

## Dungeon S 1161

### Chapter 1161 - Tree Mall Owner Meeting -Part 2 -unedited

"And?" Jin questioned with a stare that only made everyone contemplate the worst case scenario. The store owners, who knew him a few months ago, thought that he changed into someone greedy for more money. They worried that he was no longer the same Jin who wanted to protect the local store businesses anymore.

But the change was natural since maintaining this Tree Mall should not be an easy feat and there was indeed so much space in the mall for more tenants to enter and open their business. This way, the customers in Jin's Dungeons and Pandas could possibly spend more time in the tree mall. In fact, the current Demopolis raid event had seen more tourists, in particular, cultivators from all over China during the weekend to spend time and try out the dungeon raids.

It was no doubt still the main star attraction of the Tree Mall that allowed the rest to prosper and now that Jin appeared to be using his influence to steer the meeting, the business owners decided to change their tune a little.

However, San Sun was a little too dense to notice the changes and demanded more information on the future of the Tree Mall. Jin's stare subsequently got imbued with a bit of Maqi but he had forgotten that most of them were low level cultivators and that bit of Maqi was enough to bring shivers in their pants.

"Scared for a moment?" Jin's stare eventually turns to a slight smile towards Shen Si Fang, the supposed chairman of the Tiangong Shopping District Committee and owner of Lele Tower Café Instance. Because of the possible changes, the store owners once again revived the committee to ensure fairness had been struck among the store keepers. He initially wanted to calm Jin down and tried to mediate between the headstrong San Sun (Although he was shaking a bit from his seat) but the smile gave Si Fang a huge relief.

"Yeah. I thought you would go evil for a moment and cut San Sun where he was standing." Si Fang replied and Jin laughed at that prospect.

"Alright. Here's the rationale from my side. There is no denying that having those major companies would be a big boost to our finances." Jin wanted to communicate with the owners so that there was some form of understanding between the landlord and the store owners. Thus his starting sentence had already sent the rest of the store owners to the edge of their seats.

"With the dimensional technology on my side being stable, the Tree Mall is now capable of holding a seemingly infinite amount of stores if I were to do it. If possible, I would like the Tree Mall to cover the needs of the customers. Anything and everything. From furniture, cars, banking to daily essential needs. Heck, I can even introduce supply warehouse facilities as dimensional instances so that this could be a hub to procure items."

"So, just by renting a space to the major brand companies would drastically increase the popularity of this area and we can have even more sales than usual because dungeon cultivators are statistically mainly males while the females could perform their shopping." Jin continued his rationale. "While this is just a generalisation, there is still some truth to it and you store owners have frontline experience about it."

"Boss Jin. I have a question to ask." Yu Xiang, who was at the conference even though her parents were the ones who opened the Chinese Medicinal store, posed a question for Jin. Despite the conflict of interest of her being Jin's researcher, Yu Xiang's parents rather have their daughter attend the meeting since they were quite content with the current status quo. (But many did not know about it, even the store owners) Still, Jin allowed her to interrupt his talk.

"At this age, there is no denying that the increase in online spending would affect the popularity and presence of this Tree Mall. What are you going to do with that?"

"That is where Pandafull Delivery comes into play. I am sure the store owners have already seen how their orders are slowly increasing with the Pandafull Delivery and how it is very easy to make the transactions because everything has been done in the back end. My elite team of technicians and software programmers had been working hard to create a new version of Pandamonium App that would integrate the shopping app portion the moment we push for more tenants to enter the Tree Mall. When the tenants are confirmed, the new version of Pandamonium will go online as well to include them."

"What do you mean?" Yu Xiang continued to ask for more clarification.

"While it is true that the market is saturated with online delivery apps and such, this app is specifically to cater for the stores in Tree Mall. As I said, we are going to own the entire supply chain of certain products if possible. From the supply logistics to be stationed into the dimensional instances to the frontline sales like merchandises and food. If we are able to do that, we have the supply for any demand and it would allow us to be a possible major contender against the big apps... well at least for the local provincial market. We can go national when we can sort out everything else."

"You do not sound like a Dungeon Supplier at all, more like a business leader. From what we are hearing, you are going to make a Tree Mall into a Business District, capable of rivalling the central business district." Yu Xiang smirked but Jin remained serious.

"As much as this is out of my depth, I need to expand the facilities of the Tree Mall for some personal reasons. Also, let's just say that if I can attract supplies and logistics companies to my mall, it would directly benefit my dungeons too since I do need resources, especially cash... and those workers would also get to have time to play my dungeons too, which is a plus. Just like how you guys do so once in a while."

"Well... I cannot deny that. I might not be a cultivator per se, but being able to increase my cultivation through your dungeons has improved my work life cycle." Yu Xiang responded with a slight blush.

"But you have yet to answer the crux of the subject. What is going to happen to us?" San Sun interrupted, feeling impatient that his -their concerns were not answered. "I guess, it's a yes, we are going to be sidestepped now that you are going to bring those major brands in?"

"Before I say anything that will put that question's answers to confirmation, I am going to clear the air in this room. I am not going to just add major brand companies to the Tree Mall. You guys have shown that there are still entrepreneurs in this time and age. I will continue to help new, aspiring business owners since rent is practically the lowest compared to everywhere else. Also, that includes those in the food pyramid who wished to have a restaurant instance open, be my guest. I am not going to stop you but be forewarned that the rent would be higher since it's an individual instance."

"Then how would that be-" San Sun was subsequently interrupted by Jin.

"The rent price would be the same as Boss Lai Fu and Si Fang's instances and they are already discounted because all of you are the original generation of this Tree Mall and that is the perk that you will receive. Other than that, do remember that this is still a business. Even though I bought this land, I got salaries and bills to pay behind the scenes to keep the dimensional instances running."

"So I am assuming that you are charging more to the new owners?" Lai Fu asked and Jin nodded his head.

"Yeap, and trust me. This is going to be a major big project for the Tree Mall no matter how one looks at it. That is why I allowed you guys to have the head start on this competition. Other than that, it's all based on your skills, creativity to survive. After all, it's just the market forces at play." Jin said as he believed that the revamped Tree Mall would be the next big thing coming for Shenzhen province.

### **Chapter 1162 - Tree Mall Owner Meeting -Final -unedited**

"Oh and one more thing."

With the possibility of introducing other stores into the Tree Mall, Jin did warn the current owners that they would not have the same spots as they used to have. Instead, all of them would be squeezed into a one single corridor dimensional instance which the customers can walk through and discover other stores with them.

This somehow brought distress to the entire group of owners since they know that exposure was an important factor to bring customers into their store instances and if Jin were to do that, it would essentially cause them to compete against the rest of the newer stores and the competition would amount to a near impossibility for them to earn a steady profit.

The sudden announcement caused everyone to sound their displeasure almost immediately and even Si Fang who was the calmest person in the conference instance felt they had to argue with Jin about it.

"Is that a problem with all of you?" Jin asked once more and everyone stood up, arguing that it was unfair to them.

"The new owners would definitely have better dimensional instances than us, more 'over the top designs' and customers always go for new stuff. If you were to do this, the customers would not come into our stores at all!"

"If that's the case, I'd rather pay more rent and get a front line store!" The food store owners complained but Jin did not budge. Instead, he asked him with a very simple question

"Are you saying that your food is so bad that you need a front line store to compensate for it?"

"You try having other dungeon suppliers to stand beside you and see how you fare!" The food store owner said as if it was a direct challenge to Jin.

"I will," Jin said as he folded his arm in his seat, staring at the disgruntled store owner and that caused everyone to stare at him for a moment. "I am joining the Dungeon Supplier Symposium which Si Fang recommended to me to get in to test my dungeon making prowess."

And that sentence alone sent waves of silence throughout the entire room. While it is something out of their sphere of knowledge, most of the store owners knew how the Dungeon Supplier Symposium was considered to be a clash of stores. Major Dungeon Supplier franchises and individual stores would come together to pit against who has the best Dungeon. Not to mention, those Dungeon Suppliers themselves are the participants and the judges were guests of honour with high importance.

Although it is a national level event, there is technically no skill requirement to join because the people usually filter themselves out due to the participating fee. It was a whopping 100,000 Yuan to enter and with such a high barrier of entry from the fees itself caused not many dungeon suppliers to participate. That was why those who managed to enter the Symposium were still a force to be reckoned with while some joined because they wished to be noticed.

The Frontline Games.

The Frontline Games had been split into international and national levels where the winners of the nationals would subsequently participate for the international level. The Fortress Games as the name states is a series of game modes that had been prevalent in most multiplayer games.

Conquest, Domination, Capture the Flag and Team Deathmatch.

All these modes would be furnished by the Dungeon Suppliers who 'won' events of the National Symposium. Even honorary special mentions and runner ups could be called to make the modes of Frontline games. And even just by creating a mini portion of the overall dungeon, the commission fees from creating them was tremendous because of the major sponsors endorsing the games.

"The Dungeon Supplier Symposium! You finally decided to participate in it!" Si Fang could not keep the excitement that Jin was entering the event as he turned from an angry chairman to the most supportive chairman one could ever have. His vibes of elation no doubt influenced the rest of the store owners and they started to discuss among themselves.

Especially when they learnt how tough the Symposium could possibly be and Jin was going to pit himself against the best of the best, the mood changed for the better. They subsequently realised he needed more tenants to fuel his dungeon supplier's dream as the popularity of the Tree Mall was also directly tied to creating a name for his store.

The more people know about his dungeon supplier store, he would not be just a no name in the dungeon supplier scene and the odds of winning the Symposium might increase. And that does not count the amount of money he could collect and pump it into making a better dungeon instance. (Also, the practice in making those new shop dimensional instances for the upcoming Symposium might be valuable when he accepts the new tenants.) After all, making himself a name in the line of a saturated profession was a task of diligence and determination.

"So, for now. We will close the current instances and place you guys at the centre of the first floor. It might still be a dimensional corridor instance but at the very least, the crowd would be concentrated on you guys as they get used to the new layout of the Tree Mall. For those who want to upgrade their stores to restaurants, please give me the heads up or else, it would take longer for your restaurants to be up. Is that agreeable with everyone?" Jin queried and while there were mumbles of disgruntled store owners, they reluctantly agreed to it.

Because they all know that if Jin were to win the Symposium and host the Frontline Games, the Tree Mall would no doubt be the centre of this and they would be part of it. Worry about customers? Hell nah! It would be bustling with so many of them that the only way to stop was to close their shops!

### **Chapter 1163 - Meeting Of The Zoo Staff -unedited**

As Jin dismissed the fellow owners, the System was already up and running his mailbox, notifying the major sales companies to have a meeting with him as soon as possible. The System had already allocated a day free from any disturbance and those were the days the sales representatives would appear to discuss with Jin on the tenant proposal to own a store in Jin's Tree Mall.

As much as the Dungeon Supplier wished to do this on his own, the System insisted that this was its speciality and somehow empowered even further by creating another Yun clone to facilitate the management of all the emails.

"Can't you just summon up some other guy or girl? Why Yun again for all people?" Jin asked as the new fake Yun was already sitting at the conference table with a brand new laptop and smashing all the keys to reply to the companies who were prompt with their answers.

"This is because Yun has a symmetrical body figure, a well sought face and the perfect pitch tone to put the guard of most males down. Also, the System initially figured that since the User already knew that Yun was an NPC created by the System, he would not mind. However, based on your last response, the System does recognise the User's limitation to spot the difference and did not wish to confuse the User. Thus, the System will make some adjustments." The System stated and immediately cut the hair of the current Yun clone and even placed her mole on a different part of the face while keeping it alluring for most males. Her hair was later dyed brown and her demeanour was more subtle compared to the previous Yun.

"The System shall dub her as Yun Er (Yun Two in literal Chinese) to avoid further confusion." The System said and Jin felt that the System was missing the point. Perhaps, it just wanted to concentrate on the current task then waste its time performing things that were currently temporary.

"Speaking of another Yun, how are the Another Jins doing?" Jin said as he had made the System to aid him in separating himself so they could handle other stuff such as the handling of the Cultivation Zoo and the Demon Exorcists' Advanced Training Centre. For the Cultivation Zoo, his Another Jin had already created the arena where the animals could fight against each other as well as a simple challenge course for them to run about when the System detects low levels of exercise in their body.

"Other than the procurement of specific animal foodstuff for the animal's recommended diets, the Zoo members which Claire recommended had been waiting in the Store Instance for some time now. The System recommends Jin to get them into the fray rather than allowing them to waste their time dilly dallying our shop instance." The System said and Jin sighed.

"At the very least they should be having more fun looking through the Store Instance than waiting in some room for the 'boss' to arrive and interview them..." Jin said and gave Claire a message that he was ready to receive the new Zoo Staff.

"Okay, I will send them a text message and inform them to meet you at the Restaurant Train Stop?" Claire queried through the System Channel and Jin agreed with the plan. In no time, the zoo members came as there were two who were wearing the Shenzhen Cultivation Zoo uniform, allowing Jin to recognise them easily.

"Hi! Sorry to keep you waiting! There's one more who is on her way here. Apparently, she got too caught up with the souvenir store. We already informed her to rush to the train stop, double time." The female uniformed staff said and somehow Jin squinted his eyes, thinking he had seen her before.

"No problems about that, I did not set a time for you guys to be here. And also, sorry but you... look kind of familiar." Jin said bluntly as if it was some pick up line but thankfully the female zoo staff chuckled it off.

"That's because we did meet once." The uniformed zoo staff raised her hand out. "Name's Tong Wu. I was the medic who assisted you after your fight with the tiger gangster. That day happened to be my duty as the day medic for the Zoo but my primary duty is to care for the animals."

"Well...humans are animals too. Thank you for the help back then." Jin said as he shook her hand firmly and even though it was a lame joke, it did help ease the tension between the two of them. And as Jin overlooked her shoulders, he too recognised that the other uniformed staff was the guard that was at the Panda enclosure.

"I am Jiang Song and this is my partner as well as blood kin, Jiang Bo." The Zoo Guard said as he extended his greetings for a firm handshake along with Jiang Bo.

"I assumed that you are like her? Guard Duty but actually a zookeeper too?" Jin queried and Jiang Song nodded his head.

"I have been with the Shenzhen Cultivation Zoo for about 8 years or so. Like Tong Wu we have to take up other duties because we know the animals and it's easier to control them if they recognise a familiar face. Besides, we are paid well enough to do double and sometimes triple jobs."

"Not for me. Unlike my brother, I am a full fledged zoology researcher so you can trust me on making sure the behaviours of those animals are well documented." Jiang Bos said and then they could see a lady panting heavily while holding onto bags filled with gifts.

"Sorry I am late!" The lady said and Jiang Bo introduced her as his partner in research as well as his wife, Kristin.

"Believe it or not, she is one of the best zoology researchers in Europe. And being able to work with her is honestly an experience that I hope to cherish." Tong Wu said and Kristin laughed.

"You got to be the first zoo keeper that is way interested in me." Kristin's mandarin was top notch perfect, with just a tinge of western accent in it. Her appearance was no doubt cast her to be of an eastern European descent and Jin believed that Claire had taken in quite a few very reliable Zoo Staff for his Cultivation Zoo.

"Why don't we all grab a quick bite and discuss the things that needed to be done?" Jin asked and they all agreed as they heard a train emerging from afar to pick the passengers up from the train stop.

## **Chapter 1164 - Zoo Staff Contracts -unedited**

With a hearty meal prepared by Lynn's penguins, Jin had discussed with them as to what he would have done to all the other minions. First by showing the contract and subsequently telling them about the System once they have signed it.

But even in the process of getting them to sign the contract, Jin was shocked by their expected salary. (Despite Claire giving him a heads up that they might be expensive.)

"User, you are indeed getting a good deal considering their skills and experience as well as the knowledge they possessed." The System said even though it knows that the Dungeon Supplier has the resources to buy them thrice over. And when they learnt that the exotic animals Jin had were not just numerous but distinct, Kristin nearly went nuts.

"I thought Claire would have given you the heads up for the types of animals in the zoo," Jin said as he finally had them sign all the additional clauses upon them learning the existence of the System. He took the cup of Chinese Pu Er Tea (Fermented Tea) and gulped it down to clear his throat.

"Nope, she said you would give an infinite amount of grant as long as I demand it. –"

"Let's not forget the equipment needed." Jiang Bo added to his wife's reply but Kristin ignored him and continued.

"As long as I demand it for the longest time ever. Considering that this is a brand new field because you are putting real life animals into artificially while seemingly real environment into their lives."

"A prison actually." Jiang Song added as he continued his bowl of noodles.

"If I might interject the environment, they are constantly shifting. There is no 'Hey I found a wall' kind of moment. As we speak, my colleagues (aka Another Jins) are getting other herbivores as recommended by the System to populate the area so that they won't feel that lonely per se." Jin replied.

"Then what about the cultivation zoo part, where the cultivators come in?" Tong Wu asked as what Jin had been emphasising the pristine condition of the animals to not be disturbed and not the main problem of having human interaction.

"They will be like the Jurassic Zoo movie. In those moveable motorised capsules, less the diesel engines and powered by magic crystals so they make absolutely no sounds. Most importantly, those cultivators would not be able to come out." Jin said as he asked the System to show the pictures of those moving human sized hamster capsules for them to see.

"Otherwise, the bulk of the customers would be in invisible hovercrafts right above the environment and in case you are worried that birds might crash into them, the flying hovercrafts would be equipped

with magic wind crystal to divert the airflow to prevent any crashes. If you like, I can show them to you after this meal." Jin answered.

"So basically no human interactions? Will those capsules move too close to the animals or you know accidentally crush any of those exotic and nearly extinct specimens?" Jiang Bo had to ask even though he believed he already had the answer considering that Jin is in possession of an incredible tool at his disposal.

"Nope. There is a System module that manages the routes and prevents any accidental kills. Like motion sensors etc. We will be putting some bugs and insects to manage the flora too but erm there's a high chance we won't be able to save those. The System nevertheless will put up a casualty report if necessary. And should the animals be curious about these capsules, the System will force the capsules to a halt and allow the animal to interact with them until it is bored. Worst case scenario, the humans are teleported out of the capsules."

"So the animals would just have to adjust to this mysterious stuff coming in once in a while until they are used to it," Kristin said as she wrote a note on her handphone. "But in any case, this will no doubt be a first in the world of animal studies and trust me, if this works in the long term, that infinite grant you give me would be put to good use."

"Please stop saying infinite grant. My funds are still limited somewhat."

"Judging by the store instance that you have, I beg to differ." Kristin teased Jin a little more before agreeing that it is time to see the Cultivation Zoo first hand. The rest had also finished their meal and were raring to see this dimensional instanced cultivation zoo.

"I shall bring you guys to see a special somebody first," Jin said as he created a portal out but before he could go in, a fast moving creature suddenly came rushing over and out of the portal. Jiang Song immediately reacted by taking his baton out but Jin stood in front of them and halted the creature.

"Xin!" Tong Wu said as she saw the big giant panda putting its weight on Jin by hugging it. The moment the Panda saw Tong Wu and Jiang Song, it screeched a little with happiness and let go of Jin to receive pats from the two former workers of Shenzhen Cultivation Zoo.

Unlike Jin, Xin was very well behaved right in front of them and Tong Wu even took out a piece of bamboo shoot out from her storage ring for the Panda to eat. "Yes, you little boy, it's one of your favourites. Bamboo from Shunan."

"Shunan?" Jin questioned and Tong Wu answered that the bamboo shoots came from one of the famous bamboo forests in China, known for cultivating high quality bamboo picky pandas like Xin to eat. In the meantime, Kristin was observing the relationship between Jin and Xin

"I see. A Spiritual Union had been done. No wonder this panda is so friendly towards you and Shenzhen Province even allows you to take it out of its hands and to your new zoo" Kristin said and Jin looked at her surprised.

"She can see these unions rather easily. It's one of her abilities upon achieving a union herself too." Jiang Bo said and Kristin added that Jin barely even scratches the concept of Spiritual Union.



"Since you are my new boss, and with the goodwill you bestowed upon me, I will take some time to help you increase the level of your Spiritual Union with Xin." Kristin said and Jin nodded with delight, obviously could not wait to look forward to such a session.

But for now, they would take a look at the Cultivation Zoo Instance.

## **Chapter 1165 - Cultivation Zoo Instance -unedited**

When they first entered the Cultivation Zoo entrance, the Zoo Staff were flabbergasted by an enormous billboard right in front of them. In order to see the full thing, they not only have to tilt their head upwards but also take a few steps backwards to have the whole picture. The imagery of the entire zoo was like a work of art where there were layers upon layers of information. Where the toilets are, the road paths to animal enclosures, how to access watchtowers to see the animals from afar, designated rest areas and mini food stops. All these were curated by the System to ensure that the cultivators had sufficient pit stops (as well as additional opportunities to earn extra cash.)

"This is information overload. Way too much stuff to digest in one go." Jiang Song said as he could not fathom how many 'enclosures' Jin had installed in his Cultivation Zoo instances.

"That's precisely the point. This Zoo is not meant to be done in one visit. I already planned a few packages to make this one of Dungeons and Pandas' main attractions as well as an annual pass... well with the System's help of course." Jin said as he felt proud that he finally managed to clear this. "Although I have to say, there are some parts that needed some erm quality of life improvements and my colleague Lynn would be working on it."

"Still...you want the four of us to watch this entire cultivation zoo instance?" Tong Wu could feel the crushing pressure coming down upon her when she now realised the scope of the job.

"Ehhh, I know I asked this before but once again, I thought you guys were briefed by Claire about this?" Jin suddenly felt suspicious how Claire was able to recruit them so blindly. Or in fact, had they been so allured by the wages that they believed the job was worth taking? After all, it was indeed rather lucrative especially for Tong Wu and Jiang Song, getting at least five times more than the current wage they were getting as well as a performance bonus as determined by the System.

Jin later believed it was a make or break decision and they decided to do it because of the money in addition to the exposure they would receive from taking care of fairly exotic animals. But as the scope of their work laid upon them at this moment, there was no way to back out after they knew the existence of the System and signing the contracts.

"We were briefed that this was a job that requires some secrecy and other than that, we trusted Claire since she was Chairwoman Yuan's assistant." Jiang Song also scratched his head, thinking he was doing something more than he could chew.

"Also the money. I cannot lie about that. With that salary, I can finally clear my university debts within a year." Tong Wu said and everyone looked at her with some suspicion. With a considerable number of

years of experience under her belt and she was unable to clear her debt, it kind of made them worry about the kind of lifestyle she was living.

"...If you want, I can help clear your debt immediately but I would remove a part of your annual salary as compensation. The only benefit is that there is no interest rate for me to take." Jin said and Tong Wu's eyes sparkled while the others instinctively knew that there would be an addendum to her contract to make her stay longer, a strategy everyone rest grasped immediately that Jin's enticement was a booty trap. But it was not their place to judge a person's lifestyle and now all they wanted to see was at least a part of the zoo as a start.

Thus, Jin brought them to the starting point where the hovercrafts and human sized hamster ball capsules were. Like curious cats, the Zoo Staff instantly went ahead to inspect the interior of both types of vehicles. As Jin had described, the human sized hamster ball capsules gave the person inside the ability to see everything 360 degrees without any hindrance. It looked as if there were no mechanism inside the capsule but everything had been inscription based.

So, in order to move the capsule, all the user had to do was to walk normally. And the ball capsule would activate and adjust according to the user walking speed. Eventually, the user would feel like they were walking on air as there was a complex mix of high level levitation inscriptions and movement inscriptions imbued into the ball capsule.

This allowed the ball capsules to move at high speeds when the user felt like running but in actual fact, there was an invisible set of course the ball capsules could move until they reached their selected enclosure destination. This was to prevent any possible collusion with other ball capsules as well as the hovercrafts.

Talking about the hovercrafts, as they are to be floating above the animal's environment, it is an alternative where educational tours could be given to the public as well as allowing the cultivators to have picture sessions from afar. There are multiple windows where the cultivators could station themselves and get pictures. However, there was also a hovercraft where no cameras were allowed and everyone could only sit to enjoy the scenery.

Also, to prevent any excessive amount of people entering the enclosures, the System and Jin had already devised a waiting area where they were parked out of sight from the selected animal's environment setting. In return, they were given the Magic Eye's view of the animals. If they were not satisfied with the magic eye's capability, they could purchase or rent telescopic cameras from the Cultivation Zoo store and they could partake in the scenes themselves.

Thus, those avid animal and bird watchers would have the chance to score a sight for themselves while taking those pictures in order to keep them as souvenirs. As for the cultivators, they have the chance to view them and a teleport control was installed to each capsule so they could instantly move to a training hall where they practice their renewed enlightenment.

It goes the same for the very new Zoo Arena which Another Jin had created. While he did not like the Animal Emperor theme which Claire had suggested, it was one of the few ways that the cultivators saw the animals in action and that was the whole point of this particular Cultivation Zoo instance. Naturally, the arena was also insulated in a way from the animal's point of view, they were only fighting against their opponent and nothing else.

The fighters themselves would not be able to see the supposed overwhelming crowd that saw them fight each other. The animals would be oblivious to their 'surroundings' and this would provide the cultivators what they needed to see to learn their cultivation.

"Hmm... While I condone some of your methods, they are still tolerable since all of the stuff you implemented is to ensure that the animals have their own peace of mind. But how are you going to initiate the fights? They do not usually fight unless threatened by their territory." Jiang Bo questioned as he finished inspecting the hovercraft.

"Well, I can show it to you when you guys are done trying out the transportation." Jin smiled as he too entered a ball capsule and the System automatically activated it.

### **Chapter 1166 - Cultivation Zoo Arena -unedited**

When they reached the Cultivation Zoo's Arena. They noticed that the rows of seats were also floating as if they were there to accommodate the fight scene. Jin indicated to them that the arena should not be restricted to one particular zone. Rather, when the fight starts, the audience would be teleported to them.

"This way they can fight in their own territory and they might be more aggressive in protecting their home. It's like Home and Away teams for football." Jin said but it did not answer the Zoo Staff's questions until it dawned upon them that there was this celestial supercomputer that does things for him.

"So, the System enrages them?" Tong Wu asked and now she understands why they needed a medic to take care when there was already a supercomputer doing all this 'behind the scenes' stuff.

"The System does not enrage them per se and instead sends a subtle message to indicate that a fight is coming for both animals and the System teleports one of them into the other's territory." The System replied promptly to remove any accusations or ill impressions of itself.

"That is also why the audience booth is floating," Jin added but the Zoo Staff were confused.

"You mean, these rows and rows of spectators would be teleported to the said environment for viewing purposes?" Jiang Bo believed that was a crazy feature if it was true but Jin shook his head.

"Nah, the audience does not move. It's too much wastage of resources to do that, moving hundreds of human spectators and the floating booths to the environment. It would also cause possible collisions with the current hovercrafts and ball capsules that are in the area."

"So...you moved the animals instead?" Tong Wu tried her luck in guessing and Jin nodded his head with pléâsuré.

"Even though the System said that only one of the animals teleports, it's actually the both of them being transferred to the Cultivation Zoo Arena. The only difference is that the animal that teleports in is the visible one. The rest of the territory including the animal had already been transferred to the arena beforehand. So it looks as if the stage had already been set for an aggressor to come in to fight against

the animal in his home grounds." Jin said as he gave an example and beckoned the group to look over the rails of the spectator booth.

It was an empty white piece of concrete at first and in the next instant, the ground started to turn yellow and a few trees grew in place of it. Despite Jin saying that it's just a copy of data, the shifting landscape was too real for the rest of them to believe it was purely 1s and 0s. Only then the animal was transferred along when the background of the arena had been completed. And even the transition of the lion was smooth with it emerging out of the tall dry yellow grass of the Africa flatlands.

Yes, the Zoo staff might not know this but the current arena battle that would be shown as a live demonstration was a rematch between the King of Animals and the King of Laziness. Lion Vs Xin once more and while this time there were no pack of lionesses to protect their king, he was ready after a hefty meal and some training which he did as part of his recovery programme.

It does sound weird but since all of the animals were more or less under the System's command, the System was able to spur the Lion from beating up itself to motivating it for the next revenge match. Jin had a bit of inkling to this particular news and though it would be nice to use this match as the opener for the Cultivation Zoo Instance, he believed it was better to let this revenge match be done as early as possible.

In a way, he also needed footage of a proper fight between two animals and this should serve as decent footage for Kiyu to manipulate and send it out to the public for viewing. After all, now that Bear Cub One has its own stream (Even though people kept thinking it was some person hiding behind Bear Cub One to perform it) and Kiyu being the guest of Bear Cub One which consistently boost its ratings and views, Jin believes it's a good platform to advertise. And once that is done, he would go for mainstream advertisement too as he believed the Tree Mall has room for improvement when it comes to advertising.

And as the Lion prepared itself for the fight, Xin was already yawning when a portal appeared at the centre of the arena grounds. The panda knew who he was fighting with and did not change its stance, as if it was looking down at the Lion whom he had defeated previously.

No doubt the Lion took offence at Xin's behaviour and roared loudly in defiance as if declaring that the revenge match would be a swift one. It portrayed some form of chi as lunged towards the Panda without any care for the surroundings.

Xin instantly sidesteps and gives a swipe of its claws against the Lion while it was landing but to its surprise, the Lion was able to turn in mid air, allowing it to evade the attack rather easily. Xin then believed there was no easy way to do this and finally decided to go into battle mode as he screeches at the Lion.

And as the fight progresses, Jin explained to them why the both of them were being so mad at each other was due to the previous unofficial match they had. The Zoo Staff understood and while unconventional in real life, it would be surprisingly effective in a cultivation zoo.

"This would no doubt increase the cultivation grade of every animal drastically and they might actually be one of the strongest few animals in the world if we do it right." Jiang Bo commented and the rest of the Zoo Staff agreed as well.

"We just have to make sure that the fight combinations are suitable and not of an overwhelming advantage," Kristin added.

"Great, then I shall leave it to you guys to settle that while collaborating with the System for it. I will show you your office once this fight is done and we can call it a day." Jin was delighted that the staff had joined his ranks.

### **Chapter 1167 - The Failed Fight -unedited**

Just when he was done with the Zoo Staff and left them to their own devices, he heard his name being called when the Dungeon Supplier was strolling through the ever busy store instance of his. At first, he had the illusion that some of his dungeon fans recognised him but he thought otherwise and ignored it. After all, Jin was quite a common name and most of the newer cultivators did not know who was the creator of this dungeon supplier, but rather what this store provides.

"Hahaha...unless I am some recognised billionaire like Jackie Ma," Jin said to himself and then for the second time, he heard his name being called out again. So, he decided to entertain the thought and looked back only to be suddenly jumped on.

However, his training habit kicked in and instantly evaded the attack by pretending to trip from the other side. But the moment he saw that it was Rong, one of the Demon Exorcists that were employed under him. He held back his Astral Maqi and asked what's wrong.

Still, instead of replying, Rong continued to try to attack Jin and it created a commotion in the store instance. Some of the customers thought it was a new event while others who were around long enough knew that someone was about to start a fight they would regret. Not because of Jin but rather the enforcement Panda NPC coming in to stop any nuisance behaviour in the dimensional instance.

As much as it was heavily surveyed with rules enforced, the cultivators did not mind the strict conditions of play because some even felt safer than being in the streets. Not many knew that Jin had a continuous and beneficial contract with the Tiangong District Police station so any crimes committed in the store instance would be first punished by the Panda NPCs and subsequently the district police would take over the case almost instantly. It helps that he managed to strike a deal with the police chief to get a pair of police officers to patrol the store instance in return for additional perks for the officers in training.

This was also because the number of people using Jin's store instance was gradually increasing and the station could finally not ignore the fact that there were possible crimes being committed inside the instance. On average, there were at least one to two attempted thievery per week but all these monitoring by the System had enabled those evildoers to be stemmed out of the instance swiftly.

In turn, it boosted the reliability and positivity of the dungeon supplier store as some of the users wrote some amazing feedback in the Pandamonium forums. Sometimes, the System on behalf of Jin also sent a mail to every customer not to perform any insidious activities. It also took the opportunity to bring up these feedbacks to not just inform everyone but send a warning to users with potential motives in order to deter them from making such mistakes

"Stop moving! And let me hit you at least once!" Rong shouted with some agitation and the Panda NPC Enforcers had already emerged in the crowd's midst. However, Jin halted the NPC Enforcers and decided to take things into his own hands by stopping Rong's punch with his palm and immediately subduing him to the ground without mercy.

"Try harder next time. You could learn how to hide your presence better." Jin said and he could see the other three Demon Exorcists rushing to his side with an "I told you so" kind of expression on their face.

"Don't..." Rong coughed as he spit to remove the dirt from his mouth.

"We told you so." The girls said in unison and Jin let go of Rong and told them to follow him back to the conference briefing room instance.

Upon reaching the conference room, the System instantly refreshes Rong's attire and they were sparkling new when the Demon Bull cultivator walked in. However, he was too angry to be surprised by the fresh set of clothes and sat quietly at the back of the conference room.

"What is he angry about?" Jin queried and Su Zhen, the White Snake Demon Cultivator replied that they had no work for a couple of weeks and were pretty aimless.

"Don't you guys have any Demon Exorcist work to perform?" Jin queried and Lian, the Qilin Demon Cultivator explained that after the Demon Horde incident, the rest of the demons had been executed by senior members in order to not risk losing any more Demon Exorcists.

"We tried telling them we had participated in it but they emphasized on the fact that we need some rest." Su Zhen added and the other three nodded their heads simultaneously.

"Looks to me there is some cover up going on since I heard that Grandma Yuan had been scheduled for retirement," Jin commented and Rong instantly stood up.

"That is what I had been saying all along, but these people right here are too scared to even investigate. In fact, they are the best people to do so considering the kind of ties they have with the upper echelon of the organisation. Guess, they do not have balls after all." Rong's outburst was a little terrifying but Jin stared at him.

"Then what does that have to do with assaulting me?" Jin queried and hoped to change the subject since it was clear that the other three were not taking Rong's remarks too kindly.

"Because you as our supposed manager of the branch should have some knowledge behind the scenes."

"In fact I have none." Jin quickly interjected. "I am a manager by name, and until I completed the Demon Exorcists Advanced Training Centre, I was practically cut off from any communications."

"Then, what are you waiting for? Why isn't the centre done by now? Aren't you supposed to be some talented dungeon supplier to create all these? And shouldn't you be giving us some job to do?"

"Obviously, he is busy. Can't you see that his main priority is still his shop?" Lian, the Nine Tailed Fox Demon Cultivator tried to protect Jin not because of his supposed rank as the manager but as someone being shafted with that responsibility.

But it seems Rong had a lot of more in his mind until Jin snapped his finger and a portal appeared right beside him. He signaled the rest to enter including Rong without saying another word.

The Demon Exorcists were reluctant to comply at first but given the current situation, the dungeon supplier might have something in store to keep Rong's mouth shut.

True enough, when they reached the other side of the portal, the Demon Exorcists were blown away by the scale and magnitude of the new dimensional instance.

"This is..." Rong, who was frustrated, suddenly had his mouth hanging in awe and all that anger in him gradually dissipated.

"That's right. All your feedback and hard work for going to each and every branch of JODE was not in vain. All those begging and insistence for more information to make the advanced training centre a better place have turned into reality." Jin said as he teleported them to the top of the Principal's Tower.

"This is not just an advanced training centre. This will be the latest JODE Academy."

#### **Chapter 1168 - Official Employees -unedited**

"Holy damn..." Rong said to himself as he climbed further up and hung on to the antenna of the Principal's Office Tower to have a better view of the JODE Academy which Jin had created. Even if he did not see the interior of the buildings, the campus itself was already something not to be scoffed at.

"Jin, you did this all by yourself?" Su Zhen asked and the Dungeon Supplier nodded his head.

"Well? Surprised? This is the might of the Boss of the Dungeons and Pandas." Jin said and the rest continued to quietly view the scenery. "The buildings might be up but I needed more information on how each room and hall can be customised. From what I remembered, you guys have a variety of subjects that you guys need to learn."

"Yes, Traps, Team Formations, Demon Speciality, Chi Magic Formulae" Su Zhen was reciting the subjects that needed to be covered, Lian and Lien took the opportunity to jump away from the tower and started to explore the space. Even Rong followed them and Su Zhen quickly stopped her mumbling to join them.

Even though the corridors and rooms were empty, the Demon Exorcists were excited by the possibilities that could happen in this Dimensional Instance. Demon Exorcists had always been secluded from one and the other because of the lack of facilities. They did not make many friends and most of their comrades were mostly political acquaintances. Even under the training of Grandma Yuan, it was mostly done in a restricted area to ensure that there were no commotions.

With this academy, more Demon Exorcists could finally be inundated into the programme and the dimensional instance might potentially bring a sense of belonging for the group. Not only that, if there were enough space, this particular JODE Academy might even be used for course conversion programmes, allowing junior ranked Demon Exorcists to reach higher heights.

When the squad had finally surveyed the area, they were all rushing to Jin to give their ideas on how the JODE Academy should be implemented. Jin quietly smiled at their idealistic expressions, knowing how they wish to bring change to the place.

"Of course, of course. I will take into consideration all of your opinions but I still have to consult your seniors and most importantly the head council that runs JODE. Without their approval, I cannot even start this place properly."

"Ah! Is that why Claire asked my mom to come?" Su Zhen remarked and the rest turned to her with a curious look. "Erm, Instructor Claire had invited my mom and Grandma Yuan for a Hot Pot stew, dinner at Lynn's Restaurant."

"Oh...is that why you guys decided to pop by here?" Jin queried and the rest of them pointed at Su Zhen.

"Heheh. In a way, yes. Since my mom was coming, she decided to take this opportunity to officially congratulate me for getting into the official ranks of the Demon Exorcists. I figured that I take this chance to splurge my mom's money to treat the rest." Su Zhen blushed as she blurted out the truth.

"Oh gee. Here I thought, you guys are here for the Academy." Jin sighed, thinking that either the System or Claire had other motives to get Jin to talk to the kids. "But since you guys are here, I guess I owe you all an explanation too." He then told the rest to get back to the principal's office where he took the opportunity to sit behind the large desk.

The rest had no clue what this impromptu gathering was about and they were telepathetically exchanging information to see if they could guess what Jin was going to tell them.

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"...You what?" Rong was still in disbelief upon hearing Jin's explanation of the System and revealing the entity to them.

"So...does that mean, we could have won against you if you had not cheated?" Lian crossed her arms and pouted.

"Have you forgotten what he said? The System only manages his shop and the rest of the stuff that deals with money. When it comes to cultivation, all that effort belongs to him. We lost to him fair and square." Lein, the Qilin Cultivator, replied to comfort Lian but he was still uneasy knowing the truth.

The fact that the four of them had already signed their lives to this System of Jin without knowing the entire situation. Now he understood why there were times he felt that there was some hidden force monitoring him and to a certain extent, prompted him to go for certain decisions.

"So? What's your endgame? Why tell us now?" Su Zhen asked, now a little distrustful of Jin, creating the opposite effect which Jin initially wanted.

"I heard from Claire that you guys are not the usual Demon Exorcists because of your cultivation. I did not ask her much information on it but it looks like most of the other Demon Exorcists would prefer not to work with you guys." Jin explained. "And if I am not wrong, that is also one of the reasons why all of you are advised to stand down for the time being even though you guys did not explicitly show it."

"So?" Su Zhen answered with a question.



"Simple. Join me for fights. In fact, you guys can go for recon missions for me which the System would provide more information about. And trust me, this is not the usual stuff that you are doing. There will be fighting involved if you all are not careful...or well even if you are careful enough." Jin raised his eyebrows and changed his phrases a little to tell nothing but the truth. "And in return, you will be paid well for each successful mission and once we feel that you are up for it, we will give you harder stuff so that you all will continue to hone your skills."

"So, either stay on standby forever or do what the official employees of Dungeons and Pandas should be doing while earning some experience and cash. What do you all say?"

There was a moment of silence before Rong stood up and portrayed his aura.

"I do not care what lies you said before but I know that you are telling the truth and instead of doing nothing, I am fucking in."

### **Chapter 1169 - Hotpot with the JODEs -unedited**

The rest looked how eager Rong was and they could not help but chuckle. One moment he was angry as the bull chased after the red cloth and the moment he was willing to travel to the depths of hell with Jin.

Even as the others felt opinionated to the current situation, they decided to stick with Rong as they always have. Even though he was not the leader, what he said made sense. There was nothing the Demon Exorcist could do at the moment with the current stand down orders. However, it was a different thing if what Jin said was true.

If they could travel to other worlds and they were as dangerous as what Jin had mentioned, it might be the opportunity they were looking for to improve their skills and garner more experience under their belt.

What's more, their batch had been ostracised by most because their cultivation requires constant fighting to gain better understanding of their powers and for the cultivators to nurture them to higher heights.

Grandma Yuan was able to provide guidance mainly because she went through the second world war as a young adult and she knew the terrors of war to replicate the kind of training these kinds of Demon Cultivators had to go through to move up the ranks.

In hindsight, Jin also felt that Grandma Yuan had purposely assigned them to him because she knew that he was the only one that could further their cultivation in his kind of environment. It might not be the most ideal but it was better than the current demon exorcist scene that the organisation is currently displaying. Especially with the recent incident, the demon exorcists were not as trained as the public thought they would be and there had been feedback with much concern despite the JODE organisation resurrecting the Demon Exorcists they could find. (Yes, they could find. Some of the Dan Tian had been broken by the clashes against the Bone Spirits that the organisation merely gave a compensation package to the affected families.)

So, with the latest JODE Academy, Jin hoped to improve the image of Demon Exorcists while keeping Grandma Yuan under the employment of JODE. But in order to do that, he needed the approval of Lee Na, the COO of JODE and Su Zhen's mother. So as he wanted to send the four of them to a mission as soon as possible, they should at least wait till tomorrow since he needed them to be at his side for the negotiations to be smooth sailing.

"Awww...fine. At the very least, there is something to look forward to." Rong said as he pouted thinking he could go on a mission right here and now.

"Think about it this way, have a good dinner tonight and start the mission tomorrow with strength. You all knew how nutritiously potent Lynn's food is, right?" Jin said and the rest all agreed to it.

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"Apologies for the self invitation." Jin said as he entered the room filled with the Demon Exorcists. However, to his surprise, he even saw the Chancellor of JODE within the chambers of Lynn's Train Restaurant Instance.

"Ah! Chancellor Ma Ge...it's a pleasant surprise to see you here." Jin said and Ma Ge shook his head.

"Lein took the chance to invite me here, saying that Lee Na and the rest of the newly officiated Demon Exorcists are having their celebration dinner. I thought I would join in for a moment if they were to allow it. To be able to see you here is an extra bonus." Ma Ge smiled wide as he moved aside and asked whether Jin would like to sit beside him.

"Its my honour." Jin pretended since he was after all the top dog of the upper echelon ranks in JODE. Of course, he would play cordial to gain his favour as this was the best opportunity to discuss with Ma Ge about the current JODE Academy. However, he had a hunch that the feeling was mutual.

To his surprise, the Demon Exorcists were not exactly very uptight with their behaviour and ate as they would usually do despite having the 'adults' in their midst but everything changed when there was a knock at the door. Claire came in and she brought along Grandma Yuan which caused the kids to suddenly behave prim and proper.

Grandma Yuan told them to relax and she sat at the opposite end of the table away from Ma Ge. The rest of the kids were relieved and they continued their hotpot dinner while already saving some of the best ingredients for Grandma Yuan to partake.

"Su Zhen! You gave Grandma Yuan that and not your mother?" Even Lee Na was a tad jealous by the behaviour of her child.

"This is because they also treat their teacher as their own parent. (A Chinese proverb)" Ma Ge said but the mood turned a little more serious when Grandma Yuan opened her mouth. Even though she was lower rank in JODE, her seniority still meant something to the upper echelon.

"I am actually here to talk about the JODE Academy which Jin had created. I was late because I went to take a look myself before coming here." Grandma Yuan said.

"Ah yes, I heard from Su Zhen about it and she even took some pictures for me that I felt was surreal. To finally have a full fledged academy of our own in this modern age is not just a feat, but an achievement that will be remembered in the future." Lee Na commented.

"I believed there is more to that since I could not help but discuss a few things with Lein privately beforehand." Ma Ge remarked and it seems they did not wish to beat the bush around Grandma Yuan.

"I will take the spot as the first principal regardless of your approval." Grandma Yuan stated while she placed a piece of meat in her mouth. She assumed that there would be resistance but as she looked up to see the faces of the other two JODE executives, all they had was approval in their expression.

"Yes, we like you to be." Ma Ge said with a gradual nod.

### **Chapter 1170 - Yuan Is The Principal -unedited**

"Isn't that agreement a bit way too easygoing?" Rong asked in the System Channel chat now they officially have access to it.

"OOOOOOOO! Hi Guys!" Claire said in a very cheerful manner even though her expression was stoic right in front of them. "You all finally have access to the System! Congrats!"

"What? You mean this System Channel thingy is not filtered and everyone can listen in?" Rong nearly spit his food out when he heard Claire talking through the channel. Lian and Lein tried to cover up Rong's expression by asking him to eat slower and even gave a cup of water for him to drink.

"Not exactly, you can have specific people to listen into your channel but you have to tweak it a little. If you don't know how, I can show it to you later." Claire said as she stared at Rong with a weak smile, also telling him to ease with the food intake. "There is enough food for everyone, you don't have to rush." Claire commented while putting a piece of boiled pork into Rong's bowl.

"But yes, I did think Ma Ge answered way too conveniently, any kind of hidden agenda, some conspiracy?" Lian decided to try out the System Channel too.

"Eh... Banzai to the System?" Jin replied while he too was able to remain engaged with the current discussion between the JODE Executive Officers.

"Holy shit, you mean the System managed to influence him and Su Zhen's mother?" Rong was shocked once more and this time he accidentally knocked his knee to the table which prompted all eyes on him again.

"I am sorry, I am sorry." Rong said and decided he should just keep quiet for the moment since he was not able to keep a straight face with all the developments behind the scenes.

"Don't worry. I am sure you are equally excited to hear that Instructor Yuan is able to take the post of the First Principal for the newest JODE Academy." Ma Ge laughed and the rest followed suit even though it's a little forced.

"Does that mean I am able to choose my own teachers and lecturers?" Grandma Yuan asked and the officers nodded their heads in unison once more.

"No one else is more qualified than you are and with this 'promotion', I believe it is a suitable compensation for your so called early retirement as instructor." Lee Na added and later they found out from Claire through the System Channel that although Grandma Yuan is the hero for saving hundreds and thousands of lives, it was not her call to use the young Demon Exorcists to fight the Bone Spirits despite her being an overall in charge.

It was ironic but it was mainly because in technical terms, Grandma Yuan was supposed to be there as an overseer and not someone who commands the frontlines. Instead, she overstepped her authority as the overseer of the current mission and went forth with the defence of the border cities. Hence, the organisation required a scapegoat to appease the families for removing her instructorship and requesting her for an early retirement since there were no other available posts for the Heroine of the Border Cities.

But now that that JODE Academy dimensional instance is going to be up and running, the organisation finally has the chance to use this excuse albeit a risky one depending on how the public relations department was going to handle it. Also, Chancellor Ma Ge is someone who did not like to take unnecessary risks and preferred to handle his term of Chancellorship with as little controversy as possible.

Yet, things changed when he entered the System. Both Lee Na and Ma Ge had been partially influenced by the System without them knowing. A classic trick in the Dungeon Supplier's books but a very effective one. It was to the point that Jin even named the current room they were in as "Fortune Changes with the Wind". Most people assumed that these named rooms were just for Feng Shui purposes but many did not know that whenever Jin conducted his bargains and negotiations in this particular room, it had always been in his favour.

"This particular compensation is not sufficient until the Academy has what it takes to provide the best for each and every student. And that includes the likes of my batch of students here in this room. No more discrimination and everyone and the same opportunity to learn no matter what." Grandma Yuan said.

"Instructor Yuan, if you can provide me with a list of items that need to be procured, I should be able to work out the numbers and give you a possible estimation for your budget." Jin said and Lee Na looked at him with great interest.

"You sure? From what I believed, our suppliers have been giving us rather competitive prices. Also, I do not believe some of the items that Instructor- no I am sorry, Principal Yuan needs are available in the current market." Lee Na said and Jin smiled gently.

"If there is not much of a problem for you, we can compare prices and perhaps, I can procure some of the stuff. But if it is because it's a wholesale offer with restricted items to boot, then I would leave it in your capable hands." Jin replied,

"Lee Na, give him a sample of the restricted items. I saw his supplies before and the supplier that procure the stuff for him might just be able to get it at a cheaper price. Trust me on this." Yuan

interjected and subsequently smirked a little that only those who saw her often like Jin, appreciated the gesture.

After all, this current arrangement was somewhat like a partnership between Yuan and Jin. So, if Yuan could scratch Jin's back by allowing him to access the items in JODE not just for storage and production, but also to use in his war and dungeon instances, it would definitely be a great boost in both firepower and defensive capabilities. (Of course, a little tweak here and there to ensure that it still did not violate their rules.)

In return, the prices would be so much cheaper and of a higher quality because it is the product of the System, allowing the Demon Exorcists to have a better arsenal for any threats they had to deal with.

And now, this is what they call a business meeting in their favour.