken into custody on the vessel as they didn't have proper identification and were involved in smuggling activities. However, the Colonel was compassionate enough to allow them in this evening's celebration. Niu Dazhao and his crew were on his cargo ship behind the Navy vessel back to shore, and they could not celebrate with them.

The dinner started.

The Colonel invited Dong Xuebing to join his table with the other Officers.

But Dong Xuebing saw that table was crowded and rejected the Colonel politely. He joined a group of soldiers at another table.

The Officers were puzzled. Why was the ship's commander so polite and respectful to Dong Xuebing? They looked at each other and wondered what was going on. Only the female soldier, serving drinks to them, knew what had happened. But the higher-up had ordered not to reveal Dong Xuebing's identity. This was the difference between military and government agencies. Military people would follow orders strictly.

"Eh?" Dong Xuebing looked around. "Why is there no alcohol?"

The soldiers also wanted to drink alcohol but didn't dare to request it from the Officers.

A soldier looked at Dong Xuebing. "We are still on a mission and cannot drink."

Dong Xuebing smacked his lips. "Didn't you all complete your mission? How can we not drink alcohol during Lunar New Year's Eve? It's not a celebration without alcohol."

The Colonel overheard Dong Xuebing and called the female soldier over.

The female soldier nodded and left the gallery. A while later, she returned with a bottle of Maotai and placed it in front of Dong Xuebing.

The Colonel smiled. "Xiao Dong, this bottle is for you. We will not drink."

"This is a bottle of good alcohol." Dong Xuebing thanked the Colonel. "Thank you."

The Colonel stood up slowly and looked at his men. "Let me say a few words."

Leaders' giving speeches before the dinner started was a tradition everywhere. The Colonel praised the soldiers' performance during the mission and told them the higher-ups were impressed with them. In the end, he thanked Dong Xuebing for his assistance in saving the hostages.

Everyone applause.

The Colonel raised his glass and gave a toast to everyone.

Dong Xuebing finished his glass of alcohol and filled the glass. After that, he stood up with his daughter in his arm and raised his glass. "Commander, I would like to say something."

The Colonel nodded.

The few Officers looked at Dong Xuebing and wondered what he could say.

The soldiers kept quiet and waited for Dong Xuebing to speak. They were curious about him and wanted to know what he would say.

Dong Xuebing was a leader and was used to giving speeches. He cleared his throat and looked at the soldiers. "It's Lunar New Year's Eve today, and it should be a day where we celebrate with our families. However, you all missed this opportunity because of my daughter and our citizens. You all had risked your lives to save the hostages. As a father and citizen of the country, I would like to express my gratitude to you all. I am honored to celebrate with our country's warriors today. This is the most meaningful Lunar New Year's Eve in my life. Although our families are not with us, we are a family. Thank you for your hard work. Here's a toast to you all, and I wish you and your families safe and healthy."

Dong Xuebing finished his glass of Maotai.

The Colonel clapped, and the soldiers followed.

The Officers looked at Dong Xuebing in surprise. The speech was good enough to be shown on TV. It was as if he had prepared this speech beforehand. This was not what an ordinary Discipline Inspection staff could do.

Was this person a leader?

A Deputy Section Chief of the Commission for Discipline Inspection?!

This was the thought in everyone's mind.

"Alright. Let's start the performance!" An Officer clapped.

Dong Xuebing, who was eating, looked up. Performance? What performance?

Two men entered the gallery suddenly. They were dressed differently, and they started singing a duet.

Dong Xuebing understood what that officer meant. They could not watch the Spring Festival Gala, and the soldiers couldn't drink alcohol. It would be a dull celebration without some performances.

Dong Xuebing looked at the duo and chewed on a piece of vegetable. He chewed it well and fed some to Little Qianqian.

Qianqian smacked her lips and enjoyed it.

Dong Xuebing laughed. "You just eat whatever you are given."

Qianqian finished it and started grabbing Dong Xuebing. She wanted more.

Dong Xuebing drank some alcohol and fed his daughter again.

The soldiers were performing military songs, and Dong Xuebing had finished half the bottle of Maotai. He was getting tipsy and did not cheat with his powers today. He just wanted to drink today.

Two soldiers beside Dong Xuebing looked at him and offered a toast to him.

“Here, let’s drink.”

“Xuebing, here’s a toast to you.”

Both soldiers seemed to plot something.

“Alright.” Dong Xuebing knocked on their glasses and emptied his glass in one shot.

One of the soldiers asked. “Xuebing, how did you train your marksmanship?”

Dong Xuebing replied. “I did not train.”

Another soldier replied. “Impossible. You must have received professional training to get that accuracy.”

Although Dong Xuebing had drunk a lot, he was still sober. “What training? It was all luck. Oh, what type of soldier are you?”

The soldier answered. “We are snipers.”

Dong Xuebing hit the table suddenly. “Ah.... You two are the terrible shooters that day.”

Terrible shooters?!

The two snipers almost fainted when they heard it.

The other soldiers almost burst out laughing.

Dong Xuebing patted their shoulders. “I don’t mean to criticize you two. But your marksmanship.... How can you miss the target at that distance?”

The two snipers were frustrated and started eating without saying anything. They were embarrassed, but they got to admit Dong Xuebing’s marksmanship was much better than theirs.

Another soldier asked curiously. “Oh, are you a Commission for Discipline Inspection staff?”

This was the question in everyone’s mind, and everyone looked at Dong Xuebing, waiting for his answer.

Dong Xuebing told the truth after drinking. “Yes. I am the Director of a City’s Inspection First Office.”

That soldier was shocked. “A grassroots city?”

“Yes.”

“The Director?!”

“Yes.”

Everyone exchanged looks and saw the shock in each other’s eyes.

Even the Colonel and Officers turned and looked at Dong Xuebing in shock.

Chapter 910: Fighting Tournament

Director and not Deputy Director....

Grassroot city....

City Commission for Discipline Inspection’s Inspection First Office Director....

Although everyone was in the military, they knew about the rank structure of the local government. This position was a Deputy Bureau Director rank position.

Another soldier asked. “Are you over thirty this year?”

Dong Xuebing waved his hand. “Do I look like I am thirty years old? I am only twenty-five.”

“Twenty-five?! That means you just graduated from university a few years ago.”

“Yes. I graduated two years ago.” Dong Xuebing took a sip of alcohol. “What’s wrong?”

That soldier cleared his throat. “Nothing.... Errr... I was just asking.”

Everyone was shocked by Dong Xuebing’s age and rank. A twenty-five years old Deputy Bureau Director and the director of an important office in a City’s Commission for Discipline Inspection. Even the Colonel and the officers were shocked. The Colonel only knows Dong Xuebing’s identity is unique, and he has a strong family background. But he did not know he was a high-ranking government official with a powerful position. This was the first time they met a twenty-five years old Deputy Bureau Director. He was too young.

Dong Xuebing did not seem to be lying.

But.... Why is a Discipline Commission Leader so good at combat?

Killing twenty-one men without batting an eyelid.... Is he really from the Commission for Discipline Inspection?

Dong Xuebing becomes the center of attention again. Everyone felt it was unbelievable. Was it luck for him to kill all the pirates?

The dinner was ending, and it was time for the final program. The Navy vessel’s tradition was to have a fighting tournament at the end of the dinner.

Everyone moved aside to create space in the center.

Two soldiers rotated their arms and started to spar in the center.

Dong Xuebing had drunk a lot and did not dare to drink anymore. He massaged his temples and asked the soldier beside him. “Bro, what is going on?”

“It’s a fighting tournament.” The sniper, who Dong Xuebing mocked, replied calmly.

“Fighting tournament?” Dong Xuebing asked curiously. “This is part of tonight’s program?”

The sniper replied. “We hold this tournament yearly, which is common in the military. That guy on the left is last year’s champion.”

Dong Xuebing nodded. He raised his daughter above and let her ride on his shoulders.

Qianqian seemed to be excited to see those two soldiers sparring. She waved her hands to cheer for them.

This was a friendly tournament, and the soldiers did not use their full strength. One of the soldiers was slammed onto the ground and lost the match. The winner was last year’s champion.

The match ended, and the soldiers cheered.

The champion waved to everyone and waited for the next challenger.

The next challenger lost to the champion within two moves.

The Colonel and Officers applauded. “Good!”

The champion smiled and looked around. He waited for a while, and there were no challengers. He suddenly spotted Dong Xuebing, who was still eating. “Mr. Dong, do you want to come and teach me some moves?”

Dong Xuebing paused for a second. “Never mind about me.”

The other soldiers started to cheer him on.

“Just go!”

“That’s right. It’s just a match.”

“Director Dong, are you scared?”

The other soldiers started provoking Dong Xuebing.

Dong Xuebing heard them and thought to himself. Am I scared? Yes. I drank a lot and am tipsy now. I might not control my strength well.

The soldiers had no ill intentions and wanted to test Dong Xuebing’s skill. Those pirates were not trained, and they could be beaten easily. But the soldiers were different. They would be impressed if Dong Xuebing could win against them. The soldiers’ pride does not allow them to lose to a Discipline Inspection Leader.

The Colonel waved the soldiers to stop them. “Xiao Dong had drunk a lot today. Let’s end the night now.”

The Ship Commander had spoken, and the soldiers kept quiet.

Qianqian, who was riding on Dong Xuebing’s neck, started making noises and grabbing his ears. She seemed to be anxious.

Dong Xuebing laughed. “Oh, you want to see Daddy spar?”

Little Qianqian waved her arms excitedly. “Ooh... Ahh... Ahh....”

Dong Xuebing carried his daughter down and kissed her cheeks. "Alright. Since you want to see this, Daddy will compete with them. Remember to cheer for me."

"Ahh... Wa... Wa...."

The soldiers started cheering again.

The Colonel and Officers smiled and shook their heads. They were also curious about Dong Xuebing's close combat skills.

Dong Xuebing passed Qianqian to that female soldier. "Sis, please take care of her."

The female soldier nodded and carried Little Qianqian lovingly. She stroked her face and faced in front.

The winner was the champion on the vessel for a few years, and he was martial arts trained before he joined the military. No one onboard is his match.

Dong Xuebing walked forward.

The champion bowed. "Please."

Due to the effects of alcohol, Dong Xuebing looked at everyone. "Who else wants to spar with me? Come at me together." It was too troublesome to fight them one by one, and Little Qianqian looked at him.

The soldiers felt this was a provocation.

You want to fight a few at the same time?! Who do you think you are?

The Colonel said. "Xiao Dong, my men are well trained. Even though we are the Navy, we are not weaker than the army. You better think carefully." He did not say everything on his mind. The Navy had them on this critical mission because of their fighting capabilities. All the soldiers onboard were elites and might hurt Dong Xuebing, even if it was one versus one. Every one of them is not a pushover.

Dong Xuebing laughed. "It's alright. It's New Year's Eve. Let's just have fun."

"Let me go!"

"Me too!"

"Count me in!"

The soldiers were mad, and the soldiers rolled up their sleeves. A few more stood up. "Mr. Dong, you requested this. Don't blame us if you get hurt."

Dong Xuebing smiled. "Yes. Let's start."

Including the champion, a total of eleven soldiers stepped forward.

The Colonel stared at his men in front. "You all are going all out." All the soldiers in front were good at close combat and could beat up more than thirty pirates. This group had the combat skills of the special forces, and the Colonel was afraid they might injure Dong Xuebing.

Dong Xuebing had decided and rotated his shoulders excitedly. "It's fine. Come at me!"

Qianqian was shouting from the sides.

Dong Xuebing smiled and waved to his daughter. "Cheer for Daddy."

The eleven soldiers were mad and felt disrespected by Dong Xuebing.

"Start!" The referee said.

Three soldiers saw Dong Xuebing looking at his daughter and used this opportunity to attack him. One used an elbow strike to hit his midsection, and the others attacked him in higher and lower sections. It would be hard to avoid such attacks.

However, Dong Xuebing managed to dodge their attacks.

Dong Xuebing did not turn and seemed to know what was happening behind him. He turned his body to his side before the strikes and dodged the lower attack. He raised one hand to block the other two attacks. He immediately retaliated before the three soldiers could attack again. He let out a punch and kick, and two soldiers flew back. The remaining soldier moved back quickly and took up a defensive stance.

"Go!"

The champion shouted. He shouted to the rest to attack Dong Xuebing together.

Dong Xuebing moved left, right, up, and down to avoid their attacks.

None of the soldiers could even touch Dong Xuebing's clothes. His movements were too fast.

The next moment, Dong Xuebing attacked back. He rushed into the soldiers and started fighting them while dodging their attacks.

Another soldier flew back and fell onto the ground.

The third soldier....

The fifth soldier....

The Seventh soldier....

Dong Xuebing got more aggressive, and the soldiers got lesser.

Of course, Dong Xuebing did not use his full strength. He had held back to prevent serious injuries.

In the end, Dong Xuebing used a shoulder throw move he learned from Xu Yan on that champion. He threw the champion onto the floor lightly. He was the last soldier standing.

The match ended in three minutes.

The soldiers who lost to Dong Xuebing looked at each other dumbfounded.

The three hostages, the other soldiers, the Colonel, and the Officers were stunned. These were elite soldiers, and they could not even land a blow on Dong Xuebing.

Damn!

How good was Xiao Dong's close combat skill?

Even if you are good, there must be a limit.

Silence....

A few seconds later, everyone clapped and cheered.

“Fantastic!”

“Good moves!”

The soldiers, including the ones who lost to Dong Xuebing, started cheering. They were impressed by his moves.

Even if the rest of the soldiers fought Dong Xuebing together, they would lose. Everyone can tell he had held back and did not use his full strength.

How can the soldiers not be impressed with Dong Xuebing’s skills?

Dong Xuebing modestly said. “Thank you.... It was luck.”

This was not luck. Dong Xuebing’s combat skills were much better than their expectations.