

BOOT CAMP 1251

### **Chapter 1251: Hello, Female Soldier**

As the slender figure got closer, her facial features became clearer. Then, she stood in front of Li Jinnian and saluted, "Ye Jian, reporting! Completed 5000 meters of cross-country run!"

A group of water ghosts who were sitting boorishly looked at each other. Then, they closed their outspread legs and smiled. They lowered their heads and prepared breakfast for the soldiers.

Dozens of men had a huge appetite. They didn't have rice, noodles, dumplings, and other food. They only had fish slices and conch slices... They easily could get hungry and nauseous.

When Li Jinnian saw Ye Jian, his first reaction was not to answer her. Instead, he glanced at all the water ghosts coldly. When he saw that none of them were staring, he retracted his gaze.

Just like what Big Prawn said, the new female soldier, Ye Jian, was indeed... beautiful. The most beautiful thing was her eyes. They were as bright as stars.

He raised his hand and saluted Ye Jian. His voice was calm and indifferent as he said, "Return to the unit and rest."

"Yes!" Ye Jian turned around and put her custom-made shoes aside. She scanned her surroundings. When she saw a familiar figure, she smiled and walked over. "Big Whale, do you need my help?"

After breakfast, they would rest for a while and then swim at a depth of 500 meters. The water ghosts, who were all wearing tight black rubber diving suits, saw Ye Jian walking towards Big Whale from the corner of their eyes. A few of them coughed as if their throats were itchy.

Li Jinnian's cold gaze landed on the fake coughing water ghosts. They shrunk their neck and stared at the work on their hands... preparing breakfast!

"... You know me? How did you know?" Big Whale was just as surprised as his comrades. When he heard the meaningful and fake coughs, the pressure in his heart multiplied. He hurriedly stood up. It was broad daylight. He felt that he didn't know where to place his hands and feet. In the end, he placed them on his lower abdomen obediently... Cough, he could at least block it!

It wasn't the female soldier who felt awkward. It was the male soldier who was wearing a tight diving suit. His figure was too obvious.

With a slight smile on her lips, Ye Jian didn't seem to notice Big Whale's actions. She smiled and said, "Judging from your build and the way you looked at me when I came over just now, I think you're Big Whale."

"Have a seat. Just tell me if you need anything."

As she spoke, she took out a dagger from her waist and pointed at a few clams that hadn't been pried open. "Do you want to open this too?"

“Oh, yes, yes. If you’re hungry, you can eat first.”

She was indeed a highly intelligent female soldier. Last night, she didn’t even see his face. Today, she was able to tell that he was Big Whale based on his body shape and gaze. Her observation skills were very good.

Big Whale watched as Ye Jian skillfully cut open the clams. She didn’t remove the entire piece of meat from the shell. Instead, she removed the inedible parts and left the white and fresh meat behind. She slowly cut the meat around the shell with the military dagger in her hand. Then, she cut the bottom of the entire piece of meat horizontally. She finished shelling a clam in two minutes.

“This method of cutting is rare.” Big Whale found it interesting. There was no need to cut the meat into slices. When they were eating, they would raise one end and slurp it like noodles. “Let me learn this method. I will be able to use it in the future. Where did you learn it?”

Don’t underestimate this small talk. Big Whale had already started to make discreet inquiries.

### **Chapter 1252: The Ash-faced Water Ghost**

To best understand a person’s situation, the most direct way was to make conversation. Although it seems like a normal conversation, as long as the other party could answer your question, you would be able to get the information you want even if the other party said a few ambiguous words.

Without a doubt, Big Whale was a good conversationalist. He first praised Ye Jian and gave her a friendly impression. Then, he laughed and said that the reason why she was so good was that she had similar training in the past. Otherwise, why would she deal with these clams?

Most importantly, the questions he asked were rough but detailed. He only asked how you knew how to handle a clam. He didn’t mention any training at all. It was impossible to tell that he was investigating someone.

Ye Jian’s gaze turned serious when she heard this. The smile on her face didn’t change as she replied casually, “I went to the seaside for a while and stayed on the deserted island for a few nights.”

The calm reply made Big Whale burst into laughter. The female soldier was very vigilant. Her answer was as if she had not answered. She even told him that she knew what he wanted to ask.

“Please forgive me. It’s a habit.” As he spoke, his laughter got softer. He moved closer to Ye Jian and said softly, “We can find out anything we want about those soldiers that are running over. Our captain was so angry because he didn’t know what their original military units taught them. They didn’t have any sense of confidentiality. Unlike you, you knew what I wanted the moment I opened my mouth.”

Big Whale was born and raised on the beach. His skin was tanned and there was a metallic luster in the faint morning sun. When he laughed, his white teeth reminded Ye Jian of a great white shark. If she was a little careless, she would be bitten by him.

“As soon as you open your mouth, I feel that there are traps everywhere.” Ye Jian sliced the white and tender fish until it was as thin as the wings of a cicada. She didn’t even need to look at the fish. She raised her head and finished cutting the fish as she spoke.

The dagger that was used for combat flashed past Big Whale's eyes. He felt a chill down his spine when he saw the half-smile on her face.

It was true that female soldiers were beautiful, but they were like poisonous flowers that couldn't be touched.

There was no point in asking anymore. He believed that he wouldn't be able to get anything out of her.

Big Whale, whose intention had been exposed, didn't look embarrassed at all. He replied calmly, "No, no. We will be training together in the future so I wanted to understand you more."

Ye Jian smiled but didn't say anything. The male soldiers who were behind her came back one after another. Big Whale pretended to be calm but he felt a little awkward in his heart. He stood up and said, "I'll go over and take a look. You don't have to finish them all by yourself. Ask them to come and handle some. You can't let the male soldiers live off without doing any work. They will get used to it."

The other frogmen glanced at each other. They had a new understanding of the new female soldier.

Big Whale was the team's exclusive source of information. There was nothing he couldn't find out. However, he had never left empty-handed after saying a few words.

The female soldier sent by the army couldn't be underestimated.

Ye Jian didn't want to leave any impression on the water ghosts. She just knew that she didn't like being asked about!

If there was an inkling of it, she must stifle it to death.

"Demon King, the matter could not be settled." Big Whale used the excuse of leaving and came to Li Jinnian, who was sitting on the reef and looking out at the sea. He said with a serious expression, "She even warned me that she didn't like me making inquiries."

### **Chapter 1253: How Stuffy**

The sun had completely soared out of the sea, shining on the waves. It was as if a boat was passing by on the coastline that was as flat as the sky. Standing on the skerry, one could faintly hear the sound of a steam whistle.

Li Jinnian, who had a cold expression on his face, only opened his mouth after a long time. He said calmly, "She was sent here personally by Xia Jinyuan. If you can get information out of her easily, she wouldn't be noticed by him."

That sentence shocked Big Whale so much that he almost fell off the reef... Xia Jinyuan sent her over personally?

"Demon King, are you pulling my leg?" The serious look on Big Whale's face was replaced with a frightened look. He said in an aggrieved tone, "He fought you to the death in the past. You know that he was the one who brought her here. How can you bear to let me embarrass myself?"

He wanted to cry! This was not how you scam your comrades!

Who was Xia Jinyuan?

He was the only opponent the Demon King had acknowledged! The only person who had publicly said that he had no confidence in winning!

As for himself, sigh, there was no need to mention it. He was one of the casualties of Xia Jinyuan.

Although he wasn't in the Water Ghost Squad, there were traces of his existence.

A female soldier that was able to trouble him to send her over personally. Big Whale heaved a long sigh and rubbed his chest. His voice sounded much older. "My chest is stuffy. I'm so embarrassed. I don't have the face to see her."

To think that last night, he patted his chest and volunteered to ask about the background of the female soldier!

He even thought that he was smart by using her shelling skills to find out where she came from and whether she knew a senior navy officer.

After being seen through, he still didn't give up and asked if she had such a high sense of confidentiality because she looked through their information in advance.

The topic went back to the previous topic. He wouldn't believe that a normal female soldier could read the information of their Storm Commando Unit, even if the folder said that her mother was a martyr and that her background was nothing special.

After making two attempts, she found out everything clearly. To be honest, he felt a little embarrassed at that time.

At the same time, he felt that it was embarrassing that he tried to show off in front of others!

After the last two soldiers returned, Li Jinnian jumped down from the reef and replied calmly, "I didn't have the heart to hurt you when I saw how enthusiastic you were last night. Coincidentally, I want to see how powerful the female soldier that Xia Jinyuan sent over is. Since you volunteered, it saves me the trouble of looking for her."

"..." Big Whale almost vomited blood! He felt even more suffocated!

Li Jinnian's gaze turned dark. He needed to redirect Ye Jian's position seriously.

It could be seen from her 5000-meter cross-country run that her stamina had surpassed the 24 soldiers who had entered the second batch of elimination rounds. It just so happened that stamina was the most important thing for the frogmen, and it held an extremely important role in their training.

By analyzing the soldiers' physical fitness level, they were able to determine whether the soldiers were suitable to stay and continue training.

This was the most basic requirement. It could be seen that Ye Jian's physical fitness level was on the high side. It met his basic requirements.

However, he wasn't sure if she could pass. After all, this was her first day of training. Her body was in an excited and energetic state. The male soldiers had been training for more than a month.

Big Prawn, who was in charge of observation, jogged over. He, who was also running cross-country, had sweat dripping down his forehead. His facial features, which had tanned into wheat-colored skin, were very inconspicuous. He looked like a fisherman who relied on going out to sea to survive.

When he ran to Li Jinnian, his calm gaze suddenly changed. From an ordinary fisherman, he became a real navy soldier.

Disguise was a skill that the water ghosts had.

### **Chapter 1254: The Personality Of A Soldier**

Big Prawn's arrival made Li Jinnian stop in his tracks. He glanced coldly at Ye Jian, who was chatting with her teammates, and gestured for Big Prawn to follow him to a hidden spot.

"Demon King, I suspect that Ye Jian has undergone very strict training. I'm afraid that none of the 24 soldiers is her match," said Big Prawn in a deep voice. His words were filled with admiration for Ye Jian. "Her endurance is very good. She didn't stop to rest for a second during her cross-country run."

"Also, she is very familiar with the terrain. She knows which direction is the fastest and where the detours are which would waste her time."

"My opinion is that she won't be a burden. She might even surpass the 24 recruits."

A 5000-meter cross-country run allowed the water ghost to witness Ye Jian's strength.

A thoughtful look appeared on Li Jinnian's cold and handsome face. He said to Big Prawn, "We can't jump to a conclusion yet. We still need to do an oxygen deprivation and a high CO2 endurance test later. We can only decide if she can stay after testing these two things."

"It's better to play it safe. After all, a living person came to our team. Nothing must happen."

Ye Jian, who was already chatting with the water ghosts, didn't know that she had become the topic of the Storm Commando Unit. At this moment, she was answering a navy soldier's question. "I'm not a new recruit. I often train for cross-country with weights on my legs, so I didn't feel much when I ran."

Didn't they want to know where she came from and who she was training under? Then, she should just tell them and let them guess.

When Big Whale heard this, he stopped in his tracks and smiled bitterly.

This was good. He wouldn't be able to talk in front of Ye Jian in the future.

“Why aren’t you going over? Have you finished eating?” Big Shark who came over to look for Ye Jian patted his comrade’s shoulder. When he saw the bitter smile on his comrade’s face, he asked, “You don’t look too good. What problem did you encounter?”

Big Shark was the instructor of the unit. He could observe his comrades’ words and actions and solve their potential problems at any time.

He was the only person in the unit who could give Li Jinnian advice and make decisions.

“It’s embarrassing to think that I’m smart in front of Ye Jian.” Big Whale sighed and shook his head. “Do you think I should apologize to her?”

Big Shark raised his eyebrows and asked him calmly, “Do you still have any thoughts of looking down on her?”

“No, no, not even a little bit. I am frightened of her.”

His words made Big Shark laugh. “That’s right. If you don’t acknowledge her, you can test Ye Jian’s capabilities yourself. If not, you will have to discuss her background behind her back.”

“Demon King purposely arranged this because he heard you and Big Prawn talking about things you shouldn’t. Coincidentally, he wanted to know Ye Jian’s capabilities too so he sent both of you directly.”

“She’s strong. She can kill your contempt. If she’s weak, you can ask her to go back.”

Big Whale scratched his head with a red face. The awkwardness on his face was obvious now. “I have to apologize to her. If not, I will lose the integrity of a soldier.”

“Act like a soldier and take responsibility for what you have done! It’s only right for you to apologize. But wait for me to say it first.”

When Big Shark spoke, he was only a few meters away from Ye Jian. When he looked over, he saw her looking in his direction.

## **Chapter 1255: Untitled**

Ye Jian had already stood up. Her intuition told her that the middle-aged man walking towards her might be one of the leaders of the unit with a position second only to Li Jinnian.

Otherwise, Big Whale wouldn’t have consciously fallen behind him.

The water ghosts, who were talking to Ye Jian, lowered their heads when they saw Big Shark. They looked serious.

They didn’t remind Ye Jian of his identity. Demon King didn’t introduce Ye Jian this morning. There seemed to be a deeper meaning behind it. They didn’t mention their code names when they were chatting either.

The soldiers, whose mouths were full of fishy food, stood up one after another. Smiling, they said, “Does Vice-Captain have any orders for us?”

“Vice-Captain, you’re smiling so widely. I’m panicking. You can say what you want to say. Don’t suddenly drop a bomb on me when we are enjoying a conversation. I can’t take it anymore.” A soldier from the Northeast region said honestly. He was the only northerner on the team.

Big Shark patted his shoulder and laughed. “Enjoy your food. The next training will remain unchanged: swim fully-gearred for 500 meters. Eat more, or you won’t have the energy to swim.”

“Then I’m relieved, hehe.” The northeastern soldier was finally relieved. Ever since he came here for the frogmen selection, he had been living in fear every day. He was afraid that his heart wouldn’t be able to take it.

He wasn’t the only one who heard it. The other 23 soldiers all heaved a sigh of relief.

So he was the vice-captain of the Storm Commando Unit. Smiling, Ye Jian looked at the middle-aged man who was walking towards her. “Hello, vice-captain.”

“Little Ye, your performance this morning was not bad.” The eyes of Big Shark, who looked more mature and capable than a group of young soldiers, were burning like torches. He looked at Ye Jian amiably. “Your move really stunned us. Very few female soldiers are as capable as you.”

“Vice-Captain, you flatter me. It’s because I started training a few years earlier. I have the advantage of time. If I only trained for a year or so, I wouldn’t be able to run today even if I wanted to.”

As soon as he finished speaking, the soldiers and water ghosts that chatted with Ye Jian just now laughed out loud.

“Vice-Captain, you can’t be biased because a female soldier came.”

“Shoo, shoo, shoo. Does Ye Jian need a bias? Her military age is higher than ours! Amazing!”

“All of you, hurry up and eat your fill. Demon King is waiting for you in front.” The usually kind Big Shark smiled as he finished speaking. When he saw the fear on the faces of the soldiers, the smile on his face got deeper.

Ye Jian found it interesting. The vice-captain was amiable. He complemented Li Jinnian perfectly.

“Little Ye, come over for a moment. There’s something I need to discuss with you.” After speaking to the soldiers, Big Shark lowered his voice and said to Ye Jian, “You can’t participate in the water-related training for now. Follow me to do two tests first.”

Ye Jian, who was mentally prepared, nodded slightly and left with Big Shark.

“Oxygen deprivation and high CO2 are indispensable tests for us. You should have known before coming that the danger of the frogmen is different from that of the army.”

“We carry out missions in the water. The moment we enter the water, one of our legs will be stepping past the gates of hell. When we travel in the deep sea, we might get suffocated and drown at any

moment. If the soldiers have outstanding oxygen deprivation and high resistance against CO<sub>2</sub>, they will have a chance of survival even if it's just thirty seconds."

As he spoke, he brought Ye Jian to the back of the skerry and stepped on a small path that led to the other side of the island.

### **Chapter 1256: Female Soldiers Are Not so Petty**

The two people in front talked as they walked. They didn't seem to notice that there was a living person following them. They didn't even look back when they walked from the skerry to the beach.

When they reached the back of the skerry, Vice-Captain Big Shark pointed at a black reef island that was deep in the sea. He smiled and said to Ye Jian, "We need to walk in the water. Be careful when you enter the water. Watch your steps."

"Okay." Ye Jian knew that she was going through the training test so she didn't ask any questions. She just followed the vice-captain.

As for what he said, she just needed to listen to him and do as he said.

Big Shark, on the other hand, was a bit surprised. This girl, who wasn't officially a female soldier yet, was always surprising. Just like now, when the male soldiers that were selected by the navy came, they would ask curiously, "Why are we going into the water?"

As for her, she didn't seem to be curious at all. She completely heeded with that sentence, "A soldier's duty is to obey orders". She didn't reject the arrangements made by the higher-ups at all.

He had seen her information before. Just like Demon King, he was suspicious of the female soldier that the army suddenly sent over. Before this morning, he even wondered if he needed to arrange a boat in advance so that he could send the female soldier back.

Unexpectedly, reality taught him a lesson that left a deep impression on him. He also felt that his vision was narrow.

Before seeing it with their own eyes, no one should jump to conclusions.

Big Whale looked at the two people in front of him as if they had really forgotten about him. The awkwardness on his tanned face made him want to take an oxygen tank and swim as far away as possible.

However, he understood why the vice-captain wanted to do this. He wanted him to lower his head and make Ye Jian feel better.

Honestly, Ye Jian didn't take Big Whale's probing to heart. She had warned him and the other party stopped immediately. The matter at that time was already settled. She wasn't so petty that she needed her comrade to lower his head and apologize to her.

Ye Jian, who wanted to take off her shoes, saw the vice-captain walking into the water without taking off his. She pursed her lips into a smile and followed him.



Big Shark did not tell Big Whale to leave. Big Whale smiled bitterly and followed the female soldier into the water. It seems like Big Shark wouldn't let him leave until the female soldier talks to him.

As close comrades, they knew what each other was thinking. Actually, Big Shark was anxious too. He didn't expect that after walking for more than ten minutes, Ye Jian had not said a word to Big Whale. This showed how angry she was.

When Big Shark saw this, he sighed softly in his heart. Standing in the slightly cold seawater, he said to Ye Jian, "Little Ye, this morning, Big Whale's probing was due to my instructions. I know that you are angry. I will..."

"Vice-Captain, did you misunderstand something?" Ye Jian didn't let him finish his sentence. Halfway through, she knew what he was going to say. She said helplessly, "I didn't take what happened in the morning to heart. If you didn't mention it, I would have put it aside.

"Also, I need to make things clear to you. I'm not angry about this."

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Her gaze was sincere and there was no change in her expression. Her eyes were as clear as the seawater around them and her reflection could be seen. Her frankness made Big Shark know that they were wrong again.

After serving in the military for so many years, Big Shark, who had never made things awkward before, started blushing.

### **Chapter 1257: You Have Your Duty**

Ye Jian continued, "I came from the army and I'm a female soldier at the same time. Everyone will be surprised that I suddenly came to train under Demon King Li. Everyone knows how strict Demon King Li's training is. It's so difficult that it even shocks male soldiers."

"Vice-Captain, I understand your concerns. That's why I never asked you what training you need me to undergo or where you're bringing me to. I will obey all the arrangements the unit has made for me and try my best not to bring unnecessary trouble to the team."

"Just now, you said that you still need to give me a test and I followed you immediately. I think that I have already used my actions to tell you that my arrival will not cause trouble for the unit. I will not let the unit worry about me too. I will heed the same arrangements the unit makes for the male soldiers."

"Ever since I knew that I needed to train in the frogmen unit, I never thought of doing anything special in the team, and I never thought of leaving so easily in the face of difficulties."

"In my heart, I always thought that what a male soldier can do, as a female soldier, I can do it too. Also, if I work hard and climb up the ranks, I will never drag the team down or embarrass them."

Ye Jian's intention was clear. She hoped that the male soldiers wouldn't look at her as if she was a female soldier. She didn't want them to think that she was weak and needed the male soldiers to take care of her.

Big Shark understood what she meant. As Ye Jian spoke, his expression turned serious. After she finished speaking, Big Shark knew that he made a huge mistake.

He underestimated this proud female soldier!

Standing in the sea, he straightened his back and said in a deep voice, "I'm very sorry, Ye Jian. I apologize for my arrogance! Please forgive my ignorance!"

"Vice-Captain, you're being too serious. It's understandable that you have some misunderstandings as you don't understand me." Ye Jian smiled. Unfair things happened in the military unit too. There were bad people but up until now, she had only met soldiers with integrity.

They would change when they made mistakes and walked the talk. They were all good men.

She turned around and looked at Big Whale who was getting gradually uncomfortable. She smiled and said, "I thought that you came to test me. I didn't take what happened in the morning to heart."

"Although you didn't take it to heart, I still need to apologize to you." Her words made Big Whale heave a sigh of relief. He said slowly in a low voice, "I shouldn't have probed you this morning. I'm sorry, Ye Jian."

Sometimes, Ye Jian would feel helpless about their honesty. She waved her hand and said, "You have your responsibilities. You don't have to apologize to me. If you misunderstand my actions, I should be the one apologizing to you.

"Why don't we just stop here? There's no need to mention it anymore. Look, we've already wasted a few minutes standing here. Let's get down to business first."

Ye Jian was good at handling important matters, not to mention some small matters that she didn't take to heart. Seeing that the two of them didn't seem to have recovered from their serious expressions, she decided to walk in the water.

The moment she took a step, the two of them reacted immediately and said in unison, "Don't deviate!"

Ye Jian stopped in her tracks immediately. She looked up at the vice-captain, who was only an arm's length away from her. He said in a low voice, "There's sea defense below."

### **Chapter 1258: This Ye Jian**

Since it was the Snow Region Brigade's training skerry, how could it not have any sea defense? Also, the place they were going to was the unit's training room.

Ye Jian didn't move anymore. She followed Big Shark's steps closely. She didn't stop until she was about five meters away from the end of the reef. There was a natural cave.

Big Shark stepped on the reefs that were filled with conch shells. Ye Jian followed behind them and walked into the cave. It was like walking into the hinterland of the skerry.

When she walked in, she realized that there was something special about the cave. The entire cave wasn't formed naturally. It was artificially built. The cave entrance was low. When she walked up, she could hear the sound of seawater. However, she didn't see any seawater pouring in.

"This is one of our training rooms. All members will come here for the oxygen deprivation test and training after one week of training outside." After opening a steel door, Big Shark pulled the power switch and gestured for Ye Jian to come in. "We will simulate the oxygen concentration in a high altitude area later. Put on the helmet."

He pointed at a transparent helmet that looked like an astronaut's helmet. However, there was a training cap that looked like a breathing pipe in front of the mask. "By lowering the oxygen level, we will see if you have any extreme reactions to low-density oxygen."

After he finished speaking, Big Shark smiled and said, "But I don't think you will have any problems." Her information indicated that she had undergone training on the highlands. There were no problems with her body. The first low oxygen test would definitely not be a problem.

Ye Jian scanned her surroundings discreetly. It was the first time Ye Jian had seen any of the oxygen-resistant equipment in the training room. She knew that this wouldn't be the last time she would enter this training room.

As he spoke, he started the oxygen deprivation test. Just like what Big Shark said, Ye Jian had no problems with this test. Big Whale recorded everything and said to Big Shark, "We can start the next test."

Big Shark nodded and said to Ye Jian seriously, "The frogmen need to be fully deprived of oxygen for five minutes in the water to pass. If you feel uncomfortable later, give us a sign and we will make sure that you are safe."

On the other side, Big Whale had already taken two training instruments that were specially used for blood-resistant and oxygen-resistant exercises and tied them to Ye Jian's left and right arms. Then, he increased the pressure on the instrument and set it to 220 mmHg, so that her upper limbs would experience reduced blood flow for a few minutes.

As the breathing mask was removed, Ye Jian, who was wearing a helmet, entered a complete vacuum environment. Without any transition, she entered an oxygen-free zone.

Two and a half minutes had passed. Ye Jian's expression was still normal for the time being. She sat beside the monitor that was used to record all the parameters. Big Whale's gaze was fixed on the screen. The numbers were green. Then, he looked at the time... Three minutes had passed!

It wasn't because Ye Jian's oxygen deprivation test had lasted for three minutes. It was because although her parameters changed, it wasn't the limit!

Normal people would only last for more than one to two minutes, but she had already spent three minutes... A little bit more, a little bit more. If it was still the same after four minutes, then she would be the best candidate among this batch of soldiers!

Someone pushed the door open and walked to the side of Big Whale, who was wearing a serious and excited expression. "How many minutes has it been?"

It was Li Jinnian's voice.

"The parameters only started changing after three and a half minutes." Although Big Whale was speaking in a low voice, it was not hard to hear the excitement in his voice. "Demon King, I bet that Ye Jian can last for more than four minutes!"

### **Chapter 1259: Challenging the Limits**

Li Jinnian seemed much calmer in the face of Big Whale's excitement. Although his expression was still calm, one could tell that he wasn't as calm as his expression let off.

Oxygen deprivation causes headaches, fatigue, difficulty in walking, anxiety, shortness of breath, chest tightness, and pulmonary edema. In serious cases, one might even lose their life. Be it the highlands or the water, oxygen deprivation is a problem that humans have never been able to overcome.

Furthermore, frogmen mostly carried out underwater missions. The oxygen resistance test played an important role in the soldiers' selection. It could even decide whether some would go or stay.

Li Jinnian stared at the rising numbers and glanced at the time calmly. A dim light gathered in his cold eyes and turned into a ray of light as bright as the winter night.

"Soon, soon, soon!" Big Whale didn't notice his change. He was staring at the display screen nervously as if he himself was doing the test.

When it reached the preset time, the first beep was heard. Big Whale was so excited that he wanted to jump down from his chair. Li Jinnian, who was standing behind him, placed his hand on his shoulder to stop him from losing his composure.

"Five minutes, Demon King! She did it! The numbers are not in the red yet!" said Big Whale excitedly, as if he had discovered a treasure. His eyes were shining brightly as if there were light bursting out from them. "She has surpassed the soldiers that stayed!"

Very good, five minutes had passed!

As Big Whale had said, she had indeed surpassed the 24 remaining soldiers!

"The numbers are rising. Remove the device." Li Jinnian's expression didn't change at all. However, when he placed one hand on the table, his slender fingers tightened slightly. "Give me the results after the high CO<sub>2</sub> reaction test. Keep a close eye on it. Once the numbers turn red, turn off the device."

Big Whale noticed that his captain, who was younger than him, was still calm. Realizing that he had lost his composure, he cleared his throat and said in a low voice, "It's rare to meet someone who can withstand oxygen deprivation for five minutes. I will definitely be careful!"

As the equipment on her arm was removed, Ye Jian, who had her upper limbs freed, immediately felt the blood that was "locked" flowing towards her arm. The heavy feeling of having several mountains pressing on her left and right shoulder, as well as the feeling that her upper and lower limbs had separated, disappeared instantly.

Ye Jian took off her mask. Her face was flushed red. She didn't open her mouth to gasp air immediately. She pouted her lips and took deep breaths slowly and rhythmically. Then, she relaxed her body slowly.

Five minutes of oxygen deprivation was like walking through the gates of hell. Sweat was still dripping down her back. The sweat on her forehead gathered into thin streams and dripped down her chin to her clothes.

Big Shark took a deep breath and broke the silence. "Your results are not bad. Five minutes and 24 seconds." His voice was soft but there were obvious fluctuations. Big Shark was excited too.

Five minutes! A qualified frogman needed to endure oxygen deprivation for five minutes. How could he not be excited?

However, he quickly regained his senses. No matter how agitated he was... she belonged to the army.

Ye Jian had been keeping track of the time in her heart. Hearing that, she smiled and said, "My arms were tied with the instrument. If not, I can reach six minutes. Six minutes is my limit."

When she was training at the beach with Principal Chen, she could only hold her breath for two minutes at first. Later on, when she was training at the highlands, Uncle Chen asked her to wear a mask for her morning training. He even asked her to wear a mask when she was sleeping. That was how she got her current results.

### **Chapter 1260: Shocked to the Point That Their Jaws Dropped**

Six minutes was Ye Jian's limit. However, to many people, they would have already lost their life.

Big Shark heaved a long sigh in his heart again. He then focused on the second test. No matter how powerful she was, she wouldn't belong to the navy or the Storm Commando Brigade.

However, it was exciting for a female soldier to surpass a male soldier. It didn't matter whatever unit she belonged to.

Ye Jian didn't know that Big Shark's heart was churning. She walked out of the testing room and quickly adjusted her body's condition to enter the high CO2 adaptive test.

This was a training that the frogmen had to learn, and one that the members of the Storm Commando Brigade had to take.

“This is the form for our CO2 endurance training. Take a look at it.” The voice of Big Shark, who had accompanied and recorded the entire process, sounded slightly restrained. Standing in the clear water, he said to Ye Jian, who was already prepared, “The interval time will decrease to 15 seconds, the time to hold your breath will remain the same. We have 30 minutes of testing. You might feel a little uncomfortable, and you might even vomit.”

“There’s a coral archipelago below. You need to dive to its bottom. The bottom is about 15 meters away from the sea surface. Remember, Ye Jian, we need to record your best personal score and your worst score. Within 30 minutes, I need to see if your average score will pass.”

The high CO2 was a dangerous test. They had to dive in the water without any source of air. When Ye Jian entered the sea after taking a breath, she closed her eyes and kept swimming like a fish.

The oxygen content in her blood started getting lower. The high concentration of carbon dioxide caused her body to feel uncomfortable. Her twitching diaphragm told Ye Jian that she needed to breathe. She needed to get out of the water to get oxygen.

Relax, relax. Your body must relax. Don’t let your body and your mind become afraid of the increasing content of the CO2 in your body. Listen to the sound of the water and feel the joy of the fishes swimming past you. Don’t let fear and other factors interfere with you. Ye Jian only quickly surfaced when she reached her limit.

“Don’t take too long to rest. If not, the CO2 that you worked so hard to accumulate will be expelled out of your body because of the long rest time. You won’t be able to reach the goal of accumulating a high CO2. Once you surface for more than 30 seconds, the cumulative effect of CO2 will be very bad. Ye Jian, you need to control your breath and enter the sea again within 20 seconds.”

Big Shark’s strict voice kept reminding Ye Jian. Holding the timer in one hand, he waited for Ye Jian to regulate her breathing and dive into the sea again. His expression turned more serious.

20 seconds of breathing was harsh for a new recruit. However, he did want to know if Ye Jian could surpass a recruit and took the risk of letting her regulate breathing for 20 seconds.

For new recruits, the risk of changing their breath in 20 seconds was a little high, but for the Storm Commando Brigade, it was too long.

During the entire breathing process, the air in the lungs would be exchanged with each breath. The frogmen would rest for 15 seconds before entering the next round of high CO2. Giving Ye Jian five more seconds, was the time Big Shark reached after rounds of tests before deciding that it was feasible and conservative.

She dived 15 meters into the sea in one breath. After holding her breath for two minutes, Ye Jian rushed up again and rested for 15 seconds. This cycle continued for 30 minutes. After the entire test ended, even Ye Jian, who had been enduring hardships, felt as though all her energy had been sucked out.

Big Shark looked at the wet female soldier who was able to remain proud even when she was tired. Then, he looked at the records on the form. His Adam’s apple moved up and down a few times... This record was enough to shock his comrades.

