

BOOT CAMP 1241

Chapter 1241: See How Good She Is

A few soldiers put on their diving suits and flipped off the rubber dinghy. The three 'water ghosts' were less than two nautical miles away from them. They quietly floated to the surface of the sea and noted down the names of the soldiers who went down first.

Being eliminated during the first round did not mean that they were allowed to pack their things and return to the original units. The Demon King's selection was never done according to the normal procedure. It had always been the Demon King's style to find potential candidates from the eliminated soldiers.

These soldiers who came from various troops had been screened in their original troops. Their individual comprehensive ability was considered quite good. The likely reason they got eliminated in the first round could be that they had not adapted to the training method and thus became a burden.

The only way to make a final judgment was to observe their ability to respond, survive, and react quickly.

It was like finding gold in the sand. One had to put in the effort.

Waves rose and fell on the surface of the sea. The rubber dinghy was high and low at times. The soldiers took turns to stand guard with the starry sky above their heads. They surveyed the sea intently. Once they discovered anything, they would inform their comrades immediately.

The lightweight special warship was slightly less turbulent due to its draft. Ye Jian changed into her navy training uniform and ate simple canned food with the soldiers on the special warship. They bobbed all the way to the skerry.

Ye Jian didn't get seasick. She could still make use of the turbulence to catch up on her sleep. The situation was unexpectedly good.

The lightweight special battleship reached the shore 15 minutes earlier than expected. Li Jinnian, who had been waiting by the sea, suddenly turned around and said to his teammate with the code name 'Big Whale' beside him, "Take a look first, then bring her to a single tent to rest. If necessary, try the 'waters' and let me know."

"That's not very kind. She's a female soldier after all. Are you trying to intimidate her?" Great Whale was a little surprised. He advised softly, "Let's be gentle for now. I'm afraid the person sent by the army has some status."

Li Jinnian's lips twitched into a smile. "She has no status. I've already looked through the information. Her mother is even a martyr." He decided not to change his mind. He glanced at the lightweight special warship that had stopped and patted Big Whale on the shoulder before leaving with a cold expression.

Even Xia Jinyuan thinks that this female soldier was not bad. She should be good. It will be good to let Big Whale test the waters first and see if it was true or not.

“How do you want me to test the daughter of a martyr? There aren’t many people in the army who can swim well, right? The lightweight special warship will stop about 30 meters away from us. Can she swim 30 meters while carrying a backpack? If I go over and scare her and she chokes on water... Demon King, be careful of the commander’s fist.”

Big Whale was a little worried. He wasn’t familiar with the new female soldier and didn’t know if she was good with water. If he accidentally injures her or lets her get swept away by the seawater... That wouldn’t be a joke.

Li Jinnian could tell that his team member was treating the new female soldier like a normal elite soldier, so he reminded her calmly, “She is a reserve Special Forces soldier.”

It meant: Don’t underestimate her.

Big Whale’s expression suddenly turned serious as he nodded. “She has some background, but I’m afraid something might happen.”

“Act according to the situation. I’ll leave it to you,” Li Jinnian said as he walked towards the campsite.

“Underwater or above water?” Big Whale’s excited voice came from behind. Li Jinnian, who was walking under the starry sky, made a gesture. Big Whale took off his training uniform and blended into the surroundings as if he became invisible. Under the starlight, a strong figure dived into the water.

If he wants to test underwater, so be it. He had never fought with a female Special Forces soldier before. This will be interesting!

Chapter 1242: Special Welcoming Ceremony

Ye Jian, who was preparing to disembark, thanked the lieutenant colonel who sent her off. Then, she clutched the waterproof backpack issued by the Navy Equipment Department and went straight into the water from the stern of the lightweight special warship.

“Do you see the red laser dot flashing on the reef? Someone is already waiting for you. Just swim over directly.” The Navy Lieutenant Colonel who had made connection to the skerry half-squatted and smiled at the female soldier whose face was only the size of his palm and eyes who were as bright as the stars. “It’s less than 30 meters away. Just swim over directly.”

The lightweight special warships were different from air-cushioned landing crafts. The ship could not reach the skerry which did not have a harbor and could only stop at a sea level that the draft allowed.

Ye Jian was thrown forward by a wave the moment she came down. She only managed to wave her hand and swam towards the skerry.

Compared to the water ghosts, Ye Jian’s swimming speed was neither fast nor slow.

After all, she had also trained at the beach for a month, but she did not train as systematically as the water ghosts.

The tiger on land was the “Snow Region Brigade”, and the dragon in the sea was the “Storm Commando Unit”. As a reserve member of the Snow Region Brigade, Ye Jian entered the sea dragon’s territory. Xia Jinyuan reminded her to be vigilant when she entered the water, in case there was a special welcoming ceremony.

Once Big Whale entered the sea, it was like a dragon returning to the sea. Every day, his feet were tied with sandbags as he made a 5,000-meter cross-country run. Every week, he would swim 5,000 meters twice. His feet had extremely powerful water-breaking abilities. The speed at which he swam 200 meters with just a few breaststrokes was definitely not something one could imagine.

By the time Ye Jian swam to the surface, the lightweight special warship had already left. Their destination was not the skerry, but they needed to pass through Li Jinnian’s training ground.

As the lightweight special warship left, Ye Jian, who was drenched, carried her backpack and swam towards the shore.

Four years of training allowed Ye Jian to remain calm even when facing the unpredictable and dangerous sea. Listening to the sound of the waves, she moved her hands and swam towards the shore at a moderate speed.

After swimming for about five meters, Ye Jian’s calm gaze suddenly turned sharp. She looked at the sea surface that was about three meters away from her left... She has been targeted by a “water ghost”!

Fighting in the waters was her weakness, so it would be troublesome if she was targeted. But, just as Captain Xia said, it suited Li Jinnian’s style!

Big Whale was surprised when Ye Jian’s gaze landed on him. His eyes narrowed and he smiled.

She was so sharp. He had just come out of the water to observe her, yet she had already noticed him. He wanted to clap and cheer her just on her sharp senses alone.

However, being sharp was not enough. He still needed to see her reaction speed underwater. Compared to on land, her reaction speed underwater was several times more demanding!

As the ancient Roman politician Cicero pointed out, “Whoever rules the waves rules the world.” From this, one could see the importance of a nation’s control over the ocean, and from this, one could see how strict the frogmen commando unit was on their members’ physical fitness.

Big Whale was a qualified water ghost who had undergone strict and systematic training. As a soldier trained by the army to become an all-round Special Forces, Ye Jian had lost the upper ground to fight Big Whale in the water.

But it wouldn’t be a reason for Ye Jian to back down.

She took off her inflatable backpack at the fastest speed, drew her dagger, and faced the “water ghost” who was grabbing her ankle.

Chapter 1243: Underwater Performance

“Water” and “land” were completely different existences. Although the former could be felt all around the body, it would never give one the sense of security that “land” gave. In all directions, once the pervasive water surrounded you, the fatal suffocation would follow closely, and the deepest fear of mother nature would follow closely.

Holding the underwater combat dagger in her hand, Ye Jian turned around. The first thing she did was float to the surface and breathe heavily. Then, she attacked the “water ghost” who wanted to lock her feet again.

Using the buoyancy of the water, Ye Jian twisted her legs forcefully and spun her entire body three times like a spinning top. If she used too much strength, a small whirlpool would appear in the water.

With her lower limbs still locked, she could still borrow the power of her lower limbs to spin her entire body. This move involuntarily made Big Whale’s face reveal some surprise.

Didn’t they say that the female soldier came from the army? How did she know the key to underwater combat?

They could only communicate through hand signals when they were moving in the water. Otherwise, Big Whale might have directly asked Ye Jian if she was once a navy soldier.

Ye Jian didn’t give Big Whale too much time to think. After her right leg was freed, she lifted her leg and kicked the other party’s shoulder with the decisiveness of a Special Forces soldier.

The training effects of her endurance and weighted run appeared. Although there was buoyancy in the water, Ye Jian’s legs were strong enough to kick Big Whale that he had to take two steps back.

Underwater combat could not be fought with brute force, or it would speed up the exhaustion.

Big Whale was shocked. Ye Jian who was freed knew that she couldn’t fight like she did on land. Although the kick landed on the water ghost’s shoulder, she used up a lot of energy.

The change in the point of impact became the biggest obstacle in underwater combat. Without any support, the water created buoyancy and pressure on the human body. At the same time, it also affected the force of every movement. The lethality was reduced to a dismaying level!

Just now, if it was a land fight, her kick would definitely have sent the “water ghost” flying instead of just letting him take two steps back!

She had to think of a way!

Ye Jian managed to break free from the lock twice in a row. She stopped fighting and swam towards the shore with a tense expression!

Big Whale laughed in his heart when he saw this. Although the female soldier was fast, she was not as fast as him. The water was the water ghosts’ world! The army soldier will have to be slightly inferior.

The sound of waves came from behind her. Ye Jian, who was swimming forward at her fastest speed, only swam for less than two meters before she realized that she had made a serious and low-level mistake.

If she were to compete with the water ghost in swimming speed, wouldn't she be throwing an egg at a rock?!

Ye Jian, who had always been rational, realized that she had made a mistake. She came up with a countermeasure in a second. If she couldn't escape, she could only make the first move!

When fighting underwater, the body was mostly in a prone position. Fighting with a water ghost that was familiar with underwater combat required one to rapidly change the body's condition... How could one change the body's condition and find the best point to withstand the force?

Hence, Ye Jian released her inflatable backpack and dived into the water. For the time being, she will have to hide from the water ghost.

Without any advantages in the water, if Ye Jian wants to escape, she needs to fight and retreat quickly... Ye Jian hid and recalled as she played hide-and-seek with Big Whale.

Since the other party did not have any diving equipment, he would not be able to stay under the water for too long, just like her. Also, he used the 'lock' movement just now, which meant that there was a 'lock' in underwater combat.

Chapter 1244: Are We Still Fighting?

If that was the case, she could perform a "hug" and also... From Big Whale's "lock", Ye Jian, whose lips curled up gradually, grasped another key movement: "grab"!

She hugged the water ghost from behind, locked him tightly, and attacked him with a grab!

Land-based combat had a series of complex and ever-changing movements such as striking, hitting, kicking, and locking. Since one can't get injured in the water, she could not complicate the underwater combat movements, she had to simplify them!

Once it was complicated, it would consume even more energy!

Fast, accurate, and ruthless reactions, coupled with grabbing, hugging, stabbing, slashing, and locking techniques... Ye Jian narrowed her eyes and revealed a bloody smile in the darkness.

Since Demon King Li's welcoming ceremony was so unique, then she would give it a try! In a fight like this, even if she lost, she would lose fair and square!

On the other side, Big Whale started to panic. The female soldier suddenly disappeared from the surface of the sea and he went into the water wearing only a diving suit without any equipment. If the waves really swept the female soldier away, he would really become a sinner!

After searching for about four minutes, Big Whale, who had popped out of the water to look, suddenly saw a human head coming up three meters away from him. He held the backpack Ye Jian had thrown off and raised his eyebrows. She was swimming towards him. Was she afraid?

This was one thing bad about female soldiers. Sometimes, they get afraid of the water and sometimes, they get afraid of the dark! When he tested her just now, he thought that she was interesting, but in the end, it was still boring.

Instantly, Big Whale lost interest. Since she was an army soldier, she should stay in the army.

“Carry your backpack properly. Don’t get swept hundreds of meters away with each wave. We will have to send people to...” Before the word ‘save you’ could come out of his mouth, all he could see were the waves of the sea. Not a soul could be seen.

“Not good!” Big Whale, who suddenly felt a sense of danger, hurriedly shook off the backpack and dived into the water like a fish.

Although he reacted fast enough, he was still a step behind Ye Jian who had a plan. His neck was locked in an instant. The dagger that was still in its sheath stabbed towards his waist.

Big Whale raised his hand and elbowed Ye Jian’s waist. Then, he hugged Ye Jian’s arm with one hand and used his legs to adjust his balance in the water.

Seeing his speed and resistance, Ye Jian knew that she couldn’t win. When he wanted to grab her neck, Ye Jian adjusted her balance and stretched her hand towards the water ghost’s face.

If I can’t win... then I’ll leave a mark!

In the chilly seawater, Big Whale felt cold sweat running down his back. In just four or five minutes, she had gone from simple kicking to hugging, grabbing, striking and stabbing!

He had relied on his advantage as a “water ghost” to escape after a few counterattacks.

Even so, his spine was still dulled by the sheathed dagger she had yet to remove.

Feeling the killing intent from Ye Jian, Big Whale swam back about a meter and shouted, “Stop, stop, stop. We can go ashore now!”

“Is there no need to fight anymore?” Ye Jian hugged her backpack tightly. Her voice was cold as if it was wrapped in water, cold and heavy. “It isn’t considered as my loss, right?”

Big Whale wiped away the seawater from his face and chuckled. He stretched out a hand that was so taut that even his fingers were firm. “No fighting, no fighting anymore. Please forgive me for offending you during our first meeting. I’m Big Whale. The Demon King sent me to bring you ashore.”

How could that be called a loss? It made him tremble in fear.

Chapter 1245: Not an Ordinary Female Soldier

“Hello, I’m Ye Jian.” Ye Jian smiled and reached out her hand. After briefly introducing herself, she fastened her backpack and swam towards the shore.

In less than ten minutes of combat, her stamina had been depleted as though she had run for a few hours with a heavy load, and even her breathing was a little unsteady. On the other hand, the frogman called “Big Whale” beside her was breathing steadily. Although she had landed two strikes, she would definitely lose in a long fight.

Ye Jian narrowed her eyes which were full of interest. Captain Xia was right. She could learn a lot from Demon King Li. Even if it was less than two months, she would benefit a lot!

When the salty and wet sea breeze blew at Ye Jian when she reached the shore, she didn’t feel cold. Instead, she felt comfortable.

The feeling of stepping on solid ground and no longer being surrounded by water was too good!

Big Whale, who was used to bringing up the rear, pointed to the front of the dark reef and said with a smile, “The camp is in front, and the conditions aren’t too good. Please be understanding when you see it later.”

He was being quite polite. Was it because she was a female soldier?

“Would you say this to other recruits too?” Ye Jian smiled and asked. Her military boots stepped on the sand. It felt soft and comfortable. “Or is it because I’m a female soldier?”

She had a murderous aura around her, her movements were aggressive, and she could react quickly in the water. She was able to catch the enemy off-guard. Such a female soldier will not be a nobody even if she was a female soldier!

Big Whale bent down and picked up the training uniform that he had taken off before entering the water. He laughed and said, “No, no. It’s true that you’re a female soldier, but you’re definitely not an ordinary female soldier. I’ve already seen it for myself just now.”

“Not an ordinary female soldier?” Li Jinnian stared at Big Whale that had returned to report to him. His cold voice was slightly dark. “Apart from her quick reaction, what else is special about her?”

The male soldiers did not live in tents. Even Li Jinnian was the same. He lived in a simple hut built from plants growing on the reef island. It was as bright as day as he had turned on the solar lights.

The bare-armed Big Whale sat on a rock. His tanned face was serious as he replied, “She has the same murderous aura as us. I am sure that she has carried out confidential missions.”

” She not only reacted quickly. On the way to her tent, I asked her how she thought of hugging my neck from behind. How do you think she answered?” Originally, he wanted to keep him in suspense, but Li Jinnian only raised his head and looked at him coldly. Big Whale rubbed his nose in embarrassment and quickly replied, “She said that because I ‘locked’ her legs tightly and the pressure underwater, she

thought that the biggest difference between fighting on land and in water is the simplicity. You can hug with a lock, and you should grab after hugging. That's probably the key to underwater combat."

He had only locked her legs, but in the end, she had thought of so many things and even thought of the right idea... How smart!

The expressionless Li Jinnian raised an eyebrow slightly. After a while, he said calmly, "No wonder the army insisted on sending her here."

"I think this female soldier is interesting. Isn't she not even 19 years old? Why do I feel like she has been a soldier for a few years?" Big Whale finally asked the biggest question he had after fighting Ye Jian. "There is even a possibility that she had been on a life-and-death mission. Why does it sound a little..."

Big Whale deliberated for a moment before saying softly, "Outrageous."

Li Jinnian, who had seen Ye Jian's personal information, didn't know what life-and-death mission she had gone on. However, based on her four years of training as a Special Forces soldier, it wasn't outrageous at all.

Chapter 1246: First Meeting with Demon King Li

After pondering for a moment, Li Jinnian, who had been judging Ye Jian, asked again, "What expression did she have after seeing tomorrow's training plan?"

Big Whale thought for a moment, then shook his head. "No expression. She only replied with a 'got it'. She did not say anything else."

Ye Jian, who had undergone strict training, was already used to having the mindset of "military orders are inviolable". No matter how much she disagreed with the training plan, it wouldn't change.

Li Jinnian's handsome face finally broke into a smile when he heard this. It was like a beautiful rainbow that had appeared on a snowy mountain.

Fortunately, Big Whale did not look up. Instead, he lowered his head to guess Ye Jian's background. Li Jinnian's smile was like the wind blowing in the snow. He regained his original expression within a second as if he had not smiled.

While the two of them were discussing, Ye Jian had already changed her clothes and zipped up the tent. In the dark, she looked up at the night sky where she could touch the dazzling stars if she reached out her hand. As she looked, she closed her eyes.

When she opened her eyes again, it was time for the morning assembly at five o'clock. There was no whistle or bugle call. She had to wake up on her own.

Ye Jian, who arrived ten minutes early, didn't appear immediately. She hid behind the reef and firstly observed under the faint light. Last night, the meaningful gaze Big Whale gave her before he left made her feel that... the morning assembly wouldn't be too simple.

There was someone standing on the beach with his hands behind his back. The figure standing in the faint light was vague and mysterious. He was very tall, at least 1.85 meters[1] tall. His limbs were long and well-proportioned. He stood motionless as if he had been standing there for a thousand years.

What surprised Ye Jian was the aura he exuded. It was different from Xia Jinyuan's imposing aura that was so steady that it made her feel at ease.

His aura was turbulent and bone-chilling. It was as if a snow mountain was about to collapse. It carried a powerful aura that could destroy everything.

This aura made Ye Jian retract her gaze immediately. She didn't want Li Jinnian to notice her. Her instincts told her that the person standing in front of her must be Li Jinnian.

Three water ghosts swept across the beach like ghosts. They hugged the bare tree and climbed up the tree in the blink of an eye.

The sound of seagulls could be heard coming from the trees. It was a secret signal between them.

Ye Jian was invigorated. As expected, the morning assembly wouldn't go smoothly!

It was seven minutes to 5 am when five figures trotted out from the left in a line. The line was neat, and they were chanting "one, two, one". They looked neat and energetic.

Li Jinnian's gaze suddenly darkened. He raised his hand slightly and several figures rushed out from the crowd. A few of them fell to the ground in the blink of an eye.

"Are you kidding me? A sneak attack early in the morning! Do you still want us to train?"

"Is it interesting? Is it interesting?"

There were still two people in front who could fight back and say something before their mouths were covered. The other three Navies were directly pressed down on the beach and a murderous low bellow came from above their heads, "Shut up, lest you want to eat a mouthful of sand."

Ye Jian, who had witnessed everything, heaved a sigh of relief. All of a sudden, her hair stood on end. She rolled forward two times and dodged the sneak attack from the person on the reef.

"Huh?" The water ghost jumped down from the reef and exclaimed in surprise. His exclamation contained a few different connotations.

Chapter 1247: Mighty Military

One, what quick reflexes. Two, she looks unfamiliar. Three, a female soldier. Four, the female soldier from the army!

It turned out that the person hiding in the dark was a female soldier sent by the army. The water ghost smiled. "The Demon King said that you should stay by the side and watch the show. You don't have to participate."

After saying that, he propped one hand on the reef and disappeared in front of Ye Jian.

Ye Jian, who was kneeling on one knee and supporting herself with one hand on the beach, pursed her lips slightly. She had only glanced at him once just now and he had noticed her in less than a second.

Four minutes before the five o'clock assembly, the twenty-four Navies remaining after the first round of elimination were given an appetizer by the group of water ghosts early in the morning.

Within ten minutes, all the 24 soldiers had collapsed to the ground. One by one, they crawled up with dirtied faces and downhearted expressions and puffed out their chests as they gathered.

Ye Jian was already among them. She was standing at the end of the first row.

She was a new recruit, there was nothing wrong with her standing there.

Li Jinnian's gaze slid past her face. His cold voice penetrated the sea breeze and reached Ye Jian's ears clearly.

"End of warm-ups. We will begin the formal training."

He did not say anything else. He didn't even think of introducing Ye Jian. He pointed at the equipment that was three meters away. "Equipment, 2 minutes."

They only have two minutes to change into their equipment!

After a month of devilish elimination training, the remaining 24 soldiers rushed over without even taking a breath and began to change their equipment... "shoes"!

The shoes were no ordinary shoes. They were specially made iron-sand weighted shoes for frogmen!

"Just slip into your shoes." A water ghost in training attire reminded Ye Jian and swiftly retreated to the side. He stared at his stopwatch and got ready to call for a stop anytime.

Ye Jian put on the shoes and realized the abnormality of the "shoes". She tied the shoelaces and lifted one foot to test its weight. One was... about two kilograms[1]. Two shoes weighed four kilograms.

Crossing five kilometers around the skerry wearing a pair of shoes weighing four kilograms. The brutality of frogmen training was evident.

"Her condition is good. Her speed is comparable to that of the male soldiers. However, their endurance might be slightly better." The water ghost, who had been observing Ye Jian, reported the situation to Li Jinnian. Most of the time, his gaze was on Ye Jian. "Her breathing rate is stable. There isn't much stagnation between the bowing of knees and lifting of legs..."

As a soldier who suddenly appeared out of nowhere, and a female soldier at that, Ye Jian did not experience the first few basic PST screening tests of the Storm Commando Unit. Thus, she naturally became the focus of observation.

Li Jinnian's understanding of Ye Jian was based on the information he received from the army. To him, this information was only about her performance in the army. No matter how outstanding her performance was, it didn't mean that she would be outstanding in the frogmen unit.

Even after hearing Big Whale's response last night, Li Jinnian still maintained his original attitude. She needed to undergo training before he could confirm whether Ye Jian was qualified to stay.

"Demon King, there's news from Big Eel. Three soldiers can return." A soldier dressed in navy sailor attire walked over. After saluting, he smiled and said, "Big Eel and company will bring them back now. However, the rubber dinghy floated a little far away. It needs to be brought back by a patrol boat."

"The main thing is to bring back Big Eel and the rest who are fully equipped. Otherwise, they will have to swim for another day before they can get back."

Chapter 1248: A Little Ruthless

Li Jinnian glanced at his watch and said to his comrade, "Anchor at the harbor and check their health condition first. Let them assemble at the skerry by 8 pm tonight."

"Okay, I'll contact Big Eel immediately." The comrade with the codename Big Shark tiptoed and glanced at the folder in Li Jinnian's hand. He smiled and asked, "Last night, Big Whale came back and told me that the female soldier from the army is quite capable. How do you plan to train her?"

"A female soldier. Didn't our team say that we won't recruit female soldiers? Why did the commander agree? Did he sign a life and death contract? Our team has only been established for less than two years. Demon King, you have to take it easy."

He was afraid that he would be too ruthless during training and accidentally kill her.

After all, everyone knew that female soldiers had weaker resistance to pressure than male soldiers, and their bodies and bones were also weaker than male soldiers. Especially in a deep-sea diving area with a depth of more than 100 meters, the difference between the male and female psychological quality was even more obvious.

Female soldiers would often feel immense psychological pressure due to special environmental factors underwater. They would lose control of their emotions, and once they panicked, a serious diving accident would occur.

It was not as if such a thing had never happened before. Big Shark was worried because such cases had happened before.

Li Jinnian handed the documents over to his comrade so that he wouldn't have a cramp from tip-toeing. "After the morning training, take her for a checkup to see if there are any problems with her respiratory system. Also, take a look at her tolerance for oxygen deprivation and high carbon dioxide."

"Right after the morning training?" Big Shark did not shirk away from the folder. He took it and looked through it. As he spoke, he lowered his head to open the folder. A look of surprise immediately appeared on his face. "Wow, what a beautiful resume! She started training in the second year of junior

high, and it was even special forces training. When I was in my second year of junior high, I was still thinking about how to climb a tree to dig for bird nests.”

“Huh? Why isn’t the person who trained her written here? How can special forces training succeed without the guidance of an expert?... She participated in the International Science Olympiad and got gold! Wow, she has a high IQ! She’s familiar with all kinds of guns and ammunition, she reassembled all kinds of guns while blindfolded and is a sniper...”

As Big Shark read on, his eyes widened. When he saw the last paragraph, he slammed the folder shut and stuffed it back into Li Jinnian’s hands. He pretended to wipe off their cold sweat and said with lingering fear, “What a scary resume! The last part is even scarier. She’s the national science champion! After all this, she’s still a student! No wonder you didn’t show it to us. One look and it’ll make us seem weak.”

She skipped a year in school and spent the time on training. Plain, snowy mountain, desert, sea, jungle... Damn it, there was nowhere she had not been. She had gone further than him!

This female soldier must be very strong! Could it be that her gender was “female” but her actions and appearance were “male”?

Looking at such a scary resume, it was not impossible.

For some reason, Big Shark was a little worried... It was easy to forget the gender of a female soldier who looked like a “man”. What if they forgot that she was a “woman” one day and took off their clothes in front of her... Wouldn’t it be too awkward?

After thinking about it, he wiped his face and said, “It seems like the army is focusing on nurturing her, that’s why they sent her to you. Demon King, if such a person were to join our team, we can’t deal with it.”

It was obvious that the army wanted to nurture Ye Jian. However, what the army wanted had nothing to do with Li Jinnian. He only knew that she had to listen to the navy’s arrangements here.

Chapter 1249: Water Ghosts’ Specialty

“Although her resume is pretty, that’s only in the army. Now that she’s in the frogmen unit, no matter how complicated her past experiences are, she has to start all over again.” Li Jinnian looked at the time again, turned on his headset, and connected to a water ghost that he had been observing. “Big Prawn, how’s the situation?”

After a moment of static was heard from the headset, a rough voice was heard. “Maintain your original speed, keep your breathing rate like usual, lift your leg smoothly. Demon King, why didn’t you tell me that Ye Jian is... quite pretty. One minute ago, we bumped into each other and I was dazzled. She’s even more mesmerizing than a coral reef!”

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To be able to describe a person’s beauty with the colorful coral reefs was a characteristic of water ghosts.

Li Jinnian never cared about whether a woman was beautiful or not. Before the army sent the documents over, there wasn't even a photo of her. When they assembled, the sky was still dark and he didn't get a good look at her face. All he felt was that she was too slender and didn't seem to fit the resume.

"Keep a close eye on her. We'll know whether she's good or bad by today. If it doesn't work out, we'll send her back to the base tonight." It was still the same words. The good ones would stay, and the bad ones would leave. They can stay in their original unit and be good soldiers there and can forget about joining the frogman commando unit.

Li Jinnian's requirements to select his teammates could be considered strict. He wasn't deliberately making things difficult for them. He was taking responsibility for the load on his shoulders and life.

He did not want to see any sacrifices. Even though he knew that sacrifices were inevitable, he would do his best to prevent his comrades from sacrificing themselves and let them continue serving the country.

He also did not want to see people trying to fish in troubled waters. That would be blasphemy to the country, disrespect to the military, and even more so contempt for life!

Ye Jian knew that she was being watched by a water ghost. It was not a difficult thing for her to wear specially-made shoes filled with iron sand. From the first day of sniper training, her hands were tied with iron balls, and her legs were tied with sandbags. At the end, she ran back and forth around the field of the new recruits' camp in Fujun Town with weights. She held the sniper rifle and stood motionless in the scorching sun, heavy rain, and heavy snow for four hours.

However, the feeling of jogging with sandbags tied around one's feet was different from wearing specialized shoes. The biggest difference was that the soles of these specialized shoes were very hard. It was either sand or stone around the skerry. When one lifted one's feet, one would use more strength and consume more energy.

After running for about 40 minutes, the distance between the soldiers gradually became more distinct. The soldier at the front was 100 meters ahead of the last soldier.

Big Prawn, who was in charge of keeping an eye on the female soldier, rubbed his chin thoughtfully as he contacted Li Jinnian, "Demon King, is that female soldier hiding something? She's still maintaining a decent speed after 40 minutes. Apart from her breathing becoming rapid, nothing else has changed."

"Five years of training can't be faked. She has the ability to show you what she's capable of," Li Jinnian said as he started cooking with a few other teams. There was nothing apart from seafood surrounding the island. The food they prepared was all seafood. If one were to calculate the market price of the meal, it would cost at least 2,000 yuan.

Using a combat knife, he sliced a piece of meaty and delicious fish into thin slices and placed it on top of a big shell. The raw conch meat was placed on top. When the 24 Navies and Ye Jian came back, they could have a seafood feast.

In order to train their will to survive and speed up the pace of training and the pace of life for the frogmen, there wasn't a single bit of cooked food on the island apart from drinking water, not even a single biscuit. They had to be self-reliant.

As for starting a fire, that was even more impossible.

Chapter 1250: A Sound in the Flatlands

The training of the Storm Commando Unit was as confidential as the training of the Snow Region Brigade. From the formation to the establishment of the team, it was top secret. Even for this batch of Navies who were currently in the selection, they only knew that they would become frogmen, that they would be trained under the hands of Li Jinnian, who was known as the "Demon King" in the Navy. They didn't know that once they stood out, they would become a "sharp knife" in the Navy!

China's military power had always been unveiled without fanfare and would not show its strength easily. Especially after the war in the Southern Union this year and once again recognizing the military strength of Western countries, China dared not let down its guard.

If the Western countries have SEALs, China needs a Storm Commando Unit. If the Western countries have Alpha Group, China has the Snow Region Brigade. There are many unknown special forces in the West. China also has unknown special forces.

Everything was carried out in secret. Even the selection competition was kept a secret.

For example, the Storm Commando Unit took all the materials from the environment for their meals. When they leave, they could clean up very quickly, and they wouldn't leave any traces behind. For big movements like starting a fire, it was impossible to have such good things before leaving the skerry.

As time ticked by, the red sun slowly rose from the horizon. Its radiance illuminated the entire sea with blue waves and white foam. This was the ocean of China. Like the mainland, it needed protection and could not be violated by other countries.

The morning breeze blew gently on the surface of the sea, and the waves that had yet to calm down continuously hit the black reefs that had stood for countless years. At the end of the reef, a figure jogged over and gradually appeared in front of the water ghosts who were preparing breakfast with determination.

The water ghost who was keeping watch at the front let out a soft "huh", pressed down on his headset, and hurriedly reported, "Something unexpected has happened. Demon King, the female soldier who came last night unexpectedly ran first."

As soon as he finished speaking, Big Prawn, who had been secretly observing the whole time said excitedly through the headset, "Demon King, do you see the female soldiers on your side? She's impressive! She shook the male soldiers hundreds of meters away! Five kilometers with four kilograms of weight on both feet. She took fifty minutes!"

“In just five minutes, she caught up with the male soldier at the front, and in another five minutes, she completely surpassed all the male soldiers. Demon King, not only is this female soldier beautiful, but her skills are also beautiful!”

Li Jinnian paused in his actions and immediately looked up. His cold expression changed slightly as a hint of surprise flashed past his eyes.

Ten minutes earlier than he expected! Only fifteen minutes slower than the training speed of the water ghosts!

Even though it was only 15 minutes slower, Ye Jian was an army soldier before this. All her training and equipment were related to the army. It had nothing to do with the navy!

Furthermore, the water ghosts trained for a year and a half for the five-thousand-meter four-kilogram weight-bearing cross-country running to reach 35 minutes. For her to be able to achieve such results on her first run... was indeed astonishing.

Li Jinnian finally nodded slightly and said to Big Shark, “I’m looking forward to seeing her tolerance for oxygen deprivation and high carbon dioxide.”

“Finally, I didn’t hear you say you are going to chase her away.” Big Shark laughed and even whistled happily. He had said last night that the female soldier sent by the army was not bad. See, he was right!