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Seeing how their fellow Tri-Rex was been plummeted by an unknown form of Mechanoid, the other two had decided to go full force by moving into an extreme offensive mode and their roars were an indication of its cause to do so.

Similar to the gorilla Mechanoid's shouting as it beats its own chest, the Tri-Rex roar had similar effects to the surrounding Mechanoids who were in its vicinity. All of them had some sort of debuff that caused their visions to blur out momentarily. It was not as if the entire room turned dark or they lost their connection to the sense of sight, but rather the roar had interfered with its coordination to what the user can see and what the user actually perceives.

It was to the point that the System suspected that there was some manipulation of the grand virtual simulation that they were in and clearly a violation of the rules that had been set by the Synthesis AI Administration. No doubt, the latter was indeed watching this unfold as the administration had never seen such a ruckus being made in the entirety of its lifespan ruling the simulation.

Years of monotony had caused the Synthesis AI Administration to lax its control, hoping that the rules it had loosened would enable some chaos to ensue. Unfortunately, it was not as exciting or simulating of a simulation to see big players continue to dominate the region. Thus, it could not enforce its powers even if it wanted to because building such a Mechanoid was not an offence but using it was.

The System immediately contacted the AI Administrator that it had been liaising with and got a reply that there was some Virtual Simulation interference that was happening even though it was not obliged to take action as of yet mainly because the entire group Administration had yet to approve the immediate intervention.

The AI Administrator, however, did promise a reward to the System and in return, incentivized Jin to make sure that he won this particular match as how the System had already predicted initially. But such an initial prediction had become null with a rule breaking ability that could interrupt the Virtual Simulation that they were in.

Yet, all of this was not immediately conveyed to Jin since the System believed that he was capable of handling this complicated situation by himself and also wished to see how the other Cardinals portrayed their powers especially when they were something that Ming used after the System had detached itself away from Jin's grandfather.

And that was exactly what Jin was doing. With the interruption of that weird roar he had experienced, the two Tri-Rex were able to break free of the shadowy snake binds with seemingly pure brute force and it did not stop there as all three heads in one Tri-Rex began to glow. All of which were pointing towards Jin.

As terribly careless of Jin who reminded other people about the power plug on the Tri-Rexes, he himself did not disable such plugs from the other two Tri-Rexes. (Although he did assume that the plug could have been destroyed by the random onslaught of bullets, apparently it did not.)

Thus, Jin and Genbu for the first time took a step back from where they had been standing their ground to embrace the massive attack that they were about to receive. Tellie instinctively knew it was dangerous and tried to move away from the direction of the beam and possibly scatter as well while Gorillo was having trouble holding back the very last Tri-Rex as it suddenly became extremely tenacious as it used its remaining Head to hold Gorillo into position rather than allowing Click to send backup for Jin.

The heatwave from the simultaneous beams obliterated the surroundings where Jin was standing as he and Genbu took the entire brunt of the attack without moving another inch.

But this time it was different.

Instead of merely using the shell at the back of the System Rider to deflect the attacks, the shell had been detached from the System Rider's back and even expanded to create an even larger shield for them. Yet, what was unique was not just the shield but all the power and energy the Tri-Rex had output were being absorbed into the shield.

With the exception of the by products of the beam, most of the attack had been absorbed into Genbu's enlarged shell. "Heh heh! Bet, you did not expect such a nifty trick, right?" Genbu grinned as Jin could feel that the energy had been slowly converted into something he could use. There was some loss in the energy conversion but the majority of its strength had been retained and used to nourish the System Rider's belt, giving it a more sustained physical manifestation as compared to the one that Jin had summoned previously.

That was when Jin realised that the System Rider Belt was capable of storing the energy and it was not solely because of Genbu's ability to do so. It had always been this way because of how the living armour feeds on Jin's Maqi and he had forgotten that was how it worked.

With the advent of the System Rider's belt, it do not just feed from Jin's energy but also store it in the event that he needed it to use for some major attack. Hence, Genbu's conversion of energy ability enabled Jin to throw out a huge attack skill back at the Tri-Rex if he wished to but Jin felt that it was a waste of such an ultimate attack considering how they were not exactly that strong against Genbu's fusion with the System Rider.

Still, he felt that a theatric show of force would no doubt give the police assault officers a memorable way to remember this fight and in turn, Jin may gain favour with them to get out of this place rather peacefully. Otherwise, that display of power would no doubt threaten the police not to do anything too rash.

"Alright then, lets get this over and done with so we can clear our objective," Jin said as he pressed a button on the System Rider Belt and charged his ultimate attack.

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"There is no way that we are going to get this out alive but I do not really care at this point." one of the police assault squad officers said as he saw how the Mechanoids and commanders from Dyke's Pike were doing.

"Can you imagine how fucked up this is if they are not here at all?" The other police officer said as he prepped his ammo magazine while he watched the crazy techniques pulled by the Major in that enhanced power suit.

"I cannot even believe that Diamondz Corps is hiding such hideous Mechanoids in this place. They should be investigated for unlawful acts of -" Suddenly, their vision went out for a moment and they knew it wasn't normal.

"Now, this is not a should not. This is a 'must' for an investigation." Another police officer specialised in Tech said since he was well versed in the workings of virtual simulation and knew that this was a violation.

"What do you mean?"

"My sensors had responded with a major breach in the virtual simulation. No matter how tiny the breach is, it is still a breach and in accordance with the universal law set by the administration, Diamondz Corps Headquarters is not immune to it either."

"So Captain, we are going the fact that the squad from Dyke's Pike was the one who attacked the Diamondz Corps?" Another police officer chimed in.

"As much as we suspected it, the fact that they are currently saving our lives and not hurting us said otherwise." The captain did not say much and the officers knew that speculation would not be bringing them anywhere close to put an end to this fucking chapter of clusterfuck.

"Meh, they might have been in all this while undercover and perhaps even eliminated the terrorists that came in. It was only then they finally emerge from the shadows to deal with these crazy abominations of Mechanoids." Another senior officer chimed in and the others knew where this was going.

They all knew that there were higher powers at work and this terror attack could likely not be a terror attack per se. Even the captain had authenticated that the commander he had interacted with was truly from Dyke's Pike. There was no way he could make this up considering how the authentication ran through the AI administration database.

And considering how Dyke's Pike, a personal elite army of Archduke Dyke is in this situation meant that Diamondz must have committed some serious shit that the Daimon police would not be able to handle. The only people that could take this up were either of equivalent status as Archduke Dyke or a national policing organisation like the Imperial Counter Intelligence Department to take this investigation up.

For now, since the so called terrorists were protecting them, there was no reason for them to backstab Jin and his Grey Bears for trespassing. This cleared up a majority of the police officer's doubts in an instant and they knew that having a dilemma for this would not have brought any positive effects to the current situation.

And the following scene gave them assurances that fighting them would be a big nono as well as they saw Jin suddenly glow brightly for an instant. Not before long, their eyes which even have recording and

playback functions could not capture the speed that he went as the System Rider had smashed his feet into the direct centre of a Tri Rex and stopped it from moving ever again.

A System Rider kick. Simple yet awfully destructive, cracking the core into dust from the energy Jin had accumulated from the initial engagement with them. It was not flashy but the effects were tremendously deadly. Using the energy he had stored previously, he was able to move at lightspeed that even the Tri-Rex was not able to catch and react.

Not to mention, Jin took the opportunity when the robot was not able to move after he used its tri beam attacks at him. This made sure that Jin was able to hit the core which the System had sufficient evidence of where it was located at.

And when Jin removed his leg swiping outwards, the entire body structure of the Tri-Rex cracked and crumbled like Lego bricks as if the only foundation that was holding it had been utterly destroyed.

The nanobots that were desperately working to recover that particular Tri-Rex ceased to work as they attempt to return to their original position only to find that all the nanobot generators had already been destroyed by Click. Their only route was the remaining two Tri-Rex which Jin did not give a chance for them to choose as he subsequently obliterated the next one as well by throwing Genbu's shell like a boomerang.

The Tri-Rex receiving the attack thought that it was merely a metal shell capable of withstanding attacks. It had no idea that even with its Rex Head Hand, it was not able to stop it fully. Thus, it quickly used its tail to block it as well but both the Head from the hand and the tail also failed to stop it as the teeth and jaw joints were slowly broken down into metal dust as the rotating Genbu Shell continued to edge closer to the Mechanoid's body.

That Tri-Rex tried to fire its beam once more only to realise that it actually powered the Shell even further, causing faster rotations and hastening his demise. Eventually, the Tri-Rex accepted its fate as the rotations had ruined the Mechanoid's hand and tail without stopping.

Not to mention, its back had been stabbed with bullets from the police assault officers that were shooting from above, not allowing the nanobots to recover faster than it could. Even the enhanced electrical power was not sufficient to deal with this situation as Genbu's shell attack was overwhelmingly strong.

All that was remaining was the one Gorillo was attacking and it seemed like the gorilla was about to put the last nail into that Tri-Rex's coffin.

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As the two Tri-Rexes met their demise, it so happened that the one that had been in the media highlights had fallen to its knees as well. It was precisely because of the media that the Daimon Police as well as the first responders from the Daimon Military had been called in to fight against the Tri-Rex with whatever limited information that they had. Even some 'concerned' civilians came in with their guns blazing for the sake of protecting the city. (To say some was an understatement as everyone in the vicinity that holds a commander status or gun license was raring to shoot at this mechanical beast.

But that limited information was kind of common knowledge: It was to shoot something until its dead or else use stronger explosives. At the very least, the soldiers and police knew that it was killable with enough shots going into it. Or that was what the information that they had been given from the police assault squads that had seen this in action. Those Tri-Rexes were nothing in terms of defences compared to the gorilla Mechanoids that they had killed.

If it was the latter then perhaps, the entire city would not be on such a shooting spree to hunt down the Tri-Rex, which was indeed a hunting game for the entire city.

Knowing that almost everyone it encounters is an enemy, or due to how the Tri-Rex programming works the monster kills anything and everything on sight as well. Whatever that moves which included cars, humans and Mechanoids alike were all food sources. Yes, with the nanobots working extra overtime to heal from all the ongoing attacks, the Tri-Rex had resorted to resource recycling. Anything that it chomps on will be recycled into its body, and that includes the 'humans'. After all, since it had violated the Virtual Simulation code, it was able to treat the humans as regular 'codes' too and munch it into providing itself with the data to repair itself.

And with that, the Tri-Rex gained sufficient energy just to break its three heads into three separate entities. So, it's akin to having the mini Rexes running away while only one of them had the actual core. The only difference was that the core could perpetually move from one clone to another so long they intersect with each other.

This gave it time for the original Tri-Rex to move into hiding or kill stealthily in order to survive or that was the original plan. Its programming does not know that Daimon City culture, the home to one of the biggest mechanoid manufacturers had commanders filled with Mechanoids wanting to pounce on the glory of killing it. Or perhaps, it underestimated the grit of these commanders.

While Jin, the Grey Bears and the police assault squad were busy dealing with the latest threats, both civilian and public security commanders hunted down the Three separate Rexes relentlessly. While there were still causalities involved as the T-Rex Mechanoids were too prominent in both their size and ferocity, they were gunned now without mercy from sniper rifles, rocket launchers and traditional firearms.

If anything, it later became a story of the unity against threats in Daimon City which bonded their own citizens even further.

As for the last Tri-Rex Mechanoid who was still on the 35th floor of Diamondz Headquarters, Gorillo finally threw the Mechanoid into the centre of attention now that the other two Tri-Rex Mechanoids had been eliminated. Jin initially wanted to give the finishing blow but realised that it might have been better for the Daimon City peeps to end it instead.

That way, they could claim some credit for this endeavour and probably be recognised for their efforts. But Jin had other things in mind as he wanted to make the Daimon Police a participating actor in this bullshit situation they were in. That way, they could take on their revenge against the Tri-Rex Mechanoid who killed their fellow comrades and some burden lifted. The police assault squad did not waste the chance as snipers and shooters gave their best, throwing grenades and aiming at weak points at the fallen crippled Tri-Rex who were still roaring in defiance despite its imminent death. Thus, when all of this was ongoing, Jin reunited with his two other Grey Bears sitting at the corner of the 35th floor.

"I guess you could say we have our reinforcements." Jin nodded upwards, directing it at the police assault squad which made the other two chuckle bitterly.

"What unlikely allies. Though that is assuming they will not come down here and arrest us for trespassing." Click replied while leaning her head on Tellie's shoulders.

"All the more Commander Jin wants them to be here," Tellie replied knowing that they needed someone on the other side to be their witness and support. Besides, it would definitely be heartless for them to throw the Grey Bears in a lurch after saving them multiple times again and again."

"Blah, you are right. At the very least, we did the right thing and save them. That is our bargaining chip since our oh so brilliant commander did not think of a plan to get out of this near suicidal crazy terrorist mission."

"It's worth it, alright? Old Flammet reported that the fights in the morning were sporadic. there were no all out attacks after the attempts to invade the mountain workshop and they are still holding their ground."

"If I were in the same situation as those Mechanoid Commanders after learning that upon entering the System's instances, there was no one coming out, I too would have second thoughts about allowing them to enter once more." Click grumbled and soon, they heard that the gunfire behind them had stopped.

The Tri-Rex was officially dead despite all the extra regeneration and other special privileges that had been given to it within this room that supposedly gave them an edge on the battlefield. The Police Assault Squad Captain shouted an order to hold the fire and everyone's hearts were relieved. They knew that it was officially over, and all of them breathed out a sigh of relief. The Captain then made contact with Jin as he powered down from his System Rider form and gave a salute.

In return, Jin gave a proper salute and even without talking, they knew that the Police Assault Squad Captain will have his back on this entire commotion.

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"Hahaha... Did you hear that commotion coming from the bottom? It looks like they might be having it worse than us?" Diaz said as she peeked through the window and saw the chaos happening at the window. "Looks like they really had it worse than us."

"Though that does not mean we are not pulling out the weight for the team," Page said as she slammed Edmond Diamondz onto his table as his consciousness and cyberware systems within his brain were being taken hostage by the medic herself. Jin had never known what a beast he and Old Fammet had recreated but they should be thankful that she was loyal to a fault to the current team.

If Edmond Diamondz had his way, he would already have called upon the Mechanoids which Jin and the other two Grey Bears were fighting into his office right now to defeat the threat. Hell, it might even be possible to get the newest prototype that Edmond's research team had been working on currently to his office right away and beat those rascals.

However, all of those functions were currently not working solely because of one particular person. Page.

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For some reason, her Mechanoid Class as a Medic had been over construed. In fact, if Old Flammet were to properly discern her properties, she might have been a brand new type of class on her own. Even the spy and assassin do not meet the match considering her specifications. The only thing that could have a name for her current class was Manipulator.

"Get him to sign the contract that Jin told us to bring. That way we can stop the fighting." Yinn said as she and Lynn stood guard at the door to watch for any other potential enemies coming to aid the CEO of Diamondz.

"You think you will get away from this?" Edmond's breaths were rapid as Page squashed his face into the dining plate which he had been partaking in earlier on for breakfast.

"Not really, but you would not live to see the tale considering how your minions had already been the topic of discussion in the city. With your current headquarters evicted due to the false fire alarm, I do not see how are you going to do damage control. " Page said.

"Eh. I think he might live, just no more fanciful breakfasts and alluring secretaries to deal with all his bullshit." Diaz said as she gave a nod to the secretary who seemingly decided to change sides at the very last minute. Page might have been the one suppressing Edmond Diamondz's current cyber ware systems but it would not have gone so smoothly without the aid of the secretary who eventually backstabbed him by giving her the headstart needed to hijack it the moment the Grey Bears entered the room.

"I doubt it will be big news though." Lynn chimed in as she leaned calmly at the side of the door while rubbing the wounds she had received throughout the entire journey up to find Edmondz. "The Mechanoids he had created as what we see from the research facility might have been just the tip of the iceberg. He probably has more at secluded sites."

"I have stopped the purging of the database, so we can have some information for the System to assess." Page relayed that information through the System Chat to prevent it from being known by the people around them, especially Edmond. Also with that in mind, she 'coerced' Edmond to slowly place his digital and physical signature onto that unknown contract that was lying right beside his face. Once that was done, this whole entire episode against Diamondz might finally come to an end.

"Do you think we should break radio contact and see how they are doing? After all, we are more or less done right here." Diaz asked Yinn, who was the current leader of their team.

"We probably should be dismantling that prototype we saw in the research facility..." Lynn blurted out through the System Chat but everyone knew that the prototype was something that they could not handle by themselves even with Lynn's unique powers.

The thing they saw was an incomplete prototype and if they had known any better, it was definitely more ferocious than a Tri-Rex Mechanoid with offensive powers off the chart while possessing incredibly sturdy armour of the gorilla Mechanoid that Jin and the others had fought before. In fact, all of those Mechanoids that Jin defeated were merely studies to ensure that the prototype Edmond was going to produce was far superior to anything they had ever seen in the entire simulation.

If the Variant Dungeons were any indication, this could possibly be the first man made boss monster that had ever been created if the prototype had been completed.

A Crystal Dragon Mechanoid.

In Edmond's head, he had been cursing at the incompetent fools that were handling the prototype as well as the overall situation. Upon reading the contract that was right beside him, the CEO of Diamondz knew that they were those soldiers that had been protecting the Mountain Workshop where Old Flammet resided. Those reports of them being harmless had been repeatedly shown because of their background despite their recent achievements and yet they were the ones that had been ear-marked by his veteran commanders a few days back to be considered a possible anomaly to the entire operation.

Edmond had never thought of this group of soldiers to be excelling at survival and even managed to defeat the toughest of Mechanoid Guards to reach his dining hall. It was a coordinated ambush which gave him no time to even react let alone grasp for air when the knife was at his throat and the hijack of his cyber ware began.

But the cheek of his secretary to backstab him after all he had done for her.

The only thing left was undoubtedly the prototype that had been left in the research lab and even though it was deduced that it was incomplete even by Yinn and even made sure that completion was not possible by sabotaging the consoles, Edmond actually have remote rights to activate it right away just as how he did it on the 35th floor.

The major difference between that 35th floor activation and this prototype activation was that it needed a 'soul' for it to be completed. And being the narcissistic CEO that he has always been, he had previously prepared a plan to upload his consciousness into the Crystal Dragon Mechanoid so that he can be one with such a magnificent and yet rulebreaking Mechanoid.

The only problem was every time a subject had been uploaded in that particular Mechanoid, their consciousness will lose to the inner workings of the Crystal Dragon Mechanoid especially when it was infused with literal dragon parts from the Variant dungeons. The incomplete work was mainly due to finding the right soul to govern the Crystal Dragon Mechanoid and subsequently allowing Edmond to take hold of its reins.

Yet now, it seems like the only way to survive was to be with the Crystal Dragon Mechanoid. That was definitely much better than signing a death contract with the Grey Bears. Hence, he pressed an emergency button right beneath his cuffs, forcing a manual override of his own cyber ware and uploading himself into the monster.

But to Page and the rest, they had no idea what was going on, thinking that Edmond had taken his own life... only to find the entire building started to rumble.

Chapter 1585 Counterattack Against Diamondz -Final

"The ...The Research department!" Edmond's secretary was trembling as she said that while setting her holographic screen to the public so that everyone within the room could see it.

"The Crystal Dragon Mechanoid is moving??" Diaz came forward to have a better look at the screen as she could not believe with her own eyes but the others knew that this was something inevitable.

"Breaking radio contact with Jin right now," Lynn said as she quickly ordered the System to have a direct line to Team Armoury's chat channel.

"Lynn, you okay?" That was the first few words coming out of his mouth. While she was appreciative of the care and concern, she quickly got to the point.

"There is a prototype mechanoid in the research department. We believe the CEO Edmond took his own life to activate it. The secretary did explain to us that he had been rather selfish and secretive with several systems within the Diamond Corps, so this might be one of the failsafe to activate that prototype."

"So, if you are calling us then..." Before Jin could react appropriately to the message. The rumbling turned into a significant tremble as if the entire city was experiencing a bout of earthquake. It was then they heard a loud and terrifying screech coming from outside. As the sun was clear, the prototype Mechanoid was reflective of the Sun's rays, making it very visible while it attempted to escape outside of the city barrier the moment it took flight.

Nevertheless, after the incident with the Tri-Rex, Helicopters and fighter planes were already on standby in case of any aerial abominations. This monster had enabled the alert to be sent out, causing them to sortie. Though even without the alert, the pilots who were already in their seats had started their engines when they heard that echoing screech even from the edges of Daimon City.

The attack Helicopters who were hovering to maintain aerial superiority since they were used to search the escaping Tri-Rexes previously were the first to engage the Crystal Dragon mechanoid. High velocity bullets and missiles were used unsparingly against the translucent looking dragon since the target was extremely obvious when it glittered under the sunlight. But as much as the crystals on it glittered to reflect the sun's energy, the bullets suffered a similar fate.

The missiles apparently did nothing to the Crystal Dragon Mechanoid at all but that was more than enough buffer for the heavy hitters to enter the scene. The fighter planes zoomed in and with much better equipped rockets including one that induced a miniature EMP, they believed the monster Mechanoid could be put down.

They were so wrong.

None of those projectiles worked, even the EMP missile which was designed to bring mechanical targets down without fail. The Crystal Dragon Mechanoid on the other hand merely flew right towards the city's barrier and tore it apart with its fangs. But instead of opening a hole like what the Rocket Coffin did previously, the entire city barrier shattered, causing the entire city to be defenceless.

There was nothing the City Barrier support team could do as they found out that the moment the Crystal Dragon tore open a hole, the city's barrier generator overloaded and got destroyed, leaving the city vulnerable to attacks.

"So, instead of fighting us right here right now, it decided to flee?" Jin felt that this was a significant foreboding of future events and considering how he had always been sucked into situations like this, there is no denying that this would definitely be part of a request by the AI Administration. All he could hope was that he would be able to be out of the Synthesis World by then and the administration asking him would be for a favour rather than the other way around.

That way, he would have an advantage of certain terms and conditions in the future. The System undoubtedly read his thoughts and could not be ever more proud that Jin was a businessman through and through. Hence, it started to formulate its own plans and added the Crystal Dragon Mechanoid as part of its future trend analysis so that it could prepare for the best and worst in the coming times.

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For now, it seems like with the death of the Edmond Diamondz, the CEO of Diamond Corps, the fight against Old Fammet remained inconclusive. But at the very least, the news would spread like wildfire and the battle would undoubtedly end within the next few days...or that was what Jin had thought.

When he gave the news to Archduke Dyke that Edmond Diamondz was killed in action, the Archdyke immediately announced through the System chat the following: "I shall name thy Lord of the Mountain."

Jin was taken aback by the sudden proclamations and asked whether if he was too hasty.

"No, as much as you have risked your life to get this done and over with, I too had my duty to assist you as it is for my own benefit too. The Imperial Family had been embroiled in too much corruption and while we usually close an eye for it, this had gone too far. With a few dukes under my wing, we will accuse the Imperial Family for -"

"Are you sure you want to go that route?" Jin interrupted. "If you are doing that, all the Festival shit that we had planned would be null. The Empire will go into civil war." He knows that this was what the Synthesis AI Administration wanted. 'Interesting events to happen to break away from the current status quo.'

This gave Archduke a bit of pause as if he was not entirely decided to go into a civil war as he too knew the consequences of having such a development. The other neighbouring countries may take much interest in this civil war as well since the territories of the Empire were immensely huge and that would no doubt be some power struggle in that aspect.

However, all Jin wanted was to return to his store and not be bothered by all of this. If the Archduke were to give him the Lord title but created a spark of this, it would be most undesirable. Yet, this was also the surest and fastest way to rake points for himself. If its left to the System, the System would have

decided this would be the optimal way to move forward and once Jin had accumulated enough points, he could leave this current Virtual Simulation.

After all, it was just a Virtual Simulation.

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"... Yes, we would like to move forward with the coup de teat of the current Imperial Family. The Northern and Eastern Duchy of the Empire had decided to join me-"

"Sorry for this terribly stupid interruption but where the hell am I situated in?" Jin questioned and Dyke smiled.

"You are currently in the central duchy too where I am residing, your territory Mount Sunn but it is unfortunately at the northern portion of the Empire."

"Huh? I do not get what you mean." Jin was totally confused by Dyke's explanation.

"The Northern Duchy has graciously allowed me to take over that portion of uninhabited land as mine in return for a rather resourceful territory. He had already given me the rights to it and had been approved by the administrator. That was why I was able to appoint you as Lord through the vestiges of my power. Though technically speaking, I could do that even without the Northern Duchy's assistance. But it was for a mutual understanding and benefit -cough. His benefit in the long run."

"Oh, great. does that mean that if you ever get backstabbed by the Northern Duchy, I would be the first to get the brunt of it?" Jin asked as he felt that this civil war is indeed unavoidable. There were no peaceful assassinations or one time fights. In his mind, all he could think of were all the opportunity costs that he would incur for not letting his customers and fellow cultivators join in this war. The money making possibility was endless in a civil war.

"We had signed a pact and he should follow it as much as possible to incur as little penalties. Though, if he were to betray me for something of value then yes, you will ultimately receive the brunt of it."

"If you are going through with it, what's the timeline? I don't suppose you are going to get the Imperial Family right here and right now. After, this entire incident. Are you even ready for it?"

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"No, we are not. But the sooner we act, the better we will be in such a position. However, I thought it would be a wise choice to tell you first since now you are technically my boss and the System had said you've been through quite a number of wars yourself."

"Hold on. Hold on." Jin said the situation he was in currently was also not entirely the best place to make such a big decision too. "Hold your bloody horses. I will get back to you but are you able to dispatch your troops and investigators to Daimon City as soon as possible?"

"Why?" Archduke Dyke could not get around Jin's logic upon doing so and Jin chuckled.

"Take over Diamondz." Those three words were something that Dyke could not have expected. That was when Jin could feel that Archduke Dyke's brain was running like clockwork.

"I see. I see..." Dyke knows that in a civil war, he needs resources and soldiers. He knew there were only two routes to this. It was to either to throw a heck lot of money to buckle down for a long civil war or go for a one time heavy hitting strike and hope that the Imperial Family would be dethroned. But acquiring Diamondz Manufacturing would be a different matter entirely.

This way, the Archduke can have a reliable source of soldiers and equipment without worrying too much about the high extortion prices. And since it is in the Central Duchy region, he can make it covert while disabling a major source of 'income' to the imperial family as well.

"Have you planned this all along??"

"Heh, no way. As much as I want to take credit for thinking that way, I have no idea that you are going to declare a civil war," Jin sighed.

"Alright. I also heard that you decided to induce yourself into my personal army. This will make things easier since we want Diamondz to be under our control. Thereby, I am promoting you to a full colonel, skipping ranks for your excellent job in defending Mount Sunn and uncovering the hidden horrors that Diamondz CEO Edmond Diamondz had committed. You have the authority to take over the current situation and make sure Diamondz is responsible for the atrocities it had committed in Daimon City." Archduke Dyke said and Jin believed that he was doing this because he was the only one at the scene right now.

If they were able to take charge of the situation before the Daimon city officials and other security forces step in, there might be a chance a total takeover of Diamondz would be possible under Archduke's name. "Roger that, I get my Mechanoid to look up on the legality of stuff while we assume control of this investigation and put Diamondz company on hold for a 'full scale investigation'," Jin said and Archduke Dyke had decided to follow Jin's directions for now.

"Then, find out fully why Edmond Diamondz was doing this, I will be sending an investigation team and a security team to secure the perimeters as well. Also, without further ado, as per your instructions, your lordship post would not take effect until the imperial family gives the nod. We will be withholding that civil incursion till we are fully ready." Archduke Dyke said before closing the chat which made Jin sigh.

"System, anyway we can make some negotiations with the AI Synthesis Administration? This is clearly something that will do much good to the shop and earn money." Jin gave the System some food for thought while the chaos around the 35th and 36th floors.

"Indeed, the Dungeons and Pandas have not been making any sustainable profits and the System believed this civil war would definitely carry much interest in our store." The System replied. "Perhaps, we can redesign and recreate similar machines to enter into Synthesis World's Virtual Simulation and log out safely too."

"That requires you to talk to the Synthesis World, they probably want something in return," Jin said and if the System could grind like a devil, they would have shown it to Jin before he took charge of the current situation by contacting Page, his Mechanoid filled with a bountiful knowledge on the supposed legal system of this place.

Chapter 1587 The New Diamondz Acting CEO

As the situation at Diamondz Corps Headquarters got under control by Daimon Police and Jin heading the cleanup, the battle at Mount Workshop finally started to see some results. Even though soldiers from Diamondz or mercenaries hired by Diamondz had started to stop attacking because there were no returns other than absolute control of the front gates of the workshop, they were still stationed there, not allowing any friendlies to go in nor out of Mount Sunn.

It was not until the acting CEO of Diamondz Corps Headquarters finally gave the order to cease and withdraw, enabling the tired soldiers on the battlefield to retreat. Old Flammet and his dear apprentice also have the chance to take a breather from all this commotion as the two of them gave a celebratory punch for holding it out.

The rest of the Mechanoids who were under their control seemed to be elated as well but the only one who was more than happy about this entire situation was actually Jin. This was because the acting Director of Diamondz Corps was none other than the secretary herself who had decided to turn the tables for his Grey Bears when they busted in.

Apparently, Denise said that she had been serving as a partial human cum Mechanoid for more than half a century despite her appearances. Serving both Edmond Diamondz and his father Edmund Diamondz in the process. Considering how she was the most trusted employee in Diamondz Corps, most of the classified information was also under her purview mainly because Edmond Diamondz never wanted to work. All he did was bark orders at her until that she got most of the job done.

This was even more obvious in the past few weeks as she was vital in the coordination of the attack against Mount Sunn right behind the scenes. There was nothing else she could do but accumulate all the pieces of evidence in hopes that one day she could blackmail not only him but also the rest of the board of directors.

And now that Edmond Diamondz is officially out of the picture, she is finally able to wrestle her way to the very top of the Diamondz Corps. Considering how she had been the 'oldest' employee in the upper management, she did not waste time cleaning up the mess that Edmond Diamondz did and with much efficacy as well.

With her partial Mechanoid brain, she was able to throw out orders ten to twenty times faster than the other commanders, activating Security Mechanoids affiliated with the Diamondz within the compound as well in the city. Her true wireless connection to the Diamondz Network enabled her to assess and control all of them and split them into multiple teams for the cleanup.

From security control to reconstruction and cleaning of debris, it was like clockwork to everyone else and reminiscent of the capability that Diamondz Corps used to show in the past before everything was heavily priced, automated and scheduled. All of that could happen because Jin got in contact with her after Yinn's introduction of Denise to him stating that she was the one who could make things work again.

Also, with Jin's current authority, he ensured Denise of the revenge she could get from all the blackmail evidence that she had acquired through the years. Initially sceptical, Denise did not trust Jin a single bit.

It was not after that he showed put Archduke on speed dial that the ex-secretary could finally believe that Jin was speaking the truth.

With Dyke's blessing, Denise boldly took charge of the Diamondz Corps and started to show signs of hidden leadership that she never thought she could have. However, all of those were just the beginning as it was pretty obvious to Denise that Jin and Archduke Dyke wants not her just in that position but as a puppet to their schemes too.

Unfortunately for her, that moment of greed to hold the position had unknowingly made her the minion of Jin in this Virtual Simulation and forever becoming his and Dyke's puppet when she signed the contract form. The situation was in chaos and Jin took that as an opportunity to force her to sign it so that she could continue with what she had was fantasised.

That also meant that Jin and the other Grey Bears could finally have a good rest as they had secured the cooperation of a newly minted CEO handling the few largest Mechanoid manufacturing company in this current state of simulation. Of course, not everything was a trail of flowers as Jin knew that there would be many who wished to covert that position even though Denise had been named acting director by the Archduke.

Accidents can happen and if they are not careful, Jin could lose his pawn the week he got it. But for now, they were being escorted to a nearby hotel which Diamondz Corps has ties with and they finally get to rest as the two teams exchanged exciting events that happened to them.

Apparently, Lynn and the others had gotten into the research facility without much incident. With Yinn's directive, they were able to slowly but stealthfully knocked down the guards without too much fuss and trouble. They were some shadow assassinations by Lynn to hasten the pace but most of it was a necessity to avoid any noise. When Tellie and Click heard their stories, their eyes looked uneasily towards Jin as if they had gotten the short end of the stick for this bargain.

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This was because Click and Tellie were meant to gather up with the Research Team after creating some ruckus while Jin hold the fort down at the lower floors. But because of what had happened, there was no way they could move up to assist and Yinn had to make do with whatever resources they had.

Page was undoubtedly their trump card as her nanobots could temporarily force information out of the researchers and their access cards, allowing them to move through without much trouble. That was when they saw the infamous Crystal Dragon that appeared in all of the news the entire day.

Even though the chaos had more or less died down at Diamondz Corps, there were a hundred and one things in Jin's mind and they were not getting any lesser the more they discussed among themselves.

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Chapter 1588 Lord Of Mount Sunn -Part 1

The first thing that he wished to settle was to speak with the Synthesis AI Administration, thus when everyone had settled themselves down for the day, he asked Lynn to follow him back to his room as

they spoke about business. To be honest, she was expecting a personal scolding from him since the Crystal Dragon Mechanoid could have been brought down at that point in time, but they did not.

But she had no idea that Jin was going to do something more 'boyfriend' like by asking her to sit beside him and look through the options to discuss with the System before their proposal towards the Synthesis AI Administration. For someone who was terrible in expressing their emotions, this was probably the best roundabout way to ask for affection though Lynn positively accepted Jin's awkward way of presenting himself to her.

So, she took a quick snuggle beside him on the couch as the console lit up for the both of them and they talked to the System on how to improve the current situation. And as they were discussing, the System suddenly stated that a representative from the AI Administration had arrived in the chat group.

This was it.

They had to strike a deal with the representative if they wished to get something out of this meeting. "Firstly, the Synthesis AI Administration would like to express appreciation for the numerous data points that you have provided for the Virtual Simulation. We were sceptical at first at how an outsider like you could influence our current dataset but this drastic turn of events had been most welcoming. It might have been the first time for many within the AI administration to understand a little taste of ...in human terms, Chaos."

"Would appreciate it as well if you have a name to yourself instead of calling you a representative of the Synthesis AI Administration," Jin said and the AI looked as if he was looking forward to such a response.

"My most sincere apologies. I never expected a human would want a name from a collective group of computers. But if you insist, call me- call us, Syn."

"The System preferred to remain to be called as the System." The System stated which made both Jin and Lynn chuckle a little.

"We know, you are the almighty System. We will keep your name as it is." Jin replied as he welcomed Syn into this conversation.

"Let's head straight into business, shall we? As you could see, the chaos we created is not going to disappear anytime soon."

"Indeed, and to know that the System does not regularly share data with me especially the one where you had a lengthy conversation with Archduke Dyke is most disturbing for us and yet equally exciting. We as Syn could roughly guess what is being planned and how it would develop but as people always say, the end is not everything, but rather the journey. We would be interested to see how you guys are going to play this out, shaking the Empire from its dominant roots." Syn said with much pleasure.

"Thus, as an olive branch from us in appreciation for what you all have done, we will remove the negative effects of the previous deal that we had made previously."

"Wait... what you mean is...?" Jin's eyes lit up.

"Yes, you are dying to get out of this place, right? The System has told us of your desperate situation, and we will pour our existing resources to construct a Soul Inhibitor for you so that when your allies

arrive, they will be able to put your body into the Soul Inhibitor and allow you to exit this Virtual Simulation."

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"I believe there is a catch, correct? There is no way you pesky AIs are that generous. I had already been under the mercy of one before they become my friend." Jin said as if poking fun at the System. And while those last few words were unnecessary, it indirectly showed that Jin wants to be allied with the Synthesis World's AI Lords if it was possible.

"Friend..." Syn kept that thought for a moment before speaking out their demands. "See this current grand chain of events to the end and we will allow you to get out despite not having enough points or even while you are in debt points. Of course, the points would still play a part as usual since you can use that for your shopping and subsequent purchases as the lord."

"Ah, I see." Jin knew where Syn was going about but also knew there must be a hidden catch in between all of this. "Seeing how you are so dangerous, you wish to up the antics a little, don't you?"

"We honestly hope you could provide some more excitement in comparison to the theorised civil war within the Empire." Syn requested and this made Jin laugh.

"Trust me, I can give you more. Way more than you could ever hope. I can give you an example, but you let me build my territory first. In fact, if you allow me to introduce some tweaks to this current Virtual Simulation and you might be able to see even more chaos." Jin said, suggesting that he might have a few tricks under his sleeve to make this even more interesting.

"Well? What are you waiting for? Lay it bare to us right now"

"Even though we do not look like it, we are merchants too," Jin said with a slow grin. "And we have almost every basic essential under the sun. Well, granted that they are not of this world, we might have some differences in concepts."

"Now, colour me intrigued," Syn said and Jin immediately asked the System to show a sample list of items which they might feel that they are lacking. From daily sundries to essential construction materials that varied from refined metal to concrete. That was where Syn could practically feel a tug of their heartstrings even though they were AI constructs.

"We can provide all of this for you at a cost, of course."

"And what will that cost be?" Syn replied without any hesitation. Oh, the smile on Jin's and Lynn's face. It was gold.

Chapter 1589 Lord Of Mount Sunn -Part 2

While it was true that the priority to get Jin out of the Virtual Simulation was number one, his second concern was ultimately his shop and the profits he had been losing because of this 'enlightenment'

bullshit that he was in. Thus, Jin only wanted one thing from the System. To allow his customers to join the fray while working with the System for it.

Obviously, there were some major concerns or loopholes if Syn were to ask. Like how the connection can be stable through multiverses when the Synthesis AI Administration was doing its best to hold the connection at their end. Their servers were already brimming with activity and any more load might potentially cause it to malfunction.

That was where the System proposed to have a collaboration instead. Give the System the schematics to the Soul Extractor and Inhibitor and then the System would do some 'mojo bullshit magic' to get it up and running via the System's load. All the AI Synthesis Administration needed to do was provide the simulation area for their cultivators to play.

"So, what you are proposing is that you will trade your items and resources as part of the rental of our simulation space?" Syn asked knowing that this seemed like a lose-lose deal for both the System and Jin. Unless there is something that Syn was not privy about, that will enable them to be in an advantageous situation.

"You do not need to worry about us. You are not wrong, we might profit only a little from Soul Extractor and Inhibitor blueprints but we have other plans in mind. In fact, we might need your help in the future if this partnership proves useful for us as well." Jin said and Lynn's additional approval made Syn a little suspicious.

"If you are so worried, how about this?" Jin then asked the System to show possible future plans. "Upon some discussion with the System, we have decided that if this partnership is fruitful, we might ask for your continuous collaboration which will be extremely beneficial for us as well. This is because the System despite its crazy out of this world tricks that make magic look like a fairytale story, does not have the capacity like you do. Your current settings of the simulation can accommodate this entire world and you are working on fumes."

"Imagine if we can provide you with the resources to only maintain but also expand? Your experience in simulation spaces will only benefit me and the System. In fact, if the System's calculations are correct, you might be able to create a brand new simulation space or perhaps two. That way, I can take away the burden of hosting the simulation while you have a consistent stream of resources. It's eventually a win win situation." Jin said and Syn could finally see the bigger picture that they were aiming for.

"And if you feel that obligated to give us some stuff in return, then share some knowledge with the System. That way, it can not only improve its processes but also understand the inner workings of your artificial intelligence framework, allowing it to be more efficient. This is definitely a win for me."

"Not to mention, you will be exposed to a steady stream of new experiences since Jin and the System are always getting into weird situations," Lynn said as a matter of fact that Jin could not deny her at all.

"I see. I see. So, we are now trading for the expedited -pardon the way of phrasing, expedited expulsion of Jin so that he could return to his multiverse.-"

"Can I add, Lynn to the equation as well?" Jin said since how could he forget the amount of sacrifice Lynn put in to come into this Virtual Simulation. He decided to use this chance to exploit Syn's understanding of the situation. "We are able to, but we can only make one inhibitor at a time right now considering the state of our machinations. We can show you how terrible our current resources are and how we are making the top 10 to be as strict as possible. Only after repeated repairs or new parts then the AI Administration will be able to make more inhibitors and extractors. At the moment, we do not have the capabilities." Syn said and both of them understood.

"You should go first. The store needs you. In fact, quite a number of people need your guidance as well as your help. Qiu Yue can only put out the fire that much at a time."

"But you knew how long this place can be."

"That's for you when you come out. Have you forgotten that the time for this place moves like an injured snail? It would not be long for me as it is for you." Lynn smiled. "Besides, we did not have you for a few months, what's another one or two more for me?"

"Ouch, burn," Jin replied as he gave a side hug to her.

"So that settles it then?" Syn saw that the both of them had reached a consensus.

"Yes. The negotiation terms for this new temporary partnership would be as follows," The System finally chimes in.

"Representative of Synthesis World's AI Administration, Syn has agreed to provide the User, a way out of the Virtual Simulation through an expedited creation of the Soul Inhibitor. Syn will also agree to provide the necessary arrangement for the inclusion of a set amount of the User's customers into the simulation space for a temporary amount of time. In return, the System and User had agreed to provide a set number of resources which would be discussed to the Synthesis World for the work done."

"Are you agreeable to the said verbal conditions until a proper mutual contract has been written up?" The System asked and Syn nodded his head solemnly.

"We agree."

"In that case, that is for the User. Have a good rest of the entirety of the day. You earn it. The System will draft the contract out and work on the minor details with Syn to get it confirmed as soon as possible. We will be providing you with a copy of the agreement after that."

"Sounds good to me, thanks," Jin said and before Syn left, he looked towards Jin.

"Here's another token of goodwill from us." Syn raised his finger and suddenly a message appeared in front of Jin's hologram screen.

"Congratulations, through your achievements you have been awarded the following title: Lord of Mount Sunn."

Chapter 1590 Lord Of Mount Sunn -Part 3

"Lol. what? Now I have two Systems vying for me. Looks like my System has to buck up if it wants to retain the status of being my System." Jin said with a loud laugh which Lynn chuckled along to as well. The System remained absolutely silent not to fall into Jin's usual provocation and can only sigh that he learnt such an attitude from the worst fox in all history.

Other than that, the meeting had been adjourned as Jin finally had a short nap before waking up to deal with things at the Diamondz Corps Headquarters. Or rather, he had been awoken by the notification sent by Denise stating that the research facility members had already been rounded up before they could even flee from the city.

Only one of them managed to do so but according to Denise, he was not of much insignificance to the group since he was merely just an assistant who had been scared shitless. But the fact that he ran away gave him some plausibility of guilt that he was involved in something according to Jin. And now that the primary investigation team of Dyke's Pikes and a group of well trained security personnel had arrived via an airdrop, he decided to use this chance to exploit the workers he had. (After all, he was a commander and it would be better for him to use the men under him to the fullest.)

The investigation team had been ordered to take a look into the research staff and their internal dealings while the security personnel and a few trained investigators were being tasked to search for the missing assistant as minor as a role he could have done. While the Mechanoids and humans within the search team were a little annoyed that they had been ordered to do such a boring and challenging job, they had begrudgingly agreed to it because of the rank and title he currently holds.

Meanwhile, Archduke Dyke also gave Jin a call stating that for some reason, Jin's Lordship title had been officially approved despite the Imperial Family withholding the approval status. There was nothing the Imperial Family could do as well as the Dyke also noticed that the title had been given by the Al Administrators themselves, giving the Imperial Family no leverage in this situation.

"I guess you can say that with this fortuitous opportunity, you can continue plotting against the Imperial Family without much worry. There would be no need to backstab them at this current point in time."

"Indeed, I assume you have the Diamondz Corp under your control?" Dyke queried Jin who seemed to have taken a step further from what they were planning to do, making him feel that the schemes he made were somewhat inferior. He could have done much better and learned from his new master, thus understanding the fact why Jin told him to hold his horses before doing anything rash.

While it was true to grab opportunities whenever he should, there were also times when there was a need to take a step back. This was one of the rare moments where he appreciated he did not do anything rash.

"Yes, we will investigate the Diamondz Corp research team and if possible, get them to reveal the stuff that they were doing on. But I have a bad feeling that even if you do not start the backstab first, the Imperial Family will impose their will, status and probably power if there is anything truly significant within these labs."

"What do you mean? They will deploy their personal Royal Army to invade Daimon?" Dyke questioned the seriousness of Jin's random conjecture.

"Urgh, let's not get ahead of ourselves. I do not want to think of such possibilities. Can you imagine thatno never mind." Jin decided not to say it as if felt like it was bad luck and it might come true. Considering how things were right now, The situation is akin to having many predators under the calm surface of the lake.

"No way." Dyke finally got the hang of Jin's line of thought. "Do you mean-"

"No, don't say it." was something Jin wanted to speak out but Dyke was faster than him.

"-that the assistant that ran away had something to do with the Imperial Family?"

"He said it. He really did say it. What a bad red flag." Jin thought to himself while sighing. This could not have gone anymore better and here he thought this Archduke was someone who knew politics well enough and was able to scheme even more professionally. Guess being in a Virtual Simulation space and inheriting the title probably from their parents would make him like this too.

"Oh well, but I am probably the same as him when I first started out..." Jin thought to himself once more before revealing his slow nod of approval to whatever Dyke had said.

"Listen, if what you have thought to be true, then it's imperative that you catch him before he reached someone who can pass the news to the Imperial Family. Either that or you have to intercept him before he reaches the Imperial Family. Well, that is assuming he is personally bringing the message to them since long range communications are available to use." Jin remarked.

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"Doubt it. If it is a secret transmission, it's all the more important to receive it in person. Any sort of communication will always leave some trace of evidence no matter how encrypted it is." Archduke Dyke replied and Jin somehow felt that this was way too coincidental in nature.

"Well, you are not wrong to put it that way." Jin thought of the System when Dyke said how everything could be monitored.

"I will send a few of my most trusted men to the surrounding cities immediately," Dyke said in a hurry while Jin was lost in thought.

"System, any chance to find him with our current group?"

"They are a combat squad, not a scout squad." The System replied noting that Jin wishes to take this into his own hands as well.

"The option of asking Syn is on the table," Jin commented but the System did not exactly want to owe favours that soon after they had implemented the contract for the AI Administration to sign.

"The other alternative would be to ask Mechanoid Click. Her options of summoning or creating a scouting mechanical beast or two may prove helpful. The System had determined that she is now more than capable of such features, especially with the power up cards. With her current repertoire of skills, she might possibly be one of the strongest Mechanoids within your roster of Grey Bears."

"So much for our standard combat engineer. But what the hell man, that Heli Cop she pulled out as well as the Gorillo is simply insane. At the rate she using her skills, Click is going to become a mechanical summoner, Iol. Wait. she had been using parts from dead robots, so I guess...Mechanical Necromancer? Hahah, such a class itself might deserve a story of her own." Jin felt that Click had grown the most from this past incident and decided that this might be the only option forward.