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Chapter 1151 - Panda VS Fox -Part 1 -unedited

The shot was slow moving in Jin's eyes but it suddenly sped up when it reached closer to him, splitting itself into several projectiles and attempting to hit him from various angles.

"Inverse Eyes!" Jin said to himself as his eyes glowed with Maqi. Time seemed to slow down significantly with the powers of his mystical pair of eyes, allowing him to prepare for the attack. Both his Chi and Mana circuits pumped through his entire body and his muscles were energised thoroughly. As his Inverse Eyes was somehow able to predict the future, his body instinctively found the safest route away from all the projectiles with the exception that the projectiles continued to stay the same. (If they were split up again, then it is possible Jin would be terribly injured from it.)

"One by one!" Jin said to himself as he sidestepped for the very first projectile while taking out his trusty sword, Bam to block the second. The Third subsequently came by his blind spot but his living armour instantly shifted to protect its master. The fourth was a troublesome one as Jin could sense the fifth hiding right behind it. Hence, he utilised his chi to trip himself, allowing his body to fall backwards while an Astral Image appeared to block the attack.

All in all, the Astral Panda Cultivator was able to dodge the very first volley of attack from the start with his 'natural' instinct to evade.

"Bah! I expected that much from you, considering how many times you saw me fired No Mercy. Still, if only your evading was as good as your attacks then perhaps, you could end this particular duel immediately!" Kraft commented as he rushed towards Jin shooting No Mercy multiple times. "But that is assuming you can evade all of these right now!"

"Wow. It's been ages since I last saw Kraft taking a fight so seriously. Guess, he really wants to punch Jin to oblivion...or he's just too bored trying to command the Dungeon World. Hmmm... maybe both? Still, it was no doubt a meddlesome situation to be in and I kind of understand their perspectives. If only those Churchies are not such bastards, things might not be that complicated." Kiyu commented as she offered some popcorn to the rest of the skulk who had already created a bench where they could sit and watch the action. With their powers combined, they believed that they had a barrier sufficient to prevent Kraft's attack from going through. So, all they had to do was stay stationary and watch how it unfolds.

"Humans are always the one that make every situation complicated. As long as there's power involved, they bound to scheme something up. Oh by the way, do you guys want to move this bench around so that we can have a better view? Or request the System to hook us up for better viewing entertainment?" Evon subsequently suggested that they should make the bench move along with the action to get the best scenes.

"With the System busy to eject Jin, I honestly don't think you able to get decent footage out of it. But... lucky you, I have some on those flying video drones with me." Kiyu rejected Evon's suggestion of moving the benches by sending out the invisible 'Magic Eyes' out to view the battlefield.

Everyone agreed to Kiyu's alternative as most of them were curious to see Jin in action. They had missed his big showdown against King Baal back in Pandapolis and watching the recording from the System just wasn't the same as experiencing it live.

He changed his No Mercy from a triple gun barrel into a giant scythe and slashed it in the direction of Jin. Just as the Dungeon Supplier was about to evade the attack, he realised that he was about to underestimate the length of the attack. Nay, Jin's mystical eyes had predicted the attack correctly but his hunch instinctively told him that there was something more to the simple swing of the scythe. It was only then his eyes suddenly changed its prediction when Jin's body moved backwards voluntarily.

Thus, he lowered his body even further and Kiyu giggled how Jin could make an excellent gymnast himself. Kraft uttered a quick tsk, not happy that Jin was able to see through the attack. He was sure that it should have been enough to grant him first blood in this fight and he had already prepared a speech to brag about it when he was revived back into the dimensional instance. Hence, he continued his attack by nimbly twirling the scythe with the momentum and going for the next attack.

At this point, Jin had decided to slip, and an astral panda emerged from his body, blocking the attack and at the same time, attempting to hit Kraft. However, the old fox punched the astral image with his chi, dissipating it in an instant. That was not all, the chi from his hand converted into a blast that knocked back Jin.

Kraft used this opportunity to rush forward again to bisect him while Jin was unbalanced from the attack but to his surprise just as he was about to drop the scythe onto him, another Astral Panda came out and swayed his scythe to the other side, causing him to barely miss the dungeon supplier.

At that moment, Jin had decided to use his Maqi to cast a pillar of Astral Ice to push him out of the way. However, he too was surprised when he saw that his ice was crystal blue in colour than the usual white pale ice he was used to. Naturally, Kraft was able to block it but it annoyed him that the ice somehow was able to change its direction at the very last moment, hitting his scythe when he thought he already evaded it.

"For an ice block, it sure hit hard." Kraft stepped two feet back to once again sprint towards Jin.

This time, Jin attempted to conjure his Astral Fire to confirm his suspicions of the change in his powers and it was pure orangey yellow in colour. He felt the Astral Fire was even stronger than he had ever experienced before. Upon seeing the astral fire lit up his opponent's hand, Kraft boosted his chi even more and went for a straight dive.

"Kraft sure is giving Jin some slack despite claiming he is going full power," Tsu mentioned as he requested Kiyu to change the view of the Magic Eye Drones to provide them with an alternative view from the side of the bench so that they could see the action from all angles.

"He is probably testing Jin a little more before being serious. Isn't that part of his mantra when fighting? 'Let the enemy think that they are winning before you obliterate them in one shot'." Kai theorised.

"Nah, he already went for the kill shot a few seconds back." Rex remarked. "While it was a simple swing, the chi imbued would have been enough to cut Jin's head away from his body. But the Panda had managed to evade it quite a few times despite seeing his No Mercy Scythe for the first time."

"Even I was stabbed a few times the first time I fought against him. His ability with the Scythe to slow it down, only for all of that momentum to spring forth in the last moment is just too evil. Kraft is even able to extend the range at any time he likes. Truly a weapon that seems to defy physics." Ixel rolled his eyes, remembering the times he got stabbed in practice.

"For a cultivator of the panda styles which are generally known for their power than evasion, he sure understands how to escape most of the attacks," Ixa said as she too decided to take a small pack of ch.i.p.s to eat. Seeing that the fight had moved past 10 seconds, she believed it was worth something bingeing for. "I would have just destroyed the entire area to stop him from moving."

"He has his inverse eyes to aid him with his dodging but seeing and fighting at the same time are two different matters especially when Kraft's scythe had the ability to distort time and space at the very last moment," Itori commented while quietly taking some popcorn from Kiyu's back.

"Yeah, Kraft would possibly start using his chi to stop all those evading," Evon added as he reinforced the shield on his side while Kraft used his Scythe to grab a few debris and threw it in Jin's direction.

However, the ice block which he had ignored started to sprout icy spiky offshoots that hindered Kraft's movement too and the old fox had to slice them up before moving forward, allowing Jin to conjure his Astral Fire.

"If hurling basic elements to me is all you got, you better make sure that basic stuff hurt!" Kraft shouted as he had enough of the icy offshoots and used his chi to dismantle the entire block.

Playtime was over.

Chapter 1152 - Panda VS Fox -Part 2 -unedited

"Damn, note to self. Please test out your powers first when you first obtain them." Jin thought to himself when he found himself surprised that the ice pillar and the fire he was conjuring right now was different from what he was used to. When Jin conjured his Astral Fire, he figured it had something to do with the readjustment of his chi and mana circuits because the quality of the element seemed so much different from usual.

From the combustion of the plasma rapidly emitting both heat and light at the same time to the amount of energy that was used to produce this intensity, Jin was wholly in awe with his own magic that it was a pity he could not enjoy admiring it at this current moment. If the past training within his subconscious had shown any results, the new placement of his circuits had finally allowed him to produce the elements he wanted precisely.

No fancy black, white or whatever colour staining his elemental energy. Just pure chi and magical power coursing through his veins and into his palm without any difficulties conjuring it out. The rigorous training from the past two weeks to utilise his entire chi and mana circuit to create his particular fire energy had paid off. Even the Ice Pillar he shot out was done in a breath's cycle which was a feat to behold if it was made known by manipulators of ice from both schools of cultivation and magic.

After Kraft destroyed Jin's living block of ice pillar, he continued to hold the Astral Fire energy by his hand while waiting for the opportunity to have a good close up hit before dishing the damage out. Given how each of them was high grade cultivators, Jin reckoned that Kraft would simply avoid it if he were to throw it out like a fireball. Of course, he might be able to control and manipulate the energy he threw but this was a fight where a slight mistake could cause the battle to tip the enemies' favour. This was no place for any trial and error, and the only thing he could do was take actions that had the highest probability to injure the opponent. Hence, it was best to keep the hit close and clean so that Kraft could feel the pain of his newly obtained powers.

But Kraft had no idea of Jin's drastic change even though he did sense the increase of Maqi from his current foe. So, even as the Old Fox moved towards Jin at a steady pace, he did not bother much since he believed Jin's Maqi amounted to nothing especially when he had seen all the fights his master had been in before. However as he was about to rush, he saw a shimmer of the broken ice pillar right beside him and that prompted him to have a quick thought.

"Hmm, even as I do not wish to admit it, that change in colour of his elemental fire does pose a bit of concern if I were to take into account his previous ice pillar manoeuvre even though I had blocked it with my weapon. The strength was considerable compared to the previous bouts I remembered and he is not letting his guard down at all..." Kraft could see that

Thus, he rushed in once more but this time, with a bit of trick.

He switched his No Mercy back to gun mode and sprayed chi energy blasts with his gun. Once he got closer to Jin, it transformed back into the scythe springing towards the Panda. And as usual, the scythe was beaming with Kraft's ominous powers that forced Jin to reevaluate the necessity for a counterattack.

This caused Jin to hold his fire literally and converted his Astral Fire energy into Astral Rock Energy, allowing him to create a slab of rock to block all the incoming attacks. Unfortunately, the shots penetrated through the rock walls and Kraft quickly inserted more of his chi into his Scythe to perform multiple cuts at once.

It was pretty obvious that Jin had cornered himself in the worst possible way and the Foxes who were spectating believed Kraft would claim first blood in this fight.

But the System did not indicate any deaths or injuries and when the dust settled, it revealed there was no blood there on sight, forcing Kraft to stay on his toes.

"Oh did Jin burrow his way out of danger?!" Kiyu squeaked excitedly as she was surprised Jin found a way to escape. The slight rumbling everyone eventually felt confirmed that something was coming out right from Kraft's feet given their keen senses.

And then as the ground erupted, the spikes zoomed right into the target without mercy, causing Kraft to smirk a little...until he felt a stab at the side of his shoulders.

It was an astral energy projection of a knife and Jin was panting with a peace symbol behind the slab of broken walls. The Foxes at the bench were bewildered by the change in battle.

"Ohohoho! First blood goes Jin! This is quite unexpected!" Pei clapped and the others were discussing what happened. The only deduction they could make was that Jin dug his way through the ground upon evading the series of attacks and subsequently returned to his original position without portraying any Maqi. Or perhaps he had spread his Maqi underground to confuse Kraft while he crawled his way back to the surface.

"That eruption was most probably a delayed Maqi Explosion. But to keep Kraft from even detecting his whereabouts... that's surely a feat to be proud of." Kai nodded with approval.

"Yeah, but it wasn't as easy as you made it out to be," Tsu pointed at the panting Jin.

"The important bit is that he injured him first. That would surely infuriate Kraft." Pei smirked and was happy Jin was able to do something to get that high and mighty fox off of his high horse.

"Yeah, but won't that just mean that Jin's end will be far more miserable?" Evon shook his head and immediately pitied Jin for trying so hard to score a hit. While Kraft had indeed been treating this fight as a sort of spar, suffering this first strike changed everything.

"You..." Kraft dropped his lackadaisical attitude. Using his chi to destroy the astral projection of the knife, he just stared at Jin for a bit, a mix of emotions in his eyes. Eventually, he took a deep breath and started to unbuckle his long coat, only to throw it aside.

While he still looked professional with a grey office shirt and black tie, he was ready to hunt Jin until he apologised.

The lights began to flicker a little and suddenly the entire room was filled with Kraft's chi. A low grade cultivator would have instantly fainted if exposed to this much power, with the possibility of death imminent since the Old Fox's chi practically condensed the air, making it hard to breathe.

A middle grade cultivator on the other hand would be gasping for air and whether they could resist the atmosphere would totally depend on their own chi manipulation capability.

As for Jin, who would have to be considered a middle to high grade cultivator, he did not have any problems with the change within the room. While he might be panting hard, it was because he had exhausted his new powers to cover his tracks to the point he became invisible. Now that he did not have to do it, the shortness of breath subsided and he was ready for round two.

Noticing that his chi aura did not do anything to Jin's constitution, Kraft emitted his emotions into his chi aura, turning it even darker purplish in colour and unsightly in some way. That itself was vexatious to those who were s.e.n.s.i.t.i.v.e to chi and made the dungeon supplier even more aware that he was not to be trifled with.

However, Jin was barely affected by the fox's taunt and he decided to attack Kraft straight on. He believed that his only option would have been to endure the fight until the System was able to overcome the hack. For the longest time, there had been no way for the Astral Panda Cultivator to even leave a dent against his sadistic opponent.

Frankly, Jin had thrown the astral projection of a knife more out of pure instinct and curiosity but knowing that the Fox could be injured changed the Panda's plan substantially.

Sure, the System User clearly understood that each and every fox he had contact with were powerful beings, especially when he had watched the replay of the destruction of the Paradise Prison in Demopolis but...

If they could bleed, then they could die!!!

Chapter 1153 - Panda VS Fox -Part 3 -unedited

"JINNNNNNN" Kraft shouted as he raised his hand up. The Chi within his hand caused the black purple aura he emitted to solidify right in front of him. Multiple spirals of the black aura spun around Kraft and Jin could sense a consolidation of Kraft's powers taking shape. Teeth and later the shape of a mouth could be seen until the multiple chi spirals began to grow a body out of the chaos. As expected, silhouettes of foxes were conceived out of the chi spirals and they squeaked before instinctively zooming towards Jin.

Their movements were incoherent as they swooped past Jin and later attacked him from the back. The Astral Panda Cultivator tried to evade them but unlike normal bullets and chi projectiles, they did not seem to stop. Whenever Jin moved away from them, they would merely swirl to the side and continue to follow their target.

It appeared as if they were to possess some level of 'intelligence', at least enough to follow up with the attack and the only way Jin could stop the attack was to either block it or dispel the purple fox silhouettes entirely. To make things worse, the aura that Kraft emitted around Jin seemed to thicken and more of those fox silhouettes emerged whenever the Panda tried to put one down to rest.

"Ahhh... good luck to Jin. Of all the attacks and techniques, Kraft had decided to use his signature technique against him. Our young little Panda is in a terrible mess right now." Kiyu pointed out as she recognised the technique that Kraft had pulled out as he smiled happily at the side.

Black Mist of the Fox Graveyard.

One might say that he named the technique by harnessing his sadness and loneliness he had once experienced. As the name suggested, Kraft had created it as a sort of tribute after he became the last remaining true Fox Clan descendant. As long as the Chi generated mist around Jin was around, the creation of those fox silhouettes was only the start. It was the foundation for a series of techniques that he had coined as the 'Graveyard Combo'.

Remembering the origins of this technique, Kiyu couldn't help but compare the two combatants' history. One had been blessed with the luxury of companions on his journey to fulfil his personal goal of becoming the Number One Dungeon Supplier whereas the other... his path had been riddled with difficulties, pain and the loss of companions which had ultimately led him to a great sacrifice.

The Panda had an ever growing companionship while the other kept losing his allies until he trusted almost no one. Sure, things changed with time and Kraft could have grown a little more wiser but as long as this technique existed, it would serve as a grim reminder of the sufferings the Original Bellator had endured during his prime.

Perhaps the chance to fight Jin had not stemmed out of sheer boredom or an 'itch' to fight, but from a long suppressed jealousy towards the good luck he had never been privy to in his own youth. There was a sort of bitterness within him that had never been resolved and the only way to keep it in check had been to 'entertain' himself, to get what he wanted through any means possible.

"Behind that mask of mischievous smiles, Kraft probably just wanted someone to resonate with him and have a friend with equal standing," Rex spoke solemnly and almost every single fox turned towards Kraft's 'brother', hoping he could provide some clarification. Rex had always been one with little words, and small talk about Kraft did not come by easily even after he became king of Demopolis. Despite the fact that everything else with regards to him seemed to have calmed down and his rage for the System had subsided, Rex still broods several scars that were kept even from his fellow foxes. Hence, this revelation of Kraft was so that they could understand their 'keeper' a little better and not hate him for the things he did previously to them, like making them part of his arsenal.

"I will not deny that I too felt that I might be the closest to him considering the deadly battles we went through. The thick and thin, blood and sweat, the mountains and seas. We hid and ambushed, claiming both victories and losses but in the end, I had just been a comrade in arms, a means to an end for him. To defeat my Father, the Panda Lord." Rex explained.

"After all, the two of us had been resurrected to provide the Panda Clan with a chance to get revenge and return it to its previous glory. Instead, by breaking this taboo the System of that time had created far more internal strife and had forced all of you to get involved. It was at that point, the System was uncontrollable in my opinion. So keep this in mind. No matter the outcome of this particular duel. Life goes on, the System will continue to grow in strength with Jin and make sure that we keep it in check once in a while."

"We understand." The foxes said that two words in unity, something which had never occurred for a very long time. Rex nodded his head with a gentle smile and looked at the broken expression Kraft was showing when he fought with Jin.

"In my heart, all I had felt had been anger and rage for having been betrayed while he had struggled with loss and grief. It pains me to admit that at those times I did not think of Kraft as a brother as much as he considered me to be his, because each of us had been focused on our agendas. Still, I would reminisce that the things we did were nothing short of memorable." Rex nodded his head while he momentarily thought about the past even more and the rest watched the battle in anticipation.

Sadly, recollecting the past was meaningless to both Kraft and Rex as the battle had taken a sharp turn towards Kraft's advantage. The consistent harassment of the fox silhouettes eventually wore Jin's senses down a little partially due to the exposure of Kraft's chi despite the Panda Cultivator's ability to shrug it off initially.

Some of the fox silhouette's attacks connected and wounded Jin by grabbing hold of him. The Panda Cultivator realised that if he were to stop even for just a moment to remove them away, he would be bitten by another two more fox silhouettes.

Thus, his only way to stop this was to do something similar to what he had done in the innards of Orochi's body. By exploding himself with an accumulation of Maqi. The only difference from now and

then was that he had full control of his Maqi compared to the limited quantities he had been able to summon forth in the subconscious plane.

Hence, with a quick breath in, he discharged his Maqi throughout his entire body while causing an explosion to occur by mixing a bit of explosion magic, astral fire and lighting Maqi into it. The entire room shook as if there was an earthquake within their midst but they could clearly see that Jin was able to dispel the mist for a while.

"Do you really believe that my mist would dissipate so easily?!" Kraft questioned with a sadistic grin as he powered the Black Mist of the Fox Graveyard technique into the next stage of his Graveyard Combo.

The Black Hurricane of the Fox Graveyard.

The dark purplish mist around Jin instantly swooped towards him, catching him in the chi technique and Jin could already feel multiple bites gnawing at him as he tried to withstand the attack. At the same time, he could feel his body getting weaker not because of the lack of Maqi but rather the debuff the second stage of the Graveyard Combo was inflicting.

"Not many could handle this but even if they could, can they handle me attacking them as well?!" Kraft smiled widely as he once again shot his No Mercy before turning it into a scythe, heading towards Jin with no mercy in thought. The situation was entirely skewed to Kraft's benefit and the foxes also agreed unless Jin decided to not just use his Maqi.

But this was a fight to the 'death', right?

And that means Jin had other items at his disposal to ensure the fight would continue until one of them dropped dead. Another explosive burst of Maqi was sent out to stop the projectiles from reaching Jin while dispelling the black hurricane for a moment. Jin did know that it would not stop Kraft from charging him but he needed just a second to do what was needed.

To equip his System Rider Belt on and fight with his might.

"I hardly use you but I guess, it's time to show that fox who is actually the master of Graveyards, Half Ghoul Lord Derek!" Jin shouted as he performed a sleight of hand and shoved a card into his System Rider Belt, calling forth the Zombie Lord to merge with him.

System Rider Zombie.

Chapter 1154 - Panda VS Fox -Part 4 -unedited

"Hahahahaha! So much for it being a one on one fight!" Kraft 'complained' as he watched the transformation of the System Rider. He was aware that technically this was still 'just' Jin he would be fighting since the System Rider merely allowed the Dungeon Supplier to borrow powers from his minions.

But even though he felt a bit unfair for Jin to change into System Rider Zombie, the Original Bellator allowed the transformation to proceed without any interference. After all, he was curious how the new Rider would look and it would give Kraft a bit of insight on what to expect from his challenger.

For the Zombie version, the System Rider's armour was similar to the original design of System Rider Panda but there were purposeful cracks within the armour with signs of the nano suit being greenish and mouldy in nature. The Mask that Jin was wearing had a red eye on his left instead of the usual black eyes and the chin was dyed with blood. It was as if the System Rider Panda itself turned insane and deteriorated into a Zombified Panda. Unbeknownst to Jin, even the posture of System Rider Zombie was somewhat hunched as if he became feral from the possession of the Half Ghoul Lord Derek.

Derek stormed the front when it finally completed its transformation and slammed Kraft who accidentally kept his guard down when he watched the transformation scene in its full glory. "That was not very nice when I gave you my full attention, Derek." Kraft said as he tried to shake System Rider Zombie away when Derek managed to catch Kraft's left arm and bit it. Nevertheless, that annoyed him and forced the old Fox to increase the intensity of the Black Hurricane of the Fox Graveyard even further by emitting even more chi, causing System Rider Zombie to be blown away.

As the hurricane winds continued to exist, it started to rot the walls and caused the lights to be flickering and it was to the point that one would wonder how much chi Kraft was able to dish out a room wide damage and debuff technique for so long. (Even scarier was that this was just barely the second stage of his Graveyard Combo!) In the meantime, the Fox merely healed his wound before it festered and brought more problems which made the System Rider Zombie even more cautious of a more powered up Kraft.

"Now I can see why you summoned me." Derek smiled as he unsheathed Jin's twin swords with a hardened grip. He even poured some of his own magic to make sure that the swords had a bleeding effect if they happened to cut the fox's flesh. But before the System Rider Zombie was able to complete its enchantment, Kraft did not hesitate to emerge right at the side of the System Rider to engage with him in a close combat melee.

Thankfully, with the Half Ghoul Lord's natural endurance as a zombie, the constant debuff Jin had started to suffer from became a minor issue and this would have enabled his master to withstand Kraft's onslaught. Even as the Zombie wielding two swords were rather unwieldy due to its feral stance, the Rider's movement was relatively unhindered by the black hurricane, allowing him to stay on par with Kraft's combat prowess.

"Sorry to drag you into this, but you are the only one who will help me resist his debuff magic and rot powers," Jin explained as he came to the front of his consciousness to take control over the System Rider while Derek was pushed to the back momentarily. He had already analysed that the Black Mist of the Fox Graveyard was not just reducing his capabilities magically but he could physically feel the deterioration of his body when exposed to Kraft's chi.

"Now I understand why Kraft kept coming to me and talking about necromancy and its other counterparts. It seems that he had dabbled quite a fair bit of it himself. Thanks for taking over, I was not much of a frontline fighter to begin with." Derek did not mind the back seat and in fact was relieved to hand Jin back the reins over his body when Kraft came in contact. To the Panda Cultivator's dismay, the

swap of consciousness came at the nick of time, forcing him to experience the pain of receiving Kraft's Scythe attack.

He could feel his arms dislodged momentarily and had it not been for the Vampire Bones in his body, as well as the aid of the System Rider, he was certain his arms would have been cut off instantly from the blow.

Suddenly the hurricane turned menacing as more fox silhouettes emerged to hit Jin as well while he exchanged blows with Kraft. Seeing how Jin was covered from top to bottom with living armour, the old fox became even more relentless with his strikes.

Each time his scythe attacks did not connect, it gathered more chi energy from the surroundings, enabling the next attack to be even more destructive against his victim. Jin's only saving grace was that Bam and Boo were swords made by the System. Although it considered them to be failed products, any other weapon would have snapped into two by now.

It was pretty obvious that the entire situation was to the advantage of the fox no matter how one would look at it. But as things were starting to get grim for Jin and Kraft getting more c.o.c.ky with every slice stripping bits of living armour away from Jin's System Rider suit, the Astral Panda Cultivator went back to the basics. He used his Panda Swipe against the No Mercy Scythe using the back of his sword's hilt to knock Kraft away from him.

Kraft smiled knowingly, his gaze telling Jin that he had expected this scenario. The next moment a skulk of fox silhouettes flew from behind Kraft's back in the opening that Jin had intended to use and struck him hard. The System Rider was severely knocked back until he crashed into the wall. The skulk of foxes immediately merged into one giant fox head and bit Jin on his torso. Its fangs bit through the Living Armour and into the sides of Jin's body.

As the Panda Cultivator was in shock from the knockback, he could not retaliate immediately against the Giant Fox's bite. To make things worse, Kraft closed the gap and emerged from his side, swinging the Scythe right towards his immobilised master.

All of the other foxes were ironically on the edges of their seats, hoping Jin could get out of the situation even though their gut feeling told them that Kraft's revenge for losing first blood to Jin was complete elimination.

"It would take a miracle to save Jin now," Evon said about what was on the mind of every fox.

Kraft swung his scythe, already looking forward to the sight of Jin's lobbed off head, yet contrary to his expectation his weapon got stuck in the wall, something that should be impossible. Unable to slice through it, there was only one explanation for it.

"F.u.c.k you, System! How DARE YOU intervene now?!" The Old Fox shouted with rage as he looked towards the ceiling, his eyes glowing with a dangerous glint, the chi aura in the surroundings took on a darker hue, getting closer to black.

This was because this particular dimensional instance was made by the System and while the System should be impartial in every fight and argument, this was the first time in a long time that it had

intervened for the sake of its user. Still, seeing how Kraft had played a fast one by activating an executive command and overwriting the User's orders, payback was in order, it was a matter of when.

"Wow, you really managed to jinx-" Before Kiyu could finish her sentence, Evon grabbed the popcorn from her bowl and stuffed it into her mouth, preventing her from saying anything else. The rest chuckled a little but subsequently turned their attention back to the fight.

These were the only few chances Jin could get and he better make use of it or else, what the System had done was for nought.

"Thanks..." Jin placed his hands on the Giant Fox silhouette which continued to 'nibble' on his torso and a streak of Astral Lightning blasted the silhouette into nothingness. However, Kraft was not going to let Jin go that easily especially after he finally got him immobilised.

Just like Jin, he wasn't limited to just his primary weapon. He materialised a 12 gauge short barrel shotgun, with miniature fox cravings on the wood handle and instantly fired it off. Instead of pellets, this time it was a string of laser beams flying towards Jin's head.

Kraft figured that even if Jin wanted to counter it with his Panda Yawning Beam, there was no time for him to even activate it. As much as Kraft would like to finish Jin with No Mercy, the final strike would be Just Business.

Chapter 1155 - Panda VS Fox -Part 5 -unedited

The continuous barrage of attacks, the revealing of the second weapon, and the huge difference in power. No matter how one look at it, there was really no way for Jin to win. He should have savoured the first blood as a win and called it quits. But if he continued to struggle any further, it would be pointless...or that was what went through most of the Foxes' minds.

Just as it seemed hopeless for Jin as spectated by the rest of the Foxes, the Astral Panda Cultivator pulled a stunt that caused Kraft to wipe his smirk off his face and leave the foxes to learn not to underestimate the fusion between Jin's and his minions.

The System Rider Zombie did not only have the capability to resist debuff magic and rot, the Half Ghoul Lord Derek who was in the backseat of Jin's subconsciousness the entire time was keeping a trump card to aid Jin in a predicament like this.

The ability to regenerate.

Nope, it was not that overpowered for Jin to regrow his brains once again. when his head got blown off. Instead, the zombie within him used its power to grow a head in replacement of his by pushing his neck forward and sprouting an entirely new brainless head, allowing Jin to 'evade' the beam attack from Just Business. By sacrificing Derek's newly grown head out of the System Rider suit, it was able to give Jin some time to recover his consciousness.

"Hahahahaha!" Kiyu laughed while holding onto her stomach, seeing how Jin managed to escape death once more with the aid of Derek. The foxes were surprised that the System Rider pulled such a whacky cheap trick against Kraft.

"It takes a trickster to outplay another one," Tsu said as he nodded approvingly for Jin to keep his cards close to his c.h.e.s.t until the right moment.

However, it did look extremely grotesque for having two heads on the System Rider's head, especially when the new grown head was a zombie. Still, regardless of the looks, it was effective in keeping Jin alive and that was what matters in the fight.

Those extra seconds that Derek bought for Jin gave him the time to stabilise himself and Jin took a deep breath to push himself out from the wall. (After all, he was stuck in it initially after the knockback.) Kraft remained vexed by the entire situation as he conjured another skulk of Fox silhouettes from his side and commanded them to assault him once more. But this time, the skulk seem way deadlier than before and the number of spirits lurking within the skulk made it looked as if it was an infestation of fox heads in one lump of chi aura. Perhaps, Kraft did not matter on the looks any further and wanted a quick shot against Jin before he could perform any other counterattacks.

But since Jin now learns this new ability from Derek, he instantly placed his hands together as if he were praying but in fact, he was concentrating his Maqi to his back where the living armour separated from each other allowing Jin's Maqi to take shape.

Soon, he summoned forth a series of zombie hands from his back like some zombified thousand hands Buddha. As Jin stayed in place to keep himself steady, those zombie hands grew continuously from his back and started to stretch out to counter the incoming lump of fox silhouettes. Jin even prepared another batch of zombified hands to grow from his c.h.e.s.t in case the first batch was unable to stop the silhouettes in their tracks.

This was especially vital since evading was not an option with the nature of those fox silhouettes and Jin had to stop this while he prepared his counterattack. And that was by powering the multiple zombified hands with Maqi, hoping they could penetrate through the fox silhouettes. Thinking that those hands were merely an extension of his body, his Maqi burnt through the zombified hands and released continuous waves of energy to stop the fox silhouettes.

However as strong as it sounds, it was only destroying a few of those fox minions under Kraft's control before it had been thoroughly obliterated by the strength of the Old Fox's chi.

To make things worse, Jin seemed to forget that he was in Kraft's black hurricane technique and when the old Fox thinks that his skulk of fox silhouettes was not working, all he did was perform a swipe of his hand into the air and the piercing black winds that were surrounding Jin instantly 'carried' him to the centre of the dimensional instance where his audience was hanging about. At the same time, Kraft was able to destroy the conjuring of those zombified hands and took the opportunity to summon yet another skulk of fox silhouettes from the other side of the room and sent them to Jin as he was in midair.

"Gah! This wind is just ridiculous. I had enough of this!" Jin thought to himself as he once again immersed himself with a large amount of Maqi and allowed himself to blow up again. While the

explosion happened, zombified hands flew out of the explosions impeding the swarm of silhouettes going towards him as a source of distraction.

Even as the crowd could not see what was happening after the explosion of Maqi, the magic eye drones which Kiyu had employed rushed to see what Jin was up to especially when it was equipped with X-ray vision, infrared sensors, and other motion sensors to keep track of Jin's movements. Unfortunately, some of the nearby magic drones were also being blown back by the Maqi explosions and Kiyu required time to relocate the nearby drones to follow up with the development of the battle.

"Bahh! So sorry for the bad image quality. Could be because of Jin's high intensity Maqi and Kraft's stupid graveyard chi that resulted in quite a fair bit of distortion in the uploading of information. Usually those magic eye drones shouldnt be affected by anything but if I were in that chaotic aura, I think I might breakdown too" Kiyu apologised when the footage the fox spectators were looking lost connection for a moment. Hence, she tried to adjust the magic drones with her Pandamonium App but it did not seem to work very well. (It felt a little intentional in her opinion but it was just a hunch.)

"Its fine, the imagery is back up again. Oh ho. It seems like ...another minion is going in our little Panda." Ixa commented, interested to see which transformation Jin was about to handle since his movements indicated the disengagement of the System Rider belt, allowing him to insert a new card in.

"You think I am gonna let you do what you want? I had enough playing around, especially all those misses. Your fighting style irritates me to no end." Kraft suddenly whispered at Jin's ears and the belt broke into two mainly because the Fox's scythe pierced through Jin from the back. As awkward as it sounds, he literally sliced Jin's b.u.t.t into two by piercing his scythe's blade right in the middle. And as soon as Kraft was done talking to Jin, he pulled the scythe's handle upwards and cut Jin into two.

The Panda Cultivator's body fell to the ground lifeless, his organs working overtime from the rush of adrenaline were splattered everywhere and Kraft swung his scythe once more to remove all the blood that was on it. He was waiting for Jin to disengage from the System Rider Belt so that his slice could be a clean one. The living armour would no doubt make his attack a little harder to perform such a brute force but ultimately Kraft felt satisfied that it was a fatality scene.

All he had to do now was to wait for Jin to respawn once more since he programmed the dungeon instance this way and inflicted punishment on him again.

"Booo! Booo!" Kiyu shouted from the bubble of comfort. "You played cheat!"

"What do you mean I play cheat? I played by the rules, didn't I?" Kraft laughed while raising his hands up.

"You know that most cultivators would not be able to win against that Shade Teleport." Kiyu threw a thumbs down towards Kraft.

"He used his System Rider Belt to the maximum effect, why can't I use my skills? Shade Teleport is after all an essential tool of mine to move around anyways. How else could I scare people without it?" Kraft continued to act arrogant in the face of victory.

"And were you that ignorant that I have seen this move way too many times to not create a counter for it?" Kraft could not believe his ears when he heard Jin whisper right beside him. But even as he tried to move, it felt like there was something restricting him.

Chi powered Spider Webs.

That alone was enough to jolt Kraft's memory that Jin had a transforming spider in his possession but still it was not possible. There was no System's voiceover of him transforming and the chi aura was indeed Jin's when the fox stabbed him with No Mercy.

"Impossible!" Kraft said as he could see the tip of Jin's katana at the side of his stomach.

Chapter 1156 - Panda VS Fox -Final

Kraft's mind went into hyperspeed for a moment, forcing itself to look into the System's logs without checking the Pandamonium App and noted that Jin was indeed still alive and there was no death for this particular round at all.

The old fox himself would be lying if he did not say that he panicked a little especially all the devastation that he did to crush Jin with all his might.

"Grow!" Jin shouted and his sword was like the ice pillar previously, sprouting miniature metallic branches and spreading out to Kraft at multiple spots immediately. The Astral Panda Cultivator wanted to expand its Maqi to aim for all the major chi points so that the Fox would be unable to continue producing such a high volume of chi.

But even if Jin was unable to pierce and choke the major acupoints, his sword was still enchanted by Derek's magic and it was able to inflict an abnormal bleeding status that the Old Fox should not be able to clear with the usual cleansing chi methods.

On the other hand, Kraft still had no idea how Jin survived but the process ultimately did not matter since he only cared for the end result. Thus, he decided to bring his Graveyard Combo to the third stage.

"Fox Graveyard Domain: The Land of the Scars"

As soon as he did that, the concrete ground suddenly sullen and cracked, pieces of tombstones emerged from the abyss and were raised into existence with the might of Kraft. This was not his final stage of his combo but it was deadly enough to send a mid-high range cultivator to and back from hell. The tombstones were eerily poignant and yet they did not seem to be a decoration prop for this particular stage of Kraft's Graveyard Combo.

Kraft exclaimed as he held on to Jin's Bam and his sword started to vibrate as if it was scared of Kraft. The Astral Cultivator somehow could feel the sword's fear and instead turned Bam into a knuckle to avoid Kraft from messing it up but that was enough for the Fox to swing its elbow backwards, hitting Jin at his mastoid and causing him to be slammed back once more.

Furthermore, Kraft was no longer playing nice. He knew that the System could possibly interfere once again in this particular situation and so it was time to suit the flow of the battle to the Original Bellator's way. A graveyard tombstone shaped in an obelisk suddenly emerged from the wall in the direction of Jin's knockback, with the intention of piercing Jin into the tip of the tombstone.

There was no other way to block the attacks than to eat it upfront and to top it off, the sheer pressure from the piercing rendered Jin helpless. If that was the end, Jin could have regenerated with his vampire bones and legendary inscription within him regardless of the pain he was suffering but Kraft believed he knew all the powers up the Panda had and decided not to let chance play its part in this battle.

Additional Graveyard tombstones appeared and each of them had inscriptions on them. From simple curses to extreme death magic, the inscriptions lit up as they were activated by Kraft's chi powers. (Or rather the fox silhouettes which he summoned and commanded possessed those tombstones, to activate them.)

At that point, whatever magic that one would have experienced from a simple fire ball to an abyssal meteor, all of those inscriptions were on Kraft's Graveyard and the Old Fox activated every one of them, turn by turn, making sure that Jin was killed thoroughly. As if Kraft was killing a vampire with infinite regeneration, the old Fox did not allow any delay in the attacks and they impacted continuously, aiming from the top of his body to the bottom. The Obelisk also s.u.c.k.e.d the Maqi out of Jin to make sure that there was no way he could retaliate.

He did not care whether he was being cut into pieces, lost a pinky and left a toenail. Kraft made sure that he was destroyed to the end of times and asserted his dominance that he was the Original Bellator, one that should not be trifled with.

But even with all these forms of magic attacks, Kraft was unable to stop the bleeding done by Jin and despite the terrific powers of the Graveyard, there was no magic that could assist in his healing. He did think of putting a healing inscription or two in his third stage of the graveyard combo but he felt that it defeated the purpose of his Graveyard theme.

So, he shrugged the thought and waited for his magic to wither every visible component of Jin off from this dungeon instance until he felt the unspeakable once more whispering to him again.

"Are you sure that you are killing me right?"

This time the sword was not in his stomach but a slit through his neck with the help of his sword Boo. After which, Jin did the very same trick with Bam.

"Grow."

The sword once more sprouted metallic branches in a chaotic manner, piercing the Old Fox's wounds once again. However if one were as observant as a few of the foxes, they saw that the metallic branches were not attacking randomly but instead at the very same spots which Bam had wounded before.

Boo too had the enchantment from Derek's magic and the wounds festered even more which caused Kraft to finally succ.u.mb to his injuries. It seemed there was no way his standard chi healing methods were working and thus he decided to reabsorb the Graveyard technique to make sure he had enough chi in him to expel Half Ghoul's Lord bleeding effect.

"There can be no way, a bleeding effect can be that potent! How did you even appear right here? I am still killing you as we speak!" Kraft coughed out even more blood as he panted heavily trying to see where that Jin had appeared from. "No. No! I will not lose to some cultivator just like this!" Kraft thought to himself as he held onto No Mercy and inserted whatever chi he could gather to make a final area blast.

With this attack, No Mercy would trace for any chi different from Kraft's and attack instinctively with the scythe flying head on, piercing the origins of those chi signature. This was the only thing the Old Fox could think of in order to find the missing link. But as the chi area blast subsided, his scythe did not move an inch and Kraft fell to the ground panting, bleeding to his untimely death.

In the meantime, the foxes in the spectator area were dumbfounded that Kraft, the self proclaimed high and almighty cultivator could lose... Making the score from the duel an inconclusive draw.

Chapter 1157 - Jin's Lucky Break -unedited

As the dust settled, Rex removed the barrier to allow the skulk of foxes to check the battlefield. There might be energy remnants of Kraft's Graveyard Combo but the foxes were strong enough to bear the brunt of combo.

In fact, if there were any other minions or even the Sub System Users in the area, the Foxes believed that they would have been eliminated almost immediately. The odd thing was Jin was not 'that strong' even with a supposed grade up and they wondered how he could survive the third stage of Kraft's Graveyard Combo which would pose a problem even to the Foxes themselves. Rex instantly disposed the rest of the residue energy with his own chi, purifying the dimensional instance so that the other foxes could breathe easy too.

"This is indeed a surprise. To have a draw with that old fox was not an easy feat at all even though we know that he was still pulling his punches against him." Pei said and the rest agreed when the two of the competitors remerged back into the dimensional instance, brimming full with life and lots of questions in their minds.

"How the hell did you even manage to survive my attacks!" Kraft shouted as Rex placed his arms through the old fox's armpit and restrained him from moving towards Jin.

"Why should I even tell you about it when you never mention to me about this Graveyard combo technique that you have?" Jin said but honestly, he felt lucky the plan he created on the spot had worked miraculously well.

When Jin was surrounded by the ominous chi aura that Kraft produced, the chi explosion that he made was to give him time to disengage Derek from the System Rider to get a new minion into the System Rider Belt so he could deal with the pesky aura but he figured that it was the Rider System that was protecting him all this time.

Even though the Living Metal armour which was embedded through Jin's body was not of a consequence to Kraft's attacks and strikes, it was still an obstacle for Kraft to overcome should he wish

to chop Jin's head into one. So, Jin believed that if he were to trick Kraft and get an attack in if he were to play his cards correctly.

The trump card he had was the powers he acquired with the grade up that he recently obtained upon diving into his subconsciousness. However, the only problem was that Jin does not know how to use it properly because he never tried it before even though his mind, his soul and body know of the technique.

Orochi's Substitution

Many had known that the eight headed serpent had the ability to grow back its head was no brainer but Jin was able to use it was a blessing in disguise. Maybe Ming might have known that Jin would need more than tougher bones and innate healing to survive since he only had one chance in life. Unlike the rest who could be killed and resurrected, there was no such option for the current System User and this was one of the ways to compensate for it.

Naturally, as the skill's name had implied, this was merely a substitution, a clone of his body where he would hide in the makeshift body. So long as Jin's dantian core is up and running along with the required amount of Maqi to produce it, he should be able to get it up as many times as possible. The only problem Jin had was the activation of the skill and the limitations of it. He tried to use it when he had the System Rider on but it was not working as intended so he believed that the only way to do so was through disengaging it.

And thus Jin had decided to use the chi explosion as a cover up so he could allow the technique to take over his body before Kraft attacks him again. After all, there had not been once the old Fox used his shadow step strike that he always used to creep up on Jin so there was a possibility he could have kept the move until the most crucial moment.

So just as Jin disengaged the System Rider, he activated Orochi's Substitution and snakes literally came out from his orifices (Let's not imagine the one that came out from his b_u_t hole...) and immediately wrapped around his entire body, substituting it with a fake body with the same amount of details on it. The only difference was that Jin's soul was hiding in the dantian core and thus had to display even more Maqi to control the body.

That was how unbelievable it was, to trick Kraft into thinking that Jin survived the attack.

However, the battle was still a draw mainly because of what Kraft had pulled out from his Graveyard Combo. The Third Stage, the Land of Scars. As the technique had proven itself to be one of the deadliest in the world and possibly the multiverse, there was no way for Jin at his current grade able to survive the continuous barrage of chi induced magic abilities. But because his substitution was based on the amount of Maqi he had, Jin was able to tolerate some hits before going dark.

And hence, he activated his Astral Alter, an exact version of himself to finish the job on Kraft, sneaking behind his back and slitting his throat, as just how the old fox would have done to Jin if he had the chance to do so. But upon doing so, Jin exhausted his Maqi reserves and got obliterated by the punishing damage from Kraft's extreme magic.

Perhaps, to Jin, it was payback as well, a tit for tat of all the torturous training he had gone through and for the Panda to get an inconclusive draw with the fox? In Jin's opinion, he had won the fight.

Not to mention, seeing the irk on Kraft's face was quite a pleasurable sight.

Chapter 1158 - Quick Pat Up

As Rex tried to restrain Kraft from doing anything funny, the old fox decided to shadow step away and wanted to continue the duel. But the moment he emerged from the side of Jin, he suddenly felt an immense force that could only belong to his sworn brother, forcing him to be pinned down.

Suddenly weapons from all the other foxes were aimed towards Kraft as he was being restrained on the ground by Rex and they were pointed to him without any reservation of their strength. Their chi forces were fully activated and ready to slaughter Kraft if he were to continue.

"What are you all doing? Aren't we all foxes?" Kraft said he tried to expand his chi but was subsequently suppressed by Rex's and the rest.

"When we said enough, it is enough," Rex said as he slammed the tip of his sword right in front of Kraft. The sword's edge was close to slicing Kraft's nose into two and with that, Rex summoned picked up No Mercy from the old Fox's holster and held it down to his ear.

"It's a draw. As much as the System would lie to side with the User, it does not lie with the results." Even reiterated so you had to stand down, considering that you already created the mess for Jin to clear up.

"Yea. We know you meant well for Jin and the rest of us while being yourself. Just that erm... keep it down a notch for the friendlies and bystanders? They do not deserve your wrath especially when they are innocent to it. And bring it up when we are dealing with our enemies?" Kiyu said as her weaponised fan tapped on Kraft's cheek. At the same time, she placed a calming spell on Kraft, hoping that it would quell his unusual rage.

"Then the jury spoke. Even though it is a draw, we should follow Jin's method and stop this madness from going any further. We can deal with religion thingy in some other way." Kai said and the rest agreed to it.

"Thank you, guys." Jin said as he immediately summoned the System to order the entire seven city armies to return to their own cities but with a compromise. As much as he despised Kraft's methods, he did not want Kraft's operation to go to waste. Before teleporting them near their own cities, they were all given a shipment of vitamin Cs as placebo medication to aid with the stomach flu virus that their citizens were experiencing.

As for how the armies, citizens and subsequently the Church of the Afterlife would react, that would be a matter which the people had to solve the mystery themselves. When Jin told the System about it, the foxes no doubt eavesdropped on the entire conversation and everyone had a little smile on their face, knowing that the fruit did not drop too far from the tree it was grown from.

Upon hearing the orders, Kraft understood where Jin was going. As the flu was already ongoing, the armies returning with the antidotes would have many questions to answer but at the very least, the suspicion would be turned towards the Church of the Afterlife instead of the armies.

But that came with suspicion of how the army was able to return full force without losing any troops since any death would be resurrected back into their cities' cathedral, that was where Jin's latest plan came about.

It was then the System had told Jin previously that the armies were informed how they were defeated and resurrected into Pandapolis City domes. And they would stay in the domes, quarantined from the rest of the world until their purpose was to be served in the Farming World. However, in exchange for their obedience, they were to be given access to the modern lifestyle which the rest of the Demopolis population were experiencing within Pandapolis' main city.

While it was not all fun and games, the entire seven cities army realised they were dealing with a force clearly larger than them and it was certainly unwise to fight against them. From the technology Jin's counterparts possessed to the work done to create the buildings. (Qiu Yue did give a demonstration of how her Empire Building skills worked and the soldiers were going insane with the speed of construction. And to sweeten the pot, Lynn's food was a clear favourite with every soldier, even with the pickiest eater.)

Even if they did wish to invade again, they expected a fight something similar to Demopolis and the System had guaranteed them that the previous battle was of minimum effort on the System's part.

"Wow, you sure know how to coerce them..." Jin said and realised that the System was doing its own propaganda since it had predicted that Jin would do something like this.

"To give credit, Original Bellator Kraft did suggest internalising the armies without putting them in our direct command especially since it takes a heavy toll on the System's 'official' processing unit." The System was trying to assist in bridging the relationship between Jin and Kraft since it would be harmful if both were to be at odds constantly. Especially when there are too many major things to take care of, it was critical that the both of them were to patch up as soon as possible.

"System, you do not have to worry about me and Kraft. This fight kinda sorts out a lot of stuff we had internally. In fact, for you to try to patch stuff, it brings a tear that you have concern for us." As much as Jin was being sarcastic, he was well aware of its intentions and Kraft too when he calmed down.

"Obviously, I need a backup plan for our 'master'. I actually wanted to finish this stomach flu virus operation before he comes out but it looks like he got the right to call it off as the matter unfolds." Kraft released his hand upwards, surrendering and telling the rest that he was sane enough to not do anything stupid.

"Then, all we can hope is that the armies will succeed in their endeavour to join us when the time comes in the future." Jin hoped that this entire assault against the Demopolis had thwarted the Church of the Afterlife's effort to send discord and not bother them for the moment.

"My gosh, after so long and still that naïve thinking? I mean who are we to kid? If Kraft suggested this, that means those generals would have been under the command of the System." Kiyu laughed at Jin's stupidity and walked off along with the rest of the Foxes now that the show was officially over.

"Then, let's focus on other agendas, particularly the fight for Farming World," Jin said and Kraft shook his finger.

"As much as we have the upper hand in the situation. The Seven Cities situation isn't done. We got to hit back hard when they least expected." Kraft said opened the Dungeon World map. If anything, the calming spell had done to him, it was to delay the inevitable for the release of his anger.

And he was precisely going to do so by aiming at a major city owned by the Church of the Afterlife.

Chapter 1159 - The Real Pat Up

"I am not going to have another city under my control. There are too many things on my plate to take note of. Even if I can give one to the competent minions, that would also mean I have one more minion on administrative duties. Until we have the System with sufficient processing abilities capable of handling the cities, I suggest we stop taking any more cities in." Jin sighed as he knew that he could not control the old fox misbehaving again.

"I know. So, all I am going to do is to raid them big time. A tit for tat for the shit they throw at us." Kraft said as he immediately raised his hand, summoning out his tablet and stylus pen started to look at the Dungeon World's map to check which city was worthy of an attack.

"Who are you going to use? Most of the minions are preoccupied with their own stuff. The Goblin and Orcs are aiding with the repairs for the Southern City since a bulk of the Southerners are training in the 'distant islands' to get ready for the fight against the Farming World. Can we really afford an attack right now?"

"My boy. We have the resources to take over your world if needed and also as long as we have booze and money, we will have soldiers to call upon." Kraft said and Jin shook his head vigorously.

"Of course! We have the resources to probably take over the world! And let's bring out all of the crazy minions to play! Allow every Original Bellators to rampage! Let the entire world burn around us!" Jin exclaimed and Kraft clapped his hands with joy even though he knew that Jin was being sarcastic.

"No seriously, what is your plan to attack a major city if you really want to." Jin decided to entertain the Old Fox so that he could be worry free. (Although Jin felt that he was merely playing into his hand once again.)

"We got the Aljun City's mothership, the System and our research team had been analysing it. Even Rei said that we could use their schematics to create our very own air planes." Kraft said and Jin looked confused.

"Don't we already have air planes of our own? Those C-130s Artillery and such." Jin asked and Kraft snickered while shaking his hand.

"No no no my little panda. I am looking at planes that are similar to the Flying Fortress we stole from Aljun City. The science fiction- fantasy kind of airships. You know? Those WarHammah kinds of space ships?" Kraft said as he showed a picture to let Jin familiarise himself with the concept.

"THOSE AREN'T AIRSHIPS OR AIRPLANES! THOSE ARE BATTLE FLEETS!" Jin shouted with dread, confusion mixed with excitement while also feeling faint. He could not believe Kraft could even think of this up.

"I also stole a few schematics so that we can modify and build our own mother ships without the burden of reverse engineering it. We will then show this world what is meant to be called the flying fortress."

Kraft remembered how he enjoyed being the fake auditor of the base and everyone literally bowed to him because of his astute criticisms and praises. (Without a doubt, he stole quite a lot of secrets without them knowing.)

"Do we need such a motherlode of a crystal to get it done?" Jin questioned since he remembered reading how the Flying Fortress of Aljun City had a giant ass crystal to power everything.

"What are you talking about. We have Lost Tech experts in our midsts and they always wanted to use one particular item, the Lost Tech engines. It's basically like a nuclear reactor that powers on up with magic....and erm your sludge from what I last heard."

"Huh...?" Jin was taken aback for a moment and Kraft had to say what he mumbled once more.

"Yes! YOUR SLUDGE! YOUR SLUDGE! We need your sludge to power it up. Somehow it is the substituted ignition factor they had been missing for all this time!" Kraft said and Jin understood why the old fox bothered to take his time to explain everything to him when he would usually leave when the time was right.

"I see. So I am guessing that you have enough sludge for now given the current supply within System but if things go well, you will need more of my sludge to get the whole operation to run?"

"I am not taking a no. With just one flying battleship, all I need is the Demon Army from Demopolis to operate it and voila."

"Why...don't you just take Stalingrad- erm I mean Lord Wolte with you? Isn't that much simpler? Last I recalled, he now has the ability to hover over the sea and dive into it too."

"Well, that's my backup plan if you continued planning to be an ass with me and discordant enough to not provide me the sludge after we fought," Kraft grumbled and Jin could see that he was a sucker at apologising and making up despite the age he now is. "And I do not want to owe him anything, I much preferred to have my own battle fleet under my own name."

"You just want to be a captain of your own... How greedy can you be."

"Says the person who wants to take over the world with virtual reality dimensional instance."

"That is -urgh never mind. Fine, I guess I can provide some provided that you follow my conditions. Else, I am telling the System to confiscate the rest of the sludge production." Jin decided to compromise and use this opportunity to patch up with the Old Fox.

"What conditions?"

"Hit the largest resource hub they ever have and hit hard. Take every possible resource and soldier you can find. Now that we released the seven city armies, we have to prepare for the worst should the bulk of them decided not to return to us. Thus, we need to be aggressive with our solution as much as I hate this idea. But since they are our enemy, this will also reduce their chance to counterattack when we steal soldiers away. But leave the civilians alone if possible."

"Do not worry User, the Dungeon World had always had a rule that the civilians were to be teleported away from the city forcibly by their dungeon core unless they wished to fight." The System said and Jin looked at Kraft with him trying to control his smile.

"But you know we do need manpower if we were to fight with the Farming World. A city worth of defence forces isn't cut out for it. Maybe if we add the civilians, they could do the support that we need to..." Kraft tried to hint at Jin that he could do something about that particular rule the System had spoken and Jin stared at him for a moment.

"Nope. My conditions are absolute. Resources and combat manpower. You take the citizens, and that would be an excuse of war which the Church of the Afterlife would go after us forever." Jin was strict in his request and Kraft decided to take up the offer.

After all, the conditions were more than enough for him to rampage.

Chapter 1160 - Tree Mall Owner Meeting -Part 1 -unedited

Since Kraft was finally happy with his new agenda, Jin can finally concentrate on the business side of his job. People were still elated with the store's current event as the Demopolis raids were continuously raking money for Jin not to worry about the health of his store.

Instead, he was rather concerned with the current Tree Mall owners and how they cope with the influx of people coming into the area. But more importantly, the thought of bringing in more revenue into his wallet. Even though he rejected major brand and retail companies, they were relentless in their offers and even up their quotations just to have a piece of Jin's Tree Mall, specifically because of the crowd he brought in.

Apparently, it all started because an owner within the Tree Mall Owners had leaked the details about the amount of rent they were paying for and it was one of the cheapest within the district. And even with the constant rejections, the major retail companies were pushing for more incentives just to have a presence in this upcoming new major shopping location or possibly hub.

Jin's Pandapolis Hotels, which were separated away from the actual Pandapolis Domes and the main city, were also flooding with cash compared to the hotels within the vicinity and because of that, the rest of the hotels had to compete more creatively to get their customers. However, it eventually became a non issue when Jin commenced his huge raid events because it was instantly heavily advertised by the various hotels to attract people to try out the dungeon instances by giving substantial promotions.

But this was also sufficient for major chain hotels like Hillton and Shangria hotels to started applying leases in the area. Yet, the more surprising thing was that these hotels were looking into getting a patch of land not within the Tiangong District, but inside the Tree Mall.

Aye, their scouts and business spies had individually seen and experienced the wonders of the Tree Mall and being an iconic business location, they could see how the Tree Mall might eventually be the centrepiece in boosting Shenzhen's economy to the next stage.

That was also one of the reasons why the Tree Mall owners were a little jittery since all these major brands could potentially break their business if Jin was too engrossed in earning profit and hence the meeting for Jin to calm them down.

All of the Tree Owners were around for the meeting as invited by the System and they were all present within the Conference Room Instance because they had the capability to employ Jin's penguins and

other 'copied' minions to do their jobs efficiently without much supervision. When Jin came in, the rest of them greeted him simultaneously as if he was the big boss in the room and that caused Jin to be taken aback for a moment before sitting right at the centre of them all.

Yes, he finally get to have a big boss moment when the rest of the store owners sat along the sides of the long conference table. It was a little scary at first but the constant minion meetings which he had (and the dinner meetings with his bellators and Sub System Users) kind of got him to fit right in almost too quickly that some of the store owners who were eyeing him thought he was a natural at it.

"Thank you for taking time to have this first ever Tree Mall Owner meeting. Let's firm up the agenda and have this meeting done as quick as possible so we can carry on with our businesses." Jin said but the mixed rice stall owner, San Sun immediately raised his hand and objected to Jin's way of handling the meeting.

"Boss Jin. I understand that you are busy in your own store too, especially the volume of customers coming in but I believed today's meeting will be touching on a few delicate issues that should not be overwritten quickly with just minutes and notes. A fairly thorough discussion should be put out for the owners." San Sun said and the other food stall owners hastily nodded their heads in agreement as if they were threatened by the rumours and gossips that were floating around the Tree Mall for some time.

"Basically, we heard rumours that major brands and super giant retailers are aiming for the spots in Tree Mall. From food franchises to major shop franchises. They all want a piece of this Tree Mall because of the booming dungeon supplier store that you have." Lai Fu, the Boss of Fresh Price said bluntly that everyone has been wanting to say. But as blunt as his words are, they were the truth even though they knew that ultimately the Landlord was Jin and he could do whatever he likes with his Mall.

Besides, he was the one who had decided to cover most of the expenses for their shops and while they wished to be grateful for the hand that feeds, they were all business people who always wished to stretch and grab every opportunity there were given.

But Jin was no longer that young innocent boy he once was.

Upon going through many encounters with devious schemes and cunning people, the only people he would trust are the people under him and his System. It was a flawed way of thinking since those minions were under the control of the System but that was why he put that much faith in them than these business people who were willing to bite the hand that feeds if it benefits them.

"And so?" Jin leaned backwards and sat similarly to how Kraft usually does. Furthermore, his demeanour in his newly changed business shirt and pants gave the impression of power to the entire group. The rolled up sleeves, his new rimless sliver spectacles, the gel up hairstyle and that white t-shirt complemented his office wear. (After all the fight with Kraft nearly made him shirtless!) It instantly reminded them that he was in charge of the Tree Mall while not being very overpowering about it.

Plus, if he wants to, all Jin needed to do was kick them out and bring in the major brands, making what they feared come true.

In any case, Jin had also checked that the shops had already earn sufficiently within the past few months that was equivalent to what they could have got if they were to remain status quo in the old Tiangong

Shopping District for ten years. So, if Jin were to kick them out, he did not have to do it with a heavy heart since they already earned more than they would have.

Also, Jin had the upper hand in this particular situation.

Upon allowing them to rely on the dungeon dimensional instances and copied minions like the penguin NPCs who were considered to all rounder staff, it made them very complacent. (Moreover, they would lose the connection of the Pandafull delivery system which were bringing in a hefty sum of profits into their coffers.)

As much as Jin does these things with his own goodwill, he had purposely tied the convenience perks into the whole shopping ecosystem and made the owners dependent on his help, allowing the Landlord of the Tree Mall to have an upper hand in any negotiations if there was one.