

Dungeon S 1351

Chapter 1351: Provoking For More Time

As the teleportation crystal swirled around Xiong Da to show its sign of completion, it was already blinking furiously. Xiong Da grinned quietly knowing that the crystal was already working the moment it was activated.

“Just in time then.” Xiong Da said as he took a glimpse at the back and saw more Demon Rats filling up the walls once again. All of them crawled from the sides of the wall to surround the injured Demon Rat General and awaited his command to charge.

“You sure? From my perspective, they are not on time at all.” Bin Yong chuckled as he raised his shield and pointed his sword forward. He knew that going in recklessly would be a waste of energy and probably a waste of his life.

“So what are they coming in as? Parachute? A train wreck?” Bu Dong asked as he too did not know whether he could last if the Demon Rats charged all at once. There was no way he could fight this many for such an extended period of time.

“I am too tired. I cannot go any further. Besides, my arrows are more or less depleted. I do not have any chi to do those mass clearing attacks.” Luo Bo hid behind one of the armoured alligators as they continued to deflect ‘stray’ projectiles from the remaining snipers. (To be honest, she was amazed that those alligators could last this long in the fight and even had such reflexes to defend themselves from those sniper shots.)

“Are you guys willing to surrender?” Roughscream felt the enormous upper hand in the current situation and was pretending to give an olive branch to the four humans who had dealt significant damage to not only him but the Demon Rats as well. If he was not able to capture them then trampling their pride and instilling fear was the way to go so that they would not appear again. And even if they did, he would be stronger and kill each and every one of them once more.

“Surrender? Heh. You are speaking way too soon. How about you stop hiding behind your soldiers and come out here to have a one on one with me?” Xiong Da stepped forth and revealed his warclub. If there was anything he regretted with the previous fight was that the Hippo Cultivator did not have a proper fight with the Demon Rat General especially when he finally found a Warclub User. Back then, he was injured and the Demon Rat General was in tip top condition but right now, they were in a similar state and pitting against each other one to one was probably the most ‘fair’ fight they could ever get.

However, even if he did wish to do that, Xiong Da was not stupid to fight a fair fight. He was merely wasting time since he realised the Demon Rat General had started gloating, thinking that the Pandawans had finally been beaten to exhaustion and they were unable to fight back.

“Or are you too afraid to fight against me? A slightly injured human invader compared to the rest of my companions? Seems like you are only haughty when you are pitting yourself against weakened enemies. So much for you being a General. Demon Rats! Take a look at how pathetic your general is acting. Are you sure you wish to serve such a timid general who did not dare to go up against human invaders when they are at peak health? How about you guys take the stage and challenge me? Perhaps if you win against me, you have the chance to be the next general and overthrow that weakling cowering behind

all of you!” Xiong Da did not stop taunting Roughscream and the Pandawans hollered the very same sentiments to provoke the Demon Rat General.

“You puny humans are courting death!” Roughscream’s blood boiled at those weak yet humiliating threats that were aimed directly at him but the Demon Rats were thinking otherwise. Because they had not much interaction with their higher ups, some of them did show some distrust and to a certain degree, scorned the General for calling reinforcements and subsequently hiding behind them. After all, everyone knows that being a General provides perks of extreme luxury that a lowly Demon Rat was able to experience.

“Heh, look at that Demon Rat General. Make me feel he is some basic Wu Xia Novel Villain.” Bu Dong chuckled at how Roughscream was able to be provoked that easily.

“We would need a few of that or else our raid instance would be boring.” Bin Yong said as he could see from the side of his eye that the teleportation crystal had been blinking rapidly and even changing colour.

And just as the Demon Rat Club General walked to the front of the crowd, He suddenly felt that the air around him began to feel heavy. At that moment, he realised something was amiss when Roughscream felt a large impact right behind him, causing him to be knocked forward. When he turned around, he saw a human invader staring at him fiercely and a wolf silhouette emerged behind him.

Eventually, Roughscream also witnessed more humans dropping from the sky and impacting right on the wall, dispersing the Demon Rat formation that he had prepared previously to handle Xiong Da and the remaining survivors.

“Is he the one who started that earthquake? Because it looks like I am not late for my revenge.” Se Lang, the Wacky Wolf Cultivator, said as he brought out his war scythe.

“How come you guys can handle superman landings?!” Luo Bo ignored Se Lang’s question and when the dust settled, she found out that all the Pandarens who landed had a sort of device platform that allowed them to prevent them from taking any fall damage while acting as a sort of offensive gadget that enabled the Pandarens to do impact falls. At the same time, both the Demon Rats and the Pandarens on the wall had also witnessed multiple ‘human comets’ going into the hole the earthquake had created.

And calling it ‘multiple’ was an understatement. It is time for the humans to attack back once more.

Chapter 1352: Human Comets

“This is such a terrible terrible....TERRIBLY BRILLIANT IDEA! HAHAAAAHA” Xiong Da said as he saw multiple human comets coming down from the skies hitting and killing not just the Demon Rat soldiers that were ‘hanging out’ at the walls awaiting the Demon Rat General’s commands but also the abyssal hole that was created by the earthquake.

However, he and the remaining Pandarens had no idea that there were surviving Pandarens within the Undercity and a majority of the human comets were flying right into that hole mainly to reinforce the Pandarens and other Royal Zodiac Soldiers that were still fighting in there, desperately holding onto their lives despite it being just a 'raid instance'.

They had no idea why they stayed when in most dungeon instances, the cultivators could simply press the log out button or say a safe word to get them out of it. It felt like they were 'compelled' to fight to their last or perhaps they know that people are watching them. After all, there were streamers and viewers on Pandaflix that were watching them live. For the Royal Zodiacs, it could be a matter of reputation while to some, it was a sense of duty to aid the Pandarens. As for the Pandarens, they knew that staying alive as long as possible had always been the best way to earn points as well as keeping their money's worth. (especially when entering the instance again would require additional payment and like every typical Asian, it was best to make full use of their tickets to the best of their abilities.)

As for the human comets going through the abyssal hole and right to the centre of the fight to save the surviving Pandarens, they were trying their best to break the magical barriers with the help of gravity (along with whatever chi they could spare without feeling too tired from it.) They knew that there was a magical barrier from the streams when they watched how horrific the Demon Rats could go to kill dozens of Pandarens in one go and the discovery of an entirely new underground city was both fascinating and shocking to everyone.

Just when they were worried about how the Pandarens, in general, could fight back against this terrible setback, Jin had already made the announcement to prepare for teleportation the moment when Xiong Da was able to set it up. It seemed as if like every Pandaren who wished for some Demon Rat payback had already lined up and queued for the fight the moment they found themselves available for battle. The Panda Nurses in the recovery instance were very particular in not letting those who were too fatigued to go for another round. Jin did not want any too crazy hardworking Pandaren to 'die' from exhaustion or playing too many dungeon instances and that would definitely set back his goals to expand his store when needed.

Although Xiong Da was unaware of the crystal's progress, the deployment of the teleportation crystal was actually shown all around in Jin's stores as the Pandarens knew this was possibly the only turning point they could get to regain back all the hard work they had lost from that earthquake. Thus, they all swore that once Xiong Da was able to activate the crystal, the Pandarens would do their best to take their revenge against the Demon Rats.

And so when the human comets smashed themselves to the large magical barrier protecting the Undercity, the Demon Rats panicked as they could not believe that the humans could find such a weird (and yet innovative way) to destroy the magic barrier. Also, upon learning that there was a barrier protecting the Undercity, the Royal Snake Soldiers who were commanding Nerodia II had already stocked the planes for bombing runs as well as adjusting their cannons to hit the magical barrier.

There were initial thoughts to help destroy the third layer of the Inner Wall but their General suddenly went missing over the comms and the people on deck decided not to do anything unnecessary. The crew assumed that Hou Fei was killed from the earthquake that the Demon Rats had caused even though it was unlikely that it could happen but he did disappear from their communications.

It was only through those human comets that had reentered the fight had relayed the information to them and thus allowed them to establish assistance in taking down the giant shield.

In the meantime, this gave hope to the Pandarens who were trapped in the Undercity, as they started seeing reinforcements trying their best to destroy the magical barrier above them. Although that was also a sign for the Demon Rats to push and break the defensive array so that no surviving Pandarens were left and they could focus on attacking the humans that were falling from the building.

Simultaneously, the magical barrier had been reinforced with feedback magic, allowing the shield to discharge enough magic against anybody that comes near it. Compared to the barrier that was erected to protect the inner walls, this was not just multiple times stronger but ten to twenty times more manpower was devoted to ensuring that the barrier was not destroyed. Hence, those human comets that landed on the barrier in an effort to break it were instantly killed the moment they made contact with it. It was a suicidal run but the latter wave of human comets could see that it did weaken the shield but they needed more attacks on it.

Therefore, some of the experienced Pandarens even started to bring the big guns out as they began their descent. Some brought out artillery guns, anti tank rifles, missile launchers, rocket propelled grenades and one even strapped a crate full of grenades onto him so that he could deal a considerable amount of damage to earn himself some extra points.

“Boss, I think you should lend them a hand for this part.” Hou Fei said as he was now deep infiltrating into enemies’ lines. Even as a General, he was still once a Snake Shadow, one of the highest rank infiltrators a Royal Snake Soldier could get. Besides, with the System to guide him through, he was able to make sure he got through the frontlines without being noticed.

“Don’t worry, Hou Fei. I am sure someone would call me to aid with the scenario. I am just waiting for him to use me so that I can go incognito the moment I do the deed and remain as a trump card against the Demon Rat Generals.” Jin said as he was eyeing Xiong Da’s movements, hoping the hippo would do as he predicted.

“And that is assuming you can break it in one go.” Hou Fei said in a deadpan manner even though deep down he wished to snicker but it was best he did not make any expressions when he was on the move.

“Are you underestimating me?”

“Well, are you sure you can do that? I mean I haven’t seen you fight after that duel with the two Tiger Sons so pardon me for assuming that you are not the strongest I had known.”

“Surely, you jest.” Jin sighed but he knew not to estimate his opponent. Thus, he had made some ‘insurance’ in case he could not destroy the magical barrier properly.

Though for now, it was a wait and see situation for him as his customers do the dirty work for him.

Chapter 1353: Contemplating How To Use The Panda Statue

Se Lang sent his scythe flying into the Roughscream's face and the Demon Rat General had managed to block it. However, the monstrous strength of the vengeful Wolf Cultivator had caused several Demon Rats to be sliced into pieces from the impact alone.

"That attack...it's not targeted at me." Roughscream realised when he saw the dead Demon Rats within his vicinity.

"I needed some space to fight, they were preventing me from unleashing my maximum strength." Se Lang replied as he pushed his scythe further and the Demon Rat had to step back while sliding his club away from it.

"Looks like I am not the main character for this particular scene." Xiong Da sighed but he could see that Bin Yong, Luo Bo and even Bu Dong hiding behind the ever stout armoured alligators taking a breather from the current fights. They might be cultivators but these Pandawans had been fighting with all their might for the past few minutes that felt like hours.

There he saw them leaning right beside the Panda God Statue and he scoffed at how this particular thing looked. "You know Boss Jin, even though we are friends and stuff, you still continue to act like you are some distant powerful being that is way out of our league. And in a way, you are like a superhero in the shadows." Xiong Da said and the Pandawans caught what he said partially.

"If he is some superhero, can't he just swoop down now and destroys the barrier? Seems like the Pandarens are having difficulty breaking it." Bin Yong said as he closed his ears when he saw the incoming planes coming down to drop bombs at the barrier. It was a sight that he thought he would never see in real life but here he was standing so close to the scene.

"Don't you think it's a waste to use the Panda God Statue just to break a barrier?" Xiong Da replied loudly after the planes had gone by.

"There is always the giant elevator at the northern end of the capital. That was what the Demon Rats are protecting too right?" Luo Bo was smarter and used the Pandawan Team Chat rather than shouting. She was already too fatigued to bother screaming her lungs out.

"Why bother going the long way with a large town to fight against when we have a hole for us to swoop in from?" Bu Dong understood why the Pandarens were trying their best to break it even at the expense of their lives. Only the minority who refused to waste their tickets had decided to land on the third layer of the inner wall and fight against the Demon Rats that were in the way as well as proceeding to guard towers to defeat the snipers.

"Perhaps he already knew this was going to happen and gave you that Panda God Statue." Bu Dong added as he said that nothing in this dungeon instance happened by chance.

"Wow, if you put it that way, Boss Jin is not just innovative to grab cash but also cunning enough to know how to spend mine." Xiong Da chuckled.

"Else, how is he going to fund these kinds of super projects? There is no way an ordinary dungeon supplier will be able to create such a realistic warzone. I believe he managed to coerce the Royal Zodiacs to come here just to get their money as well." Bu Dong explained.

“Heh. If you think about it, he placed this raid in the PandaVerse Festival period and even though he said that this raid would most likely continue after the end of PandaVerse, he is secretly expecting us to clear this within a week given our past results.” Bin Yong added and they all directed their glances at the Panda God that was right above them.

“But that also means that you guys would not be able to see Jin’s powers at work, no? We might have had a glimpse of it here and there for the past few months but we never saw him fight sincerely other than rumours and hearsays.” Xiong Da was dying to see Jin in action after learning from his sources that he had contributed to the closure of various major incidents. Yet, when he tried to probe the Boss for information, he did not brag about it nor give a clue to him.

“And do you think the Boss would fight this instance’s big bad one all by himself again?” Bin Yong said as he remembered how Jin had commented how the difficulty was way too high for the Pandapolis Defence raid and personally intervened to make sure that there were no unnecessary deaths. “He surely had tuned it in such a way that he would not need to appear unless it was essential to moving the plotline.”

“I still think Boss Jin will still appear to fight the final boss again.” Bu Dong commented. As much as he believed in the Pandarens and us, he is still a sucker when it comes to game difficulty adjustments.” Bu Dong recalled the times he had help from various NPCs in the Supa Robot Wars because the difficulty level shot up a lot. “So, I will recommend you just use it for the sake of those poor Pandarens losing their money over some stupid suicide attack.”

“Yeah, Just use it. I also like to see how Jin would destroy that particular shield. Will he be coming down magnificently to shatter the barrier or just breaking the entire thing with his Developer Powers?” Luo Bo even though visibly tired, was anxious to see how the situation develops.

“Fine! Fine! Fine!! I will throw that damn Panda God Statue at the shield okay?” Deep Down, Xiong Da also knew that Jin would not appear because coming into his raid instance too often to help the cultivators was sort of a counterproductive way to play the instances. Therefore, Xiong Da had decided to listen to his friends’ comments despite knowing that he did not have to do it, and they could take the long route down and conduct a proper invasion against the Undercity’s inhabitants.

But hey, at least he is earning extra raid points from this act, right?

Chapter 1354: Barrier Breaking

“See what I told you?” Jin said as he snickered at the entire conversation between the Pandawans.

“The User merely had it lucky that the Pandawans were able to come to that conclusion after knowing your habits and behaviour in the dungeon instances.” The System reported. “If Hippo Cultivator Xiong Da had not decided to follow his friend’s advice, the situation at hand would have been considered null.”

“Doesn’t matter to me. I was prepared to show my face a little when I gave that Panda Statue to Xiong Da. Every once in a while I gotta make an appearance or else they forget who is the true ‘developer’ of this instance right?”

“Suit whatever you want, it seems that Hippo Cultivator Xiong Da had lifted the Panda Statue up, User please prepare to descend.” The System said and it opened a portal.

“Well, it’s good to have some stretching after sitting at the chair watching all the action going on for hours,” Jin said as he took out his System Rider Belt and attached it to his waist.

“Milk, you ready?” Jin asked through the System Channel.

“Hmm, What? Oh! That fusion thing you were talking about! Eh, do you think it’s a wise idea? It was supposed to be used for minions and not bellators. I am not sure it will work as well as not making a fool of ourselves when the time comes. Besides, isn’t it supposed to be-“

“Since when are you such a worrywart?” Jin asked and Milk blushed a little.

“Because I am going to be fusing with you~” Milk replied with a swaying voice which made Jin remember why he had not been using Milk for some time unless it was necessary and why he had always paired her with Peppers so that little Demonic Queen rascal could control the little one.”.

“Oh gosh.” Jin thought to himself and prayed that he really did not need to fuse with her if possible. “And here I thought I could go flashy straight off the bat and then disappear. Looks like I have to put a bit more effort into it.”

“What??!! No! Fuse with me, Master!” Milk exclaimed but Jin suddenly heard a loud thud sound through the System Channel.

“Don’t worry, Master. I have her under my control. She would not do anything too reckless with me around.” Peppers said and then there was a loud shriek from the little mage herself and Jin could already imagine that those two were already fighting among each other. The System had already muted the ‘conversation’ between the two bellators as Jin took a deep breath and jumped into the portal.

The moment he got out of the portal, he was among the many who were diving down towards the magical barrier within the abyssal hole. Jin could tell that there were a few who were anxious while others had become numb to the sensation of death and whipped out their big guns to inflict as much damage to it.

At the same time, there were multiple explosions on the barrier itself and Jin could identify them as the explosive shells used by the Nerodia II. (Since he was the one who bought those shells for them to use.) And yet the barrier was still standing tall, seemingly unscathed by the attack.

Jin at his point of descent immediately revealed his cultivation and had purposely expended his chi to show a giant Panda right behind him. The Pandarens who were around him suddenly got surprised by his appearance and even though not many of them had seen him around, they knew that the owner of this store used a Panda Cultivation.

“Boss Jin!” The Pandawans from all locations who saw the twinkling Panda face silhouette knew that he would be giving a lending hand that was as big as that huge Panda face in the sky.

The Demon Rat General Roughscream too saw the commotion and was bewildered by the scene for a moment. He had no idea what was going on but that was enough for Se Lang to land a hit of opportunity against the Demon Rat General, causing him to lose his hand. Roughscream leapt backwards and cursed the distraction.

“Focus, yea?” Se Lang said as he swung his scythe to gain some momentum with it before charging forward with a standard three strike technique. Jin on the other hand was already gathering his Maqi into his Bam and Boo which they had turned into a giant hammer with a sharp point.

Nearing the magical barrier, his Panda Silhouette returned back to its normal size right behind him and was wearing a miner’s helmet with a pickaxe. It seemed like Jin would be using a copied technique he had acquired from Suzaku’s soldiers and he clearly remembered how painful the Advanced Bear ‘One Dig One Kill’ Ice Pickaxe Technique was as it destroyed his defences easily and nearly broke Bam and Boo if they had not unfuse and turned into two separate weapons.

Thus using the very same technique with a bigger weapon, Jin hoped that it could replicate the very effect that had shattered his defences in one blow. He did not let it to chance and even added even more Maqi than he should have while he dived down.

“Ping!” The Hammer’s pointed peak slammed into the magical barrier and an equivalent amount of energy had been discharged against Jin. Yet, the Astral Panda Cultivator was unfazed by the attack as he had already transformed into System Rider with Ayse as part of his fusion. With the Orc Head Researcher and her powers of the Shaitan Slydra, electrical magic was basically a type of food for her to feed on.

“Must say, I did not expect you to call me out like this,” Ayse said as she looked at her brilliant armour tinged with the colour of royal purple.

“I am more interested in the powers these Demon Rats have. This electricity tasted way too good. It feels like they are using something more primitive in their magic.” Slydra added that Jin did not realise that he could hear the thoughts of a Shaitan through the System Rider fusion.

“Their magic should be coming from the planet itself, the lifestream energy but this is no time for any further explanation. Mind giving a hand first?” Jin said as he was still using the One Dig One Kill technique.

“Oh~ I finally could connect to your Master.” Slydra was shocked as well when she realised she could talk to him. “Right, right. Let this be a welcome gift for our first meeting.” The Shaitan said as she converted all the energy that was consumed and sent them pulsating through Jin’s magic circuits, allowing him to expend even more energy against the barrier.

Needless to say, the barrier weakened significantly and the remaining Human Comets continued to assist as much as possible upon learning that this could be the lucky break that they needed to shatter the barrier. All of them even the Pandawans from the Undercity had decided to try their luck.

If the barrier is breaking, then why don’t the Pandarens attempt to destroy it from both sides?

Chapter 1355: Barrier Shattered

Thus, with the unexpected help from the Pandarens from the undercity, Jin thus decided to perform another One Dig One Kill despite feeling disappointed that the technique did not meet his expectations. (Well, considering that if the warrior that used the skill against him had died before completing the technique, Jin might not have grasped the technique properly.)

“Here goes nothing!” Jin said as he swung his war hammer and now with Ayse and Slydra empowering him at the sidelines, he slammed the hammer at the very same spot with exact precision.

The barrier took the hit and it immediately shattered from the blast. Needless to say, multiple Demon Rat Mages died when the spell broke. And while another few dozen tried to replace the dead Demon Rat Mages and rebuild the barrier, Jin had already utilised the System’s Empire Building Module to create a gigantic pillar that was sufficient in terms of its height, allowing it to be a sort of hindrance for the barrier.

It was a sight for sore eyes for the Pandarens as they found out that the pillar that Jin created had a hollow foundation that allowed them to slide down from the surface to the Undercity. All they needed to do was not touch the barrier to reach the pillar (or should they dub it as a pipe slide) so that they can access the Undercity.

The Demon Rats including the generals who were overseeing the situation cursed at the human’s innovation and wanted to break the pillar but considering how the third layer of the inner wall had been overtaken by the Pandarens and the humans were also surging through the new pillar, there was no immediate counter attack could be done to remove it.

Everyone from all over the store and raid instance cheered how they somehow managed to overcome the current obstacle and people who were doubtful in the first place had decided to continue with their raiding experience.

In the meantime, Roughscream was cursing at the new development saying how useless those Demon Rat Mages were as he was fighting against Se Lang. Despite the loss of his arm, The Demon Rat Club General had managed to stop the bleeding with the aid of his Demon Rat Soldiers keeping Se Lang busy. However, they were eventually killed by other Pandarens and Se Lang continued to press on, giving Roughscream just enough time to recover.

But now that the barrier and teleportation crystal issue had been resolved, the Pandarens were hoping to regain whatever ground they could get and that included setting a base camp daringly within the enemies’ ground.

They knew that they were in the middle of the Undercity but the Pandarens were undeterred to get things done. The Royal Sheep Zodiac Captain Mian Ling had yet to use her base camp creation mainly because she was only given that as part of the funds that were bestowed to her for this raid instance. She did not possess any teleportation crystal and thus allowed the Royal Monkey Zodiacs to set up their base camp first.

In hindsight, she was relieved that she withheld her base camp creation pack after having a gut feeling that the Royal Monkey Zodiac’s base camp was in a vulnerable place. But right now, it was not a good decision at all since they were in the middle of the enemy’s territory. The only difference was that Mian

Ling's base camp creation pack, had been filled with a variety of defensive modules which cost a lot more than the Royal Monkey's base camp creation pack.

Her Royal Sheep Zodiac Head knew that the Sheeps were non combatants and would require more protection if they were to set up a camp to allow Pandarens to heal, rest and restock so she had decided to put more money in the creation pack to ensure that her Sheep would have a relatively safe place to perform their healing techniques.

"But isn't the saying, that the most dangerous place is also the safest place?" Mian Ling tried to convince herself one last time as she placed the base camp creation pack right beside the pillar that Jin slammed through the barrier's opening before disappearing into thin air.

"Are you sure you wish to place the Base Camp at this location?" The Pandamonium App asked for confirmation twice as it was a very expensive item to be used and the Sheep Captain firmly pressed the option yes twice as she looked at the plain palm size cardboard box right in front of her.

The cardboard box immediately started to shake and tremble as it started to float upwards right above Mian Ling's palm and things began to emerge from the box itself. Temporary Holographic designs of the base camp had been outlined throughout and around the pillar like a blueprint plan in real life. The Sheep Captain knew that that was the space needed to be free for the base camp creation pack to do its magic and thus commanded the Pandarens and her fellow Royal Zodiacs to push the Demon Rats away from such places.

So as the Pandarens desperately tried to push the Demon Rats away, the blueprints began to materialise starting from the middle of the pillar as their starting point and this gave the Pandarens a certain direction to kill and eliminate any Demon Rats in the area. As more Pandarens slid down from the pillar, they were able to gain more ground despite their enemies' relentless charges to ensure that whatever plan they were doing did not work.

But because the Pandarens too knew the importance of creating a base camp, they did their damndest to ensure that they could have a breathing space even if it was just a temporary one.

However as things were about to proceed smoothly for the Pandarens, another few hotshot Demon Rats came into the picture hoping to thwart their plans. Demon Rat Elites and they were the very same who killed dozens of Pandarens mercilessly.

"Why create a sanctuary when we can provide you one?" The Demon Rat Elite leader said as he used the very same technique of boxing the Pandarens who were trying to create the base camp.

Chapter 1356: Demon Rats Closing In

"We are not going to survive this." Jia Le, the Bellflower Cultivator said as she panted heavily, trying to catch her breath. She and a few other Pandarens recognised the Demon Rat Elites from a glance and they knew how crazy strong they were.

They were akin to fighting against Iron men on steroids and it took some coordination from the Pandawans to put down a few of them together at their tip top form. So, to fight against this many when they were this weary, it was counting death. Even if Xiong Da and the others were to join them now, they still could not guarantee that they would come out alive from this ordeal.

Not to mention, these Demon Rat Elites felt different. It was as if the ones they had sent were not the true elites or perhaps the equipment they used was vastly different. It felt like the Demon Rats had decided not to underestimate the humans and go all out with whatever machinations they had.

And that was not an exaggeration when they realised that the Pandarens were being bombarded by the Demon Rats in a consistent manner. Sniper shots, elemental bolts of magic and even artillery were used against the construction of this base camp. The Battle Alchemists were trying their best to put up a brand new defensive array formation since it was at least tens of metres away from the original one but the constant barrage had forced them to create temporary measures like layered 'pinpoint' magical barriers while a dedicated batch of battle alchemists continued setting up the defensive array formation.

"Five Point Wall Reflection Defensive Array Formation."

It was the simplest array and the most basic any formation array master would learn. It was meant to be set up in emergencies and formidable enough to not just stop attacks but also deflect any projectiles from the enemies. The array had been improved continuously throughout the years to include fast velocity objects like bullets but unlike other Defensive Array Formation, it could not 'proactively attack' the enemies. It was merely a roundabout barrier that provided some sort of protection for a certain amount of time.

However, because it was the Royal Zodiac Battle alchemists that were creating it, they had years of experience and centuries of experience to finetune it, making it one of the easiest arrays to maintain. As long someone continued to insert chi into the array's core, the array would be up and running almost indefinitely.

Yet, it was easier said than done since every second on the battlefield felt like an hour passing as the remaining battle alchemists were conserving their energy by calculating where the elemental bolts were falling on and they tried their best to create a small yet concentrated energy shield to block the attack.

Unfortunately, they were still vulnerable to sniper fire in the chaos and a few battle alchemists had fallen despite attempts to block those sniper fire before they came too close for comfort,

"We have to break their kill box zone or we would be trapped." Shi Zuo said as he recognised the very same tactic the Demon Rat Elites were using. But instead of only swords and shields, he noticed that there were barrels sticking from the shadows.

"Oh shi-" Shi Zuo hectically took out his giant size axe and used it as a shield while the Demon Rats sent a volley of fire while hiding behind the Demon Rat Elites. Tens of Pandarens who died did not expect that the Demon Rats were going into the fray shooting at the enemies with their comrades fighting.

But even when their Demon Rat comrades were to fall, another wave of rats jumped out right behind the Demon Rat Elites and entered the fight. They did not care about killing their own race as long as they contributed to the death of the Pandarens. So what if these humans have the ability to return to the

battlefield? The Demon Rats were going to use fear and constant pressure to make sure that you never come back.

“This is bullshit!” Deng Long said as he got a dead Demon Rat as a meat shield to absorb the attacks.

“Sorry Bu Dong my dear bro. I am going to use it first!” He said to himself as he knew that if nothing was done, all the help that was rendered to them, especially the pillar, would all be in vain again.

From his pocket, he took out his phone and even though his face was filled with dirt and splatters of blood, his phone still managed to recognise him. He quickly swiped to where his Pandamonium App was and used voice commands to talk to the app. (Fun fact: If the Pandarens ever knew that the App Voice they were using was the same as Jin’s System, and knew the truth, they might have pissed their pants.)

“Get me my suit! The one I bought with Bu Dong from the Night Market!” Deng Long said so casually and ordinary people who heard it might have thought that he was talking to someone real but it was merely just the app itself. Yet, the app understood what he was talking about despite his crudeness in his request. No other app or voice app would have understood what he meant and that was a complexity that Huawei Phone App Specialists were wrecking their brains like mad. They could never figure out how Jin and his team of app developers were able to create such a highly sentient artificial intelligence in an app. (But that is for another story to tell.)

“Understood, please stand by. Transmitting the designated suit in five seconds. Please stand clear of the assigned area.” Within an instant, the app acknowledged his request and transmitted the ‘suit’ that Deng Long had asked for while he kicked and smacked the Demon Rats that were charging at him.

“Just you wait, you filthy Rat Elites. Do you think that those hot suits that you are wearing would protect you for long? I am going to plummet you like never before!” Deng Long said as he used an advanced technique to clear the area so that his ‘suit’ could land safely.

Chapter 1357: Gunndam Aegis

Supa Robo Wars. It was not something the general population was quite aware of and given its name, people would assume that it had to do with robots. However, because of the incident that Deng Long was about to create, the Supa Robo Wars would turn from a mere mini game in Dungeons and Pandas to something that will capture the hearts of many closet mecha fans, especially those who were in love with anime.

As the ‘suit’ was summoned out from a portal, Pandarens around him assumed that it was something similar to an ironman suit that would be coming out from it. Some of them even anticipated and tried to watch out for the portal even at the risk of getting killed by the Demon Rats because they were distracted.

However to their surprise, out came a flying mechanical unit that slammed towards a larger size demon rat. Like a pair of ‘tentacle-like’ crab pincers, the front of the flying mechanical unit snipped the Demon Rat into two pieces before flying upwards and descending down to Deng Long.

“Gunndam Aegis! Change human form!” Deng Long said as he was proud to see that his credits were well spent. The Pandarens who knew the series Gunndam Seedz knew that Gunndam Aegis was an ionic unit. Its bright purplish pink paint was a symbol as much as its strengths and abilities. But unlike the standard Supa Robo Wars where Deng Long would be piloting it in the cockpit itself. These Robo Suits were significantly different mainly because of the size.

For one, Jin did not give the actual size of the Robos and the Pandarens believed that it was due to space and size constraints as well as the many advantages it could give if it was of the same size as a Super Robo if placed in such a dungeon/raid instance. So it was no wonder that he would do such a thing. But that did not mean its capabilities were reduced nor the need for piloting.

Other Gunndams and Supa Robo Suits would require the pilot to wear the ‘robo’ as an iron man suit but because of Gunndam Aegis’ unique feature of turning into a mobile armour aka a flying mechanical unit, Deng Long would not be able to fit into it because of its size and thus had to pilot it remotely. He could however wear the suit and eject when it turned into a mobile armour but that would require some skill and training.

Right now, all he could do was control the Gunndam remotely as he fought off against the Demon Rat elites. Yet, most Pandarens did not know that Deng Long was considered to be one of the better pilots within the Supa Robo Wars and he was able to multitask rather efficiently (mainly because Bu Dong forced him to go into the supporter role more than often during their fights in the mini game.) and thus with just a holographic controller right in front of him, the Wombat Cultivator was able to control his Gunndam while simultaneously fighting off the Demon Rats that were coming to his way.

There is however a silver lining to that remote controlling system. Jin did not know that when he was designing it but the intention was to let the user have some form of basic defence up when they were piloting it remotely since they would be too vulnerable. Hence it was designed to be mobile, moving wherever the pilot would go. Even as Deng Long would travel a hundred metres away from the place he summoned Gunndam Aegis, there would still be a decent connection so long he was within the same raid instance and within a kilometre radius. (Of course, Jin would adjust the radius based on the scale of the dungeon instance but for now, he merely placed an arbitrary number.)

Not to mention, there was a barrier against projectiles as well, but mainly small arms only. The pilot would still be vulnerable to Elemental magic attacks or massive AOE like artillery strikes. But that did not deter Deng Long from not using it as he already knew the risk when he was remote piloting the Gunndam Aegis.

With a Supa Robo Suit in his hands, he skillfully eradicated three Demon Rats Elites while he disrupted their formation. The Demon Rat Mages and Archers that were nearby tried to shoot it down when it was in its mobile armour form while the Demon Rat Elites attempted to pin it down when it turned into its human form but all of these attempts were fairly futile in the hands of Deng Long.

Even the Pandarens who were at the sidelines fighting the Demon Rats were in awe at his skill manoeuvring of the Gunndam Aegis. They all initially assumed that it was automated but only later when they saw Deng Long desperately trying to control it while fending the Demon Rats away that prompted them to believe that he could be their trump card to get out of this desperate situation.

“Protect the Pandawan!” One of the Pandarens shouted and a few of them had already blitzed their way towards Deng Long who somehow became the main character of the hour as he continuously disrupted the Demon Rat Elites. His fellow Pandawans like Jia Le, Yue Han and Shi Zuo on the other hand went to different sites of the Pillar to make sure that they did not get too overwhelmed from either side.

What they all know is that if they were able to continue fending off the Demon Rat Elites, they have a chance to not only build the Pillar Base Camp completely but give them a temporary sanctuary from all the chaos they had. All they needed was to hold on a while longer.

How long more was the frequent question within the Pandarens’ mind but a reassuring announcement from Sheep Captain Mian Ling said that all they needed was another five minutes for all the materials to emerge onto the designated locations and told everyone to hold on.

As if the Demon Rats would allow that.

Chapter 1358: That Gyrocopter Sniper

“You Humans... You humans!!!” Gnowbones grumbled to himself as he came to the scene where the Pandarens were fighting at the Pillar. With a gyrocopter as well as a huge rifle in his right hand, he took aim at the purplish pink robot that had been messing around with the Demon Rat Elites’ formation.

“All because of you! I had to be in this stinky shithole! All because of you, I had to deal with piss poor idiots that only knew how to go left or right whenever they were told!” He thought to himself as he fired a shot. Deng Long thought that his Gunndam Aegis would have quite a decent armour defending against stray bullets and shots but when Gnowbone attacked it, a piece of the Aegis’ armour flew off, causing it to be vulnerable if it were being hit again.

Thankfully, everything seem to be working fine and dandy but Deng Long assumed that the shot came from the gyrocopter as it was pretty obvious how that particular Demon Rat was flailing his rifle around, trying to aim for his Gunndam.

“If you want him! I will give it to you!” Deng Long was confident that he would be able to take down the weak looking gyrocopter that did not have anything else other than the pilot and the Demon Rat Sniper who was aiming at it. Little did he know that the one who shot his Robo was a general that had been insulted to fight at the frontlines and that means that frail rat was particularly looking for revenge.

“Heh! Humans. You think they are sophisticated but in fact, they all are driven by primal desires like us. You hurt me, I hurt you.” Gnowbones the Demon Rat Air Force General said as he pointed the rifle right towards the Gunndam Aegis who was currently in its Mobile Armour form, charging in front of him.

“This is clearly the bait, you dumbass.” Gnowbones already knew who was controlling the flying Robo and within an instant, switched his rifle’s angle to aim at Deng Long instead, firing at him when he was occupied with the incoming satisfaction of defeating the enemy that made his Gunndam Aegis to be vulnerable and its parts exposed for attacks.

Deng Long managed to see the projectile fire and he roughly knew that the Demon Rat Sniper would be targeting him and so he had already prepared to move away when needed but what he did not realise was that there was a Demon Rat Elite who was cloaked and ambushed him from the back. It was all a ploy to bring down the rising star of the humans especially when he stood out that much on the battlefield with his new toy. The startle caused him to drop his guard and get hit by Gnawbone's bullet. He did not expect that the bullet had been coated with magic as well as an experimental technology to increase the penetration force against barriers.

Suffice it to say Gnawbones took a huge risk as the Mobile Armour continued to its course without any diversion and all the gyrocopter pilot could do was to manoeuvre away from its path as much as possible the moment Gnawbone took the shot. However, it was not as easy as it sounds and eventually, the gyrocopter did take a direct hit from the Gunndam Aegis's flight. The tail of the gyrocopter was destroyed and the pilot had to make do with an emergency landing.

General Gnawbones on the other hand was satisfied with his performance and already jumped out of the gyrocopter. This was mainly because he himself had a jumpsuit that acted as a flight floatation device courtesy to Weslie who was previously enslaved to create all sorts of weird devices for the Demon Rats just to ensure that she would be kept alive. (Even though the Scholars of the North and South had made promises to ensure her safety but look what the Rats had done to them. lol.)

As for Deng Long, because he was off guard by the attack, the Womble cultivator instantly lost control of Gunndam Aegis and it fell to the ground after its last command. The Pandarens who were initially protecting him attempted to fend off the Demon Rat Elite but it was way too strong for the Pandarens. They were killed by him in just a few strokes and it was rather imminent that Deng Long would be receiving the deathblow until tentacle roots started to emerge from the ground and create a barrier around the injured Pandawan.

"Thank you." Deng Long said as he breathed out a sigh of relief. He knew that those tentacle roots were from Jia Le, the Bellflower Cultivator.

"Use this time to recover as much as possible. I am not sure whether I can help you against the Demon Rat Elite when I am preoccupied in my area as well. The Demon Rats are in high morale after seeing you being taken down in action." Jia Le said which made Deng Long snicker a little.

"This is the first time that I felt important...Heh." He said to himself as he reached out in his storage ring to get one of the higher quality health potions. The very same health potion from Yu Xiang, who helped Jin to create similar health potions after researching the black market ones and duplicating them. They were always out of stock despite Jin's rule to only be able to purchase at most five per customer account at any time and also they were untradable among the Pandarens. (Yes, the System had to devote a bit of resource to ensure that there were scalpers attempting to sell the potions away because Yu Xiang's potions were that brilliant. Jin even gave a promotional raise to Yu Xiang to ensure that she continued to stay loyal to him even though she had already signed the contract enslaving her to the System.)

The potion worked wonders but the injury was severe enough that he could have died on the spot in seconds so he still needed some time to recuperate. In the meantime, while he was recovering he tried to relocate Gunndam Aegis but it does not seem to be connecting back.

“Shit. Has it been destroyed this quickly?” Deng Long said to himself but without visual confirmation and the need to stay hidden for a period of time, he could only pray for the best. However, the overarching ‘general’ for the Pandawans already had eyes on the situation.

“They are really really greedy,” Jin said as he saw the Gundam Aegis being dragged away by the Demon Rats.

“Permission to detonate?” The System queried but Jin shook his head.

“Set internal detonation to an hour. Put backup timers just in case as well. I want to see where they are bringing it to or what they could do to it. I will not be surprised that they have scientists and engineers that are as brilliant as ours.” Jin said and he told the System to keep the visual cameras on.

But to his surprise, they did not bring it that far. Instead, the Demon Rats brought it to the Demon Rat who had managed to put down its controller.

Gnawbones.

Chapter 1359: Extra: Some Bad News

“Is this really a wise choice?” The System asked as it had already brought up a couple of scenarios that involved the Air Force General of the Demon Rats wreaking havoc with the Gundam Aegis.

“I like to see what kind of powers they have,” Jin said and the System felt that it was a bad choice.

“It is always best to eliminate the enemy before they are able to show their talents.” The System stated and Jin did not deny that philosophy.

“No. I am actually more interested in how the Demon Rats are going to take control of it without you interfering with it. Besides, we already set the internal timer, right? If there is anything we cannot take control of after the situation.” Jin explained.

“But why go so far to do that?” The System queried wanting to know Jin’s reasoning especially when it felt edgy that the Demon Rats have the ability to control the fallen Gundam Aegis.

“Well, don’t you want to know how they do it? And subsequently, improve on the model?” Jin asked as he was looking into the future if they ever needed to interfere and fight against the United Federation, the Xeon Union or the worst case scenario of fighting both of them together.

“The Mecha World does not have magic. All they have are generations of technology.” The System rebutted and Jin replied the very same thing to it.

“Isn’t technology to people who have not experienced it a sort of magic too? The Mecha World would assume that what we did was something that used highly advanced technology which had not seen the daylight of that universe. Once they start trying to mimic us, they could very well duplicate magic for all we know. Isn’t that the danger of interfering with the other worlds like how we did to this?”

“What do you mean?” The System asked but it was merely buying time to compute various things in the background.

“Don’t play dumb. You know what I mean. Do you think I did not notice that every time we interfere with the worlds, we are inevitably changing their reality? From the Goblin World to the Giant World. We might have saved people but also made enemies as well. And each time we interfere with their world, their enemies seem to ‘level up’ a lot more than usual.” Jin said.

“Take the Demon Rats for example. I doubt they did not bother expanding their borders so quickly. If they had conquered the entire Northern Region, it might take them another few years before moving towards the East and West. But because we had interfered, they had moved their timeline so drastically that the cracks are showing. -Both good and bad.” Jin took a while to say the last sentence. He knew that because of the Demon Rats’ rapid expansions, they finally had the cooperation with the Spirits of the Land which allowed Jin and the System to learn how bad the problem was.

“And let the humans in this world suffer like how past humans suffered under the Banned Emperor?” The System asked and Jin scoffed.

“Stop acting so self righteous. Both you and I know what we truly want from this war. It’s not to just save people but the Farming World’s ability. To grow almost everything and anything given the right circumstance and planting methods. If the Demon Rats would continue conquering the entire place, the Farming World may very well lose such an ability to create things out of almost nothing once given enough time. And that is because they are eating and living on the lifestream energy with their inventions.” Jin said as he monitored how Gnawbones used both magic and mechanical methods to hijack the Gundam Aegis. It was taking some time but it seemed like their hijacking method works.

“So you are willing to let them destroy such a valuable asset that could assist you because you do not wish to interfere?” The System questioned once again.

“No, I will fight to get this ability no matter what. I know how vital this is but I am starting to think how the consequences of our actions have yet to bite us back. You already said that there are gods and demons but those ‘Gods’ have not given us any warning at all.”

“Because they find all of these very entertaining.” A feminine voice suddenly interjected into the conversation and Jin could recognise that it was Syltra.

“I did not...expect you to suddenly talk through my head,” Jin said as he knew the difference between a telepathy talk and a System channel opening through his head.

“All I needed was just a connection with you the moment you had linked with Ayse. But because you are not my chosen, my conversation with you will be brief to avoid any suspicions.” The Lightning Shaitan said.

“We Shaitans were once part of the gods before being banished into the ‘goblin’ world which you had dubbed. Make no mistake, they are clearly watching you fail and rise and they would do things that provide them with the most entertainment. Your fight with Baal would no doubt raise some eyebrows among the High Gods and they are keeping an eye on you even though they should not be involved at all.” Syltra said that it is not normal for the heavens’ eyes to be looking at Jin since there were also people who could travel through multiverses.

“My only theory which I could form from all this is because of the System. It is nonetheless a product of the heavens if what I learn from Ayse is correct. Whether the Gods would be your foe or friend, it remains to be seen. But trust me, they are always itching for a fight. That is all I can say for now. Goodbye.” Slydra said and Jin’s head suddenly hurt a little.

Upon taking in this new information, Jin stared at the screens for a moment. He knew that the System had heard everything and was processing the information.

“Fuck...” Jin sighed to himself as if he unknowingly got into another heap of shit. If the Gods were watching his every move like some TV show, then he and the System had to take some time to prepare for their inevitable clash. However, for now, he had to concentrate on the situation at hand.

Chapter 1360: Trying To Create The New Base Camp

“Hahahahah!” Gnawbones said as he finally felt that the trip here was not a waste. “What did I tell you guys?! Humans are just a piece of trash when faced against us!” The Air Force General said as he used his gloves imbued with magic to move the immobile Gunndam Aegis.

“User, the System detected intrusion into Gunndam Aegis mainframe system. Are you sure that you wish to let the Demon Rats use our weapons against our own?” The System said as a reminder since the Shaitan Slydra had dropped a bomb of information onto Jin at the worst time of all. Whether it was true or not was a question to be answered in the future but the fact that he had to watch his every single movement since the gods were always watching him might be a problem.

“Hmm? Do you think I am worried? You had been watching me for months. What’re another few lurkers?” Jin said out loud without any care, eradicating all the secrecy that the Shaitan had painstakingly taken to make sure Jin might use this to his advantage. But it seems like the Dungeon Supplier is going to throw that caution out to the winds with his current actions.

“And if they are really watching us, at least provide us some compensation god damn it,” Jin argued and if the System was once human, they would laugh bitterly at Jin’s comment. Always wanting to take advantage of the situation he was in. He was no doubt a businessman (be it a bad or good one) through and through.

“In any case, I will stay my stand. Let him have his fun. Do a thorough search for how he had managed to hijack it. Besides, we can’t always be helping the Pandarens with their battles, right? Or else, how are we going to have our money’s worth.” Jin said as he knew that there was still the internal self destruction timer counting down so there was no worthy that the Gunndam Aegis would be in the possession of the Demon Rats for long.

In addition, with the pillar that connects the outer surface to Undercity, reinforcements had begun to flood in now that the Third Layer of the Inner Wall had been more or less secure. Roughscream had also once again used his Demon Rats lackeys to protect him as he ran away from the Pandawans further into the Northern Capital, allowing the Inner Wall to be secure if the Pandarens had sufficient time to lay the foundation.

Xiong Da and the other Pandawans were already assisting with sweeping the Demon Rats away that were defending the Inner Wall but Luo Bo had reported that there were still more soldiers coming from the deserted Inner Town and to raid the Third Layer. It was as if the very same thing was happening all over again when they first started the raid instance, holding on to the outer wall and fighting in the Outer Town area but on a larger scale.

But one thing was for sure. Even though the Demon Rats seemed like they were losing quite a few troops (statistically in the hundreds, but they had thousands in their midst), they had successfully diverted Pandarens' attention into two places. In just one day, they knew roughly how many humans were attacking them and using such a tactic to divide their forces even further.

One of such humans might be able to take down five to ten rats alone but when combined strength, they could take out exponentially. So, by diverting their attention, the Demon Rats could reduce the number of casualties they could experience while continuously applying pressure on the Pandarens. This no doubt put a lot of stress on the cultivators who wanted a casual enough raid but they realised that it was not possible as they thought how realistic the entire raid instance.

They could have withdrawn and yet they knew of the prizes that had been locked behind this particular raid instance and when most of the new casuals found out that they could increase their cultivation grade, it felt like it was a pretty good motivator to continue to stay in this 'game'.

And as Gnawbones took control of the Gundam Aegis, the Pandarens knew they had to embrace for the worse. For once, that few more minutes that Sheep Captain Mian Ling had announced felt like it was the longest minutes they had ever experienced. Foundations of the walls were being created but it was not the full structure, allowing the Demon Rats who took the opportunity to strike on the weary Pandarens to be more successful.

But everyone knows that 'few' minutes will pass and they will prevail.

Right now, all they had to do was to make sure that the Pandarens survive, especially Sheep Captain Mian Ling who was dealing with that god awful typing game which Xiong Da had to do too. But unlike Xiong Da, there was a completion bar on the console (since it was considered to be the more premium package specially catered for the Royal Zodiacs, there were also such 'premium features' attached to it. All hail to the power of money.)

Thus, there was indeed a time estimated for completion of the camp creation but it was just that the typing got more tedious, especially with all the interference. Unlike Xiong Da who could even withstand a few attacks if hit directly, Sheep Captain Mian Ling was not much of a combatant even though her fighting skills were above average within her team. But If one were to compare her with the other combat oriented Royal Zodiac Team Captains, she probably ranked one of the lowest. Not to mention, almost every single Demon Rat alive was trying to kill her as they had already recognised the pattern of those humans who tried to create a base camp.

So, she had always been interrupted by them and there were always delays even though a few Pandarens, especially those with sheep cultivation, tried to protect her from the threats. (In order to gain some favour as well.)

However, the new toy which General Gnawbones had obtained was beyond their expectations and they would be in a rough spot.