

Dungeon S 1321

Chapter 1321: Kill Box Zone

“Seriously...this is not an easy raid at all,” Bu Dong exclaimed as he was catching his breath after killing the last Demon Rat that was trapped with them in this black damp room. The room was not lit and there was not a switch in the room to turn the lights up again. If not for the Mask having a night vision mode in it, there was no way he and the rest of the Pandawans would be able to see.

The night vision mode was initially a paid module for the masks that they were wearing but because of the current situation in which most Pandarens were stuck, the System had decided to be ‘gracious’ and ‘magnanimous’ to put it as a buyable module via the use of raid points.

What’s more, was that it was priced way cheaper than usual (about 10-20% cheaper) if the raid points were to be converted into Panda Coins (there was a current exchange rate between the raid points and Panda Coins but because it is done like a live currency exchange, the number of raid points needed to change for one Panda Coin keeps going up.) In fact, Jin later revised to put the Night Vision Module as part of the higher tier tickets especially for the sponsor tickets and the Pandawans all received it for free. (If they already had it previously, it would be converted into extra raid points but only 25% of the current amount that had been offered to the public.)

The System also bundled the night vision module with other Mask’s modules if the Pandarens were looking for some serious upgrades to their current Mask while saving some money along with it. Else, the night vision module was more than sufficient for their current predicament as well as when they use it to traverse the Undercity.

“We did expect that much of a difficulty especially when we had decided to enter the teleport circle.” Xiong Da said as he tried to use his chi to sense whether there are any more living Demon Rats within the vicinity. He had fought these rats before and knew that trickery was not beyond them. In fact, such cowardly behaviour to hide in the room and ambush them when they were caught off guard was perfectly normal. After all, the winner would be the one who survives. (Although the Pandawans know that it was only bothersome for them to restart again once they died, as well as the fear of losing more points than required.)

Eventually, he noticed that there were quite a few Demon Rats hiding within the corpses via his chi sense and decided to use his chi telepathy to tell the rest about it. The rest continued to act casually while building their chi within their body so that when they were close enough to the enemies, they blast their chi out with their strikes.

There was immediate retaliation from the Elite Demon Rats using whatever they could find as a shield. Even using their previous late comrades was an option they did not skip. They were no doubt injured from the Pandawans’ attacks but they were still capable of a counter so they took every opportunity they could salvage and used it to injure the Pandawans.

The only consolation that Pandawans have is that they are experienced cultivators who had been trained in Jin’s Dungeon instances for months. There was no need for them to panic with this surprise ambush when they were the ones who were vigilant enough to counter back as well and put the remaining Demon Rats down to their grave for sure.

After clearing the room once more, everyone started to use chi Sense once again to ensure that there were no more enemies around. It was then they decided to rest a little while Xiong Da and Shi Zuo stood guard. From replenishing their health and chi with potions to ensuring that they were well armed before getting out of the room. It might seem like a room with no exits but their chi sense had managed to find a tunnel corridor that was connected to the doorless room.

Thus, they decided to break it down with force and move forward but the Pandawans immediately felt a dangerous aura emanating within the four walls, causing them to raise their weapons up in reaction. They could not find anything that was moving until they realised that a new teleport circle emerged right in front of them. The only difference was that this teleport circle was smaller in fact, small enough to teleport just one enemy.

“Just one Demon Rat? Did he teleport wrongly?” Luo Bo said only after she released her arrow. However, the Demon Rat screamed at them and the arrow even though imbued with chi was being stopped in its tracks and fell to the ground.

“Guess it’s not some normal Demon Rat that we had been fighting against.” Bin Yong went forth ahead of the group and took a defensive stance, protecting the entire group with his tiny shield.

Roughscream did not know whether to laugh or pity the warrior who stood at the front. To the Demon Rat General, it was obvious to him that the guy defending with his buckler was either naive or stupid.

Yet, the rest of his team seemed to trust him a lot and there was nothing else the rest of the group would do to resist him. This then made Roughscream to be a bit wary of him. Yet, he felt that there was sufficient reason to think that the shield guy had been overestimated by him.

But before the rat could make his move, Luo Bo had decided to use her skill. Thousand Rabbit’s Shower. With no monsters to disturb her and sufficient space between her and the enemy, the Luo Bo was able to utilise this difficult skill that ensured that her arrows would shower and hit true.

Roughscream tried to defend against the Thousand Rabbit’s Shower and thought it was just a bunch of arrows attempting to injure him. But never did he realise that those arrows that had been blasted through a wide radius would eventually converge towards him.

“Heh. You better give me more fun than this.” Roughscream said to himself as he flicked his pickaxe which had killed dozens of cultivators before leaping further into this kill box zone.

Chapter 1322: The Advent of a Demon Rat General

“User, the Pandawans had engaged with a foe of a fairly high ranking.” The System said as it switched the Dungeon Maker main console screen to the scene where the Pandawans were trapped alongside Roughscream.

“A high ranking Demon Rat? A general?” Jin queried but the System was unable to identify, only knowing that a deflection of a chi imbued arrow would warrant some sort of caution. While the System

had created a sort of ranking after defeating that many Demon Rats, it was unable to categorise the current Demon Rat soldier that was fighting against the Pandawans.

Since the Pandawans were of an average grade of nine, the System found it suspicious that the Demon Rat was able to fight on par with not one but two Pandawans at the same time. This was also because there were no chi levels to compare the Demon Rats to the cultivators and the only thing it could differentiate was based on its size, type, and to a certain extent its magical powers. However, those usually with magic powers were of a weak stature but this particular Demon Rat was able to wield some sort of magic even though it had not displayed any yet. This made the System believe that there was a higher tier of Demon Rats which had been hidden for this entire time or perhaps they were the ones that were coordinating all the Demon Rats.

“They are equivalent to a magic knight or a cultivator of grade 10 onwards.” The System said and Jin told the System to continue watching the Demon Rats. The System however queried whether it was the right time to send his higher levelled minions to the fray but the Dungeon Supplier shook his head.

“Now is not the time. Although plan wise, we should be unleashing our troops into the undercity now that the Pandarens had discovered it but I think we would be showing our cards way too early. On the other hand, we should hope that Gold and Weslie are able to deal with the Demon Rat Army.” Jin said and realised it was a good time to speak to the two scholars too.

“Gold, Weslie. How are the responses of the East and West? I assumed that they should have seen enough action.” Jin asked and Weslie decided to answer first.

“The Queen of the West had decided to lend us our aid by supplementing the Adventure Guild with the promise of great reward. She needed more time to get the army in place before they could sortie out so the adventurers were given the incentive to risk their lives to fight against the Demon Rats. After all, the Demon Rats were something akin to monsters and the Queen’s council believed that the adventurers were more well equipped to handle it.” Weslie reported and also confirmed that the current evacuation of the nearby towns for the soldiers to create a foothold.

“What about the Southern Soldiers? How are they holding up to the West’s colder weather?” Jin asked and Weslie reported that the armour that Jin had sent previously was more than sufficient for the soldiers who suffered heatstroke on a daily basis. After all, Weslie had personally conducted similar environment simulations during their training once they had been assigned to work for her.

“Okay, that’s good to know. Remember to warn the adventurers not to steal any of our supplies or they will meet with death by our blade.” Jin told Weslie and she once told the Dungeon Supplier that the situation in the West was not always favourable because of their terrain and starvation was always an ongoing issue that the soldiers of the West always had to settle.

Weslie understood his orders immediately despite being reluctant to send the order to kill these thieving adventurers. But in war, stealing supplies was a major war crime since it affects the logistics of the assault team. Not to mention, the supplies, especially the food supplies, were made by Lynn and her food department. If those adventurers stole those food supplies, it would definitely prompt them to steal even more once they learnt how magically tasty (and powerful) the food was.

“Master, the East isn’t receptive to it despite our efforts to convince them with the live magic feed. Instead, a lot of the nobles are fending for themselves, wanting to run away from this menace. My cousin told me that – hold on for a minute.” Gold stopped the transmission to send a volley of lightning projectiles into the horde of Demon Rats, and shouted a few commands before returning back into the conversation.

“Ah yes, my cousin is informing me that most of the nobles around the area are moving away from the coast and only a few younger nobles had heeded our call since their towns are within the vicinity. I guess they are afraid that their land would be useless after the fight but in my opinion, their soldiers are not the most experienced so they are only going to support or guard the area.”

“Heh, then you got to thank me for my support!” A faraway voice was heard through the transmission even though it was supposed to mute all background voices. And that was none other than Zieg, the dark templars.

“Yes, yes. The Dark Templars had connections with quite a number of nobles since a few of them are also part of the nobility. So even when they are running away from the threat, they have used their power in whatever underhanded way possible to get mercenaries and soldiers. We can use them as the rearguards in case some of the Demon Rats manage to escape.” Gold added, which made Zieg terribly happy to contribute to the cause.

“What about those who could also escape the rearguard?” Jin asked even though he knew the answer but since Gold was the battlefield commander for the eastern region, there could be changes that Jin was unaware about.

“Yes, we did station a few Weremouse to the rearguard as well since they are the best chasers that we currently have. Unless the situation unfolds to a degree we are unable to handle, we would not be contacting additional reinforcements until the second stage of the plan.” Gold replied and Jin nodded his head with satisfaction. All the hard work preparing for this Great Demon Rat War was not easy but at least it is bearing fruits of success.”

All Jin could hope was that everything was still within their expectations of the worst outcomes.

Chapter 1323: Pandawans Vs Roughtscream

“Fuck! What kind of Demon Rat is that!?” Bu Dong shouted as he deflected one of the attacks, letting Shi Zuo take over his place. Although he had managed to block each and every one of the Demon Rat’s attacks, there was no opening for him to take advantage of.

“I am Demon Rat General Roughtscream!” The Demon Rat shouted as he had enough of the mindless shouting from those humans. He was not able to understand what they were saying but he did not realise that the Pandawans have an auto translate function based on the System’s relentless curiosity to learn its language after catching a few of the Demon Rats.

That was when both the Pandawans and the System had finally found the identity of the Demon Rat that attacked the former. Jin was quite shocked when he found out that the Demon Rat was of a General rank as he did not expect a General to come alone to fight the cultivators.

“You undying humans, I will kill you until you never dare to come back!” Roughscream shouted with excitement as his attacks started to be faster and more precise which Shi Zuo was unable to follow without inserting more chi into his body to keep up with the attacks. He had to channel his chi to strengthen his muscles so that his reflex would match up to the Demon Rat General’s attack.

However, he eventually received wounds from Roughscream even though he was very sure that he had evaded it. The only thing he could think of was that his weapon has some sort of ability that allowed the Demon Rat to attack away from his range. That meant that Shi Zuo had to either evade further or faster or he had to block the attacks instead. Yet, when he did the latter, he could feel a deep pierce through his upper chest when he blocked the pickaxe from falling into him.

Shi Zuo checked his HUD and noticed that his health was dipping significantly. The assault did not weaken his block but the inflicted damage caused him to react by jumping backwards to gain some distance. Somehow, that caused Roughscream to smirk as he pulled his weapon backwards like how a miner would retract his hands after a mining action and suddenly Shi Zuo was being pulled back towards him.

“You are not going anywhere.” The Demon Rat said as he did the very same action once more by slashing his pickaxe downwards to the very same position where he hit Shi Zuo.

“I am not going to die just like that!” Shi Zuo shouted as he took his axe up and portrayed his Mad Monkey silhouettes above him. His axe, which was initially the size of a hatchet, grew in size with the amount of chi placed into it, causing it to be a great axe in an instant.

“Intermediate Great Axe Art! The Divide Between the Mountains of the Mad Monk-” Shi Zuo was still saying the name of his Great Axe technique but he did not realise that Roughscream practically screamed once more causing him to lose his footing since the sound waves were able to push Shi Zuo backwards and stopped him from activating his technique. This was mainly because Bu Dong and Xiong Da were attempting to attack Roughscream at the same time and the Demon Rat General screamed to stop them from advancing.

At the same time, Roughscream leapt forth and crashed himself onto Shi Zuo, preventing him from moving away and subsequently sending his pickaxe right straight into his skull. Shi Zuo was killed swiftly and that caused Luo Bo who was on the sidelines to yell in anger. Even though she knew that Shi Zuo was not dead per se, the loss of her husband caused her to rage.

“Intermediate Bow Art, Rupture Shock Arrows of the Rabbit!” Luo Bo shouted as she released a continuous barrage of arrows imbued with electricity, allowing her arrows to fly faster than normal considering how Roughscream was able to deflect her attacks with his unique signature ability.

“You guys are pathetic.” Roughscream thought to himself as he took his pickaxe up and slammed the ground, causing the tiles and dead bodies of the previous Demon Rats to float upwards, blocking the dead straight arrows flying towards him. Next, he saw where the rest of the Pandawans were and moved to attack each and every one of them.

Xiong Da performed a similar attack by slamming the ground as well to block his advance but he did not expect the Demon Rat General to cut through everything in his path and smashed his pickaxe right straight to his chest, aiming for his heart.

“Do not underestimate the Hippo-” Xiong Da suddenly stopped talking as the general’s pickaxe dug further into his chest and penetrated his heart directly, causing major blood loss within himself. The Demon Rat smiled as he knew that he had won if he could kill the invaders this easily but Xiong Da was not going to give the Demon Rat an easy time as he grabbed onto Roughscream and initiated an overload chi inscription- basically a human bomb in layman terms.

“Let’s see who has the last laugh.” Xiong Da thought to himself but he did not realise that his strength could be overpowered by the Demon Rat General as Roughscream squeezed out of his grapple and kicked him towards the remaining Pandawans. At the same time, he took two dead Demon Rats Elite and used them as body shields. The only unfortunate part was that the moment he picked them up, those Demon Rat corpses turned back to their original ‘resource’ and the General somehow had been wounded with quite a bit of damage. But other than that, Roughscream continued his onslaught and defeated each and every one of the Pandawans that was alive while letting out a warcry of victory to show his strength. “No matter how many times you are back, I will kill you.”

“Hmm. the Pandawans are more conservative than I thought in this particular fight,” Jin said to himself as he had them on one of the main console screens in the Dungeon Maker.

“The Demon Rat Elites they fought previously had caused them to be fatigued as they did not expect to face a General rank Demon Rat almost immediately. The System assumed that they are taking turns to fight Roughscream so as to regain their stamina.” The System said as it recorded the strengths of the Demon Rat General.

“Their deaths were pretty brutal though. And given the pain metre had been set as realistic, it would take guts to face the Demon Rat General once more.” Jin said to himself but he had forgotten that the Pandawans were not the type to give up after their deaths. Instead, they would be back for revenge.

But with the Demon Rat General left undefeated, it seems somebody or somebodies were watching with great intent. “Seems to me that we have ourselves a brand new target -oops I mean a group of brand new targets to look forward to.” Kraft thought to himself as he retreated back into the Dungeon Maker Instance’s shadows and disappeared alongside his trusted Drow Elves.

Chapter 1325: Extra – Royal Zodiac Snake’s Opinions

Like how the Pandawans had described, the war against the Demon Rats was an attrition battle never seen before. Even the Royal Zodiac Snake Soldiers felt that the army should attend to this particular limited raid instance to have a sense of war during this era of peace.

Se Chang Chang had returned to his office after a long stint leading the Royal Zodiac Snake soldiers for at least a day’s worth of work. He had never felt both exhilarated and tired from the experience that he had to share it with the Royal Zodiac group chat.

Many of them ignored his message upon learning that it was nothing important but Royal Zodiac Pig Head Zhu Tai Fang and Royal Zodiac Sheep Head Yang Rou Xiang were the only two who replied. They

were positive with the comments as well and even said that they would consider sending an attachment of Royal Zodiac troops to take part in the fight as well.

Se Chang Chang was delighted with the support and was surprised that the clans that made up the main logistic team of China's army was going in to earn experience compared to the clans who were supposed to be the frontliners.

Royal Zodiac Rooster Head Mu Ji said that she would join if they could afford troops that were allowed to fly which made Se Chang Chang scoff. "Of course! I even have three aircraft under my name and had been using them to do some bombing runs for Pandarens until I found out that those Demon Rats had prepared aerial threats as well. I am sure that if you speak to Jin personally, he might be able to give you a good deal to let your pilots learn more. Of course, you can't possibly get newer plane models since Jin said that those are classified information and he does not have enough references to make them. However, he did state that he might have something similar, just not the same, a bit more fictional in nature."

"Hmm, I will talk to him a bit about it else, it's not ending that soon, right?" Mu Ji asked through the chat and Se Chang Chang could only gather from Hou Fei that this was a limited raid instance that won't be happening again anytime soon.

"Jin projected that it would definitely not be done by the end of PandaVerse Festival but he said was going to push it through until they cleared their objective which is to clear the Demon Rats." Se Chang Chang replied and the rest who quietly read the chats understood why he decided to use the PandaVerse Festival to promote this main event of his. By calling it a festival, Jin would be able to fully utilise the strength of the raid instance and its difficulty. Without enough people, the raid instance would be too much of a challenge for the Pandarens." Chang Chang added that he believed that he was doing this to gather information to do a very large raid instance. In fact, he believed that this could possibly and officially be the largest raid instance in the world. He had no doubt that Jin directly had a hand in increasing the popularity of Dungeon Instances again in China as well as challenging the major Dungeon Supplier companies overseas too.

The Royal Snake Head also assumed that Jin had gotten the Royal Zodiac Clans to increase the credibility of his latest raid instance, allowing the local media as well as the internet to show that it was authentic since showing the Royal Zodiac Clans meant that it concerned the face of China too. At the same time, Se Chang Chang also theorised that Jin was doing this to indirectly increase the military strength assuming the clans take advantage of the raid instance.

And as the Royal Zodiac Snake Head had expected, he enjoyed undergoing Jin's raid and the difficulty was something which he had not relished from a dungeon instance for the longest time ever. Even dungeon suppliers that were contracted with the armed forces were not able to create such an extensive and realistic instance. In fact, the most luxurious dungeon suppliers too could not come close to Jin's superior dungeon making skills. It was to the point that they were starting to lose their credibility of being the best in the field but not too much of an extent since their overwhelming service and high barrier of entry allowed rich people to enjoy themselves without it being too crowded.

"Heh, perhaps Jin should open two new stores. One specifically for the armed forces and one for the super rich. I assume he will make tons of money if he did that." Se Chang Chang said to himself before

opening the Pandamonium App and checking the status of his Outer Wall Camp that he had created. Before leaving, he added a few additional defences such as a better magic barrier and also started to reinforce the interior of the Outer Walls since he was using that to let the other Pandarens and his soldiers recuperate. There were anti-noise inscriptions to prevent explosive sounds from permeating through the walls, allowing the cultivators to rest.

Se Chang Chang also decided to expand inward by adding military pillboxes, walls of sandbags and a trench line where the cultivators could fall back with defenders protecting the Outer walls. It was tedious especially when he needed extra manpower to man the entire Outer wall but there was nothing money could not buy including the construction of the defences.

Multiple NPC Panda Mages temporarily appeared to use earth magic similar to how Sandy the Sand Witch did it to clear the ground to create the defences and set up the military pillboxes while the Southern Soldiers were bought via contracts to continue the defensive manning of the Outer Wall camp.

It was expensive no doubt but the Royal Snake Head had nothing but money and responsibilities so to him, it was fine for him to splurge with his bank account to get it done. Besides, there was a permanent 15% discount for him to utilise as given by Jin for being the only Royal Zodiac Clan Head to stay after their contracted time. (Even though everyone behind the scenes knows that Jin was probably scamming them despite the 15% discount.)

“I had prepped everything that I could, all the best to you Hou Fei and the rest. Do not fail me.” Se Chang Chang said as he turned in for the day satisfied.

Chapter 1326: Shopping After Recovery

Even though the Great Demon Rat War had been the main attraction for the PandaVerse Festival, the Pandarens had started to look into the other events that made the PandaVerse Festival possible.

And one of them was the physical promotional store that the Pandawans were walking to. All of them noticed how the end of the normal shop streets in their assigned store island instance had been transformed into a list of stalls, something like an Asian night market. The only problem was that there was no one around and the NPCs were merely talking to each other as if they were alive.

Once they noticed that the Pandawans had come to visit the stalls, they greeted them loudly before returning back to their stores knowing that this was the chance for them to earn some extra Panda Coins. (Or from the Pandawans' perspective, to use their raid points.)

Bu Dong was a little disappointed upon learning that it was just a regular night market and was not expecting much, however, the smell of certain snacks made him change his mind. Even the others, who initially wanted to eat first eventually passed the chance because of Bu Dong's insistence, had their feelings placated by the fact that they could snack on the various items that were available in this particular night market.

From sticks of black mountain pork sausage to fried sweet potatoes and bubble tea, there was a crazy assortment of food items for them to pick and choose from. Bu Dong had also decided to take the opportunity to eat on it and window shop around the place.

And when he looked around, he realised that there were only photographs of the items they were selling with the price tags attached to them. “Lol, that stall owner said that he is selling mechanical golems, something like our Robots but smaller in size and a little less responsive.” Deng Long said as he caught up with Bu Dong who was looking at pictures of machine guns.

“Boss, do we need to buy them first or we can try them out before buying?” Bu Dong asked the machine gun stall owner and the red panda owner sighed a little.

“Are you able to see the item when you buy them from the online store?” The red panda questioned back and Bu Dong scratched his head thinking that this would be a tough negotiation until the Red Panda Owner loosened his expression and told him to follow his store assistant while he continued to take care of the shop front.

“Put your hand out.” The Red Panda Assistant said and the moment both the two Pandawans extended their hands, the Red Panda placed his on theirs, causing them to teleport to a small instance and a hologram containing all those machine guns were shown to them.

“Holy shit, these are modern machine guns, not like the ones they sold on the online store.” Deng Long, who was a policeman, had some knowledge of these guns and he knew that they were impossible to get since they were restricted. “Do you have approved permits on these weapons?” He asked with a concerned expression to the store assistant and the red panda quickly clapped his paws, instantly popping up a stack of papers right in front of him.

Deng Long picked up the papers and investigated using his phone’s internal police app as well. “Holy shit, this checked out, even the licence applications. I know that we are in a dungeon instance but to be able to supply this many restricted modern guns for dungeon instances when he barely opened for a year... What kind of dungeon supplier Boss Jin is?”

“You should know by now he is no ordinary guy.” Bu Dong literally ‘lol’ at him before looking at the array of guns on the hologram.

“Yea but this is beyond ordinary! From what I heard, only the super rich dungeon suppliers were able to obtain such licences and they were only able to hold at most five due to the complicated paperwork involved. To have an array of modern guns and have it as a wholesale product is beyond my comprehension.” Deng Long said but Bu Dong was already ignoring him and selected a gun through the hologram. The red panda assistant then howled while raising his arms and the selected modern gun, a Tavor X96 bullpup assault rifle.

“Then we should be able to use them without feeling guilty then.” Bu Dong said as a new red panda assistant appeared with a black helmet popped down from the ceiling and clapped his hands, creating a gun range right in front of the customers.

Deng Long sighed and told the red panda assistant that he would assist Bu Dong with his try out which the assistants agreed since they knew his occupation as a policeman. “I have always wanted to correct

your stance but never had the time to do so since we are always in battle. Do not hold your gun this way, place it firmly close to your shoulders, it will withstand the recoil and allow for better shots.”

And after a few rounds of firing, both Bu Dong and Deng Long decided to take the X96 rifles to augment their firepower against the Demon Rats. With their sponsored tickets, they were able to buy them for less than 60% of the price since they were eligible for such discounts. The licence application for them to be the rifle owners (within Jin’s dungeon instance) was almost done in a blink of an eye as the Red Pandas only required their signature and verbal approval. (After all, the System had all their details as disgusting as it sounds.)

With the rifle purchases done, they quickly got out of the temporary store instance and went to the Mechanical Golems as they believed that was the only thing that could overpower the Demon Rat General.

As for the rest? They were shopping like mad as the Night Market was filled with hidden gems that they would not expect to find in the online stores or their usual hangouts. It was as if Jin was purposely holding out on these items for sale just for the PandaVerse festival.

And as aptly the place had been named, it’s called the Hidden Gem Night Market.

Chapter 1327: Hidden Gem Night Market

Still, the Hidden Gem Night Market was just one complimentary attraction that was part of the PandaVerse Festival. The discovery of such a night market had only been possible by those Pandarens who decided to walk out of the store instances or had been recommended via the Recovery Nurses.

And as the name suggested, it only opened at the night and according to the Red Pandas and other sentient NPCs, the market was only available for this PandaVerse Festival. It was not a permanent portion and that alone had immediately made the night market a hit overnight because everyone had the fear of missing out.

That was when the Pandarens realised that this was what they had been missing for the entire Raid Instance. What Se Chang Chang had been accessing was partially from the Hidden Gem Night Market because of his privilege as a Royal Zodiac Snake Head. Jin did it because he knew that these Royal Zodiac Heads would not have bothered exploring the instance so he purposely created a digital store comprising all the Hidden Gem Night Market items for Chang Chang to procure.

In hindsight, Jin was glad he did that as the Dungeon Supplier had managed to earn a huge portion of money from the Royal Zodiac Snake Head. If Chang Chang believed that the 15% discount given to him was fabulous, he would be shocked if he ever knew that the Pandawan sponsors were given 40% instead.

But aside from Se Chang Chang, Jin had specifically enforced that items which the Royal Zodiac Snake Head had used were to be sold only in the Hidden Gems Night Market. The System resource management to handle not just multiple transactions but thousands of them would be too great a backlash for the System to cope so Jin only gave such rights to the Royal Zodiac Heads if they were to

join the raid instance. Else, the rest would have to buy first before being able to teleport or create such items in their 'raid instance'.

Jin initially questioned the System whether it was too much but the System stated that Jin would be able to do the same as the Pandarens just that it was not beneficial for the System since there was no extra money earned if he did it. "User, do not forget that the Empire Building Sub System is part of the System. Therefore, the System is capable of doing such quick constructions if the User requires it. The only reason the System did not advocate the ability was that it cost too much now that the System had 'loan' the ability to Qiu Yue." The System said which made Jin willing to sell such an ability to the Pandarens at a price.

Even though it was designed as a night market, there was no doubt that the items they sold for the Raid Instance were expensive. Jin had priced everything according to its production value and although they were no doubt cheaper than 'real life', he had to ensure that he was making a profit.

While the Pandarens can use raid points to offload certain expensive items, Jin and the System had ensured that there was only so much one could buy with the raid points. Stuff like the teleportation crystal and even the making of the Outer Wall camps were not within the realm of the median salary for most people. It was unfortunate but camps and teleportation crystals were not meant to be 'spammed' or exploited for obvious reasons and that was why they cost a whole lot.

In addition, Jin had actually incurred a lot of losses in previous 'wars' but he had the fortune to have a capable Sub System User that was able to earn back the money for him. If not for Claire who had not reversed his debt ridden habits, Jin might still be suffering a loss that he could never recover. He might have the best dungeon instances but if he was not earning money from it, the System would most definitely be using more underhanded methods that would not be revealed to Jin in order to keep the store afloat.

Yet despite the price of the support items, Jin was willing to give a few of such things for free such as a modern tank or even an artillery gun through a lottery draw. The infamous large Panda gacha machine which he had used for the Chinese New Year giveaway for the minions was immensely useful for this particular situation. (At least the System did not throw that crazy big item away and kept it in its storage.)

And each time the Pandarens were to earn a thousand raid points, they were given a chance to have a chance to play the giant panda gacha machine (which still features the Panda God of fortune since it was still appropriate.) to earn prizes. The Pandamonium App would teleport them to the location since the Panda Gacha Machine was too big and too meddlesome to put up multiple gacha machines in various store island instances.

Instead, Jin had duplicated two additional of those Panda Gacha Machines and placed them side by side with the original one, making them look as if they were the three great emperor officials that ruled the heavens in the taoist religion. It was also made to decrease the queue time for the Pandarens but the pool of rewards was still shared among the three Panda Gacha Machines and did not have three separate pools of rewards. A disclaimer had also been added in the Pandamonium App so people would have the same amount of chance trying.

While the common tier rewards are infinite, the higher tier rewards are limited although they were replenished daily and yet there were times the System rigged it so that none would get the highest tier rewards until a certain amount of tries had been done to entice people to try their luck continuously. Jin did not condone the System's method and in addition, requested the System to dilute the pool of rewards such that the ones the Pandarens were trying to aim for would be difficult to get.

The only good thing was that if the Highest Tier item was not redeemed, it would be added over to the next day allowing the Pandarens to try again and that 'sympathy' was more than enough to win over most hardcore gacha playing Pandarens.

Chapter 1328: Profiteering from Virtual Reality

Even though the Great Demon Rat War was the main attraction, Jin did push out the public demo of the Virtual Reality machine sets that was where some cultivators who were of the business mind were coming to see.

While there were MMORPG gaming aspects to the virtual instance, Jin had collaborated with Ke Loong, the CEO of Sea Mesh and now a high level executive member of the Panda Inc to ensure that this Virtual Reality instance could be used for business purposes as well.

Almost everything could be done with the simulation of the Virtual Reality Instance. Once the businessmen activated and dived into a space created by the System, they could literally be gods when it comes to design.

From abstract concepts to full 4D drawing, industries like construction and interior design would be in a better position to lead the revolution of creating safer and better buildings. Simulations can be done within the Virtual Reality instance with no lag and that was enough to blow the minds of those businessmen.

Not only that, because the Virtual Reality Instances were set up when rigged to the brain, it accessed the mind of the cultivator and allowed them to create whatever they wished with just their thoughts. That's right, Jin with the System had enabled creators to build with just their minds and not be restricted by software and hands. Yes, hands.

All those raw thoughts would now be furnished right in front of their eyes as their minds go wild in creating the best of the best items. Even Rei, the renowned Gunndam manga artist, who showed up as a 'guest' at PandaVerse Festival started to shock people with his ability to create a page of manga with just his mind right in front of them. Any mistakes? Just erase it with your thoughts and redraw that specific section once again.

And if that was not all, the Virtual Reality Machine that was plugged into Rei had a dedicated printer installed in such a way that he could print that particular piece of demonstration for everyone to see. When the businessmen logged off and saw the product, they were astonished by the capabilities and asked if their thoughts could be converted to the current formats or maybe even 3D print their products within the Virtual Reality instance.

As Jin was not there to entertain the group, it was Itori, the White Fox who surprisingly assisted the dungeon supplier with this agenda. This was mainly because she herself was interested in using the Virtual Reality Headsets for the education of the newly revamped Demopolis and the Seven Cities whom they were allied with.

If Itori wished to be part of the process in hopes that the Virtual Reality machines would be widely produced so that she could utilise it as part of the education system. Not only that, the Virtual Reality was connected to the System so any skills that were 'taught' and imparted by the people of the Dungeon World would be collected and archived so that the System itself could be the ultimate library of information. (Even though it already has an extensive amount of information which it was unwilling to share.)

With her guidance, the businessmen who were present to see the entire demonstration were allowed to try it out themselves and they were shocked at how fluid it was. Not just the design industry (including tech and medical industries) which Ke Loong had invited, he had also contacted educators, artists, events management and even craftsmen.

And once they tried it out, quite a number of them had decided to be investors and even wished to own the first batch of Virtual Reality Machines as soon as possible especially when they realised that they were more or less ready. In hindsight, this demonstration alone suddenly gave SeaMesh a push in their current stock value which only a select few understood why. This was mainly because those people Ke Loong had gotten were COOs (Chief Operating Officers) and CTOs (Chief Technical Officers) of local major companies. He wanted to give the nation's companies priority so that they could compete even more against the foreign companies.

Itori however did not know any of them and treated each of them as equals even though she did see some obvious bantering among the investors themselves and somehow that allowed her to be partial in the teaching. Oddly enough that was one of the reasons why the investors felt her sales pitch was sincere and therefore decided to go with it.

In the meantime, the investors and other invitees were also given the opportunity to try out the new MMORPG that was solely virtual reality. Without a doubt, the investors were amazed by the flexibility of the game design. Being able to do anything just by grinding to gain mastery was a boring way to do things but it gave the 'players' what they wanted and to a certain extent, fully appreciated the process.

The player grows with the skill they were doing and that was the most important part since there was progression in their part. It's a systematic way to level up and to gain levels on anything (even sleeping extensively within the Virtual Reality) giving the ultimate sandbox feel which allowed the investors to be what they want to be. However, some were sceptical that this could be a flop but Rei encouraged them Jin would make sure that there would be enough content for everyone if done right. "And by everyone, that included commoners and cultivators." Rei's sentence made the investors realise that with this, people with no talent to cultivate could finally have a taste of it.

"While it's true that Jin had made this game open ended, you can be very sure that when he completed this, it would be the most epic game people would enjoy, transcending the current levels of play," Itori concluded and that gave many of the thoughts, hoping what she said would be true.

But it was plenty obvious that this Virtual Reality technology was groundbreaking and there was no doubt that mass producing this would bring much profit.

Chapter 1329: More Customers More Business

It was already the dawn of the second day. The PandaVerse festival was still in a huge uproar with dozens of customers coming into the store especially after the streamers and new reports came out earlier the day before. The popularity of Jin's Dungeons and Pandas had shot up incredibly high with the appearance of the Royal Zodiac Heads.

People were massing to the website to see if they had a chance to enter this particular Panda Festival and thankfully with Kiyu's, Jin's in-house artistic fox (aka everything that involved advertising) had made an easy to read website while still able to hold the audience's attention with flashy details. It was not an easy feat considering she took the time to browse thousands of websites to get inspiration. And once she got the idea, the System would be able to recreate based on her wants and needs.

As mentioned, the Dungeons and Panda's website allowed customers to navigate very easily incorporating a variety of elements that would enable the new to be Pandarens or even returning customers an easy time getting stuff. Even without downloading the Pandamonium App, although that would be mandatory to get the most out of the entire procedure, the customers would be able to find that getting there even from another province or country would be an easy feat.

From getting the best trips to Shenzhen to finding a place has never been easier. Since Jin technically created a chain of hotels under his name in Pandapolis, the customers would be able to take advantage of it and did not have to worry about accommodations. There were even discounts if they were to buy a ticket of a higher tier. In fact, Jin had even tried to employ more humans from the Dungeon World to work for the Pandafull company, their local delivery system. (So those in the Seven Cities would have a better income!)

And since it was a delivery system per se, Kiyu had decided to use it to deliver 'people' as well by creating a package to get the customers from faraway places to Jin's Tree Mall. To her surprise, the service was well received by the number of people taking up the package. Apparently, people loved the convenience created although she believed that many took it because of the 'slight' discount that was given. Initially, the numbers were overwhelming that Kiyu thought of doing a limited number of packages that could be bought but both the System and Jin had emphasised that they had it under control.

Somehow she was able to find out that both the System and Jin had already foreseen such a situation and already had a factory solely for making electric vehicle cars while Itori had already put up a training course for Dungeon World humans at Demopolis military city so that they could be recruited anytime.

Aye, since the Demopolis had been remade as a military base, it did not only have defences that other dungeon cities would envy due to the number of relics and gold that had been used to upgrade it, but it had an ever growing training centre that can be used not only for military purpose but for civilians as well. (By the way, Kraft demands to be acknowledged for those magical relics used for defences and

gold were all thanks to him and his Night Foxes who had been attacking the Ivory Tower's 1st floor to get all those items.)

And because of the foresight of Jin and the System, Kiyu was able to fulfil the needs of their new and returning customers, ferrying them from airports or nearby provinces to Jin's store. (If one wonders why electric car vehicles were mainly because they could be powered by basic lightning magic which the Humans were taught to power up rechargeable batteries by consistently converting their mana to electricity. Besides, they were environmentally friendlier.)

Thus, with an 'unlimited' amount of accommodations under Jin, he continued to have a steady flow of customers coming in to work on the Great Demon Rat War. And even though it was still a stalemate between the Demon Rats and the Pandarens, the latter had finally had a foothold on the Outer Wall which was kind of unexpected in terms of Jin's plan prediction.

Nevertheless, It was a welcoming development and saved Jin's money (in fact, it helped him to earn even more money.), allowing the Dungeon Supplier to adjust his reserved forces for the future phases of his plan. As much as it sounded despicable, Jin wished to use the Pandarens as the biggest distraction against the Demon Rats. It was precisely because they were the money makers for him that he decided to use them as such.

There was no way for him to control or even command the Pandarens (although he believed that if he were to take control of the Pandawans, they would move through his orders rather faithfully.) So being the wild card as they were, the Pandarens were expected to create havoc to the best of their abilities so that Jin could execute a more precise form of operations when the majority of the Demon Rats' rank and file were aimed at them.

That was also one of the reasons why Jin did not give them anything extra and charged them for everything so that they could continue to supplement his finances while he gathered additional resources he earned from the Pandarens. But what he did not expect was that the Generals came out to play to pit themselves against the Pandarens and they were strong. Jin was thinking about whether to let the Pandarens lure even more of these Generals out so that he could send his own Generals to fight with them.

Then again, he always believed that the Demon Rats were as cautious as him or even more sly to keep their trump cards close to their hearts but at the same time, he felt that there might be some awkward changes in their tactics when he saw how the groups of Demon Rats became reckless in their assaults against the Outer Wall Camp. He might assume that they were outliers but also could not ignore his hunch.

Whatever it is, today is the second day of PandaVerse and it's time to up the action a little even though he did not wish to aid the Pandarens any more than he should. But, hey sometimes, throwing his Pandarens a few extra surprises was one of the ways he retained his customer base.

Chapter 1330: Wake Up Call

As the sun rose up, there might be fewer Pandarens fighting near the Outer Wall Camp but the Royal Zodiac Snake soldiers were committed to keeping the defences of the camp itself. This enabled the

Pandarens to rest at ease if they continued to stay in the 'raid instance' since duration was a way to earn points as well.

However, an unannounced train came which the Royal Zodiac Snake Soldiers were not aware of. It did not ping through the Pandamonium App nor was informed by their superiors that were currently in control of the Outer Wall Camp's respawn crystal.

"Do not be wary. You all should know by now that the Demon Rats do not have such a capability to portal a vehicle much less a train stopping right beside you." A Panda Masked user came out from the engine room to address their concerns.

A few of the veteran soldiers who had been in the past raids knew that mask very well and told the rest to stand down. But they were curious about what was carried by the train since there were no passenger cabins and all it pulled was storage carriages.

As if the Panda User seemed to be reading the atmosphere of the place and the soldiers' curiosity, he immediately pushed a button, allowing all the storage carriages to open up and the sight alone was more than enough to awe the guards within his vicinity.

"Let's just say that it's a present for you guys who had been fiercely fighting for the past night. The sponsor understood that a boost in progress would be appreciated." The Masked Panda User added but the soldiers were ignoring him, all of them focused on looking at the opened storage carriages.

Multiple missile launchers were packed in those carriages and with the Panda User's command, all of them were activated and started to turn to aim towards the direction of the Inner Wall of the Northern Capital. The number of missile launchers that were present was almost equivalent to twenty missile trucks all armed and loaded.

"Alright, without much further ado, let's do a wake up call to the Demon Rats." The Panda User said after he felt ignored and quickly got on with the action before jumping down from the Outer Wall Camps and subsequently disappearing in the midst of the new chaos.

The missile launchers which were aimed towards the Inner Walls started their barrage all at once which scared a few of the Pandarens that had no idea what was happening as well as the few who stood too close to see the missiles in action. The soldiers who already realised what was going to happen tried to shoo the bystanders away but since the launchers started almost immediately the moment they were activated, there was little to no time to take cover from it.

So, all they could do was try to take cover by going into a prone position and slowly get out of the way of those missile launchers. After which, they crawled and cleared the area so that no one got hurt from the barrage of missiles. (Either from the sound, the heat of the launchers as well as possible accidental backfire.)

However, those Pandarens who were far away from the launching site could see the fierce bombardment of attacks against the Inner Wall's magical barrier. It was initially used to reduce the damage from the artillery guns from the human's Outer Wall Camp and had been reinforced since they did artillery bombardments on an hourly basis to continue the pressure. Yet, they did not expect such an immensely strong wave of attacks near the dawn of the second day of attack when most of their Demon Rats were resting or changing shifts. It was as if the humans knew their routines when they initiated

their attack or it was a damn lucky coincidence that they managed to time it to the dot for the change in shifts.

The Demon Rat mages who were maintaining the shield through a remote magic circle were killed instantly since their mana was burnt out almost immediately trying to deflect the attack but the missiles that Jin had purchased were packed filled with high grade explosives. (They merely added more volatile chemicals into the mix and compressed it.) In addition, he made sure that the missiles were also inscribed with explosive inscriptions so that they would be deadly enough to bring the Inner Wall down.

The reserve Demon Rat Mages tried to resume the magic barrier via the remote magic circle but the moment they connected to recreate the barrier, one missile alone was enough to decimate the barrier once again, killing the reserve mages. After which, the only word that the onlooking Pandarens could describe as hell.

Some of the Demon Rats were able to accurately destroy a few of the missiles with their anti air capabilities but it was like removing a few drops of water from an incoming tsunami. The missiles destroyed almost everything they touched and surely broke the Inner Town Walls. The only serendipitous thing that the Demon Rats believed was that only the 1st layer of Inner Town Walls could still rely on the second and third walls. Thus, the Demon Rat Guard leaders commanded the soldiers to start putting up temporary defences again.

The Royal Zodiac Snake Soldiers also thought that the barrage of missiles would have been done when the launchers finally finished their volley and were smoking. But they were dead wrong as random automaton arms started to appear from the storage carriages and started picking up fresh new missiles right underneath the carriages and reloading the missile launchers. When they were fully loaded, they readjusted their angle a little before continuing to shoot once more.

When the surviving Demon Rats scouts saw the very scene they saw initially, they quickly shouted for the retreat while running away for their lives. There was no time to collect the charred dead bodies as the rats tried to save their own to live for another hour.

However, one thing was for sure. The second and third layers of walls were coming down too.