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Chapter 1451 Contact

Tellie saw the entire battle unfold right in front of her eyes and could not believe that her commander was able to get away with such a stunt. He not only defied how things usually work in this world but also go against every single textbook tactic she had ever read.

What's more was that with just a single shot, he was able to find where the enemy was coming from and even with the Mechanoids' processing speed to analyse the situation, most War Maidens were not able to do so. Yet, this supposed outsider who was banished by the 'heavens' was doing things that made the War Maidens feel obsolete.

And to make Tellie feel even worse, he was able to trigger off a sniper rifle while dodging the next shot, giving a direct hit to the shooter. It felt like Jin was somewhat cheating and made Tellie determine that she had to do more than what she usually could.

Diaz: Contact! Contact! Three hostiles hiding in the red building!

Yinn: Grey Bear 01, moving in to intercept. Grey Bear 03, continue with suppressive fire. Grey Bear 04, continue to plant the charges.

Jin: Grey Bear Actual, turning on Tactical System.

Click: Grey Bear 04, roger that.

Jin: Grey Bear Actual, eight Hostiles detected, sending information to all Grey Bears. Moving to intercept the one at the Red Building. Grey Bear 01, handle the ones beside the red building. Grey Bear 03, move to the other side of the building and ambush the ones coming up the stairs.

? Diaz: Ok boss.

Yinn: Grey Bear 01, roger. I will backtrack to the regulated point of contact once I eliminate the hostiles.

Tellie: Confirming limited visuals and sending data to the Tactical System as well.

With the information Jin and Tellie had transmitted to everyone via the Tactical System, they immediately have situational awareness of the area and know how to proceed.

As much Jin wished to use his Maqi in the first place to sense out the enemies, he did not want to slow down the pace too much sneaking towards the artilleries since his current abilities were of a limited range. Anything like the sniper attack would still blindside him and there was nothing else he could do then to counterattack.

That was why he focused the use of his Maqi for the thick of battle as well as the ability to use his Inverse Eyes immediately after the first attack. He should already be thankful that the shooter was a 'tad inaccurate' with her shot when she aimed for Diaz.<.com>

Or perhaps the shooter thought that the crate held explosives since it was painted in fiery bright orange dye and wished to take out the entire Grey Bear squad with just one shot. It initially belonged to the

Rebel Mechanoids and it did contain explosives previously until Jin had switched them all out just to hold the weapons and gave Click to hold onto the explosives instead.

Click did feel uncomfortable carrying such volatile material all around but knew that the crate was spacious enough for the weapons, ammunition and even spare replacements once they took out the explosives and the padding to hold them.

Jin reassured her that as long as she did not get shot, everything will be fine. Obviously, she had her reservations with regard to Jin but the commander's orders needed to be carried out no matter how casual the 'order' was.

Still, because of that switch of items, they were able to distract the enemy once and Jin was able to intercept and down a capable shooter of the rebels before returning to their objectives.

"Done with the first building, moving to the second," Click said as she activated the explosives and quickly moved a few pieces of furniture to hide it before opening the windows and wanting to perform a far jump to the next building's balcony since it was the fastest way to move rather than going down the stairs where the enemy was waiting.

Of course, if she wished to do that, there would not be a problem as Diaz used a bedsheet to make a makeshift rope so that she could rappel down one floor and ambush the enemies. Using the armoury crate as the siege hammer to burst through the windows, it also acted as a massive projectile hurling towards the enemies, scaring the rebel war maidens momentarily.

The colour of the huge crate also gave them reason to pause since they all identified it as the explosive crate that they had been lugging around. And with this, it gave Diaz the time to make a grand entrance through the lower floor window and spray bullets at her enemies.

"Enemies down," Diaz said as she make sure that they were killed by tapping bullets into their heads. And since she had the weapon crate with her, it does not hurt to grab whatever the rebels have as well as their radio communicator.

"Boss, their communicator is still tuned to the same channel. I think we can listen into it." Diaz did not follow proper military lingo but the information she gave was crucial enough for them to ignore her lack of communication discipline.

"Same here. Three hostiles down and I acquired their radio too." Yinn reported as she began to pick up the extra ammunition clips as well as their peripheral accessories of war after killing them without much of a fight. But since she could trust the tactical system that Jin had put up, Yinn took the opportunity to set up a booby trap with the grenades that were lying around on the enemies' bodies in case there were other rebels came rushing in later.

And with the tactical system they were sharing, she could mark it for her teammates and be allowed to avoid the area if necessary. "The chatter indicated that they are going to hold down and fortify the church."

"Then all the more we beseech the god of battlefields to aid us in our endeavour," Jin said as he slammed the remaining rebel to the wall with his Maqi and put metal into the rebel's exposed neck.

Chapter 1452 Getting The Artillery Guns Up

Diaz: All hostiles were eliminated at Checkpoint D, proceeding to Checkpoint E to aid Grey Bear 03

Click: I am already at Checkpoint F, moving to Checkpoint H.

Diaz: Since when did you move that fast? Don't you have to find a proper spot to hide those stuff and even need more activating those timers?

Click: I already did that while trying to find a spot. Just ignore the details and hurry to Checkpoint H.

Diaz: You just want -

Yinn: Cut the chatter. Moving to secure the primary objective.

Jin: I will bring down the ones at the back of the artillery first. You handle the front few.

Yinn: Roger that.

With that conversation, Diaz decided to make her way up based on Click's previous movement. The tactical system was able to show where her teammate had gone previously and Diaz was starting to wonder; was it so bad to use the tactical system on daily use? It was because of its controversy that the tactical system had a lot of hate and little usage but right now when this new Jin commander was using it, she was able to do more things than she previously did.

There were even recommendations from the tactical system to dial her energy output on her legs so she could move faster and she allowed her internal processors to automatically tuned once the information was given out. "I honestly do not remember it to be this helpful." Diaz thought to herself as she jumped with ease into Checkpoint E and subsequently the tactical system recommended another new route to move towards Checkpoint H. It might be because Diaz had accepted its suggestions that the tactical system started to pop up even more recommendations that were not just useful but also gave her the probability of these recommendations as well, allowing her to determine whether it was a decent decision to make.

In the meantime, Yinn coordinated her assault with Jin against the rebels guarding the artillery. The moment he took his shot killing the first mechanoid, Yinn rushed in despite the suppressive fire the rebels were shooting at her. Yinn however was able to have confidence charging in because she decided to use an extra armour plate as a makeshift shield to protect her. It was not something she had come out with until Jin told her to stick the plate on her left wrist and it started to form along with her arm.

It was then Yinn realised that this was something similar to what Tellie had experienced, Jin had used the tactical system code boost to create such an unorthodox ability for her. However, she had no idea that the tactical system could be this ...creative. Even though she had more combat field knowledge and expertise compared to the other Grey Bears who were privates, this was the first time she saw the tactical system churning out just unique abilities to aid the Mechanoids. All she remembered from the past tactical system usage were merely accuracy or speed boost effects.

Yet at this point in time, she did not care much nor wish to question these unique creations. The pentagonal armour plate allowed her to block additional weak points of hers as she pushed to shock and

awe the rebels. Jin took the opportunity to take care of the last rebel at the back as well before proceeding down to the artillery position.

And as he was walking down, he made a controversial comment to himself.<.com>

"You are there, aren't you," Jin said but there was no reply back at all despite his long run towards the artillery.

Yinn: Grey Bear 01 to all Grey Bears. We have secured the primary objective. Grey Bear 02, we are relying on you to spot.

Tellie: Grey Bear 02, wilco.

The artillery guns were identified to be a series of 39 calibre howitzers. According to Yinn, it was not the latest but they should not be scoffed at as well. Its range was relatively decent and it was manageable enough to operate with minimum manpower.

Obviously there was no way Jin have any idea on how to operate the howitzer even though he seem to have a basic military knowledge foundation due to his grandfather.

But the tactical 'system' had started to show its colours as it began to give clear instructions on how to use the artillery gun. Yinn was surprised as well that her tactical system was showing her the ropes. She had some basic artillery know hows installed within her brain but it was a general set of knowledge and different guns had their own knick knacks to take care of.

"Bearings received and set," Yinn said as she had already set the artillery gun to aim towards the church once Tellie gave them their coordinates but Jin did not allow the firing.

He understood that he was wasting precious time to make sure that Diaz and Click complete their role but it was vital that they were not spotted as to plant explosives but to be perceived as a 'room clearing' procedure.

"All done!" Click said as she planted the very last explosive needed for the room and Diaz managed to cover her six while doing so as well.

"Multiple hostiles encroaching to your position." Tellie reported stating that they were moving slowly on purpose to ensure that they had the numerical advantage to deal with the threat.

"Still no villagers on sight?" Jin worried for the worst. He could only hope that they were still alive, being held on hostage or imprisoned at the church but Tellie did hint that most religious buildings were also repurposed as bomb shelters for such events because of all the fighting that happened all around their world. (Somehow that reminded Jin of a certain historical stealth game where churches have all those troublesome tunnels.)

"No. None seen." Tellie reported while Diaz and Click rushed to where the guns were. Even though the Grey Bear Squad do not have the manpower, Jin and Yinn were still able to manually move the artillery guns to the set coordinates while waiting for Diaz and Click to protect them. This way, they could still capable of one volley worth of artillery before just focusing on one particular gun.

Chapter 1453 Firing The Artillery

"Sometimes, I wished that they were here..." Jin thought of the times when his Orcs were fiercely slamming the artillery fire onto the enemies. This lack of support and being a lone squad forced him to rethink that he took for granted that he had such a powerful force aiding him in both his defence and offence.

"Commander, we are here!" Diaz said as if she was happy there were able to complete their assigned tasks and that made Jin felt even more suspicious how this 'other' Jin had made life so difficult for this group of Mechanoids.

But fate did not give them any respite as the rebels had determined that their enemies had congregated near their artillery position. They knew what had happened previously with their ambush but this was now different.

The rebels learnt their lesson and did a sweep of the town to ensure that they did not have the same thing happening to them again. A quick door to door with minimal manpower to make sure that they did not lose so many at one time. Since they knew how sneaky this particular Empire Squad was.

However, it initially boggled the rebel commanders that this particular Empire Squad competency rate increased drastically in less than a day. They were having a field day putting them in place and even killing two of their Mechanoids plus supposedly wounding their commander. And yet, they were now being pinned by this very same squad with their remaining numbers.

Not to mention, there was recent footage of their commander working extra hard by coming into the frontlines and even showing his skills by defeating one of the rebel's best sniper in less than a minute upon contact.

There was even optical camouflage to ensure that their sniper did not get discovered but she was quickly annihilated with just one shot. This was also the first time they have seen an Empire Commander despite him being a young one moving into the fray.

That was why they were not going to give any quarters and had decided to throw almost what they have against the enemy. But things does not seem to bore well for them once the rebel commanders found out that the Empire Squad had holed up at at their artillery position.

What was more frightening was their overwatch from the church's tower telling them that the guns were being aimed at their direction. They did not expect the Empire Squad to make use of the Rebel's own weapons against them. Usually, their commander would be too proud to do that and rather prefer confrontational tactics.

In short, this squad was throwing curveballs at the Rebel Commanders that they were at a loss. These commanders thought that catching Artbridge a few days was one of the best decision they could ever achieve since they needed a foothold, a forward supply base to man their operations against the Empire.

And Artbridge being a frontier village of the Empire had little defences up for protection. Even their walls were tattered and not maintained at all, which goes to show they do not have the expense to have proper defence force to protect the village.<.com>

Thus, to be able to get the village this easily seemed to be the right decision and other several Empire Squads who tried to intercept had been met with swift death with their artillery attacks. And for some reason, the Empire had only been sending squads against the village and not a proper attacking force which allowed the rebels to gain even more confidence to operate here and to gather their numbers.

This particular Empire Squad was supposed to be that way as well. Kill them with overarching destructive artillery fire and sweep up the remnants with both veteran and fresh recruits. This way, the newer Mechanoids can have fresh combat experience as data.

All of this was to anticipate a large expedition Empire force so that the rebels could relay their higher ups to proceed with certain operations. This was also to gauge whether the Empire had anything new in their sleeves or at least increase their losses so that the rebel commanders could earn more points for the annual review done by the Synthesis World's network of servers.

But everything went moot when Jin and his Grey Bear Squad did the impossible by doing unconventional tactics. The moment Yinn spotted the first rebel emerging from the row of houses that were within their sight, Jin signalled everyone to fire their howitzers before commanding everyone to hold their ground to handle just one particular artillery gun.

"What the hell? They really aimed the church?" One of the rebel commanders said as he could hear the poundings of the artillery shell while he was hiding underground.

"What benefits do they have to shell the church? They should have already noticed that our main force are out there. Shouldn't they be worried that than shelling this place already" Another commander grumbled as he felt the barrage of attacks.

"Also, they confirmed that there's only one squad here? Why does it seem that we have a volley of artillery fire right at our heels." The other commander questioned their scouts and they said they were there was only a squad out there. In fact, it was only three Empire War Maidens and one commander that they had detected, similar to the reports from the failed ambush.

The Rebel Commanders did not know that the Grey Bears were keeping Tellie as their overwatch and had been rather effective in hiding that fact. As the rebels tried to force their way to the artillery field, Tellie took the opportunity. Using the artillery fire as a cover as well as to take the confusion of the current battlefield, Tellie made sure that she snipe to kill at erratic intervals so that the Mechanoids were having trouble identifying if it was a stray fire or if there was really someone aiding them from somewhere else.

But the Grey Bear Squad was prepared to hold their ground no matter what. With the additional gear they had lugged through the town and some spares lying around near the artillery position, they had enough ammunition for one hell of a fierce firefight while Yinn fired off the artillery consistently towards the church.

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Chapter 1454 Stopping Them In Their Tracks

"Push forward! Push forward!" The Rebel Mechanoids blared their signals to press their attack. There was no reason not to do so. Their enemies were only a minor fraction of their troops and yet for some reason, they were doing significantly better in damage control and defending their position while their sole artillery gun kept firing nonstop towards the church.

Naturally, the rebel commanders were afraid even though they were hiding underground but it was precisely because they were underground, they were terrified that they could be buried underneath it. They had searched the underground premises and found no alternate exits other than the entrance from the church. Their only sole purpose for staying underground was to avoid the artillery attacks when their Mechanoids had reported too late about the enemies' objective.

They kept assuming the enemies were going for a roundabout way to flank the church instead taking the main road which was a logical detour given that the rebels had stationed snipers to overwatch the main road. But this detour had caused them to initially shift their troops to the side of the church and only later they subsequently deduced that they were taking the artillery guns.

While they did not overlook such a possibility, the commanders who were a bunch of nervous wrecks after finding out that the Rebel Mechanoids they sent out were half wiped out, instinctively started to shore up their defences on the church that they forgot about the artillery guns. Now the Rebel Commanders were hoping their Mechanoids were able to kill the enemy squad by mass rushing them with troops before the artillery gun dismantled the church entirely through pounding fire.

"Get into the buildings for cover and sought higher ground. Shoot them down!" One of the Rebel Commanders shouted through their own intercoms making the Grey Bear Squad elated behind their cover. They had stolen the radios from the rebels and had the latest frequency on board, thus allowing them to anticipate where the Rebels were amassing. This was the reason why the Rebels felt that even with a small group, they were able to control their advance with suppressive fire. Yinn had also purposely readjusted a second artillery to lower the barrel like a medieval cannon and shot it through the group with the highest concentration of rebels, causing some panic among their ranks.

But now that they had been pinned from moving forward, their only way was to get cover and to the second floors of the buildings surrounding the artillery guns so that they have the leverage of height to overpower the defenders at the artillery gun. Yet, the rebels do not know whether it was sheer luck or extreme perception as their Mechanoids holding rocket launchers were killed the moment they showed themselves out.

And it was not the Mechanoids who were doing all the killing but their flesh and blood commander who was sniping them with deadly precision. They never know that his Maqi sensing ability had stabilised allowing him to sense further and in lieu of his Inverse Eyes. Thus, he was able to locate them quickly and bring them down before they could do any damage to their holding position. But now, all the Grey Bear Squad was doing was waiting and holding the line.

They were waiting for Jin's command as he could sense whether the majority of Mechanoids had moved up into the buildings. The Grey Bear Squad especially Click was not expecting much from the booby traps since she knew how much those hidden C4 explosives could do. But when Jin gave the command for Click to dispense all the explosives, he immediately pushed Diaz and Click's heads down while telling Yinn to take cover as well.<.com>

The series of explosions starting from the far right, came as a violent shock to not only the Rebels that were caught in it but the Grey Bear Squad as well. Tellie was bewildered by the sight and could not believe her eyes and ears as the shockwaves went booming throughout the town.

Yet for Jin, it was not a surprise but a sort of amazement that it worked overtly well. When he was assisting with the transportation of the weapon crates to the Artbridge, Jin had secretly inserted his Maqi into the box, while ensuring that it was not too volatile for installation. With the experience controlling Maqi despite his current grade, Jin was able to make sure that even a knock or two would not cause it to explode right on their face. But he did not expect the explosion to rival Peppers' regular explosions.

"Hahahahah! Perhaps I should do the same for artillery shells as well and finish them once and for all." Jin's 'murderous' thoughts got the better of him for a moment before he remembered that there was still the possibility of the villagers within the church premises. Killing Mechanoids was fine but those villagers if killed could bring up certain wartime queries that he does not wish to participate in. There will definitely be a political part of this entire war and Jin does not wish to be caught up in it again.

But the effects of his efforts dragging the weapon crates had all been worth it. To see that he was able to create an explosion of this magnitude reminded him how he missed Peppers, his teacher in advanced explosives. "What are you people waiting for? Go in and defeat them." Jin said as he stood up and continued to operate the artillery gun he asked Yinn to take point wiping the enemies out as the dust clouds are settling.

Jin did not see them as humans and since they were Mechanoids, they should be eliminated quickly as they readjusted their bearings and prepare to fight back. So, even as the two other privates were reeling in from the attack, they readjusted their processes and sensors with the aid of the Tactical System and eliminate any Mechanoids who were still moving. Obviously, there was little to none left for them to kill but since their Commander was not taking chances, they went through systematically as a three man team to make sure that the rebels went down with the explosions.

It was undoubtedly a brutal sight but war is war.

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Chapter 1455 Moving Into The Church

With that large of an explosion, the rebel commanders were reeling in from the shockwaves. They had no idea what had happened and to make things worse, there was no information nor communication back from their assigned Rebel Mechanoids that had been dispatched outside.

The only thing they could fathom was the kind of explosions that had happened. Did the Empire take notice of this small little backwater village and decided to send heavier artilleries or in a case like this, long range missiles to defeat their rebel Mechanoids?

No matter how they crack their heads, there was no incentive to get this village back. There were no precious resources around the village nor there was anything of value. The church had no relics and the people should be insignificant to the Empire.

But with that kind of explosion rocking even the underground, they would have assumed that the monsters in the Empire had decided to kill off their own squad as well. What heartless pieces of shit they were, so the Rebel Commander had thought and decided to try to reconsolidate whatever forces they had left within the area, since they could not detect any additional reinforcements around the area.

Yet the assumption of the Empire Squad dead immediately went into dust the moment they heard the pounding of the solo artillery gun on the church once more. On the other hand, Diaz, Click and Yinn returned to where Jin was, who had been happy triggering away the artillery gun.

"Rebels within the 150m vicinity confirmed dead," Yinn reported and Jin nodded his head. But before that, the chatter within the tactical system was pure chaos and had zero radio discipline. They were all praising Click but she did not dare to take any of the credit. In fact, she was very sure that the explosives she used were of the standard C4s and they do not have such a powerful radius. Diaz tried to infer that there might be other explosives within the house but Click was definitive that when she planted the explosives, there were no other risky lying items around. Even stashed grenades could not make such a drastic change in the strength of the firepower.

'Then perhaps the rebels labelled it wrongly.' was the only excuse they could find but what bugged Yinn was how Jin had already known beforehand that it would be a series of crazy explosions. Else, he would not have pulled Yinn right behind the cover and pushed the other two to not have their heads exposed to the explosion. Yet, Jin was not saying anything and instead asked Click to take over the manning of the artillery.

"The rest of us, we will move in to intercept the rebel commanders. Be careful of any ambush from the houses. Grey Bear 02, cover our rear." Jin dusted his knees and picked up his sniper rifle and made sure that both his rifle and P90 machine gun were still operable before asking Diaz to take point.

"Sir, did you do something to the explosives," Yinn asked as they walked past the dead rebels and broken rubbles.

"Focus on the mission instead of thinking about things that had already been done," Jin replied and told Diaz to pick up the pace moving forward. Soon, they reached the marketplace and there were indeed Rebel Mechanoids waiting for them. However, they were quickly taken care of the moment Jin shared the information about their location. Diaz stormed forward to take their attention while Jin and Yinn went opposite ways to flank the rebels.

While they were not caught off guard, the pressure from three sides eventually wore down their attention, and it gave the Grey Bears the opportunity to kill them off. Jin had also used the Tactical command to force Diaz's legs into overdrive, allowing her to not just smash their cover but also allowing her to kick the rebel faces into oblivion. And since the marketplace was in an open area, Tellie was able

to aid them as well, providing long assist fire which caused the rebels to be hesitant about popping their heads out of covers and giving the Grey Bears the guts to move towards them at blazing fast speed.

"Approaching the church. Grey Bear 04, Cease the artillery and gather whatever useable ammunition and guns at regular intervals. Do not let yourself be sniped down." Jin said and with one last artillery fire, Click said she was done.

"Grey Bear 04, commencing sorting of trash." Click said that knowing that she might draw ire but Jin did not care.

"Just curious, can we sell the guns?" Jin asked and the rest nodded their heads.

"It's not very profitable unless they are banned weapons. Otherwise, it does worth some value even for trash." Diaz replied, following the joke.<.com>

"One man's trash is another man's treasure. We probably won't have enough ammunition if we did not use their weapons." Jin answered.

"LT is definitely from another world. Most commanders do not even think that way. Once they are out of ammunition, they surrender. Not even one would think of taking other people's weapons." Tellie commented while keeping them in her sight.

"Then are you saying that this entire world is littered with weapons?" Jin questioned and Diaz shrugged her shoulders at that question.

"You could say that, but most of these weapons are 'recyclable', just like us Mechanoids. So, we do not really care." She explained but Jin was not listening as he once more shared information with the group.

"Yeap...they are indeed underground," Diaz said as she took cover near the Church's main door which had been burst broken by the artillery fire. "I stay watch of the area. Call me when you need me."

Jin and Yinn understood and tried to find the entrance to the underground while the commander of Grey Bear gave another command to Click the moment he saw a bunch of people via his tactical system being held in one place in the basement.

"Grey Bear 04, wilco. After getting a few workable guns, I will be moving towards the Church." Click answered.

"I found the entrance but the debris is blocking the basement doors," Yinn reported and Jin quickly returned to her side.

"Do we have any explosives? I dont suppose we have extra after Click used them for the attack right?"

"I have some spare do and there's still a few left in the armoury crate but it would not be advisable. The explosives might weaken the ground foundation even further and there is a chance the underground basement might collapse if we it incorrectly. Don't want to be buried alive just because we are too lazy to find a proper way in." Yinn replied.

"So... Was it not a good idea to bombard the place?"

"I am not saying the artillery was a bad judgement. It was the perfect bait to get the majority of the Mechanoids out of the church and into the open. You already saw the Tactical System's data. There are not many rebels left unless those who were holed up in that room are not the villagers but additional Mechanoids standing by." Yinn explained but Jin could not see a way forward.

He thought he was stuck but in reality, Yinn had a solution moving forward.

Chapter 1456 Debris Block

"I actually wanted to save this for the real emergency such as the situation we were in, where all the Mechanoids were closing onto us," Yinn said as she lowered her combat backpack and unveil a red metal box.

"What's this?"

"It is an instant 3D printer. Creating anything you in an instant. You just need to know the code of the item that you want to create which I believe the tactical system would have a catalogue for it."

"Anything? No size limitation?"

"Obviously for its size, there is. I was thinking of creating like a bunch of grenade launchers so we can have a slight advantage against the rebel Mechanoids but that series of explosions had literally blew my mind about it."

"So, it depends on how much erm material this 3D printer has?"

"Yes, and the battery life plays a part as well. Erm, there are other factors such as speed of creating the item do play a part in its lifespan but since we are not in a rush, the 3D printer should be able to create a large enough drill with a battery pack installed as well. We need to spend a bit of time but this way, we would have enough power to break the debris blocking the door."

"Otherwise, creating it too quickly would cause it to have a shorter time duration?"

"Obviously since the drill is battery operated unless you have a working power socket lying around the area. We do not know how much the artillery had destroyed the stuff in the Church so it is not advisable to run around testing whether the power socket can be used. And what do we do about the wiring?" Yinn said so sarcastically that Jin gave up and let Yinn operate the 3D printer.

To his surprise, the 3D printer was not the compact machine that he expected, instead it was just a black cube with a holographic console. Once Yinn press the sides, an expanded holographic console emerged out of it and Yinn typed the serial number code based on the records within the Tactical System. This caused the black cube to whiz a little before expanding rapidly to turn into little flying cubes that were spinning around a stationary square base.

Then it started to whirl around the square base and started to pour material onto it, creating the outline of the electric power drill that they were about to use. It was quite a beautiful sight even though it felt like logic does not make sense in Jin's mind. There were no mechanical parts for its battery nor a supply

tank for the material to create it. Yet, those flying black cubes were pouring out material with precision which made Jin feel like this was totally magical.

But as time passes, it seems like the situation underground revolves as well, it was past five minutes after the initial scan that Jin found out that there was another unidentified presence popping into his radar.

"No movement on my end," Diaz reported

"No movement as well." Tellie providing long overwatch said the same thing too.

"I could not detect any rebels along the way too." Click added as well and Yinn concluded that they might have a 3D printer machine underground. But instead of the portable one that they were using right now, it could be the type that major Mechanoid manufacturer uses.<.com>

"LT, can your scan be comprised of heat or electrical signatures?" Yinn queried and Jin said that he had to give it a try.

"Give it a try?" Yinn asked as if not understanding his words. "Do you mean that you did not turn on the electrical and heat signature options?" She asked but Jin merely kept quiet and started to tweak his Maqi to not sense humans and Mechanoids but purely the flow of heat and electricity. It was similar to how he sensed humans and Mechanoids yet the workings of his aura sensing must change since he based it more on movements.

By sensing the flow of heat and electricity, he could get a rough silhouette of the humans as well but the signals from mechanoids were even more definite. Not just that, he was detecting a huge electrical flow going through the underground basement and Jin transmitted the information to the Grey Bears.

"I saw a few warehouses a few hundred metres away from the church. It's highly likely that the generators are there." Tellie said as she predicted the flow to that area.

"I will go take a look," Diaz said as she was eager to get out of guarding the church but Jin stopped her.

"Click. You go instead. I want you to disable the generators. If those people we rescued are indeed villagers, the generators will help them out." Jin said but Diaz showed a disappointed expression.

"You destroyed their houses and their place of worship and now you wished to limit the damage. A little hypocritical?"

"That's why I am limiting the damage but you reminded me that the warehouse might be guarded. So, Diaz moves out with Click just in case there are rebels around." Jin commanded and that made Diaz delighted for his change of heart.

"Are we going to time our entrance with the shutdown of the generators?" Yinn asked but Jin shook his head.

"The creation of the drill and removal of debris will create noise and cause them to panic. They might even hide behind the entrance to storm out for a desperate last attack. I rather we shut down the generators fast so they do not create any more Mechanoids. " Jin said while telling them one more bad news

"The group of 'people' that were being held up are not the villagers. I found distinct electrical signatures in all of them." Jin said and somehow that put Diaz and Click's movement to a halt.

? "Then why are we bothering to break open the basement? Just let them suffer inside. Or we could just blow them all up."

"Because there of this," Jin said as he pulled up the tactical system and circled three heat signatures at one corner of the basement.

"Those three are humans."

Chapter 1457 Ultra Revolutionist

"Seriously, just three humans? How is that our business?" Yinn felt like they should just blow the entire thing and bury the rebels.

"Sorry to chip in but it's not worth the risk of recovering those three humans. The mission did not state that we are to rescue any humans." Tellie who had always been cool and calm, making rational choices had also denied Jin from performing such dangerous 'stunts'.

Diaz and Click, who was in the Tactical System channel, had also voiced the same concerns. Why do they need to save three humans when they were only one average squad of Mechanoids against dozens of rebels.

It's true that they had it very lucky when the 'new commander' came into their lives. For some reason, they were able to utilise the Tactical System more than it was advertised. Yinn, who had experience in using the Tactical System, also found it odd that it became so accurate that she could not believe it was this useful.

It was drastically different from what she was used to and it felt like if their squad were to continue using this, the battlefield would be an extremely efficient place to earn their keep. In fact, they might be able to get back squadmates they had lost previously from the fights if they continue to fight with this commander. With the memory core sticks still intact and in her possession, she would be able to revive them by buying new Mechanoid bodies.

Thus, it was not worth it for them to risk the rest of the squad to merely save three humans from a bunch of rebels who were ready to kill this supposed 'elite' squad that had annihilated more than fifty rebel Mechanoids in one shot.

The Rebel Commanders were trying their best to see if they could identify this particular elite squad but there was no hit on this squad at all. No information made them even more scared of this squad as they assumed it was one of the Empire's elite assassin squads. While it made sense to send such an elite squad to deal with their numbers, they found it weird that they were able to discover this place so easily.

"Could it be because of the hostages that we were handling?" One of the Rebel Commanders thought as he rushed to the room where he held the remaining hostages. Aye, remaining. The manufacturing

machine that they used to create their Mechanoids was of a cruel method. Instead of using official parts that were made from plastic, metal and synthetic fibres, the Rebel Commanders had cruelly used the most efficient resource they had available to them in this village.

Humans.

Using their flesh and muscles, they were able to create the majority of their Mechanoids as part of their arsenal. It was no doubt a taboo way of creating the Mechanoids and had been deployed only by the extreme minority of rebels. But these extreme minorities had survived the constant slaughtering from the empire to quell the rebellion that they had started to turn into terrorists holding twisted radical views against the Empire which they call themselves the Ultra Revolutionists. (Cheesy name but those rebel commanders loved it.)<.com>

When the Ultra Revolutionist Commander opened the door to see the remaining three children that were left behind, he still could not understand why the Empire would send such an elite squad against them. A large fight with various average Empire Squads was what the commander was expecting but not fighting against the Empire elite of the elites that they could not even decode their communication channel.

"What am I thinking, these three kids are useless." the commander said as he walked back to the temporary command room that the rebels had set up. While they might be trapped in this god awful underground area, they still have eyes installed around the church. The artillery did not destroy them completely and those hidden CCTVs gave them a glimpse of what the Empire was doing.

So, all they could do was wait for the Empire Squad to literally open the way for them and wait for the right opportunity to kill them. But what caught their attention was the commotion of a possible squabble with their commander and they believed that this could be the opportunity they could take advantage of.

"Sure, It sounds illogical but we need the humans to know what exactly happened to this place. They could provide the information to piece up what had allowed the rebels to amass right here." Jin tried to make an excuse, hoping that an impromptu argument would allow his Mechanoids to find reason. Although he could command them to follow his orders, they had apparently been allowing it because it was still within the survival plausibility rate.

But now that new information had come in, they had deduced that resisting their commander's command was the logical way to survive and Jin did not blame them. They probably had never fought against an army by themselves because it is ridiculous to do so. Even with the previous abnormal experiences of explosives booming to kill nearly half the rebels that were residing within the village of Artbridge, there was no way their processors would allow such an irrational command to be processed easily.

The creation of the electric drill was from the assumption that there were a few Rebel Mechanoids left and a bunch of villagers to rescue. in the best case scenario, they would surrender after seeing their rebel mates being executed so easily. The worst case scenario is that they would execute all of the villagers in an attempt of defiance before dying.

But not even attempting to rescue them would effectively cancel out the hope that the villagers could survive. Thus, Yinn had previously agreed to try to rescue them. However, now that she and the other Grey Bears knew that most of the signals were Mechanoids, her decision to help the three other humans had diminished significantly.

If the commander does not give her a suitable reason to convince them, then she might be forced to override the entire operation.

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Chapter 1458 No Obligation

Jin literally went into a pinch when he gave them the information. He had no idea that Yinn would be so opposed to going against the odds. But in retrospect, it was not her fault to think that way. Jin had always been in the business of doing crazy stuff with his minions and they knew they could deliver results.

But this was not one of such cases.

Perhaps the adrenaline of destroying that many Mechanoids had drugged him to think that he could do anything even being a hero to save them. However, when the entire squad are pressing for a convincing answer for him, Jin was not able to give them one.

His so called absolute authority had not been brought over to this new world that he was in and now he could feel how it is to feel resistance against his own selfish actions. Even in his business, he had compromises that were leaning towards his favour but right now, he had nothing at hand that could make them move for him.

"And from the beginning, this is a scouting mission. We are not obliged to save anyone. There is no bonus in saving someone as well. In fact we have completed the mission with flying colours. All we need to do is to find an official Empire communications outpost and submit our findings." Yinn said as she stared at the 3D printing of the electric drill. It was a pity to stop the production since it would be a waste so she could only allow it to continue to finish the 3D printing. (Usually, it would take faster than this but since they were initially dealing with unknown debris, Yinn had set it to the second highest detailed setting for durability.)

"We will continue your command to cut off the power. It would be the best way to trap them until proper reinforcements are here to dispose of them." Diaz replied as well.

"I might be able to overload the power if the generator allows and we can create a mini explosion on the machine so that they had to deal with a fire on their machine" Click suggested.

"Ah, so the Rebel Commanders will die because of the trapped smoke." Diaz thought that would be a great idea.

"So long as we do not submit the Tactical System's images, the Empire would not question us." Tellie hinted that killing the three humans was okay.

"Yes, the Empire also knows how flawed the Tactical System is. Even if we were to submit the images, they wouldn't fault us for not recognising it. Well, that's the worst case scenario which I doubt would ever happen. We had already completed our mission and gone over and beyond our duty." Yinn started to feel that Click's suggestion was the most ideal route.

"All the extra money, I can finally have a proper overhaul of my Mechanoid body." Diaz felt happy for once and the rest chipped in, ignoring what Jin had in mind.

"A little help here..." Jin whispered through his head as if asking for a certain somebody to aid him with his cause because he knew that the anger he had right now was not going to help the situation. Instead, it might aggravate them even further and force them against their commander.

They were not wrong in terms of self preservation but if they got the ability to save someone, Jin would do it even though it was not for profit. This is because he had the power to do so.

Instead of the usual talking back that Jin had thought it would, the Tactical System spontaneously started to process something and began to show the registry of the villagers in Artbridge. It then sorts and eliminates the people that emerged from the registry right in front of his console.<.com>

Once the sorting and elimination were done, there were six names that was popping in front of his screen and their pictures. "What?"

Jin might not know the names but the title and rank had popped up way too obvious for him to not ignore.

"Can I ask... does the title of Archduke matter?" Jin questioned the squad and they stopped their idle chatter. Jin then sent out the pictures to all of them and stated that based on their electrical and heat signatures, the possible candidates that could be stranded underground were those few.

"How can it be? Why would the child of an Empire Archduke be in this backwater place? I think this is one of the times, we should not even follow the Tactical System." Diaz said as they were finally approaching the generator.

"Yea, that is impossible." Click said as she surveyed her surroundings and was prepared to rush in with Diaz.

As impossible as it might have sounded, this gave Jin what he needed the most. An appropriate excuse to press for a rescue. This was because he roughly could deduce the consequences if they were not able to rescue a child of the Empire's Archduke as far fetched as it sounds.

Surely, there would be punishment for not even discovering such a fact and this might be the whole reason why their initial mission had been scouting type. If they had done what the mission had entailed, the squad might be able to ride it off with a death glare. However, there is no going back now that they had gone into the thick mud with the rebels, forcing them to at least attempt a rescue.

They might be punished for trying to hoard all the glory to save the child but at least they try. Either way, retreating was not an option.

"We will follow according to the plan. Cut the power to emergency power so they at least had some ventilation and then we will attempt to force our way to rescue the humans." Jin said as Yinn slammed something on Jin's chest.

"Earplugs and set the Tactical System to close off all firing sounds. It is going to be loud underground." It was apparent Yinn was not happy that she and her squadmates had to risk their lives for a kid that might be the Archduke.

"And I hope you are right because I am expecting a big reward for risking my life for such bad odds," Yinn declared and Jinn nodded his head in agreement.

"Let's survive this first."

Chapter 1459 To Grade 2 Once More -Part 1

"So, how are you going to handle this?" Yinn asked as she could not fathom how Jin is going to rescue the three humans just for the sake that one of them would be the Archduke's child, a person that is of high standing within the Empire based on its title alone. As the name implies, the Archduke stands above all of the dukes within the Empire and he has the level of prestige and fame.

It was impossible for a child of the Archduke to be hiding within Artbridge unless it was identified to be one of his bastards. Still, this did not matter to Jin at all since all he wanted was to rescue the humans that had been trapped by the rebels. He honestly did not care for the politics in the area and only wished to aid those in trouble.

Perhaps it was his previous strength that gave him this hero syndrome but even when powerless, he still believed that he should do all he can to aid fellow humans whenever possible because they were after all his resources to earn profit.

"Let me try something first," Jin said as he walked away from the trapped door. "By the way, Click, do not cut the power first. Try to see if you can manipulate the power source instead."

"I am not entirely 100% sure that this plan can work, but since you are our LT and gave us results, I will follow just this once." Click said as she looked at Diaz, knowing that she too was uncomfortable with the decision made to save three humans against a bunch of rebels Mechanoids in a small concise area.

"Fine. Fine. I will do so as well." Diaz said as she decided to patrol the area to check if the warehouse that housed the generators are void of enemies.

"Great, Diaz come back when you are able and thank you," Jin said as he placed down his two weapons and started to sit down.

"Do you need me to come down and assist?" Tellie questioned and Jin appreciated the extra assistance.

"Set overwatch closer to the church and take a few rocket launchers with you in case things get too hairy," Jin answered and Tellie complied. She packed her items and grabbed those rocket launchers as requested before descending to Artbridge.

Once all the orders were given, he calmed himself down and started to cultivate his strength. With the stress he gave to his body for consistently oozing out Maqi to search for Mechanoids, he believed that he did enough to ascend to Grade 2 again. Thus, he returned to his roots and attempted to clear his dantian core for the ascension.

Yinn had no idea what Jin was doing until she could literally feel a force field swirling around him. She could not believe what was happening to him as the corporal had never encountered such a sight before. Now she really starts to believe that he was not lying, that he came from another world.

So while the rest were executing their orders, Jin took the opportunity to brute force his way to Grade 2. The only problem was that he could not sense his Dantian core at all. It felt more distant as he tried to search for it.

"Haha. I guess he is so used to being out of his body that he had thought everything was the same." A familiar low husky voice chuckled.

"It's his failure that he cannot recognise that he is out of his body. I should punish him with even more trials."

"We are more surprised that you are even here to look after this failure."

"There is no way, I will want to be here."

Jin could vaguely recognise all the voices within his head especially the last female one but the concentration needed for him to search for his dantian core had not allowed him to voice back.<.com>

"He is still ignoring us though."

"Argh, this fellow seriously needs a whack on his head."

"What is it with you three..." Jin finally sighed and acknowledged the presence of Byakkou, Genbu and Suzaku that were swarming his head with their voices.

"Have you not realised that you are not yourself?" Genbu asked and Jin used that information to search for inconsistencies in his body.

"But how can it be..." Jin only started to realise that it felt the same as the way he was in his subconsciousness.

"He sure is dense," Suzaku complained once more. "If not for Ming, I would not even be here."

"You honestly do not have to be here." Both Byakkou and Genbu said simultaneously that it stings for Suzaku.

"Always the assholes. Why do I have to be here to put up with you guys."

"Aside from squabbling inside my head, what the hell is happening? I thought that I was being kicked into another world?! Did those gods put me in some trial instead?"

"So these are the rumoured Cardinal Lords."

"Holy shit." Jin nearly jolted out of his cultivation stance when he heard the System talking in his head. He feared that if he got out of the cultivation stance, all of those that were communicating within his head would disappear even though it was annoying and troublesome to have so many of them yapping through his mind space.

"Ah, the Panda Elders. We finally meet." Byakkou said with no animosity against it.

"Summary: User had been teleported into the Synthesis World where his body had been dumped supposed into the Celestial Plane while the Celestial Gods had forcibly pushed his soul into the Synthesis World's server."

"Ah, so those pesky gods finally made their move. Ming was right all along but to see how he predicted so far that Jin would be affected by this circumstance still boggles me to this day." Genbu commented.

"Wait, what?" Jin had more questions with the answers he received. "What do you mean that Grandpa Ming had predicted all of this?"

But all he got was an awkward silence from not just the Cardinal Lords but the System as well.

Chapter 1460 To Grade 2 Once More -Final

"In short, you do not have to know, find it out yourself when you meet him," Suzaku replied on behalf of the Cardinal Lords.

"Yea, let's concentrate on this predicament first," Byakkou added. "And also, I guess it's a miracle that his soul is strong and concrete enough to hold him steady in this Synthesised Plane."

"Indeed. When the System attempted to infiltrate into the Synthesis World's server, the System was worried that the User might have his sanity crumbling due to the forced separation of his mind and body."

"By the way, why are you talking through the Tactical System and only now when you meet the lords?" Jin asked without knowing that his Maqi was getting more and more rampant that not only Yinn noticed it but the other Grey Bears too. He was producing an electromagnetic signal that was strong enough to interfere with the current Tactical System that they were using and that included disabling the CCTVs that the rebels had as well. (The rebels thought they had been discovered.)

"The Synthesis World had their own Master AI as well and if they realised that another entity entered their server, they would send enforcers to delete the 'cheater'. Thus, the System is providing remote support and actions camouflaged as part of their repertoire."

"So far, the Master AI has not discovered anything and the only reason the System could give is that the Gods, as disgusting as they had been, might have given you an unexpected olive branch which allowed you to remain undetected. However, the System did not wish to overextend and caused the User to be found by the Synthesis' Enforcers."

"Oh...so you are that mysterious ally." Jin finally got the confirmation that the System was the self inviting ally that came to their aid. He had his suspicions but could not confirm since the System had not talked the entire time. "So this cultivation stance that I am deploying is literally an interference for you to talk?"

"Yes, and the System deduces that since your subconscious had been deeply ingrained with Ex System User Ming and his friends, the Cardinal Lords, it would be interesting to have the System theory to be confirmed as well."

"Blek, enough talking. We do not have much time left before Jin reaches his ascension to Grade 2." Byakkou said

"Huh, what? But I cannot even find my Dantian Core at all."

"And look what you had been sub-subconsciously doing." Byakkou said and then Jin found out that his Maqi was creating a brand new Dantian Core. Albeit smaller than it should have been,

"Now who is the truly bashful one," Suzaku said as she poked fun at Byakko before voicing towards Jin. "You might not have the support of all of the Cardinal Lords yet, but the three of us are strong enough to support your current foundation. The creation of your new Dantian core within your soul vessel is not possible without our help."

Jin wanted to say that he thought Suzaku had not acknowledged him but it seems that it would be best to keep that comment to himself for now. Perhaps, allowing him to owe her one is the few ways to communicate with her more.

"The System shall take the opportunity to input the most basic function that a Dungeon Supplier should have as well. The Creation of Dungeons. In summary, you need to earn as many points as possible to have your soul vessel extracted out of the Synthesis World. The rest are not able to do so for you."

"Hah, if the Panda Elders could not do something for their descendant, it would be such a disgrace to the Panda Clan." Genbu taunted but was glad that the System, Jin's main companion was able to contribute.

"Also, be sure to create your first new 'Mechanoid' with your Tactical System. Someone is waiting for you eagerly despite stern warnings that a lot of things can go wrong, the System had made sure that she would not be detected at all." <.com>

"We cannot lose to your Panda Elders as well since they had decided to give you this much. We shall gift you a small portion of our powers but use it carefully. They might not seem strong when you fought with us, but it's a different thing when you utilise them."

"Might not seem strong? You guys killed me like nearly a thousand times with your powers." Jin complained but he could feel a paw swiping at him, subsequently a stomp and finally a slap with her fire wings. As much he felt pain through that, he could feel his dantian core getting stronger not realising that their powers had been imbued into him.

"This is as much as you can get from us. Remember to use our powers or else you won't get any in the future. Till the next ascension process." Genbu chuckled as the dantian core solidified and allowed him to reach Grade 2.

When Jin opened his eyes, all he saw was Yinn and the rest of the Grey Bears pointing their guns at him.

"Woah, woah, what is with this hostility?" Jin raised his hands up slowly and the Grey Bears finally loosened their combat stance.

"We thought you went insane and had to put you down if you did not show any sign of sentience," Yinn said as she extended her hand to help Jin up.

"Yinn is bullshitting. She wants to kill you so that we do not have to go through this bullshit rescue." Diaz joked as she reported to Click that everything was all okay.

"I would have supported her decision as well," Tellie said as she was observing everything through her scope on top of the roof of a building near the Church.

"What exactly happened to you?" Yinn asked while Jin squeezed his fists together to feel the strength he had acquired.

"Just a powerup process through a specific type of mediation."

"How is that even remotely possible?" Diaz asked but decided to keep her mind open since she saw something she never experienced before.

"If it gives you comfort, I can go in first," Jin smirked as if challenging Diaz.

"Heh. You are now mocking me." Diaz picked up her shotgun from her back as if she was not going to fall back at all.

"Then let's go together," Jin said as he picked up the fully printed electric drill. Now with his newly acquired Grade 2, he might have a chance to deal with the situation with more finesse.