

## Dungeon S 1181

### Chapter 1181 - Extra- Responsibility Of A Lord

For the past few days prior to the opening of the Cultivation Zoo Instance, Jin had no doubt tapped into the resources he possessed to promote the latest dimensional instance with much aggression. Thus, his rising virtual video tuber on the internet personally groomed by Kiyu, Bear Cub One had been used to raise awareness of the zoo.

While it might seem to be in direct competition with Shenzhen Cultivation Zoo, it was actually lifting the burden of the zoo park because of the increased population in Shenzhen and the tourists. It was to the point some of the animals were facing stress from the constant interaction with the park's visitors.

Also, with the opening of Jin's Cultivation Zoo Instance, it might finally give Shenzhen Cultivation Zoo a chance to close its parks for a major renovation. Ever since its inception in the 70s, there was not much chance for the Zoo to have significant closure because of the visitor's requests. Not to mention, the possible closure allowed those animals under the care of Shenzhen's Zoo to be sent to Jin's instance as a temporary moving measure if it proved to be beneficial for the major overhaul.

While Grandma Yuan did not explicitly say all these in the beginning, she did reveal such plans to Jin during their dinner meeting now that he is finally able to get the cultivation zoo instance open. Naturally, Jin would be glad to take on those animals as it would aid the current animals in his captivity to go up with veterans.

That's right, the Animal Kaizer is now one of the major selling points where customers would be able to see the animals fight among each other and gain knowledge. This would no doubt help Cultivation Grandmasters to refine their manuals as well as budding cultivators to learn one or two tricks from the animals even if they were from another style. Who knows? Maybe the cultivators could also achieve enlightenment upon spectating which would prove to be beneficial for them.

Other than that, Jin had requested Bear Cub One to provide an informative and yet entertaining online sneak peek preview on his Cultivation Zoo Instance which mostly included Kiyu's videography of the area as well as the animals in their own resting habitats.

And while the interest was high throughout the live stream, Jin did not forget traditional ways of advertising and that included promoting in the papers as well as influential digital news platforms. There were some costs involved but Jin felt that his mall needed that kind of promotion.

Especially now when he coincided with the opening of his Cultivation Zoo along with the new 'streets' of stores hidden in his revamped Tree Mall.

That's right, alongside the original generation of Tree Mall Owners, Jin had finally approved and opened the first level of his Tree Mall to new tenants once he settled the small and medium enterprises. He thought that the response would be low but boy was he dead wrong.

The requests flooded in within a day and many fresh entrepreneurs, as well as veteran store owners, were pitching in their proposals, hoping they could get a shot in the Tree Mall. It was then Jin realised how famous or infamous his Tree Mall was. The pleas to have their store be opened was so intense that there were physical visits looking for Jin asking for a slot. It was to the point where there was even a

very old couple who personally came to the Tree Mall asking whether they could open a store despite not knowing how. They just knew they had to and as Jin did not even have an office per se, it was Si Fang who managed to aid them to meet up with Jin for a quick talk.

If not for Si Fang, Jin would have rejected them outright since he had way too many visitors coming for a slot. But upon hearing that their speciality was duck noodles, Jin had to find the delicate moment to courteously reject them since he had enough food stores in his hands.

But it was the System who denied Jin from doing so as the System quickly identified them as a remnant of the old Panda Clan. The news shook Jin for a moment and requested the couple to relax for a moment before he discussed with the System. It was only then the System said that they were able to come here because of their connection with the Royal Panda Clan.

"Unbeknown to User, old members have the tendency to return to their leader whether it's a conscious effort or not. As if there was a thread running through the members and leaders, connecting them regardless of time and space. Also, it's worthy to note that some of the current tenants the User had accepted, contained traces of the Royal Panda Clan bloodline within them. However, this particular couple happened to be the rare coincidence where two of the previous Panda Clan families came together as one."

"If you put it that way, there is no way I can reject them... But I do not know whether they are able to handle the workload, especially given the popularity of the place." Jin said.

"Regardless, User has to take care of his own clan members." The System said and Jin understood, giving the couple a slot when others could not. At that moment when they shook hands, Jin's palm lit up as did the elderly couple's, only for them to realise that they shook hands with the new Lord of the Royal Zodiac Panda Clan.

Only when that realisation hits them, Jin verbally acknowledges his clan remnants and they immediately went to their knees to pay respect to the new lord of the Panda Clan. Their hearts were filled with gratitude and delight to know that the Clan did not die out and instead in the capable hands of a young lord which they had renewed their vows.

Unknowingly, it was at that point Jin felt the responsibility of being a Royal Zodiac Panda Clan Lord for the very first time. And in some ways, he secretly created a new mission for himself where he hoped to reunite all the rest of the Panda clan remnants.

But for now, it's the opening time for both the new tenants of the Tree Mall as well as the Cultivation Zoo.

## **Chapter 1182 - Cultivation Zoo Opening!**

In the wee early morning of a mundane Monday, Jin asked his group of Zoo staff whether everything was ready for the official opening. The Zoo Guard, Jiang Song, reported that the System's NPC guards programme were up and running properly in the case where the visitors and cultivators started to be rough against each other.

Zoo Medic Tong Wu had also reported that the connection to Luxury Recovery Instance was stable and there were a few wards and a surgical room ready to receive any casualties including the animals if they were to be severely injured in the Animal Kaizer event. "Also, Xin had his fill of bamboo so he would be disturbing any animals too soon."

"Looks like our king of this zoo is not the lion or gorilla but instead a panda." Jiang Bo chuckled before reporting that the System had already served all the enclosures with food and food stocks were sufficient for at least a month.

"Xin is able to be the incumbent king because the owner is around. He dared to mess with the rest of the animals because he wanted to show Jin that he is capable too." Kristin said as her current monitoring systems were all online and in sync with the System. All the vitals of the animals in their set environment were stable and their current habitats were also in equilibrium.

"Honestly, I never saw him portraying such aggressiveness at all except to a few of the alpha males in the enclosure. The only time he got really rough was when Jin was in the neighbourhood. Aside from that, he had been docile and obedient after attaining spiritual union with Bossman." Tong Wu said and the rest laughed within their System Channel.

"Guess, that Xin had been 'polishing' his fangs and claws for some time, knowing that Jin would come back and pick him up," Kristin added not to underestimate the established links of a spiritual union. "But for now, he is not the main star until tonight so keep him rested until then." Kristin said as she looked forward to the data among the animals.

Even though this might sound like some illegal animal ring fight, the Zoo research team had backed up that the fights would keep them on their toes and the constant threat from other animals teleporting into their habitats was simulating the injection of monsters into the environment.

However, since they were animals against animals, Kristin was also anticipating a few unusual rivalry friendships to bond but that would come in much later when the animals had recognised the strength of their foes.

This was because Jin had planned to add some of his minions in the fray to spice up the Animal Kaizer events to keep it within the recommendations of Kristin who said that the growth among the animals must not be stagnant so that the cultivators who watched them would continue to receive clues and inspiration for the cultivation growth.

"Sounds like everything is ready. Good luck Zoo Team. It's only the four of you for the long run, so if anyone wants a quick breakfast, I can permit it." Jin said but his CCTV monitors had already shown that his store instance had been filling up in anticipation of the new service dimensional instance. As Jin had previously placed the entrance of the Cultivation Zoo Instance right beside his theme park, his customers already knew the existence of a pending dimensional instance. It's just that they never expected it to be a true blue Cultivation Zoo for they had been speculating an extension of the theme park like a water sports park of some sort. Some even wished Jin could even make a skate park or a scenic bike trail like how he did for the Restaurant Train going to various sceneries.

Needless to say, Jin had been taking all this into account since he knew the lack of facilities in the real world allowed these niched sports to be quite limited. It was also because if Jin had prepared the Virtual

Reality dimensional instance, his store might possibly lack the growth of physical customers. While dungeons would still be a thing, he predicted that most people would be lazy and go for the Virtual Reality dimensional instance.

While it was true, he could host several rooms of Virtual Reality dimensional instances in his store instance and people take advantage of the array of services he provides, he wished to continue to stay competitive.

So, he was thinking of getting the list of sporting activities where they needed space to perform their craft and that could mean a huge revitalisation of the store instance, making it a mini hub for various groups of interests coming together and interacting. If he was being ambitious, he wanted to have festivals and events to be done in his dungeon instance (especially since he had the open field music instance where raves and clubbing could be done in that area too.)

"Everyone is ready! Boss, you can treat us to dinner if the day goes smoothly," Jiang Song commented and Jin chuckled, agreeing to his proposal as well as opening the floodgates to the Cultivation Zoo instance. At the same time, he had also coordinated the grand opening of the new Tree Mall's tenants, causing a horde of people to rush into the Tree Mall as well the Zoo instance simultaneously.

At that moment, Jin could once again feel the adrenaline rush from the accomplishment he did. It was not too long ago he felt the Cultivation Zoo was a hassle and he did not like the creation of the instance because he did not realise the amount of research effort needed to recreate the animals' habitat areas. (Although without the System, it would have been even harsher.) For now, all he could hope is that this particular investment into the animals would be worth it for the long haul while he now concentrates on the Virtual Reality instance as well as the invasion of the Farming World.

"I only hope the rats don't do anything too stupid during my time in the Symposium..." Jin thought to himself, subsequently regretting that it could be a red flag for that particular event.. After all, fate had not been too kind in making his journey to be the number one dungeon supplier to be a peaceful ride.

## **Chapter 1183 - Queue Cutter**

"Wow...the queue." Blind Cat Cultivator, Xia Mao exclaimed when he saw the long line despite them coming at their usual time which was approximately six in the morning.

"To think everyone is waiting for Jin's new instance is mind boggling." Jing Yu hopped onto the last in line, only to find out there were several others already waiting right behind her.

"It had been widely advertised. From social media to traditional newspapers. Even my next door neighbour, that reclusive hoard-a-lot, had heard about the opening of a new Cultivation Zoo. Obviously, she does not know that it is a dungeon instance but news of a new Cultivation Zoo is no joke." Xia Mao said.

"Well duh, like in this country, there's probably only a handful of them." Jing Yu said before doing a quick search on the internet to find that there were approximately a hundred or so Cultivation Zoos.

"Not surprised. I remembered there was a period where a lot of the parks had to close down because of the animal's rampages. And the poor Zoo Guards were not high level enough to stop them. Not to mention the poorly maintained enclosures were only asking for trouble. Thankfully our zoo in Shenzhen is a little more proactive than reactive but there were telltale signs of it breaking down too." Xia Mao said as Jing Yu wondered how he got all this information.

"Ahh, I just had a few friends here and there. I even heard rumours that with this cultivation zoo, Shenzhen can close its zoo and do the necessary repairs and upgrades. A major renovation to entice the younger people too." Xia Mao added and Jing Yu shook her head. Not wanting to know whether it was a rumour or the truth.

"Anyways, do you want me to get some quick bites? The queue is this long anyways." Jing Yu said as she believed it's a waste of time staying around. However, just as she asked the question, there was an announcement not to leave their queues as queue cutting or reserving would not be tolerated.

This was because a couple of them decided to push through since a friend of theirs had managed to reserve an earlier part of the queue. In an instant, the infamous SWAT Pandas came out and pulled them to the back of the line, with no questions asked or arguments tolerated. If they were unhappy, they would be kicked out of the store instance.

Naturally, those who were in Jin's store for the longest time were already taking their phone cameras out to film the humiliation of the new customers who did not know the spoken rules and regulations. (Yet, none of them left their line despite being a busybody.) It was so bad at the front that it even caused Xia Mao and Jing Yu to see the commotion far from their line.

"If that was Zi Dan, I would not be surprised." Jing Yu smiled, reminiscing about her old friend who had already moved to Australia to accompany his family.

"Yea, he is those few who would cut people's queue and even gnaw back at those who threatened him. But I am surprised he can be that obedient in Jin's store." Xia Mao remembering the times when Zi Dan was an asshole.

"Were you not here? He tried to do it once, but got whooped so badly by those SWAT Pandas that he never dared to do it again." Jing Yu said and then the commotion got even bigger as the cultivator announced his grade out loud for the entire group to spectate.

"I am Tang Lao Ku! Loud Lion Cultivator Grade 12! And you measly computer generated animals dared to drag me out of my position?" Lao Ku shouted as he broke off the grapple from the panda's grip. "I am a customer and this is my friend! He is coming out of the queue for me to enter, what's wrong with that?"

"It is wrong because no swapping, cutting nor buying queue is allowed. If he is out of the queue, he has to queue once more. Simple as that. These are the rules of this store instance and you have to obey it." One of the SWAT Pandas said and the cultivators in the queue immediately confirmed this guy was a new first timer in Jin's dungeons despite his grade. He was probably interested in the new cultivation Zoo but did not bother even trying to queue for it.

The only good thing was almost everyone was already keeping quiet, awaiting the show to start even though some of them were already taunting at him to start queuing all over again.

"I do not have to be obliged to it once I beat you down!" Lao Ku shouted as he instantly portrayed his cultivation to show that he was not joking about his grade and threatening the guards to back off for one last time.

"Hey, even if we can't get out of the queue, at least there is some entertainment." Xia Mao said and Jing Yu was glad that the reminder announcement came by in time so she did not leave the queue. The cultivators beside him subtly agreed with him and they already took their phones out to watch the beatdown given by the Pandas. Also, it is not every day they get to see a Grade 12 Cultivator in action so they were wondering if the SWAT Pandas were able to live up to their reputation.

"Be my guest. Initiating Guard Protocol 'Beat the sense out of ignorant people'. SWAT P-1 and P-2, erect the barriers." The SWAT Panda Leader said the provocation from Lao Ku was seen as a declaration for not following the rules. Thus, the SWAT Pandas immediately erected a barrier among them and Lao Ku in order not to let the rest of the cultivators be collateral damage.

Seeing how the guards had no visible chi within them, Lao Ku thought this would be one hell of an easy fight, breaking them and showing them that ultimately, the higher the grade, the more they should listen to. Especially when winning this 'official' duel would equate to the ability to ignore the rules set by the dungeon supplier.

But he had forgotten that there would always be a mountain taller than the 'tallest' mountain.

## **Chapter 1184 - Out Of This World**

Once Lao Ku portrayed his cultivation, he proceeded to gather an intense amount of chi and wanted to show the audience that he was all powerful by crushing these panda puppets into pieces. In actual fact, he already knew about Dungeons and Panda's procedures and their strict policy and zero tolerance of cultivators breaking the rules.

Before coming to this store, he previously noticed that those who broke the rules were cultivation grades significantly lower than him and he felt those cultivators definitely deserve it for going against someone who they were not prepared for. But for Lao Ku, who had recently broken into the realm of Grade 12, believed that he had the upper hand for this particular situation.

And if he were to be successful against this Dungeon and Pandas store, he would be able to gain some popularity, notoriety...and most importantly money.

Aye, he was employed by Jin's competitors who wanted to bring his increasing popularity down to the gutters. It seemed as if his competitors had researched sufficiently on Jin's supposed grade level since he had managed to take down the Rat Triad's Boss who was rumoured to be Grade 13.

"But because of budget constraints, this said competitor could only manage to employ a grade 12 cultivator to harass the User." The System said once it had accessed the memories of Lao Ku at the sidelines, since analysing each and every cultivator entering Jin's store had been a mandatory process after the assassination incident.

In the meantime, Jin had already prepared to open the Cultivation Zoo in his Dungeon Maker but seeing the entire commotion from behind the scenes, he decided to delay it a little before its grand official opening. After all, this was his store, and everyone's focus was on the Lion. It did however give him extra time to perform a quick check through the parameters of the Zoo once more.

"Does not matter much. Those SWAT Pandas were only fodder for him to gain confidence, Captain Hei or Bai could easily finish him." Jin did not bother much since he had defeated foes way stronger than a Grade 12 and with his current cultivation, the System had already unlocked or in this case, increased the potential of his NPCs to match Jin's strength and a little more. In the System's opinion, it was a miracle that not many competitors tried to bring him down and it theorised it was partially attributed to the fact that Jin had managed to take down the Rat Triad Boss.

Knowing that there was a new Dungeon Supplier able to beat a Triad Boss, not many of his potential foes tried to do anything foolish. In addition, he was under the protection of the Royal Zodiac Dragon Clans so it was safe to cross the clans out and attribute this harassment from one of his dungeon supplier competitors, presumably because Jin had entered the Symposium.

"The System feels that User should enter the fray and teach a lesson against the cultivator not because it was the right thing to do but as part of a warning against other competitors watching from the sidelines. Also, this would reinforce the fact that you are the owner since the new cultivators entering the stores might not have an idea that you are THE Dungeon Supplier."

"In short, make my appearance as a booster for popularity's sake," Jin said and the System acknowledged.

"Competency and popularity is the way to being the number one dungeon supplier." The System replied.

"Then, tell me who is exactly the top number one? I mean we have not been focusing on them since we are busy climbing up the ranks. But with all these developments from the past few months, I should have shot up through the ranks like a rocket. It's time to know who true competitors are. Is it RedStacks in Europe? :DPlayer in Japan? or the American's WoW Supplier?" Jin queried while zooming into the Lion Cultivator.

"Unfortunately, the Number One Ranking for the Dungeon Supplier is not from this world." The System said and Jin furrowed his eyebrows.

"What do you exactly mean?" Jin said as he stopped looking at the screen where the Lion Cultivator had successfully defeated two of the SWAT Pandas, evaporating into dust. One of the SWAT Pandas had already contacted the Captains as backup and the rest of the Pandas were fighting defensively to ensure that their Captain could come in time. (Obviously, it was a ruse to get the crowd to hype up since the Captain NPCs could teleport at any time.)

"The ability to supply dungeons does not stop at dimension instances." The System said it in a fairly cryptic way but Jin gradually understood that there were people who were able to create dungeons without the use of dimensional instances.

"Demons like Baal? Gods?" Jin queried and the System did not wish to even pop a name up, reinforcing Jin's doubts even further that there were forces stronger than him that were at play if he were to wish to get the Number One title.

"Then I guess with my luck, these ...competitors of mine would appear sooner or later," Jin said and the System nodded its proverbial head.

"Our interaction across worlds as well as the intensive use of the interworld black market had certainly raised some eyebrows. But for now, the System believed that they were not taking any actions, simply because it would be fun for them to see a challenger offering a fight against them. Or they were too ignorant to see us as a threat." The System explained and Jin nearly choked on his laughter.

"You make us sound like this lion cultivator, flaunting his powers around, thinking that he is better than everyone else in the room," Jin said as he stared idly at the screen. "But you know we do not do just that. We are way more than this lion cultivator." Jin said as he finally pressed a button to accelerate the process of Captain Hei's appearance. "We will do whatever it takes to make sure that our competitor is like this Lion cultivator. Fooled. Superior. And thinks that he has the upper hand but we have been hiding our trump card all this time just so we can have the last laugh." Jin said as he saw Lao Ku slammed the third SWAT Panda to the ground, exhilarated by the recent success of destroying the security guards, believing that was all the Dungeons and Pandas had to offer.

It was not until a loud wave of cheers suddenly emerged not for him but for a being that had been known for crushing evil-doers.

"Captain Hei. At the scene." The Panda clicked his walkie talkie back to his vest and he walked proudly towards the offender. Unlike the other SWAT Pandas, his muscles were bustling with chi and each walk he takes commanded pride, power and most importantly. Authority.

"You are that evil-doer who wished to break the rules?" Hei said as he lifted his black sunglasses up to have a look at the runt.

"So, you are the rumour Super NPC that supposedly protects the place? Well, time to protect your own ass from my attacks!" Lao Ku said as he once again portrayed his cultivation out wide with a gigantic lion roaring and two other smaller ones at its side.

"Stop yapping and come at me. You runt.." Hei commented and the crowd instantly yelled with excitement.

## **Chapter 1185 - This Idiot**

Lao Ku literally took Captain Hei's provoke and dash to him, going with him a fist full of chi. There was no denying there a straight punch would prove to the entire group of disillusioned cultivators that the law here was merely a line to be crossed.

"Amateur." Hei snickered as he continued to stare down at him. The punch soon came and the impact was large enough to send the barrier previously erected by his fellow SWAT Pandas to ripple. It did

manage to contain the shockwave but instead of the cultivators running away from the scene, they stood there with their hands clutched onto the queue barriers, and their toes tipped to have a better view of the fight.

Lao Ku was shocked by the fact that Captain Hei merely stood there with his signature cigar, staring mercilessly at him the moment their eyes met since the Loud Lion Cultivator could not believe that there was a drastic jump in power compared to the SWAT Pandas he fought against.

Nevertheless, this also meant that he could finally have a good fight especially when the stronger the challenger, the more rewarding the end would be once he emerged victorious from the fight. So, he decided to step backwards in order to execute his specialised technique but suddenly a paw stretched out and slammed him to the ground.

The ground cracked from the impact and the rest watching could already feel that the cultivator's ribs were equally in the same situation as the floor he was resting on. "You think I am that lenient last boss to let you have another shot?" Captain Hei said as he grabbed Lao Ku by his shirt and pulled him up.

Yet, it seems that the paw slam was not enough to deter the criminal to amend his ways. Instead, he became even more brazen and attempted to shoot an uppercut the moment Captain Hei tried to pull him up. "Rising Loud Lion Fist!" Lao Ku shouted as his fist had the chi appearance of a Lion with his mouth wide open, rushing to gnaw against the Panda Peacekeeper.

The hit once again connected against Captain Hei's chin and the crowd cheered not because the Loud Lion Cultivator was winning. The acclaimed Super NPC was not budging a single bit from the attack and subsequently threw another slam for the offending cultivator.

Blood was visibly coming out from Lao Ku's mouth and everyone in the queue knew that the Loud Lion Cultivator should just admit his mistake and call it a day. Resisting any further would not bore well for him at all.

"Are you done? Because I would need you to come with me to pay the damages incurred from this fight including the penalty of your crimes. Obstruction of justice, damage to store property, grievous assault to my fellow colleagues. If you cannot pay, I would send you to the local police post within the store instance and settle an instalment plan."

"I do not know why but those charges sounded like a continuous combo attack that would not just break my wallet but my sanity too." One of the cultivators at the queue line said.

"Mind and body damage. This is instant brutality!" His friend replied and some cheered at how Lao Ku deserved the excessive charges for being such a prick.

"...You think I am done?!!" Lao Ku's rage increased further as he heard all those nonsensical babblings from the Panda and immediately exuded an extensive amount of chi aura. Some of the cultivators choked from the aura and Captain Hei sighed.

"Yes, I believe you are going to be done." Hei exuded his personal chi as well, overpowering Lao Ku but for some reason when the cultivators felt the aura, it was like a tsunami wave of gentle wind filled with flowery petals in the air.

The overwhelming calm coming from the Super NPC was totally unexpected but it relieved the cultivators from the suffocating dread that Loud Lion Cultivator had portrayed. "And it looks like another charge would be against you. Attempt manslaughter against customers." Captain Hei said as his paw pressed onto Lao Ku's body even further, causing his bones to produce a cracking pop sound.

At this point, Tiangong Police officers were already running to the current scene as it happened that the commotion was done exactly during the switch of duties. It was as if Lao Ku had indeed planned the entire incident during this crucial time.

"Ah. Officer Deng Long. Good to see a friendly face." Captain Hei said as he changed his paw press into a butt press. The customers at the side could already imagine the agonising pain Lao Ku was feeling even though he thoroughly deserved it.

"Captain Hei... " When Deng Long and his fellow officer colleague saw the mess and the crowd of cameras now on him, he understood that he was late. Extraordinarily late. It was to the point, he could imagine the number of stark remarks about how the police always 'come on time' to collect credit.

"What is the situation here?" He tried to ask as professionally as he could and the Panda explained the entire commotion with two words.

"This idiot." Captain Hei pointed downwards and some of the customers laughed.

"Alright, understood." Deng Long sighed and requested Captain Hei to move away so he could cuff him up. And at that point, the police duo along with the Super NPC quietly left the area as the Zoo Entrance finally lit up.

"That was one hell of an entertainment if we found out this was some way to occupy our time." Xia Mao said as he was satisfied watching the entire incident.

"You are weird to think that way, who would want to break their bones just to waste time? I believed Jin would have better ideas than that." Jing Yu shook her head as she impatiently tapped her feet while waiting for the queue to move.

After all, she could not wait for what lies beyond that entrance and how Jin shamelessly promoted his Zoo as the 'biggest zoo one could ever see'.

## **Chapter 1186 - The Opening Of The Cultivation Zoo**

As the Cultivation Zoo gates lit up, various sounds of animals were heard at the series of loudspeakers as if it was a welcoming horde to rave up the crowd. To make things even more interesting, Jin had also played a mixed rendition of Jurassic Park when the gates opened.

It made the experience more surreal since the gates were as huge as castle gates, similar to the movie's scene. And when the doors opened, the first batch of customers was already taken aback by the beautiful landscape right in front of them. The fusion of forests, grasslands, savannahs and the distant icy mountains was a sight to behold. Even as they were the generation of camera users, the background was enough for them to startle them for a while before they whipped out their phones.

Unlike most zoos where they kept what was to come with lots of plant foliage and a big booth to collect their tickets, the customers were treated to a sky view area of the entire cultivation zoo which allowed them to believe that this would indeed be the largest cultivation zoo that ever been created. When Xia Mao and Jing Yu walked into the park, they were blasted with wows and bewilderment despite the crowd trying to get their fullest to get a wide panorama shot of the entire zoo.

"Sometimes you wonder if Boss Jin could ever surpass his current creations and it seems like this is one of those days." Xia Mao said as he picked up his phone to try and capture the beautiful background despite the pushing from various customers. The SWAT Pandas who were on duty within the park wore a special Zoo Helmet to differentiate themselves from the regular SWAT Pandas and reminded the visitors to stay as civil as possible.

"The advertisement did this place quite a fair bit of injustice." Jing Yu commented as she hurried Xia Mao to go explore the area. While the entrance and viewing bay was free for all to enter, the rest of the Zoo was not and required an electronic ticket to pass through. Because of Jin's Pandamonium App, almost everyone had already bought their tickets beforehand and they were going through the ticket gates with their handphones.

And speaking of the ticket gates, Jing Yu found it cute that they were suitably themed instead of the usual boring metal machines. It was as if they were carved from aged wood and the barrier was a bunch of vines. When the duo was granted access to the zoo, those vines would retract and allow them to pass. But if anyone tried to cheat through the ticket gates, the vines would grab them and report to the SWAT Pandas.

It was surprising that such a scene did happen right before their eyes, thinking that they could trick into the Cultivation Zoo without a valid pass. And most of the customers who were there laughed, believing that these people were new visitors who did not know that Jin's store was akin to a simulation of a highly advanced artificial intelligence store in real life. The visitors had no idea who Jin had partnered with to achieve such 'realistic' fantasy dimensional instances but the fun and ease of access of what that matters.

"Let's go try the hamster balls!" Xia Mao shouted to Jing Yu like a curious kid in the park while the Condor Cultivator was browsing through her Pandamonium App to see what kind of enclosures were available.

"Lol. There is even a Jurassic Park enclosure but it's still under renovation. This Boss Jin is practically teasing us to come back for a second time." Jing Yu said until she realised he was out of her sight. Thankfully, they had already partied with each other and she was able to see where he was with the Pandamonium Map App tracker. At first, she thought it was useless to be used within the store instance since it usually broadcast a general location of where their party member was. But to her surprise, it became even more specific in this Cultivation Zoo instance and thus, she assumed when they were in the same service instance, the maps would be more specific.

"Xia Mao. Where. Are. You." Jing Yu furrowed her eyebrows as she gave him a call while walking towards the direction in which the Pandamonium App pointed. (She knew where he was, it was merely a rhetorical question to portray her frustration.)

"I am just looking at the Hamster Balls Selection. The Zoo Pass that we bought said we have a chance to ride them once for an hour, right?" Xia Mao said as he was contemplating whether to take the guided Hamster Ball tour or not. "They even have a dual seat Hamster Ball and a Family one. Although the family one is more of a guided tour due to its size."

"Is there a queue? I bet there is a queue." Jing Yu questioned as she tried to squeeze through the initial crowd to get to the pathways.

"Yeah, duh. I do not want a repeat of that Loud Lion Cultivator so I am merely standing at the side. Hey, they even have an opening event of this ...animal duel...Animal Kaizer at the Cultivation Stadium" Xia Mao noted as he saw a flashy holographic banner right beside the Hamster Ball.

"I bet it would already be filled with people." Jing Yu said, judging by the crowd running around the place until she saw something similar to a huge aircraft hangar although it looked like a giant cavern from afar with all the flora and the waterfall.

"Want to try getting a seat? Besides, I have yet to eat anything. We could reserve seats and grab some food while waiting." Xia Mao said and Jing Yu was already tapping his shoulder from the back.

"Yeah, sure. Assuming there are still seats left." Jing Yu said and then a Red Panda popped right in front of them while riding on a mini flying hoverjet.

"Lo! A Red Panda in a Zookeeper costume on a hoverjet." Xia Mao found it cute and tried to take a picture with his phone. (And so did the other visitors around them.)

"Pandawans! It's a pleasure to serve the both of you. The Animal Stadium could be accessed by that section right over there! You would then ride on a hovercraft which would not only take you to the Animal Stadium but also act as your seat for the current event!" The Red Panda said as it flew off in its mini hoverjet to assist other customers as well.

"Looks like we have our answer." Xia Mao remarked as they went to queue for the hovercrafts.

## **Chapter 1187 - Boarding The Hovercraft**

As Xia Mao and Jing Yu entered the queue to enter the hovercraft, they noticed that it was rather sleek, something out of those 'Marvellous' movies. There were air turbine engines that stuck out at the side of the wings and despite its size, the craft looked extremely stable when it hovered quietly at the side for the Red Pandas to board the visitors onto the craft.

And when the duo entered the high tech looking hovercraft, they noticed that there were no standard series of seats as they had imagined. (They probably thought it was something similar to a plane.) Instead, it was similar to the restaurant train where the seats and tables were allocated to the sides of the craft. There were even more floors up the hovercraft and they had the very same floor plan according to the Pandamonium App.

When Xia Mao and Jing Yu gave their tickets to the Red Panda attendants, they quickly directed them to the second floor of the hovercraft until a special Red Panda Captain (judging by its hat) came to greet the two Pandawans.

"Greetings! Because of your Pandawan status, we can offer you a limited time premium seating at the basement of the hovercraft for just 59 Yuan per person! Food and drinks are provided as well! Offer stands for only five minutes!" The Red Panda said as it had noted their newly minted status as Pandawans.

"Shouldn't it be the higher the floor, the better?" Xia Mao queried and the Red Panda shook its head.

"The hovercraft viewing had been designed in such a way that the basement had the best possible view." The Red Panda said and they believed Jin would not have programmed the NPC to cheat their money.

So, for a one time viewing experience, they had decided to pay 59 Yuan each to have the premium seats. The Red Panda Captain approved the transaction on the spot and requested the attendants to guide them to the basement where they saw the entire area had already been packed to the brim with the exception of the table at the far northern side of the hovercraft.

"Now I do feel cheated." Xia Mao said, now understanding why no one wanted the corner seat.

"But judging from the price on the Pandamonium App, we are merely paying one quarter of the price on the opening day. As much as you felt cheated, we did have a hefty discount for this place...considering how the place had already been filled up with people." Jing Yu commented even though she felt terribly lucky seeing that the queue for the hovercrafts was already not as intense as the ones at the Hamster Ball area.

As the duo sat at their allocated table, they noticed that there was a guide cum menu right in front of them, specifically for the Animal Kaizer event that they were going to host in half an hour's time.

"Hmm, you can use your own binoculars or long distance cameras for both the event and the animal cultivation zoo tour. If you do not have any, you can request for one..." Xia Mao read out loud for Jing Yu to hear since there was only one guide pamphlet.

"Oh yea...I remember seeing on the app that the premium seating had some exclusive viewing equipment available to them." Jing Yu recalled seeing such a benefit in the App when she purchased the ticket but did not initially understand it until she saw the guide on the table.

"I am more interested in this." Xia Mao pointed at the third page of the guide where there was an array of food listed. While a huge portion of them had no price tag on them, the ones on the fourth page were decorated with numbers that Xia Mao vowed to not even look at the names. Even though he had retired and earned some income from side investments on a regular basis, it does not mean he could splurge his money so freely.

"So, this is something like a viewing bay with a restaurant on board the hovercraft?" Xia Mao said as he quickly returned to the third page and rather ordered something that was on that particular menu.

"Looks like it, and we can have our food while waiting for the hovercraft to leave." Jing Yu was relieved that there was at least a place for them to rest their legs after seeing the number of people rushing into the cultivation zoo.

"Imagine Jin have some Christmas Sales for his Tree Mall and his store instance. This place will riot. Now I understand why there is a need for police to be stationed in his store." Xia Mao said as he placed his food order in the Pandamonium App section and still felt that it was one of the most comprehensive app he had ever used in his life. Even those major communications app were nothing compared to this app.

If anything, he really hoped that the app could have a broader coverage to take on his daily life so that he could fully rely on it despite having a seamless connection between the current apps he was using in conjunction with the Pandamonium App.

"I would honestly swear and even knock some of the cultivators down just to get the item I want. Hahaha!" Jing Yu said and Xia Mao chuckled as well.

"That is assuming there is no Captain Hei to come looking for you. Imagine having Captain Hei right at your back, chasing after you while you hold on to the goods that you snatched from the other customers. And the only point where you are considered safe is at the cashier." Xia Mao imagined but his pal shrugged it off as the food came almost as instantaneously as the service in Restaurant Train.

"Here is your food. I hope you enjoy your breakfast. A little complimentary item from us as a thank you for purchasing the Premium seating." The penguin waiter brought their breakfast items. Xia Mao had Pancakes with sausage and bacon with a plate of fruits while Jing Yu ordered a western breakfast with waffles at the side. For the complimentary item, it was a plate of pudding for each of them and it looked awfully sweet. Upon seeing and smelling the food right in front of them, the Pandawan Duo instantly understood that this restaurant service was an extension of the Restaurant Train Instance.

Thus, they thanked the waiter and started their meal with their stomachs growling for the food to enter. Coincidentally, the loud speaker came on and the announcement for the hovercraft to leave for the Animal Kazier would proceed shortly.

## **Chapter 1188 - Animal KAZIER -Part 1**

"80% of the Hovercrafts are parked, do we have the show ready?" Jiang Song, the Zoo Staff asked through the System channel as he already started to present some simple advertisements at the top of the stadium as the rest of the hovercrafts were arriving.

"Alex the Gorilla seems to be doing fine and the System had mentally prepped him for his first fight. Are you sure this will go well? We have yet to do any rehearsals for this." Tong Wu, the Zoo Medic replied but the rest could only exactly answer her question.

"Last I checked, the Silverback Gorilla had been raring for a fight for some time. We can only direct it in a way that fate allows things to go smoothly." Kristin commented while she was taking in the vitals through her monitor screens.

"I cannot believe you would believe such a thing as fate." Tong Wu remarked casually but Kristin reminded her that if it was not fate, would they have come together to work on something so magical?

"That is quite true. While I cannot really tell my parents or colleagues about the experience nor my job here, this is just way too amazing. I did not regret leaving my old job for this.." Tong Wu replied.

"Same here. When Claire told us there's a new job offer even though it might not pay well, I honestly did not expect this." Jiang Song said and Tong Wu chipped in.

"Lol. She told me the same thing and the only thing she assured me was that promotion was guaranteed within a year which would allow me to earn more than usual."

"Really? For me and Kristin, she offered us what we wanted. And when I found out Jiang Song was in this as well, I thought it was a good time to have some reunion." Jiang Bo interrupted.

"Oh yeah. I heard the two of you were children of a zookeeper?" Tong Wu asked as she had already prepped what was needed for the show.

"Hmm. You could put it that way. Our father was very passionate in embarking us on the same journey as he had gone through...but I am not exactly the smartest fellow in the family." Jiang Song sighed a little, feeling that inferiority complex when compared to his brother.

"It's fine. In the end, we are here doing jobs that needed to be done. Besides, a Zoo Guard is not a simple feat. You need to learn about the animal's habits, keeping them in control as well as the visitors. I simply could not do that." Jiang Bo said and Jiang Song felt it was a job that he was suited for more menial work.

"Ah Ah ah. No time for family drama right now. I will be sending Bear Cub One into the stream." Jin suddenly interrupted their System Channel's communications and they quickly returned to their supposed posts.

While most of the Hovercrafts were around the selected area, Jiang Song had already begun raising the System barriers around the habitat of Alex's home. It also gave Alex the Silverback Gorilla some time to condition himself that an opponent was coming to invade his area.

With the help of System, Kristin managed to send basic messages to some of the animals in Jin's zoo. Although they were initially shocked by the communication method, most of them had roughly understood that the place they lived in was not exactly their home. It might have looked like it but many of them knew that they were in a brand new environment where they were no longer masters of their place.

However, the constant subtle interaction from the Zoo Staff, especially Kristin had somehow managed to coerce them that this is their new home and they have to make do with it. After all, most of them were of decent grades when they were caught and the animals themselves possessed some form of intelligence.

So, when they felt their home suddenly shrunk from the raising of the System's barriers, they knew that they had to fight for their homes. And this applies especially to Alex where he started to beat his chest and snort loudly.

In the meantime, his opponent had been given messages that they had to attack the moment they teleported into the habitat. It was a do or die situation even though the Zoo Staff ensured that everything had been strictly regulated. But the animals do not have that kind of sensing at the moment. Perhaps, further into the growth of Jin's Cultivation Zoo, the animals would learn about the format of Animal Kaizer and would not be so afraid.

For now, Lizzy, the East Siberian Brown Bear was scratching her claws at the bark of a tree to not just sharpen them but also prepare herself for the fight against an unknown opponent. Both animals had fought against animals higher grades than them based on the System's scan analysis and thus was used for the opening fight for the Animal Kaizer. Not to mention, both of these animals had also fought against wild monsters which made them formidable opponents for the opening match which Jin might consider throwing in a minion or two to battle against them if an opportunity arises.

But for now, all the Hovercrafts had arrived and parked at their allocated positions. Xia Mao and Jing Yu were surprised and amazed that the basement floor of the hovercraft they were onboard suddenly turned transparent. This allowed the people to have a full view of their habitat right beneath them and made the Pandawans understand why the basement was considered the premium seating area.

At their request, tables and chairs could be removed in an instant and their viewing equipment could be used to watch the entire fight from their allocated viewing area. In the meantime, some of the people who had money to spare, forked out more cash to rent the magic eyes installed in the starting match.

Screens emerged at their allocated slots and a slightly visible veil surrounded them to ensure that the rest would not be able to disturb them during their viewing. (As well as to prevent 'leeches' from watching the live broadcast.) However, the standard equipment provided along with the Premium Seating arrangement was more than enough as Xia Mao and Jing Yu happily enjoyed the view of the opening match.

## **Chapter 1189 - Animal KAIZER -Part 2**

"Greetings everyone! Welcome to the first ever Animal Kaizer in Dungeons and Pandas Cultivation Zoo Instance! My name is Bear Cub One and I will be your host for today!" Bear Cub One nodded his head humbly within the stream as the Hovercrafts focused their eyes on the big screen in front of them. As it was the opening of Cultivation Zoo Instance, Jin had decided to open his zoo to online streams in order to garner views as well as exposure for his instance. He believed that other streamers within the instance would be doing the very same thing and he might as well allow Bear Cub One to be the official stream for his Dungeons and Pandas.

"And with me is my old friend Mr Patsu! A Virtual Streamer like me! In fact, he is kind of like my senpai in this. So please welcome him kindly!" Bear Cub One announced as a penguin came up to the screen and thanked Bear Cub One for his introduction.

"Thank you, Bear Cub One! You have grown so much that it humbled me to be your senior in this field of expertise." Mr Patsu said and some people at the Hovercrafts cheered as they knew the duo was the 'original generation' aka the OG gang of announcers in the dungeon supplier store.

To their surprise, Mr Patsu thanked them in the stream again and it made the visitors feel that they were still interacting with the announcers even though they were currently separated through multiple screens.

Needless to say, Jin had incorporated serious hardware into his speakers in the Hovercrafts to ensure that the crowd still had that live stadium feel without disturbing the animals in the wild. That was one thing the Zoo Staff appreciated a lot by separating the audience away from the animals.

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There had been many cases of animal anxiety and were also one of the potential causes why the animals were to rampage through the zoos.

And despite the experiment like feeling where the animals might feel in this animal fighting, Kristin believed that it would also alleviate feelings of loneliness. Even by having a predator or an opponent to tough out against, it gave the animals something to look forward to, allowing them to forget about the current environment they were living in. Not to mention, with Jin's technology to replicate almost anything to even live food stock for the predators, it would not take long for the animals to acclimate to their perfect environment.

"For the first match, we would have Lizzie Vs Alex! An East Siberian Brown Bear against the Silverback Gorilla!" Bear Cub One said as pictures of the animals appeared on the screen. "Any Gorilla or Bear Cultivators, please take this match in mind as both of the animals seemed pumped to have an epic fight!"

"Wow, are they really using real animals for this fight?" Xia Mao asked and his question seemed to be resonating with the rest in the basement of the hovercraft.

"I heard they are 100% the real deal." One of the cultivators said out loud back to him.

"Really? But isn't this a dungeon instance? How did Jin even get all those animals if they are real." Another cultivator questioned.

"Any Bear or Gorilla Cultivators around to verify the authenticity of the animals?" Another guy shouted and slowly, a hand raised up. The female cultivator meekly showed her cultivator and two small little bears appeared right above her.

"Hey, nice! Tell us if it's true when the match starts!" Xia Mao called out and the rest agreed as well when Bear Cub One continued the introduction of the Siberian Bear and the Silverback Gorilla.

"Let's not bore our visitors too much about the facts. They can search it up on the Internet if need be." Mr Patsu subsequently stopped Bear Cub One not because he was being too dry in his explanation but because the Hovercrafts had all been accounted for and parked. This means the show can start!

"Yes! Yes! Thank you, Mr Patsu! Sorry, everyone. Without further ado, let's get the very first Animal Kaizer to begin!" Bear Cub One said as the big screen was suddenly split into two and they were dedicated each to the Siberian Bear and Silverback Gorilla.

Unlike a standard match, where two people face straight against each other, the Siberian Bear was teleported to the edge of the Silverback's jungle. This was to give some time for the 'invading' animal to

adjust itself to the new environment. At the same time, it helps to get the ball rolling as both animals had already caught the scent of each other and they were already rushing to one another.

"It's ...real." The female Bear Cultivator said as she suddenly felt her blood boiling when she stared at the movement of the bear with her binoculars. Even though it was a forested area and the animals were deep in the jungle, the provided equipment within the basement had been imbued with a customised spell "See Through Foliage", allowing them to see the movement of the animals rushing towards each other.

"The movement of the bear... Its breathing pattern and even its expression. It's the real thing. I cannot say for the Gorilla but the bear is 100% authentic. No doubts about that at all." The female cultivators replied and the people around her could see that her cultivation was shining fairly brightly as if it was near to a breakthrough.

Still, that comment alone startled everyone in the basement and they started to have a closer look at the fight. What the customers initially thought was that the animal Kaizer was something similar to NPCs fighting against NPCs but now that they knew it was real, they could not help but root for either one of them.

Furthermore, the hovercrafts were not the only ones going high in adrenaline. The Siberian Bear and the Silverback Gorilla finally locked eyes against each other and their animal aura was burning bright as if they finally met a worthy rival.

### **Chapter 1190 - Animal KAIZER -Part 3**

"Lizzie is going for the kill instantly?!" Bear Cub One shouted, as his voice intensified as the charge against two animals became extremely deadly. Even the little bear NPC did not expect an intense clash the moment they locked their eyes together.

Lizzie, the East Siberian Brown Bear, slammed all her strength on the Alex the Silverback Gorilla with so much strength that the impact had knocked back almost everything except for the gorilla himself. The trees, stones and even soil within a five metre radius blasted away and yet the Silverback Gorilla was able to withstand the attack.

"What the heck is that?!" Not just the audience was surprised to see such a powerful blow from the start but even Jin who was watching at the sidelines were shocked by the opening clash. "Even the lion was not as strong when he versus Xin. Are these two some powerhouses?"

"No. The System had previously analysed their power levels and they were of similar grades." The System replied.

"Well? What grade are they?" Jin queried and the System indicated that they were only Grade 4s. Jin could not imagine that two Grade 4 animals could be able to produce such a powerful impact and decided to ask the Zoo Staff if they had any knowledge of this..

"Yeah. Both Jiang Bo and I had a hand in this." Kristin felt as if she was happy with her achievements now that it was plain for all to see. "We had been feeding them some nutritious feeds and a bit of a power booster ...erm solutions to allow them to fight more fiercely."

"Is this even allowed?" Jin questioned and Kristin acknowledged that the concoction could be a little too much for the animals.

"Those drugs are a natural adrenaline booster and they would wear off within a day or two. Do not need to be alarmed. Even animals in their own habitat had kept stock of these boosters in the wild especially those higher grades ones to ensure that they had the upper advantage against monsters and other invading animals. We are merely replicating the behaviour of few to the animals participating in the KAIZER event." Jiang Bo told the truth to Jin despite it being a tad late.

"Hmm... what's done is done," Jin said as he looked at the natural adrenaline booster as a potential strengthening item not just for animals but for his minions as well if they were in a pinch. He then asked if they could liaise with the science team to get the more potent product together.

"See, dear. I told you, he would not be averse to the effect. In fact, he is more interested in it." Kristin said while she herself had worries of her own since it was out of protocol.

"You know, if we told him earlier, it would not be too heavy on my heart." Jiang Bo said as he finally felt a burden being lifted from him. In replacement of that burden was another shock when the Silverback Gorilla grappled Lizzie and slammed her through the trees. The crowd went wild as they saw the Gorilla beating his own chest and rushing towards the Siberian Brown Bear. (Sadly, no screams or shouts could be heard by the animals and they were focused on defeating their opponent right in front of them.)

"Oh my god, this is madness. Why didn't Shenzhen Zoo do this?" One of the cultivators said as he really wished to go nearer to the fight scene and it progressed in real time. His only consolation was that his wallet was able to buy the optional Magic Eye live view where he selected the best option where he could watch it up close as well as the different camera views placed side by side.

"This totally could be an illegal event where they bet which of the animals would win with no biases involved." Xia Mao said as he too could not help purchasing the mid tier option to watch the Magic Eye view.

"With Jin's brilliant mind of business, he would probably only allow betting in Panda Coins or some token form that would circumvent the gambling laws. Remember that Spinning Top Event in the Theme park?" Jing Yu spoke but Xia Mao did not reply as it was the first time he saw a Brown Bear held onto the ground and lifting a portion of it to throw towards the Silverback Gorilla. It was a magic spell by a Grade 4 Animal!

Sightings of animals using magic were uncommon since humans are very detached from the natural world and Cultivation Zoos do not show much of this feat since they used it only for survival. So when the slab of ground was thrown towards the Silverback Gorilla, the crowd nearly went nuts once more. Even the Female Bear Cultivator went giddy from just viewing her cultivation animal from performing a magic attack with no chanting at all.

"I see...so with the combination of the System's hypnotic messages

The Silverback Gorilla on the other hand grabbed one of the fallen trees as a bat and slammed the slab of ground away. Alex subsequently threw it towards Lizzie but everyone could see that it was merely a distraction while he jumped high up.

Naturally, the Brown Bear evaded the speeding log spear and she moved the way the Silverback Gorilla wanted, allowing Alex to slam Lizzie at her side. The punch was so great that the magic eye camera could even capture the ripples of the impact on her torso.

"Oooof! That punch must have hurt a lot!" Mr Patsu commented but Lizzie did not shirk from the fight as her paw slapped the Gorilla's face once more and threw him down to the ground. The Gorilla lost his balance for a moment and that was what the Brown Bear needed to start its continuous attack of gnawing and clawing. And each time the Gorilla wanted to counter attack, the bear banged his head with her chi charged paw instead of blocking the grapple.

"Now we are talking! This sudden reversal from Lizzie was what she needed to get back on Alex!" Bear Cub One, obviously taking the side of his 'kin', began giving praise to the Brown Bear, hoping for her to win the match.

And as the match went further, it was pretty obvious who was the winner.