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However, Chu He was confident because she was already familiar with the terrain of North Africa. Even if the whole area was blown to ashes, she could roughly navigate it by heart.

Back when she was in the peacekeeping force, she had gone deep into the battlefield and was responsible for patrolling the neutral and peace areas. By then, the crossfire of war had already begun.

In the blink of an eye, many years had passed, but the war showed no signs of stopping. Even though the ceasefire agreement had been signed three years ago, it had only been a year since the ceasefire, and the local wars had revived.

Today, it had become an international battle.

She could not help but suspect that the Hurricane Group was fanning the flames.

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The Hurricane Group had the ability to control the situation.

Even though the ceasefire was due to the intervention of the forces of the western world, the anti-government army had never given up on the idea of starting the war. However, the various countries kept the army under control and took drastic measures to prevent the war from expanding.

The Hurricane Group started the war again by secretly selling weapons at low prices.

Because of the weapons blockade by the various countries, and given that anti-war and weapon restriction agreements had been signed, sale of firearms to North Africa was tightly restricted.

The Hurricane Group sold weapons of mass destruction to the government army, and at the same time, sold a portion of the weapons to the anti-government army at a low price. Hence, the two sides started fighting again.

The Hurricane Group, specifically, Gong Shaoying and Gong Jie, had always been on the top of Interpol's blacklist.

However, given the group's influence and strong position, even Interpol was unable to interfere.

The Hurricane Group was too strong. It had always been seen as a thorn in the flesh by the various countries. However, no one could bring it down.

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The freighter sailed across the sea.

Chu He stayed in the cabin. Outside the window, there were black men patrolling. They were all soldiers from the government army, responsible for transporting the weapons.

In some parts of North Africa, the official language is English because it used to be a colony.

Chu He spoke excellent English, but this was a special period, so it was best not to walk around the cabin to avoid any trouble.

The journey at sea was especially slow. Every day was a torture. After a short period of adaptation, Chu He overcame many obstacles. When she first came on board, she was not used to it. In addition, there was much left to be desired in terms of the food she got on the freighter. It was either potatoes or bread, and it was extremely disgusting. However, no matter how awful it was, she had to swallow it.

Five days later, the ship finally arrived safely at the port.

The port was located in a peace area. As soon as they landed, she heard information that some of the neutral areas had already fallen. There were countless deaths and injuries. Many areas had already been occupied by many anti-government forces. Hence, most of the government forces had already retreated from the neutral areas. As for the other areas, they were in dire straits. Most of them should have already been captured.

War is especially cruel.

Precious life is worth no more than a bullet after a war.

In war, human nature goes to the ruins. Soldiers, civilians, and even innocent children, without exception, may not survive. She had watched helplessly as a child was crushed by a tank. She had watched with her own eyes as a soldier held an AK gun and shot at helpless civilians. She had seen streets and wastelands that were littered with all kinds of corpses, as though they were not worth a cent...

Therefore, she hated war!

She hated it to the core!

It was this dangerous environment that made her increasingly worried whether Gu Jinglian was in danger...

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Chu He hired a driver from the front line and paid him 100 USD as well as food and water.

Because of the war, his family had lost their sources of food. They even had to eat tree bark and soil to survive.

Before sending her to the battlefield, the driver made a trip home and gave all the food to his wife and daughter. They then headed to her destination.

Along the way, the driver got a little curious about why she was carrying such a huge back pack and had requested to go to the front line.

At this point, even the government soldiers and many others were trying their best to escape from the war zone. Hence he found it extremely strange meeting someone who was asking to go to the front line. He asked curiously in broken English, "Are you a war reporter?"

"No."

"Then why do you want to go to the front line? It's raining bullets there. There are anti-government troops and corpses everywhere. It's simply hell!" The driver smiled and continued, "However, one morning, I sent two batches of reporters to the front line. In the end, one of the reporters was shot by a bullet and they got me to come back for him. Fortunately, he survived."

"When did the war break out?"

The driver sighed and said helplessly, "Just a few days ago! Logically speaking, the neutral territory shouldn't have fallen. However, because of the crossfire between the two sides, the situation has expanded. In addition to the intervention of the other ally forces, the neutral territory is about to fall..."

"Have all the neutral zones fallen? What about the people from other countries?"

"All evacuated."

"Do you know the Wirth Arms Factory?"

"Wirth? You're going to Wirth?"

"Yes."

"Wirth has been closed down. All the factory workers have been dismissed. Many of the employees are locals. Those who can have been evacuated. Those who didn't make it in time are trapped there."

Chu He fell silent.

She had planned to go to Wirth first. That was the Gu family's military factory. From there, she thought she would be able to track down the man...

Butler Fu was also trying to contact Gu Jinglian. Although they had lost contact, they might be able to locate him.

It started raining heavily.

It took more than four hours to drive from Tripoli to Sirte. The roads were muddy and overgrown with weeds. It was a difficult journey. In the evening, it was still raining heavily and the road was bumpy. There were no street lamps and the road ahead was pitch black. In addition, one of the headlights of the car was broken, making it difficult to see the road ahead clearly.

The driver suggested, "Why don't we rest for the night and leave at dawn?"

"Are you tired?"

"Not that I'm tired! At night, I can't see the road ahead clearly. I'm afraid I'll encounter an ambush. It's very dangerous."

Chu He nodded in agreement.

Along the way, they encountered a run-down motel. Chu He carried her back pack and entered the hotel with the chauffeur. The moment the boss saw the door open, he instinctively hid behind the counter and trembled. The war had been going on non-stop for the past few days, and many soldiers had come to rob them. As a result, they were all jittery!

The driver quickly said, "We're not soldiers! We're civilians."

Only then did the boss heave a sigh of relief. However, he said, "The hotel is closed. We have to pack our bags and leave this place early tomorrow morning. This place is full of anti-government troops. How is it that you dare to come here?"

Just when the chauffeur was about to say something, Chu He walked over and placed a hundred yuan bill on the table. In fluent English, she said, "We'll leave together in the morning! Please let us stay for the night.. We'll go when day breaks."

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The owner stopped objecting when he saw the money. He nodded and gave them the keys.

Chu He and the driver shared a room. The hotel rates here were very cheap, but the environment was rather harsh. Pushing the room door open, extremely dilapidated facilities greeted them. There were bullet holes left behind on the walls by submachine guns. It was a scene of devastation.

She locked the door from the inside and walked into the room. Her nose was assaulted by a stench. There was a moldy smell coming from the bed. Chu He sniffed it. It wasn't hard to tell that it was a mixture of blood and sweat that had accumulated over time.

The room had no windows and there was no air circulation, so the moldy smell was strong. The bathroom was even dirtier. However it was better than sleeping outdoors. Chu He threw her bag on the bed, leaned against it and closed her eyes.

In the middle of the night, there was a sudden movement at the door.

Chu He was always on the alert, so she immediately sensed the strange movement at the door.

The lights in the room were switched on. She opened one eye slightly and saw the door being pushed open. Two heads could be seen moving outside, as if they were sizing up the situation in the room. She pretended to be asleep.

When the two of them saw that she was asleep, they tiptoed in. As the light fell on them, Chu He immediately recognized them as the driver and hotel boss! The two of them spoke in hushed tones.

They knew that Chu He could understand English, so they communicated in their local language. However, they probably did not expect that Chu He, who often went to North Africa, and had a rough understanding of the local language as well.

"This woman looks rich."

"See that backpack?"

It was the driver's voice.

"I saw a lot of food, water, and cash in the pack!"

"How much is she carrying?"

"There will definitely be tens of thousands of USD!"

"Good heavens..."

The boss took a deep breath. "This is really a feast!"

Chu He immediately understood that the driver and the boss knew each other. And not only that, they could be in cahoots!

She thought through the situation thus far. When she arrived, the chauffeur suggested that they should stay overnight at the hotel.

And so, of all places, they ended up here.

Many civilians in North Africa were very poor. Because of the war, they did not have any fresh food reserves. Therefore, there were many violent incidents of Chinese shops being robbed. The driver probably saw that she had money and a lot of food on her, so he had evil intentions.

Chu He remained in the same position. They thought that she had fallen asleep and did not realize that she was actually awake. Hence, they crept closer to the bed and noticed she was resting on her backpack.

They would definitely wake her up if they tried to reach for the backpack.

The two of them exchanged glances. The driver signaled with his eyes and alerted the other man, "Kill her!"

The hotel boss nodded his head and held onto the gun. However, when his gaze fell on Chu He's face, he was shocked to see that her eyes had suddenly opened.

"Ahhhhhh..."

Before he could even let out a cry of surprise, Chu He had already sprung up from the bed. Her legs clamped around his neck and with a kick, she flipped him onto the ground!

Seeing this, the chauffeur reached out to snatch her backpack!

Chu He sensed the movement behind her and swept her cold gaze over. With a spinning kick, she knocked him to the ground with great accuracy!

The two of them did not expect that this seemingly weak and frail woman would actually have such powerful combat skills.. They were instantly shocked!

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The hotel boss quickly picked up the gun and swiftly loaded it. He aimed the gun at her back and got ready to pull the trigger!

However, just as he was about to do so, Chu He had already heard the sound of the pistol being loaded behind her. With an instant somersault, she dodged the bullet track before he could shoot. Not giving him a chance to react, she sprang up from the ground and leaped across the bed, giving his wrist a solid kick so that the pistol flew out of his grip.

Chu He turned around, grabbing his arms and locking them behind his back. Her eyes searched the room but she could not see a strip of cloth. Then decisively, she broke his wrists with two loud cracks!

The hotel boss cried out in pain, his entire body twitching violently.

Chu He ignored his shrieks and reached out to grab his chin. She dislocated his jaw and hurled him aside as she walked towards the driver.

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A minute later.

The driver's joints were also dislocated and he was hurled towards the hotel boss. Chu He walked to the two of them and gently rubbed her wrist before coldly saying, "Who are you? Why did you attack me?"

"I... we..."

"Robbery?" Chu He narrowed her eyes dangerously, "Trying to get rid of the evidence afterwards?"

The two of them were so frightened by her terrifying gaze that they did not dare to say another word.

Chu He was not bothered by them. She squatted down, but this action scared the driver so much that he screamed as if he was worried that she would kill them at any time!

"Don't worry, I won't kill you." Chu He took the car keys from the driver and stood up. She picked up her battlefield pack and left.

The two of them looked at each other and broke out in cold sweat!

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Chu He walked out of the hotel and saw that the car was parked just outside the entrance. Through the rain, she could vaguely see the glow of flames in the distance. That was probably the fallen neutral zone.

She took out the compass and got her bearings before unlocking the car. Then she threw her bag onto the passenger seat, got into the driver's seat, started the car and drove slowly towards the direction of the fire.

The air was humid with the rain.

Chu He took a can of water from her bag and drank it in one gulp. She opened the window and threw the empty bottle out.

At night, with the heavy rain, visibility was very low, so she drove very slowly.

The area was surrounded by low hills. The grass was sparse and there was mud all around, but there was no one in sight.

On the way, she encountered one or two corpses lying in the middle of the road. Given she was unable to determine whether there was a ditch or a slippery slope on the side, for safety, she drove over them rather than tried to get around them.

After driving for tens of kilometers, she saw a checkpoint. There were many cars parked at the checkpoint as well as a very large tanker. She could vaguely see a few livestock.

Because of the war, many gas stations had been destroyed. Hence, the checkpoint became an important supply station.

Fuel was very cheap here because this land was very rich in oil resources. In the country, it cost six dollars per liter of gasoline. Here, it was only sixty cents, or even a few pieces of bread to exchange for a vat of fuel.

Although oil was very cheap here, food, fruits, and fresh water were extremely expensive.

Especially at a time like this, an apple was priceless.

Chu He drove the car to the checkpoint and used a few fruits and bread to fill a vat of fuel.. She bought some daily necessities and gave some money to pass the checkpoint.

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Chu He drove towards the neutral zone.

There were a total of five countries in North Africa. However, the central neutral zone was Beria, the most prosperous region in North Africa.

This place was far away from the Sahara Desert and was a prime area in North Africa. Therefore, it was very developed with oil and many mineral resources.

Historically, North Africa suffered famines and plagues. At the same time, it was war-stricken.

The car finally reached the border of Beria and passed several checkpoints, all of which were cleared with food and American dollars. Upon entering the country, the devastation of the war was more visible.

The once-bustling streets were now quiet and deserted.

On the roadside, piles of rubble and bodies littered the ground. Just over a dozen hours ago, the crossfire had hit the central area. On the way, her car had been intercepted many times. Once, it had been stopped directly by the rebel army. Chu He saw that they had tanks and missiles, so she obediently parked her car and accepted the inspection.

Chu He got out of the car and showed her Chinese passport.

Now, the nation was powerful and the passport had become a recognized pass. As long as she showed her passport, she would not be put in a spot.

Then, Chu He moved aside and allowed them to search her car.

However, they only found some daily necessities in her pack and did not check anything else. When she entered the country, she had gotten rid of her pistol in advance because she knew very well that if she were to encounter the rebel army, being found to be possessing a gun could get her into trouble.

As for the food and cash, Chu He couldn't possibly lose these, so she hid them in other compartments of the car.

Perhaps because of racial dominance, there was suppression of intelligence among the majority black community in Beria, and these men weren't very smart. As a result, not being able to find any food among her belongings, they let her pass. It wasn't that Chu He despised them, but the lack of intelligence of these soldiers could make her cry.

It was already dawn by the time she reached the border of Beria.

She found an international hotel and made do for the day. After resting for a few hours, she continued heading towards the heart of the crossfire.

The war had reached Beria. Many of its cities had fallen. The Wirth factory was in Jamal, one of the few cities that had fallen. Jamal was dozens of miles from the capital of Beria.

She rested, refilled her gas tank, and set off again until she reached the border of Jamal city. As night fell, she circumvented the checkpoint and entered the city through an alternative entry point.

She was quite familiar with the terrain here, so she managed to drive around many battle zones and avoided much unnecessary trouble.

On entering Jamal, she could sense that the entire city was shrouded in the shadow of death. The smoke of war filled the air. Even at night, Chu He could still see many refugees on the streets, hugging their families and crying in despair.

The roads were bloody. It was easy to imagine how intense the battle had been during the day. Hell on earth, city of despair.

The embassy was located in the heart of Jamal, close to the government building. Relying on her memory, Chu He found the main building and saw that it was on the verge of collapsing from the bombarding. There was a huge hole on the wall framed by blood stains. The glass door was shattered and there were countless casualties at the entrance with corpses piled up.

On the other side, the embassy close to the government building was safe and sound.

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Even in the midst of the war in the fallen North Africa, no one, whether government or the rebel army, dared to touch the embassy. It was a local war to begin with. If they were to invade the embassy, it would undoubtedly escalate to an international war.

Chu He stopped the car at the entrance and pushed the door open. The moment she walked through in the darkness, her combat boots trod on a soft corpse. Then, in the pitch-dark silence, she vaguely heard the sound of a gun being loaded.

She immediately calmly raised her hands and said loudly in English, "I'm Chinese. I am unarmed."

Smack!

A beam of light shone at her face, blinding her.

Chu He calmly accepted the "review" until it was confirmed that she was really Chinese. A light finally came on in the hall.

Under the light, Chu He finally saw clearly that countless Chinese were gathered together here. They were so frightened that they were curled up in a corner and staring back at her anxiously.

Chu He was shocked. She didn't expect that so many Chinese were still here.

"Why are you all still here?"

"Because... the evacuation fleet has already left. The next batch will only arrive three days later! The embassy people have all evacuated. We are all waiting here for help."

"Yes, we don't dare to go out because the embassy is our last safe place. If we go out there, we'd be shot. It's very dangerous..."

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It turned out that there were still many Chinese factory employees who did not have the time to evacuate. Hence, many people had streamed into the embassy. In the midst of the crossfire, the embassy was now like a refuge and last safe harbor.

Even though those people did not dare to invade the embassy, there would often be some deranged rebels who disregarded the status of these people as Chinese nationals, and would burn, kill, and plunder the shops and supermarkets owned by Chinese people. They would even run to the embassy to rob food and water.

Although their lives were not endangered, the next batch of reinforcements would only arrive at the port in three days. In other words, they had to stay here for more than four days.

There were many people. Hundreds of people. Food and water were very limited.

All the cash they had on them had been handed over, all of it. But not the food and the water – these had to be properly protected. Otherwise, with so many people, they wouldn't last four days.

Therefore, even though they were in the embassy, they did not dare to turn on the lights. They were worried that the rebels would see the light source and rush in to rob them.

They had already been robbed once and a few people were injured. Hence, they did not dare to turn on the lights.

Hearing this, Chu He knitted her brows and asked, "In other words, the country will send another ship to be responsible for your evacuation?"

"Yes..."

"Then..." Chu He took a step forward and asked, "Is there anyone from Wirth here?"

A long moment passed before someone in an orange work uniform slowly stood up and asked in surprise, "You're looking for Wirth's employees?"

"Yes."

"The Wirth factory has been taken over by the Hurricane Group! All the employees have been driven out. We have nowhere to go, so we can only follow the crowd to the embassy. All the employees who evacuated in time are already here. Those who did not evacuate are probably trapped in the war zone, their statuses unknown.. I saw with my own eyes that several senior executives had been shot... They died at the entrance of the Wirth factory..."

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After he said this, the others could be seen obviously trembling with fear.

Hearing this, Chu He frowned. She had a bad feeling. Wirth had been taken over by the Hurricane Group. What about Gu Jinglian?

She had scanned the crowd but did not see him. A man who was so eye-catching, even if he was thrown into a crowd, he would be easily noticed. And even if she did not notice him, he would have stood up and made his presence known when he saw her. But he was nowhere to be seen.

Which meant he wasn't here.

Chu He asked again, "Do you think all the employees of Wirth are here?"

The man hurriedly explained, "No, there are only two-thirds of them here. There are still the rest of them, more than a hundred of them, trapped in the war zone. When they left Wirth, the rebel army had already occupied the entire Beria. That side has already been sealed off by the rebel army. It's the center of the war..."

"I need to locate someone now." Chu He continued, "His name is Gu Jinglian. Where is he now? Is he also trapped in the battle zone?"

The people looked at each other in shock.

That person asked in surprise, "Gu Jinglian, isn't... isn't that our boss?"

"That's right, President of the Gu Group. Why are you looking for our boss?"

Chu He said, "He is my husband."

"..."

"I heard that North Africa has fallen, so I came here to look for him." Chu He straightened her posture and looked around. "I need someone familiar with Jamal's terrain to take me to the warzone to locate him. Is there anyone willing to come with me?"

"Don't go!"

That person immediately said, "Miss, I don't know if what you said is true. At least, I've never heard that our boss has a wife... The problem is that the warzone is filled with rebel soldiers. The streets are filled with corpses and soldiers. If you go there now, you won't be locating anyone, you'll be courting death! Moreover, all of Wirth's men who can escape have already escaped. The rest are trapped in the middle of the warzone. Their statuses are unknown. The chances of survival are very slim. If you go now, you'll only be risking your life..."

"My man is not that fragile. Your boss won't die that easily either."

Chu He was very confident in Gu Jinglian. Now that there was no news of him, it was sufficient to prove that he was still alive. As long as he was alive, she had a reason to take risks!

"No one will dare to go with you!"

The man had a timid expression on his face as he trembled and said, "Those rebel soldiers are too brutal! No matter who they see, be it white people, Chinese people, or civilians, they will all be shot to death! It only means that if we were to go now, we would die! It had not been easy for us to escape from Wirth. We won't take any more risks!"

Chu He did not force him to agree with her attitude. After all, it seemed to be human instinct to fear death.

After experiencing despair, he yearned for survival even more.

"Alright, I'll go by myself then."

Just as Chu He turned to leave, a calm voice came from behind, "I'll go with you."

Her steps faltered. As she turned around, she saw a lean boy slowly rise from the crowd. His white clothes were stained with dust and blood, and his delicate face was similarly stained with blood that had long since dried. However, unlike other youths of his age, under his timid expression, his eyes were like stars, and he bore a determined expression.. The look in his eyes was not fear, but stubbornness, even... hatred.

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He spoke fluent Chinese and said as he came up to her. "I grew up in Jamal. I'm familiar with that place. I'll go with you."

Chu He was surprised and looked behind him. "Where are your parents?"

He said that he wanted to go. Maybe it was because he was innocent by nature, but wouldn't his parents stop him?

The youth's eyes darkened and he said in a weak voice, "My parents are dead..."

Chu He was stunned.

The young boy pursed his lips but did not cry. He gritted his teeth and said, "They were killed by the rebels..."

Chu He smiled. "Aren't you afraid?"

The youth shook his head and said firmly, "I'm not afraid. Anyway, my father is gone, my mother is gone, and my sister..." he gritted his teeth and closed his eyes. "...is gone too, I'm alone. There's nothing to be afraid of!"

Looking at the boy, Chu He saw a reflection of herself in her youth. In the flames of war, her family was destroyed and her heart was filled with hatred and helplessness.

Her lips curved into a smile as she held out her palm to him. "How brave. Good. You'll come with me, but I'll keep you safe."

The youth nodded, took her hand, and followed her out of the embassy, leaving everyone looking at each other in dismay.

When Chu He left the embassy, she was very cautious. She looked around to make sure that there was no one around before she opened the car door and instructed the boy to get in. After putting on his seatbelt, she quickly got into the car and drove towards Wirth.

"There's no one in Wirth now." The boy suddenly said, "My father is one of Wirth's workers. A few days ago, Wirth was taken over by a large group of armed men. According to the other uncles, they are from the Hurricane Group, not the rebel army, but they seemed to be very powerful. So many Chinese factories have been destroyed and robbed by the rebel army. Only Wirth is fine."

Hurricane Group...

Chu He narrowed her eyes.

Butler Fu said that it was because Hurricane had used her and Baby Chu to threaten Gu Jinglian into signing the agreement.

In exchange, he had to give up Wirth, and that piece of land. He had suffered heavy losses.

She still could not understand why Gu Jinglian would do this.

Was... she... a reason?

Was he... protecting her?

The thought of this possibility made Chu He laugh at herself.

How was that possible? This man had always been arrogant and full of himself. How could he give up such a huge benefit to protect her?

The boy continued, "It will be very dangerous to head to Wirth now. However, as far as I know, there are many Chinese factories in the war zone. Those factories are state-owned, so the rebel army doesn't dare to touch them. So there may be some people hiding there."

"How do we get there?"

The youth pointed at the road sign ahead. "Go to that intersection and head south."

"You're really familiar with the terrain."

The boy nodded. "I grew up here."

"Then why do you speak Chinese so well?"

"That's because my parents are Chinese. I'm Chinese too. Of course, I can speak Chinese, but I can speak a little English too. If my parents were alive, with our passports, we could have caught the first batch of ships to evacuate."

The boy fell silent again at this point. It probably brought up sad memories. His parents were shot to death trying to protect him...

Those damned rebels!

They were vicious and merciless, and deserved to die!

Chu He patted his head and smiled, "Don't be sad, it's the past."

"Uh huh..."

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"By the way, what's your name?"

"My name is Yi Linxi."

"Linxi, what a nice name."

When they reached the intersection, Linxi suddenly said, "Let's take a side path. I know a shortcut."

Even if he hadn't said it, Chu He would not have dared to drive the car on the streets and show themselves. She knew that there must be many troops stationed there. Hence, she followed Linxi's directions and drove to the side lane.

The so-called side lanes were extremely bumpy and difficult to drive on. These paths in the forest were muddy paths that the locals had dug, and they were not paved with cement.

They drove on till it was dawn again. Chu He did not dare to stop to rest. Although it was dangerous to drive while fatigued, this was a jungle in the wilderness. There were wild beasts, wolves, lions, cheetahs... Very dangerous.

She drove all the way to the factory that Linxi had pointed out. After getting out of the car, she looked around to make sure there was no danger before letting Linxi get out of the car.

The entrance area of the factory was quiet and devoid of life.

Chu He took out the pistol from her waist and loaded it. She looked at the surroundings warily and held Linxi's hand tightly with her left hand until they walked into the factory. She pushed open the door and saw dust in the moonlight.

The boy waved his hand and coughed a few times.

Chu He quickly covered his mouth and shushed him. "Don't make a sound."

"Ooooooh..." Linxi nodded and shut his mouth obediently, not making another sound.

Chu He pushed open the door and walked in. She took out the night vision device from her bag and wore it over her eyes. This way, even in the dark environment, she could clearly distinguish the terrain.

Suddenly two figures appeared in her line of sight. They were hiding behind a wall. They were the local black men with guns.

Even though they were black men, it was hard to recognize this under the cover of the night.

However, Chu He's night vision device had thermal imaging. Hence, she spotted them immediately. She stopped in her tracks and said in the local language, "We are not a rebel army."

The black men did not expect her to discover them. They looked at each other but remained vigilant. They tightened their grip on their guns.

Chu He stopped advancing and took half a step back. She kept the pistol and raised her hands to show her sincerity. "Don't worry, you're safe. I won't hurt you!"

Only then did the few black citizens let down their guard and raised a lamp. Under the light, Chu He was shocked to find that all the factory employees and the civilians who had made their way here were hiding on the second floor. They nervously looked down at the unarmed woman and child. Only then did they let down their guard.

"Who are you?"

"My husband is trapped in the fallen area. I've come to look for him." Chu He asked again, "Is there anyone from Wirth?"

A man in a tattered suit stood up and asked curiously, "Who are you looking for?"

"I'm looking for Gu Jinglian."

"President Gu?"

Upon hearing this, that person immediately rushed down from upstairs and approached her. He sized her up and asked suspiciously, "You are..."

"I'm his wife."

"Wife?"

The man became more suspicious. "Why have I never heard that President Gu has a wife?"

"We just registered our marriage."

Seeing that he didn't believe her, Chu He gave him a few more pieces of private information about the Gu family and the Gu Corporation. That person finally believed her but looked guilty.

"When we evacuated from Wirth a few days ago, we were separated.. There has been no news from President Gu either."

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It turned out that after the Hurricane Group took over Wirth, all of the higher-ups in Wirth wanted to provide a cover for Gu Jinglian to leave as soon as possible. However, they were ambushed by the rebel army halfway. The two sides had no choice but to split up and spread out. There had been no news of Gu Jinglian after that.

When Chu He heard this, she frowned. "How many people did Gu Jinglian have with him when you split?"

"About thirty. Five of them are mercenaries. They're very strong."

"Which means someone is protecting him."

"Yes!"

"In your opinion, where could he be now?"

The man looked troubled. "I really can't say for sure. Jamal is neither big nor small. All the communication bases within a hundred miles have been cut off. President Gu doesn't have a satellite phone, so we can't contact him. However, I guess they won't go too far either! After all, the neutral zone has already fallen. It's too chaotic outside. President Gu and the rest will probably find a place to hide."

"Right now, apart from a portion of the armed forces, no one else can enter the country. So even if they were waiting to be rescued, who would be able to rescue them?"

"I've heard that everyone in the embassy has evacuated. A portion of the Chinese population hasn't evacuated yet, but the fleet should be here soon. My guess is they'll be heading towards the embassy."

Chu Hemai interrupted him and said, "The embassy is sealed up now. There are rebels outside and in the war zone. If you want to go to the embassy by foot, it's very dangerous."

The person was suddenly puzzled and asked, "How did you get in?"

“By car.”

“By car?”

That person turned pale with fright. “You drove your car straight in? So many checkpoints have been occupied by the rebels...”

“I didn’t pass through the checkpoints. I took the side lanes.”

Chu He paused and suddenly sighed. “However, the car is out of gas. Do you have gasoline here?”

“Yes we do, but... Are you going to look for President Gu now?”

That person said with a troubled expression, “It won’t work during the day! At night, the crossfire ceases. During the day, it’s chaotic outside. It’s too dangerous. Why don’t you stay here and rest for a night. When night comes, you can go out and look for them. There’s no time to lose.”

Chu He nodded. “I know.”

She lowered her head and said to Linxi, “Let’s rest here for the night.”

“Uh huh.”

Chu He and Linxi went to the second floor and found a corner. There was no bed, only a hard and cold mat. They lay down. The weather was getting cold at this time of the year. Just lying on the mat without any cover, it was inevitable that it would be a little cold.

Linxi curled up in a corner, shivering. Suddenly, a coat was thrown over him. The boy turned around, and saw that Chu He had taken off her thick coat and covered him with it. She only had a combat vest on her and it was very thin. Linxi found this extremely heart-warming and was touched, but he asked uneasily, “Aren’t you cold?”

“No, I’m used to it.” No matter how tough the environment was, she had experienced it before. Compared to when she was walking in the humid rainforest, such an environment paled in comparison.

She lay down. Out of the corner of her eye, she saw Linxi move closer to her. He covered her with part of the coat and hugged her tightly.

“Go to sleep!” Chu He said with a flushed face before closing her eyes.