

## Dungeon S 1121

### Chapter 1121 - Job Well Done

As much as Bu Dong and Deng Long wanted the shot to be fanciful, it was in fact quite a placid and brutal scene when Mechataur squeezed the trigger on the Rail Gun. However, both of them could not deny the monstrous power of the weapon once they watched a piece of the metallic projectile visibly pierce through the Ooofpa Loopa's mutated head, unveiling the sky behind it.

Its hit points directly plummeted from twenty odd percent down to a single digit. Following the laws of nature, the abomination giant's few remaining hit points also quickly dissipated as it bled to death, painting the sea underneath it green.

An announcement resounded far and wide once the health reached the zero value, breaking the health bar. The Southern Ooofpa Loopa had finally been destroyed. Yet the Raid Instance did not put out a congratulations sign which indicated that the raid instance was far from over.

"You are kidding, right? We still have to deal with the b.u.t.t a.s.s problem right above us?" Luo Bo questioned and the rest were similarly disappointed at that realisation.

"At least it's just a b.u.t.t, we should be able to clear it quickly." Xiong Da said as he ordered the trucks to re-equip the missiles so that they could use them to launch the missiles against the third and final Ooofpa Loopa.

"Still, we cannot forget the boss' mechanics if we want to fight against it." Bu Dong cautioned them through the Pandawan Channel as he had to kick the door of the c.o.c.kpit down in order to open it. Despite the death of the Southern Ooofpa Loopa, its tentacles remained intact and because they had penetrated through the essential wires that provided power into the c.o.c.kpit, the entire robot was shut down. Even the backup generator had been busted, leaving them to forcefully open the c.o.c.kpit with their legs.

"I don't know about you, but I'm so tired after the two consecutive fights. Can't they throw us a bone and just call it a win?" Luo Bo complained but she still took a deep breath before gathering her chi once to try aiming at the Ooofpa Loopa's b.u.t.t with her bow.

"Well, we can either rest up now and wait for the descent of the b.u.t.t or we can destroy it before the ugly beast appears entirely on the raid." Xiong Da suggested, yet at that moment there was a crackle on the channel.

"HAIIII GUYS!! Do not fear as your saviour is here!"

Luo Bo had nearly released her energised bow due to shock as there was a cute little voice coming out from the centre of Demopolis City even though it later became a deafening echo going through their ears. Out from nowhere, a spiralling concrete emerged from the centre and had instantly captured the attention of the hundreds of Pandarens in the middle.

"You mean your saviours, right?" Just as the concrete stopped rising after a suitable height, all of the Pandarens were able to see a bright enigmatic duo standing at the top of it with lights shining upon them. (They had no idea where the lights came from.)

"Demon Queen of Explosions, Peppers!" The Mage Bellator struck a cutesy pose as she announced herself.

"The Beautifully Angelic Goddess, Milk!" The Priest Bellator followed suit, but it was obvious from their performance that they lacked a certain synergy.

"Dungeons and Pandas' favourite employees are here to save you guys from devastation!" The duo spoke in tandem in such a cheesy manner that Hou Fei who was watching the scene from the Southern Walls could not help but laugh at the cringy combo.

In the meantime, the rest of the Pandarens were staring at them awkwardly, especially because their appearance had shattered the serious weary atmosphere of the Raid Instance. Only then did they remember that Boss Jin's store was famously filled with wacky stuff.

"I told you this would not work." Peppers whispered to Milk upon looking at the baffled crowd of customers but she had forgotten that the communication channels were still open.

"Shhh! We are still live on the channels!" Milk replied back in an annoyed manner and yet the Pandarens continued to hear their squabbles loud and clear.

"What the hell was that stupid fox thinking making us do this now. This was a big mistake, a big STUPID! Arggggh whatever!" Peppers complained as she raised her cosmetic staff up instead of her usual wooden one. (The kind where there was lots of black paint to make it all demon-y in the staff's design and a purplish looking heart stone in the middle so that it's still cutesy in nature- totally not Peppers' liking.)

"Ahh.. that rascal of a mage... and Ms Milk is also up there." Xiong Da said out loud in a trance, smiling widely to himself that it somehow caught Ruo Ying's attention.

"Why are you smiling from one corner of your lip to the other so widely?" Ruo Ying questioned her hubby despite already having pulled his ear and he quickly explained that he was merely reminiscing the days when he had first joined Dungeons and Pandas and had the two of them as his instructors. Ruo Ying nearly did not buy it, especially when Milk managed to take a quick look at him and waved at him.

In the meantime, the self proclaimed Demon Queen of Explosions did not waste any time unlike that Goddess Milk trying to curry more favour from the customers. She just wanted things to be over with and claim the reward Kraft had promised them for going into action.

The Original Bellator had watched the Raid Instance play out and he agreed with the opinion of Luo Bo and others, the Mechataur VS the Southern Ooofpa Loopa fight had been the perfect climax. Anything else would just pale in comparison.

Yet just ending things there would have been boring and logical, as such he had spontaneously decided to spice things up by introducing the Demon Queen and Angelic Goddess as a prelude to the next phase of Jin's creation. Their upcoming religious organisation.

While it sadly remained a work in progress, the crafty fox was using this opportunity to gauge the response of the Pandarens and allowing them to be familiar with the Bellators in case they were ever needed to be out in the real world. (If it was not well received, Kraft still found it funny to employ them out of their comfort zones wearing those odd looking yet stylish enough costumes.)

And because this was a Raid Instance and the costumes had kind of sent the impression that these two employees were going to be more of a flashy addition than employing their true powers, the Pandarens did not take them seriously and even thought of them as pure entertainment.

However, what Peppers was conjuring was her full strength even though they were currently acting as the Demonic Queen and Angelic Goddess. The Pandarens just could not accept the fact that she could conjure an awfully big ball of fiery mass that was capable of detecting the whole of Ooofpa Loopa.

As such they were completely unprepared for when it happened, suddenly getting treated with a firework which Peppers judged as a mere 6/10. "Could be better if it had not just been the b.u.t.t. Meh...still looks good enough for an impromptu blast."

What followed was the congratulations announcement from the System, but before they were sent out, Milk expanded her powers to heal all those that were still alive. (After all, she was presented as the angel, so she got to show the caring side rather than punching the shit out of people. Nevertheless, it was quite an impressive feat despite the fact that the Pandarens thought it was the 'dungeon instance' that had healed them.)

Everyone cheered loudly while some gave a sigh of relief that they had survived what was undoubtedly the hardest Raid Instance they had ever fought in.

To make the scene more memorable, Panda Coins started raining from the aftermath of the explosions which also caused a frenzy among the Pandarens as they desperately tried to grab as many coins as they could.

In addition, the System promised them through the Pandamonium App that the rewards would be more than that rain of coins and every cultivator in the Raid Instance could finally have a breather.

## **Chapter 1122 - The Starting Line to Supremacy**

Once the Raid Instance had been deemed completed by the System, the live streamers and spectators were calling out this fight to be a revolutionary way of playing dungeon instances. In fact, this was the first time these live streamers had gathered such a large audience. For some reason, there had not been too many people interested in watching or hosting dungeon streams, despite it having been available for some time now.

The main cause of that was that Jin's dungeon supplier store had not been around for long enough yet, making it a relatively new sensation. Secondly, King's Monster had been dominating the field of dungeon suppliers for some time in Shenzhen, and thus Jin's Dungeons and Pandas had remained under the radar until recently.

Third, there had been no way for live streamers and other media influencers to have known about the existence of Jin's dungeon instances since they had gained their reputation mostly by word of mouth, with limited advertising to the public.

But now, it is different. The situation had changed drastically.

Jin had decided to go public with his status as a member of the Royal Zodiac Panda Clan with his debut fight against the Royal Zodiac Tiger Clan brothers. Although that was only known to the Royal Zodiacs, it was sufficient to shake the ground since they were the people that needed to be aware of his appearances. To make things worse for them, the Royal Zodiac Dragon had decided to keep the Panda Clan protected for the maximum amount of time possible, for them to gain enough strength to stand on their own.

Such a declaration had never been seen in the past centuries especially when their ancestors had always advocated in favour of retaining the balance between the twelve Zodiacs. Right now, the emergence of a new power with unknown capabilities had rendered the rest quite wary of the new emerging clan. Even the Head of the Royal Zodiac Dragon Clan was a bit sceptical of Kong Rong's decision to protect the Pandas.

However, things had quickly changed once Kong Rong's grandmother, the keeper of the Royal Zodiac Archives had suddenly changed her tune and backed her grandson's decision, causing possible internal strife to end abruptly within the Dragon Clan.

To be frank, even Mr Know-It-All had not expected the old woman to change her tune this easily. Initially, she had been quite adamant in her efforts to prevent the rise of the Panda Clan. It was only after the defeat of the Royal Zodiac Tiger Clan's children that her sudden change came about.

When asked about it, she had claimed that the Earth's leyline divination had changed for the better after that particular fight, prompting Kong Rong's snap decision to protect the Royal Zodiac Panda to be one of the best choices he had ever made in life.

While Jin did not reveal to the public that he represented the Royal Zodiac Panda Clan as of now, Kraft had utilised this brief autonomy to the fullest potential. The protection by the Dragon Clan was pathetic, to say the least in Kraft's eyes. With only three months of no interference from the other clans, every second of their time to expand was precious.

One of the unspoken reasons why Kraft had demanded Jin to clear all his backlogs and promises all in one shot was so that they could this time to move forward. Notwithstanding, Kraft's idea to use the current Raid instance to attract the masses was a brilliant one.

By using Jin's recreation of the original Loopa Ooofpa into a Raid Instance's final boss even though it was supposedly just a backup plan, the fox had incited a high amount of interest in this particular Dungeon Supplier's store.

Live Streamers and media influencers finally had their hands on a potentially new trend of videos and it was something that would not fade in a short amount of time. With the government's initiative to promote sports and cultivation, Jin's Dungeons and Pandas' store had been benefitting from the initiative and it was still growing with a decent number patronising it, allowing the new trend that Kraft employed to have growth.

It proved that people were interested in increasing their cultivation and what's more, the surprise appearance of the Royal Tigers and Snake Battalions in the Raid Instance had indeed pulled their weight of the store being reliable and useful. (Something similar to an indirect endor.s.e.m.e.nt.)

While the Royal Zodiac Tiger Clan were banging heads against the Royal Zodiac Panda Clan after their initial clash, the Royal Zodiac Tiger Battalion did not care about those political matters. To General Ya Bai, he might be taking orders from the Tiger Head but this had been a personal vendetta to defeat the Loopa Ooofpa even though it was a fake.

Besides, he had the responsibility to grow his battalion stronger, so ignoring this chance to fight the abomination would have deprived his battalion of the experiences they needed to reach higher heights especially since he had seen the effects of it on the Snake's battalion!

Just one Pandapolis Raid fight had helped the Snakes improve the coordination above his own troops. It was as if the Snake's army had been battle hardened with basic war experience. Ya Bai could see the apparent flaws of the Tiger Battalion when compared to the Snake's during the fight against the Loopa Ooofpa and its Bone Spirits.

And thus, with the endorsement of Royal Zodiac Battalions as well as the battle of the fake Loopa Ooofpa, more people are genuinely interested in Dungeons and Pandas. This was the make or break session and whether Jin could bring out the best of his Dungeon Supplier store would be within these few months, especially the Symposium event where various Dungeon Suppliers both local and overseas would make their presence in this event.

The System and Kraft did not wish to put any 'unwanted' pressure on Jin's work of art and thus the need for him to clear all his backlogs so that he could concentrate on the Symposium event even though he did not like to join it in the first place. While the topic was not announced as of yet, the System had already registered Jin for the global event. (At least it did report this to Jin rather than keeping quiet.)

## **Chapter 1123 - Aftermath of the Demopolis Raid Instance**

Two weeks after the end of the first Demopolis Raid Instance, the focus had completely shifted on the best ways of defeating the Ooofpa Loopas.

Once the mechanics had been figured out, the fights had mainly become about completing the raid to earn points. Most of such Raid Instances had been filled to the brim with people on an hourly basis and the mode of play had been made easier since the Demopolis City that they used was being upgraded consistently.

In most raids, the instance would reset and the Pandarens would start from zero once more. But for this particular raid, the remnants of the previous fight had been deliberately left to show the consequences of the various instances before them.

This included the broken walls and destroyed sub urban areas as well as the tanks. This was worsened whenever Kraft had decided to tune up the difficulty allowing the Bosses to overtake and win the Raid Instance. Although they did not trample the place, they did leave behind some very nasty Bone Spirit Demons.

Thus, there was continuity in those Raid Instances where the Pandarens were tasked to retake Demopolis City to fight against the new wave of Ooofpa Loopas.

And once they had won back Demopolis City by killing the Bone Spirit Demons residing in the area, the City would then magically refresh their ammunition, walls and defensive instalments for the incoming Pandarens to play properly. (Lest the other debris was the way.)

The System even gave out raid points for clearing the debris and rubbish being left in the instance and they were designated to throw it into a Lost Tech Recycler which had been given a set of cosmetic inscriptions to look like the sludge monster in the Hot Springs Instances. Though the System had recommended throwing in the Sludge Monster to work with the collection of rubbish, Kraft did not bother approving it at all.

Still, these instances were sufficient to generate some form of media influences for certain live streamers to comment and talk about. As a result, they had made their store's cute little announcer Bear Cub One take the opportunity to create its own channel and comment on the raid instance on a daily basis.

Kiyu was involved with the project and figured they should ride the current wave by making an official Vtube and Metube Channel to promote Dungeons and Pandas. They also created one on Twitcher, the overseas streaming channel so that they could exploit the money from the rest of the world too.

To her surprise, Bear Cub One was doing rather decently and already had over forty thousand subscribers in the span of these two weeks. Banking on his success they started having giveaways with some special figurines and even opened merchandise stores for both local and overseas audiences.

Meanwhile, Jin might have been away from the shop but he had made a lot of progress in clearing his backlogs. And the biggest success was that they had stepped into the realm of making Virtual Reality a possibility.

He and Rei (who had been summoned by the System as the intermediary between Jin and the science team) had managed to create the very first working prototype of a headband that would allow their customers to bring their very own dungeon stores into their comfort of home.

While of course, Jin did not have the expertise to create such a device, it was a piece of cake for Rei since such technology had been readily available in the Mecha World. Sebastia, the Battle Maid Minotaur, had already been scouting the Mecha World in secret and had been able to obtain it without much trouble. The only difference between the prototype and the VR playset from Mecha World was that the way the cultivators would be transported.

Unlike the Mecha World where the players were transported into a server and go through out of body experiences, the cultivators in Jin's world were to be teleported into the System's database. This would allow Jin to guarantee his customers that his servers would be hackproof and always evolve to suit the needs of 'better' hardware.

But the hardware was just one aspect of the creation of Virtual Reality. Initially, Jin was worried that the System would not be able to handle the workload and that there were insufficient processing capabilities to hold the various instances. The System took this opportunity to reveal its brutish methods to its User, ensuring him that they would have sufficient processing capabilities.

Since the System was insistent on improving the reputation of the Panda Clan, Jin decided it would be a waste of time bothering with ethics and arguing with the System at this stage. Might as well produce work that would earn him money and think about how they could go more 'eco-friendly' later.

While it's true, it was still simple enough to create instances compared to the real world examples, there were many things to take note of. From a grand story plot to what would drive the economy of his Virtual Reality instances.

Was he really going to create an entirely new world or should he just make several instances and patch them one by one? Either way, it would take considerable time and effort, neither one he had to spare, despite the luxury of the System's ability to time compress.

For example, NPCs might not be a problem but the stories and lives to make the place an experience not to forget was another thing and the System was not well versed to create a brand new fake life.

That's one of the reasons why Jin had communicated with Rei a lot. Aside from him being an engineer from the Mecha World, his reputation for creating stories was not something to scoff at.

As such, Jin came to the conclusion that the best way to solve that issue was by 'employing' a group of mangaka artists into his clan so that they could assist with making with the NPCs, and perhaps give him some inspiration with new areas as well. If possible, they might be in charge of creating sub stories and bringing in more life for the Virtual Reality instance.

Besides, if Jin was going to dive into Virtual Reality, he needed the best of the best so that no one could beat him to it!

## **Chapter 1124 - Rei's Promises Getting Fulfilled**

"I have managed to reach a few of my ...erm contacts. They are kinda sceptical of the current offer but I have at least set up a time and date for them to meet with you." Rei said as he got into the mini claustrophobic box of confinement to meet Jin and tell him the results. At the same time, he brought the second revision of the VR head gear so that Jin could personally test it out. This time, it looked more like a bike helmet than a simple head band.

"Thanks a lot, Rei. You helped a lot." Jin said as his eyes sparkled a little despite the weariness he accumulated on his face.

"Nah, I should be thanking you...and the System," Rei said as lately because of the System's insistence to clear the backlogs, he was relieved that he finally got his funding for his Gunndam movie production. However, there was more to that funding than he had expected which brought him a much needed smile too.

Jin had previously contacted Pei and queried if she was able to do him a favour. As reluctant as Pei would be to do extra work, she agreed to assist only because she wanted to get out of Kraft's meddling. But as to what Kraft was doing, she never spilt a single word to Jin about it. Even as Jin asked about the situation outside, both the System and Pei barely spoke a sentence out of it. It made the Dungeon

Supplier suspicious as hell but since he had been put behind bars, there was only that much he could complain about.

In any case, how Rei had benefited from Pei's meddling was that Jin requested the mangaka artist to bring everyone in his movie production to the head office of Studio Mashi to hold a large scale conference. And that included all the assistants and other small fries that were involved in the project. During that large conference, Pei had 'inspired' them to re-sign a new contract with Rei for obvious brainwashing reasons. For the big wrights, there was an additional clause where any newcomers they recruited would have to sign the very same contract too.

On the outside, it might look like just another privacy concern contract but Rei knew that it was a way to induce the company into the System's arm even though the System promised that it was more of monitoring rather than interference. When asked why during the meeting, Rei cited that Pei was part of the company that was planning to invest in the movie and they wanted to keep their presence unknown until the release of the movie. In return, they would provide necessary cash and funds for the movie though they expected the courtesy to be given in terms of profit.

So, the rest had unquestionably signed it since they knew the film production was losing too much money from the constant change in the movie's directive. Initially, they wanted the existing director to get out but it seemed after a one to one intensive pep talk with Pei, the current lead director seem to be amicable to changes and remained steadfast with the current directive that they were heading. It was a surprise but the staff took whatever change of heart the director had and pressed on with the movie release.

But the most important portion was that they were going to be sent to China for the shoot which Rei indicated where they could have shots of big a.s.s giant mechatronics via the Supa Robot Wars mini instance. Thus, their contract to be in the System's subtle surveillance was required.

Eventually, they found out it had perks working under the System too.

Rei would have instant updates of his movie production and they would be unquestioning in their zeal to work to the best of their abilities. Some of the workers who experienced first hand would call it a significant morale boost for their passion in the movie they were making.

As both Rei and Jin were having this conversation, the Studio Mashi team was already in the process of moving their team into China while they were promised to have their apartments, equipment and even daily life essentials to be covered. The Pandafull delivery team had also sent a bus driver to bring them from the airport and back to Dungeon Supplier Store so that they would stay permanently until the movie production was done.

Such activities consisted of liaising with freelancing artists, editors and voice acting. Those tasks that had been outsourced were also given the very same contract which Pei introduced.

But unlike the Studio, they had no obligations to continue or sign the contract given the strict work timeline Rei outlined. So in order to compensate for that, they were also given a one off four month salary bonus if they signed it and literally everyone could not stave off the allure of cash. To top it off, there was a clause that stated that if the movie had done well, an additional form or monetary bonus would be given which further spurred them to sign on the spot and work for it.



That being said, Rei was actually more concerned with another part of his deal. His family members.

Hence, it was one of the reasons why Sebastia scouted the Mecha World. Even as much as Kraft and the other minions had advocated starting a proxy war between the two major military oriented factions, there was not much of a push factor to do so aside from stealing the Titan for the System's use.

However, the allure of highly advanced technology was worth the scouting and to Sebastia's astonishment, finding Rei's family was not as simple as it was. Apparently, the information that Rei gave was extremely outdated and they had moved away due to the dangers of the space colony they were previously staying to be attacked.

Still, Sebastia had her pride as a scout of Moloch and vowed to continue to find Rei's family. And that alone was enough to let Rei have peace of mind to give 110% to Jin's creations.

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"Do I have to go to Japan again?" Jin asked Rei since the meeting was set up by him and those artists were quite a nuisance to handle according to the Mecha Engineer.

"Nah, we are doing the online conference over Vroom so they have no excuse not to attend a short fifteen to twenty minutes talk," Rei said as he sent the Vroom app details to Jin. He re-emphasised Jin how irritating it was for them to leave their studio or apartments, citing them as permanent hikikomori despite their abilities and talents.

"Isn't that a great thing? We might be able to have them all by ourselves if we play this right." Jin smirked at Rei, implying to him that he had found a great group to exploit.

"Good luck with that and also this. Put it on and give it a try. There should not be any more headaches." Rei said as he tuned the Pandamonium app to synchronise with the VR headgear, allowing Jin to finally catch some 'sleep' that he had missed for ages while his mind wandered in the Virtual Reality.

## **Chapter 1125 - Virtual Reality Headgear**

As Jin entered the Virtual Reality Instance, his body flopped in real life since his consciousness had been uploaded into the System's database. The first iteration of the VR headgear had been a little choppy in terms of transmission. One of the bugs had made the transmission so patchy that Jin had been losing parts of his body whenever he walked inside the Virtual Reality.

The System thought it was funny to look at the sight of Jin panicking at the data packet losses of his body and even took some screenshots for posterity. For the second version of the VR headgear, Rei had been able to smooth out these kinks. But even though Rei was the overall engineer for the VR headgear, the one responsible for the much smoother uploading of consciousness was none other than Starry Mood.

For the Mecha World's version of virtual reality, their headgear induced a temporary comatose state by using low voltage induced shocks directly into the brain. The feeling was slightly unpleasant but when

coupled with a specific set of flashing lights to trick the eyes, the pain somehow became inconsequential.

A sequential show of flashing green lights halted the circadian rhythm and later slideshow of lights caused a temporary daze to the user, allowing them the low voltage shocks to not only induce the comatose state but also connect the brain to the VR interface, allowing them to play the Virtual Reality in an out of body experience. Those low voltage shocks also halted the nervous systems to stop them from moving the body in real life while the user was having an out of body experience.

A similar concept was used for Jin's Virtual reality world instance with a few exceptions. There was no light show or any low voltage shocks which could potentially damage the eyes and brain of the user. Instead, the Dungeon Research Team had gathered all their expertise and put together a product that required resources from other worlds.

In return, they created a 'safe to use' 'out of body' experience for the cultivators. The System stepped in as well, tuning them to ensure that there would be no overloading brain problems and setting up the correct specifications. Of course, they were not going to create the ultimate VR headgear off the bat because that would be bad for business if the first model was already successful and everlasting.

Like every major electronics business, they would be withholding the technology specs to ensure that after the first one there would be ver. 1.5, 2, etc. so that the sales of their hardware would continue to go strong.

But before they could strip their VR headgear to the b.a.r.e minimum, the System and Dungeon Research Team would need to ensure it was working first and Jin had volunteered to be their test subject and specimen. (Was it just another way to get out of work?)

After all, this gave Jin the chance to experience the player's perspective when they would reach the first newbie town.

"System, is it currently more popular to figure everything out on your own or to have a tutorial?" Jin asked as he checked his limbs and motor control to make sure they were moving correctly. Unlike the Mecha World's VR headgear, the concept of using magic crystals had been used instead.

Starry Mood had been able to easily create the prototype crystal that enabled the transference of the human consciousness in and out of the physical body without any damage to it.

And once finalised, the mass production of the crystal creation method could be done by the Eld Enclave mafia and their other associates, giving them a lucrative job to do while practising crystal crafting and imbuing. The production of crystals was also given to the Eld Enclave now that they had the motherlode of all crystals from the Flying Fortress.

All Starry Mood had to do was carve a piece of it out of the Motherlode crystal and treat it like a tree, growing it with magic and reaping the fruits of labour when it had grown again. The only problem was that it needed time to grow, yet that was not an issue since the System had a dedicated Agriculture Team consisting of the Werejackals.

Compared to their experience with the living armour plants this crystal growing was a piece of cake and that startled Starry Mood who had believed this endeavour to be a fruitless one. With time compression

farming techniques created from the Zither Mistress and her caretaker Treant, crystal farming had suddenly become priority number one in Pandapolis Agriculture.

While Jin was satisfied with the current progress of the second prototype, he was actually more concerned about the safety of his users using the headgear. After all, they would be paralysed and comatose for the entire trip into the virtual realm. It needed an emergency escape button to ensure that their users would be safe when they are back to their bodies.

The Mecha World VR headgear merely had a temporary induced comatose which the users could be awakened from if the headgear was forcefully taken out. But that was not the same with Jin's headgear. The uploading and downloading of the human consciousness, or one could say soul, back into the body required some time. Although the System could assist with the ejection by giving priority to the exit route, it would be expected to handle traffic worth hundreds of thousands of souls in and out from the System in the future.

So, Jin had requested the Dungeon Research Team to create something akin to a surveillance mode for the end users too. While it was ideal to have a barrier over the end user when they are unconscious, there would never be a barrier that cannot be broken. Therefore, Jin asked for something similar to a camera sensor that would allow the end users to be notified that in case there would be unknown people in their surroundings. (It would also provide video evidence in case anything ever would go wrong)

An image would pop up should the user's body be approached and they would be able to perform a full emergency exit if necessary. That way, they would still be conscious of their surroundings. As for other concerns, Jin had already thought of them as accessories to the VR headgear set, giving the potential quality of life improvements to it.

But for now, he had to make sure the Virtual Reality town was good enough for presentation in the Dungeon Supplier Symposium as they found out in a letter of acceptance upon application that the current topic for this year's event was...

Village.

## **Chapter 1126 - Creating the Virtual Reality -Part 1**

"All vitals are within range. Do you feel any side effects on your side? Any more loss of limbs?" Rei chuckled as he oversaw Jin's testing of the new prototype.

"Thankfully, no. Movement is all good and natural. Next, please turn off the Game Master mode for me and give me a level one player template." Jin immediately went to the next agenda after affirming that his body was still intact and working as intended.

For better or worse, the daily grind of working nonstop had somehow influenced his mindset, a clockwork of objectives kept going through his head. He did not doubt that the System (probably with the help of a mischievous fox) had a hand in brainwashing him to have such an attitude, but for now, it worked in his favour, allowing him to clear all the tasks he needed to do.

"Game Master mode off, player level one new adventurer template on. Do you need me to activate the environment settings?" Rei questioned which Jin responded with a firm no.

"Let's do one thing at a time, we are not trying instance server loading right now. It's better to ensure the individual form is working as per schedule." Jin stated and a basic holographic UI immediately popped up right in front of him, indicating his current status and the equipment he was wearing.

A plain t-shirt and shorts.

The very same set of clothes he had been wearing before he had been teleported into the Virtual Instance and they were identical to the very last detail.

The concept was to collect information and portray it correctly within the Virtual Instance. While some would eventually query whether it was the doing of the camera sensor and thus invading their personal space, it was not really how it worked.

The camera sensor could certainly inspect the surroundings but its input was meant to monitor the proximity of the user instead of peeking at the body. Rather, the clothes were a part of the subconscious preconceptions of the end users.

How they conceived themselves would then be portrayed to the Virtual Instance. (However, the System did not deny that it was collecting information from the end users the moment they were plugged into the machine. After all, they never knew that they were currently within the workspace of a sentient celestial being, or to be exact, a collective of celestial beings.)

"Clothes check. User interface seems a little laggy, let's try to speed up the changing of the overlays by half a second or so. Other than that, everything seems fine. System, have you set the kind of statistical parameters you wanted for the adventurers? Or are we sticking to what we have discussed?" Jin questioned as he did a bit of stretching on the spot before he started to run as fast as he could.

The holographic user interface disappeared once he ignored it. While he was running in a straight up line, the Heads Up Display (HUD) appeared right in his peripheral vision. Jin had purposely created it similar to the design he had used in half masked visors so that his customers would be able to familiarise themselves easily with the movement.

The only difference now was that there was a stamina bar right beside their own health bar. The decision to include stamina was no doubt a huge one since it would somewhat limit the way the adventurers could handle themselves.

Jin had ultimately decided on a low fantasy kind of Virtual Reality Instance. Only once they had played long enough would the customers be able to use high level skills or magic. That way it would feel rewarding to learn those techniques, skills and magic. Nevertheless, he also intended to include machines so that there was a mix of tech and magic in it.

This way, Supa Robot War players would not feel too out of place and Jin had also remembered to include Digital Pet Card Players as well as the Top Spinners into the group of classes. Thus, with that direction to include such players, Jin had decided to go a skill based levelling system instead of a specific set of jobs like knight, mage and archer.

Unlike most games which needed a ton of coding to allow the character to move the way they want, having to deal with damage formulas and clashes with incompatibility, Jin did not have to worry about any of this at all. He had the System by his side and that meant he could do whatever he wanted since the System controls the 'codes'. (Although in reality, he was planning to explain it as the work of his exclusive proprietary dungeon instance engine, the Panda Engine.)

For example, if an adventurer wished to hold a pencil and use it as his primary weapon of choice, the skill to use a pencil would be created and increase accordingly. If the adventurer continued to train in the ways of a pencil (in short, lots of grinding), eventually he would reach a certain level of proficiency to wield the pencil and be able to one shot kill his enemies.

It was there and then that the System would generate a sort of class based on the adventurer's way of fighting and subsequently create gear for said adventurer. All gamers wished to have a path of limitless choices to their gameplay and Jin had created based on that selfish wish. Of course, that would mean there would be a hundred over classes available and definitely not the most ideal solution. Thus, Jin was still thinking about what to do to overcome such a hurdle.

Perhaps, he would let the players invent their own way of fighting and the System would create skills based on their way of fighting. However, even with such a broad way of levelling, the System did not seem to worry that much.

"Since the players will be the humans of your world, it is safe to assume that they will try and make use of their already learned cultivation. At most, they will use this chance to try out someone else's cultivation. In view of that, the scrolls and manuals that your grandfather Ming had left would prove valuable in teaching them such skills."

"Aside from the proficiency based skill levelling, System has determined that specific attributes such as Strength, Dexterity and Constitution will have to be included as part of their levelling than the core set." The System replied as Jin was running around the Virtual instance's newbie village. "For anything new, System will base their way of fighting and pick the closest available techniques to improve their skill set."

"Speaking of that, we have not opened any new boxes since my Grade up." Jin remembered as his Stamina Bar had dipped to zero, forcing him to rest on the spot until it reached a certain value. "Once this set of tasks is done, please transmit those boxes for me to open – Ah yes, get Yun to unlock them first please. It will be stupid if you get me those boxes and I have to go to Yun to unlock it." Jin said as reached a mushroom looking house with a shop name right on top of it.

The Tricky Shop of Magic.

## **Chapter 1127 - Creating the Virtual Reality -Part 2**

Although Jin was not forcing anyone into the stereotypical jobs, he also was not going to stop anyone from playing as such. If anyone wanted to equip a shield and sword and wear heavy armour, so be it. However, magic related jobs would be a tough choice at the start of the virtual reality instance.

Compared to the Stamina Bar which the adventurers would have at the start of the Virtual Reality Instance, the Mana Bar would have to be unlocked and then trained from scratch.

That was where the Tricky Shop Of Magic would come into play. They specifically sold an essential item that would trigger the magical essence of the adventurers. Jin had dubbed it as the 'Magic Unlocker' and it was a key that would unlock their doorway to the Universal Pool of Magic.

This magic theory has no doubt been plagiarised by the real Universal Pool of Magic which Peppers had been talking about for the whole of her life, but Jin felt there was no need to reinvent the wheel when this particular pool of magic could be subsequently used as a potential plotline for future events.

For the time being, this troublesome way of unlocking would allow both real life mages and cultivators to start at the very same footing and learn the basics properly. It also gave the mages a chance to try out the skill based job set before going back into the field of magic.

However, casting spells would not be as simple as their real world. In the real world, the mages utilised their mana circuits to store the type of magics they remembered for the rest of the day, with very little free play in their way of fighting. If they chose the wrong spell set for the day, they would have to find a way to circumvent it with brute strength or scrolls.

In the Virtual Instance, it would be slightly different and possibly more tedious than usual. This was because the number of possibilities was limitless for the melee counterpart and if they were to augment with magic power, most magicians would definitely opt to be a Battle Magus, a person who could wield both a weapon and magic at the same time, augmenting their battle strength if they grinded the Virtual Reality Instance.

So, in order to limit that, the casting of spells would always require a medium. An item that would act as the intermediary between the universal pool of magic and their current Virtual Reality Instance. The power of their spells would be based on the medium of their choice.

Going back to the previous example, if that pencil wielder had decided to use magic, they could use their pencil as the medium to cast their magic. Upon doing so, the pencil would act as the item needed to activate their magic and would give a set amount of durability to do so before it would break. In return, the magic cast would always be 1.25 times the amount of attack power of the item stats being used and that number increases with the proficiency level of the user.

So if the user had a fire elemental proficiency level of five using the standard pencil as the medium, the amount of damage the user could inflict would definitely be more than a user with a fire elemental proficiency level of zero.

All these were created so that magic would not be the most prevalent form of usage and yet people would still use them because their damage potential would be higher with better items. And when it comes to spells, it would be kinda free for all too. The Tricky Shop of Magic would be able to sell certain basic spells but whether the adventurers would eventually be able to turn their fireball into a homing fireball would be based on their imagination and willpower.

After all, the 'Panda Engine' was designed to make the Virtual Reality Instance a very suitable place for users to explore and as long as they had enough time to grind their skills out, their effort would pay off.

As Jin browsed through the Tricky Shop Of Magic and tried the Magic Unlocker, a Panda Paw stopped him from even activating it. His entire body froze for a moment while the Panda that stared at him immediately sent a warning to his HUD to not steal anything.

"Son, I suggest you go to the front counter to update your licence plate after you PAID for the item!" The Panda grumbled at him, before he unfroze Jin, giving him free rein again.

"If you think you are capable of stealing this right under my nose, then be my guest."

"Great, the NPCs and the security system are working as intended! But gosh, the village will be packed full at the start if people are going to enter in one go." It suddenly struck Jin that there would be chaos in the villages given the realism. Unlike the shop instance which he had now, the number of people could be overwhelming if he opened the Virtual Reality instance worldwide.

"The System proposed creating separate instances as has been done for your current dungeon instances. That way, the processes in an instance could be optimised while accommodating a large number." The System reminded him and Rei added that's what they had done back home for the Virtual Reality games as well. All they had to do was create more servers and allow people to transfer to other servers if their friends were not in the same place.

Alas, that was easier said than done.

There was not enough data to justify whether his current scale of a village was big enough. Too small and rural would restrict the population of adventurers coming in and the System would have to create way too many instances for it.

Too big of a village and the place would be deserted once the bulk of the gaming population would leave for the bigger cities. Jin had also considered implementing a sort of progress system, so the village could grow with time. It could even receive more features, making it easier for future incoming players to catch up to the veteran players.

With so much to consider, Jin decided to just pause such thoughts and focus on something even more basic than the village.

The character creation and makeover.

### **Chapter 1128 - Creating The Virtual Reality -Part 3**

While Jin would have loved to focus a little more on a low fantasy world for his Virtual Reality Instance, he understood that it might be somewhat limiting to force everyone to remain a human.

As such, he had decided to sell a fantastic fantasy makeover kit in the Tricky Shop of Magic.

Initially, the makeover kit had merely been created to allow the adventurers to remodel their body size in any way they wanted. The only exception had been a gender makeover.

According to the System, the gender makeover would just mess with the players due to the way their cognitive preconception worked once their souls got uploaded into the System's servers. The only ones who would be able to change their gender were those whose cognitive preconceptions were that they had been born into the 'wrong body'.

Aside from that, seeing how his minions were all intellectual and able to converse without any discrimination, Jin came to the decision to add humanoids and other races into the makeover kit like werewolves, dark elves, orcs, dwarves, halflings and so on. (This way, his minions would also be able to blend in as NPCs more easily and help enrich the Virtual Reality Instance.)

However, to make people consider what they wanted to be, he would impose certain requirements to allow the adventurers to race change into them. For example, if one would want to be a werewolf, there was a proficiency requirement of using claw related weapons.

Buying the makeover kit did not mean they would have access to every function. There was the basic makeover kit which allowed them to change their facial appearances, an advanced makeover kit that allowed one to change their entire body size and height and the ultimate makeover kit which did everything as well as changing the race.

Naturally, the cost for all those kits differed but he had purposely made the basic makeover set cheap in order to entice his player base to use them on a constant basis. This was because the kit was required to access the special haircut styles which he intended to add in the near and far future.

"The System still believes that User should set the prices higher or even use real life currency to purchase them." The System stated as Jin was trying out the features on a full ultimate makeup kit. He purposely spent more time on it, more than the System had allocated but he argued it was a very important feature for every gamer.

Therefore, Jin did allow the adjustments of every part of the body. From cheeks, nose and toes and even Adam's apples for the guys. As for the female counterpart, he had already requested Qiu Yue and Lynn to take charge of it. (And they knew they had to accommodate all sizes...)

However, he was aware that many would care less about their outer appearance and more about what they could do in the Virtual Reality Instance. For those players, Jin had the System create a few standard templates for each and every race.

He also implemented a 'smart' randomise which allowed the System to choose the kind of makeover that most people would prefer to look like. All of those were based on science itself and with a big enough sample size, the System would be able to offer those choices based on the adventurer's ethnicities.

"Seems like the makeover feature is working well and dandy. Let's call it a day then." Jin said and used his HUD in his vision to log out. Rei was right beside him when he woke up, busy jotting down the vitals on a digital clipboard and he noted that everything seemed to have been proceeding fine.

"Boss, the test run was successful. Do you want to test combat on the next trial run?" Rei questioned as he requested the System to compile the rest of the results.



"Not so soon. Let me create a proper village first before going into the combat phase." Jin answered as he pulled out the prototype gear. "Though I must say, this is rather heavy equipment. My neck feels sore now."

"Do you want us to deal with the comfort of the player now on top of our technological advances?" Rei asked as he scratched his head. This was one particular section which he had no idea how to deal with. To him, the beauty was already in the current prototype. Those ch.i.p.s and circuit sequences were as perfect as they could get. The electrical circuitry was minimum and the cooling system was perfect with the exception of the main motherboard.

While there were smaller motherboards out there, this particular motherboard had been bought off the black market for its robustness in serving the needs of the Virtual Reality headgear. Rei might be an engineer but he was not much of a microchip expert and he could only ensure the motherboard was working well with the rest of the other components. He felt that it was already a miracle he could fit it in a big a.s.s helmet for Jin to be teleported into the System's servers, so Jin asking for a smaller build felt a little bit of an insult.

Jin seemed to be able to sense his dismay and decided to change his tune a little.

"Don't get me wrong, the prototype is as perfect as it could get! Hard to think that just two weeks ago we had and in a short span of a week you managed to mish mash random things together and get them to work for the previous version."

"This was nothing short of a miracle and I really feel you were not appreciated enough in your previous work." Jin gave him a pat on the back while emphasising how much of a job well done it was until Rei felt a little too uncomfortable. The praise felt a bit empty but for Jin to sense the dismay was already good enough for the Mecha Engineer.

"Nah, it's just that it's hard to get the job you want in a space colony." Rei sighed, stating that he preferred to create things rather than teach lectures. Although there were resources for him to do so, it had to be within the curriculum rather than something out of the box since in the end, it was all about serving for the war.

"Ah, I am sorry to hear that. I will take that more into consideration in the future." Jin agreed as he felt a little embarrassed that he had forced Rei to perform war related tasks for the expansion of his army. And when he said in the future, Rei also understood that there were some military related tasks that he had to clear for Jin before they could move forward.

Besides, a deal is a deal. The dungeon supplier seems to be the only one who was able to transverse between worlds and it was already a miracle that he was able to meet up with him. So for now, he understood his responsibilities and pledged Jin that he would try to reach his expectations.

"Hahah! It's okay Rei. I just realised I have the perfect person to lay this thing on. Besides, their engineering group has already touched one of our gadgets before. Doesn't hurt to contact them again. Not to mention, I know that CEO would be in for another wave of shocking surprise when we show him this." Jin said and Rei immediately understood who he was talking about.

"Indeed. With him being part of your Panda Clan, you could start moving mountains without being discovered." Rei chuckled and told Jin that he would look forward to meeting up with their 'very supportive' CEO.

## **Chapter 1129 - Creating the Virtual Reality -Final**

"Before the User goes to contact Ke Loong, System has determined that you have to at least improve your cultivation once more." The System noted when Jin seemed to be ready to contact the CEO of Sea Mesh.

"Hehehe! Then does that mean my work here is finally done?" Jin asked with a smirk, looking forward to finally being able to enjoy some proper sleep.

"Huh, didn't Jin attain a Grade Up recently? ...At least that is what I heard. Is it even possible for him to gain another one so easily? I might not be a person of this world but I've lived here long enough to know that it's supposed to take a long time. Are you saying Jin can do so easily?! That is basically cheating in this world!" Rei ranted, but neither the System nor Jin bothered to reply.

Wasn't Jin having the System already too much of a cheat? Was being able to 'quickly' breakthrough even worth mentioning when compared with that?

"User's work has indeed been satisfactory during his stay in this special 'concentration room'. Not only you have completed the Cultivation Zoo, the Advanced Training Centre for the Demon Exorcists, the Gentlebear Instance as well as the prototype of a first instance for the Virtual Reality World as the System has dubbed it, User has also taken the opportunity to reorganise plans for the overtaking of the Farming World."

"While the plans do require some refinement from the war table veterans, System believes you have come up with a sound plan and we will start producing equipment for the troops given the set budget." The System declared.

"Of course, you literally gave me hell and I have to walk through it barefooted!" Jin was happy about the praise, but the circumstances that had led to it were not something he ever wished to repeat. "Do not forget about the Southerners' City. If my layout is okay, send the details to Qiu Yue and we can start rebuilding after we have purged the Farming World's menace." Jin added and the System could humbly admit that it liked this commanding User more than the one it had to chase all day long.

"Since isolation has proven to increase productivity, please note that System will not hesitate to send User back here if you revert to your underperforming ways."

"Underperforming is such an understatement...seeing how Jin had to handle so many things at one go, it is pretty much a given that he would be swamped with work unless you go through that many time dilations!" Rei intervened on the Dungeon Supplier's behalf.

"Aye. These 2 weeks appeared to have been equivalent to 20 years of my life. Seriously System, are you completely sure the time dilations does not affect my lifespan at all?" Jin queried with much concern for the state of his health.

"Fear Not! System puts the utmost priority on the health of its User. As stated before, the User has proven competent enough to be among the top 1% of the Users that System had attended to. If System does not care about its top performing user, System too would not be able to reach 100% peak performance."

"Oh please, your '100%' is such a lie! Here I was under the impression that you were oh so weak, but turn out you were basically crying about being poor, because you used to be a former trillionaire, who was down to billions... With that brain s.u.c.k.i.n.g skill that you have kept hidden alone, you can grow infinitely as we transverse through more worlds!" Jin shook his head and looked at Rei. As much as the Dungeon Supplier had way too many things on his hands, Rei's Mecha World was something that was a mystery to him.

It was unlike the other worlds he had been to according to Sebastia's reports. This was because most of the worlds he and his minions had travelled through had mostly been contained to one particular region.

But for Rei's Mecha World, Sebastia had already travelled through multiple space colonies and was forced to travel through galaxies to find information. To say the word World was a bit far fetched as it was technically a universe that they had been travelling through.

However, that thought of the Mecha World being a universe suddenly gave Jin a possible solution to the problem he had stumbled on previously. The one in which he had trouble accommodating the rest of the population into the Virtual Instance when they popped in.

"System, before I leave this hellhole and perform my cultivation, can I ask a question?"

"Permission granted!"

"Hypothetically, what would happen if the entire population of six billion people would attempt to connect into your server, all at the same time? Would you be able to hold all of them at 100% peak performance?"

"Hypothetically yes, but realistically even if the System reached 100%, there would be no way to handle all six billion people at once. The resource management would require such an astronomical number of tasks that would have to be done, that it would be out of System's control. We might even need to go into excessive server overflow due to the ginormous calculations."

"Then realistically speaking, how many people could you handle? I mean due to the time difference alone, there should always be some sort of limit with how many people would be free to play. However, I'm convinced that people would definitely stay and sleep in this Virtual Reality Instance, grinding the shit out of our game." Jin wondered and the System reinforced that a definite amount of processing ability would be dedicated to it without giving a proper number.

"Then what if we were to have proper physical land instead of creating a totally new alternate dimension?" Jin asked, making Virtual Reality not as virtual as one had envisioned it to be.

"Please elaborate more." The System requested. "But before you do, System does agree that having a physical land would indeed offload a lot of our burden."

"What are you getting into?" Rei questioned Jin, not knowing his current line of thought.

"When the System suddenly dubbed it the Virtual Reality World, it got me thinking. Rei, I recalled how you were from the Mecha World UNIVERSE." Jin tried to hint to both of them where his train of thoughts was going and yet neither man nor supernatural entity could see through his supposed logic.

"Geez, what I am proposing is creating a world of our own!" Jin spilt it out and Rei's jaw dropped. If the System had been a corporeal entity, it too would be doing the same.

"Hahaha! Are you proposing to create a space colony on a large scale?! All that while keeping the players in the dark about it?" Rei asked and Jin nodded his head furiously.

"And since the System is in full control of the server, full of the players' consciousness, they are merely being projected into the physical area, reducing the workload for the System. Please correct me if I am wrong." Jin answered.

"That is an oversimplification of how the System transmits the players' consciousness but the gist of the solution is correct. Having proper land and buildings as stated by User's clarification to create a space colony would no doubt reduce the System's burden, increasing the System's ability to perform other tasks with ease." The System noted that the space colony could also be powered by solar and cosmic radiation, reducing the reliance on the System's resources even further and creating an entire dimensional instance and maintaining it.

"Imagine a person with no understanding of space colonies suddenly entering it and would think that the place is haunted. All buildings and no people around" Rei understood that Jin could potentially use the Dimension Creator, similar to his phone's ability to create a pocket of dimensional space, to project the player's consciousness.

"What are you talking about? In the first place, why would a person even enter that space colony? In any case, the 'real' factor would be multiplied within the Virtual Reality instance because it is REAL!" Jin laughed at the end but as reasonable as the solution was, the amount of preparation would be insane. This also meant that there was more excuse for the System and Jin to go into the Mecha World to steal more of their technology and possibly an entire space colony for research purposes.

But as of now, the System would power the Virtual Reality World for the purpose of the Symposium and if successful, the long term goal to acquire a space colony would be worthwhile.

## **Chapter 1130 - Sleeping Cultivation Stance**

"Alrighty, good night folks." Jin waved goodbye to Rei and the System as he started to yawn even though his cultivation would allow him to stay awake for another week or so before he would just pass out.

"So Jin, care to tell me what your current cultivation grade actually is?" Rei questioned as he started to pick up the headgear, ensuring that it was turned off before he returned to the research labs. The other

party didn't answer and when Rei looked over he found the Dungeon Supplier having fallen asleep on the same chair he had been bound to, with no form or stance of cultivation at all.

"... Can he cultivate at this particular position?" Rei now turned to the System for answers.

"As long as he is able to fall asleep, his cultivation style allows him to grow stronger. System also believes that User had advanced to the stage where he could fall asleep at will to further cultivate himself."

"So, you mean, he could actually cultivate when he is resting in a taxi or train ride too?" Rei was shocked how Jin could do that so effortlessly. If the Mecha World Engineer was not wrong, cultivation of oneself should not be that easy at all!

It required mental preparation, mindfulness of the body and in some cases, strict meditation procedures to clear the mind and body for them to cultivate. That was the main reason why cultivators used to seclude themselves in caves and isolated areas in the past. Those were the best places for them to cleanse their mind, soul and body before preparing for a long cultivation process so they could achieve enlightenment and reach the next grade.

While there were many instances where cultivators could instantly increase their grade to the next level through fighting or a change in thought process during their fights, it was not as easy as one would think once one left the Advanced levels (6-9). It was as if the human bodies were acclimated to reach a certain grade and stay that way.

Maybe it was due to the minor change in genetics where the past generations of cultivators had always broken through their cultivation, allowing the current modern generation of humans to have a simpler time reaching a certain Grade. Or perhaps, the current generation was doing activities that they unknowingly knew could aid them in their cultivation process. (After all, the people in modern society had way too many things on their agenda to clear.)

But that 'easy cultivation grade up' came with a cost too.

As society had progressed, the spots for cultivation had reduced drastically, making cultivation in isolation almost impossible. And to top it off, there were increasingly more distractions for the modern cultivators to stay focused, as well as laws to prevent actual cultivators from fighting monsters. (With how much humanity had multiplied, monsters and animals would go extinct if every human had decided to strive for the maximum cultivation grade.)

This made Dungeon Supplier stores the next best method to get their fill of cultivation and even that had been modernised to accommodate the cultivators. In doing so, the product had been less than stellar with the exception of Jin's Dungeons and Pandas. The rumours and word of mouth did not fail when they found out that Jin's Dungeon Supplier store was able to allow the cultivators to break through their stagnant grade 2 and 3 cultivation, moving them up the ladder.

It had proved to be exceptionally useful for many of the modern cultivators since their breakthroughs allowed them to last longer in their work, completing what they need without getting tired. But the concerns of a growing cultivator population could possibly work against Jin's favour and he had already been padding the dungeon instances even when he knew that the exponential growth of the cultivators

would gradually plateau when they reached higher grades. He continued to make it harder for them to grow further by increasing their accessibility with better weapons and accessories.

As ironic as it sounded, those weapons and accessories like offensive inscription charms were reducing their potential in growth because of their assistance in fighting the monsters. The cultivators were not 'dying' as much as they should be because the content was technically made easier by the means he provided them with.

There was little to no growth for them compared to Jin who had access to fighting even stronger monsters from other worlds and the absurd cultivation stance that he had. People would fight to get that particular manual of his to try and achieve his cultivation stance (If he was living in a more archaic world, female cultivators might even throw their bodies to him in hopes that their children would be able to achieve the very same ability too.)

This was made worse when those cultivation areas or commonly known as power spots had been coveted by only the rich and powerful. One good example would be the Royal Zodiac Dragon family that had established the main branch clan's location under a network of leylines, giving them almost unlimited power when it came to cultivation.

Jin had no idea how powerful his cultivation method was and the System kept everything quiet to keep him as ignorant as possible. Aside from that, it also seemed that the sleeping cultivation method had somehow evolved and been integrated into his fighting stance too. The System noticed every time Jin fell purposely to evade an attack, his cultivation stance would kick in momentarily before he activated his astral abilities to counter attack.

However, given that Jin was still holding back his powers in the previous fights, there was no way to calculate the true extent of his enhanced fighting capabilities. The momentary kick in of the cultivation stance got even more apparent in these two weeks where he tried to slip in a snooze or two before the default alarm went off.

It was to the point, Jin was practically cultivating as he performed his work duties and it frightened the System since it had no information on this considering such a possibility had never been mentioned in the manual. It could only deduce that the Ming which Jin spoke of was helping him tremendously in the subconscious training of his cultivation.

That being said, when Jin said twenty years had passed in the last two weeks, it was no doubt an exaggeration but not entirely an understatement. The time dilation would have been equivalent to two years. In short, Jin had technically been cultivating on and off for two years and that was why the System demanded Jin go into full cultivation mode to consolidate his chi and power.

So that he could potentially Grade Up once more to face the real world with confidence and strength.