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# **The End Of The World's Poisonous Mom And Monster Baby**

– 末世之毒妈鬼宝 –

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## - STORY -

Shao Qing's only regret in life is that she blindly fell in love with a worthless man. She gave up everything for him, but in exchange was run over by his conniving mistress when she was close to her delivery date. Fortunately, Heaven left her a way. Crimson rain fell from the sky, the end of the world arrived, she resurrected in the morgue and gave birth to a little monster. Turning into a half human, half zombie freak; her son neither human, nor monster; they have no other choice but to rely on zombies' crystal nuclei to develop their special abilities and continue living. This debt, she'll definitely repay that cheating couple!

# Chapter 1

## Corpse transformation

*Book 1: Boiling Blood*

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“A Qing, are you really pregnant with his child?” Mu Lin stared at Shao Qing in astonishment. She and Shao Qing had grown up together, nobody knew Shao Qing’s character as well as she did.

Shao Qing and her were abandoned when they were young. Although they were adopted into an orphanage, the majority of the people there were not as good as what people believed. On the contrary, that place was completely dark and evil. The old women there who took care of the children would often beat or scold them. Not being fed enough was also a common matter, not to mention the struggles between the children.

Shao Qing hated the people that abandoned her. As a result, she wouldn’t lightly consider having a child of her own. She was scared that she would be unable to support such a precious being, a newborn.

Further still, people like Shao Qing and her, how could they love a man? Even more, to love them enough that they are willing to give birth to a child for them?

“En.” Shao Qing gently caressed her bulging belly. Her eyes displayed a tenderness that would have been able to melt an iceberg. She had never anticipated that she would ever have a blood related child of her own, such a blessing.

Everyday she would pray a countless number of times for an early birth for this child. Afterwards, she would imagine their family of three and all the happiness they would have.

Mu Lin stirred the coffee within the glass, then filled her cup to the brim. After quite a while, in a low voice she spoke. “A Qing, you need to know that being in this line of work, how could one just quit whenever they want?”

“I’ve done enough for them. If they agree to let me withdraw from the organization, that would be the best and everybody will be delighted and satisfied. Besides... Xiao Lin, do you really think I am the type that wouldn’t prepare anything and I would just decide to do something randomly?” Shao Qing’s voice sounded slightly cold. She had once served military service before. Because of her particularly outstanding memory in addition to her five senses being acute and her physical attributes being of top quality, she was transferred to the special military brigade. However, she eventually retired due to injuries.

Shao Qing’s educational background isn’t regarded as high, not anything special. After her discharge from the military service, she did not change her profession. Just by chance at that time, Mu Lin, on account of being a super capable hacker, was recruited to join that organization and dragged Shao Qing into it as well.

Money laundering, deals with weapons and ammunition, Shao Qing’s contributions towards the organization was definitely not little. The only sole concern is that the organization doesn’t want to let her go since she was such a talented subordinate.

“A Qing, you need to be careful.” Mu Lin bit her lips. “I’m going back to the headquarters right now. I’ll try to contact the group leader, he should be able to help you out.”

“Thanks.” Shao Qing sincerely thanked her. Mu Lin pouted her lips, discontented. “What kind of relationship do the two of us have, why are you still saying thanks? You’re acting too courteous! However...” She hesitated a bit, then slipped a photograph over to Shao Qing. “Even though you are pregnant and shouldn’t have your emotions be unstable, I still think you should have a look at this!”

Shao Qing frowned and knitted her brows. Receiving the photo and merely taking one glance at it, she instantly turned rigid. The person in the photograph was none other than her lover, Lin Qifan!

A total of eighteen photographs, but the female in each of them was the same one. Short hair, charming appearance, but the most crucial point was that she looked incredibly familiar.

She had once seen this woman’s photo in Lin Qifan’s cell phone, but at that time Lin Qifan had said that she was only his superior at work. When they met during a dinner party for work, they had just chatted for a bit. Shao Qing had also, not thought much about it. Instead, she felt sorry that Lin Qifan, for the purpose of his project, was

required to make time for these social niceties.

Lin Qifan wasn't some rich second generation heir, the university he graduated from was also not anything special, thus if he wanted to be successful he had to naturally make up for it with hard work. Shao Qing had never thought that Lin Qifan would use a 'shortcut'.

Looking at the intimacy between the two within the photo, Shao Qing felt her heart ache. This is your superior?

Mu Lin looked concerned: "A Qing, don't feel too bad about it. It's still better to clarify the situation before doing anything."

"En." Shao Qing quickly calmed herself down, stroking her belly. She still had a child, she couldn't get too emotional or else it would potentially cause the child harm.

"I'm going to leave first, you take care of yourself okay." Mu Lin lifted up her purse, her heart feeling heavy. If Shao Qing found a man who really loved her, even if Shao Qing withdrew from the organization for him, Mu Lin would feel happy that Shao Qing had a place to return to. But now...

"Be careful." Shao Qing reluctantly said and walked Mu Lin out. After sitting down for a good while, she looked at the photographs over and over again.

Her and Lin Qifan's love was straight from a fairy tale. Lin Qifan had saved her when she was injured and afterwards due to Lin Qifan's gentle and tender attentiveness, she was touched and fell straight into the river of love. Marriage was just a matter of time.

However now, those past events seemed just like a joke.

Shao Qing continued sitting there until her mood became tranquil again. Then little by little, supporting her belly she stood up and left. No matter what, her child was the most important. It was almost the time of birth. No matter the issue, it would have to wait until after the child was born.

Shao Qing waved her hand to catch a taxi, preparing to go to the hospital for another examination. But before the taxi even arrived in front of her, an ear-piercing sound came from behind her. Shao Qing wanted to dodge, however with her pregnancy, how could she have dodged the speeding vehicle coming straight at her?

That split second of being hit by the car, Shao Qing attempted to protect the child in her stomach. My child, no!

That moment of falling towards the ground, Shao Qing saw it clearly. The female driver of that car, smiling without guilt, was the exact same as the face within the photographs in her bag.

Shao Qing tenaciously glared at this woman, but she could only follow with her eye's as the woman sped off. Waves of pain started to surface from her abdomen. She opened her mouth wide, a faint sound like a mosquito sounded out. "Help... my child... help"

The people passing by all had eyes of pity, yet no one stopped to help her. On the contrary, as if fearing they would get inconvenienced, they sped up and left the area.

Shao Qing loathed. She loathed Lin Qifan, loathed that girl, and loathed all those ruthless people who passed by without helping. Her death didn't matter to her, but her child... he hasn't even see the world once...

Her vision became more and more fuzzy, she clearly felt blood coming from between her own thighs unceasingly spill out. Unexpectedly, a drop of water fell into the rim of her eye. She then lost consciousness, a vision of red and a cry of alarm.

"Ah, the rain is red!"

"I have never seen red rain before!"

It must be the heavens, they must be crying tears of blood for her. She slowly closed her eyes, if there was a next life, she must kill that cheating couple!

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At the basement of most hospitals, usually lies a morgue. Generally, the mysterious events that occur in hospitals were associated with the morgue. The reason is because that place was too sinister and a corpse tends to have something to do with it.

"It is truly tragic, one corpse two lives!"

"Has the offender been caught yet?"

“Who knows, take a look, even the corpse hasn’t been collected by anyone...”

Voices gradually drifted into Shao Qing’s ears seeming as if a wind was dispersing. She tried to open her eyes. A vision of red, Shao Qing remembered it. She had died right?

That car crash, her child... right! Her child! Shao Qing stiffened and extended her hand, stroking frost when she intended to touch her belly, when her large bulge of a stomach started to have movements of its own.

Summoning up her courage, it seemed as if something in her stomach was hitting her belly. Without enough time to think things over on reasons why she hasn’t died yet, her heart was filled with joy. Was that movement her child? Is he still alive?

Shao Qing tore open her clothes only to see a gray ash-coloured plump belly emerge, the skin continuously wiggling. It must be the child, it must be her child!

Shao Qing wanted to cry, yet no tears came falling out. She somewhat panicked, how could I get the child out? Her child! Within that narrow space, it must be so scared right now!

Shao Qing stroked her belly as she thought.

It was at that time that she discovered her fingernails had grown long and the colour had also changed into a greenish, blueish black. One look and you might almost think it was a sharp blade.

Expressionless, looking at her own fingernails, she unexpectedly reached her hand out to her stomach and lightly cut at the skin, opening up a wound. Yet, no blood flowed out. Instead, a plump white hand reached out from the opening.

“My child...” Shao Qing was pleasantly surprised. Waiting anxiously, she watched as that tiny hand pried open the wound on her belly and a chubby doll like child climbed out with difficulty.

That child did not look one bit as if it had just been born. On the contrary, he had nice ivory skin, cheeks with a tint of blush, and besides his eyes resembling a black hole, he completely resembled the average child.

He tilted his head, his eyes reflected Shao Qing’s sorry figure, biting her fingers. Then immediately rushed over to Shao Qing and called out, “Mama!”

“Baby, my baby!” Shao Qing embraced her Xiao Baozi, completely not discovering that the big gash on her stomach has slowly healed back up.

[Xiao Baozi = an endearing nickname for someone’s own baby, especially pointing out how cute they are]

She eagerly kissed her Xiao Baozi’s face. The happiness she felt was that of losing something and then regaining it, the light after the despair. She was in complete bliss.

Her Xiao Baozi was also well behaved. Hugging onto his Mama’s neck, his bottom in the middle of Shao Qing’s palm twisting about. Mama’s kisses are so ticklish!

After kissing Xiao Baozi and pacifying her frame of mind, she then discovered that not only has her wound healed, but all her past scars have disappeared as well.

This is absolutely fishy. Could it be that she has already become a ghost? Or a corpse?

“This place is cold, but don’t worry darling. Mother will bring you out of this place.” Shao Qing pushed down the suspicions in her heart. Exerting all her strength, she pushed open the space she was laid down. As soon as she carried her baby out, she discovered that the place that she was laid down was a freezer for containing corpses.

As expected, she has already died. But no matter the cause, she is now standing here breathing and carrying her precious baby in her arms. Everything she has to be grateful for is entirely because of the heavens.

It must be the case that god was taking pity on her, thus allowing her to return to this ice-cold world and giving her the opportunity to take revenge!

“Mama, baby is hungry...” Xiao Baozi pouted his lips, miserably staring at Shao Qing. Seeing her sad darling baby, Shao Qing’s heart immediately melted. Kissing Xiao Baozi’s face again: “Darling, be obedient. Just wait until we leave this place then there will be things for you to eat.”

It was because she did not know the current situation with her body and if it would even be able to produce milk. If it wasn’t able to, then it will become much more inconvenient.

Not knowing the current situation of her body and if it would even be able to produce milk. If there isn’t any, then it will become extremely troublesome.

Leaving the morgue, Shao Qing made another discovery. Her strength has increased by a lot and her body seems to be a lot more graceful. These changes all came too abruptly. It would be perfect if there was a mirror right now to allow her to view her own reflection, to check whether anything else has changed.

By the time Shao Qing arrived at the ground floor, she realized that the change wasn't just limited to her. In fact this entire world, during the time she has closed her eyes, in a split second had thoroughly transformed. The sky and earth has turned upside down [everything is in complete confusion and entirely different]!

# Chapter 2

## Apocalypse

When the elevator doors opened, a dried up greenish blue claw suddenly reached in. Long, long fingernails tainted with bloody flesh, holding what seemed to be incomplete remains of brains. For what reason was it incomplete? Well that's because that thing's head had a piece of it chopped off. You could even see from the opening, brains coloured black squirming within.

Shao Qing was startled, subconsciously with her fist, she pushed the head away. Unexpectedly, the damaged head was exactly like a ripe apple, it fell to the ground with a splat.

Her strength... was really great...

Unable to manage her own amazement, Shao Qing continued walking down the hallway. A floor covered with filth, minced meat, destroyed limbs, and badly damaged carcasses that looked like it was torn apart by a beast could be seen.

If speaking of these things could make Shao Qing amazed, then the other things would make her terrified. Besides the place full of corpses', there were still animated things. Each and every one of them, across their face and body, were rotten flesh. With rigid limbs, these things wandered in the hallway. Some of them wore patient garments while some wore nurse outfits, it clearly hinted that previously when they were alive they must have been the hospital's patients and staff.

Could this be... the apocalypse?

Shao Qing immediately recalled the blood rain she saw prior to her death. That idea of the heavens crying for her was not the case, rather it was the heaven's punishment to this world.

Shao Qing tightly carried the child in her bosom, singlehandedly smashed the fire hydrant, then from within she grabbed the fire extinguisher. Holding it as if it were a hammer, she was constantly on guard against the group of monsters.

“Darling, don’t be afraid.” Quietly comforting Xiao Baozi, Shao Qing discovered, those zombies didn’t resemble the ones similar to a biochemistry crisis. Seeing a living person, they wouldn’t approach them to tear them apart, rather it was like they were figuring out why they were wandering around. It was as if she did not exist, or perhaps it was as if she was one of their own.

Shao Qing felt her chest, not sensing any throbbing or pulsing from her heart, she bitterly laughed. She is definitely not a living person, perhaps she might even be the exact same freaks as those things.

No longer caring what had happened, Shao Qing carrying Xiao Baozi, headed outside. She wanted to see whether if it was only the hospital that was like this or if the entire world had changed as well.

Lying on Shao Qing’s shoulders, Xiao Baozi’s eyes were spinning around and around in all different directions, yet he was not the least bit scared. The mother and child soon arrived at the hospital’s entrance.

Just as Shao Qing forecasted, the outside world has already been occupied by zombies. It seems like it really is the apocalypse.

“Darling, are you scared?” Shao Qing lightly petted Xiao Baozi’s back, then immediately found that her son had been bare naked the entire time. Obedient Xiao Baozi gave Shao Qing a kiss and childishly said. “If Mama’s here then there’s nothing to be scared of!”

Shao Qing’s heart fluttered. Carrying Xiao Baozi, she then went and sought out a family owned clothing store. Choosing a lot of toddler clothes, she gave it to Xiao Baozi to wear. However, there were too many things. Shao Qing could not possibly be able to bring all this stuff. If only she had a bag then that would have been perfect. Wishing that, suddenly the clothes in her hand vanished into thin air. Unexpected, she was alarmed and pleased. Could it be that it was just like a novel, that she has a space dimension?

Shao Qing closed her eyes, attempting to see if she could feel the existence of the so called space dimension, and she was able to. But, the only thing was that it was only 1 cubic meter. The big pile of clothes she had chosen for her Xiao Baozi had already taken up half of the space available.

Although it wasn’t the typical boundless space dimension where it could cultivate

different plants and vegetation, or the space dimension capable of bringing people inside, it was still able to contain some of their daily necessities. Shao Qing was already plenty satisfied.

Putting away some clothes for herself, some things to eat, and powdered milk, she then departed with Xiao Baozi.

“Mama, where are we going?” Blinking his large eyes, Xiao Baozi asked.

Shao Qing had caught a glimpse of a mirror earlier. Although the woman inside had extremely pale complexions, she did not show any signs of transforming into those zombies. As long as they didn’t allow anyone to come into close contact, she ought to be safe from people discovering her special features. Now feeling a bit relieved, she announced. “We are going to the capital!”

Being Country Z’s capital, there was a big population, but most importantly, the leaders and the army was located there. Even if it was the apocalypse, there should be some sort of order there.

Shao Qing also still had a child to raise and going to that place ought to be a little bit easier.

Currently they were located at S City. Even though S City isn’t that far from the capital, without airplanes and trains and under these circumstances, it will be quite inconvenient and troublesome.

Fortunately, Shao Qing didn’t have to worry about the zombies mounting a sneak attack. This made the journey a whole lot safer.

However, after walking for not that long, Shao Qing was stunned. In the beginning, she had only occasionally heard some light grumbling sounds and did not think much of it. Until now, she discovered that the rumbling sounds were coming from the only thing in her bosom, her darling baby. “Darling, are you hungry?”

Xiao Baozi immediately blushed and softly replied. “I’m not that hungry, Mama.” As soon as those words were spoken, his stomach giving him no respect at all immediately growled out loud.

“Sorry darling, I have totally overlooked this...” Without delay, Shao Qing found a private house. Searching for hot water, she mixed it with the powdered milk. As soon

as Xiao Baozi took a big gulp of the milk, he immediately spat everything out and rolled about on Shao Qing's bosom. "Mama, my stomach hurts... so painful..."

"Darling..." Anxious, her eyes turned completely red. How could this be?

Xiao Baozi was in so much pain, he continuously cried. But on account of his physique problem, no tears flowed out. After he had vomited all the powdered milk out, then did he feel a bit better.

Shao Qing was exceedingly distressed. Blaming herself incessantly, she kept apologizing. "Darling..... darling... it's all mom's fault..."

"Mama, don't cry." Xiao Baozi consoled Shao Qing with a kiss. It was at this time that Shao Qing knew her baby stood out from the masses and could not be raised like the average child.

But seeing her darling starve, how could she not try to think of a plan?

Shao Qing tried to find meat for Xiao Baozi to eat, but once Xiao Baozi ate a bit, he once again continuously vomited out everything. Seeing her baby vomiting, Shao Qing's heart twisted. If it were possible, she would be willing to sacrifice her own meat to feed her baby.

"What's to be done..." The usual steel blooded woman that Shao Qing revealed to others was now currently so anxious she was about to cry. Her baby, her treasure, it's all that wretched cheating couple's fault. They caused her baby to be neither a human or a ghost...

"Mother will find a solution." Leaving aside her grudges, she carried Xiao Baozi. She needed to find those zombies to do some investigation. She believed that Xiao Baozi's physique ought to be somewhat similar to those zombies.

Before she could go even go catch a few zombies, she heard a loud gunshot from outside. Narrowing her eyes, she stared out from the window and saw a car violently speeding towards the downstairs of her private home. Within the car sat several people. Right when one of them reached out their hands, they emitted a regiment of flames, causing the zombies who were chasing the car to all burn to death.

Perhaps, she also needs a car.

Just when she was pondering this thought, someone from inside the car waved at her. “Are you a survivor?”

Thinking for a bit, Shao Qing responded: “Yes, are you guys here to rescue us?”

“Yes, we are here to rescue people.” Parking downstairs, five people came out and quickly arrived on the second floor. Shao Qing opened the door. Parking downstairs, five people came out and quickly arrived on the second floor. Shao Qing opened the door. The first person who entered was a middle aged man. With a majestic appearance, but eyes displaying indecency, he made a quick sweep around the room. When it landed on Shao Qing’s body, he was somewhat breath taken. “Are you by yourself?”

“Yes.” Shao Qing’s complexion was pale as if she was extremely startled. “What happened outside, how could... how could this happen...”

“You don’t have to be scared. Us few are superhumans, capable of protecting you. Outside of the city there is a survivor base. Once you have arrived there, everything will be alright.” As that person spoke, he silently hinted for the others to close the door on the other.

One youngster with yellow dyed hair sinisterly laughed. “Boss, stop being such a hypocrite. It’s the apocalypse anyways, just quickly do it. Us brothers are all waiting in line. We all haven’t touched a woman in quite a while.

[Uh-oh]

# Chapter 3

## Reverse Kill

Shao Qing silently calculated, altogether there were a total of five people. With her abilities, disposing of five people shouldn't be a problem. The only problem was that she was currently still carrying her son. Moreover, these five individuals appeared to have supernatural abilities... this could be a problem.

What should I do? Shao Qing carefully pondered, while the middle aged man who pretended to be righteous was already impatiently salivating.

Shao Qing's eyes narrowed, calculating within her heart, she then lowered her head to feign how delicate she was. "My husband died early and since then I've been all alone with no one I can rely on." As she was speaking, her gaze towards the middle aged man showed her longing to find someone dependent to rely on. "Now that it's the apocalypse, us, mother and child, both just want someone we can depend on..."

This middle aged man became exulted. Although forcing someone against their will was a pretty distinctive style he enjoyed, if a gorgeous women like this was taking the initiative to lie with him, this flavour would definitely be better.

He was itching to snatch the child from Shao Qing's bosom to hand it off to someone else or perhaps even throw it on the sofa. Shao Qing retreated a step: "He's my only son..."

That man immediately grasped the situation intuitively. At once he spoke: "You don't have to worry. Your son is my son, I will get my brothers to take care of him."

The blond haired youngster on the side immediately stepped in. "So, that is my nephew! Come! Let uncle hug you!"

Patting Xiao Baozi's back, with a tender voice yet also a chilling aura, she whispered: "Darling, don't be afraid. Mommy will be back soon, real soon..."

Xiao Baozi cleverly allowed himself into the yellow haired youngster's embrace then with big blinking eyes responded, "Mama, don't be worried. I'll be good."

Shao Qing allowed the middle aged man to drag her into the room. Once the door was closed, she narrowed her eyes. Her eyes rested on the middle aged man's throat, back of the head, solar plexus, unceasingly thinking about how she could mortally wound him with one strike.

With great urgency, the middle aged man approached Shao Qing, immediately wanting to peel off Shao Qing's clothes. Swatting his hands away, she coquettishly teased, "What's the hurry? We have loads of time."

"Yes... yes..." The middle aged man's gaze had a lewd look to it. Before the apocalypse he was simply a white collar worker. Where could he have seen a woman as beautiful and graceful as Shao Qing.

Shao Qing slowly placed her hands on his collar area. Her fingernails lightly scraped the middle aged man's adam's apple. Then following the direction of the buttons, she slid her fingernails from his adam's apple down to a button.

When his breathing started to become increasingly urgent, Shao Qing came up close and snug. With an enticing glance towards him, her other hand stroked his stomach. Then just when his muscles were starting to slowly relax, without any signs or warnings, Shao Qing's five fingers gathered together. With an astonishing speed, she thrust her hand into his chest while the other hand crushed his throat simultaneously.

As he died, both of his eyes opened wide. He attempted to call out to his companions but because of his crushed throat, he could barely let out a whisper. Warm blood slowly trickled down from the corner of his mouth, bringing an unpleasant fishy smell a bit similar to rust.

Shao Qing swallowed a mouthful of saliva. She hadn't discovered that her eyes originally a deep black has slowly fluctuated into a layer of dark red covering her pupil.

Yes... the smell of fresh blood. Familiar yet not. But why is it that she had an urge to move closer, ready to bite his broken neck and drink up all his blood?

Shao Qing looked as if she was hypnotized, slowly lowering her head, she moved closer to the corpse in her hands. But in an instant, she regained consciousness of her actions. Her complexion changed.

She's a human! She's not a monster who eats human meat and drinks human blood!

Can't... she can't! Shao Qing reflexively shook off the corpse and it landed with a thump onto the ground.

As if teasing a child, the yellow haired youngster sneered. ""Boss, what's the rush? Don't throw down the lovely little widow..."

The others roared with laughter. One after another, they also joined the yellow haired youngsters in teasing their boss. However, after a long period of time, the middle aged man still had not come out.

"Wow, boss! You really can last a pretty long time, huh?" The yellow haired youngster laughed, while another youth spoke up. "Something seems wrong. It doesn't make sense that there is not even one bit of sound. I'm going to go take a look." volunteered a youth wearing a black armour. The others laughed at him. "If you see something you shouldn't see, you might not be able to resist in taking part."

The black armoured guy waved his hands, walked over and pushed open the door. Immediately, he discovered the middle aged man lying face down on the bed, motionless, but Shao Qing's silhouette couldn't even be seen.

"Boss?" The black armoured guy called out while slowly approaching the bed. Before he was able to give the middle aged man a quick pat, he discovered the bed sheets were dyed with red!

The sounds of the wind being split could be heard as an item came flying from behind him causing him to automatically employ his supernatural ability.

He was a strengthener, capable of solidifying his body and resisting assaults. However, his ability that he was so proud of wasn't able to be of much use. Shao Qing's fingernails effortlessly inserted into the back of his head like stabbing a tofu and crushed his skull and brains.

With a plop, the youth fell to the ground with a look of remaining grievance. Outside, the others at last also became aware of something not feeling right. The remaining three vigilantly stood up. Within the yellow haired youth's hand, a small fire ball appeared. "Everyone, be careful. Something's wrong here!"

Three people. One held a gun, one puffed out his muscles, while another held Xiao Baozi close. All of them approached the room.

It was at that moment, from the room a shadow came flying out. The muscle man reflexively punched out his fist, easily penetrating through the shadow that came out. But as it turns out, the thing hanging from his clenched fist was the back armoured youth's corpse.

Yet suddenly, his private area suffered an attack. In the split second of sharp pain, long fingernails like a sharp blade sliced his throat causing blood to squirt out.

"Don't move! Your son is with me..." Just when the yellow haired guy was about to threaten Shao Qing, he became aware that his hand holding Xiao Baozi was slowly being drained of his supernatural ability.

It was then that he realized that Xiao Baozi had a pair of black holes for eyes. With no eye whites at all, completely pitch black, it was absolutely terrifying.

That was his last thought before, under the gaze of Shao Qing and the last guy, the yellow haired guy who was carrying Xiao Baozi suddenly shriveled up at a clearly visible rate and became a dried corpse.

The final guy screeched out loud and fired three shots towards Xiao Baozi. Shao Qing's complexion immediately changed and could not hold back her murderous intentions. Grabbing Xiao Baozi, she leaped forwards, dodging the bullet. Afterwards, raising up a large marble side table, she smashed his head until it was broken and blood flowed out. In a quick second, Shao Qing easily settled this matter.

Five people, in a blink of an eye, had all become corpses.

Shao Qing sat her bottom to the ground. Her scarlet eyes appeared as if blood was about to flow out. Xiao Baozi kneaded his stomach, pointing at one of the corpse on the ground. "Mama... baby is hungry... I want to eat..."

# Chapter 4

## Food Hunter

Shao Qing's expression changed. In a flash, it became pale with no signs of blood at all. She didn't desire for her child to be a man eating monster. At that moment she wanted to cry. Her long awaited child had finally arrived, yet his arrival was completely different from what she was expecting. Without any family support, she had personally scooped out her own child at the hospital.

But even if her baby was completely unlike the others, Shao Qing really desired for her baby to be happy growing up and not turn into a monster.

While Shao Qing's train of thought was swirling around in the air, Xiao Baozi had already fixed his eyes onto the corpse's head. Unable to completely convey what he himself wanted, he merely persistently pointed at the corpse's head. "Inside... smells so good..."

Shao Qing was unsure of what to do, but no matter what, she was a fast unwavering individual, thus quickly cooled her head. Those worthless lives must be the heavens pitying her, allowing her to crawl out from the depths of hell to take revenge. Now the only person she cared for in the world is her baby. Why should she even care that her baby has turned into a man eating monster?

Could they even still be normal people?

Shao Qing looked at her slender black fingernail, her eyes getting colder and colder. With a overcast yet soft voice she spoke. "Darling, what do you want to eat?"

Xiao Baozi was somewhat anxious, constantly gesturing towards the head. "Inside... inside..."

Shao Qing looked at the location where Xiao Baozi pointed towards. Extending her slender fingernail, she softly inserted her finger underneath the corpse's skull until she came across a solid object. With a flash of emotion upon this discovery, she scooped out the object.

Her finger drenched in blood was now holding a red crystal. Looking at it, it appeared to be only the size of her fingernail, but it was excessively glossy, very beautiful.

Xiao Baozi's eyes brightened up. "Mama, eat... want to eat!"

Confirming that the thing her son wanted to eat wasn't human meat but instead this crystal, Shao Qing was able to let out a breath of fresh air. Even though she was fine to resolutely allow her son to hunt people for food, there was definitely a knot in her heart. Yet now to discover that what her son wanted to eat wasn't what she originally thought, her heart relaxed a bit.

Scared that the brain's on the crystal might upset her son's stomach, she quickly used clean water to wash it. Only after, did she pass it over to Xiao Baozi.

After passing the crystal to Xiao Baozi's hand, Shao Qing then approached the other corpse in the search for other crystals. That was when she discovered, not everyone had a crystal in their brains and the crystals were not all of the same colour.

She reckoned that only the superhumans would have a crystal within their brain. If their supernatural ability was stronger then the crystal would be larger. On the other hand, if their supernatural ability was weaker then the crystal would be smaller. Different supernatural abilities would lead to different coloured crystals. For example, the owner of the red crystal was the fireball user.

After eating two lumps of crystals, Xiao Baozi was full. Acting like a spoiled child, he rested on Shao Qing's bosom, while Shao Qing prepared to put the remaining crystals within her space dimension as Xiao Baozi's future provisions.

Yet Xiao Baozi urged Shao Qing. "Mama needs to eat too!"

Shao Qing stared blankly, could she also eat these crystals? In fact when Xiao Baozi was eating these crystals, holding one of the crystals within her hands she had felt a sort of absorption. She was originally not planning on making use of any of Xiao Baozi's provisions, but she had a slight premonition that if she did absorb the crystal, it would be able to upgrade her strength. The advantage of increasing her strength would allow her to have the capability to hunt even more superhumans for Xiao Baozi.

Holding the cyan crystal within her palm, she closed her eyes to perceive it. Within the crystal was a faint cyan light pulsing. Very quickly, it flowed into her palm and entered her body.

Shao Qing did not discover that the dark red within her eyes had slowly receded, she only felt that her violence within her heart had lightened. Rapidly, the crystal became a pile of ashes. With a puff from the wind, the ashes then dispersed into the air.

Shao Qing clenched her fist, as expected, she felt her body become more vigorous.

Acting as if the corpses on the ground did not exist, Shao Qing carried Xiao Baozi down to the ground floor. The SUV that the superhumans drove was still on the ground floor, supplying Shao Qing and Xiao Baozi a means for transportation.

After all, relying on walking to leave the city and traverse to other locations, one would be tired to death. Shao Qing hopped into the SUV. Looking at the fuel gauge, she noticed that the fuel has already been used up quite a bit. At the back seat, there were several empty barrels arranged. It was most likely that these people were preparing to go to a gas station on their return trip to get some fuel.

With regards to most people, travelling through a zombie filled city would be a narrow escape; but to Shao Qing, it is simply too easy. Directly taking Xiao Baozi to the gas station, she filled the car up to the brim with fuel. She even filled up the several empty buckets to the brim, then prepared to leave.

But just when she was about to get in the car, she heard a tearing sound from around the corner. Lifting up her head to take a look, it turns out it was some zombies who has formed a regiment.

She has never seen internal strife between zombies, could it be that zombies also have to prey on other zombies?

Sensing that something was wrong, Shao Qing didn't get in the car. Rather, she stood on the side observing the scene in front of her. After watching for a while, it seemed that the regiment was one of the zombies among the group unceasingly killing the other zombies.

On the ground, a few skulls that were ripped from the zombies could be seen. Finally, even the last few remaining zombies were also killed by that zombie. Immediately, that zombie began to dig within the skulls of the zombies he just killed.

Could it be that zombies also contain crystals within their skulls?

Shao Qing's interest was piqued. She carefully approached, attempting to get closer.

But the strange zombie in a blink, whipped his head around, and using his blackish green eyes glared at Shao Qing, keeping himself alert.

This zombie was evidently smarter and more calculating than the other zombies. Otherwise how could he have discovered the objects within their brains and taken the initiative to kill the other zombies.

Seeing that Shao Qing did not approach, he still did not relaxen. Rather, he sped up his search within the zombies' brains. After finding a few gray coloured crystals, he slowly retreated while continuously staring at Shao Qing.

How could Shao Qing just let him leave like that? Just earlier, when that zombie and the others were fighting, she had already made an assessment of the strength of both sides. She immediately made her move on the account that she thought that high quality zombies should have crystals that are quite large. Thus, the crystals from these zombies are definitely enough to feed her son an entire meal. How could she just give up on this easy prey?

This is why Shao Qing quickly made her move. Taking advantage of when that zombie was preparing to turn around and leave, she surged forward. However, this zombie was more nimble and agile than the other zombies. Right when he heard the sounds, without even looking at Shao Qing he started to run away, trying to find a location to eat the crystal.

Shao Qing didn't expect him to immediately run away, distracted slightly, she turned to look at the baby in the car, then gave up on giving chase.

With regret she returned back to the car, then departed with her baby. After about fifteen or so minutes, Shao Qing felt a presence secretly observing her. With one glance to the rear view mirror, she discovered that the strange zombie was surprisingly following the car from behind!

# Chapter 5

## Raising a zombie

Shao Qing had an intuition that the zombie had the exact same idea as her. In the same way that she wanted to catch him as food, he also wanted to catch her as food.

Narrowing her eyes, Shao Qing inwardly schemed how she was going to capture this intelligent zombie. After all she was a human. If she lost to this zombie in brains, then that really would be losing face for humans.

Not urgently or slowly, they continued to travel for another two hours. Seeing that it was the afternoon, she decided to find a location to rest since she was also capable of getting tired.

Even if her body wasn't that tired, her psyche was already fatigued. Finding a small shop with few zombies, she quickly tidied up the place. After cleaning up, Shao Qing carried Xiao Baozi inside. With nightfall approaching, the shallowly sleeping Shao Qing became aware of movements near the door.

Earlier, she had placed a wooden stick against the door. This was so if there was any movement, she would notice right away. Appearing dead silent, after another little while, a shadow came crawling in through the window.

The window was one of the locations Shao Qing was paying extra attention to. Waiting for the shadow to gradually approach, the already awake Shao Qing quickly stood up and instantly knocked him to the floor. Shao Qing didn't know what would happen to her if she was bitten or scratched by the zombie, so she wouldn't dare to risk it. With speed, she grabbed onto the two arms of the zombie in front of her, then with a snap, she broke his two arms. In the split second when the zombie attempted to raise his head to bite her, Shao Qing stuffed a new stocking into his mouth.

After two minutes, tied up like a fried dough twist (crisp snack food made by deep-frying plaited dough) he wriggled on the ground with all his might. But no matter what, he was incapable of breaking free.

Shao Qing leaned in close to take a look. From a glance, the zombie looked like an

eighteen/ nineteen year old youth. His appearance was delicate and pretty, but too bad he wasn't human.

Carrying the sleeping Xiao Baozi to the corner to continue to sleep, she pondered how to deal with this strange zombie while she prepared for the daybreak of the next day.

Early the next morning, Shao Qing crawled out and looked at the zombie huddling in the corner, shrunk into a small ball and making a rather pitiful appearance.

The first thing Shao Qing did was absorb a piece of the grey crystals retrieved from the zombie's body. Determining that the crystal doesn't produce any harmful effects to her body, then did she decide to save some for Xiao Baozi.

She also discovered that he still had the crystals killed from those zombies. The majority however was not on his body, only a small portion was found.

With this being the case, it seemed like she will have to stay here for a little longer to gather some crystals. Then she could take Xiao Baozi and leave this place.

After all, gathering zombies to kill is comparably easier than gathering superhumans.

With this thought, Shao Qing prepared to kill the zombie so afterwards she could go out to find some more provisions for Xiao Baozi. However, right when she approached him, he awakened and unceasingly made crying sounds as if he was threatening Shao Qing.

Squatting down, she extended one of her hands towards the zombie's head. He really was indeed more intelligent than the other zombies. Knowing that Shao Qing was about to kill him, his original vicious appearance changed. At the same instant of squirming backwards, he let out a faint whining sound to curry some good will and favour.

Although his eyes were already completely ash black, it still had a faint sparkle within them. Shao Qing's lifted hand paused for a moment, hesitating a bit. Previously, the reason she didn't immediately kill off the zombie was because she felt that this zombie gave off a similar feeling as her. She was the freak among humans while he was the freak among zombies.

However, if she was to bring around a zombie, no matter where she went, it would be inconvenient. Thus, Shao Qing decided to kill him.

Yet seeing this zombie's struggle to survive, Shao Qing couldn't help but recall the time when she was bathing in her pool of blood. She had also thirsted for survival.

"Do you understand human speech?" Shao Qing giving up on her previous action, reached out to touch his long, soft hair. Even if the zombie was unable to understand Shao Qing's words, he was still able to sense her killing intent slowly disperse. Hastily, he used his head to rub against Shao Qing's palm to demonstrate his willingness to be obedient.

Shao Qing sighed, then sat beside the zombie. "Before you leave this city, follow me. We'll hunt some crystals and you'll get a quarter of the share."

Seeing the zombie's obedient appearance, Shao Qing secretly felt better as well. Still, she took some precautions as she undid the bindings. The zombie didn't strike out against her, he simply crouched down in the corner.

Shao Qing then noticed that the two arms she had just broken last night were already healed. This zombie is really peculiar. Using it as a reward for being well behaved, Shao Qing handed him a crystal.

The zombie used his big black eyes to stare at Shao Qing. After quite a long time, he then stealthily extended his hand out to take the crystal from Shao Qing's hand, then consumed it at lightning speed.

It appears that he is able to directly digest these crystals.

After eating the crystal that Shao Qing gave him, the zombie felt a little closer towards her.

"Such a foolish expression, in the future I'll call you Er Dai" Saying that, Shao Qing immediately laughed. Being given the name Er Dai, the zombie was able to feel that this was not a very good name. Yet, he did not protest. He didn't dare protest. He even made an especially sincere look towards Shao Qing that would cause people to feel that he was a bit adorkable.

[Er Dai= Second Fool ]

Seeing that Er Dai's cheeks and clothing were filthy, Shao Qing felt like she had to help Er Dai tidy up.

Finding a massive tub, she filled it up with water. After, she started to peel off Er Dai's clothes. Er Dai stood there open and guilelessly, allowing Shao Qing to peel him naked.

Shao Qing's gaze shifted downwards, sweeping across Er Dai's pale body, then stopped at a certain somewhere: "Ah! Unexpectedly it didn't rot and fall off."

The Er Dai who shouldn't show a trace of shame or embarrassment had a sudden weird urge to retreat. However, when he was attempting to retreat, he was thrown right into the tub by Shao Qing.

Before throwing him in, Shao Qing teased his certain area, lightly laughing. "All the hair has completely fallen off..." Then seeing the confused Er Dai, Shao Qing felt somewhat embarrassed and immediately started to give clean Er Dai.

Zombies really aren't fond of water. He continuously flounced around in the water, but Shao Qing was still able to get him squeaky clean.

After washing him and changing him into a new set of clothing, if you didn't look carefully, you would not be able to recognize that Er Dai was a zombie.

Rubbing Er Dai's hair that was sticking up, Shao Qing was completely satisfied. At the beginning, she was certainly helping him due to her sympathy, but now that she thought of it a bit more, having a zombie as a companion actually wasn't that bad.

At the very least, a zombie wouldn't stab her in the back. In that respect, she'd rather have a zombie as a companion than a human.

Seeing one big, one small sitting on the ground using the exact same confused stare on her, Shao Qing's heart softened. It was that feeling that all women who became mothers would have: maternal love.

This slow brimming of softness, for the time being, replaced Shao Qing's trauma. It allowed her to clearly recognize that besides revenge, there are other possible reasons for her existence.

# Chapter 6

## Encounter

After digging out the crystals, Shao Qing let out a relaxed breath. Er Dai and her were very compatible. Er Dai brought her to the city and had wiped out an entire regiment together. Now within a corner of Shao Qing's space dimension, there was already a huge pile of crystals.

That was their two days of hard work. These crystals, excluding the portion saved for Er Dai, was enough for Xiao Baozi to eat for an entire two months.

Shao Qing then began preparing to depart. Before departing, she brought Er Dai to the city's largest shopping mall. She was preparing to clear that place up to give Er Dai a place to live in afterwards.

After all, it was impossible for Shao Qing to bring along a zombie, no matter how much smarter Er Dai was compared to the average zombie.

Within the shopping mall, there was a large traffic of people. Entering the first floor, she was able to see that the zombies wandering all around was several times more than the streets.

Once entering the shopping mall, one human and one zombie began taking action. Although, they had only been in contact for only a brief amount of time, Shao Qing and Er Dai had already cultivated a tacit understanding of each other.

Just seeing Er Dai's attempt to seduce a more agile group of zombies to move towards the door, Shao Qing would stealthily prepare to mount a sneak attack, to coordinate with Er Dai to kill this group of zombies.

Every time a few zombies are killed, Er Dai would enthusiastically fish out the crystals within the zombies head and present it to Shao Qing like a treasure. Shao Qing would then take the crystals and Er Dai's brain covered hands to wash and only then would she put the crystals in her space dimension.

Worrying that Xiao Baozi staying in the car would be inconvenient, Shao Qing had

made a back sling to carry Xiao Baozi. Occasionally, putting a crystal into Xiao Baozi's opened mouth.

When they were cleaning up the first floor, unexpectedly outside the shopping mall, a large car sound could be heard rumbling. Shao Qing and Er Dai, mutually understanding each other, both immediately went into hiding.

Soon they saw three men and one woman enter from outside. The woman was constantly firing one fireball after another, causing all the nearby zombies to be burnt to death.

"Ah... why are there so few zombies? I totally thought that there would be more zombies in the shopping mall too." The woman sighed. The tall man behind her then pointed out: "You guys look at the ground, there are zombie corpses everywhere. I'm afraid that before we arrived, there were already other people who have entered."

"Then would there still be supplies inside?" Among them the fat person impatiently called out. "If there isn't, then wouldn't we have made this trip all for nothing?"

"Let's go up and take a look first. Don't be careless, we have to take extra care." stated the final member of the group, the taciturn man.

The four member group then took precautions and slowly advanced. The fat man on the side casually talked and walked at the same time. "Ideally they will have supplies. The provisions we currently own are almost completely depleted. If we don't find any supplies here, then we'll have to fall to robbing. \*Click Click\* [with the tongue]. If we were able to steal from another easy loaded victim, then that would be the best. We would be able to be fed for an entire week at least."

The girl coldly laughed. "If you guys didn't go visit prostitutes and gamble, how could we have depleted all our supplies so soon?"

"Ok, stop arguing." The tall man frowned. "Be careful all around you, fatty, increase your awareness and perception."

"Opening up my perception wastes so much of my mental strength though..." The fatty mumbled this as he opened up his perception. Once expanding his perception, he abruptly screamed out. "There are other people up in front!"

The four of them in an instant became alert. Arranging into their attack formation,

Shao Qing immediately understood that the fatty's superhuman ability must have something to do with his perception. It must have acted like a scan causing them to be able to discover her.

Giving Er Dai an unperturbed glance, Shao Qing came out. "I'm sorry, I wasn't sure what kind of people came in, so I didn't dare come out."

Shao Qing knew that this wasn't the time to pretend to be delicate. After all, if she was a delicate girl then she wouldn't have appeared in a zombie filled shopping centre.

Once the four saw Shao Qing, their gaze immediately changed. Especially seeing Xiao Baozi's head stretched out from behind her shoulder, they became increasingly alert.

A single woman carrying a child, able to stay alive in a zombie covered city, and having not even a hair damaged in the slightest! It clearly indicated that this woman's strength is not to be underestimated!

So much that in comparison to all of them, she is definitely stronger. After all, which of the four would dare to venture deep within a city by themselves.

Seeing that Shao Qing was a girl, the woman within the group of four stood out to speak. "Nice to meet you, we are from S City's survival base. Were you the one who killed the zombies here?"

Noticing that the base they mentioned should be the exact same one as the group of men she had met earlier, her thoughts quickly changed. Without showing any change of expression she smiled. "Nice to meet you too, I also don't know who killed these zombies. When I entered this place, it was already like this."

The four people stared at each other, none of them fully believing Shao Qing's words. The girl laughed a bit and proceeded. "I am a rank 1 fire user. These are my companions: a rank 1 perception user, a rank 1 strength user and a rank 1 wind user."

"There are classifications between superhumans?" Shao Qing blinked her eyes. Feeling curious, the women hesitated a bit. "Since the apocalypse, you must have not left the city right?"

Shao Qing nodded her head. Following, the woman started to inform Shao Qing on what happened. It turns out that after the apocalypse, a portion of the people in the world had turned into zombies, another portion turned into superhumans, and finally

the remaining portion stayed as normal citizens.

There was a large variety of superhumans, fantastic oddities of every description. But comparing the commonly seen, there are two groups. One group is the natural users, using elements such as metal, wood, water, fire, earth, wind, thunder, and ice.

The second group is the body users. Some had outstanding hearing, eyesight surpassing all their other senses, increased ability to jump, fortification of their skin, and even increased strength. This group also includes the mental subcategory among them, the evolution of the brain.

The other superhumans who did not fall into these categories were rather few, and all fell into the 'other' category.

Currently, a large portion of the superhumans had awakened not too long ago. Due to natural users having functions comparably weaker, and not entirely useful, while body users were practical, especially strength users; body users were comparably more popular and had a higher status than natural users.

However, as long as they were aware of it, natural users could just mainly focus on increasing their strength.

Besides slowly advancing ranks, strength users, specifically, were able to slowly increase their potential to transcendental capacities.

Thinking for a bit, Shao Qing extended her hand out. "I should be a speed user, as for what rank, I am not too sure. However, I awakened not too long ago so I should be rank 1. I'm really glad to meet you guys."

The woman exchanged glances with her companions, then enthusiastically shook her hands and smiled. "We are super happy... to have been able to come across you."

# Chapter 7

## Discovered

Both sides had an understanding. Neither believed in the other. The woman and her companions wanted to fish out the secret in how Shao Qing was able to survive so long by herself in the city, while Shao Qing had taken a fancy towards their crystals.

As a result, although they walked forward in an amicable, polite manner, they were in fact on high alert, especially Shao Qing. Originally, she was considering if the others didn't make a move, she would be willing to operate in harmony in investigating this large building. After all, she didn't know these four very well, thus couldn't be confident in her winning chances.

But things of the world is often against one's wishes. Right when she had just arrived in front of the stairs of the second floor, the fat man suddenly turned his head and shouted. "Wrong, there's another person!"

When they heard this, the wind user, the taciturn man, had emitted a blade of wind towards where the fatty was facing. Originally hiding in the shadows of a secret corner, Er Dai angrily let out a howl. Quickly evading the wind blade, he consequently revealed himself.

Pale white skin, dark greenish black eyes carrying a dark red pupil, in addition to the comparably more rigid body than an average person, it was clear to see that he was not a human being.

Even if he was wearing a neat face, it would not be able to change the fact that he was a zombie.

The four of their faces changed in an instant. They had never seen a zombie with a speed this fast. Looking carefully, there was almost no difference in comparison to a living person.

The tall man's brain was the quickest to recover back to normal. When everyone's gaze was fixed on Er Dai, he screamed out loud "Watch out behind you!"

However, the warning was too late. By the time the other three turned their heads, they saw the wide eyed fatty kneel to the ground then finally falling with a loud thud. The back of his head had a hole with brains and blood flowing out.

Flinging the blood off her fingernail, she unsatisfyingly put away the white crystal. The woman at once felt her legs weaken. "She... she isn't human!"

Humans were able to freely lengthen and shorten, and even have black fingernails as sharp as a blade? Carefully looking at Shao Qing once more, they noticed that her complexion was dreadfully pale and underneath her eyes was a faint red taint.

Even the Xiao Baozi popping out from her shoulder had changed to be extremely frightening. Especially his sinister pair of eyes that he was using to stare at them.

Now they have truly discovered Shao Qing's secret in being able to survive in the city for so long. As it turns out, this elegant, beautiful woman standing in front of them is not a human being at all.

"I originally didn't want to kill you." Shao Qing smirked and then her eyes flashed. "Er Dai!"

Once the threatening Er Dai obtained the command, he immediately advanced towards the three remaining people. The weakest fatty had already been killed, now only three remained, but none of them were weak chickens.

What shouldn't have been seen has been seen. Now Shao Qing absolutely cannot let them leave this place alive. The moment Er Dai took action, she also took action.

After reviving, Shao Qing's speed, strength, and defence all drastically improved. After the absorption of so many crystals, all those aspects further increased. Let alone her expertise prior was in close combat. Now, the tenaciousness of her ten sharp fingernail blades just added to her fighting strength.

Now that it was the apocalypse, these superhumans were still in the middle of figuring out their powers and weren't completely proficient with their abilities yet. Thus their fighting strength was greatly reduced.

In a moment, they were covered in bruises and cuts, yet they were completely unable to harm Er Dai and Shao Qing.

“Go die!” Collapsing to the ground, the woman abruptly charged towards Shao Qing. Within the palm of her hands a blaze of flame was gathering. The fire ball grew bigger and bigger, while her forehead began to ooze out cold sweat.

Shao Qing was able to tell that, she had used up all her ability to amass such a large fire that a usual rank 1 fire user wouldn't be able to control. This kind of fireball, if not careful, would easily cause their own self destruction.

It seems to be that this woman was planning on sacrificing herself to take her down.

Just when Shao Qing was preparing to retreat, the tall man seized the opportunity to release wind chains restraining her ankles, which could not be separated within a short time.

While Er Dai was currently being wrapped around by the taciturn man. Shao Qing's eyes turned red, giving the woman a death glare, she quickly threw Xiao Baozi away.

Waiting for that woman to come closer, she was going to break her throat. Even if they were going to die together, the woman had to die first.

But, Shao Qing really did not want to die. She still had to raise Xiao baozi. If she dies, what would happen to Xiao Baozi? He was still only a little child with a sensitive identity and required crystals from zombies and superhumans as provision. During the apocalypse how could he continue to survive?

Yet the scenario before her eyes would not allow her to have this luck. As the woman approached, Shao Qing's eyes turned increasingly red. Staring at the woman, her heart felt fidgety. If she had a long distance ability then she wouldn't have to suffer these losses!

Even if she has the body fortification ability, it couldn't be said that she would still be able to survive.

Yet in this world if there are no ifs, then she can only resist it. Maybe after the woman died, there wouldn't be any explosion.

Although the latter scarcely doesn't happen.

When the women arrived in front of Shao Qing, Shao Qing had already extended her hand out and broken her throat. But when the women's body fell onto Shao Qing's

bosom, a big explosion occurred. Flames blasted into the sky swallowing up the shadows of the two people.

Er Dai went mad and hollered out loud, flinging the taciturn man to the wall. He frantically charged into the explosion of fire, the previously wooden face changing into a fierce expression.

# Chapter 8

## Parting ways

Yet, Er Dai was not successful in throwing himself into the circle of fire because a dark green colour flashed into the sky, blocking him from entering.

The blaze of flames gradually went out, exposing the dark green cocoon within. The cocoon looked as if it had used willow branches plaited to construct it, incessantly moving rhythmically, within the flames it did not even have the slightest damage.

Waiting until the fire went completely out, the formed cocoon slowly contracted, revealing to the outside, Shao Qing, who besides her complexion becoming even more pale did not have any change.

Er Dai was stunned. The remaining two superhumans were also stunned. The first one to snap out of it was once again the tall skinny wind user. Without hesitation, he abandoned his partner and turned around and fled. Shao Qing reflexively turned to look at him. Green vines appeared underneath the man's feet. Flying at a rapid speed, it climbed up the man's thighs and tightly restricted him.

On these vines were small thorns. Tiny thorns piercing into the flesh, it quickly released anesthesia into the restrained person.

The man's pupils enlarged and his body started to relax. He forcefully tried to compel himself to release his powers. But even before his small blade landed near the small vine, a sharp fingernail had already penetrated the back of his head.

From the back of his head, there was a portion that wasn't covered by the skull. Stabbing in that region, one would be able to stab straight into the soft mushy brain.

When Shao Qing had shortened her fingernail, between her two fingernails, she had already pinched the cyan crystal.

The final person was the strength user. His face ash coloured, he had the general idea of his outcome. If three people were unable to capture Shao Qing and Er Dai, then him alone is definitely impossible!

Presently, Shao Qing's eyes had a red light. She faintly lowered her head, using her cold gaze to stare at the taciturn man as his eyes rapidly dimmed due to Er Dai breaking his spine from behind.

Four different crystals made Shao Qing extremely satisfied. Now that she had an even better understanding of these supernatural abilities, that was what made her especially moved.

Now even if she were to infiltrate these people, she could easily pretend to be a superhuman and significantly increase her confidence.

After fetching the crystals, Shao Qing once again carried Xiao Baozi on her back. Feeling sorry, she carefully inspected Xiao Baozi's body. Thankfully, Xiao Baozi was not like normal kids. Otherwise throwing him aside like that would definitely hurt him a lot.

After dealing with the mess, Shao Qing brought Er Dai to the next floor. Since she had almost lost her life, Er Dai was not willing to allow Shao Qing to distance herself too far away.

Even when they were wiping out the zombies, Er Dai would try to keep as close to Shao Qing as possible. Using an entire's day worth of time to tidy up the shopping centre, they cleared up the interior.

Throwing out all the corpses then making a quick simple sweep, Shao Qing finally sat on the floor and called Er Dai over to sit by her. "Come."

Well behaved Er Dai sincerely sat by Shao Qing, opening his big crystal clear eyes like a husky dog.

From her space dimension, Shao Qing took out a bunch of crystals and a small red bag that had no patterns at all, just two pieces of cloth simply sewn together.

Placing the crystals within the bag, she tied the bag to Er Dai's neck. Looking at the bag excitedly, he unceasingly used his hand to touch it. Yet afraid that his long nails might puncture the bag, that cautious and gentle appearance was extremely adorable.

"Er Dai, I have to leave now. Afterwards you... just live your zombie life here. Don't go provoking too many zombies. They're a vicious bunch. If a flock comes to beat you up, you won't be able to handle it. Live well! Who knows, maybe we'll meet in the future."

Shao Qing touched Er Dai's head, then smiled. She had just spoken so many words to this zombie, but could he even understand?

Er Dai then unexpectedly widened his eyes, facing Shao Qing he began to loudly wail. He even tore off the red bag and placed it in Shao Qing's hands. His expression showing that he felt completely wronged, making Shao Qing somewhat unable to bear.

Having spent the last few days together, Shao Qing was already able to understand Er Dai's intentions. He was clearly expressing that he didn't want the pile of crystals he earned and only wanted Shao Qing to not leave.

But, could Shao Qing not leave? No matter how her body had changed, mentally wise she was still a human. Living in a place with no other people for a long time, could drive even the strongest mad. Let alone, she still needs to have her revenge!

"I'm leaving... you take care." Once again placing the small red bag around Er Dai's neck, Shao Qing headed downstairs. As she advanced forwards, Er Dai resembling a child who committed a mistake, followed her from behind.

When Shao Qing walked, Er Dai walked. When Shao Qing stopped, Er Dai stopped. If she just turned her head, she would be able to see Er Dai standing alone not far behind her, wanting to approach her yet not daring to.

She felt a bit soft hearted. Having no other options, she forced herself to get into the car and madly drove out the city gates. Unable to restrain her urge to turn her head, she turned around and saw Er Dai standing at the entrance. A frail slim figure, his shout expressing an unspeakable sorrow, it reverberated in Shao Qing's ears.

With great difficulty she resisted returning. She stepped on the gas and the car surged forward at lightning speed. Leaving Er Dai to stand there by himself, touching the heavy small bag, his entire being became somber.

His sounds soon died down and resembled a whimper. After a long while, Er Dai quietly stepped forward beyond the gates. He turned his head to look at the city behind him. Then without even a moment's hesitation, he advanced forward.

# Chapter 9

## Entering the base

Carrying Xiao Baozi, Shao Qing headed off towards the survivor base. She had to find that place and understand more about the current situation. Separating herself from humans for too long and not having information circulated, this would unfavourable concerning her goals.

S City's survivor base was about half an hour from the city occupied by zombies. Shao Qing and Xiao Baozi facing north, intended to advance towards that direction.

"Could you please give me a ride?" On the roadside was a flirtatious woman wearing flimsy clothing, miserably trying to hitchhike. Without even hesitating a tiny bit, Shao Qing stepped on the accelerator and continued on her way.

Hearing the women's hurried retreat, after Shao Qing left, immediately a few sturdy guys jumped out. Seeing the direction Shao Qing was headed towards, they began to swear.

Shao Qing understood. Since the apocalypse, there was no more law, no more morality. Superfluous sympathy would just cause your death to be sooner.

Driving down, no matter who it was who called out, she would not stop. Finally, before mid afternoon she arrived at the survivor base.

To enter the base, one would have to line up and get examined. Reportedly this was because there was an incident where people who were bitten by zombies had infiltrated the base and zombified within the base. If it wasn't for a superhuman discovering it in time and killing it immediately, half the base would have been finished.

Even though that was the case, there was still a lot of people infected during that incident.

Therefore, the survivor base now had extra regulations. No matter if it were people who went out in search for supplies or newly joining survivors, if they wanted to enter

the survivor base then they had to participate in the compulsory body investigation.

Especially for the new members. They even had to be separated for at least a day because a zombie infection would manifest within a day.

The amount of people wanting to enter the survivor base was large. All these survivors hailed from all over the place, running here to escape. When it was finally Shao Qing's turn, it had already been more than an hour of waiting time. The staff who was doing the registration, didn't even lift his head to ask. "Age, sex, any abilities."

"24 years old, female, Wood rank 1." Hearing Shao Qing's voice, the staff raised his head, looking a bit stunned. "Wood element? That's pretty rare.

And bringing a child..."

"My child has supernatural abilities too, but it's only strengthened perception." Shao Qing quickly stated this. She didn't want Xiao Baozi to be asked to leave, that would drive her mad.

"Go inside there to test your abilities." The staff gave Shao Qing and her child a strange look.

After giving Shao Qing a metal token, she entered and found the house had a middle aged man inside already. Right when he saw Shao Qing enter, he asked. "Wood element? Give me a demonstration so I can see."

Spreading out her hand, the seed within her palm was revealed. Urging the seed, it quickly germinated and soon became a thick long vine.

There are two ways for Shao Qing to employ the wood element. One method is to use energy to simulate the plant vegetation. The plant would have formidable powers but it would be a waste of energy. Another kind is to rely on seeds. It wastes far less energy, but wasn't as powerful. Each side had something that it loses out compared to the other.

Later on when she advanced to a higher level, she could even subdue a zombie and increase her attack power.

Xiao Baozi also used his extraordinary five senses to disguise himself.

“Not bad.” Taking away the token from Shao Qing’s hand, he gave a medal form of the token with a green unclear design in the middle to Shao Zing and one similar to a brain to Xiao Baozi. “Do you see the stars underneath the medal? Once you’ve increased your level to rank two, then you will be able to exchange it for a rank 2 star medal in the base. Superhuman’s have better benefits than regular people. If you’re an extraordinary superhuman than you’ll obtain even more benefits, so work hard.”

“I will.” Shao Qing took the medal and then entered S city’s survival base. This was also one of the advantages of being a superhuman. If one day you’re isolated, you don’t have to be scared because superhumans wouldn’t be infected by zombies.

Entering the survivor base, there was a person guiding Shao Qing forward. The residence for superhumans and regular humans were different. Ordinary humans stayed in a big tent, from a few to even more than a dozen in one. Their clothes were ragged and their bodies were yellow and scrawny.

In short, most of the ordinary people looked rather pitiful. There were also some that were dressed pretty well, but those are the family members of superhumans.

Before the apocalypse they might have been rich, but now that the apocalypse has arrived, they have all turned into trash, not even being able to buy a little bit of food.

Arriving at the superhuman residence, it was completely different from the one she had just seen. A simple and tidy single story house to a two story house by the ocean. Just simply looking the house’s environment, it was already better by a whole different level.

Shao Qing’s residence was located near the edge of the territory. Although the space was rather narrow, the space inside was neat and tidy with a small bed and a small kitchen.

# Chapter 10

## Settling down

After the person leading Shao Qing spoke the same dialogue about how promoting her rank would result in a better residence and more benefits, he departed.

Shao Qing started exploring all over the place, sizing up the house she would only be living in for a short amount of time. She quickly finished her walk around and placed Xiao Baozi onto the bed to allow him to play by himself for a bit.

Xiao Baozi poured out a pile of crystals and began to count. Shao Qing had sewed him a pouch which he used to carry the crystals for snacks.

Right when Shao Qing began to rearrange the house, a tall and graceful man came over. Wearing a pair of glasses, he appeared quite scholarly and refined.

Sensing Shao Qing's suspicions, he hurriedly introduced himself. "I just live right beside you. I heard that there was a new person moving in, so I came to look. Since we're going to be neighbours, if you ever need my help in anything, don't be afraid to ask."

After getting to know him a bit, Shao Qing politely sent him off. The entire time that man called Li Jing was just staring at Shao Qing's chest. Even a baby would be able to realize that he is not an upright man.

But through Li Jing, Shao Qing was able to figure out a few things. For example, even if you are a superhuman, you can't just freeload. They are required to participate in a search for supplies at set dates and half of the supplies found would go to the survivor base.

Another example is that they could hire any ordinary person to do the tedious chores they didn't want to do. Just by giving them a little food, you could hire a maid to manage house chores every day. It goes without saying that the delicate and pretty young maidens get chosen first.

Regular people usually would have to do physical labour in exchange for food, but the

amount of food they received in return were small, many would have no choice but to turn to earning 'extra income'.

Understanding the specific situation, Shao Qing decided to sign up for a weekly supplies investigation team to stay longer in the survival base and live there without being conspicuous.

Within the investigation team there were two groups of people. A regular people squad would search the nearby bases. They would obtain only a little amount of the resource yet the dangers were huge.

The other group was the superhumans who would have to go further away from the base. Since the places they went to hasn't been explored before, they received a greater amount of the natural resources discovered.

Shao Qing calculated a bit. She still needed a water jar, a bathtub and a sofa. Thus, she made preparations to check out the market and create a group to do some spontaneous investigating.

The people living at the market district had fantastic oddities of every description to sell. Carrying Xiao Baozi, Shao Qing saw gold ornaments, bizarre toy gadgets, and even R rated adult movies.

But very few people would buy those items. Now that it is the apocalypse, those luxurious goods already have no use. Using the gold ornaments as an example, if you wear it while you fight, it would only be cumbersome. Apart from it being flashy, there was no other use. One piece of biscuit would be able to exchange for several of those gold ornaments.

Rather quickly, Shao Qing soon arrived at a place where they sold old furniture. Even the worst of the items were about 90% new, yet the store was arranged in a place where it would be of no interest to anyone. Shao Qing chose a large tub and a sofa and was able to simply use a packaged cracker in exchange.

The seller even shed tears of gratitude and offered to help her transport it back. Seeing his skinny arms and legs, Shao Qing decided to give up on having him help her carry it back.

In any case, right in front of the store was a labor market where she could employ a healthy, sturdy man to help carry the things back. It's not like she lacks the food

anyways.

At the labor market, there were loads of pretty and flirtatious females decked in makeup and nice dresses trying to sell their bodies to gain some food.

With a quick sweep around, Shao Qing noticed a man squatting in the corner. This was due to his gorgeous looking muscles, not too exaggerated or bulging out, but instead sleek and lean. Even the curves of his muscles looked really appealing.

The only thing that would cause someone to be regretful would be that his muscles were covered in scars of all sizes. Some old, some new, repeatedly overlapping.

With shaggy hair and his upper body exposed, he sat in the corner. He wasn't like the others that were encircling others and trying to sell themselves. Instead Shao Qing felt that he was like a languid leopard.

When Shao Qing's gaze swepted over him, his muscles right away quickly became taut, entering high alert. This caused Shao Qing to be curious on what he did previously.

Thus, Shao Qing firmly decided to hire him. "Help me move some things, I'll give you two pieces of biscuits."

The man humbly lifted his head, his five facial features surprisingly outstanding. He had a heroic countenance, a high nose bridge, and most of all those eyes were filled with spirit.

"Ok." The man's voice was a bit hoarse and rough. He stood up in front of Shao Qing revealing his height to her, no less than 180cm.

The surrounding people let out a loud exhale, each going off on their own way leaving the man by himself. Lifting up the sofa and pressing the bathtub to his side, he followed Shao Qing forward.

The scars on his back were even larger in quantity than the ones in the front, repeatedly overlapping, some were even new wounds.

Without any intentions to investigate, she led him onwards.

# Chapter 11

## The Taciturn man

Shao Qing followed the man from behind, carefully sizing him up. His waist had a scar around 20cm long. Splitting the area near the spinal column on his back was another scar. From one look, it was clear that this was an old scar. A horizontal one across his spinal column, there was also one on his nape that wasn't too obvious. It seemed to be caused by a bullet directly penetrating his nape. His body really did have a lot of wounds. If these wounds were on an average person's body, they would've already had hemiplegia or lost their lives, yet here he was still in good condition and living.

Struggling with life or death situations for so many years, Shao Qing didn't want to admit, but the scars on her body were also more than most men.

That was how her curiosity was slowly evoked. As they both stepped into the house at the same time, the moment the man placed the sofa down, Shao Qing lightly patted his shoulder. Immediately after, Shao Qing was able to see that man's shoulder muscles tensed up and with force he shot his shoulder backwards.

The force his shoulders carried could have probably directly broken a person's bone. Moreover, the direction it was heading towards was Shao Qing's rib. If that bone was to break it would directly rupture the lungs inside.

Shao Qing's reaction was quick. Holding the man's shoulders, following his arms, she lightly pressed down on his shoulders. Because of the change to her body, with Shao Qing's superhuman strength, it should be easy to stop his movements. Yet, she still felt her hand going numb.

Realizing what he was doing, the man proficiently crouched down and held his head. Not at all sleek and smooth but definitely powerful. His waist became taut as if he was bracing himself for something. From Shao Qing's perspective, the trousers covering the border of his waist was extremely appealing and sexy.

Even the scars, simply enhanced its seductiveness.

If it were not the apocalypse, this would definitely be a man that many women would

like.

It's a pity that it was the apocalypse. Even if the man was handsome and strong, in most women's eyes, they still cannot be compared to superhumans.

The taciturn man was still holding his head, waiting for the fist and feet to attack his body. But what arrived was just a somewhat pale hand, holding a cracker within its palm. "Could you help me place the bathtub inside?"

The man silently glanced at Shao Qing, nodded his head, and lifted the tub up to bring it inside. Actually with a bathtub in the apocalypse, there really wasn't too much use for it. After all, most of the water sources have been contaminated by the zombies so drinking it will most likely lead to a misfortune, let alone taking a bath.

After arranging the tub in place, the man silently stood to the side. He used his glances to ask Shao Qing if there was anything else she needed help with.

"Could you help me move the sofa so it's facing that direction?" Shao Qing softly asked. When the man bent forward to move the sofa, Shao Qing gently placed her palm on his lower back.

Even though once again the man tensed up his muscles, this time, he didn't attack. Rather, he forcefully restrained himself.

Feeling the muscles underneath her palm containing such force from tensing up, Shao Qing quickly took back her hand. But she unconsciously noticed that the man's earlobe had turned red.

At the beginning Shao Qing had thought that he was tired, but now she discovered that although his usual expression hasn't changed, within his eyes a little bashfulness can be seen.

She has never seen such an easily embarrassed mature man. He is such a tall big man too, but unexpectedly he contrasted from his demeanour.

"This time, I really have to thank you" Shao Qing smiled. "If I ever need anymore help in the future, I'll definitely come find you." After, Shao Qing once again saw this man's earlobe turn red.

Not really understanding everything, Shao Qing sent the man off then closed the door.

Although she was curious about this big, tall taciturn man's past, but at present the most important thing was to increase her own strength.

Other people's business, it's better not to be bothered. Curiosity killed the cat.

After putting water in the bathtub, Shao Qing stripped Xiao Baozi naked and placed him inside. White and smooth, his arms and legs were like pinched dough, that meaty feel was super addicting.

Xiao Baozi wasn't afraid of the water. Within the bathtub he simply blew some bubbles and just entrusted Shao Qing to help him bathe.

Xiao Baozi's behind was especially smooth. Children's skin have always been particularly sleek and smooth. His being a bit ice-cold resembled holding a gelatin dessert.

After being washed clean by Shao Qing, Xiao Baozi changed into an adorable bear outfit and was placed on top of the bed. Xiao Baozi wore his open pants outfit [pants that have a hole at the behind for infants before toilet training] and just crawled around the bed.

When it was approximately dinner time, right when Shao Qing was about to grab some crystals to fill her belly, there was a knock on the door. Opening the door, she saw her neighbour, Li Jing. Smiling with elegance, he softly spoke: "I was reckoning that since you just arrived to the base, tonight you definitely wouldn't have made dinner. So, I was thinking to see if you would like to go to my place to eat. Now that I am here, sure enough, you really didn't make dinner."

"It's nothing, it's just two people anyways, my child and I. Throw some stuff together and we'll be satisfied." Shao Qing wasn't even feeling that hungry anyways. Even if she was, two pieces of crystal would have done the trick. However, it is a fact that she hadn't ate regular people food in a long time.

Thus, after Li Jing's persistent invitations, she finally agreed. From the beginning, Shao Qing had felt that Li Jing had some untoward thoughts towards her but Shao Qing didn't take it to heart. She was a very able person who could afford to be audacious.

Arriving at Li Jing's house, she saw that Li Jing had merely made a few dishes. Three meat, three vegetable, and there was fish and meat. Although the meat was stewed, and the fish wasn't fresh, this was the apocalypse. Fish and meat could be considered

luxury goods, not even mentioning lush green vegetables and chicken drumsticks.

Li Jing smiled in a reserved manner. “Originally I had made too many things, thank god you were coming over. Otherwise if it was kept for another meal, the taste just wouldn’t be the same when you reheat it.”

“I didn’t expect that you were going to make such a sumptuous meal. I feel a bit inconveniencing.” Shao Qing smiled and sat across from Li Jing. Li Jing quickly poured her a cup of water to quench her throat.

“Like I said, we are neighbours. In the future there will definitely be many times where we will be assisting each other. So let’s not speak as if we’re talking to strangers.” Li Jing beamed, but if you looked carefully at his eyes you could see a weird gleam within that really demonstrated that he was just putting on airs.

“Quickly, try my skills.” Li Jing picked up his chopstick and put a piece of meat in Shao Qing’s bowl. Unable to withstand his enthusiasm, she picked up the piece of meat and placed it in her mouth.

It was just as she thought. The food arriving at her mouth, not only did it not give off any smell or flavour, it instead gave her a fierce vomiting urge.

# Chapter 12

## You're mine!

It's no surprise that when Xiao Baozi drank the powdered milk he made a complete mess and barfed everywhere. Shao Qing had only taken one bite, but was already ready to tear out her stomach. Li Jing seeing her reaction promptly asked: "Is my cooking really bad?"

"No, it's just that recently my stomach hasn't been feeling too well." Shao Qing was unable to elaborate more. Li Jing narrowed his eyes then lightly laughed. "Even if your stomach isn't feeling well, you should should still eat some stuff. If you don't eat, how could your body get better?"

"No." At this moment, Shao Qing only had one thought in her mind and that was to puke out everything in her stomach. "Sorry for the bother today. It's not your cooking skills, I just really can't eat anymore. Another day, invite me to try your cooking skills again."

Watching Shao Qing want to leave, Li Jing hurriedly replied. "If you don't want to eat these things, how about eating some fruit? I have a lot of fresh apples here, you can wait here. I'll bring you some."

Not waiting for Shao Qing's rejections, he went inside to go grab it. Shao Qing without any other option sat down once again. Her stomach churning, she really just wanted to puke.

Holding two bright red apples in his hand and a cluster of bright green grapes, he handed Shao Qing an apple. "You can bring the grapes for the baby to eat."

"Originally, Shao Qing was going to reject his offer, but her stomach was too difficult to bear so she received them. "I'm really not feeling well right now. Another day I'll invite you out to eat."

Li Jing's eyes flashed with a hidden gleam of happiness. He thought that the medicine that he had secretly served to Shao Qing had worked, thus he continuously urged Shao Qing to stay.

Shao Qing was soon about to throw up on his face, even her smiling expression couldn't be maintained any longer. "I'm leaving first." Ignoring Li Jing's obstruction of her to leave she quickly left a few words and departed.

Once departed, Shao Qing immediately felt Li Jing following from behind. Not saying a word she quickly increased her pace, using her pursuing technique that she had trained for many years, she easily threw off Li Jing.

Once she threw off Li Jing, Shao Qing immediately found a corner and puked everything out, whatever amount she ate was whatever amount she threw up. After vomiting, Shao Qing began to worry about the quilt covered Xiao Baozi. Wiping her mouth and taking some mineral spring water to rinse out her mouth, she prepared to set off.

After walking a few steps, she saw a familiar figure walking out from a tent. As before, his well built back was visible and showed off his powerful lower back.

He also discovered Shao Qing, his body becoming rigid. Looking at his body, she realized there were quite a few new wounds.

There were even more bruises on his body.

Shao Qing was originally planning on leaving, but when her gaze met the deep pair of eyes of the man, she stopped her steps. The man seemed to hesitate a bit, after a long while did he let out a low voice asking: "Da ren, do you still need some able-bodied workers?"

[Da ren = title of respect towards superiors]

Shao Qing faintly knitted her eyebrows. Her eyes falling onto the man's bruised and scarred chest, sneering: "Asking a single woman if they need some able-bodied worker in the middle of the night, aren't you scared I'll let my imaginations run wild and really want you to do some 'extra labour'?"

The man evidently felt somewhat helpless. Expressionless for a while, the moonlight from above enveloped his cheeks revealing the new layer of pink. His lips quivering: "I... I didn't have those thoughts..."

"I know, I was just joking with you." Shao Qing spurned herself for her nasty sense of taste in humour. She patted the man's shoulder. "Are you able to tell me what you

need?”

“Medicine... to reduce fever.” His eyes shined for an instant, then in a blink of an eye dimmed down. Medicine in the apocalypse was extremely scarce, majority of the medicine was secured by the base and provided to injured superhumans. The remaining portion could be exchanged with points but these points were achieved through the exchange of food and other supplies. Not to mention the points required to exchange for medicine is extremely high.

Men without superpowers could only count on their own strength. Even if they had joined the normal human investigation teams, the things they earned through that were just barely able to meet their daily needs. It is basically impossible for them to have a surplus of goods to exchange for points.

Even if they lived in the most frugal manner, the gathered points still wouldn't be enough to exchange for the most common medicine.

Therefore since arriving at the apocalypse, normal humans that became sick really couldn't afford to be sick.

“I do have some.” Shao Qing had plundered quite a few medicine, it's a pity though that she had found out her and Xiao Baozi had a physique that wouldn't fall ill. Now these medicine she plundered had no use at all, fortunately she had still not thrown it away yet.

“Could you give me some? I could help you with some manual labour...” Saying this, his cheeks turned red. He naturally knew that if this deal went down, he would be taking advantage of Shao Qing too much.

“Sure, but I have a question I would like to ask you.” Nodding her head she asked. “What did you do before?”

“I was a soldier, but I retired due to an injury...”

Shao Qing's impression of the man rose significantly. She had also retired from being a military personnel. Thus in regards to military personnel, she had a somewhat favorable opinion of them.

Not to mention this man had retired due to an injury which was the exact same situation as Shao Qing. “How much do you need?”

“I’m not too sure...” Wrinkling his brows, he pushed open the tent’s curtain revealing a woman lying on a worn out quilt.

The woman looked around fifty to sixty of age. Malnourished and sickly in appearance, a deep wound looking as if it was split open on her exposed thigh could be seen. As there was no immediate treatment, the wound had pus and blood oozing out causing the air to have a grotesque smell. Feeling a bit embarrassed, he explained his situation. “My mom’s wound has become inflamed for quite some time. The smell is quite unpleasant, you might not want to stand too close.”

“It’s nothing.” Shao Qing did not increase her distance from the tent. “Come to my place tomorrow, I don’t have any medicine with me right now.”

“Ok. But I don’t have anything I can give you...”

Shao Qing’s gaze swept over the man’s well built muscles on his chest, with intentions to take advantage of him as she touched his chest smiling. “No worries, from now on you’ll just be mine.”

This honest man pulled back a bit, his face turning so red it could bleed blood. It was evident that he had never been teased like this before and had no experience at all. His whole body turned as stiff as a board.

Until Shao Qing’s voice drifted into his ears. “What’s your name?”

“Yan Hanqing,” He reflexively answered.

“I’m Shao Qing. Remember to come find me tomorrow.”

When Shao Qing saw this upright man still having such a blank face, she couldn’t hold back her smile and turned to leave.

Yan Hanqing waited until Shao Qing was far away, then did he realize his forehead was covered in sweat. Just now... just now what did she say?

# Chapter 13

## Good natured man

Returning home, Shao Qing scarcely noticed that Li Jing was completely shocked. He had given Shao Qing an extra strong dose of knockout drugs, the type that could completely knock out a cow! Yet, not only did she not pass out at his house, she was able to walk so fast that she shook him off when he was tailing her. What knockout drug? That is total BS!

Deeply pondering that someone might have collected his meat, Li Jing was very unhappy. He had no idea that Shao Qing was unable to digest food, let alone the knockout drugs within the food.

The clueless Shao Qing returned home, snuggling up to her bundled up son feeling safe and went to bed. Early the next morning, in a daze, Shao Qing helped Xiao Baozi brush his teeth. Opening the door, she saw a stern man crouching in front of the door, the doors even still had morning dew on it.

He had most likely come really early and had waited outside not wanting to disturb Shao Qing.

“Come in.” Shao Qing lightly nudged his leg. The stern honest man entered through the door. Standing inside he was at a loss on what he should do. Shao Qing dragged over a chair. “Let’s eat together, in any case the baby and I can’t finish it all.”

Yan Hanqing at once waved his hands. Shao Qing had already promised to give him medicine. He was already taking advantage of her. How could he possibly have the nerve to take her food as well?

Furthermore, Shao Qing is a single mother. Even if she has superhuman abilities, food is not easy to come by. He is a seven foot man and has the ability to work, how could he have the conscience to take her food?

However, Shao Qing had already pushed him towards the table. Arranging a plate, she placed an egg inside. On the other side, Xiao Baozi was already moving, trying to climb up the chair with his short pudgy legs.

Shao Qing lifted up Xiao Baozi and pushed the bowl towards Yan Hanqing. "Eat."

Yan Hanqing still wanted to refuse, but Shao Qing refuted. "I'm going to be going out to do some investigations. At that time if I'm going to bring you, if you don't eat, how are you going to have the strength to follow along?"

Yan Hanqing made a little note in his heart, then he picked up the egg sandwich and began to nibble on it. After the apocalypse, food has become more and more precious. For ordinary humans, the daily food they were served was water gruel served with hard stale crackers. Soft bread and golden eggs could be considered a rarity, a true blessing.

Yan Hanqing actually was even somewhat unwilling to eat his food and in fact wanted to bring it back to his mother. Shao Qing was able to make out his thoughts. "There's still more inside the pot. In a little while, you could bring some back to your mom."

Yan Hanqing tried to hide his blush. "I definitely will return the favour."

If she had told him to bring it back for himself, he definitely would not have agreed. However in his house, he still had an aged and injured mother.

"En." Shao Qing did not act in charity when she had offered these things. She knew that these kind of things wasn't helping Yan Hanqing, instead it would be damaging his honour if she refused to accept his favour.

Being raised in the army, Yan Hanqing did not make a single sound when he was eating and was speedy about it. Finally becoming a bloated Yan Hanqing, him and the Shao Qing who did not take a single bite, both looked at Xiao Baozi clumsily attempting to use the knife to cut the egg.

Xiao Baozi and Shao Qing were a bit different. If Shao Qing ate normal food she would only throw everything up. However, if Xiao Baozi absorbed some crystals, then he could eat a bit of some high-calorie food items.

Therefore Shao Qing would usually make some things for Xiao Baozi to supplement. Unconsciously, she still had hopes for Xiao Baozi to be similar to other regular kids.

"I have about two weeks worth of medicine here. You can take these first." Taking the prepared medicine bag, she handed it over to Yan Hanqing. "After two days I'm planning on going for a trip, are you free?"

“I can entrust my friends to take care of my mother.” He nodded his head. “I should have no problem.”

“That’s perfect.” Shao Qing stood up and went over to the pot to package away the last egg within. Stuffing in some extra ham and bread, she passed it over to Yan Hanqing. “Don’t forget, the latest will be the day after tomorrow.”

Yan Hanqing nodded his head. Seeing he was eager to bring back the medicine to his mother, Shao Qing did not keep him any longer. “Let’s go quickly. I want to see auntie as well.”

Yan Hanqing knew. Shao Qing was just worried that someone else would see the medicine in his hands and would have it stolen thus decided to specially escort him. His heart warming up, he couldn’t help think about the words Shao Qing said that night.

She said he was hers...

Not even speaking about the list of things he still owes her, all those things are sufficient to have his life be used to repay this debt. Recalling that there are other certain ‘methods’ to repay his debt, the good-natured Yan Hanqing didn’t even have to touch his face, to feel that his face was already scalding hot.

Carrying Xiao Baozi, Shao Qing and Yan Hanqing, one in front and one in the back, walked towards where he lived. Taking secret glances at Shao Qing, he couldn’t help but think: Shao Qing is so gorgeous and is such a competent girl, why would she even take a fancy to him?

This must be his fantasy! Even if she had a kid, men willing to be with Shao Qing would definitely be innumerable, waves after waves. How could it ever be his turn?

Yan Hanqing pondered more and more. The more he thought, the more he believed that he must have heard wrong.

Since he started doing his military service at the age of eighteen until he retired because of an injury when he was twenty seven, he had not even dated once.

After all within the army, there were scarcely any girls, especially within his department of the army. Due to the particularity, besides the military doctor, the rest were all men.

As a result, a girl as soft and gentle as Shao Qing, was something Yan Hanqing was encountering for the first time. Thinking about it more and more, his palm moistened with perspiration.

# Chapter 14

## First Investigation

The next day, Shao Qing tidied up some things. Contacting a group of superhumans, Shao Qing was seen as a wood element superhuman. Wood element superhumans are relatively popular even if they were only of rank one.

In just a few moments, Shao Qing was able to find a group willing to allow her to join them. A lot of the investigation squads were a combination of superhumans and ordinary people. After all, superhumans are relatively scarce. To collect a group that consists of solely superhumans, those groups would usually only be the survivor base's high ranked investigation squads. However, most of the time those squadrons weren't accepting new people.

The group that Shao Qing found did not have many members. Within the group there were three superhumans. A pair of siblings, a brother and a sister. The brother was taciturn and spoke little. He was tall and good looking with delicate facial features. Too bad he had facial nerve paralysis.

The little sister was energetic with large almond eyes and cherry lips. She was a beauty. Wearing suspenders revealing her navel, she chattered continuously. As a result, Shao Qing was able to quickly understand why the older brother was called Gu Chuan [to take consideration] and the little sister was called Gu Panpan [To look around]

The remaining superhuman was called A Tu. Nice and round, his ability was also the earth element. Besides the three superhumans, there was a young pair of regular husband and wife. Adding Shao Qing and her group, it would be a total of seven people.

Arriving at the assembling spot, the other people were already there. When the woman of the young couple saw Shao Qing, her face changed and she mumbled: "Coming out on an investigation and she still brings her child. This isn't a vacation... They really don't want their lives!"

The husband at once pulled on his wife's sleeve, smiling. "Da Ren please don't mind. My wife's words have always been a bit blunt..."

[Da Ren = term to call your superiors/ title of respect]

Shao Qing shook her head. "At the base, I don't have any acquaintances and because my darling is still small, I can't be at ease to entrust him to anyone thus I brought him. But don't worry, my baby is also a superhuman. Although he is limited in his senses, he is still somewhat useful. We definitely won't drag you guys down."

Right when they heard that Xiao Baozi, that little bean was also a superhuman, the pair of husband and wife's complexion changed and they didn't speak any longer.

Looking at them and acting rather passionately, Gu Panpan waved her hands. "Hurry and get in the car, so we can head out. This journey will be at least another hour."

Shao Qing brought Xiao Baozi and Yan Hanqing over to the car. Yan Hanqing was carrying a bag containing all the water and food Shao Qing brought and various equipment of some sort he had brought along.

Seven people split among two cars. Shao Qing, Yan Hanqing and the siblings were in one car, while the young couple and the fatty were in the other.

On the road, Gu Panpan's mouth would not stop. Prior to coming to the apocalypse, she had earned her living in the field of entertainment specifically gossiping about rumours and other hearsays. In the end after listening to her incessant talking, Shao Qing's entire body turned stupefied. Now she understood why Gu Chuan had facial paralysis.

If she had a similar sister, she would also have facial paralysis.

In fact it would have been an even more severe facial paralysis.

With great difficulty they finally arrived at the destination. Shao Qing escaped the car as if she was digging out for freedom.

Looking as if she hadn't fully expressed herself yet, Gu Panpan came out from the front passenger seat. She used her most joyous expression to face Shao Qing. "If there's time, let's talk again!"

Shao Qing: "..."

I refuse!

A party of seven people, oh and Xiao Baozi, together entered the destination. Owing to a multiple of reasons and even knowing that the metropolis area had the best goods, they did not dare to venture there in search of supplies. Instead they decided on the smaller towns.

Within the small town, there were many single story houses. People concentration was not as high of a degree, thus there would be less zombies here than in the metropolis. With regards to their small investigation team, although there is less meat in the small town, the safety level was way higher.

Once she got out of the car, Shao Qing sensed that the man beside her had quickly raised his vigilance. This kind of vigilance was not only speaking of the mind, it also included the body. His muscles all turned into a state of high alert. If any kind of danger arose, he would be the first to react.

No wonder he is from the military. Shao Qing casted a sidelong glance towards Yan Hanqing. Taking the lead, Yan Hanqing followed closely behind, standing to Shao Qing's rear left. This position on one hand would help prevent anyone from mounting a sneak attack on Shao Qing and on the other hand if anything unexpected suddenly burst out, he would be able to rapidly help Shao Qing block it.

Having been assigned numerous bodyguard assignments to protect a lot of big figures, Shao Qing naturally knew better than anyone else what Yan Hanqing's actions meant.

Shao Qing couldn't help but smirk a bit, her footsteps increasing slightly.

In that second she had died, her heart was filled with an uncontainable resentment. She hated that woman who killed her and her baby, and she hated the traitorous Lin Qifan.

Even so much that at a period of time, she had thought that in this world there were no good men left. All men were garbage, simply trash.

However at this second, Yan Hanqing had made Shao Qing feel that no matter what Yan Hanqing's intentions were, to repay her kindness or if it was just a habit, he was a good man.

Before owing to them being a colleague in the same field had she helped Yan Hanqing, now, she felt that her decision back then was the correct thing to do.

“Once we enter the small town, make sure not to separate.” The taciturn Gu Chuan finally speaking out. This was the second statement Shao Qing had heard him say since she had met him. Before that the only things he had said was how are you, let me introduce myself, I am Gu Panpan’s replacement.

“If we do separate and get besieged by zombies, it will be difficult to help. So, everyone, please as much as possible do not leave too far from your area.” Gu Panpan carefully reminded everyone.

After they really stepped into the small town. Usually when an investigation team went out, besides searching for goods they would also search for survivors. Under circumstances where they can protect themselves, they would also bring the survivors back to the base.

The reason is because survivors are a fundamental factor to the base. These survivors that stayed for a long time at the base would hand over half of their possession with a portion of this half given to the newly discovered survivors.

Of course, resembling what Shao Qing considered as looking poor; if they encountered these kind of people who weren’t in the best mood, they might not feel like rescuing people.

Entering by foot into the small town, they remained their high vigilance and began to start their investigation. The houses of these countryside people usually have some hidden storages of provisions. Each year they would save a bit of their harvest in a station they created to place the extra food.

Therefore, Shao Qing and the rest would go from house to house in attempts to find these provision to bring back.

Unfortunately, a small town that is relatively close to the survival base would have long ago had someone investigate this area. From the looks of it, most of the goods had been taken away already.

After searching for quite a while, besides zombies they did not even see a bit of grain.

In fact, contrary to what they expected, they saw quite a few zombies. A lot of the families here had one of the members changed into a zombie resulting in the whole family being turned by the bites from that single member.

There were also families where everyone was turned into a zombie except for one single member. This type was comparably tragic. They would usually be bitten and gnawed on until they became a skeleton.

“I remember there were some granaries ahead. It’s where the merchants contained the grains that he collected from the village.” A Tu pointed out in front. “How about we have several people go over there to check it out?”

# Chapter 15

## Zombie Variation

Surrounding that granary was quite a few zombies. Speculating that there might be some provisions left in there, a few of them consulted a bit, then decided to head over in that direction.

Shao Qing had successively seen Gu Panpan and Gu Chuan's abilities. Gu Panpan that little girl, unexpectedly had the strengthening ability. Once they started to fight, she had turned into a diamond barbie, expertly tearing about the zombies.

Gu Chuan on the other hand had the ice element. His current abilities were not strong and were primarily there for assistance. Everytime it would be Gu Chuan using his ice to freeze the zombie's feet. Once the zombie was stuck for that short duration, Gu Panpan acting like Hercules and would twist the zombies neck or smash their skull.

A Tu's ability was primarily for protection. Defending the young couple and leading them forward, he would cut off the heads of the zombie that Gu Chuan froze or Shao Qing had binded.

Yan Hanqing was silently standing by Shao Qing's side. With a knife in his hand, as long as any of the zombies attempted to approach Shao Qing, he would immediately get rid of them.

The group of people quickly approached the granary. The granary looked peaceful, with only a few scattered zombies roaming around outside.

"Let's get this done quickly. We've been standing outside stupidly for too long and have been attracting too many zombies." The chatterbox Gu Panpan uttered while still fighting reliably.

A few nodding heads and they proceeded to coordinate to kill the zombies. In fact, the zombies they were fighting individually did not have a high fighting strength. Because their movements were sluggish, besides them being ugly, tenacious, and only dying if their heads were crushed, they were not particularly valiant. If they did not assemble in a group, even if it was a normal person, they could easily defeat several zombies.

From her experience besides her not being a person, Shao Qing also knew about Er Dai, that peculiar zombie. Based on his actions, he was definitely intelligent. His learning capability was especially fast and he was also capable of having emotions. Thinking about this further, could it be that Er Dai is the only zombie with these capabilities?

It could be possible that zombies would evolve just like superhumans. Zombies could possibly evolve in a certain direction. For example speed, the durability and toughness of their body, strength, or even their wisdom.

Therefore, Shao Qing did not relax. However on the contrary, the young couple seeing that killing zombies was as as easy as chopping vegetables, had relaxed quite a bit.

“There must be a lot of things inside!” Arriving at the entrance, the young couple impatiently pushed open the door. A Tu immediately called out to them. “Watch out! There might be some more zombies...”

The wife rolled her eyes and mumbled to herself. “The door is close, how could there be more zombies? Even if there were some, I could easily handle one or two. Aren’t you just scared that we might steal some of the supplies...”

A Tu felt helpless, but he still gave the young couple an armour made from soil using his supernatural abilities. Owing to him being a rank one, he was only able to form a thin layer of earth plating around their vital areas. If there were any unexpected accidents, it should be able to resist a while.

Speak about it and it will happen. Just when they were still worried about accidents occurring, the woman pushed open the door and a black shadow dropped from the sky. The woman screamed out, her appearance turning pale, she turned and tried to flee. Yet she was thrown to the ground by the shadow. The husband upon seeing this tried to reach out to pull her away when he discovered that the black shadow was actually a zombie.

His face turned green, turning his heels, he scrambled away not caring at all that his wife was still on the ground. Luckily, Shao Qing reacted quickly. Extending her hand, green vines reached out and quickly bound the zombies arms and legs. A Tu also launched his power. Raising a chunk of the floor, he used it to knock over the zombie.

Taking advantage of the situation, the woman staggered up and ran back towards the

group. While she was attempting to escape, the zombie had already thrown off his bindings.

His speed was extremely fast. Not even mentioning the average zombie, even comparing him with a rank one speed focused superhuman, one would be unable to precisely determine who was faster.

Shao Qing knitted her eyebrows. The vines she had used was a portion of her powers, thus she was able to feel that when her vines were restraining the zombie, sharp thorns penetrated through. This clearly showed that his defensive abilities was average and it was just his speed that stood out from the rest.

“Gu Chuan, restrict its movements.” Although Gu Chuan was unsure of what Shao Qing wanted, he still quickly released his ability. Yet the speed of the zombie was just much too quick. He was just simply unable to freeze it’s pair of legs like before. Sparing no effort, he even converted the humidity of the atmosphere into ice as well in attempts to capture the zombie.

That area’s temperature quickly plummeted causing the zombie’s body to have icicles hanging on it. While the temperature quickly dropped, A Tu unceasingly created holes near the areas where the zombie was stepping through. Although the impact wasn’t significant, it was still able to cause the zombie to slow down his pace a bit.

Seeing the opportunity, Shao Qing released another set of vines to bind the zombie. Originally, she planned on fighting the zombie in close contact. However, Gu Panpan and Yan Hanqing, one on the left and one on the right were both running over there.

Shao Qing’s vines were known to be the lowest variation of vegetation. The anesthesia qualities it brings having basically no significant impacts towards the zombie, the zombie was quickly able to free its upper body. Right when it was about to escape, the diamond barbie like Gu Panpan threw her clenched fist at its face causing it to cave in.

But even with this, the zombie did not die. Instead it rolled on the ground, looking as if it wanted to escape. Before he could escape, Yan Hanqing followed up by using his knife and directly stabbed it into the zombie’s skull, penetrating through.

The zombie’s body bounced one last time then stopped moving.

Shao Qing let out a sigh of release, narrowing her eyes, she was already planning on opening up the zombie’s body for its crystal. This kind of zombie variation, its crystal

must contain way more energy than the average zombie.

“That zombie is really peculiar, let me take a look first.” Shao Qing approached the zombie as she said this. Putting on a show of flipping over the zombie’s corpse, the young couple felt impatient watching Shao Qing, but at the same time they did not want to see the zombie’s scary appearance at all. Gu Panpan and A Tu gave the young couple an examination, after all the two of them were ordinary people. If by any chance they were grabbed and bitten, they would be infected.

Shao Qing slightly peering over towards the remaining Gu Chuan and Yan Hanqing, then realizing that they weren’t paying attention to her, she quickly penetrated the zombie’s skull with her finger nail. With practiced movements she found the crystal and without looking at it’s size she transferred it directly into her space dimension.

# Chapter 16

## Survivor

“Why are you sweating so much? Were you frightened?” Gu Panpan gave the woman a simple inspection. Discovering that there were no wounds, the pale faced woman wiped the sweat on her face. “Obviously I was frightened! That zombie came jumping out of nowhere and I almost became the food in its stomach.”

“As long as you aren’t injured, in comparison to everything else, it is definitely better.” Gu Panpan patted the woman’s shoulder. The woman only smiled, but her face became all the more paler.

“Leave, why are you just standing there?” Her husband had come over, patting the woman as well, but the woman became startled, hurriedly repeating. “Leave, leave, leave...”

“Has your spirit been scared off?” The man laughed, pulling the woman to follow. This time it was A Tu clearing the way. He was an earth elemental superhuman with the highest defensive capabilities, he was the best suited for this role.

This time, everyone was cautious and solemn when they were entering. Not discovering another zombie, they just saw piles of bones spread out on the ground. It appears that these people have died quite some time ago.

“So much provisions...” Gu Panpan stared foolishly at the granary. She did not expect that the granary would unexpectedly have this much food remaining. It must be because that variation zombie was protecting this area, thus most of the food provisions weren’t taken away by others.

The others went to the surrounding granaries to take a look. As expected, not even a drop of rice could be found to be remaining in the others. It may be assumed that the piles of bones might be the remains of the previous investigation teams.

“It must be that they plundered all the granaries all around and the ones that they sent over to this granary were all killed by the variation zombie. Since they were able to harvest so much, they probably didn’t care about a little extra food provisions. Not to

mention they would be worried about how this granary might have quite a few variation zombies, thus they just decided to depart. Now that had just benefited us.” Gu Panpan was extremely excited.

Even A Tu echoed in agreement with Gu Panpan. “I also think that was what happened! Our luck is really awesome. With these provisions, even if we have to hand over half of it, we would still get quite a bit!”

“Go open the car quickly. Otherwise how else would we be able to transport the provisions?” Shao Qing was relatively calm and collected. After all, this mother and son duo did not have much demands in regards to food.

“I’ll go open it.” Gu Chuan volunteered and Yan Hanqing promptly followed him forward as well.

Everyone else kept guard at the entrance, resting a bit inside the granary. The young couple even took out some things and began cooking some dried meat.

After turning the dried meat into a pot of stew and mixing it with other rations, it could easily replenish their physical strength. Waiting for Gu Chuan and Yan Hanqing to bring the two cars over to this area, the rest of the group began to eat.

In reality, Shao Qing did not need to eat at all. However, she couldn’t reveal that she was too different from an average person, thus she followed along with the others and ate a small portion of the provisions. Feeding some of the meat stew to Xiao Baozi, then she found a convenient place where she could nearly puke everything out to settle her upset stomach.

After resolving the issues of satisfying their hunger, the group of people began to move the provisions into the car. Everyone was happy and excited. Right in the beginning, they accordingly divided up the portions of the provisions. The three superhumans would each receive twenty percent and the couple would each receive ten percent.

The newly added members Yan Hanqing and Shao Qing added up together would obtain twenty percent. The reason for this is because they had just recently entered, not to mention one of them was an ordinary person while the other was just a rank one female wood elemental superhuman.

Saying it bluntly, it was because Gu Chuan and the rest did not have a clear understanding of Shao Qing and Yan Hanqing’s fighting strength, thus this

arrangement was made.

Gu Chuan and Gu Panpan stared at each other face to face, then Gu Panpan stepped forward. “Qing Jiejie, even though you just joined, your performance throughout this journey was definitely seen by everyone else on this team. Therefore, I feel that Qing Jiejie’s group just receiving twenty percent would be too little. So, after discussing it with my brother, we decided to split another ten percent to you guys...”

Before Gu Panpan had even finished her words, the man from the young couple unable to hold back his voice, loudly exclaimed. “Wait, I don’t mind if you want to divide them an extra portion, but... Where are we going to get this extra ten percent from?!”

Gu Panpan couldn’t help but wrinkle her eyebrows. The nominally chosen leader was Gu Chuan, even overlooking this point and just basing it according to fighting strength or contribution, Gu Chuan and her were the highest. With this man’s words, isn’t this just simply not giving them any face at all.

“The ten percent that will be given to Qing Jiejie and her group will be from the forty percent share of us sibling’s share. We will have thirty percent and Qing Jiejie will have thirty percent. You can relax, we will not touch your twenty percent.” Gu Panpan expressionlessly spoke those words.

Saying this much, the young couple calmed down. On the contrary, A Tu felt embarrassed. “How about this. I will put forth enough for half of the share we owe Shao Qing and you could put forth half as well. Then, we could just combine the two portions to collect the ten percent needed to give to Shao Qing’s group.”

“No need. We just recently joined. Getting twenty percent is already more than enough.” Shao Qing didn’t really care about the food provisions, she only cared about the crystals.

“Ok. Let’s return to the base first, then divide the portions.” Gu Panpan spoke in a concise manner. “Let’s return.”

Not rejecting the suggestion, they packed up the materials and items and set off.

A normal investigation squad wouldn’t stay outside overnight because during the night was the zombie’s rule. There were just too many unpredictable dangers. Furthermore, Shao Qing and them had already harvested quite a bonus and didn’t really need to continue investigating anymore. Thus doing one final sweep around the

area, they walked back towards the return route.

The car filled up with all the provisions they found was a bit slower in comparison to before. Because from time to time several people would even have to get out to clear the road of some zombies, unexpectedly they weren't able to return to the base before it got dark.

"There's a house up ahead. Let's clear it up and stay for the night, then we can leave early the next morning." A Tu suggested. Travelling in the dark would be too dangerous.

"During the evening is when the zombies are most active. I also agree that we should stay for the night." After Gu Panpan also agreed with A Tu, everyone else didn't have any objections. Then A Tu went in search for a house door that was still in good condition.

In the countryside, a majority of the doors were either made of wood or metal. Seeing a tightly closed secure metal door that looked relatively secure and sage, A Tu at once dashed towards the door to open it.

However before he could open the door, the door opened up a slit. A person with lush green eyes appearing to be only made of skin and bones, probably starved for quite a while, revealed himself from the small opening.

"Who are you guys?"

# Chapter 17

## Strange

A Tu was startled that he actually jumped. Jumping back one step, he subconsciously released his power. Until he realized that the thing in front of him was a human and not something else, did he relax and let out a breath. “We are an investigation squad from the survivors of S City’s survivor base. We were just passing by this area, is it possible for us to lodge with you for a night?”

That person used a strange gaze to give A Tu a glance, then opened her mouth to speak. “Sure, sure. But what is a survivor base?”

A Tu looked around at his surroundings. “Is it okay if you let us in first, then I can explain everything to you?”

“Come in.” That person retreated and allowed Shao Qing and the rest to enter. Shao Qing knitted her eyebrows as she entered. She had a feeling that the person’s gaze was a bit too strange, as for why it was strange, Shao Qing wasn’t able to pinpoint it.

After entering, Shao Qing and the rest realized that it was a big courtyard that they were in. Within the courtyard, there was a dried up thin woman carrying a child, facing towards the doorway with a lifeless look in her eyes.

She was wearing an outer coat, loosely slung over her shoulders with more than half of her chest hanging out in the air. From her neck until her stomach, traces of purple scars could be seen.

When Shao Qing and the rest arrived by her side, the woman squeezed her child to her chest in alarm and continuously uttered: “Don’t eat my child, please don’t eat my child...”

It was then that Shao Qing realized what she was squeezing to her chest was absolutely not a child. Instead it was a tiny filthy quilt for a bed wrapped around a small pillow.

Shao Qing’s gaze quickly became cold, not saying much. On the contrary, the person

leading the way made haste in saying: “She’s a lunatic. Her child was probably bitten by her man and turned into a zombie. Seeing that she was so pitiful, we offered her some shelter and care.”

“She is somewhat good looking.” After the man from the young couple mumbled these few words, his wife immediately slapped him hard.

Entering the house, the person leading the way let out a loud yell. “Boss, there’s some survivor base people that has come.” Following his yell to his boss, several gloomy and cold looks landed on Shao Qing’s body.

Within the house there were quite a few people. Leaning unsteadily from side to side, a majority of the people there were super skinny and wore shabby clothing. However, the boss he called out was instead wearing neat and tidy clothes, looking as if he was trying to put on airs.

“Survivor base?” The boss walked over. Seeing him up close, he looked fairly upright, except for the triangular pair of eyes he was born with. When he smiled, his eyes narrowed making it look treacherous no matter how you look at it.

After walking over, he first drew out a cigarette. He handed one over to A Tu, one over to Gu Chuan, one over to the man from the young couple, and one over to Yan Hanqing. Gu Chuan and Yan Hanqing did not accept it while A Tu and the husband accepted the offer.

A Tu smiled a bit, then happily stated. “Since the arrival of the apocalypse, I don’t know how long have I gone without smoking these rare goods.”

What A Tu said was the truth. Since the apocalypse, people barely had enough to eat, where on earth would they be able to find cigarettes to smoke.

The boss brought his lighter over to A Tu to help him light his cigarette. After lighting up his cigarette, he laughed. “Would these beautiful women also like a cigarette?”

Gu Panpan and the woman hurriedly shook their heads and hands to express that they didn’t want to smoke a cigarette. The boss also did not force it and beamed. “I have also heard that there was a survivor base ahead. Constructed pretty well, I’ve always wanted to bring my group of brothers over there. However, we have a lot of people. Once we start journeying towards the survivor base, who knows how many brothers would die. Thus, we still haven’t tried to go there. However, now that we met you guys,

you guys definitely have some skill to travel out here. Could I bother you guys to escort us to the survivor base?"

The man from the young couple patted his chest. "No problem!"

Regarding his rash response, not even mentioning Gu Chuan, even Gu Panpan knitted her eyebrows and frowned, reproaching him for speaking out too quickly.

"Since that's the case, that would be the best. Please come in and take a good rest tonight. We will have to leave early tomorrow morning." Leading the way, the boss allowed the man who was leading earlier to show them to the rooms inside where they could rest.

After waiting for the person who was guiding them to leave, Gu Panpan began to speak. "What were you doing agreeing so quickly?"

"We're going back to the survivor base anyways, we are at an advantage anyways." The man says as if it was a matter of course. "Besides, bringing them wouldn't be a bother anyways."

"You are a bother." Gu Chuan coldly stated.

"What do you mean?" The man stared at him blankly, but Gu Chuan wasn't going to bother with him anymore. Directly going to the corner, he sat down. Shao Qing also brought Yan Hanqing to find an area to sit down.

The man feeling a bit awkward, didn't continue to say anything.

Quickly, night time arrived. A person came knocking on the door to ask Shao Qing and the rest to join them for dinner. The group then followed them down. Shao Qing took Xiao Baozi out of the back knapsack she was carrying him in. Holding him against her chest, she took out a milk bottle from her bag.

Within the milk bottle however was not milk powder, instead it was the chicken stock she had made previously. She removed the layer of oil on top, so when the time came to heat it up, it would be ready to drink. As well, Xiao Baozi didn't even really need the soup to be heated anyways. He originally wasn't a normal human, so he wasn't scared for the cold to reach his stomach.

Xiao Baozi held on to the milk bottle, not letting go, while Shao Qing sat by the table.

By the table sat two people. One was the boss while the other was a dirty looking youngster. Everyone else was sitting in the corner gnawing on some rations.

“Wow, there’s meat!” The young couple’s eyes lighted up with excitement. After all, since the apocalypse, they had barely had any chances to eat any meat.

On the tables besides meat, there were also green vegetables. A full four dishes and one soup.

Although this arrangement if seen before it wouldn’t be considered anything special, it is the apocalypse now. This would definitely be considered a luxurious meal.

The boss made an inviting gesture. “Everyone has travelled far to get here and are my guest. Please sit and don’t be polite.”

The Gu siblings and Shao Qing looked each other in the eye, then noticed that the other party’s eyes have gradually dropped in temperature. It was only that young couple and A Tu who were still extremely happy and excited.

“Everyone please eat, don’t be polite.” The boss smiled, picking up a piece of meat, he then placed it inside the bowl in front of Shao Qing.

# Chapter 18

## Changed into a zombie

“This smells so good! I haven’t eaten meat in so long!” The young couple at once raked in several pieces of meat into their own bowls. Since the apocalypse, meat has become a rarity among food.

Shao Qing did not make any movements. She picked up a mushroom with her chopsticks, then swallowed it down. When the boss asked her about it, she only politely smiled. “I’m on a diet.”

Once the host and guest stopped eating, having finished up all the dinner, the ones ought to rest went to rest. Everyone was preserving their strength to prepare to leave this ghostly area.

Shao Qing was pacing back and forth within the courtyard with the silent Yan Hanqing following behind her. There was no one in the courtyard, just a small oil lamp. It was unclear where the oil lamp was found, the light from the oil lamp shining through the opening, appearing quite sinister.

“Why aren’t you asking me why I was preventing you from eating the meat?” Shao Qing quietly asked. Yan Hanqing shook his head. “I can tell.”

“Then that’s good.” Shao Qing held on to Xiao Baozi’s hand, letting him unsteadily walk forward. Deliberately lowering her voice so one wouldn’t be able to hear if she was excited or angry, she said. “Ah Qing, I want to kill.”

Yan Hanqing was somewhat expressionless. Never has anyone ever called him Ah Qing, that was intimate. This made him unable to contain his blush, so much that he even forgot to block Shao Qing.

Shao Qing supported Xiao Baozi as he learned to walk. His steps exasperatingly slow. “I’m not a good person, but I still do have a bit of a conscience. Smell the wind. That smell is quite heavy, lingering on the tip of my nose. At all times, it reminds me of what has actually occurred here.”

Yan Hanqing's nose wasn't as alert as Shao Qing's. However, the difference was that big. He became silent again, the obstructive words he was going to say wasn't able to come out at all. After all those people were already bad to the bones. Not even mentioning just watching it happen but even personally murdering, he was capable of doing it.

"Tonight will definitely meet with mishap." Shao Qing decisively decided this. Her sixth sense told her that. Yan Hanqing didn't say any words and just followed behind Shao Qing.

There weren't a lot of vacant rooms, therefore when it was time to sleep at night, Shao Qing and Gu Panpan were sleeping together in one room. If it weren't for the fact that during the daytime they were so busy, thus causing Gu Panpan to immediately fall asleep, Shao Qing reckoned she would have been listening to gossip for the entire night.

Gu Panpan was deep asleep, whereas Shao Qing didn't sleep at all. Drawing Xiao Baozi close, she quietly curled up on the bed. By the time when it was midnight, a sudden blood-curdling shriek filled the air. It came from the room next door.

Shao Qing's expression immediately changed. She quickly crawled out of bed. Carrying Xiao Baozi and not caring about the hazy Gu Panpan who just awoke, she headed towards the outside. Not for the other's sake but to find out who let the scream, she discovered it was the man from the young couple who let out that scream.

Originally Shao Qing had a premonition that something was going to happen tonight. However, she did not think that it would have occurred within their group.

Probably not sleeping for the same reason, Shao Qing arrived early but arriving just as early was the Yan Hanqing who was warned ahead of time by her and Gu Chuan.

The boss bringing over some people arrived a bit late. When they did arrive, it was just when Gu Chuan was about to kick open the door. Once the door was open, everyone was shocked.

The man from the young couple, at this moment had his lower body on the bed and his upper body drooped down onto the ground. His round eyes were opened wide and his face had a few deep bloody scars. His throat had already been torn apart, it was evident that he was not among the living anymore.

The woman was leaning over his body, emitting a weird chewing sound. Hearing the door being opened, the woman turned around. Her face, especially her mouth was covered with blood, pale complexion, her skin already appeared to be rotting like a corpse.

“Move!” Gu Chuan’s expression changed. With a point of his hand, his ice elemental superhuman abilities was immediately launched. In mere seconds, the woman’s feet quickly hardened to ice, gluing the sole of her feet onto the ground.

The woman had roughly just turned into a zombie, thus her reaction was relatively slow. Blanking for a moment, she suddenly became angered. Lifting her leg, the ice underneath and her leg broke apart into pieces. Shao Qing did not saying anything further, but her vines had already binded the woman’s feet. Yet, with a big vigorous struggle, it too was broken apart.

Yan Hanqing was already clenching his dagger and had arrived in front of the woman. With his knife he stabbed it into the woman’s upper abdomen. However realizing that she has already changed into a zombie and that stabbing her at the upper abdomen wouldn’t be effective at all, he quickly drew out the dagger. But, the woman’s fingernails glittering like frost and snow came down quick and slapped him away.

Yan Hanqing was only able to cross both his hands across his chest when he was knocked flying.

For some unknown reason, the woman’s strength was way stronger than the average zombie. Effortlessly she lifted up her leg, breaking apart the ice and vines, then she walked over toward Gu Chuan and Shao Qing’s direction.

The boss couldn’t harbour away his powers anymore. Pointing his finger, a ball of fire came flying out. Yet when the fire arrived and hit the woman’s body, before it could catch on fire, the fire was already extinguished.

Conveniently drawing out a knife from a person from the surrounding, she lifted it up and jumped up suddenly stabbing the knife towards the woman’s neck area.

The woman shifted her body slightly. Following, the knife chopped down to her collar bone. Still clutching the knife, Shao Qing had no choice but to relax her grip. She faced the woman’s claw, meeting force with force.

Having ate so many crystals, her strength was naturally stronger than the woman’s by

a lot. Just seeing the woman retreat a step and indignantly howl, there was no second howl. Shao Qing had already grasped her by the arm and given her a shoulder throw, causing the woman to land heavily on the ground, rotting flesh flying everywhere.

Not waiting for her to crawl back up, Shao Qing already punched the back of the woman's head, directly concaving the back of her head. After that punch, the woman's entire body embedded into the ground a few inches.

Gu Panpan who arrived late, swallowed her saliva. In reality Shao Qing is a strength based superhuman, right?

# Chapter 19

## Man Eat Man

Waiting until Shao Qing got up and stretched out her waist, the woman was already stuck deep within the ground. Her entire body still faintly twitching.

“Next time make sure you inspect carefully.” Shao Qing got up and took a glimpse at the man who died tragically.

A lot of people apparently had those deeply rooted bad habits. I died, why are they still allowed to live? I’ve been bitten, what if by chance I don’t change into a zombie?

For instance, that woman had that exact same hopeful thinking. Ultimately when she died, her husband had died as well.

Or another example, she nearly caused the death of more than half the people in the base.

Gu Panpan and A Tu felt somewhat embarrassed. After all ,at that time, it was them two who had inspected the young couple. In particular, Gu Panpan felt especially embarrassed, her ashamed face turning red.

“I’m really sorry. We’ve allowed you to see something embarrassing.” Shao Qing smiled towards the boss. A dark gleam flashed within his eyes for a second, then he promptly replied. “It’s nothing, it’s nothing. As long as you are guys are okay, it’s fine. Everyone can be dismissed now. We still have to wake up early tomorrow to hurry on with our journey.”

“Yes...” Shao Qing smiled. As the boss was passing by her side, she suddenly stuck her hand out. Her movement extremely fast in addition to the boss not guarding against her, all at once he was pinned against the wall by Shao Qing’s chopping knife.

The knife stabbing through his right chest, had him hanging on the wall. The two people that had followed him here stared blankly for a second, then immediately prepared to take action. Yan Hanqing in a moment’s notice had already grabbed a short dagger and ruthlessly stabbed it through a person’s eye socket.

Gu Chuan and the other two were shocked by Shao Qing's sudden movements, in particular A Tu. However, Gu Chuan was able to recover faster than the rest. Using his ice elemental, he created a blade made of ice and penetrated the third person's throat.

This group of three superhumans, suddenly became two dead, one injured. Even though the boss was pinned against the wall, at least he still had not been killed. He angrily glared at Shao Qing, furiously asking: "What are you doing? I offered you shelter from the kindness of my heart, provided you with warm hospitality, how dare you guys..."

"You asked me what I'm doing?" Shao Qing picked up a dagger, pointing it towards the boss. "Those people that you ate also probably asked you the exact same question, what are you doing?"

Once those words left Shao Qing's mouth, everyone present was stunned. Whether it was Gu Chuan's group or the other survivors surrounding them.

"You... you... what are you saying?" The boss seemed to be panicking, biting his teeth. "Why are you slandering me and lying to everyone? I really don't understand. What does our group have that is so good that you have to conspire against us!"

"Then let me ask you. What does your eighteen plus people rely on as food since the beginning until today?" Shao Qing coldly asked him. The boss not lacking in confidence in the slightest bit retorted. "Naturally it's food provisions! What we depend on is our granaries, so we're not scared of having nothing to eat."

"Those are all lies! That area had a speed variation zombie, you guys absolutely would not dare to venture in there! Since I arrived here, I felt that something was wrong. Signs of fighting, corpses everywhere. If wild dogs ate a lot of corpses their body type would start to resemble a wild boar, looking at people with cold gloomy eyes. Since I came here, I've felt their glances. They were the same as man eating wild dogs." Shao Qing then continued speaking in an indifferent manner. "Obviously with just those things I was unable to be certain that this was the case. At that time I just simply felt that something was odd. Until that night, the woman that I encountered when I first arrived was missing. That night there was also an additional meat dish, the quality of the meat dish was especially fresh and delicate, compared to port it was completely two different things..."

Before Shao Qing could finish saying what she wanted to say, A Tu was already holding

his stomach and throwing up because that meat she mentioned, he had a large amount of it.

“My suspicions then changed to certainty. After dinner, I was at the courtyard pacing around and the smell of blood hadn’t even dispersed yet. This probably wasn’t your guys first time eating human meat, right? The handling of the remains was definitely skillful.” Shao Qing coldly laughed.

“What if that’s the case?” Seeing that he was exposed, the boss was without the slightest scruple. “I rescued them. If they died for me, that’s something that ought to happen. Let alone those were just two sheeps that I was raising in my pen, being eaten is something completely normal...”

Before he could finish his words, at the end of his patience, Yan Hanqing used his knife to stab him from the cheek straight to the back of his head, penetrating his head. Even if he were to beg for forgiveness, that speech that he made without the slightest scruple, can only be resigned to his next life.

Shao Qing wrinkled her forehead then did a sweep of her surroundings. “Does anyone want to avenge them?”

“The surrounding people hurriedly shook their heads. No longer caring about the things on the ground or on the wall, Shao Qing carried Xiao Baozi and continued walking towards her room.

“Qing Jiejie, are you going back now?” Gu Panpan kicked the corpse on the ground out of dislike. She had no idea that the people here were unexpectedly relying on cannibalism to survive. How many people have they eaten thus far?

“Sleep, tomorrow we’ll depart.”

Shao Qing’s head didn’t turn as she replied. After all now that it was late at night, it wasn’t suitable for them to hurry on their journey.

Gu Panpan really didn’t even want to stay for one second longer here. Thinking about everyone in their surroundings have gotten used to eating meat, then thinking again back to their meal at dinner earlier and how she almost ate human meat, she felt nauseous and wanted to throw up.

“Let’s go.” Gu Chuan took one glimpse at the unconscious A Tu and also left. Gu Panpan

followed closely behind.

Shao Qing and Yan Hanqing one in front and the other behind finally arrived at the entrance. Shao Qing paused in front of the door, smiling. “What, were you preparing to come to my room to sleep?”

Yan Hanqing’s face immediately blushed, then stammered. “No... No, I was just following you... forgot.....”

Shao Qing opened the door, faintly smiling at Yan Hanqing. “Come on in. In any case, I don’t need to sleep anyways...”

# Chapter 20

## Man Eating Flower

“If you want to come in and sleep, just say it directly.” The corner of Shao Qing’s mouth lifted up into a smirk, deliberately teasing him. “I’m not in the mood to sleep tonight anyways. How about we do some chatting, discussing our thoughts and feelings doesn’t seem like a bad idea.”

“I... I’ll return back to bed first.” Yan Hanqing after finishing his stammer, ran off like he was being chased by some strange creature, whooshing back.

Shao Qing laughed and brought Xiao Baozi back into their room. Before she could lie down, Gu Panpan came out of nowhere carrying a quilt to look for Shao Qing.

Now that Shao Qing was the only young woman, she felt staying with Shao Qing would be relatively safer.

Gu Panpan cleaned up the bed a bit then wrapped the quilt around herself like a tube. Still having a bit of fear in her heart, she kept on trying to find a subject to talk about.

“My brother and I were speculating that she was probably bitten by the zombie or had a small scratch.” Gu Panpan tightly enveloped to form a tight seam, her voice could be barely heard.

“That person had believed with her entire heart that it would be a fluke, that somehow that small wound would not be enough to change her into a zombie. Thus, she kept it hidden. In the end, she ultimately killed her own husband.” Gu Panpan sighed. “The only thing that I did not imagine that was that there were that many survivors and furthermore did not expect that some of them would be cannibals.”

Gu Panpan continuously gossiped, the originally Shao Qing who wasn’t that sleepy, this time was thoroughly awakened. She could only hope for Gu Panpan to speak without delay and eventually tire herself to sleep.

Finally in the middle of the night, Gu Panpan finally said she was tired and went to bed. At that moment, Shao Qing finally was able to let out a breath of air.

Early the next morning, Gu Panpan woke up and discovered that there was nobody beside her. Shao Qing had already taken Xiao Baozi to wash up.

Gu Panpan hurriedly got out of bed. Tidying up her things she prepared to leave this strange place. This time when they left, they didn't bring anything, including people.

After all besides them, everyone else had eaten human meat. Nobody wanted to bring a person who had eaten human meat before. So although everyone stared at them, waiting anxiously, their group callously clenched their teeth and quickly departed.

Ignoring all those things behind them, they looked ahead expectantly, stepping towards their journey back. When it reached midday, a hazy smog arose and a small wind picked up. Their speed visibly declined and even the rainbow in the sky was swallowed up.

"It doesn't matter what it is, we have to leave. If we continue to stay in this area, it'll be too dangerous." Shao Qing then volunteered herself to undertake the challenging role. "I'll be in charge of clearing the way."

After the apocalypse, the weather has been peculiar all along. Sometimes it would be sunny with clear skies, then the next moments it would be raining cats and dogs. Sometimes it would be windy with thick fog, all of it would arise abruptly. In brief, it made people quite fidgety.

Shao Qing walked ahead, while secretly counting her inventory. The crystals within her hand were already quite a bit, furthermore she had also just received the crystal from that woman's body. After absorbing quite a few particularly special crystals, Shao Qing felt that she would soon advance in ranking.

However if she were to advance in ranking, it would be probably be the safest if she did it back in the base. Or else who knows what could happen when she was advancing in rank.

Just then, when she was passing through the thick fog, Shao Qing was able to see a familiar silhouette. However, after the silhouette appeared for a brief moment, it once again disappeared.

That silhouette really resembled Er Dai. Shao Qing had the greatest urge to get out of the car to grab that person to see if it was truly her Er Dai.

However, this was not the time for her to investigate. Giving up on her thoughts of investigating, she continued along her way. If it was really her Er Dai, they would meet sooner or later. Proceeding forward, Shao Qing's car suddenly violently tilted to one side. Even though Shao Qing turned the steering wheel hard, they still ran into the rock on the road.

Coming out to take a look, she saw that one of the tires had bursted. In fact it had directly been knocked off. On the ground was a pile of bones and remains of weapons, it was unclear which was the cause of the rupture of the tire.

Frowning, Shao Qing asked. "Is anyone able to repair this?"

Sitting at the back, Yan Hanqing promptly responded. "I can." After responding, he carried the spare tire and went over to where Shao Qing was.

After setting up his tools but not creating any barricades, Yan Hanqing began to start on the car repairs. The rest of the group also got out of the car to look. Shao Qing knitted her eyebrows, keeping guard against anything or anyone who might mount a sneak attack.

Carrying Xiao Baozi, she suddenly heard a rustling sound nearby. Alarmed, she prepared to keep her guard against the approaching zombie.

However at that moment, the soil beneath Shao Qing's feet suddenly loosened and moved. A flower emerged from out of nowhere below her feet. Pretty delicate petals began to open up in that brief moment, shocking Shao Qing speechless. The delicate flower was absolutely gorgeous, however after opening up it's petals a mouthful of thorns could be seen within its mouth. What Shao Qing had thought of as a zombie was in fact half of the zombie's arm sticking out of the flower's mouth.

A man eating flower? Shao Qing was stupefied. She only saw the immense flower head suddenly opening up it's mouth towards her, taking a huge bite.

Shao Qing rapidly retreated as the man eating flower threw itself over to her. The petals opening then closing, it seemed as if it wanted to swallow Shao Qing whole and digest her along with the hand within its mouth.

Continuously retreating, Shao Qing was preparing for the best moment to counter attack. The people behind her also immediately reacted. Supporting Shao Qing, a variety of superhuman abilities were activated and thrown at the flower. However,

besides obstructing the flower for a brief moment, there were no signs of injury.

Picking up the rusty chopping knife, Shao Qing carefully observed the man eating flower. Generally speaking most plants should not be able to move and run everywhere, however this man eating flower has been continuously taking advantage of it's long flower stem to chase Shao Qing down.

If they withdrew from this area, the man eating flower would definitely not chase after them. However, if they departed this area, they would have no choice but to make a detour in their return route.

At that time, the danger would be even higher and it would definitely delay their return by a massive chunk.

This decision is indeed a headache.

# Chapter 21

## Advancing in Rank

Gu Panpan jumped forward in front of Shao Qing and in one stroke grabbed onto the man eating flower. With her left hand holding onto the top of its stem and her right hand holding onto the bottom of the stem, she tried to forcibly bring the two parts together. From Shao Qing's perspective, because she was exerting herself so ferociously it was as if she was like a mouse trying to make use of its muscles.

Owing to the fact that she was using too much strength all of a sudden, Gu Panpan did not see that the location her left hand was placed on had a sharp point. That thorn directly penetrated through the back of her hand. Blood flowing along the palm of her hand, came trickling down.

Reeking of the smell of blood, the movement of the man eating flower became even more violent. Unceasingly struggling, Gu Panpan's head became drenched with sweat.

It's thorns... there's... Anaesthesia on it. I can't hold on anymore. Hurry!"

A Tu and Gu Chuan quickly tried to dispose of the man eating flower. One attempting to make use of soil to control the man eating flower while the other attempted to use ice to slow down the flower's speed. However, both failed. Just from the man eating flower suddenly moving to and fro, the diamond barbie like Gu Panpan was thrown away just like that. Luckily she was caught by Gu Chuan.

Without anyone restraining the head of the man eating flower, with a whoosh, it headed towards Shao Qing, trying to take a bite out of her. The man eating flower appeared as if it wanted to swallow Shao Qing whole and slowly digest her.

Biting down on her teeth, Shao Qing picked up her knife and all at once stuck it into the man eating flower's mouth, pressing it against the flower's calyx. Unfortunately only persevering for a second, it was broken with a snap.

The inner walls of the man eating flower secreted a sort of liquid similar to sulfuric acid. Anything that entered its mouth would be completely corroded.

Gu Chuan who was knocked over to the ground by Gu Panpan upon seeing Shao Qing's situation, urgently shouted out for her. "Shao Qing! Are you able to think of a method to subdue it!"

Reportedly, wood element users were able to reduce variation plants into submission for their own use. However, the majority of the superhuman users who were able to subdue them, subdues a comparatively more gentle type of variation plant. For instance, the variation medicine ingredient plants which are all a wood elemental user's favourite because they are able to aid in treatment.

One wood elemental user was able to subdue a plant that was able to emit a fragrance that had similar effects as doping. During a fight, it would be able to increase their own side's fighting strength, allowing them to briefly forget about injuries.

But to have the courage to subdue a man eating flower of this variation, there are not many.

At each level, a wood elemental user would be able to subdue a single plant. Anymore and it would exceed their ability to exercise control over them and they might get devoured instead. Luckily by coincidence, Shao Qing had never subdued any plant life whatsoever.

Therefore Gu Chuan would allow her to have a try.

Based on the current circumstances, this was their final resort. Their superhuman abilities had no effect on the man eating flower, Gu Panpan had been poisoned with Anaesthesia, if they didn't take a gamble, they would be forced to walk the long road.

Shao Qing took a deep breath. Calmly dodging to the side while studying the man eating flower for its weakness, she looked carefully and discovered that when the man eating flower attacked, it would subconsciously protect its fine slim stalk.

Its stalk was a soft green, seemingly even more fragile than its petals. Reckoning that it was similar to a human's neck, that point must be vital.

Somersaulting forward, Shao Qing dodged the man eating flower's sudden biting motion towards her. Abruptly she extended her ten fingernails, ice-cold ash black coloured nails reflecting back a glossy appearance. Quick and accurate, Shao Qing thrust into the man eating flower's stem causing green liquid to ooze out.

The green liquid dripped down onto the ground and immediately started corroding the soil turning it black. With such corrosiveness, not to mention the ground but Shao Qing's hand was also easily corroded until you couldn't even see the skin anymore, only the dark red remains of flesh.

Shao Qing's flesh was a dark red colour, a shade darker than the average person. In particular because of the slow circulation of her blood, when it dripped out, it rapidly solidified.

Exerting all her strength, Shao Qing tried to nip the flower, entirely ignoring both of her corroding hands that had become a tragic sight by now. The entire head of the man eating flower resembled a seven inch viper that had been picked up, madly twisting about struggling. Yet owing to Shao Qing's position, it was not able to bite her.

Shao Qing was also displaying her fierce determination with ten fingers completely stuck within the flowers stem. More green liquid was coming out and the flower head began to struggle even more ferociously. Finally with a plop, it fell onto the ground. Twitching one final time, the flower head slightly closed up.

Upon seeing this, Shao Qing readily bit her wrist causing dark red blood to drip out and enter the man eating flower's wound on its stem.

From one's bare eyes, the green coloured stem slowly began to corrode due to the dark red liquid. While Shao Qing poured out her blood, she also tried to use her wood elemental powers to control the man eating flower.

After about ten minutes, Shao Qing's head was completely drenched in cold sweat. The twitching man eating flower moved a bit at this moment, shattering into a stream of light, it rushed forward and entered Shao Qing's body.

A vision of black, Shao Qing then lost consciousness. The last thing she remembered before she lost consciousness was Yan Hanqing's alarmed expression when he held her in his arms.

Not knowing how long she slept for, Shao Qing just felt that the power within her body was in a constant rebellion. She thirsted for strength, thirsted for fresh flesh, instinct told her that she was in a current state of evolution.

Her instinct told her that she was capable of absorbing more power from fresh flesh.

At her side there seemed to be fresh flesh with an extremely fragrant smell unceasingly tempting her. Shao Qing little by little, slowly woke up, unable to resist biting the throat of the person beside her.

Lowering her head, she saw that it was Yan Hanqing who was lying beside her bedside. The well built youth was curled up into a ball, strenuously bending over in that low stool with his eyebags big and dark.

It appears that he hasn't slept in a while.

While Xiao Baozi was sleeping on Shao Qing's other side. Hugging her thigh, he was constantly smacking his lips together like he was savoring something.

Shao Qing immediately woke up and quickly grabbed a few crystals from her space dimension which included the crystal from the woman and the variation zombie.

She needed energy to continue to evolve, otherwise she would definitely fail. After absorbing several crystals, feeling abundant with energy within her body, she clearly felt a portion of the energy within her body to unceasingly expand.

Arriving to this final step, it felt like she was breaking through a layer of skin. A surge of power rapidly exploded out. Shao Qing felt that she could even hear her own bone joints snapping.

She knew that she had already made a breakthrough. But, it wasn't limited to her wood elemental powers. Her body had also raised to another level. Just looking at her strength and speed, an average superhuman would definitely not be her opponent.

Clenching and unclenching her fists, Shao Qing let out a breath of air. With more strength, she would be able to better protect her baby.

Her movements roused the Yan Hanqing who was guarding nearby. Yan Hanqing becoming alert opened his eyes. Discovering it was Shao Qing, he relaxed and spoke with a hoarse voice. "You've finally figured out how to wake up."

"Have I slept for long?" Shao Qing shifted a bit. Right away Yan Hanqing reached out to grab her palm, attentively holding the bandage on her hand. "Your body temperature is high. Gu Chuan said that this is because you are advancing in rank and your body is currently being transformed. After sleeping for about eighteen hours then would your body temperature gradually start to come down."

Shao Qing stared at this man's serious face and couldn't resist extending her hand to touch his face, and speak teasingly. "You're so wise and kind, you should get married as soon as possible. What do you think about me?"

# Chapter 22

## Returning to the base

Yan Hanqing couldn't help but lean his face to one side. His cheek all the way to his earlobes a bright red colour. Lowering his voice, he asked. "You've slept for so long, aren't you hungry yet?"

"That's not a bad idea." Regarding Yan Hanqing's change of subject, Shao Qing laughed. She was just joking around. Since she had resurrected, Shao Qing was convinced that men were all insincere.

When Shao Qing became indifferent, Yan Hanqing pursed his lips, waiting a long time before faintly mumbling. "It's me that isn't fit to be your match."

"What did you say?" Immersed within her memories, Shao Qing raised her eyebrows. Hurriedly Yan Hanqing replied. "It's nothing. I was just talking to myself."

Not speaking any longer, Shao Qing shook her legs a bit then set her feet from the bed down to the ground. She felt that the former her was completely different from the present her. From head to toe, she could feel that her body flooded with power. She wanted to vent it all out. This feeling was amazing.

She felt so great that Shao Qing had a feeling that nothing was capable of obstructing her. However, Shao Qing knew that no matter how good you think you were, there would always be someone out there that was better. It wouldn't be good for her to be too arrogant and self-confident.

She would be better off knowing her own limits.

"Where are we now?"

"Since you went unconscious, everyone decided not to hurry on our journey. Voluntarily, we decided to find a place to rest a bit." Yan Hanqing stared at Shao Qing's figure from the back, within his eyes was a gentleness that he himself wasn't even aware of.

Out of all the women he had ever met, Shao Qing was the best. She was never pretentious or put on airs like those so called young virtuous noble ladies. She was real, beautiful, intelligent, yet strong. Her movements were so impressive that a large majority of people would be far inferior to her and unable to catch up.

This kind of woman who was similar to a cheetah in the vast grasslands, Yan Hanqing felt that he wasn't good enough for her. If it wasn't for his inferiority, it would be like seeing an excessively beautiful flower and being reluctant to reach out and pluck it.

"It's my fault that I've burdened everyone." Shao Qing pushed open the door, discovering that they were in a person's home. Probably due to a rampage of some zombies, the original owner of the house was no longer there, thus allowing Shao Qing and the rest to stop for a break at this place.

Pushing the door open, she was able to see A Tu and Gu Chuan the brother and sister duo. All three of them were at the courtyard playing card games. Once they saw Shao Qing come out, Gu Panpan was the first to throw down the cards in her hands. "Qing Jiejie, you're awake? That's great! Since you've fainted, I was so scared that I couldn't eat or sleep!"

A Tu attempted to pull back Gu Panpan, his face turning red. "Aren't you shameless? I was just about to win, how dare you just discard your cards like that!"

"Ok, stop arguing you two." Gu Chuan patted the two, then turned to face Shao Qing. "How are you feeling?"

"My body's feeling not bad. I was able to successfully advance in ranking, so we could be on our way at any time." Shao Qing clenched her fists. "The time that we have been out isn't short, we should probably head back soon."

"Let's pack up and tidy our things, then we could set off in the afternoon." Gu Panpan was extremely excited. Although this trip ended up with them losing two people, these two people were just regular humans, moreover they were the schemey sort. Gu Panpan did not feel that it was a pity at all, in fact she felt the opposite. Now the reapings has increased and they can really return from this journey with loads of rewards.

Thus, after leaving the base for so long, the most important thing for them to do when they get back is to divide gains. Once they enter the town, they ought to hand over the

portion to the city, and the remains will be divided among the five.

Since there are two less people and Shao Qing contributed the most within everyone's eyes, the final allotment was everyone receiving twenty percent. In other words, Shao Qing and Yan Hanqing received forty percent of the share.

Considering them being newly added members to this investigation squad, this amount was definitely a surprise.

Shao Qing originally wanted to return ten percent to allow the sibling duo and A Tu to share. However, they refused her and Gu Panpan also replied. "Qing Jiejie, you should just accept it. We are all going to still be together as a group later on. Since you are already a rank two wood elemental superhuman, the bigger investigation squads will definitely try to rope you in. At that time you have to remember our small squad!"

Shao Qing nodded her head and finally accepted the extra goods. Splitting the portion in half she handed it over to Yan Hanqing. "This is your portion, keep it."

If one was to say Yan Hanqing wasn't moved, that would be a lie. A regular human on an average investigation team would usually be a superhumans' family member or a human specialized in a particular field. For example with that young couple, the man was able to fix cars and the woman was a nurse, then would superhumans be willing to take the two onto their team.

Yet, Yan Hanqing wasn't anything special, but was still able to receive so many supplies. This was all because Gu Panpan and the rest was giving respect to Shao Qing. Yan Hanqing understood clearly, therefore his heart was extremely grateful towards Shao Qing.

"You shouldn't hold these things and head back to your residence all by yourself. Let me help you." Shao Qing taking a glance and realizing that there was quite a few supplies, decided if she was going to help she might as go all the way.

Yan Hanqing had wanted to reject Shao Qing, but ultimately realizing that a single person really wasn't able to carry it all, his face had already turned red. Not waiting for his decision, Shao Qing had already boarded the car. "Come on silly, why are you standing there so foolishly?"

Yan Hanqing hurried into the car, allowing Shao Qing to deliver both the hard earned supplies and himself directly to the tent where his mom and he lived. The area that

normal humans lived in and superhumans lived in were entirely different. As Shao Qing drove along, she did not suffer the least bit of any sort of obstruction, just envious stares.

By the time they arrived outside the tent, Yan Hanqing's facial expression changed. Urgently jumping out of the car, he bypassed the tent and carried his mother out of a pile of trash.

The wound on his mother's leg, owing to the fact that it was not treated in time, had already rotted until the bone was visible with quite a few flies hovering above. If Yan Hanqing had returned a few nights later, he might have even seen maggots crawling all over the body. Yet even though that wasn't the case, he could still feel that this his mother was already on her last breath.

His eyes immediately turning red, he kicked open the tent entrance. A voice promptly transmitted out. "Who is it? Do you not want to live?"

## Chapter 23

# The Debt you owe will be repaid with your life

From within the tent a young man's head emerged. His hair was half long and half short and only in the middle, was a tuft of his hair coloured red. Biting onto his cigarette sloppily, he looked outside.

Seeing that it was Yan Hanqing, his complexion faintly changed then calmed back down. "Oh, I was thinking who it could've been. Who knew you were able to survive and return?"

Yan Hanqing with great efforts tried to suppress his anger. At the area where ordinary people lived, the good or the bad were all solely dependent on one's strength. In order for his mother to live in a slightly more comfortable area, who knows how many fights he had gotten into, then was he able to win a two person tent.

This man standing before his eyes was someone he had originally defeated who was reportedly some superhuman's relative. Never would Yan Hanqing have thought that after leaving for only a few days, this guy would try to steal his shelter and even dared to throw his mother out.

Not to Yan Hanqing's surprise, the friend that he requested to take care of his mother who was hiding within the tent, pale facedly looked over at him. "You... you've returned?"

Even if you were to use your toe to think about it, you would understand this situation. Thinking that Yan Hanqing would die outside, they decided to work together to take possession of Yan Hanqing's residence.

After all, quite a few investigation squads would also hire a bunch of regular citizens to use as cannon fodder. The mortality rate was incredibly high. However with these high risk gambles, they would also bring in large harvests. This is the reason why a lot of regular humans would be willing to join them.

The two had thought that Yan Hanqing would be in a similar circumstance, yet they did not anticipate for Yan Hanqing to smoothly and safely return.

“Get out!” Yan Hanqing’s voice was hoarse. Biting his teeth, an inexhaustible storm was brewing within his eyes. The sloppy youth swallowed his saliva and touched his neck. “This place is my property now! Who are you telling to get lost?”

He hadn’t even finished speaking, when Yan Hanqing had already hauled him out of the tent by his neck collar. After throwing the man out, the first thing he did was to look for the medicine underneath the bed.

All the medicine that Shao Qing had given him was hidden underneath the bed. However that friend of his had known that. Knowing that the chances of the medicine still being there was slim, Yan Hanqing held on to this thread of hope.

However, lifting up the bed sheet away, Yan Hanqing just saw an empty bed. Expressionless he turned towards his friend. “Where is my medicine?”

“Who... who knows.....” That person stepped back a few steps and sent a few glances crying for help towards the other young man. At that time he was greedy, thus decided to exchange the medicine with the young sloppy man for points. Using the points, he had already exchanged them for quite a bit of food and clothing. Where on earth would he be able to get medicine to return to Yan Hanqing?

Yan Hanqing reached out and grabbed him by his collar, the vein on his forehead popping out. He gnashed his teeth. “I... I trusted you! I relied on you to take care of my mother. I didn’t expect... that you could be a lying ingrate!”

After yelling at him, Yan Hanqing threw him to the side, knocking the young man who had finally just crawled back up to fall to the ground again.

Shao Qing holding Xiao Baozi walked over to help look after Yan Hanqing’s mother. After seeing her, Shao Qing shook her head. After being ill and hurt constantly she had become an expert in injuries and illnesses. Back when she was originally serving in the army, she would frequently injure herself. Later even though she had retired from the military, she could already be considered to be half a doctor. Nowadays just taking one glance, she was able to tell that Yan Hanqing’s mother at most had one breath left in her. Just being able to last until Yan Hanqing came back was already a miracle.

Yan Hanqing naturally was also able to see that this was the case. Closely hugging his own mother, his head drooped and after a long while did he manage to say some words while he was choked with emotion. “When I was little, my father had passed away

early. It was my mother who with great difficulty brought me up. When I passed the exam for military school, my mother went everywhere to borrow money, sold our house, our land, just so she could gather enough money for my living expenses and school fees. At that moment I had sworn I would let my mother experience happiness... yet I wasn't able to do it..."

"When the apocalypse broke out, I wasn't able to protect her. Even though I was able to prevent her from getting eaten by a zombie, she had nearly died within a zombie's mouth. Afterwards wandering to the base, I had no ability and wasn't able to get her the treatment she needed. Since arriving, I haven't been able to let her enjoy even a single good day." Yan Hanqing's voice started to become increasingly hysterical until his mother lightly held his hand. "Is my family's Ah Qing back?"

"Mother, its me, its me." Yan Hanqing looked at the elderly woman who still had a bit of consciousness, promptly grabbing her hand afraid of startling the senior he lowered his voice. "Mother, how are you feeling?"

"Still good..." Yan Hanqing's mother persistently smiled and firmly held Yan Hanqing's hand. "In my entire life, I did not have a single regret. The only thing that I do regret though is being unable to see you marry a wife and give birth to my grandchildren... Ah Qing, later on when you finally find a woman who is willing to spend the rest of her life with you, you make sure you treat her well... Women, once they've decided to marry a man, they are entrusting their entire life to them..."

"Mother, I know. I understand." Yan Hanqing placed his head within the elder's embrace, sobbing more. The elder rubbed his head gently, regretfully saying: "I can't let go... can't let go..."

"Auntie, you can be at ease. In the future I will take care of him for you." Shao Qing couldn't resist speaking. The elder glanced over at Shao Qing then smiled. Her dirty aged face no longer showing any signs of regret. Softly pinching Shao Qing's pinky with her fingers seeming like she was pulling it to form a pinky promise, but before they could hook on properly, she took her last breath.

Yan Hanqing's entire body trembled, buried within his mother's bosom, not even a sound of weeping could be heard. His always straight back was shaking, showing his vulnerability.

Shao Qing didn't speak. She didn't know what to say to comfort him. She silently

looked towards the outside of the door where the two men stood there preparing to break out into a run at any minute. Life for a life, isn't that how it works?

# Chapter 24

## Revenge

But, Shao Qing didn't make a move because Yan Hanqing had already taken the lead. Gently placing his mother onto the ground, his movements were so cautious it was as if his mother was still alive.

Afterwards he expressionlessly took large strides out the door. Immediately, the two men who had fallen onto the ground crawled up hurriedly. Especially Yan Hanqing's friend who had already turned around and ran off quite a distance.

Shao Qing wasn't preparing to help Yan Hanqing take revenge. But, she wasn't planning on letting anybody escape. Using her vines, she quickly bound the ankles of the men and dragged him back to where they stood originally.

He wanted to try to escape again, but Yan Hanqing had already grabbed onto him and ruthlessly smashed his back.

Shao Qing could tell how painful that punch must've been. That person also let out a blood-curdling scream. Stumbling a bit, he fell onto the ground and subsequently was beaten to death by Yan Hanqing.

Yes, beaten to death while he was alive. His cervical vertebra and neck was at least broken into six to seven pieces. His entire body limp on the ground, he ultimately had a single breath left in him. Once this breath came out, he would be a dead person.

Han Yanqing's moves were quite restrained. Just exactly leaving the man at the edge of death. Afterwards he threw him to the side to allow that man to experience the torture of having a serious injury. That man couldn't even budge a bit, he was only obliged to wait for death on the side and become aware of that 'feeling'.

Subsequently he turned his head towards the main instigator of this incident. This youth was frightened, especially seeing Yan Hanqing's seemingly tranquil state but in fact his eyes was red and had a ruthless feeling to it.

"Don't mess around! My cousin is a super human! Don't think that since you've found

that lady you've found a backer and can act without restraint!" The youth tried to put up a front while he inwardly cowered.

"That statement should be what I should say to you!" Yan Hanqing gritted his teeth, already throwing himself over to fight with the youth. The youth compared to the previous man was beaten even more vigorously, turning into pulp. At least the previous man was able to put up a bit of a fight when going against Yan Hanqing.

Gradually the two men's arms, face, all over their body started to be covered with injuries, especially the youth who had a bloody nose and swollen face. Even his mother would not be able to recognize him.

His strength in comparison to Yan Hanqing who had a military background was incomparable. The gap was too large. Giving out a miserable shriek, Yan Hanqing had taken advantage of this gap and had broken his leg.

The prominent bone of his leg had ripped open his pants with huge amounts of viscous blood oozing out. Yan Hanqing seized that opportunity to grab his hair, that exotic coloured hair of his, and continuously smashed his head to the ground.

The floor was made of limestone, so after the first smash against the floor, the youth already had blood from his head flying everywhere. Yet, Yan Hanqing did not stop. Holding the youth's hair, he smashed his head four, five times. Everytime it would cause more and more blood to splash everywhere.

Finally at the last time he lifted his head up again, the youth had already lost consciousness. His lips constantly repeating: "My cousin is a superhuman... My cousin is a superhuman..."

Shao Qing stared at him. His pair of legs appeared to be distorted in a twisted position dangling. It was evident that it was already completely broken by Yan Hanqing. His face was covered with blood and every single tooth in his mouth was kissing the earth, completely fallen out of his mouth.

Looking at him gave off a rather pitiful appearance, however Yan Hanqing had no plans of letting him off yet. Lifting up the youth by the nape, with a snap of the fingers he broke the youth's spine. Merely hearing the sound of snapping, the youth had lost all signs of life.

Yan Hanqing then casually threw the youth's corpse to the side, then knelt down

powerlessly on the ground. His hand covering his face without issuing any sound at all.

Shao Qing could empathize with him. Patting his shoulder, she released the man-eating flower she had subdued the previous time. The man-eating flower's massive flower head unceasingly swayed from side to side, then under Shao Qing's command took the youth's corpse and swallowed him whole. Soon after, it also swallowed the other man as well.

This method of handling is called destroying the corpse to remove the evidence. Choosing to have the man-eating flower to get rid of the corpse is definitely a good decision.

The massive flower head of the man-eating flower just squirmed for a while to swallow the two men. Closing its flower head, it started to digest. After a period of time, it spat out the undissolvable bones.

After completing the task, Shao Qing quietly stood by Yan Hanqing's side waiting for him to recover. Although Shao Qing had never had a family, she could somehow relate to the feeling of suddenly losing a mother.

Most of all Yan Hanqing and his mother have been dependent on each other for so many years. These kind of feelings are probably even more profound than the average mother and child.

After a long time, Yan Hanqing finally lifted up his expressionless face and turned to face Shao Qing. "Am I useless?"

"I can't protect anything. In the end even my mother ended up with such miserable circumstances. Her whole life, she had never experienced even a day of happiness." Yan Hanqing sneered. "I'm useless, literally garbage. I can't do anything right! I can only passively receive things from others..."

If it was any other person, they might've been considerate and consoled him saying things like you aren't useless or other things like you are so strong. But, Shao Qing didn't.

Looking down on the depressed Yan Hanqing, she spoke in a gloomy tone: "The apocalypse is like this. If you are weak, then you can only passively accept a prostitute like life. So, why are you at this place repenting on your errors and not striving towards

becoming a strong person?”

“You might think that currently you aren’t able to protect anything, but in comparison to a lot of people who can’t even protect themselves, you are a lot better.” Shao Qing’s icy tone of voice made it so people would be unable to neglect her concerns: At this moment, you need to crawl back up and pull yourself together. Sooner or later you will be able to throw away the life of a dog and reverse your fate.”

# Chapter 25

## Please conceal your revealed aggression

After a long time, Yan Hanqing started to laugh. He wiped his face a bit. Originally splattered with countless of blood droplets, after his rubbing, all of it was directly wiped off.

“Thanks.”

Shao Qing didn't say anything else. Just lifting her chin, she indicated to Yan Hanqing that his mother was still within the tent. Yan Hanqing carried his mother out, then suddenly kneeled down and gave Shao Qing three knocks to the ground with his head.

Shao Qing stared blankly for a second. “What are you doing?”

“In my mother's lifetime, she had not experienced happiness. Yet, she simply had only one wish, which is to be buried together with my father.” While Yan Hanqing continued to speak, his cheeks began to turn red. “I know that at this time, that going from this place to H City is a rather difficult and challenging journey, but I... I.....”

“You want me to come with you to send your mother off?” Shao Qing stared at Yan Hanqing's face that showed his difficulty.

Yan Hanqing nodded his head, feeling embarrassed. “I know with me asking right now it is forcing you to do something, but... please!”

Shao Qing hesitated for a minute. Yan Hanqing seeing Shao Qing's hesitation bit down on his teeth. “Shao Qing has already helped me with so much, normally I shouldn't be raising up such irrational requests but I know my abilities well. Only if Miss Shao... Miss Shao, no matter if you agree or not, from now on my life is yours!”

Shao Qing looked at Yan Hanqing's unwavering face for a long time. “Ok, I'll go with you.”

This wasn't because she suddenly developed a benevolent heart. Instead it was because this is the apocalypse. She needed a few companions. Although Yan Hanqing

did not have any superhuman abilities, he's honest and persistent and in addition to his military background, it is rather suitable to have this kind of companion. Moreover Yan Hanqing was currently now solitary, so even if he accidentally by chance discovered her secret, silencing him would be rather simple.

"With this matter, it is better sooner than late. Let's assemble at my house this afternoon then head out." Shao Qing turned her body preparing to leave, then heard Yan Hanqing once again issuing a thanks.

From the start, she indeed possessed a rather favourable opinion of Yan Hanqing. Yet that favourable impression originated from Yan Hanqing having a standard military temperament and taciturn upright personality.

But now, Shao Qing had an even better impression of him. This was from him attaching such importance to his relationships, thus she had decided to show Yan Hanqing some trust.

Returning back to her residence, finding a location to place the food and after giving Xiao Baozi some crystals to absorb, Shao Qing got in contact with the Gu Panpan siblings.

Although Gu Panpan was a chatterbox, Shao Qing subconsciously felt that the character of the siblings weren't bad, especially Gu Chuan who seemed rather reliable.

This time Yan Hanqing and her will be heading to H City. The distance will be rather far. If it was only her, it would be rather simple to protect herself, but if she had to protect Yan Hanqing as well, if there were any circumstances where they meet any variation zombies, that would be rather troublesome.

Therefore Shao Qing would prepare to contact Gu Panpan and Gu Chuan.

Explaining the situation in simple terms, Shao Qing expressed that this trip might have quite a few dangers. She would even take out some supplies in compensation, but even if Gu Panpan and Gu Chuan decided not to do, Shao Qing would think that it was completely normal.

But she didn't expect that after Gu Panpan did a brief exchange of glances with Gu Chuan, they would both decisively agree. "Are we leaving this afternoon Qing Jiejie?"

"Mmm, if we wait any longer, I'm scared the corpse will start to rot. Thus it would be

better to set off earlier and allow Yan Hanqing's mother to be buried a bit earlier.”

“I've spoken with my brother and there should be no problem. We didn't have anything to do anyways, idle to death.” Gu Panpan laughed.

Shao Qing won't forget this favour. After all they haven't known each other for long, they had only gone on one assignment together and already the Gu Panpan sibling duo were already giving her face. Braving these dangers to accompany her on this trip, it already demonstrated the spirit of loyalty.

“Then let's talk about the remuneration.” Shao Qing calculated for a period, then spoke. “The place we are going this time is rather far and the food supplies that I have on my hand isn't a lot. How about I give you ten kilograms of fresh vegetables in addition to 25 kilograms of food stuff, and ten boxes of antibiotic medicine?”

Gu Panpan originally wanted to reject this offer. Firstly, she was always rather fond of Shao Qing. Secondly, Shao Qing was a capable person, interacting with her would be advantageous for the siblings in the future. Yet, hearing Shao Qing mentioning giving them antibiotic medicine, Gu Panpan swallowed back down the speech of decline that was about to come out of her mouth.

Although super humans wouldn't be infected by zombies, they would still get injured. If they got heavily injured they might even die, therefore medicine in the apocalypse wasn't just a necessary item but in addition to the fact that production has stopped, it is a valuable existence.

“Qing Jiejie, I'm not going to say any pretentious words. In the future if there's anything you need, just call us.” Gu Panpan patted her chest.

Shao Qing kept the siblings over for a meal with Shao Qing personally cooking a meal. Even though at present she had put an end to consuming normal food, her cooking skills from before weren't bad.

Moreover, exchanging the fresh produces from the base, the meal made looked and tasted great causing Gu Panpan to praise her exaggeratedly.

When afternoon finally arrived, tidying up the things, the three people and Baozi went to look for Yan Hanqing. Once everyone has assembled they would prepare to depart.

Because they were heading to a place quite distant, unlike last time which was rather

close to the base, Gu Panpan the sibling duo brought comparatively more than the previous time. Starting their cross country car, they brought Shao Qing and headed towards Yan Hanqing's place.

However, when they arrived at Yan Hanqing's place, Shao Qing saw a familiar person. This familiar person was none other than the person who tried to secretly drug her, Li Jing.

Li Jing was still wearing a pair of eyeglasses and had a very refined, educated appearance. Yet, the things he did were not refined at all. The corner of his mouth had a bit of blood, appearing rather angry he threw a fireball out, with the target being Yan Hanqing.

Something must have happened to lead him to come find Yan Hanqing. Looking down on Yan Hanqing's fighting ability, he must have gotten injured and must be flying into a rage due to humiliation.

Shao Qing burst out the door, speedily jumping down, green vines had already advanced a step before wrapping up Yan Hanqing and protecting him from the fireball.

Seeing that Li Jing was prepared to take Yan Hanqing's life, Shao Qing's eyes slightly narrowed. Her eyes starting to become a bit gloomy which speaking frankly was due to the fact that Yan Hanqing was already her companion in her eyes. If he was killed by Li Jing, then wouldn't it be strange if she didn't get angry.

"What do you want?"

"Oh, it's you Miss Shao." Once seeing Shao Qing, Li Jing's expression changed immediately. Using a rather fervent tone he spoke. "Miss Shao you shouldn't have gotten involved. This man beat my cousin to death. Me taking revenge is a matter of course."

"Then I feel embarrassed but I watched your cousin get beaten to death. In fact, I allowed him to make a move on your cousin." Shao Qing stood in front of Yan Hanqing shielding him and spoke in an indifferent manner. "Going against an ordinary person, don't you feel any shame? If you're unconvinced, how about we have a little bout?"

# Chapter 26

## Killing Li Jing

Li Jing somewhat had a change of expression. Speaking honestly, a person who wasn't worthy of respect like his cousin, if he died he died. But concerning his reputation and everyone in the survival base knowing that he was his cousin in addition to the fact that a regular person was the one who beat him up, if he was indifferent about it, then in the future wouldn't everyone be able to just step on his reputation?

However, Li Jing didn't want to have his waste of a cousin to have conflict with Shao Qing. After all, towards Shao Qing he has ulterior motives.

Therefore when Shao Qing had said these words, Li Jing's complexion turned ugly. Deliberately ignoring Shao Qing's words, he faced Yan Hanqing saying: "Hiding behind a woman's back, can you even be considered a man?"

"Picking on an ordinary person, could you be considered a man?" Gu Panpan moved forward a step, then rolled her eyes at him. "If you have the ability and courage then go work to become a high level super human, what are you here pretending for?"

"You!" Li Jing, thinking about it a while gloomily decided not to argue with Gu Panpan, and spoke with an overcast complexion. "I don't care who he is. I just know that he killed my cousin so he is my enemy. Whether my enemy is an ordinary person or a strong superhuman, I would still dispose of them. In regards to my words, I don't look at their strengths or their statuses, just only if they're my enemy or not. Put yourself in my shoes and think about it. If some ordinary person murdered your brother, wouldn't you do something?"

Li Jing wasn't stupid. He also recognized Gu Panpan and Gu Chuan. Although Gu Chuan was just a rank 1 superhuman, he was already on the edge of breaking through. Gu Panpan was also a middle ranked rank 1 superhuman. Not wanting to offend anyone, he uttered those peculiar phrases that made him seem not too bad.

"You're shoving false arguments down other's throats!" An ordinary person capable of killing her brother? Gu Panpan was about to continue to yell at him but Shao Qing held her back. "No emotion or logic, it seems that I shouldn't even bother with you."

Before Li Jing could become secretly delighted, Shao Qing continued to speak. But... don't even think about making a move on Yan Hanqing today. Unless you beat me, I won't stand by and not get involved."

Hearing that Li Jing nodded. "Okay, then lets swap some pointers."

He had thought it all through. After all Shao Qing had just arrived at the base and she was reportedly a rank 1 wood element superhuman. A wood element superhuman's firepower has always been rather small; let alone he was already at the peak of rank 1 and would soon break through to rank 2.

Therefore, Li Jing was completely confident that he wouldn't lose to Shao Qing. He even imagined that after displaying his strength, Shao Qing might even fall in love with him. After all it didn't matter if it was during the apocalypse or before the apocalypse, a powerful person has always had it comparatively easier to capture a woman's heart.

Shao Qing looked all around, then finding a relatively open area, spoke: "We don't have to choose another place, here should be fine."

"Ok." Li Jing nodded his head. "Then lets get it started....."

He hadn't even finished speaking when a white fist came flying towards his face. This caused his glasses that were just for appearance to shatter apart. Immediately following, Li Jing's abdomen felt pain then he was flying away.

The entire time that Li Jing was flying in the air, he didn't even have time to release his super powers and had already become a sandbag.

While he was still in the air, Shao Qing had already vanished completely and reappeared behind him and landed a heavy punch to his back. Snap! His bone completely broke accompanied with Li Jing's silent twisted facial appearance.

While he was still reacting to the pain and finally releasing his super human power, Shao Qing had already grabbed his neck from behind and ruthlessly thrown his body to the ground.

The just coagulated fireball immediately scattered. Following that, Shao Qing fiercely and accurately pressed down on another part of Li Jings back, and using her strength pressed down hard.

The snapping of Li Jing's bone pierced through his heart and lungs. In that split second Li Jing died, did he realize that Shao Qing was determined to kill him.

Casually throwing the corpse to the man eating flower that had been waiting for a while now, Shao Qing stretched her neck a bit and calmly said: "Lets go."

Gu Panpan:.....

Gu Chuan:.....

The only one who was relatively still calm and already knew how cruel Shao Qing was, was Yan Hanqing. He didn't even try to calculate how much he owed Shao Qing because he had already given his entire being to Shao Qing. Thus, he did not say much, only pushed the cart made from the bed frame to transport his mother to the car.

To protect Yan Hanqing's mother's corpse from rotting, Gu Chuan specially used his own superhuman power and froze her corpse.

Voluntarily accepting an investigation mission, they left the survival base.

Before they got in the car, Shao Qing inspected the teeth like petals of her man eating flower, fishing out a super power crystal out.

This was one of the man eating flowers advantages. No matter if it ate a zombie or a superhuman, it would (be forced to) leave behind the crystal and give it to Shao Qing.

If the man eating flower was able to speak, it would first cry a while, after all, the small tiny crystals were the best part. Now that it had a master, the biggest meat of its three meals were all given to her.

This is completely cruel!

As Shao Qing left the survival base, something hidden not so distant from the base, stealthily followed along.

# Chapter 27

## The Ruthless Road Bandit

The distance from the survivor base to H City cannot be considered close. Even riding a train would take around a day or more, let alone that the few of them were driving across the country side, moving and stopping.

For the sake of security, the comparatively high traffic freeways were avoided. This was because there would be a lot of congestion from ownerless cars and zombie turned car owners.

The more desolate areas, nearing the rural countryside on the contrary were comparatively safer.

Therefore Shao Qing and the rest decided to choose the small roads, but this also increased the distance they will need to travel. After leaving the survivor base, they arrived at their first fork in the road, one led to a high speed highway and the other led to a small road. Gu Panpan who was in charge of driving the car turned right towards the small road.

Being a chatterbox, Gu Panpan the entire journey had already betrayed Gu Chuan completely: “Qing Jiejie, do you know what face paralysis is?”

Shao Qing glanced over at Gu Chuan, then silently took her words “isn’t there someone with face paralysis right beside you’ and swallowed it back down.

Gu Panpan didn’t wait for Shao Qing to reply and continued talking to herself. “Actually, facial paralysis is equal to someone with slow reactions in addition to a rigid face and prosopagnosia. My brother is like that. At the initial contact with my brother, everyone would say that he is a cold person with facial paralysis. But in fact, he is just a person with slow reactions and prosopagnosia. Hahaha”

Shao Qing glanced over again at the displeased Gu Chuan. Probably because he was embarrassed, his ears had already quietly turned red. Afterwards, he heard Gu Panpan continue to speak: “Not only does he have slow reactions and prosopagnosia, he is also a person with a poor sense of direction. Even in our own neighbourhood he could still

get lost. Hahaha My mom always said that in the future we would have to find a lady with a good sense of direction to marry my brother. Otherwise the both of them would be lost and would wander around the world.”

Continuing to speak, Gu Panpan’s mood seemed to suddenly dampened. This was probably because she started to think about her mother. Shao Qing also didn’t know what to say. The atmosphere within the car suddenly became a bit sorrowful.

Shao Qing was the worst at reacting to these sort of situations. Hurriedly, she tried to change the topic. “Look ahead, what do you think that is?”

Gu Panpan looked forward and almost lost control of the car and ran into it. It actually turned out to be a twenty something lady who was dressed in a revealing manner who didn’t seem to want to live as she blocked the path ahead.

Gu Panpan slammed on the breaks. The car stopped around a dozen or more centimetres before the lady. Then they heard the women speak in a pitiful manner. “Big brother, big sister, could you please give me a ride?”

The apocalypse weather was extremely variable. One second it could be snowing, another it could be smashing down hail, and then suddenly it could disappear becoming a beautiful nice sunny day. The entire day could vary from being gloomy, icy cold and sometimes scorching hot.

At present, the north wind was blowing, but the woman was still only wearing a small tube top and a miniskirt. Her pale arms and thighs were completely revealed. She was rather good looking. Delicate with pretty facial features and long hair floating in the wind, she was shivering in the cold. She did look rather pitiful.

But Gu Panpan’s face turned cold. From within the car she grabbed an iron rod and making it seem like fragile icicles she snapped it into two then smiled coldly. “Get lost! Trying to play this kind of farce in front of this old lady? Are you blind?”

The woman instantly turned pale then watched as Gu Panpan stepped on the gas and rushed out of the way. Gu Panpan was back on the road driving off.

While driving away, Gu Panpan started to explain to Shao Qing: “Qig Jiejie, don’t be fooled by her pitiful appearance. In fact it’s all a big lie. If you actually dare to open the car doors, a bunch of swindling impure men would surround both sides of the car and rush in dragging the people out. If you’re lucky you’ll only get all your belongings

stolen. If you're unlucky then even your life could be lost."

Looking in the car mirror, sure enough she saw that behind the woman stomping her feet were several knife holding big sturdy men.

"Those swindling perverted men tried to deceive me by acting nice and pure but with my high intellect, I saw through them with a glance." Gu Panpan spoke in a proud manner.

Gu chuan trying to avenge himself for how Gu Panpan had completely revealed everything about him, actually spoke out a long sentence. "Then who was it who got tricked before and almost got the car stolen?"

Gu Panpan's face turned completely red and pouted. "Brother!"

Shao Qing couldn't help but laugh. One of the reasons why she had agreed to be friends with the siblings was due to their relationship that was extremely envious.

After all, since the apocalypse, siblings aside, even fathers and sons or mothers and daughters might have a fall out.

Being able to support each other during the apocalypse, is extremely fortunate. This made Shao Qing often recall Mu Lin. That carefree but dedicated woman who had always treated her so well.

It could be said that Shao Qing's life was a massive failure. As soon as she was born she was abandoned and forced to rely on herself to enter a military school. Upon entering the army she had to retire early on because of an injury, and then she even fell in love with a man who ultimately turned out to be a cheating bastard.

Her only fortunes' was first meeting Mu Lin. Growing up together, she sincerely had cared about her. The other thing was Xiao Baozi. He was a present given to her by the heavens.

"Mommy, candy." While Shao Qing was sighing in sorrow, Xiao Baozi who was burrowed within her embrace had lovably extended a milk candy towards Shao Qing's mouth. Although Shao Qing didn't need to eat, her heart immediately warmed up.

Just as she thought, Xiao Baozi was in fact the treasure Heaven had blessed her with, the best present.

# Chapter 28

## Zombie Wave

“Let’s rest.” Gu Panpan took a glance at her watch, then looked around and saw a single story house not too far away. After the apocalypse, every time when night arrived, the zombies would be a lot livelier than during the daytime. Therefore any person with a little bit of intelligence would choose to find a safe place to rest when night was approaching.

Naturally there was another point and that is superhumans were humans as well and needed rest. In that aspect, Shao Qing felt that she was rather superior compared to others. Comparing her body to the average superhuman, she was a lot more resilient. Moreover, if it wasn’t a long battle, she practically wouldn’t even feel tired.

In any case, to this day Shao Qing still hasn’t discovered her limit yet.

Under the circumstances of not replenishing her energies, a three hour nap would be sufficient for Shao Qing to stay awake and energized for an entire day.

Tidying up a few wandering zombies, the few of them stayed at the house. The villages in this area were almost all connected together, one village after another. After the break out of the apocalypse, some strong sturdy youths and some superhumans had brought a bunch of living people and departed from here.

Some had established their own small scale survivor bases, some joined other survivor bases, and the rest of the majority, the sick and the elderly, waited to die.

Inside the securely closed door, depending on the provisions and the vegetables found inside the home, it was possible to get by.

When Gu Panpan climbed over the wall to enter, she smelled something rotten. Pushing open the big door, she saw a corpse that had rotted to a high degree hanging from the beam of the roof.

Looking at the clothes and figure, it should be a senior.

Gu Panpan was a little silent, then called out to Gu Chuan to get the senior down together. Afterwards, the four of them dug a hole in the courtyard and buried the old man.

It was probably due to the fact that he was fairly old and his ability to walk wasn't that good that he was abandoned. Or perhaps he volunteered to stay behind. Thus after the food had all been consumed, he decided to choose to end his life.

The atmosphere between the four was quite gloomy. None of them knew what to say and simply ate their provisions then prepared to sleep and rest.

The rotten smell within the house still hasn't dispersed; thus a few of them decided to sleep in their sleeping bags in the courtyard. Sleeping until roughly midnight, a massive rumbling sound seemed to be coming from outside.

The several of them being the sort to be vigilant, in a flash became wide awake. Using their fastest speed, they put on their outer clothing. Yan Hanqing then quietly climbed up the wall to look outside.

Right when he looked over, he froze. There was a cross country car in front of a densely packed group of zombies in which the end could not be seen currently running away desperately.

Without delay, Yan Hanqing climbed back down from the wall then allowed Shao Qing to maintain the peace. Just from looking at the scene, it was obvious that someone had triggered a zombie wave.

Who would be dumb enough to trigger such a large zombie wave in the middle of the night? Did they not want to live? Not mentioning that Shao Qing believed that her strength wasn't that bad, but even an elephant could be bitten to death by an ant. Let alone that the difference between her and a zombie was just like a wolf and a dog.

"Don't make a sound" Shao Qing placed Xiao Baozi into Gu Panpan's embrace. "I'm going to take a look"

They had wanted to stop Shao Qing from doing that, but she had already climbed over the wall. Knowing that Shao Qing wasn't foolish and that if she wasn't sure she wouldn't charge into the pile of zombies, they slowly calmed down.

After going out, Shao Qing could see the flock of wandering zombies. The car probably

did not have much gas left, thus it was blocked off and surrounded by the flock of zombies not far away.

The glass and everything else had all broken to pieces on the ground.

Those zombies simply did not notice Shao Qing, the ones that should be wandering continued to wander. The zombies also all had a particularly sensitive sense of hearing and smell especially to blood, which would automatically attract them over.

Blending into the mix of zombies, she continued heading towards the cross country car. Surrounding the car were all zombies, attempting to enter it would not be easy. Shao Qing also continued to dodge around them, not wanting to touch any of those bodies of rotting flesh and blood.

With great difficulty, Shao Qing finally squeezed into the middle and saw the scene of the cross country car. The car door had been violently wrenched open and deformed, hanging inside and would probably fall off with a touch. The people that were inside had been dragged out. Only shreds of remaining meat and bones were all that was left scattered across the floor.

It was already too late to save them.

Just when Shao Qing was preparing to leave, she saw that hanging within the car was a ripped cloth bag that was torn open revealing quite a few pieces of superhuman crystals that had fallen out. Looking at the different sizes, even the smallest one was a rank 2 crystal.

This was a pleasant surprise. All those crystals would be sufficient to allow her to increase her strength by another rank and perhaps allow Xiao Baozi to increase a rank as well!

Shao Qing had a firm belief. The arise of superhumans was all due to the changes in the environment. Their bodies were constantly evolving. Who knew what the final results would be.

Furthermore, Shao Qing hasn't even realized that even the zombies were in a state of evolution.

Xiao Baozi's birth wasn't like the average persons. He was born from Shao Qing's belly when she was already dead. No matter if it was its body or its intellect, it was

completely different from a typical child.

Xiao Baozi could also evolve. If Xiao Baozi continued to evolve, would he be able to become like a regular person?

But no matter what the result was, Shao Qing had to have Xiao Baozi increase in ranking. She extended her hands towards the several crystals. Just when her fingertips had just brushed the crystals, an acute sound of an object breaking could be heard from behind her.

From always being on guard all year round, it allowed Shao Qing to speedily react. Immediately scooping up the crystals, scuttling forward she slid underneath the cross country car.

Behind the cross country car, an ear-piercing jeer could be heard. Taking advantage of the moonlight, Shao Qing took a glance. An extremely well built figure appeared on the other side of the car. His arms bulging out had already stabbed through the car. Even more crucial was that this person from head to toe was rotten, tattered, and decomposing. His skin and flesh was in a semi-state of rotting, he was absolutely not a human!

# Chapter 29

## Critical Moment

Luckily the car's chassis was tall, otherwise she would've been the one that was pierced through instead. Taking in a deep breath, she sized up the monstrous zombie.

His four limbs were uncoordinated, both arms and his left leg were extremely thick and solid, while his right leg seemed somewhat deformed. It was skinnier than the left leg by a half or more making it so that when he walked he couldn't help but limp.

Although it appeared rather ridiculous looking, it didn't change the ominous and fierce odour coming from his body. He is definitely an evolved zombie!

Shao Qing carefully observed him then found that he was also firmly staring right back at her. Reckoning that he wasn't benevolent, it was highly possible that it had come here for those crystals.

It was at that moment, a very small zombie head from behind the zombie's shoulders peaked out it. It was... about the size of a baby with a withered up head with absolutely no hair. The most distinct thing about it was that it had a pair of pitch black eyeballs with no whites at all staring dead straight at Shao Qing.

It's facial features were relatively complete and at least it wasn't rotting. Looking at it all wrinkled up, it seemed rather similar to a monkey.

That baby zombie was hugging onto the other zombie's neck, it's skinny shriveled body was stuck to it's back. Suddenly it started to scream a sharp penetrating sound.

Shao Qing who wasn't prepared to guard against that felt her head buzzing accompanied by an aching pain of blank space. It was at that moment, that sturdy zombie's movements became nimble. Jumping up suddenly, it stepped on the car roof and climbed over to where she was.

The car roof right away sank down. The zombie utilizing its strength, in a flash it appeared in front of Shao Qing. Shao Qing who just recently recovered had her chest receive a strong hit knocking her back fiercely onto the ground. She felt her chest

tighten up, then sprayed a mouthful of blackish red blood out.

The baby zombie once again shrieked out loud and the sturdy zombie violently rushed over to Shao Qing with his fists held high. Trying with great efforts to focus her mind, she crossed her arms out in front of her body but once again flew off a great distance from the strike.

She more or less understood the situation. That baby zombie is the real mastermind. It ought to be a mind controlling zombie and that strong zombie must be following it's orders.

Most likely this time's zombie wave was also launched by it.

The distinction between higher level zombies and an average zombie is huge. An ordinary zombie would treat Shao Qing as one of their own and wouldn't attack her; however, a high level zombie would have the ability to determine and discover things. Therefore they would swallow their same species to receive an advancement in ranking to increase their strength. That's why when they face a 'high level' zombie, they would even be more likely to attack to satiate their appetite.

Shao Qing was currently confronted with this sort of situation. That baby zombie was definitely an evolved variation. Its initial goal might have been those crystals but now it has already changed to taking down Shao Qing.

If it was just the baby zombie or just the thick, strong zombie, Shao Qing wouldn't be afraid. However, since it's the two working together, their fighting strength isn't as simple as one plus one.

One was in charge of causing a disturbance and the other was in charge of attacking. Shao Qing wiped the blood on her lips. She had a premonition that tonight she would be unable to narrowly and luckily escape...

Once she thought about Xiao Baozi losing his mother in the apocalypse and would quickly... Shao Qing's heart immediately ached. Gritting her teeth, when the sharp piercing mental sound attack came once again, Shao Qing suddenly shot out like a bullet. The best defense is offense. She cannot give up on that thin thread of survival!

Shao Qing and that zombie were both quick. Speedily they both collided together. Shao Qing ruthlessly punched the zombie's chest, becoming aware that it felt like punching a block of iron. At the same time, the zombie's fist also arrived and landed on her body.

Shao Qing's injury was especially low, but it still gave her aching pain. Staggering a step, within her hand was suddenly a flash of green brilliance. Immediately a vine broke out, wrapping around the zombie's two legs.

At the same time, she pulled out the dagger that was on her leg, the knife targeting the baby zombie's head.

Capture the thief by capturing the king! Once she was able to kill the zombie baby, there would only be the big blockhead left.

The vine was only able to restrict the zombie for two seconds, and then it was torn apart. Luckily, Shao Qing resisting against the baby zombie's continuous mental attacks, accurately and fiercely stabbed the dagger towards the baby zombie.

What a pity, that stupid oaf of a zombie was able to react. Slightly tilting its shoulder, Shao Qing's knife brushed by the zombie baby's head and inserted itself into the big zombie's neck.

Promptly releasing her hand, she quickly drew back otherwise she would have been hit by the swing of the zombie's arm. Wailing from the pain of having its neck stabbed by the dagger, it charged at Shao Qing.

Clenching her fist, Shao couldn't help but release the man-eating flower. Planning to use herself as a bait, she was about to make her final move!

Yet suddenly at this moment, a shadow abruptly dashed over. Facing up to the sky and howling, it resembled a cannon as it smashed into the big oaf's body.

Originally charging towards Shao Qing and suddenly being hit by the unknown flying object that arrived abruptly, the big sturdy zombie fell into the pack of zombies.

Distracted, Shao Qing couldn't resist turning towards the shadow. It was.....

# Chapter 30

## The Adorkable Er Dai

Shao Qing had no idea how to describe her current emotions. It was probably warm, very warm. Now she realized why every time she came out, she had a feeling that someone was tailing her nearby. Now she also understood where that faintly discernible peeping feeling came from.

At that time, she had given him the name Er Dai. This was indeed the perfect name. How could there be such a foolish zombie?

She was correct. The thing that was currently rolling around with the big zombie was Er Dai. He was still wearing the same outfit that Shao Qing had given him before she left. It was somewhat shabby and covered in mud, but there was actually not too much bloodstain.

He resembled an angered male animal. Throwing the large zombie to the ground, he used sharp nails to penetrate the big zombie's shoulder blades. During this fight, rotten meat and black blood splashed everywhere.

The zombie baby started to panic, continuously screeching out loud. Too bad just when it started its high pitch shrieking, it was punctured in the head by a dagger.

Shao Qing had ruthlessly taken the dagger and stabbed down at it, afterwards rushing to assist Er dai to open up the big zombie's head. They were hunting just like like before, that same tacit understanding, it almost seemed as if they never separated.

After loosening the dagger, Shao Qing didn't even mind that the ground was covered with rotten meat and black blood and simply crouched down, repeatedly gasping. Just a moment ago the desperately ferocious Er Dai now became like a monkey, a little puppy and threw it self at Shao Qing, rubbing against her.

Shao Qing patted Er Dai's head: "Hey, don't start rubbing against me while everything's in disorder. When did you learn to be like a dog?"

Er Dai opened his large massive eyes, its expression display how wronged he felt.

Extending his hands, in the middle of his palm were two large crystals and a flannel cloth bag.

The crystals came from the recently finished off zombies, while the bag was what Shao Qing had originally given him.

The bag was full and bulging. It appears that compared to what Shao Qing gave him, there were a lot more items now. Shao Qing was speechless.

She stared at Er Dai's pathetic and pitiful appearance staring at her, causing her heart to feel a bit sour and a bit confused. Although Er Dai couldn't speak, Shao Qing clearly sensed what Er Dai was trying to express.

He didn't want the crystals. He could even help Shao Qing get even more crystals, so... please don't abandon him.

"I gave you the name Er Dai but are you really that foolish?" Shao Qing poked his head. Head tilted, Er Dai's eyes showed how confused he was. Shao Qing then realized how filthy Er Dai's hair was as it covered his face, seeming to have become even more fair.

Before, Er Dai's face although wasn't rotting like the other zombies, it was still extremely pale with a greenish white tinge like a dead person. However, now it seems like Er Dai's complexion has unexpectedly improved a lot. Although as before, it still didn't resemble an ordinary person, it could pull off a living person.

"If you don't leave, you'll leave me with no choice. Shao Qing felt incredibly powerless. Taking her arms she grabbed Er Dai's ice-cold rigid body and pulled him into her embrace. "Why couldn't you live your life freely by yourself? I already gave you your freedom, why did you come back?"

Er Dai didn't speak, he only tightly grabbed onto Shao Qing's arms. Also afraid that he might harm Shao Qing, he didn't dare to exert all his strength, he even retracted his sharp nails.

That cautious appearance that depicted how scared he was that Shao Qing might run off again made Shao Qing's heart soften. Though it could be said that she had a lot of trust in Yan Hanqing, but within her heart as before she was still a bit reserved.

Probably anyone who had been betrayed before would be like this. Like the saying goes, once bitten twice shy. Even her most beloved people were capable of betraying

her, let alone other people who had absolutely no relationship with her at all.

But Er Dai was different. He wasn't a human, he was just a zombie. He was just like a piece of blank paper with nothing besides its instincts. Everything that he would do, would be anything that Shao Qing taught him. Apart from Xiao Baozi, he would never betray Shao Qing.

Quietly hugging Er Dai for a long time, Shao Qing picked a few high quality crystals and forced Er Dai to absorb it. Then she rubbed his head: "Go Er Dai, don't come back..."

Even though Er Dai isn't capable of understanding speech, it was able to understand that Shao Qing wanted to drive him away. Suddenly the zombie that was originally fine became alarmed and started to panic. He started to recall how Shao Qing had left him the other time, how he watched her enter that case that was able to move, and the dust that she left behind.

He had secretly followed her. But knowing that Shao Qing didn't want him, everytime he wanted to approach, he just couldn't find the courage to until Shao Qing arrived at the survivor base.

That place had so many people, Er Dai didn't dare to approach that place. Also afraid that leaving this place might cause him to miss Shao Qing, he would secretly conceal himself in the surroundings near the base. Waiting, waiting, and waiting.

Yet every time Shao Qing came out, there were always people by her side. Er Dai had remembered that Shao Qing had told him not to appear in front of other people, so he would constantly follow them in secret until just earlier when Shao Qing was in danger.

Acting as if he was a child who did something wrong, he tenaciously hugged onto Shao Qing. Immersing himself within Shao Qing's embrace, Shao Qing was somewhat helpless. Yet, she knew that if she brought Er Dai back to the base, if anyone accidentally found out, Er Dai might be captured and dissected or perhaps killed on the spot.

Even if it was for Er Dai's sake she couldn't bring Er Dai back there.

"Leave, go back to the group of zombies" Shao Qing expressionlessly pushed Er Dai away gritting her teeth. "Don't appear in front of my face again, okay?"

# Chapter 31

## My cousin

Er Dai stood there at a loss. He had no idea why Shao Qing suddenly got so angry. However seeing Shao Qing wanting to leave, he couldn't help but follow her. Yet, Shao Qing immediately turned around frowning. "Go back, stop following me."

Er Dai stopped his footsteps, standing there appearing rather pitiful. As he watched Shao Qing take a step little by little departing away from him, he abruptly made a really really soft whimper as if to detain her. Shao Qing had always believed herself to have a heart of steel but she couldn't lift her legs up to continue walking any more.

She suddenly began calling into question whether her treating Er Dai well is good conduct or did it in fact harm Er Dai. In the end, she couldn't resist turning around causing her to see Er Dai helplessly standing in a field of complete disorder, clothing all tattered, and covered in dust.

Shao Qing could roughly guess to why Er Dai was secretly following her. But the more she thought, the more Shao Qing felt sad. She felt that her decision would cause Er Dai harm, even if he was a zombie who didn't understand anything.

Does a zombie have a heart? Have feelings? Shao Qing didn't know, but Er Dai definitely does.

Shao Qing hesitated for a long time. Finally letting out a sigh she turned around. "Follow me and listen to what I say."

The originally downcast Er Dai who was wailing, suddenly resembled the release of an arrow, and directly hung onto Shao Qing.

Shao Qing didn't know whether to laugh or to cry as she caught Er Dai, sighing. "You don't even resemble a zombie at all. You're more like a husky. Stupid and foolish, and also super clingy. Come down quickly."

Probably scared that Shao Qing might change her mind, Er Dai hurriedly came down Shao Qing's body. Following her from behind, he had a lovable appearance on.

“He’s changed.....” Shao Qing sighed in admiration as she dragged Er Dai to the ravine in the vicinity. Connected to this ravine was a reservoir thus the ravine had not so shallow water. Directly peeling off Er Dai’s clothings until he was stark naked, she pushed him into the water. From head to toe, she washed him clean thoroughly.

Probably from being scared that Shao Qing might abandon him again, so although he loathed the water, he was especially obedient and didn’t move at all to cooperate with Shao Qing.

After cleaning Er Dai thoroughly, she found a somewhat clean... set of women clothes for Er Dai to put on. Not bad. It was women clothing because within Shao Qing’s storage apart from women clothing she only had children clothing.

Although it was women clothing, it was the neutral type of clothing. With Er Dai’s facial features being extremely delicate and pretty, even so much that you could call him refined and exquisite. Now after washing that chaotic mess of a hair so it became agreeable and obedient and changing into women clothing, unexpectedly nothing seemed out of sorts.

Shao Qing rubbed Er Dai’s dripping wet hair. His agreeable short hair immediately changing into a messy regiment. Specially taking out a black cloak from within her dimension, she allowed Er Dai to drape it over his shoulders. “In front of others, make sure you don’t remove it. You understand?”

After Er Dai earnestly nodded his head, Shao Qing pulled him along. By the time they got back, the flock of zombies had already started to slowly disperse. Pulling Er Dai along, they returned back to the house where the rest had gone into hiding.

When they climbed over the wall to enter, several people became on guard until they discovered it was Shao Qing and then let out a sigh of relief. Gu Panpan patted her chest. “Qing Jie Jie, you really scared me! You said you’re going to leave, and then you just left. There were so many zombies outside, just taking a glance at them left my whole body numb and full of goosebumps. Fortunately, you were able to safely return... wait, who are you?”

Gu Panpan let her gaze to fall on the good looking Er Dai who was standing on the side. After cleaning up and changing his entire outfit, if one didn’t look carefully, he did seem to be like a graceful and beautiful maiden.

“My cousin, he’s mute. When he was young he had a really high fever, so at the hospital he was given hormones and injections. After all that he ended up losing his voice and is a bit foolish. Just now when I went out, I discovered that he was inside the car that was being chased.” Shao Qing coughed, without even the slightest of pressure she began to fabricate her lie: “My cousin followed his family to J city. After the apocalypse began, we haven’t been in touch, who would have thought that we would see each other here.”

“So it was your Biao Di\*... I thought it was your Biao Mei\*\*...” Gu Panpan extended out her hand. “Nice to meet you Biao Di, my name’s Gu Panpan.”

\*Biao Di = male cousin; everytime you see cousin, it actually says Biao Di. In Chinese, family relations usually have more specific titles in comparison to English.

\*\*Biao Mei = female cousin

Er Dai secretly stole a glance over at Shao Qing, then took a look at his own claws. His ash gray fingernails were too conspicuous. After hurriedly retracting his fingernails, he stiffly reached out and shook Gu Panpan’s hand for moment then quickly pulled back.

“Your cousin is really shy...” Gu Panpan looked at Er Dai then coughed. “But the way he dresses seems the exact opposite.”

“His clothes ripped, so I gave him mine to wear.” Shao Qing coughed into her fists, her confidence very lacking.

Luckily, Xiao Baozi who was currently in Yan Hanqing’s embrace struggled out, then... scuttled over to Er Dai’s bosom.

Er Dai at once caught Xiao Baozi. After all at that time, he had repeatedly taken over the role of being a nanny, so Xiao Baozi was extremely familiar with Er Dai.

It should be actually said that Xiao Baozi is extremely proficient in bullying Er Dai.

After arriving within Er Dai’s embrace, he proficiently occupied Er Dai’s bosom. When Xiao Baozi interrupted the moment, the atmosphere immediately eased up and the rest of the group also accepted Er Dai.

Shao Qing let out a breath of relief, then turned her head to see Yan Hanqing standing

behind her with gentle eyes. “You’ve returned.”

Just when Shao Qing was preparing to reply, a shadow flashed in front of her. She could only see that Er Dai was standing in front of her as if protecting his food, giving ferocious stares at Yan Hanqing.

# Chapter 32

## The New Base

“He’s one of us.” Shao Qing touched Er Dai’s head. Originally savagely staring at Yan Hanqing, after being touched by Shao Qing, the zombie’s expression within his eyes immediately softened.

It seemed as if it was a bit dejected.

Giving Er Dai a glance, Yan Hanqing pushed down the distrust within his heart. His intuition is usually pretty accurate and has saved his life countless of times. From just a moment ago, his intuition clearly told him that this pale complexioned youth who was dressed in women clothing was extremely dangerous.

Yan Hanqing trusted his intuition. But he couldn’t resist taking a glimpse of the cloak covered youngster, who was so thin he resembled a girl.

After returning, the sky had not turned light yet. Thus the group of them rested for a little while then began heating up some provisions. Once they started to heat up the provisions, Shao Qing’s heart suddenly jumped out in fright. Oh no! She had forgotten that Er Dai is a zombie and didn’t need food. A zombie’s digestive system was completely different from a human’s. A human eating raw meat would probably vomit, feeling sick and nauseous and a zombie eating hot food would also probably vomit and feel sick and nauseous.

If Er Dai didn’t eat, people would probably discover that something was wrong. However, if Er Dai did eat, would he be able to overcome nature? While Shao Qing was in this dilemma, the rations had already been heated up and Gu Panpan had already enthusiastically passed some over to Er Dai, wanting to put in extra effort to take care of Shao Qing’s cousin.

After Er Dai obediently nibbled on the rations, Shao Qing’s motherly instinct immediately flared up feeling her heart ache. How could Er Dai be so well behaved!

Er Dai quickly finished eating the rations. Subsequently when Gu Panpan tried to give him more, he simply kept waving his hands to say no.

Gu Panpan couldn't hold back from speaking. "Why are you eating so little? Compared to a girl, you're eating even less. You should eat more to take better care of your body."

Er Dai stared at her blankly, his muscles rigid caused his fair face to have no expression whatsoever, he looked completely stupefied. Yet, this is an appearance based world. With Er Dai's facial features being attractive, therefore even looking at his stupefied expression was rather adorkable.

Shao Qing unwilling to allow Er Dai endure any more of this torture, quickly pulled on Gu Panpan. "His stomach isn't feeling well, if he eats too much he'll puke, that's why he's so skinny."

"That's so sad..." Gu Panpan looked at Er Dai in a tender and affectionate manner causing Er Dai to shrink back a bit.

Having been living with a group of zombies until now, it was his first time to be in contact with living people besides Shao Qing. Therefore although it has been only a few minutes, it had already given birth to his urge to leave this area.

Passionate humans are so dreadful, wah.

If it weren't for Shao Qing being here, Er Dai would have probably squeezed back into the flock of zombies. After eating breakfast, the group of people packed up and got ready to leave. Borrowing the leisure time they had before they headed out, Shao Qing dragged Er Dai to the back of the house and the two of them began puking for what felt like half a day.

Whatever that they ate was whatever that they puked out.

This could be considered to be one of the tragedies of being a zombie. There was completely no way to digest regular food. Unlike Xiao Baozi who could still absorb a bit of food that didn't have any chemicals or additives within them.

Actually when they ate those food, they had schemingly chewed on it but in fact was unable to perceive any tastes at all. This is definitely worthy of being called a tragedy.

After leaving the house, they discovered that a majority of the flock of zombies have already dispersed, with only a few remaining near the cross country car wandering around.

But, those wandering zombies wouldn't pose a problem to them. Since Er Dai's arrival, Shao Qing had Er Dai carrying Xiao Baozi and wait within the car whereas they would be outside tidying up a few things.

After a simple clean up of some of the wandering zombies, Shao Qing and the rest once again hurried back on their journey. Because they were only able to travel during the day, they needed to hurry along at top speed towards their destination.

After the eruption of the apocalypse, the total population of the world had lowered significantly by two-thirds and this doesn't even include the people who died from being eaten by zombies when they were trying to escape.

In fact, even in the present, every day there would be a large amount of deaths. Some would die from hunger, some would die because of zombies, and some would even die from the hands of other humans.

Especially in China where the population was rather concentrated, the mortality rate in comparison to the vast but sparsely populated Australia was higher by who knows by how much.

Therefore arriving at a remote location, there were practically no one, and the ones you would see were just wandering zombies.

Shao Qing sat in the front passenger seat, carefully observing the surroundings. Since the apocalypse, a lot of vegetation has transformed. Some had evolved to have attacking capabilities, some even developed benefits that are advantageous to human. For example, the breadfruit tree produced fruits that resemble the shell of a coconut.

Furthermore, the originally pharmaceutical vegetations resulted in them becoming even more effective such as being able to stop blood quicker. In other words, it had benefited many others.

Every time Shao Qing inspected a useful vegetation, she would get out of the car to harvest it. She also wanted to subdue her second plant summoning for her employment.

After all, the usefulness of these plant summonings were just incredible. Take a look at her mean eating flower for example. Its attack power was particularly strong, thus it was able to increase her strength by quite a bit.

Shao Qing was currently a rank 2, so she is able to subdue two plant summonings. In regards to her second plant summoning selection, she had an inclination towards one with medical properties or one that amplified growth. Although these types of plant summonings couldn't really result in much against zombies, but it would be able to increase her importance as a member of the group.

The average zombie wouldn't attack Shao Qing. That gave Shao Qing a heavy advantage, and also enabled her to not place zombies as her primary enemy.

Real soon, Shao Qing and the rest will have arrived at another town. This place was a country town and was originally classified as an especially prosperous town with a population that was even bigger than a small city. Merely, after the apocalypse, people died and the survivors fled for their lives, causing it to become desolate.

Reportedly it was said that some survivors in the vicinity had constructed a small scale survivor base. Shao Qing and the rest were exactly heading towards this base.

"Just right ahead not that far away, we could tend to our things. Afterwards we could even exchange some items for things we need. It would largely benefit us for the rest of the journey. Let's go." Gu Panpan excitedly spoke.

Many of the superhumans or ordinary citizens who travelled quite a distance from their own survivor base would choose to go to another survivor base to make some transactions for things that they might need and also rest at the lodgings provided by the survivor base for a while.

Those survivor base could also try to solicit them in staying, those were also one type of unwritten rules.

Shao Qing and the rest were planning on going to the survivor base to reorganize and then continue on their journey. After all, once arriving at the survivor base, they would be able to rest without worrying about the outside matters for a while.

In a while, Shao Qing and the rest were able to see the small scale survivor base. A not so tall wall using greenish blue bricks could be seen, giving Shao Qing and the rest the impression that it wasn't just small but it appeared to be rather run down as well.

At the door there was a gatekeeper receiving the people who would like to enter. At a critical moment where zombies might have besieged the city, they would count on them to set off an alarm.

“That’s great, there will finally be hot water to bathe and hot filling meals to eat.” Gu Panpan was ecstatic but Shao Qing in contrast was calm and collected, lifting up her chin. “Let’s go over.”

Borrowing lodging was rather easy to deal with. Shao Qing and the rest all pulled out their symbol obtained from their survivor base, then was able to quickly obtain the right to enter the survivor base.

Once they entered the base, Gu Panpan’s expression became rather unsightly. “I don’t like this place.”

# Chapter 33

## A woman's sorrow

The reason why Gu Panpan said she didn't like it was rather simple, Shao Qing also didn't like it. Upon entering the base, they were able to see that at the side of the road stood a lot of women. There were some young girls, so much that a few didn't even look like they were adults; some aging but still attractive women, mature sophisticated women, and even a few who were a little bit older. They all had one common ground. They all wore shabby clothing but their faces were washed cleanly.

The superhumans coming from outside when passing by would drag off one of the girls. At Shao Qing and the rest's base, there were also these sort of women who sold their bodies. However, it was comparatively fewer in number because their internal operations of their base would provide everyone with food although it wasn't much but adding onto food in exchange for work, they would be able to manage three meals a day no problem.

Therefore there were very few girls who would be willing to sell their bodies.

This place was different. How big was this base? The women standing by the road, could be estimated to be about seventy percent of the women in the entire base.

"Don't look." Gu Chuan's eyes showed his loathing. "I've seen these kind of bases' before. These bases don't provide regular citizens any food, they require them to do burdensome work in exchange. The majority of the women aren't capable of handling this sort of workload, and the men in the household after exchanging work for food is only able to provide food enough for only one adult. Therefore most of these women had no choice and would have to sell their bodies to investigation teams or superhumans to be able to get food. There are women who aren't willing, yet a lot of the women when they arrive at the base, they... just have no other choice."

Even Gu Chuan who barely reacted to anything was angry. But the things he just said made everyone feel disgusted, especially Gu Panpan and Shao Qing who were women themselves.

During the apocalypse, women were truly at a disadvantage. First of all, the majority

of women had physical endurance that were inferior to the average man, besides otakus...

Secondly, every month women would have those several days. When that thing comes around, it's really easy to attract zombies.

Thirdly, a majority of the women were soft hearted. In this immoral system of the apocalypse, soft hearted women would naturally succumb to nasty hearted men.

For example, it was common to see men gamble until they even sell their wife and children, but have you seen any women who would gamble off their husband or children?

In brief, after the apocalypse, women, seniors, and children were all part of a disadvantageous group, had a higher mortality rate, and also had to suffer the most.

Children could said to be still fortunate, since many bases were consciously aware that the children represented hope. They would be the future strength and should be protected well, thus women and seniors would suffer a more cruel experiences.

The more they thought about it, the more the group felt uncomfortable and simply did not want to stay any longer in this place.

Gu Panpan couldn't help looking over and saw a young woman squatting down in a corner, her eyes expressionless exactly like a walking corpse.

Gu Panpan felt her eyes starting to turn sick, she couldn't help but speak to Shao Qing. "I really think I'm lucky. I have superhuman abilities, the strength to protect myself, and I even have a brother who loves me."

Shao Qing also couldn't help but glance at the corner, but immediately shifted her eyes away. Otherwise she was scared she couldn't help but get involved.

"Let's go. Let's hurry and rest for a while. Afterwards we could go to the market to take a look to see if we need anything."

It wasn't that Shao Qing was heartless. It was merely that in the apocalypse there were too many who seemed to be better dead than alive. Could it be that she would have to go rescue each and every single one of them?

She was just simply a rank two superhuman, protecting herself was difficult. How could she possibly help anyone else. Not everyone could be like the main character of a story, wiping their tears saying how pitiful they were and then countless of men would answer their call, on the one side complimenting them on how kind hearted and beautiful they were while on the other hand rescuing these pitiful people.

Shao Qing took a glance over at Xiao Baozi. She... only wanted to look out for themselves.

Along the way, numerous girls tried to pull on Gu Chuan and Yan Hanqing. With great difficulty they finally arrived at the place where they were staying. The two men had sweat flowing down their foreheads.

Shao Qing stared at the keys, then found house number sixteen. There probably weren't many foreigners coming to ask for lodging. House number sixteen was tightly closed, it appeared to have never been occupied.

Shao Qing opened the door. The first floor was the lounge and the kitchen while the second floor had four rooms. Two rooms side by side and facing the other two. Shao Qing immediately spoke. "You guys choose which one you want. My cousin and I will live in this one together. Since we haven't seen each other in such a long time, I want to speak to him for a bit."

Since Shao Qing had said that, the rest definitely wouldn't say much else. Yan Hanqing chose the room near Shao Qing's while the Gu Chuan and Gu Panpan chose the rooms across, a person to a room.

Upon entering the room, Er Dai immediately became like a koala and clung onto Shao Qing's body with a face showing he felt wronged. Shao Qing calmly peeled Er Dai off, then placed Xiao Baozi into Er Dai's arms. Then sitting down, she began to go over the things she had.

Last time, the superhuman stones she had picked up she had never seen before. Within the pile of crystals was one that was blue which ought to be a water based superhuman. There was also a yellow earth elemental, a red fire elemental, and surprisingly two green wood elementals. This was a rather pleasant surprise.

The best part of the surprise was that there was a purple coloured crystal.

Carefully observing that crystal, you could still see a tiny lightning sparking within. A

lightning elemental was an extremely rare ability, it was really a wonder how a lightning elemental could appear here.

But, this could be indirectly pointing out that there are people who had already discovered the origin of superhuman powers, probably even the zombie crystals couldn't be monopolized by Shao Qing solely.

If this happens then Shao Qing's advantage would decrease a bit. Thinking for a bit, she picked up the fire elemental crystal and tossed it into Er Dai's open mouth. Then she picked up the earth elemental crystal and tossed it into Xiao Baozi's mouth. Tidying up the remaining crystals, she went over to the other's room.

Arriving at Gu Chuan's room, Gu Panpan was also there. Once Gu Panpan saw Shao Qing, she suddenly blinked her eyes a few times. Then her face became dubious. "I'm just going to return now, I won't bother you guys."

"What is she thinking?" Shao Qing rolled her eyes, then pulled out a water elemental crystal. "I wanted to show you guys something."

"What is that?" Gu Chuan looked at the broad deep blue of the crystal, his mind was like a small cat becoming restless within his heart.

"This is from a superhuman. I call it the power source." Shao Qing calmly spoke. "I discovered that within every single superhuman, there are one of these. Hold it and meditate. Imagine that you were absorbing it."

Gu Chuan hesitated for a moment then received the crystal within his hand. Following Shao Qing's directions, after a while, he astonishingly widened his eyes. "I'm going to break through!"

Gu Panpan immediately used her scorching eyes to stare at Shao Qing. Shao Qing pulled Gu Panpan. "Then Panpan and I will step out first, take your time in advancing."

Once out the door, Gu Panpan pulled on Shao Qing's hand. "Qing Jiejie, I want one too! You can't be biased and only give one to brother and not me."

"Only the same power source would be the most effective. Right now I don't have any body strengthening power sources. Try taking these." Taking a few zombie crystals, she passed it over to Gu Panpan. Gu Panpan delightedly went back to test it out.

Waiting until Gu Panpan had left, then did Shao Qing return back to her room. The reason why she told the two siblings was not because she was suddenly inspired to do something but it was in fact premeditated. First of all, she was convinced of the two's moral character. Secondly, they were going to find out about it sooner or later, rather than having some other person letting them know how to advance ranks quicker, it would be more beneficial for her to break the news. Furthermore, the perks of having more advanced team members would be enormous.

# Chapter 34

## He is a Siberian Tiger

Shao Qing also absorbed some crystals, included among these was a piece of the wooden elemental power source. She could feel that she was very close to breaking through into rank three. However, it was like a partition, a membrane that was extremely tough and durable. No matter how you poke at it, it just won't break.

Feeling slightly crushed, Shao Qing opened her eyes and saw a pair of faces, one big and one small, gathered in front of her eyes. The smaller one was blinking his eyes acting cute, while the bigger one was expressionless. Unable to resist, Shao Qing kissed Xiao Baozi. Er Dai immediately exploited the opportunity. Pushing his face closer to Shao Qing's for a special purpose, Shao Qing had no choice but to give his cheek a kiss. Er Dai completely satisfied, then finally willingly rolled away off the bed.

Shao Qing pushed open the door. The Gu siblings were still within their rooms emitting the fluctuations of their powers. It appears that they still haven't finished advancing ranks. Yan Hanqing was standing in front of the door, within his hand was a cigarette, a rather cheap and old type of cigarette called 'Eight Happiness', that had already stopped production.

He held it between his fingers, yet he didn't smoke it. With his firm face with no expression at all, he was simply looking out the window with a gaze that seemed to be at a loss.

Shao Qing walked over to him, but he didn't discover. Although it might have been because how Shao Qing doesn't make any sounds during her footsteps, Shao Qing could tell that something wasn't right with Yan Hanqing's state of mind.

Taking the cigarette from Yan Hanqing's hand, Shao Qing lit the cigarette and took a puff. Afterwards she crouched against the wall coughing. Yan Hanqing pursed his lips and took back the cigarette. "If you don't know how to smoke a cigarette, don't smoke it. You'll feel unwell."

"When I recently entered the special unit not long ago, the sergeant was a heavy smoker. At that time I was a new student, skinny and weak, every time after practice I

would secretly hide and cry. The sergeant slipped me a cigarette and told me that if I chose this road then I would have to bite down on my teeth and continue on. If you were chosen then that would mean you are gifted, don't look down on yourself." Shao Qing continued to cough for a little while then extended her hand to take the cigarette in Yan Hanqing's hand. Keeping silent, Yan Hanqing put it in his mouth, Shao Qing stared at him blankly. Then looked at Yan Hanqing with a smirk. "Does this count as an indirect kiss?"

Yan Hanqing was speechless. Within the smoke, his pair of eyes seemed to be extra hazy. Shao Qing kicked his leg, then lowered her voice. "Why are you making yourself feel so inferior?"

"I was the squad's trump card. During the competition between different military camps, I was able to help my camp win first place two times in a row. If they mentioned Yan Hanqing, they would all say that was SD's siberian tiger. But now?" Yan Hanqing laughed at himself. "Local ruffians who I used to look down upon, now if they developed superpowers would all be stronger than me."

The originally smiling expression on Shao Qing's face began to cool down, then she suddenly stood up slamming her fist towards Yan Hanqing's face. Yan Hanqing subconsciously lifted his hand up and blocked Shao Qing's fist. However the strength from her fist, still transmitted over causing Yan Hanqing's fist to become numb.

This wasn't over yet, it was just the beginning. Shao Qing was expressionless as she approached Yan Hanqing and repeatedly attacked him. At the beginning, Yan Hanqing was simply responding and didn't retaliate, although not knowing why Shao Qing was attacking him, but he continued to consistently dodge her attacks.

"SD's siberian tiger? All I see is a sick kitten. Let me take a closer look and see if this tiger would still be able to bite humans Make a move!"

Yan Hanqing wanted to say something, but welcoming him was Shao Qing's ruthless fists. He stared at Shao Qing's serious ice-cold eyes, then abruptly remembered something. Originally hiding, it was his first time to meet Shao Qing's fist face to face.

He was SD's siberian tiger. She was BJ's undefeatable eagle. Fate has always been fickle, letting two people retire due to injuries. Finally in this kind of environment, they would meet.

They were different from the average person in the military. Every time they made a move, it would be directed towards the opponent's vitals or places where the opponent would lose their ability to fight back. This kind of habit was instilled into their bodies.

Just from looking at the two people's combat, it really seemed as if they were really enemies. They fought from the corridor to the courtyard, finally exhausted, they both lied down on the ground gasping for breath.

Shao Qing tilted her head to look at Yan Hanqing who had the corner of his eyes slightly bruised and extended her finger. "Just now, you had nearly struck at my throat six times. Three times you almost threatened my pair of eyes. Once it was only a few centimeters off from my spine. Tell me, if I were to give you a dagger and allowed you to kill a rank 1 physique based superhuman, how certain are you in defeating him?"

"A hundred percent." Yan Hanqing bit his teeth.

Shao Qing continued to speak. "If I were to place you and a rank 1 superhuman at the same time into a city filled with zombies and gave you the same amount of food, tell me. who would be able to survive longer?"

Yan Hanqing quietly answered. "Me."

"If you and a rank 1 superhuman were to go out for an investigation, if it was only counting the average zombie, would you kill more zombies or him?"

Yan Hanqing was choked with emotions for a bit then replied. "Me."

"Then why are you feeling so inferior? God has always been fair. He wouldn't just give some people superpowers and then leave the other portion with nothing at all." Shao Qing sat up and softly said. "Before I was discharged from the military, I also heard that SD had a siberian tiger. I also heard that this siberian tiger was arrogant, tenacious, and had endurance. It wasn't weak, inferior and had no self confidence. Don't throw away your battle companions' face and don't lose the siberian tiger's reputation."

She leaned her head to see a man resembling a great mountain. Silent with his eyes closed, the corner of his eyes was a bit moist. After sitting there for a long while, it converted into a single tiny, tiny teardrop.

# Chapter 35

## Exchange Market

When Gu Panpan woke up, she felt abundant with power causing her to nearly moan. Pushing open her door to enter the corridor, she discovered that her brother had already been sitting there waiting. On one side was Shao Qing with the corner of her mouth bruised and Yan Hanqing with a black eye. As well as Er Dai who was viciously staring down at Yan Hanqing and Xiao Baozi who was sleeping within Shao Qing's bosom completely unaware.

Gu Panpan couldn't help but ask: "Qing jiejie, you and Qing Ge... what happened?"

"Nothing. We were just comparing some pointers." Shao Qing sliced a piece of apple then using a toothpick to stab through it she passed the piece over to Gu Panpan. "Hungry? Do you need to eat something before we head out for a stroll?"

Gu Panpan bit into the apple, feeling a bit unclear. "Brother, are you hungry?"

Gu Chuan nodded his head. Gu Panpan then replied. "This is probably because we just advanced through. Since I consumed so much of the body's power, I also feel a bit hungry..."

"I'll go make dinner." Shao Qing stood up and headed towards the kitchen, with Yan Hanqing immediately following. "I'll come help."

Maybe it was because of their talent. Shao Qing and Yan Hanqing's cooking skills were not bad, with both their teamwork, they quickly finished making dinner.

After eating their fill, the group headed out for a stroll to see if they could exchange for something they would need.

Owing it to the apocalypse, the Chinese Yuan currency has already changed to have an existence equivalent to scrap paper. The majority of transactions now are barter items. Perhaps after life starts to gradually become steady again, for the sake of the businesses between bases, and for the sake of stabilizing people's lives, the people who wields power in the upper hierarchies would release a similar form of currency.

Shao Qing predicted that this currency would possibly be zombie crystals. After all, super humans required crystals to advance in rank. If they were able to work out themselves to attempt to increase their rank, even eight lives would not be enough. Moreover, the structure of a crystal is rather tiny and extremely easy to carry, thus it would suit being used as a currency.

At present, there certainly are some people who have discovered the zombie crystals. But the people who did discover it are not a lot. In fact, the majority are probably thinking I discovered it, but I can't tell anyone else. Even if I do tell others, I should wait until I am able to increase my own strengths to a level where people could only see but be unable to attain the same achievements.

Waiting until everyone has discovered the existence of the zombie crystals, the strength of super human users would have a sharp increase. Now the majority of the superhuman users were still rank one, the amount of rank two users were pitiful and rank three users were barely heard of. Using this kind of strength against a small number of zombies could probably still lead to victory, to explore a major city will be comparatively strenuous.

Letting her imaginations run wild, Shao Qing and the rest finally reached the exchange market of the base. Although it was called an exchange market, it was actually a strip of avenue with either sides filled with street stalls with goods.

Every kind of street stall you could think of was there. There were gold, jewelry, brand watches, precious stone, and other luxurious goods. There were also all kinds of clothes, daggers, axes, machetes, and other weaponry, including some guns.

Most of the guns were pistols, and within the mix, judging by the model number, it seems to be from a police station.

There was even a stall owner who was selling a little girl. This little girl was about twelve or thirteen years of age wearing a worn flowery skirt with a rather dull gaze, but her appearance was absolutely fresh and pure. Most of all, her enormous almond eyes with her long eyelashes paired with her powdered delicate skin, guaranteed that when she grows up she definitely will become a beauty.

When Shao Qing and the rest were passing by, the stall owner passionately tried to market the little girl. "This girl is still a virgin. You only need fifty jin of rice and you would be able to take her away. You are free to beat her or curse her, she's absolutely

clever and obedient.”

[Jin = Chinese measurement; weight equal to 0.5 kg]

Gu Panpan immediately wrinkled her eyebrows. She was itching to beat up that stall owner, but she still remembered that this was someone else’s base; thus, with great difficulty she resisted that idea. But she couldn’t resist mocking him. “Only someone who would let a dog eat their conscience would do these sort of things right?”

“This is my daughter. The only reason she was able to grow up this big was because of everything I gave her. Now, isn’t it time for her to pay me back!?” The stall owner spoke as if it was a matter of course.

Gu Panpan was angered until she was about to burst, unable to bear this any longer she glanced over at Shao Qing for help. Shao Qing also had her brows wrinkled up. Fifty Jin of rice didn’t really mean anything to her, however, the crucial point is what would happen to the girl after she bought her?

They almost immediately will have to depart from this base and the journey will definitely be treacherous. While this girl seemed like she had some problems with her IQ, not to mention that she was only around twelve/ thirteen, bringing her along would be just another baggage.

Now that Shao Qing had a team, she had to think for the team’s sake.

If she bought the girl and released her, at this sort of base, the girl would ultimately end up just like the team of girls they saw right when they entered the base.

She would be even more wretched. After all, she seemed like she had no ability to defend herself at all.

Gu Panpan also understood this matter, thus she hesitated. Feeling miserable, she stared at Shao Qing and then stared at Gu Chuan.

She looked like she just turned twelve/ thirteen and was young and sensitive. If she allowed this young girl in front of her to be sold and destroyed, her mind would definitely leave behind a shadow.

Shao Qing also didn’t know what to do. While they were in the midst of hesitating, a middle aged man looking like he was from the Mediterranean walked over. His gaze

was coarse and vulgar. When he swept his eyes over Shao Qing and Gu Panpan, it seemed as if he was looking through their clothes and was able to see their private areas.

At that time Shao Qing wanted to claw his eyeballs out and stomp on them.

Speaking to the stall owner, but looking towards Shao Qing, he asked. "How much is the girl?"

The stall owner promptly replied. "Fifty jin of rice!"

The man clicked his tongue and sighed. "That's a bit expensive. Looking at this girl, she seems rather frail and weak. Maybe after playing around one or two rounds she would break. Not worth it. Not worth it at all."

The stall owner at once extended his finger. "We're all honest, sincere people. Thirty Jins, I can't go any lower!"

The man was roughly thinking about haggling down a bit further, when he heard Shao Qing quietly speak. "Thirty jins, I'll take her."

## Chapter 36

### Full moon?

“Hey, what do you think you’re doing? I saw her first!” The Mediterranean man took a step forward but when he saw that behind Shao Qing were several people he became slightly terrified. Merely his pervertedness had pushed aside everything else, straining his neck he yelled. “What are you doing, aren’t you planning to talk reasonably?”

Shao Qing didn’t even look at him. She only turned her glance towards the stall owner. “Thirty Jins, the girl belongs to me.”

The stall owner giggled happily. “What’s the point of a girl buying another girl back? What’s the point?”

Shao Qing’s eyes were extremely cold. “Do you need me to repeat twice?”

The stall owner swallowed down his saliva. He had also seen a lot of strong superhumans and had also seen the higher class superiors of the base. But, he had never seen someone like Shao Qing. With just one glance, she was able to cause the cracks within his bones to feel so cold.

The stall owner had a premonition that if he dared to say anymore nonsense, the ice like woman would really dare kill him.

“No... no need, thirty jin it is!”

“Wait, I was negotiating the price with you first!” The Mediterranean man anxiously spoke. He was fond of little girls, the younger and more tender they were, the more excited he became. Before the apocalypse, although he enjoyed that type, he was hindered by the laws of the country so he could only secretly immerse himself in his fantasies, not daring to do anything. At max, when he would hire a prostitute he would choose ones that haven’t fully grown into adulthood.

Since the apocalypse, law has become a pile of rubbish. Especially now that he had become a superhuman, the things that he was afraid of doing before, he was now capable of doing it until he was fully satisfied. This simply made his body to be

brimming with excitement.

His favourite thing was to buy or force little girls that met his standards to satisfy his secret cravings.

This girl was an absolute delicacy. She completely met his standards. Telling him to give up on her was basically like telling him to cut off a part of his flesh.

Since they had come out for the purpose of exchanging material, they had brought quite a bit of things including provisions. Taking out some provisions, Shao Qing handed it over to the stall owner and pulled on the girls hand. "Business settled."

"You stand right there! I took a fancy to her first!" The Mediterranean man was urgent and angry; urgent to interfere with Shao Qing taking the girl away and mad because Shao Qing had ignored him the entire time.

Shao Qing didn't say a word, the one who made a move was Gu Panpan. In a split second, she utilized her power converting herself into a golden barbie. Shao Qing could clearly see that Gu Panpan's clothes were about to burst open through the sudden swelling.

The outline of her muscles taut underneath her clothes could be clearly seen. This was simply... too monstrous causing others to be speechless.

With a single clenched fist, Gu Panpan smashed towards the completely unprotected Mediterranean man's head directly causing him to fall backwards. Blood was rushing down from his nose, afterwards Gu Panpan grabbed him by his leg and threw him.

Just when the Mediterranean man was about to faint, Gu Panpan stretched out her neck and reverted back to her original form. "NND, earlier I had already wanted to make a move. Don't play around!"

[NND = cursing similar to yelling out 'your grandmother', etc.]

"Let's go." Shao Qing pulled the little girl along. With her pinky finger unseen, she shot out a tiny bullet like seed into the Mediterranean man's body. Gu Chuan who was also about to make a move, relaxed and retracted his hand after seeing Shao Qing's movements.

This time's feud had ended, but there is a phrase that is super fitting. If you rid the

grass but not the roots, once the spring wind blows it will grow again. How could Shao Qing possibly leave an opportunity for him to endanger them?

Owing to the fact that they had bought the little girl, they didn't buy anything and instead returned to their temporary residence. Once they returned, Gu Panpan couldn't hold back asking: "Although I also sympathize with her, Qing Jiejie, are we really going to bring her along? Our journey is going to be extremely dangerous, we can't even guarantee our survival..."

Shao Qing allowed the timid little girl to sit beside her, then spoke in an indifferent manner. "I would rather she die at the hands of zombies than let her die under a wretched man."

Shao Qing touched the little girl's head, her gaze containing a bit of softness underneath the frozen layer of ice. "No matter how you die, at least you will have a little bit of dignity. This is the only thing I am capable of helping her with. If we are able to safely return back to the base, then we'll find her a place to stay there. A little girl who hasn't grown into adulthood yet is still something that I can afford to raise."

Gu Panpan pursed her lips. Within her eyes, it was unclear whether she was grieving or that she felt sad. What Shao Qing said was correct. With the apocalypse, they could barely protect themselves, how could they really help her?

However, while they are still alive they should struggle to survive and when they die they should die with dignity, just that and nothing more.

The little girl had some sort of IQ problem, but she still depended on Shao Qing. It seemed as if she knew that although Shao Qing appeared rather cold, she was actually a person who would treat her well.

"What's your name?" Shao Qing touched the girl's head and softly asked her.

The girl with a somewhat blank expression blinked a few times. Finally using a feeble sound like the twittering of birds she replied. "Compensate... Compensation goods..."

Shao Qing's gaze became icier. Looking at the girl's big lifeless eyes, she spoke. "Let's call you Shao Tong, using my surname."

The girl, Oh no, we should call her Shao Tong now, nodded her head. Nervously grabbing onto the corner of Shao Qing's clothes, Shao Qing could tell that compared to

the average person her reaction was a bit slower. But, it wasn't because she was mentally challenged; instead, it was probably due to a trauma from her head that caused one of her nerves to receive injuries thus leading to her slow reaction.

She fiddled with a bit of Shao Tong's hair. As expected, she did find a spot with sparse hair concealing an ugly scar. Looking at the shape of the wound, it seemed like it was from knocking into the corner of a table or something along those lines.

How did that wound come about? It was quite self-evident how it did.

Actually choosing to bring Shao Tong along was an unwise decision. This was because of Shao Qing's mercy. She would always consider herself to be a merciless person, however her blood was still scalding hot.

"In a while, let's stroll around again. Afterwards, let's leave this place a bit earlier." Shao Qing really hated this base. This hatred came from the bottom of her heart.

"We can't Qing Jiejie." Gu Panpan's face became unsightly. "It's almost the full moon, we can't stay somewhere outside."

"Full moon?" Shao Qing stared blankly. What was so special about the full moon?

"Every full moon, all the zombies would become fanatical. Whether it was their aggressive nature, or their five senses, they would all be raised. So much that it was possible for the zombies to form tides and besiege the base. Moreover, during the full moon, it is the peak period for zombies to evolve. The appearance of variation zombies would be a lot more likely." Gu Panpan quickly explained. "Therefore no matter what the circumstances are, we have to stay at the base."

"So it's like that..." Shao Qing still hadn't come across a full moon yet. This will be her first time encountering a full moon since she crawled out of the hospital freezer.

Shao Qing couldn't help but think, if during the full moon zombies would tend to evolve, then what about Er Dai? Would something peculiar happen to Er Dai?

What about Xiao Baozi and her? Would something occur as well?

No matter what happens at that time, it was better for her to prepare in advance. Otherwise her, Xiao Baozi, and Er Dai's identity might be accidentally revealed.

Gu Panpan would feel at ease with a superhuman group, but they definitely wouldn't be at ease with a zombie squad, no matter what they've already experienced against zombies together.

Shao Qing narrowed her eyes. She hoped that when it came time for the full moon to happen that nothing strange would occur...

# Chapter 37

## Sudden Change

After visiting the exchange market again, Yan Hanqing's hand had a machine gun and a type 54 pistol. The majority of police officers within the country used a 9mm revolver pistol. The killing ability of this kind of gun was practically a pain in the butt. It had an effective firing range of fifty metres. People struck from five metres or more basically would not fear any deadly wounds, not even mentioning firing it against zombies.

Compared to a type 54 pistol, a 9mm revolving pistol was basically pistol suited for a daughter from an influential family. After walking around in a circle, did Yan Hanqing fish out a type 54 pistol from within a pile of 9mm revolver pistols.

Actually, Yan Hanqing was very dissatisfied. He was accustomed to using guns like the m500 where they had tremendous firing power. Now having to change to a type 54 pistol he really wasn't able to adapt to it. However under these circumstances, just having a gun for self protection concerning people with no superpowers, was already pretty fortunate.

Besides, Yan Hanqing and Gu Panpan were able to find a battlefield blade. Gu Chuan was able to exchange back a clasp knife, but the one who had the largest harvest was Shao Qing. She was able to exchange back a 'mad dog'. This was a sabre that every country's special military forces would try to obtain. Shao Qing had also possessed one before, but since crawling out from the hospital's morgue, the set of things that she had on her body were all missing.

Therefore, this time being able to find the mad dog, Shao Qing was simply ecstatic. At that moment she immediately attached the scabbard to her outer thigh to carry it on her body.

Besides weapons, they were also able to exchange for some fresh fruits and vegetables and so on. After all, since they have been out for so many days, they have been eating rations every single day. No one would be able to stand it.

Finally, Shao Qing also bought Shao Tong an outfit suitable for a young lady. A skirt

with flowers all over it and suspenders to match. It was extremely cute.

Shao Qing wasn't able to give much to Shao Tong. The only things she could possibly offer her that was within her capabilities was to treat her better. To speak callously, if they did encounter any dangers, if it was up to Shao Qing's choice, she would choose to abandon Shao Tong.

Just as what she said at the beginning, she really couldn't give much to Shao Tong. Besides the things within her capability, there was just the ability to die with dignity, that's it.

Returning back to their residence, Shao Qing saw Shao Tong wearing an apron and doing some housework. Her movements were awkward, but she was very earnest. Her delicate countenance was brimming with indescribable happiness.

Within Shao Tong's eyes, Shao Qing was a good person. She had saved her, didn't mistreat her, gave her things to eat, and had also given her a name.

Afterwards, she had also gained a family. Everyone here had treated her nicely and gently. This was literally taking her from hell to heaven in one night.

She didn't know how to express her own happiness. The only thing she knew she could do was to just clean up the place.

Once seeing Shao Qing and the rest return, Shao Tong's eyes immediately brightened. But since she rarely interacted with others, as a result, her cheeks turned a bright red and she wasn't able to say a single word.

"Ah Tong is really good." Shao Qing rubbed Shao Tong's head. Pulling Shao Tong over to the where they stayed, when she pulled out the skirt out, Shao Tong's eyes were gleaming with delight and excitement.

Every girl had that dream of being a princess, even if they were a masculine woman. They would all yearn for that flowered tutu skirt and for Shao Tong, since she was young all her nicest clothing were made from her mother's old clothes thus, she had always thirsted for new clothing, but if she mentioned that she would only be beaten and scolded.

"Try it on to see if it fits." Shao Qing spread the skirt out. Shao Tong very carefully went over and touched it, her eyes continuously sneaking looks over at Shao Qing.

“I’m giving it to you, wear it.” Shao Qing couldn’t help but let out a soft comment. After quite a while, Shao Tong finally built up the courage to take off her old clothes to try on the new skirt. Shao Qing’s eyes immediately widened. She saw that from head to toe on Shao Yong’s body, there was no single piece of skin that didn’t carry a scar. Numerous densely packed old scars covered her frail pale body. From the back to her chest, from her arms to her legs it was a ghastly sight.

Shao Tong joyously changed into the pink t-shirt and the suspender skirt. Letting her sit down, Shao Qing helped tie her long hair into two braided pigtails.

The happy Shao Tong looked very pretty. Shao Qing softly stroked her head, her heart feeling pained, all of a sudden she bubbled forth: “Just like a princess.”

She could imagine how bitter and hard Shao Tong’s childhood was. Just like when she was at the orphanage, just for a small piece of pastry, a bowl of congee, she would always be covered all over with cuts and bruises.

Yet for Shao Tong, she didn’t even have the ability to rebel. Instead she was treated as a plaything for venting one’s anger, something that can be sold at anytime.

Her life was simply a tragedy.

Lifting her skirt up a bit to show it off, she merrily twirled around in front of Shao Qing. After finishing her twirls, she suddenly became expressionless again and unwillingly was about to change into her old clothes again.

Her mood was clearly written on her face, thus Shao Qing couldn’t help but toss her old clothes to the side. “Don’t be scared to get it dirty. If it does get dirty, I’ll just buy you a new one. Wear it, I think it looks good. I like it.”

Shao Tong’s face started to light up again, she was too easy to please.

When Shao Qing pulled Shao Tong out, Yan Hanqing was already making dinner. Er Dai was carrying Xiao Baozi on the sofa while Xiao Baozi kept on trying to crawl out from Er Dai’s hold to crawl onto the table to grab some grapes.

Bright green grapes that still had some water droplets on it. It appeared fresh, green and tasty. On the side there were also a few bright red apples though the skin was a bit wrinkly.

Gu Panpan was in the midst of using her new knife to slice the apples into slices, then placed it onto the plate to resemble a flower.

In brief, the atmosphere within the living room was extremely good. No one would be able to tell that they were about to welcome the bloody moon which stood for the full moon.

The reason why they called the full moon as the bloody moon was because a few small bases during the full moon time were breached by zombies. The entire base became a massacre leaving nothing behind.

After two days people would investigate those bases to discover that the breached bases, besides the zombies, there were only skeletal remains of the corpses.

Therefore gradually, the full moon slowly became referred to as the bloody moon.

At present, the base that Shao Qing and the rest were at couldn't be counted as a large base. Adding up the entire base, there was probably around a thousand people, probably around the same as a medium sized village.

The only thing that was a bit better was that the base was quite far from the cities that were densely populated with zombies. Thus even if there were a bloody moon and the zombies would launch an insurrection, there still wouldn't be too many zombies that would approach the base.

However it was better safe than sorry, the higher ups of the base didn't do much. Just early in the morning, they allowed the members of the base to start strengthening the perimeter walls.

By the time Shao Qing and the rest came back after going to buy some items, they could see that quite a few base members were lifting wire nettings and were adding it to the outside of the base as another defensive line.

Yan Hanqing made four dishes and one soup. His cooking skill was pretty good, everyone was happy and content. After dinner, the entire group ate some fruit, on one hand chatting while on the other they were waiting for the bloody moon to arrive.

No matter if it was during the day or during the night, the skies were dark. It was only when the round disk like moon lifted up, that there was a eccentricity coloured haze giving off a dull red glow, no wonder it was called the bloody moon.

From a far there were zombies that were howling that could be vaguely heard. Shao Qing was sitting on the sofa and had Xiao Baozi confined between her legs. When the moon had risen, Shao Qing could feel that the blood within her body was flaring up, the only thing was that the extent of the flaring up was not that big, thus she was able to endure it.

While Xiao Baozi was rubbing against her leg, it was probably because he could feel the influence as well. However, the one who felt it's influence the most was probably Er Dai. Having his head lowered, he was curled up on the sofa, completely silent. But, occasionally you would be able to see his back slightly shudder.

Shao Qing took a look at the time, it was already 9pm. "Er Dai seems like he's not feeling too well, I think I'm going to take him to our room. If there's anything you need from me, just call me."

Lifting up Xiao Baozi onto her back, she directly princess carried Er Dai. Shao Tong also wanted to come along, but was held back by Gu Panpan. Gu Panpan stuffed a slice of apple into her mouth, not allowing Shao Tong to bother Shao Qing.

Once Shao Qing lifted up Er Dai, she was able to see Er Dai had an extremely pale face, a pair of dark black pupils appearing as if it was being contaminated by the blood moon.

Er Dai curled up against Shao Qing's chest. A pair of canines coming out from his upper lip. Er Dai's fangs were different from a zombies fangs that shredded meat. He only had two small canine like fangs. It didn't look the least bit scary, on the contrary it looked quite adorable.

After bringing Er Dai into the room, Er Dai let out a sigh of relief, unable to resist burying himself against Shao Qing's embrace.

His skin temperature was already changing. Normally, a zombie was like a dead corpse, therefore their bodies would be icy cold and wouldn't feel warm at all. Er Dai was like this as well, however at this moment, Er Dai's skin was slowly becoming feverish.

Even more was that Shao Qing could hear that something within Er Dai's body which could be either the flaring of his blood or the throbbing of his pulse.

Once again she was aware that perhaps zombies were constantly evolving. Later on

they might become more and more human like with both their intelligence and their appearance.

In that way, her, Xiao Baozi, Er Dai might sooner or later have a day where they could become something like a regular person with no difference at all.

Right when she was indulging in her own imagination, Er Dai unexpectedly tumbled out of her embrace. Sharp fingernails began to grow out, almost creating a hole in the bed.

# Chapter 38

## Bad luck

Tumbling to the ground, Er Dai's state seemed abnormal. His pale skin was changing to a mild pink at a visible rate, and it was even starting to become a dark red.

Even more scary was that Er Dai's veins and arteries were all starting to surface all over his body. Although it was separated by a layer of skin, you could still clearly see the distinction of the greenish black veins and arteries. Seeing them continue to pulse, it was as if you were viewing earthworms wriggling around incessantly.

Shao Qing could sense that there was some kind of energy fluctuation coming from Er Dai's head that was starting to spread throughout his entire body. The feeling this kind of energy gave Shao Qing was like... a sweet fragrant smell being emitted, bringing an indescribable enticement.

This caused Shao Qing to have an urge to extend her fingers to pry open Er Dai's skull, digging out the resonating crystal within.

Fortunately, Shao Qing's willpower has always been firm and steady and the influence she suffered from the full moon was comparatively small to Er Dai's. However, Xiao Baozi was going through something similar to Er Dai and had already shrunken into a tiny ball in the corner of the bed against the wall.

Slowly, Shao Qing saw that Er Dai's blackish gray fingernails that were dozens of centimetres long become razor sharp, increasingly thin and long, and taking on an ink like colour.

With a simple bend of his finger, Er Dai's finger inserted itself into the bedding and the bed boards like tofu. His eyes were beginning to turn increasingly red, Er Dai powerlessly started to try to curl up like a shrimp, his bare skin turning crimson.

The vein pattern created by his sinister looking veins appeared to be greenish black tattoos. Accompanied by Er Dai's continuous struggles and loose clothes slipping off, he appeared... quite sexual.

Shao Qing slapped her own head. She probably had a fever and became stupid, how could she suddenly think that a zombie was sexy. So much that she had the urge to bite Er Dai's neck.

After roughly an hour going by, Er Dai had a short duration where he calmed down then did Shao Qing let out a sigh of relief. She looked at the tiny Xiao Baozi then looked at Er Dai, her heart that was extremely panicked started to relax.

But before she could fully feel calm, Gu Panpan suddenly starting knocking on the door. "Qing Jiejie, the zombies have started raiding the city!"

Shao Qing knitted her eyebrows and touched Er Dai's hair. "Help me look after my son, I'll be back soon."

Afterwards, Shao Qing pulled open the door and left. She didn't know that when her feet just started to leave, Er Dai's legs started to become rash and irritable and it was even worse for Xiao Baozi.

Even though Xiao Baozi had always seemed to be more intelligent than ordinary kids, he was still a little wise but immature Xiao Baozi. Thus in terms of restraining himself, he can't be compared to Er Dai.

The biggest reason for the zombie's insurrection during the full moon was flesh. Er Dai stood out from the masses, but he was still a zombie. Xiao Baozi was considered half zombie and half human therefore when it was the full moon, both of them started to have a primitive craving for meat and flesh.

The full moon was when zombies could evolve the most easily. Therefore, frequently after a full moon occurs, investigations squad that were sent out would discover that the zombies have once again increased their strength.

Xiao Baozi completely shrunk into a ball, his one eye that visibly classified him as a zombie was already becoming a dim red while his normal eye was also being covered with visible veins.

He needed fresh flesh, he thirsted for fresh flesh.

Once midnight approached, the moon was suspended right in the middle of the sky, this was the time when the effects of the moon was the strongest. Xiao Baozi who was already suffering and was rolling around on the bed. Right at this moment, footsteps

could be heard coming from outside the door.

Apparently the people outside the door were able to hear the sounds inside the house. Attempting to open the door, they discovered that the door was locked from the inside.

In an instant, a flame was ignited burning down the door of the room into ashes. The wretched face of the Mediterranean walked right in. Carrying a vulgar smile on his face, with a glance he immediately noticed Er Dai who was currently facing the wall.

Er Dai's clothing were in complete disorder, his smooth shoulders were surrounded by a mist like red clouds and was exposed. It looked utterly alluring.

The Mediterranean man was originally planning to come find Shao Tong during the confusion since all the superhumans were currently resisting the zombies. Since Shao Tong didn't have any superhuman abilities and barely had the strength to truss a chicken, when Shao Qing and the rest went to resist the zombies they definitely wouldn't bring Shao Tong. Calculating this out, only then did the Mediterranean man decide to sneak over.

But, he didn't expect to not find Shao Tong and instead find an item of the highest quality. The Mediterranean man slowly places his hand on Er Dai's scalding skin. The scalding skin immediately burnt the palm of his hand.

However, before waiting for the Mediterranean to do anything, the person before him abruptly flipped his body over and actually pressed him down beneath him on the bed.

A pair of berserk red eyes, canines and razor sharp fingernails. Although the person in front of him wasn't rotting, the Mediterranean man was able to recognize him from a glance. "Oh god, a zombie!"

From being excessively alarmed, it indirectly caused his voice to break. How would he know that when he was coming over to look for the little girl that he would suddenly encounter a zombie. Using his brain, it was obvious that this zombie was domestic.

Facing this domestically raised Er Dai, the Mediterranean man was scared stupid. Extending his hand out to push Er Dai off, Er Dai instead used a claw to press his wrist down. The razor sharp fingernail immediately punctured through the man's wrist causing fresh blood to rush forth. A fragrant sweet smell caused Er Dai's eyes to turn even more red, even Xiao Baozi who was in the corner also crawled over following the smell.

Mediterranean man: Oh My God!

# Chapter 39

## Zombies besieging the city

The red eyed Xiao Baozi's speed that fell just short of the speed of thunder, flew himself over onto the Mediterranean man's body. Xiao Baozi couldn't help being super adorable. Snowy white delicate skin, massive eyes with long lashes. If it weren't for the fact that his eyes were as red as blood, he would absolutely cause everyone from a little girl to an old grandma to burst forth their maternal love.

However, at this moment his eyes were scarlet, fingernails incredibly pointed, and he was staring at the Mediterranean man with a rather distinct cold gaze.

The Mediterranean man who was originally unceasingly howling because of the injury on his wrist, immediately became mute. Opening his eyes wide open, he stared at Xiao Baozi in fright.

Subconsciously wanting to use his superhuman powers, Xiao Baozi had already drawn back the corners of his mouth and was approaching the Mediterranean man's throat. Just one bite and he would be able to tear off the Mediterranean man's throat allowing the warm fragrant blood to spill out.

Speedily, Er Dai made a move and grabbed Xiao Baozi, tearing Xiao Baozi off the Mediterranean man's body. Since he tore him off, the Mediterranean's man piece of clothing on his chest was torn apart leaving a few bloody scars.

Subsequently, Xiao Baozi was thrown onto the bed, bouncing off the soft bedding. However not content he jumped back up. But in the next second he was pressed down on the ground by Er Dai.

The eyes of the mad evolving Xiao Baozi started to have fresh blood dripping down. Grabbing onto Er Dai's arms, his fingernails plunged into his flesh. His little body was unceasingly struggling, his throat continuously making an angry sound.

Er Dai was determined not to let Xiao Baozi be polluted by blood. Being a zombie, he understood better than anyone else. A zombie resembling Xiao Baozi who had never bitten anyone before, once they have gotten a taste of blood, they would become like

a heroine addict.

They would be unable to stop. A brief amount of time of not allowing him to eat flesh or drink blood would cause him to weaken, resembling the sufferings of a person with a drug addiction.

Shao Qing had told him to take care of Xiao Baozi. Therefore he would never allow Xiao Baozi to degenerate to that.

Taking advantage to the fact that Er Dai was suppressing Xiao Baozi, the Mediterranean man stumbled up and tried to get away. He was already scared out of his mind and didn't even take advantage of the confusion to take care of Er Dai and Xiao Baozi. Instead he broke into a run.

Er Dai powerlessly let out a snarl. On one hand he wanted to kill the Mediterranean man but on the other he didn't want to let Xiao Baozi go because if the Mediterranean man was able to escape then he would definitely expose him and Xiao Baozi's identity. This would cause difficulties to Shao Qing.

Just when Er Dai didn't know what to do, the Mediterranean man had already run all the way to the door let out a blood-curdling screech. From Er Dai's position, he wasn't able to see anything but the Mediterranean man's skin on his chest had suddenly swelled out a bulge. Not even two seconds later, numerous vines came pouring out. The vines were covered with bloodstain and fragments of internal organs.

Soon, the Mediterranean man's body was drilled through by countless slender vines. Those snake like vines, easily riddled him full of holes.

The Mediterranean man laid limp at the doorway, with his pool of blood gradually expanding bigger. The originally deranged Xiao Baozi suddenly violently stormed off...

On the other side, Shao Qing was already at the perimeter walls. Through the fence, she was able to see that outside the layer after layer of wire netting was a dense pack of zombies. They were currently continuously ramming at the wire netting.

In some places, the wire netting was getting close to being broken. After all even the robust wire netting wouldn't be able to stand against a pile of insensible zombies who didn't care about their lives knocking against them continuously.

At present, there were already quite a few people at the perimeter walls. Each and

every one of them showing concerned faces. According to their past experiences, once daybreak arrived, the majority of the zombies would disperse and the remaining portion wouldn't be much of a threat. Therefore as long as they were able to defend against them until midnight, then everything will be ok.

However the zombies outside were too many. Even if it were a squad of elite superhumans who were veterans would probably look at this scene and feel numb.

A few people beside Shao Qing and the rest had closed their eyes, their fingers trembling.

Shao Qing looked carefully outside at the group of ugly zombies. It was clear that within this group of zombies, there was an evolved zombie.

A zombie that had gone through evolution compared to the average zombie was a lot stronger. Just from Shao Qing's observation, the amount of evolved zombies outside was definitely not just a few, in fact there were some rather unique zombies.

Generally speaking, within zombies, the most difficult to deal with wasn't those that appeared to be strong and robust but instead like a little child. The little child's body was weak, a portion was turned into a zombie at the very beginning of the apocalypse. However, a child's body was able to evolve the quickest, just like the baby zombie she saw the previous time.

Shao Qing was able to see quite a few zombies that shouldn't be trifled with, within the pile. Her heart gradually became more and more concerned.

The first wave that advanced weren't superhumans but normal people. Each holding a gun, they ascended to the top of the wall and started to shoot towards the outside.

Even though zombies would only die if they were shot in the head, however, unable to resist and believing that they had a lot of bullets, they just fired head, hoping that they would luckily shoot a head.

If they were able to kill a few, then they would kill a few. After the first round, Shao Qing saw that quite a few zombies were shot down. It was evident that they had cleared out a large chunk, but that group compared to the total was incomparable.

"Add bullets." After the order was sent out, a group of people rapidly stuffed the guns with bullets and fired outside again giving off a burst of bangs.

# Chapter 40

## The Bizarre Zombie

After changing five wheels of bullets, the majority of the bullets were used up. The units composed of ordinary people climbed back down from the top of the walls. Currently, a third of the zombies had been disposed of.

This was a really good military accomplishment. The only thing was that the cost of this success was all the bullets in the base.

Shao Qing also discovered that secretly there were always a few zombies who were stealthily eating the crystals of their own kind.

Everytime a zombie was killed, they would secretly eat the crystal. Seeing this, Shao Qing felt somewhat anxious. Would those crystals be enough for her to raise a rank?

It was pressing but Shao Qing still behaved appropriately. She only calculated that she could probably sneak out at midnight to gather together some of the crystals so she won't be discovered.

Afterwards a few of the base's superhumans came over informing Shao Qing and the rest that all the superhumans have been organized into groups of five. Each squad would alternate patrolling the area every two hours, taking responsibility to exterminate the zombies near the perimeter walls.

Shao Qing and the rest were coincidentally organized from midnight until 2am. People during that time were usually relatively tired. Shao Qing thought about it, it should be rather safe.

After calculating it a bit, she looked outside where the eyes of the zombie were all sparkling.

After the superhumans within the base were warned to be careful of the variation zombies, one squadron remained while the others went to rest.

Tents were set up within the base, near the perimeter walls, allowing the

superhumans to rest. It was convenient and if anything happens, they would be able to respond quickly.

When they entered to take their breaks, the squad leader gave them some encouraging words. “We just need to endure tonight. When the dawn breaks, everything will be alright.”

Shao Qing and the others as a team was nested together in the tent whispering to each other. “After midnight let’s see how the situation is. If there’s any opportunities, we should try to collect some crystals. Even though an average zombie crystal wouldn’t really affect us much, the amount of crystals out there is just too much.” Shao Qing carefully calculated it. If they were able to get hold of some of these crystals, it would definitely upgrade their strengths by quite a bit.

A rank 2 superhuman and a rank 3 superhuman had a massive disparity. It was basically like how one is smaller than ten. Nine is also smaller than ten, but the disparity between nine and one is massive, that one would automatically be crushed.

The few of them didn’t say a word. After all trying to stuff their mouths full within a pile of zombies, isn’t an easy matter. Shao Qing spoke in a natural manner, letting loose a lie. “I have a special ability, allowing the zombies to briefly think that I am it’s companions. I won’t get attacked. Let’s wait until after midnight, then when we are patrolling, I could go out and take a look.”

Having seen Shao Qing infiltrate a zombie tide before and return safely, moreover she had brought back Er Dai as well, everyone had absolute trust for her. “Then at that time, you make sure you be careful.”

“Don’t worry.” Shao Qing gave him the okay sign. It was almost midnight. Real soon, it would be time for them to be on night duty. Putting the people in groups, they were not separated and was still grouped together. They were located at the corner looking outside the walls. Whenever any zombie approached, Yan Hanqing would serve as the bait to tempt it over. Followed by Gu Chuan freezing the zombie’s legs and Shao Qing tying it up. Finally Gu Panpan would rush over with her knife to scoop out the crystal and then mercilessly throw aside the dead body.

Just when it was almost 1am when there was temporarily no one approaching them, Shao Qing would dashingly jump over the perimeter walls.

Choosing an area with a large number of zombie carcass, after looking left and right, she began to search for crystals. The more she looked, the more she realized that the zombies were getting more and more intelligent. The majority of the zombie carcasses on the ground have already had their skulls emptied out, the crystal taken away.

Just as she thought. Humans were evolving and zombies were also evolving! In fact their evolution seemed to be a hundred times faster, no matter if it was their strength, speed, or intelligence.

If they continued to evolve like this, there might be a day where zombies would be able to wear western style clothing and infiltrate into crowds, picking out tasty humans.

At that time, they wouldn't be able to distinguish between people and zombies. They would only rely on their assumptions...

After coming over, on one hand she was collecting crystals and on the other continuously surveying her surroundings. Of course she was watching out for the variation zombies within the crowd of zombies as well.

There was a female zombie who unexpectedly had a beautiful flower from who knows where attached to her head. Trembling, pairing that with her extremely rotted face and body, it was especially horrific.

There was also another lolita zombie around 130/140 centimetres tall. The degree of her rot was comparatively less, therefore she still looked somewhat cute and had skin resembling human skin. Calmly staring at this lolita zombie, preparing to study it, it seemed very similar to her Er Dai, a special existence.

After the zombie bared her fangs, giving Shao Qing a fierce stare.

Shao Qing's main task was the crystals. Deciding not to waste time, when she was about to lower her head to collect more crystals, the lolita zombie suddenly let out a piercing scream. It seemed like she was warning Shao Qing that this was her territory.

# Chapter 41

## The Breached Base

Just when Shao Qing took a crystal out, the lolita zombie suddenly pounced. Her speed was extremely quick. Shao Qing had no time to prepare at all and it had already appeared in front of her eyes.

However, Shao Qing's movements were quick. With her leg, she kicked up the body in front of her causing it to smash into the lolita zombie's body.

That body was smashed apart into pieces immediately, but it was able to stop the lolita for a split second allowing Shao Qing some time to react.

When the Lolita zombie came rushing at Shao Qing like an arrow, Shao Qing using her stomp for an extra boost, had already suddenly rushed over as well. Using her shoulder as the point, she collided into the Lolita zombie.

The Lolita zombie flew off as if she was smashed by a fire truck. She smashed into the tree, a clear distinct sound of bone breaking could be heard.

While Shao Qing had only retreated one step, her expression calm as she took a stride forward. Before the Lolita zombie could crawl up, she grasped her by the neck while her other hand formed a fist and furiously pounded at her.

When the first punch went down, the Lolita zombie's head was suddenly thrown backwards, her neck snapping off with a crack. Although this was the case, it still attempted to try to bite at Shao Qing.

Expressionless, Shao Qing continued to press down on its neck. Even though her shoulder was being clawed by the Lolita causing it to form five bloody holes, she still didn't let go. Taking the alive Lolita zombie, she smashed its brains into a meat pulp.

Collecting the crystal within the meat pulp, Shao Qing gave a sweep around the area. The few variation zombies that were originally beginning to stir started to quietly retreat.

She was only able to get rid of the Lolita zombie this easily because the only thing the Lolita zombie had evolved in was her speed, which was easier to deal with. However, if the other variation zombies all swarmed her, besides escaping she would only have one end result, death.

Putting away the crystal, Shao Qing went back again to collect some more crystals. Seeing that she had gathered most of the crystals around her, she headed back to the base. After returning, Shao Qing was very solemn as she spoke to the others. "I think something isn't right. If something happens, remember to escape at once, don't linger at all."

"What's going on?" Yan Hanqing's voice was somewhat hoarse. His gaze fell on Shao Qing's shoulders. A few bloody holes and fair skin could be vaguely seen from the area of clothing that was damaged.

"The number of variation zombies outside are a lot. Moreover the majority are quite aggressive. I observed them carefully and discovered that those zombies are quite disciplined, like... like a small organization. My instinct tells me that tonight's end will not be as simple as we think it may be. Therefore... everyone must be careful."

"What Qing Jiejie said is right. It doesn't matter if something happens or not, we all need to prepare ourselves." Gu Panpan nodded her head. She had already begun observing all over the place, trying to find a suitable escape route.

Shao Qing continued to speak. "In case something happens, we will immediately depart. Bringing Er Dai and the rest to leave."

Gu Panpan nodded her head. But, before she could say anything, a loud blood-curdling screech suddenly broke the conversation. "What was that?" Gu Panpan at once activated her powers, heading towards where the sound was originating from.

They could see a patrol squad not far away thrown into complete disorder. A monkey like living creature had thrown down a person, causing flesh and blood to fly everywhere.

"Zombies! How did they enter?" Gu Panpan clenched the military knife within her grasp as she spoke in a nervous tone.

"It should be a special power." Shao Qing had also taken out her military knife, vigilant as she looked outside the walls. Not outside of her expectations, a few enormous

builds with a body covered with shaggy hair... In brief it appeared to be a moldy looking ginormous zombie, rushing towards the first layer of wire netting and breaking through it.

Just like foam, the wire netting that had been obstructing numerous zombies was suddenly smashed into pieces. Afterwards the second measure of protection, then the third layer...

Not even a couple of seconds of work and the tall weird looking enormous zombie had rushed past the perimeter walls.

The perimeter walls that were specifically built to withstand the zombies collapsed at a single blow. At that moment, Shao Qing could keenly hear a sound that stood out from the masses howling. Afterwards the zombies that were aimlessly wandering around seemed like they heard some kind of command and immediately rushed over.

Not saying anything further, she brought her squad and started to retreat. She didn't even attempt to prepare to resist. It was because Shao Qing clearly knew that it was over for this base.

While they were quietly retreating, the entire base had let out an alert signal. The superhumans who were originally sleeping lightly in addition to the miniscule fighting strength of ordinary people, all came rushing out with weapons.

However, once they came out they were all distracted by what they saw. In front of their eyes, their perimeter walls that was just like the Great Wall had suddenly developed several openings with zombies rushing through them.

They had all given up hope, especially the ordinary people. The superhumans in any case wouldn't be infected; however for them, just being slightly scratched or even being bitten, was game over.

Shao Qing, Yan Hanqing and the rest had already rapidly returned back to their residence. Once returning they could smell the acute smell of blood. Shao Qing's complexion at once changed colour. Kicking open the room door, she was able to see the Mediterranean man lying in front of the door.

Blood was seeping out from under him making a vast puddle and colouring the ground a dark red. Er Dai was on the bed curled up while hugging Xiao Baozi to his chest. Hearing a sound, Er Dai lifted up his head and seemed to let out a breath of air.

His cheeks were covered with several cuts, probably caused by Xiao Baozi's scratches.

“Panpan, go take Shao Tong and lead her out. Let's go.” Shao Qing was unable to ask anything, she just tugged Er Dai and held the cuddled up Xiao Baozi. Then she pulled Er Dai along, they had to get out of this base!

# Chapter 42

## The base that disappeared

The apocalypse had always been cruel, no matter if it was the ethics between people or the liberation of human nature as well as the existence of zombies.

Shao Qing was bringing her squad to depart, however the base's line of resistance had already been overcome. Countless zombies were currently throwing themselves into crowds, using their teeth or claws, they would tear live people to shreds.

Shao Qing understood well that she was powerless. Even protecting herself was challenging, not to mention rescuing an entire base.

"Go." Shao Qing was calm as she carried Xiao Baozi and dragged Er Dai along. Early on, she had already chosen the direction to head towards. At this moment the base was already an ocean of corpses. At the beginning there were still one or two superhumans who would want to resist, but now they've already all hurriedly fled for their lives. The only ones that were still tenaciously fighting was unexpectedly the ordinary folks.

This was because the ordinary folks clearly understood that a superhuman was immune to become a zombie even if they were injured by them while they were escaping the odds of survival was still quite high. But, what about them? Just being clawed a bit, a tiny miniscule amount, they would transform into a creature like those zombies. It's better off to be dead.

When Shao Qing and the rest were departing they were able to see the executives of the base had already started a car and was violently rushing through in attempts to leave the base.

"They should still... stay behind and be buried with the rest." Shao Qing's eyes revealed a cold layer. Extracting out the gun on Yan Hanqing's waist, without even looking she fired two shots.

The gunshot was submerged within the screaming of the zombies, thus it wasn't heard clearly. Only the explosion of the tires and the despair and wrath of the people inside the cars could faintly be audible.

Shao Qing didn't even have a thread of sympathy. From seeing those girls prostitute themselves on that narrow street, she had already loathed them.

Now, no matter if they were good people, bad people, innocent people, or people who deserved to die they are all on the verge of dying there. That's why those people should also stay behind.

Shao Qing personally looked at the entire base as it was completely submerged by zombies. After quite a while, did she finally bring Yan Hanqing and the rest to leave. Releasing her wriggling vines, as long as any zombie wanted to approach them she would tie them together.

However, for who knows what reason, there weren't any zombies that took the initiative to approach them. After leaving quite a distance, did Shao Qing realize that within most of the zombie's eyes, Er Dai and her were considered high level zombie and Yan Hanqing and the rest were probably their prey.

High level zombies carrying their prey, an average zombie naturally wouldn't approach them.

Therefore they would leave the base as if they were taking a stroll. There was only one variation zombie that had attempted to approach them, but was instead scared off by Shao Qing who released her man eating flower.

"Let's rest over there for a night first." Shao Qing saw a house out ahead and released one of her vines to investigate. Afterwards, she led Yan Hanqing and the rest inside.

The result of a night of overusing their mentality, once they began to relax, several of them couldn't resist anymore. One after another they all fell asleep leaving only Shao Qing sitting on the sofa wiping her military blade clean.

Several brats were also unable to sleep. Er Dai was sitting by Shao Qing's side impatiently looking at her, Xiao Baozi was all along in Shao Qing's bosom, and even Shao Tong was using Shao Qing's thigh as a pillow unwilling to go to her room.

At that moment, Yan Hanqing came out carrying a blanket and saw the situation. Silently placing the blanket on the ground, he spoke to Shao Qing. "I came to be the first night watch, you should go sleep."

"I'll sleep in a little bit." Expressionless, Shao Qing continued to wipe her military

blade. Actually her military blade had already been wiped until it was shining, however she was still slowly stroking it.

Yan Hanqing was still for a while, then stood up to pour a cup of water for Shao Qing. Feeling awkward, he didn't know what to say to comfort her. He could only feel that Shao Qing wasn't feeling the best.

Someone who had chosen to enter the army and moreover have been in the army for so long, now looking at all those people that they have protected for so long, just die one by one in front of their eyes, how could she not feel sad.

"Thanks." Shao Qing's voice seemed somewhat hoarse. Receiving the cup, after she drank it all, she brought her whole body including the things clinging on to her into the house.

The place they were sleeping in was the masters bedroom. A big king sized bed, there was more than enough space and even some more to spare for the four people. Shao Qing allowed Xiao Baozi to sleep on her chest, Er Dai on her left and Shao Tong on her right.

Even when both sides were asleep, she was still thinking. Tomorrow she had to return to the base to burn the bodies of the people who still haven't changed into a zombie yet.

At her chest, Xiao Baozi was snuggling his face into it. Shao Qing lowered her head and only saw that Xiao Baozi's eyes had a dark red smoky look to it that had still not vanished. Hugging Shao Qing, he used a very quiet voice to ask. "Mama, my head hurts. Does this mean I'm dying..."

Shao Qing kissed his forehead and lightly rubbed Xiao Baozi. Xiao Baozi grabbed onto Shao Qing's clothing and spoke like he was being wronged. "Baby doesn't want to die. If I'm gone, Mama will definitely feel sad. I want to live and when Mama gets old, I'll protect Mama..."

Shao Qing couldn't resist laughing. "You're over thinking things... You won't die. You'll be better by tomorrow."

"Really?" Xiao Baozi acting like a caterpillar sneakily dug into Shao Qing's chest, but got patted on the bum by Shao Qing to get him to behave.

“Behave and go to sleep. Don’t think about nonsense.”

Becoming well behaved, he suddenly asked. “Then Mama, where’s my father?”

# Chapter 43

## Survivor

Shao Qing hesitated for a moment then calmly rubbed Xiao Baozi's head: "Why did you suddenly mention your dad?"

"Because everyone has a dad. Tongtong's dad even wanted to sell her off..." With an unhappy face, Xiao Baozi began to roll around within Shao Qing's chest. "Does daddy not want me? Is that why Mama took me and left..."

"No. It's us that doesn't want him." Shao Qing took Xiao Baozi and gave him a tight squeeze. "Darling, before you ask a question you have to first make a conjecture. For instance, for your question earlier, are you handsome? Are you adorable?"

Xiao Baozi opened his eyes seriously. "I'm extremely adorable!"

"That's right so who would be willing to throw you away?" Shao Qing didn't think her son was narcissistic at all because she also thought that her son was very, very adorable.

Xiao Baozi immediately started to contemplate and nodded his head. "You're right. Who would be willing to leave me! So what about Daddy? Did Daddy die?"

Shao Qing wasn't planning to lie to Xiao Baozi. She felt that her son had the right to know the truth. Moreover, her son wasn't like the average child.

Thinking a bit, with that man's methods even if he was in the apocalypse he wouldn't die off that easily. "He probably didn't die, but it doesn't matter. Mama will personally kill him."

Xiao Baozi was startled. "Daddy must be a real bad guy."

"Yes, he is a real bad guy." Shao Qing patted Xiao Baozi's bum. "Go to bed quickly now ok." On one hand she was coaxing Xiao Baozi to sleep, on the other she was thinking that she had overlooked a huge problem!

It's said that the child of single parent families are easily skewed, turning into drug addicted youngsters. Those youngsters who have lost their footing. In fact the ones who are lacking in fatherly love are more vulnerable in becoming a bad child.

The child would crave for fatherly love. Shao Qing rubbed her chin. Speaking honestly, she had originally thought that being single for the rest of her life would be pretty good, but now that she thought about it, even if its just for Xiao Baozi, she should go out and find him a dad.

If she did look, she needed to make sure she found one that would treat Xiao Baozi right. Someone who wouldn't mind that Xiao Baozi and her weren't human... this point seemed rather difficult though.

"Mama you sleep first." Xiao Baozi exploited the opportunity and kissed Shao Qing on the mouth. Afterwards, in a serious voice he said: "If you sleep too late you'll become a yellow faced granny..."

This caused Shao Qing to smile. Holding Xiao Baozi, she joined him into the land of dreams. When the next day finally arrived and she had woken up, Xiao Baozi and Shao Tong were still sleeping. Whereas Er Dai had woken up a long time ago and was watching her all along.

Feeling a bit awkward, Shao Qing rubbed her face. Afterwards she carefully placed Xiao Baozi on the bed and prepared to brush her teeth and wash her face. Happily following Shao Qing, during this time Shao Qing also helped him brush his teeth and wash his face.

Shao Qing was preparing to go and take a look. She was planning on burning the bodies that haven't turned into a zombie yet or had only converted half way. She didn't want those people who were alive that were fairly decent people to become disgusting freaks hated by everyone. She wanted to allow them to go back to the earth.

She couldn't save them or help them. The only thing she was capable of doing was helping them get rid of their bodies.

Moreover, Yan Hanqing's mother's body was also still at the base.

After eating breakfast, the group all headed toward the base. From afar, they could smell the violent smell of blood, it was so strong it assailed their nostrils.

In the surroundings there were still some scattered zombies wandering around and have not retreated. Most likely they were attracted by the smell of blood. Gu Panpan was in charge of opening up the road. Gu Chuan and Yan Hanqing were to tidy up the sides while Shao Qing was in charge of leading the rest in a stroll like manner.

Arriving at the entrance of the base, everyone involuntarily stopped their footsteps. This was because the scene that they saw was a ghastly sight.

You could corpses or zombies and humans everywhere. Actually no. What should be said is that there were bones of zombies and humans everywhere.

Every single corpse that belonged to a human, the majority had been nibbled and gnawed on until there were a bit of remaining shredded meat on the bones and the remnants of tiny limbs. The ground was covered in blood.

Seeing this, Shao Qing thought that there probably won't be many people turning into zombies since most of them were consumed by those zombies who didn't know the meaning of the word bloated.

When they entered the base, it had the feeling of entering an Asura battlefield. Comparing to the ordinary citizens the superhumans had it even worse. Since the superhumans wouldn't contract the infection from zombies, they were all bitten to death or eaten alive.

While for normal people, since their bodies aren't as resistant, their deaths would be rather quick and a lot less painful.

Going past the residential area, they started to discover scattered scraps of zombies. Those crippled legs or missings arms of the zombies, the majority were probably humans who had received an injury thus they went to hid inside the house where they began to endure the flaring of the poison.

Besides those, there was little chance that the others had become zombies. Only a few had not been completely eaten up.

Shao Qing found the off road vehicle that carried Yan Hanqing's mother. After letting Yan Hanqing start it up, she then led the rest to look around the surroundings. Finally confirming that there isn't a single living person within the base, they started lighting everything up on fire.

The majority of the base were tents or wooden houses so it was quite easy to light everything on fire. The very first thing that was ignited was the tent area.

Retreating out of the base, they stood outside at a high slope and watched as the entire base including the badly damaged zombies and the skeletal remains become shrouded by the raging flames.

"Let's go." Shao Qing took a glance and from within the off road vehicle she took out an axe. She had taken it out to chop down the trees surrounding the base since they would have easily caught on fire.

Before they got down, there was a sudden snarl coming from the base. Turning around, Shao Qing saw a body covered in flames running out like a mad man.

He looked extremely tall. As he rushed towards them he easily struck a car, removing it from his path.

In that instant, Shao Qing became alert. Her instincts told her that thing was not human.

That person covered in flames who had rushed out of the base started to charge over towards Shao Qing and the rest. Stomping her feet, Gu Panpan caused the entire high slope to shake. Using the following stomp, she shot out like a bullet and landed a punch on that person.

At that moment, it was as if that person became a cannon and flew backwards, rolling on the ground a few times causing all the fire to be put out.

"So hot!" Gu Panpan shook her hands and incessantly blew on the back of her hand. Shao Qing continued to stare at the person that started to slowly get up.

No, definitely not human. His skin and flesh had already been burnt black revealing red flesh, a pair of thoroughly red eyes that ferociously glared at Shao Qing and the rest. His gaze resembled a starving wolf looking for food.

Saliva started to drip out from the corners of his mouth.

# Chapter 44

## Monster

Shao Qing thought that thing wasn't a person and it wasn't a monster, it was just rotting flesh. After just one punch, it crumbled into a pile of meat.

However, when Gu Panpan had probed it out, it was evident that it wasn't just rotting flesh, rather it was a piece of difficult to gnaw on bones.

In fact, it was a really ugly bone.

Shao Qing saw that thing sway back and forth as it stood back up, using a vicious cruel gaze to stare at them. Afterwards, it rushed over at them.

His speed was too fast. One second everyone was staring at him swaying back and forth on the spot and the next second, he had already appeared in front of Shao Qing.

Spinning the military knife within her hand, Shao Qing rapidly inserted it into the thing's stomach. However, it acted as if it felt nothing. It continued to rush forwards, nearly crashing into Shao Qing.

Luckily, Yan Hanqing had reacted and kicked out his leg at that things body. Yan Hanqing was quite strong causing that thing to fall backwards. Shao Qing who had already pulled out the knife, ruthlessly tried to plunge the blade into its throat.

At that time, Shao Qing was already certain that it was a monster. This was because his throat had already been penetrated, yet he showed no reaction at all and instead reached out to grab Shao Qing.

Gu Panpan already rapidly took over to handle it, turning it into a one-sided battle. That thing was beaten up by Gu Panpan like a sandbag, being hit everywhere. It's arms, legs, and the flesh on its body were thrown all over the place almost like snow falling down and revealing the bone beneath the bright red flesh.

Finally Gu Panpan swung her hands and that thing was thrown ruthlessly to the ground. Gu Panpan slapped her hands. "It simply couldn't withstand a single hit..."

After that she suddenly became alarmed. The already non-human shaped monster was slowly rising up again. When it was slowly getting up, the burnt skin and flesh on its body was falling off incessantly.

So much that his stomach had developed a hole and through that hole you could see its complete mess of internal organs along with its movement and its intestines slowly trickling out.

Like a ball of strings, the intestines were hanging out of the stomach. However it didn't feel anything at all and continued to throw itself towards Gu Panpan.

Speaking honestly, Gu Panpan had seen bloodier even more disgusting scenes, however she just couldn't take it. Gu Panpan couldn't help retreating backwards, not wanting to touch that monster at all.

Gu Chuan came to her rescue. Forming spikes of ice he continuously threw them at the monster's body.

This is when Shao discovered that its skin and flesh were like cooked ribs, it would fall off the bones easily. However, the skeleton were still particularly durable. Gu Chuans spikes of ice weren't able to even leave a scratch.

"Something's wrong!" Gu Panpan's face suddenly changed colour. She quickly grasped her right hand, and saw her right hand coming towards her head. Gu Panpan slashed it with a knife and black blood spewed out: " Don't touch it! It's poisonous!"

Shao Qing couldn't help but feel scared. You must know that she had almost 'embraced' it just now. If she had actually hugged it who knows whether she would have been poisoned or not.

Feeling a headache she released her summon. That man eating flower was hungry and thirsty. Right when it came out it opened up its petals and in one bite, swallowed the monster down.

Afterwards just when everyone had let out a sigh of relief, the man eating flower opened up its petals and just like a regular person vomiting, it coughed up the monster.

The big tender red petals were all withering, and the huge corolla was shaking. It spat out blackish red chunks of meat and broken pieces of stamen.

Those stamens that can secrete the liquids to digest humans were all eroded black, and besides the ones located at its brain almost all of the remaining ones were on the monster's internal organs and bones as it stood up.

The skin and flesh on its face was falling off piece by piece. Particularly its eyelids, there were only two pitch black eyeballs left rolling around, looking extremely frightening.

Not taking another step, its internal organs came crashing out. Resulting in the entire thing to be outside of its body.

Gu Panpan couldn't take it anymore, shrieking out loud. "Kill it quick! God this is too dreadful!"

But, no one knew what this thing was exactly. Close combat wasn't an option and fighting it from a distance didn't work since they couldn't penetrate the bones. This was very tricky.

The only lucky thing was that it had basically no combat power.

Just when this thought had flashed in Shao Qing's mind, she suddenly saw the monster that was ugly to an extreme extent open its mouth. A green mist like gas was being spouted out of its mouth.

This kind of gaseous substance travelled extremely quickly. Within a few seconds, it had enveloped everyone. Suddenly blackness covered her eyes and she had fallen limp onto the floor. Gu Chuan and the rest were even worse, they had already begun oozing out black blood from their mouths.

Shao Qing's mind suddenly lighted up. In that moment she had finally figure it out. This monster was most likely a superhuman when it was alive! In fact it was a poison elemental superhuman!

Due to yesterday's unforeseen misfortunes, he didn't know what had happened; thus, turning into this strange state!

Waiting for the monster to draw near, Shao Qing had discovered the second horrifying fact. The meat and flesh was only falling away so easily was because that wasn't in fact its skin and flesh!

That is... skin and flesh peeled from living or dead people...

# Chapter 45

## The Challenging Counterattack

In a split second, an indescribable chill spread through their bodies. This was because of the obvious insatiable greed within the monster's eyes.

Towards their skin and flesh, their bodies, he had an insatiable craving.

Shao Qing clenched her fist. This powerlessness caused her to become dispirited. Since the apocalypse, it was true that she had been sailing through effortlessly. No matter if it was the early discovery of the crystals allowing her to advance ahead of others or her unique physique that allowed her to blend within the midst of zombies, this had all made her unconsciously drop her guard.

Otherwise, how else would she have been so easily poisoned?

Watching that monster step closer and closer, Shao Qing's guilt and shame increased more and more.

She tried to move her body, however since her body wasn't that of a living person this made it so the poison dissipated slowly, incapable of circulating the blood faster.

If she was given another ten minutes, she should be able to recover. But, the monster was already in front of her eyes, Shao Qing started to feel despair.

Yet, at this moment, the monster had suddenly run into something, ricocheting out like a bullet.

Looking out blearily, Shao Qing seemed to see a transparent covering that had just perfectly encased the few of them in the center. After standing back up, the monster once again came back. Then just as Shao Qing anticipated, he blasted off again.

Following the energy fluctuations, Shao Qing looked in the directions of the source. Yet, she only saw Shao Tong tightly hugging onto Xiao Baozi with her two large eyes widened in fear. Seeing her face grow increasingly pale, it showed that she was fiercely consuming up her physical strength.

This sort of faintly discernable power undulations was unexpectedly coming from Shao Tong's body.

Shao Tong had a large change of being a superhuman and moreover on the spiritual side. Shao Qing's first reaction was to accelerate her recover pace. She knew that no matter what Shao Tong's circumstances were, she wouldn't last long.

Every time that weak protective screen was rammed into, the protective screen shuddered severely. After the monster flew off again abruptly, the protective screen had become even more see through.

After the fifth hit, Shao Tong was already curled up on the ground. She had grown up getting beaten and was good at tolerating pain, but at this moment she still couldn't resist letting out a low groan.

The streams of tears that had fallen had slowly mixed into a diluted blood colour. Finally, the last few drops were actually bloody tears.

This was the result of excessive use of her spiritual powers. If the seven apertures\* of the human head started to bleed then there would be only two results, either her brain would explode or she would really become mentally disabled.

\* Seven apertures = 2 eyes, 2 ears, 2 nostrils, 1 mouth

Shao Qing was starting to be able to move her arm again. Originally she hated the idea of herself not being aware of when she was tired and the lack of feeling to her body, however at that moment she was rejoicing that she was different from others.

When the monster had once again rushed over, Shao Qing abruptly stood up. In an instant, a green vine had wound itself up her body, wrapping her up like a green seed.

After that, Shao Qing shot out like a canon, bringing the strange creature down. This time she had made sufficient preparations. The vines had blocked any contact between her body and the strange creatures. Only the poisonous smoke that could cause people to fall just through contact of the skin, did she have no countermeasures

Merely Shao Qing felt that that kind of move couldn't be freely used.

Thus, Shao Qing decided to risk it.

Probably from using too much strength, Shao Qing and the strange creature was sent rolling on the ground. Displaying her ruthlessness, the hand wrapped within the vines incessantly beat on it until the juice was splattered everywhere.

That strange creature's face was also beaten until rotting flesh went flying. Finally, there was only a small piece of meat still stuck on its bones and its eyeball dangling out of its socket.

With a final crack, the neck bone snapped. The entire head had snapped backward making a ninety-degree angle.

Shao Qing was gasping for air. But she suddenly saw that the monster was slowly using its hand to push its head back in place. With another snap, its head was back in place.

Drawing back the corners of its mouth to grin, some of the skin and flesh at the corner of his mouth came falling out. Immediately Shao Qing sent another fist flying at him.

The seemingly rotten and damaged body of the creature started to tremble, the skin and flesh on its entire body was beginning to dissolve turning into a pond of blackish red liquid. Accidentally touching the liquid, Shao Qing's vines that were wrapped around her body suddenly began to rapidly corrode.

The only thing Shao Qing could do was to leave the vines and retreat to the side. Just from the liquid dripping off the monster's body, it had already corroded the ground at a rapid pace creating a massive hole. Moving its fleshless finger, it let out some cracking sounds, then its entire body was only of bones except for its one remaining eyeball within the socket and the other eyeball hanging out of the socket.

Originally the bones that remained on its face wouldn't express any emotions, however, Shao Qing weirdly sensed that it was laughing. It was then at the next second, it appeared in front of Shao Qing. Shao Qing was only able to make a cross out in front of her chest as its fingers clawed towards her, piercing her arm and tearing away a large chunk of flesh.

At the side, Er Dai snarled and charged over, becoming like a canon as it smashed into the monster.

"Watch out!" Shao Qing's pupil widened in fright, but it was too late. She had no other choice but helplessly watch as that skeletal claw penetrated through Er Dai's stomach and out his back.

Even though this was the case, Er Dai as before was still fiercely holding onto its body. Using his razor sharp nails he ruthlessly stabbed into its nape.

# Chapter 46

## Revealed Identities

Er Dai really resembled a wolf forced to be at a dead end. His nails were dug into the monster's nape, while he continuously used his forehead to smash into the monster's face. The monster attempted to extract his hand from Er Dai's stomach, but Er Dai had grabbed onto his arm so it wouldn't escape.

But, the monster's strength was just too great. Er Dai just simply couldn't resist. After easily being stabbed through the abdomen, he was effortlessly held by the top of his head.

Shao Qing was able to hear the sound from Er Dai's nails and the monster's bones grind up against each other. Afterwards, Er Dai's body was just tossed aside.

Even though his abdomen had a massive hole, even though his body was about to fall apart, Er Dai continued to drag his broken body to risk his life and crawl towards Shao Qing.

Er Dai didn't know at what time he gained a mind. He only knew that one day he suddenly woke up. Only after did he confusedly discover that he was somewhat different.

Following his companions around to kill and hunt down humans, it was then that he had met Shao Qing.

His intuition told him that Shao Qing was his companion. But, Shao Qing was different than the other companions he had by his side. From her appearance she looked completely different than the rotting ugly zombies, thus he couldn't resist following her.

This was when he was caught by Shao Qing... originally Er Dai had prepared for the possibility that he would be eaten by Shao Qing; after all between zombies, targeting each other's crystals was something very common.

However, Shao Qing didn't do that. She gave him food, crystals, and even a name. It

made him recover something that he felt that he had lost.

At that moment, Er Dai only felt that Shao Qing was very pretty and he wanted to follow her forever, and always protect her.

Therefore, even if he died once again, it wouldn't matter.

As long as she was ok then it would be fine.

Shao Qing watched Er Dai crawl little by little and then looked at the indestructible monster. Slowly she retrieved two crystals from her dimensional space. One was an electric elemental crystal while the other was an earth elemental crystal, they were the ones she had not used yet.

Absorbing the two crystals energy, in a second her body would be bursting with energy. This was her opportunity. Even though afterwards she might die or become crippled, Shao Qing had no other choice but to do this.

From the time she had entered the army, her military instructor had asked her why she had chosen to be part of the special forces. Shao Qing had replied that she wanted to protect people.

Now, just as before she still wanted to protect people. It's just now the people she wanted to protect has now become Xiao Baozi and Er Dai.

But before Shao Qing could even utilize the two crystals, a person had already snatched away a crystal from her hand and swallowed it whole.

This person wasn't some stranger, it was Yan Hanqing who with great difficulty had crawled over. When he had swallowed the crystal, that steel man had let out a miserable scream. His entire body suddenly erupted with thunder, colouring the ground yellow. After his skin started to crack as fresh blood started to trickle out.

Yan Hanqing did his best to throw himself towards the monster. When the monster came into contact with the thunder on Yan Hanqing's body, it started to let out a blood curdling screech. In a flash, Yan Hanqing hugged the monster as they both fell off the high slope, the fierce thunder unceasingly radiating.

Propping her body up to stand up, she staggered into a run. If she absorbed the crystal, she would've had at least a sliver of a chance of surviving. But an ordinary person like

Yan Hanqing swallowing the crystal, what else but exploding could be the result?

Shao Qing ran down the slope. Yan Hanqing and the monster were already lying down in the depression on the ground not moving. The electrified bones had already turned black. When Shao Qing headed over to support Yan Hanqing, she accidentally touched the monster. In a blink of an eye he exploded into ashes, leaving behind a pitch black crystal stone within the pile.

Touching Yan Hanqing, she was immediately shocked numb from head to toe. But, she clenched her teeth and carried Yan Hanqing and took the crystal and headed up the slope.

Hiding on the high slope were the wounded members. After carrying Yan Hanqing up, Shao Qing had no energy left as she kneeled beside Er Dai.

Then she started to check on Er Dai's injuries. If he was a living person, he probably would have been dead already. At that moment, Shao Qing was extremely grateful that Er Dai was a zombie.

His abdomen had a circular hole which one could see through to see the ground. Er Dai stared at Shao Qing feeling wronged, it was clear that the situation wasn't that bad.

Shao Qing let out a sigh of relief, but the more severe case was just behind her.

Shao Qing expressionlessly looked towards Gu Panpan and Gu Chuan. "As you guys have seen, Er Dai is a zombie and I am not completely human. Once before, I was close to death and was infected by the zombie virus causing me to turn into this state. I'm really sorry that I have kept this from you guys for so long, but you guys can leave now. Unfortunately I need the car or else I won't be able to move the injured people, but you guys can take away all the provisions inside."

Shao Qing understood that not everyone could accept being together with a zombie. Even if she was rational, everyone would still be scared about that one night where she might lose her sanity and bite everyone here.

Therefore even if Gu Panpan and Gu Chuan chose to leave, she wouldn't blame them at all. After all that is just human nature.

Gu Panpan and Gu Chuan stared at each other for a long time. Then Gu Panpan bit her lips and let out a shout. "Qing Jiejie, I'm sorry..."

# Chapter 47

## Accumulated wrath

“It’s nothing, I understand.” Shao Qing smiled lightly and slowly supported Yan Hanqing and Er Dai up. The sibling duo not choosing to attack them was already giving them face for their past relationship.

“No, Qing Jiejie.” Gu Panpan suddenly climbed up. Originally her hands and legs were soft like jelly, but now they persevered to bring herself over to help Shao Qing support Yan Hanqing. Even Gu Chuan went over to help support Xiao Baozi and Shao Tong.

Gu Panpan revealed a massive grin exposing all her white teeth. “Qing Jiejie, I’ve thought about it. Even though we have discovered that you and Er Dai are zombies, it’s not something that we can’t accept. Even... even if... any accident happens later on, it doesn’t matter. My brother and I are both superhumans, we aren’t afraid of getting bitten!”

“You guys...” Shao Qing couldn’t help turning towards the two siblings. From their eyes she could tell that they were sincere, they weren’t exaggerating or forcing themselves.

Gu Panpan and Gu Chuan actually felt that even if they were zombies they could accept that. This was only because it was them and not some stranger.

This kind of trust and care, was it still necessary to get them to prove their friendship?

Shao Qing thought about how before she had Mu Lin and now she had Gu Panpan and the rest. She really was content. The heavens had snatched away too many good things from her, a good childhood, healthy living parents, and a complete family, but it had also given her a lot of things.

Shao Qing truly felt content and that she didn’t need anything else.

Lifting the wounded people into the car, Shao Qing immediately started to drive back to where they temporarily stayed the night before

In the car, Yan Hanqing was already on the point of dying. His skin had already turned

purple. The lightning elemental crystal was just too overbearing, even if it was the exact same ranked earth crystal, its strength was gradually forced out of his body.

At the moment, Yan Hanqing's body was like a flashing lightning. In addition there were cracked skins resembling cobwebs that were too horrible to even look at forming scars all over.

Numerously densely packed fine scars covered Yan Hanqing's bare skin causing blood to ooze out as it dyed his clothes red. Through those wounds, Shao Qing could even see flesh bursting out.

Don't look at how severe Er Dai's injuries might look because in fact Yan Hanqing's was the one who was hanging onto his life by a string. Er Dai was fortunate since he didn't have a human's body so his ability to recover was comparatively stronger. Unless the injury was a heavy wound to its head, he wouldn't have his life in danger.

But, Yan Hanqing wasn't like that. He was just a regular person who didn't even have superhuman powers. Just from not exploding immediately after swallowing a rank two lightning elemental crystal already showed how tough and durable his flesh was. Yet, he probably couldn't persevere any longer.

Shao Qing bit her lips. She was basically driving like a madman, the tires blazing through the ground.

"Just a little more, just a little more..." Shao Qing didn't know if she was saying this to Yan Hanqing or saying it to herself, but the heavens had never been accustomed to seeing everything going too smoothly. Just when Shao Qing was turning the corner, she saw a black limousine rushing over at top speed.

She immediately tried to steer the car in the other direction, but she didn't expect that the other car also wanted to avoid them. Probably because they were too nervous, and they had both turned the wheel towards the same direction, just like the suspense in a movie they crashed into each other. Luckily both sides had already pressed on the brakes so the speed had decreased by quite a bit, otherwise it wouldn't be just a scrape of the car.

Shao Qing almost had her face fly towards the glass window. Turning her head to check on Yan Hanqing, she saw that because of the violent movements, two streams of blood was starting to trickle down from his nose.

He was already at his limit. But an idea flashed into Shao Qing's mind. This won't do, they had to find a safe place immediately to settle Yan Hanqing down and think of a good plan.

But at this time, from the car came five to six aggressive men who came over with steel pipes to knock on Shao Qing's window.

Shao Qing wasn't willing to waste time with them. Bringing down the window she expressionlessly looked out. "Sorry, what do you guys want for compensation?"

One of the thinner men who just happened to look into the window saw that the car was filled with wounded people. His eyes lighting up, he nodded his head in that direction and whispered: "Boss, look." He pointed over to the window.

The boss's eyes lighted up and laughed in an excessive manner. "What do we want for compensation? That's easy... I want your car and everything inside. I won't touch the people, they can go, but..."

He pointed his finger at Shao Qing and Gu Panpan: "You two need to stay behind and accompany us brothers. Don't be in a rush to reject us, all six of us are superhumans!"

Shao Qing's eyes became more and more red. Gu Panpan had originally thought of going down to teach them a lesson but was obstructed by Shao Qing. Opening the car door, she hopped out herself.

Slightly tilting her head, she gave them an icy smile. "Say it again, what do you guys want?"

"Didn't I just tell you what I want? I want..." Before the leader's words could be finished, his eyes widened into full round circles. The last thing he saw was Shao Qing's sinister face as it got splashed by blood.

The people behind could only see that a pale hand had pierced through his back and immediately following that, the leader's body had been torn into two. That elegant woman walked through the rain of blood completely resembling an asura emerging from hell.

Everyone there was frightened. They had experienced wandering around during the apocalypse and have seen many things, but they were still scared by Shao Qing.

The first one to react was a chubby man wearing glasses. He rapidly condensed an earth shield out in front of him, but in the next second that earth shield was easily shattered by that snow white fist. Reeking of blood from head to toe, Shao Qing had a strange smiling expression on her face as she appeared in front of him and grabbed him by the neck.

Then in the next moment, his head was separated from his body. In fact, his head was pinched off while he was still alive.

That head wearing the glasses rolled around the floor and then stopped moving. The remaining four people were all about to pee themselves from fright, all of them immediately breaking out into a run.

When the skinny man turned around to look, the only thing he saw was a gigantic flower head behind him opening up its flower petals and swallowing him whole...

Down he went...

Once seeing this the other three at once set off in three different directions. Their idea was simple. There was only one person, how could she be able to catch all three?

One of them while running noticed that in front of him was an extra pair of legs. After there was no more because he had already received a punch causing his neck bone to be shattered.

Finally the last two were extra pitiful. Because they had ran the furthest, they were dragged back alive by the vines. One of the men looking at his partner saw that he had already been torn to shreds.

At that moment, he had peed his pants. His legs shaking, he kept on begging. "Please let me go, please let me go. It was my mistake, please..."

Shao Qing was already tired of hearing him talk and stomped on his head causing it to burst apart. A field of bodies, none of the bodies were intact. If someone came upon this scene, it would most likely cause them to feel nauseous.

But Shao Qing was expressionless. This could only be blamed on their bad luck and encountering the current Shao Qing. Even if they died it wouldn't be an injustice.

"Shao Qing!" Gu Chuan gripped the edge of the window, a grave expression on his face.

Shao Qing's body received a jolt, the redness within her eye slowly starting to retreat, she took a deep breath in. She was feeling quite irritable still but she quickly headed towards the car.

# Chapter 48

## The Last Tender Request

Shao Qing knew that earlier her mind was quite irritable causing her blood-thirsty side to appear. But, she didn't feel any regrets towards her actions. She was just scared that Gu Panpan and the rest would have regrets now.

Shao Qing didn't try to cover up, since this was the real her. Rather than waiting for it to be revealed later on in front of the siblings and cause them to leave in fright, why not reveal it all now so they can freely decide.

Shao Qing originally thought that once she returned to the car, she would see the siblings look at her differently but that wasn't the case. On the contrary, Gu Panpan actually whispered. "Qing Jiejie, are you okay? Do you have any injuries?!"

Shao Qing's regrets and shame immediately surfaced up. She was still secretly planning on feeling out Gu Chuan and Gu Panpan, but Gu Panpan was only concerned about how her body was doing.

"I'm fine." Shao Qing laughed, not minding that her entire body reeked of blood. Stepping on the gas, she used the shortest amount of time necessary to go back to yesterday night's lodging.

After carrying Yan Hanqing down, Gu Panpan and the rest didn't have the heart to look at him because the place that Yan Hanqing was originally lying was now covered in blood which just so happens to take the shape of a person.

The bloodstain started to seep out, causing the blanket on the ground to be soaked.

Gu Panpan and Gu Chuan cautiously carried Yan Hanqing inside to a room and placed him on yesterday's bed on the floor.

After that they then brought the rest of the injured people inside. Shao Qing was kneeling by his side, trying to help Yan Hanqing take off his clothing. But as she was doing this, she had realized that the clothing were already soaked with blood causing it to stick together with his skin and flesh. Having no other options, she wiped her

military blade and started to cut away his clothing. Using warm water to soak it a bit, then was she able to remove all the clothing fragments.

Shao Qing had no time to even think about the differences between men and women. After taking off all Yan Hanqing's clothes, the exposed skin was a shock to one's eyes.

Those originally small cuts had little by little split open. It was as if his body just couldn't take it anymore and it would just burst apart with a bang and become a floor of blood.

"Hanqing..." Shao Qing had no idea how to save Yan Hanqing. Just from seeing that body dripping with blood, she already had no idea how to set about doing anything.

Yan Hanqing was still somewhat conscious, gradually opening his eyes and gripping onto Shao Qing's hand. "Help me... bury my mother... bury us,... together..."

Always feeling that she was a cold heartless woman, but at that moment she had an urge to break down in tears. Yet, even if she wanted to cry, she didn't even have one single tear drop available to let out.

"You won't die... Trust me..."

Yan Hanqing just smiled, his face covered with blood and massive cuts, looking extremely frightening. The tough guy who would usually never smile was now on his deathbed and giving a lifetime's worth of smile all to Shao Qing. "I trust you."

At that moment, Shao Qing felt like she was going to fall apart, her eyes becoming scarlet. She couldn't help grasping onto Yan Hanqing's bloody palm that was oozing viscous blood. "Are you dumb? No wonder people call you a blockhead, you really are one. Taking my things. If I took out the crystals, I naturally would have a certain assurance that after absorbing it I wouldn't die..."

Shao Qing still wanted to continue to talk, but seeing the tenderness within Yan Hanqing's eyes, she couldn't utter another word. She didn't have any confidence in succeeding, Yan Hanqing had known that. That was why Yan Hanqing had chosen to risk his life in exchange for hers.

He wasn't willing to gamble on that slight change, therefore he would rather die.

Shao Qing felt that her eyes become a bit fuzzy, but she was a zombie. Zombies aren't

capable of crying...

Before Shao Qing's eyes was a vision of blood. She already couldn't see Yan Hanqing's face. The only thing that she was still able to see was Yan Hanqing's eyes getting more and more intense and overflowing with tenderness,

She heard Yan Hanqing spoke with the same tenderness. "I owed you a life..."

Shao Qing wanted to curse at him, but she just held onto him and spoke. "But I'm even more reluctant to see you in danger..."

His entire life he had never loved anyone, but at the end of his life he had discovered that he had already given his heart away to a woman named Shao Qing. It was like how he originally thought that him taking the crystal was just paying a debt of gratitude. But in this moment, he finally realized that his heart actually felt this way.

He didn't want her to be hurt and even more, didn't want her to die. If it was possible, then him dying is fine... because he loved her.

He didn't have any superhuman powers and wasn't able to protect her at dangerous times. The only thing he was able to do was just this.

A drop of moisture slid down from the corner of Shao Qing's eyes leaving a long red trace on her face. Lowering her head to look at the weakening Yan Hanqing, she suddenly used a murderous icy tone. "Your life is mine."

"Yes..." Yan Hanqing fought to keep his eyes open, to see Shao Qing one last time. Yet, the heaviness of his eyelids were telling him, he... was at his limits.

But at this moment, Shao Qing suddenly leaned over. Pinching Yan Hanqing's chin, she bit into Yan Hanqing's neck.

Warm blood filled Shao Qing's mouth. She hated this disgusting taste of rust that brought along a fishy aftertaste.

Shao Qing knew she couldn't save Yan Hanqing. She already knew before coming back. Therefore she had decided from the beginning that she had to be selfish for once.

After a good while, did Shao Qing finally lift up her head. "I told you, your life is mine..."

No one stopped Shao Qing. They looked at the blood covered Shao Qing reach out with the tip of her tongue to lick the blood on the corner of her lips. It was obvious that blood was covering Shao Qing's entire face making her seem sinister but at that moment, it made others feel like she was a beautiful, bewitching demoness.

"If you turn into a zombie, then I'll take care of you." Shao Qing once again recovered her wooden expression and looked at Yan Hanqing on the ground. She had always been a selfish person, therefore she didn't even ask Yan Hanqing if he was willing to live in a different form and helped him to decide.

Looking at Yan Hanqing's body, the wounds had gradually stopped cracking open and even the blood no longer flowed out. It was just his body getting stiffer and turning into a terrible blue color. Shao Qing didn't speak any longer and didn't even want to look at it again. She simply walked straight to Shao Tong and Er Dai's side.

Er Dai's injuries were easier to handle. After absorbing a few more crystals he would slowly recover. However, Shao Tong's injuries was damage to her spirit. The spirit was illusory and there weren't any other spirit superhumans that Shao Qing could reference.

Thinking about it, she took out the crystal of the baby zombie that her and Er Dai had worked together to kill and gave it to Shao Tong to absorb.

"Since everyone is injured, we should stay here for a couple of days to rest up." Shao Qing lifted up Xiao Baozi and prepared to bring him inside the house.

Although Gu Panpan was a carefree girl, Gu Chuan was extremely mindful and careful. Giving Gu Panpan a look, Gu Panpan promptly chased after Shao Qing. "Qing Jiejie, if I was in the same scenario, I would have made the exact same decision."

Shao Qing's body stiffened for a long time, then she quietly replied. "Thanks."

# Chapter 49

## Yan Hanqing wakes up

That same night, Yan Hanqing's body started to rapidly transform. It wasn't known whether the transformation was because of that lightning elemental crystal, so although the wounds on his body started to heal, it didn't head towards the putrefying state of a zombie. Instead his skin became more and more pale. So much that it was possible to see some of the veins underneath his skin, which would occasionally have flashes of lightning.

After Shao Qing came down from her shower, she looked at Yan Hanqing who was lying quietly and Er Dai who was slowly recovering from his wounds. Shao Tong was huddled up on the couch, sleeping soundly. It was only the waves of spiritual power that told Shao Qing that she was also recovering from her injuries still.

Shao Qing was originally planning on carrying Shao Tong inside, but was afraid to disturb something and hinder her recuperation, thus she gave up and quietly returned to her room.

Back in her room, Shao Qing sat down on the bed and released her vines. Originally it was a deep, verdant green with thorns all over, but now if you looked closer you could see on top of the vines there was a greenish black veiner pattern, particularly the peak. A faint green with a tinge of black, it seemed especially terrifying.

This was because of her protecting herself before. Using the vines to stop the contact between her and the monster, the vines had appeared to have evolved. It seemed as if the interaction between the vines and that monster was so much that it appeared to be infected with toxins.

Being the vines master, Shao Qing could sense the vines evolution. Before her vines had already had a tiny bit of an anesthesia effect, but it was rather trivial. It was more often used as a rope to bind people. Now that she was a rank two superhuman, she was going to subdue another plant, but she was given a delightful surprise from her vines.

Now her vines had two extra abilities. The first one was its rapid regeneration

although it consumed her power and the second one was parasitism.

She previously did have parasitic like ability, like planting seeds within the Mediterranean man, but the parasites that have been mutated this time were of much better use. The tiny seeds were just like bacteria, extremely hard to discover. In fact after being parasitized on humans, instead of waiting for it to germinate as before, now it will be controlled by Shao Qing. Furthermore, these seeds could be held dormant within the body for a long time.

In the case when Shao Qing directed the seeds to 'wake', the seeds would grow at high-speed and would inject poison within the host's body causing their internal organs to corrode, ending up with their stomach left with a ball of vines.

This was no doubt a terrifying ability.

The most crucial point was the poison attribute. The vines have evolved after being contaminated by the toxins from the monster. Although the toxins weren't at the same level as the monster where it could cause others to completely lose control of their body, it did inherit the monster's physical toxicity that were particularly corrosive. There was even some anesthetic effects.

Shao Qing immediately decided that before she was a rank three, she wouldn't find another vegetation to replace the vines. Moreover, Shao Qing had already decided on a name for it, Ghost Vine, in short Xiao Gui\*.

\* Gui = Ghost

This battle, although it made them hover between the edge of life and death, almost causing them to lose their lives, the harvest was huge. Shao Qing felt that she could break through rank three at any time.

As long as she absorbed a few more crystals, she would smoothly break through.

However, currently by her side was a bunch of wounded people. Shao Qing didn't dare to try to break through. Otherwise if some accident occurred during her advancement, wouldn't that be another out?

Waiting until she recovered a bit and investigating the vines use a little further, Shao Qing fed Xiao Baozi and left her room.

Yan Hanqing had still not woken up. She suspected that the toxin from the corpse and the thunder energy within his body were resisting each other. If the lightning power was able to come out as the victor, it would be less frightening than the zombie infection. Yan Hanqing had a high likelihood of being able to control this source energy and become a lightning elemental superhuman. And everyone is aware that superhumans don't get infected.

That would obviously be the best result.

However if the zombie infection won out, Yan Hanqing would become a zombie. If he was lucky, then he would be like Shao Qing and would still retain his prior intellect and thought. If he was unlucky, then he would become an ordinary zombie, only understanding the concept of hunger and eating flesh.

Shao Qing was ready for the worst case scenario. Even if Yan Hanqing was turned into a zombie, Shao Qing would still take care of him. Using crystals to feed him, it would hopefully help him evolve to a higher rank and eventually restoring his rationality.

At the base she had heard from some investigation teams that superhumans were categorized into nine ranks while zombies were also categorized into nine ranks. The higher ranked the zombie, the more agile and the more smart they'll be.

Rank 2 or 3 zombies were already able to lead their companions to attack humanity. If they figured out they couldn't win, they knew to retreat and they also knew how to lay in wait to ambush people. So what if they advanced to rank nine? Wouldn't they become just like human?

Shao Qing knew that if zombies were really capable of evolving to the highest rank, it would be a catastrophe to humans. Even if they had intellect, the zombies would just use their intelligence to hunt down humans instead of befriending humans. It was like how humans would raise livestock, their goal was to eat them.

If high ranked zombies were able to have a disguise and infiltrate the base, it would just be like Shao Qing. If that isn't a disaster, what is?

But Shao Qing wasn't willing to think about these matters so far in the future. Right now she just hoped that Yan Hanqing would have a good development.

Gradually Shao Tong was restored and even Er Dai was able to hang from Shao Qing's body and act spoiled. Including the Gu siblings that healed the quickest, there was only

Yan Hanqing who still wasn't aware.

Waiting until the third morning, when several people came out to eat, Yan Hanqing had slowly sat up. Several people immediately became vigilant. If Yan Hanqing became a zombie, they all had to restrain Yan Hanqing immediately to prevent him from hurting others.

However, the first word that Yan Hanqing said when he sat up was: "I'm..... not dead?"

Everyone immediately relaxed. After all, zombies can't speak, but Shao Qing still had to verify he was okay. She looked at Yan Hanqing and noticed that Yan Hanqing's skin still had an air of death. But looking at him, he was no different from other people. His eyes and hands were not changed at all.

Shao Qing touched Yan Hanqing's chest and felt the beat of his heart as it pounded against Shao Qing's hand. The warmth of his flesh told Shao Qing that Yan Hanqing had not turned into a zombie.

The unspeakable excitement echoed in Shao Qing's heart. She raised her head wanting to say something. Then she saw Yan Hanqing's entire face up to his ear lobe was bright red. He was frozen, taking him half a day before reacting and hiding his naked body within the blankets.

Shao Qing didn't know whether to laugh or cry. Yan Hanqing's clothes were full of blood and tattered. He definitely couldn't wear them. Finally, Gu Chuan provided a set of clothes for Yan Hanqing to wear.

In comparison to Yan Hanqing, Gu Chuan was a bit thinner. His clothes worn on Yan Hanqing was tightly stretched out revealing the outlines of his muscles, making Yan Hanqing at a loss of what to do.

Shao Qing couldn't help but burst out laughing. After laughing, her heart was also content. Them being all well was the best result.

# Chapter 50

## Destination

Although this event shook them to the core, fortunately everyone was able to make it through. In fact their strength has gone one step further, in particular Yan Hanqing who had the most severe injuries had the most harvest.

He became a superhuman and even got the strong lightning element.

Originally Yan Hanqing didn't say anything, but inwardly, there was always a sense of inferiority. After all, he was the only one who had no superhuman ability. He said that he would repay Shao Qing, but he just wasn't capable of doing anything. From now on, he was truly capable of keeping his promise.

After his identity was revealed, Er Dai became a lot more active. He leaped through the woods and after luring in a lot of zombies with a bloody fabric, he nimbly jumped into the car while Yan Hanqing quickly released his thunderbolts. This would cause a large amount of the zombies to seize, twitching for a long time before laying still.

Approaching closer to investigate, Shao Qing found that the zombies were still alive. Waiting at the side, after a while they saw that the zombies would regain their ability to move. She and Gu Panpan then immediately went to take care of the rest of the zombies.

"From our experiments, if we find one or two zombies, we can kill them. If there are more, then we can only temporarily cause them to lose their ability to move. Ordinary zombies will need about ten seconds to recover while rank two zombies can only be restricted for about 3-5 seconds. Zombies within ten meters wouldn't be able to escape, but the effect would worsen as the distance increases." Shao Qing sensibly analyzed her findings. "However, Han Qing is only rank one right now. Once he improves his rank, his strength will also increase."

Hearing this, Yan Hanqing didn't feel dispirited at all. After all, just having this super power was already a massive improvement from before. Gradually increasing his rank, eventually he'll be able to help Shao Qing a lot more.

After distributing the crystals to everyone, Shao Qing looked at the map. “We’re going to arrive at Hanqing’s home soon. Everybody eat some food, right in front is the fork in the road. This afternoon, we’re not going to be stopping to take a break.”

Shao Qing didn’t need to eat, so she was responsible for driving while the rest ate something at the back. Shao Tong even gave a little food to Xiao Baozi. As Shao Qing drove, she saw that up ahead was a big river, but the bridge to cross the river had collapsed causing this path to be blocked. Shao Qing had to ask Yan Hanqing: “Is there another way?”

Yan Hanqing thought for a while. “Past that mountain up ahead would lead us straight to our village’s cemetery. People say that the Feng Shui there is rather good. A cemetery was built in the land of our village, so a road was being built on the mountain. We should be able to walk that path.”

Shao Qing nodded her head and turned the car into the mountain. The mountain repair wasn’t that wide, just enough for one car to go through. If it just so happens that there was another car coming over, then it would not fit.

As they went down the path, they didn’t encounter anything else, thus they were able to safely pass the mountain. Arriving at their destination, they were able to see the cemetery that Yan Hanqing had mentioned.

The cemetery was located beside where the village’s original cemetery was. After being taken over, a new cemetery was built based on establishing good Feng Shui. This made a lot of people go to the new cemetery to buy spots, but it was only the rich families who wanted good Feng Shui spots to bury their loved ones.

Because of the apocalypse, the cemetery was deserted. When Shao Qing passed the cemetery she was even able to see that a lot of burial mounds have been dug up with bones left on the side. Shao Qing reckoned it was probably the wild beasts taking it to eat.

The newly constructed cemetery had an impressive atmosphere, while Yan Hanqing’s village cemetery seemed rather cold and poor. They were small burial mounds where they weren’t even lined up neatly. Yan Hanqing soon found his father’s cemetery and rushed to kneel in front of the grave.

“Dad, I’m back.”

Yan Hanqing immediately recalled the words that he had spoken to his mom. No matter what, I will replace Dad to protect you, yet he wasn't able to do anything.

Yan Hanqing's mother's corpse was still in quality condition. Besides the layer of ice, it seemed like she was actually still alive.

Using his hands, Yan Hanqing started to slowly dig out a grave. After almost dying once, his body has become extremely durable and strong.

Shao Qing and the rest didn't help him. They just stood to the side watching as he pried open the coffin. This was because they all knew that Yan Hanqing had to vent out his frustrations and this was the best route.

Within the coffin there was a box containing ashes. Yan Hanqing placed his mother inside and then placed the ash container on his mother's chest. Looking at it for a long time, he slowly closed up the coffin and buried it underground.

Finally, Yan Hanqing kneeled in front of the gravestone. Using a military knife, he slowly engraved his mother's name on the tombstone, side by side, with his father's name.

At that moment, Shao Qing felt that Yan Hanqing's back was ready to collapse. She could imagine how Yan Hanqing was struggling to survive with his mother during the apocalypse and when he had finally found hope...

His mother was most likely all his hopes and motivation to fight. This is probably why Yan Hanqing is at such a loss now that he was burying his mother.

The blank Yan Hanqing saw a quick glimpse of Shao Qing and his entire body began to slowly calm down as if he had a goal to live for.

Shao Qing had always felt that people like Yan Hanqing were too weary. Spending his entire life living for other people, but carefully thinking about it, wasn't she the same? Isn't her family the reason she strives to live?

"Let's go..." Yan Hanqing looked at his own palm. The fingertips that had been worn from digging out the grave had long since healed. The speed of that recovery was almost as good as Er Dai's.

"We're staying here for two days." Shao Qing shook her head. "I saw a lot of graves in

the cemetery next to me that has had their bodies dragged out and eaten. I'm worried that there might be beasts nearby. Just in case..... we should stay around for a bit to observe."

Yan Hanqing looked at Shao Qing and the rest with gratitude and a bit of embarrassment. Ultimately it was because of his matters that had cause them to delay so much. But he didn't say thank you aloud, instead he had that friendship recorded in his heart.

"First, let's go to my house to settle down." Yan Hanqing suggested: "My family is at the edge of the village, and coming and going would be quite convenient."

"Ok." Shao Qing nodded her head and took the group of people to Yan Hanqing's home. The bungalows were located in the gardens. Covered with stainless steel casings, during the winter they would use a plastic film, while during the summer they would use synthetic fiber screens which would help prevent mosquitoes and protect them from rain and snow.

Yan Hanqing's family was also the same. So if they didn't have the key, they wouldn't be able climb the wall to gain access. They could only try to break open the door. Originally, Gu Panpan wanted to use violence to gain entry, but he was pulled back by Gu Chuan. Taking out a military knife, he cut off the lock.

For a long time no one had lived in the house thus there was dust and cobwebs everywhere. When the door was opened, dust came flying up everywhere. Everyone had to cover their nose and mouth as they walked in.

"My mother had planted some vegetables in the yard, but when we were leaving we had taken it away with us..." Yan Hanqing smiled as he reminisced his time with his mother. Once they arrived at the yard, they saw that in the middle of the yard was some kind of plant with a few twisted green vegetables around it.

"It actually... grew again." Gu Panpan opened his eyes wide and clapped his palms together: "Tonight let's eat some stir fry veggies!"

Shao Qing pushed open the door to the living room: "Don't just think about eating. Set things down first, we still need to distribute the night shifts at the graveyard."



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