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Jin eventually met up with the entire squad of Grey Bears to discuss the possibility of chasing the assistant down. "I will want to note that it has been already more than half a day since he fled so the chances of finding him would be extremely slim. Archduke Dyke would have a better time setting up checkpoints at various cities to find him but that would undoubtedly raise lots of suspicions for the Imperial Family to take note of."

"Urgh, then finding that assistant would be more than just a hassle," Diaz said with disgust. Everyone knew how terribly flawed search and destroy operations were especially when you have no idea where the target is.

"The only hope we have is unfortunately the team of security experts and investigators that I had ordered to search for him when the ruckus started. They are the closest we have of having a trail of some sort." Jin said even though he knew that he has the hope of relying upon the AI Administration for help though the System and Jin had agreed unanimously not to ask for it unless the situation was extremely bleak. After all, the AI Administration wanted excitement and chaos to happen in its simulation space for data collection.

If the assistant did succeed, it would be beneficial for the AI Administration as compared to helping Jin since that would reduce the chances of chaos in its simulation space. So, there was no use asking the AI administration for help when the assistant's action had not been ascertained whether he was merely scared of the consequences or he is really in cahoots with the Imperial Family.

"So I like to emphasise this is a wild goose chase. The assistant might be an innocent man and for all we know, he is just dumb scared shitless from all that is happening. I mean, have you seen how Denise controlled all those security Mechanoids to round up the researchers? The assistant would have thought that he will be executed on sight." Jin commented.

"Therefore, I only need a two -no, one volunteer for this mission."

"Isn't it standard protocol to work in pairs?" Yinn raised up her hand and interrupted.

"Yeah, because one of the pair is mandatory," Jin replied while looking at Click and she clicked her tongue. "Too bad, you are the only one who can create a scouting mechanical beast to search."

"If that's the case, I will move out with her." Diaz volunteered after hearing Jin's decision. After hearing what Click and Tellie had gone through, Diaz felt that she had not been doing much compared to them. She was the frontliner, the main executor for the Grey Bear Squad and yet her supports are doing much better than she could have ever done. That was why she needs to go for this search and destroy mission.

"Very well. Diaz and Click go to Diamondz Corps and get some ammunition as well as for Click to create her robot. Oh, and please bring more clips. It might be against the standard for a search and destroy but considering how he worked in the Research facility and might be connected to the Imperial Family, you will not know what you are up against."

"Then I suggest Diaz to bring a melee weapon too." Lynn said but Diaz realised something and interjected.

"If we are going to Diamondz Corps, can you ask Denise whether I can be retrofitted with new parts? I saw how Lynn fought and since she said that having a few melee options would be optimal, I figured adding a few additional boosters to my legs and arms while reinforcing them would be a good idea... and a melee weapon."

"Hm. Will that take a lot of time?" Jin asked since he had no idea how fast the reequipping would be until the System replied.

"Diamondz Acting CEO is on the line. She had accepted Diaz's request."

"Hi Jin, I got Diaz's mechanoid model from the System and her series has a modular system which allowed her to remove parts easy."

"I thought all mechanoid models have that function."

"These days, most Mechanoids do and thankfully, she is part of them. I can requisition reinforced arms and legs that have a small jet booster to allow for better impact but that is not the most top of the line product as customised ones will still need a couple of days. If you and Diaz are okay with it, I will go ahead and proceed with that request."

"We will take that." Jin looked at Diaz momentarily which she seemed rather satisfied as well.

"Great. Other than that, we will prepare the armoury section for Click and Diaz to take the neccessary equipment. I will also prepare a vehicle for them."

"Excellent but I like to request the rest to be restock their ammunition as well." Jin said which the acting CEO agreed readily before going off screen.

"Looks like this mission is truly a go. As for the rest, we will scout Daimon city for a bit. We need to check on the city's entry and exit points as well as the nearest dungeons around here."

"Why? What's the matter?" Yinn asked and Jin smiled slowly.

"I have a hunch. Though I just hope that this hunch is a meaningless hunch and that I was overly paranoid. Other than that, take it as an opportunity to have some sightseeing while Click and Diaz search for the assistant. If we are done by then, we will return to Mount Sunn first and assess the damage. There's lot to do when we get back to Mount Sunn so take this as a breather before we are into heavier work." Jin said and the rest acknowledged.

In a matter of minutes, the Grey Bears moved out to Diamondz Corps to resupply before heading to the objectives that Jin had mentioned. And the commander desperately hoped that what he felt was as a hunch was indeed meaningless.

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"What hunch did you have that made it so important that you require everyone to go out in full battle gear and loaded up with ammunition?" Yinn asked as she did not understand Jin's rationale.

"The barrier around Daimon City is awfully thick so I casually asked Denise what's the deal with it. And apparently, it is not just to flaunt their technological prowess even though it was partially that reason as well. There were several Dungeons around the area and they had always been some leakage of monsters that emerge out of their den.

"That's rather normal. Also, the reason why we did not see many dungeons in the north is because they do not have anything there. Most of the dungeon activities are concentrated in the centre for a reason." Yinn replied not knowing that Jin roughly understood where she was coming from. The Virtual Simulation that the AI Administration had created, might have purposely crowded the centre with dungeons so that there will always be constant activities.

It was a rather unique design as well if one thinks about it. If all the dungeons had been concentrated at the centre of a certain territory, the monster outbreak can go in any direction hitting, north, south, east, or west. And most of the supposed towns should be placed at the outer rims of these dungeon territories encircling them so that they could be hit back from all sides. It was only through decades of hard work that they had finally inserted themselves thick into these territories, thinking they can live dangerously around the edges while also at a convenient location.

Or that was what Jin had assumed when it was far from the truth.

What the AI administration did was place those dungeons far away from any civilised places. But because they found out how lucrative dungeons could be considering the resources they gave were almost inexplicably invaluable for their development, that everyone fought for it.

And the Empire fought the hardest.

It was years of fighting against each and every country available that the Imperial Family and the rest of their retainers had fought to get these few plots of land, centring them while ensuring that there were little to no dungeon entrances at the edges of their land so that the countries neighbouring the Empire would not be tempted to get them. It also provided a land buffer in case situations go south and the Empire have some time to react especially when their lands were huge and vast. That was also one of the reasons why Edmond Diamondz was so inclined to get Mount Sunn not because of the workshop or Old Flammet's consistent interference with his business.

That one guy's customised stuff was nothing compared to the amount of things that Edmond and his company had created. While it would no doubt be the best thing ever for Old Flammet to join his company, the main objective was solely for the dungeon entrance. The logic behind it was that if no one could get Old Flammet, then they could not get the dungeon too. But now that someone had contacted Old Flammet, Edmond was paranoid to see that Old Flammet was being active and that means the possibility of him allowing them to get into the dungeon.

Also being the smallest of the largest manufacturers in Mechanoid Technology, there was more than sufficient reason to see why Edmond was so obsessed with getting the variant dungeon. And now that the truth was out that Diamondz was doing illegal works under the radar, the other manufacturers are fuming and demanded a thorough audit.

The only thing that was stopping them from interfering was the Dyke's Pikes. They all assumed that the Archduke was equally furious that it happened under his watch and they were elated that the

investigation happened. Others who knew Jin's interference believed that the Archduke had already known about Diamondz involvement with illegal work of creating creatures from Mechanoids and also breaking the laws of simulation.

But guise under the investigation team, Denise was still working as usual to recover as well as starting to ramp up production because of Archduke Dyke's request. In the meantime, the Archduke's investigation team still handle the investigation work to not just search for criminating evidence but to uncover any possible research that could be useful for the advancement of technology which the Archduke's engineers could utilise.

"The monsters are not the primary concern of mine. Rather, it's the signs of the monster outbreak that I am worried about."

"Ah. Because of the presence of a city now unguarded that emits the major sense of food resource which will cause the Dungeons to resonate and enable monsters to come out?" Yinn questioned, genuinely believing that Jin knew what was going to happen and was about to praise him until she found him dumbfounded for a moment.

"I did not know that there is such a mechanism placed under this world due to that..."

"Then what are you thinking about?"

"The assistant could not have run away blindly without doing something to cover his back. It would be stupid far too stupid to have nothing to deter his pursuers. My hunch is that he might trigger an outbreak which could be used to deter the security forces or people from finding him. I honestly have no idea that there is such a mechanism as you had spoken."

"Well, that makes some sense as well. However, I think it will be a tad too late for that." Yinn said as she requested Jin to look at the beeping notification from the System. Diaz and Click had caught up with an investigation team member.

"The assistant had been apprehended. Looks like we overreacted for this one, compared to the previous one which we underprepared." Click said in it such a sarcastic way, Jin knew that she was directing it at him.

"That's great news -Wait, is he dead?" Jin could not see it clearly until Click moved aside and saw telltale signs of an unfortunate omen."

"Yeap, mawed by a monster it seems. The investigation team do not know which monster did it but if a monster had done it this close to the city then..." Before Click could finish her sentence, her mechanical beast scout start to growl loudly.

"Send the alert to Diamondz Headquarters immediately!" Diaz exclaimed as the communication was abruptly cut off.

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Diaz was fast enough to detect some incoming movements before a deer like creature came and pounced on the group in general. Thankfully, Diaz's alert allowed them to scatter just in time. Upon a

closer look, its features were as if an brutish Orc had fused with a deer. Diaz could not recognise the monster through its database and so did the investigative team.

The security experts who were within the vicinity were about to return fire until Diaz commanded them to bring the investigative team away from this sudden attack. Thankfully, because of their recent promotion, the security experts -despite the name, were still of lower rank than them. Not to mention, Jin's squad was apparently of high status within the Archduke's list of personal squads for some reason which Jin was not aware of and therefore, those Mechanoids had no choice but to obey the orders despite their urge to go into a fight.

In the meantime, Diaz and Click purposely pulled the Deer Orc or that was what they had decided to identify it at the moment, away from the dead body, in hopes that it does not destroy any possible key evidence. Or perhaps the Deer Orc had purposely placed the dead body there to lure even more prey into finding it. They were not sure and were not keen to find out.

All they know is that they had to move out of this area as soon as possible to a more suitable fighting ground so that the investigative team were not harmed in the process. Since Diaz had been selected for this particular expedition, Jin had temporarily appointed her as the leader mainly because of her familiar knowledge of the terrain since she was technically 'born' here.

While Click and Diaz held the same rank and had an equal say in things, Jin gave her the right to lead the team but Click was also given permission to refuse any stupid orders that Diaz might dish out. Other than that, he implored the two of them to respect the temporary hierarchy as they were on the mission.

So, as they moved away from the body, Diaz noted that the Deer Orc was not chasing them as she hoped it would. Instead, it was creeping around the dead body. Even with some hollering and a few bullets to the monster's torso, it was not exactly responsive to the provocation. That was where she looked at Diaz.

"Ehhhhh, I do exactly have any mechanical bodies to play with. The most I can do is to create a few turrets?" Click said and Diaz sighed.

"So, the monster was not exactly protecting the dead body but it is not moving away from it as well. Could it be that this is its territory or something?" Diaz could not understand the workings of the Deer Orc that had encountered until they realised that it was more intelligent than they thought.

More of those Deer Orcs emerge from the tall grasses that they are currently at and that was when they saw the initial Deer Orc communicating with them and splitting the new incoming group into two. One was after the investigation team who Diaz asked to move to safety and the other half was to them. Obviously, a bigger portion of the group chased after the investigative team since they had the numbers while there were only four moving towards Diaz's direction.

"Shit!" She said without restraint. "Click! Go rescue the investigative team!"

"Already on the way!" The combat engineer said as she hopped on her mechanical scout hound and she dashed away. She did however dished out a few shots into the deer orcs before moving away from the scene.

"Boss, we are not able to move away. The target is compromised at the moment and the investigative encountered trouble. There are these Orc looking Deers that were coming for us." Diaz said as she took her shotgun and kept banging on a tree to get more of their attention.

"Roger, Lynn and Page are the closest to you. They will be there shortly." Jin said and his fears were indeed not unfounded.

"Are you not going to help them?" Yinn questioned as Jin started to move further south.

"If I cannot trust them, how can they grow?" Jin asked with a wry grin. "Still, Yinn please tell Denise of the situation." Yinn acknowledged as the pair stepped up their pace downwards.

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Meanwhile, Diaz finally got the attention of the Deer Orcs and when they were close enough, she unleashed her shotguns at them. Not only that, but she also revealed the melee weapon she had been carrying around. A portable power chainsaw which were equal in explosive power when it comes to dealing with monsters.

The head of the Deer Orc popped off from the shotgun shells while the chainsaw was sufficient to leave a lethal wound on another. The rest of the Deer Orcs finally stopped underestimating this Mechanoid and started to take the hunt against her seriously.

Unfortunately, it was tad a little too late as Diaz already have her sights aimed at another Deer Orc before they could react properly, causing one of their comrades to have their chest imploded from within by a direct hit from the shotgun.

The remaining of the attacking Deer Orcs then rushed hoping to overpower her, not knowing that she had already prepared sufficiently by installing several high levelled martial arts into her processing unit. Inspired by Lynn, her feet were nimble enough to evade the bullish charges of the Deer Orcs as she gracefully left them with chainsaw wounds.

Only then some of them had enough had started to grab rocks from the ground and started to throw them towards her in multiple directions to stop the Mechanoid in her tracks. It proved useful initially as she did not expect a two pronged attack because of the tall grass, causing her to flinch for a moment.

But that was all the Deer Orcs needed to have a hold on her while the other two Deer Orcs closed in hoping to tear her arms apart. "You think I will die like some Mechanoid? I am a Grey Bear! A part of that legendary outsider of a commander!" Diaz shouted as put her legs around the Deer Orc's torso which had grabbed her and used her hips and lots of rotating power to the extent her systems were blaring warnings that it was pushing the limits of the mechanical body.

However, that quick manoeuvre from Diaz enabled her to pull off a throw despite being in a grappled position and that gave her the opportunity to slip out of his hold while killing the incoming two Deer Orcs.

With steam venting out from her joints after that throw, she took no hesitation to swing at the Deer Orc, cutting his face with the power chainsaw.

"Looks like you did not need any help at all," Lynn said from afar as she took down the remaining Deer Orc before signalling Diaz to move towards the investigative team. The latter nodded her head with thanks and ran where Click had gone.

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Should she dash as fast as possible? Or did she make sure that the Deer Orcs she had murdered were truly dead? How about dropping her chainsaw? Ditching the power chainsaw for extra mobility was a choice that Diaz did not want to make lightly and all of these were questions that were floating all within her head, hoping to utilise the best maximum amount of utility for the given situation.

However, at the same time, she also remembered what Click went through just yesterday and she had forgotten how Click had developed. So, unlike previously when Diaz would drop everything and sprint towards Click, she decided to carry all her equipment to her destination, trusting her partner who had proved herself to be more than adequate for the situation.

And just as Diaz reached to where Click was according to the System coordinates, her analysis was correct and managed to find them in perfect condition. Internally, she sighed in relief as she saw Click giving an annoyed face as if this was not what she had expected. Her mechanical scout hound was tearing flesh from one of the Deer Orcs while the other security experts were putting a bullet into each and every dead Deer Orc into their heads to confirm their death.

If not for the power of assault rifles and shotguns, even a beginner could survive an attack if they had placed some lucky shots into their target. So, the same went for the security experts. Those Mechanoids were part of Dyke's Pikes and even though they were juniors in rank, they also have done quite a fair bit of combat themselves.

Still, because of rank and order, they had no choice but to run. At first, they were a little puzzled by Diaz's orders, thinking that she might have underestimated them for not being able to hold their ground. Yet, an order was an order and so they moved. It was only when they started to see those Deer Orcs running after them that they finally grab hold of the tactical decision that Diaz had made. They might have overwhelming numbers at first but if each and every Deer Orc that had been chasing them were to jump and ambush the investigative team, there was indeed little chance for them to survive.

As compared to running, they had managed to get out of the Deer Orcs' ambush position and had not taken bait by the Deer Orc's trap. This enabled the security experts to run and shoot, firing suppressive shots to not only deter but also injure the hunting Deer Orcs. And that was sufficient for Click to come in and handle the rest. Hence, Diaz was relieved when all she could imagine was how quickly their Mechanoid bodies would have been torn away by the Deer Orcs if they were to be ambushed.

"Lol, Diaz. Since when did you become so tactical in your decision making." Click pat her friend's shoulder to signal a job well done.

"Monsters do not usually come alone, especially humanoids." This was the only excuse Diaz could make while attempting to hide the fact that it was a fluke for making such a decision.

"There does not seem to be any more Deer Orcs around the area." Click said as the Scout Hound signalled to her that the coast was clear.

"If that's the case, let's quickly get back to the body and bring it back for the investigation," Diaz said as the entire team agreed. Eventually, they met up with Lynn and Page where the latter was still panting to catch her breath despite her being one of the newer models who supposedly boast better stamina control. The air intake was to make sure that her parts were not overheated after the dash.

"Any foul play detected? Did the Dyke's investigative personnel say anything?" Lynn questioned the others as she pointed at the corpse. Diaz and the rest quickly take a look and the investigative team was sure that there was no damage to the said corpse from the previous encounter.

"You are hoping to rule out any possible unnatural elimination like what Jin would have deduced?" Click asked and Lynn nodded her head.

"Huh, the assistant is a human." Page replied. "I kept thinking that this would be a Mechanoid."

"If she is, then she would not have run away or run even further than here," Diaz commented.

"In any case, the investigative team said that they needed tools at Diamondz Labs to conduct a proper post mortem. Otherwise, there is currently no signs of foul play... or they had covered it up rather well." Click reported.

"Very well, bring it back to Diamondz Labs and see if you can find any information about it. Let's hope it's really just a monster attack." Lynn said.

It did not take them long to bag the bodies while Lynn had also suggested to take a few of the dead Deer Orcs back as specimens since neither the investigative team nor the Grey Bears knew of their existence. The vehicle was loaded quickly with the help of the security experts after the investigation team had taken as much evidence as they could from the crime scene. They tried their best not to disturb the corpse as much as they could and transferred it as delicately as possible.

However, it was inadvertent that a part of it fell off due to the mess that the monster attack had done. In the meantime, Lynn requested Click and Diaz to escort them back to Diamondz Headquarters in case of any further mishaps while Page will continue to accompany Lynn to survey the surrounding area.

Diaz on the other hand asked if she could join along since Click would be more than enough to escort them back.

"You are leaving me such an important job?" Click asked but Diaz could not differentiate whether it was sarcasm or truly something that Click did not expect.

"Yes, thank you." A generic reply to such an ambiguous question was more than enough for Diaz to answer Click before they drove off.

"There's more danger if you with us, you know?" Lynn said.

"Hah! I think she felt bad that she didn't get to do much during the assault in Diamondz's building. "Page said and Diaz nodded with absolute agreement.

"After hearing what Click had done, I feel like I am the only one that did not improve much. Even Tellie had gotten skills and experience that could rival that gigantic gorilla Mechanoid. There is no way I can do that on my own and yet she did. So much for a frontliner."

"Ah, Jin did not feel that way about you, else you would not be leading the search for the assistant correct?" Lynn pats her back, knowing that all she needed was some opportunity to shine.

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"Well, we are now part of the Squad that serves the Lord of Mount Sunn. Surely, it would be dangerous or else why would we be deployed, right?" Diaz's reply left a grin to the trio as they walked further north to check for any more tracks of the Deer Orcs as well as moving to survey the northern dungeon.

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"The Lord of Mount Sunn..." He clenched his fists and tried to simmer his anger but no matter how he tried to do that, all he was left with was even more fury within him.

"Your Majesty! It is best you calm down. There is no use worrying about all this." His attendant told him to calm down.

"I am calm. There is no need to worry about it." Despite saying that, it was pretty apparent that he was not in the mood to negotiate. And there was nothing his attendant could do.

"Looks like this little thorn seems to be more than capable. Why don't you ascend him into your ranks?" His wife commented. "Won't it be better than to leave it there, growing? Or do you want the Archduke to take him in instead?"

"It's unforgivable though. He destroyed one of the few ways I can ascend to immortality and be one of the greatest people in this world." The king replied to his Queen who sat from afar and gave a condescending stare at the incompetence of his minions.

"If it consoles you, doesn't what Edmond did was to show that the concept works? All you got to find is that Crystal Dragon and reign absolute power over the Empire before it crumbles in front of you." The Queen remarked. "Besides you do not have to worry about that newly appointed Lord of Mount Sunn even though the overall Administrator had given him such a title for his 'deeds'. We just got to make sure that he is not alive enough to return to Mount Sunn, right? Well, that is if you hated him enough."

"Your Majesty, Your Highness. If you allow your lowly servant to interject."

"Speak, Puzzle." The King had enough of his Queen's rambling and would rather have his personal attendant, Puzzle, to talk instead.

"Dungeons had always surrounded Daimon City. And to boot, because of the recent ...erm developments on the Crystal Dragons, those dungeons had been plundered so severely that they had been turned into Variant Dungeons."

"Continue, I like the sound of this." The King said.

"Thank you, your Majesty. Even without our interference, it seems that there is a high possibility of the city being invaded by monsters, especially from reports that the city's barrier had been down. Even though they are one of the few largest Mechanoid manufacturers in our Empire, most of their factories are situated away from the city itself. That means that even though they have a few guarded factories for customised products, a monster outbreak of several variant dungeons would undoubtedly cripple the city."

"Oh. I like this idea. If the Archduke's team ever got out and know that we are the ones who commissioned the Crystal Dragon Mechanoid, they have all the more reason to bring us down. On the other hand, if we get rid of Daimon City, there would be no evidence to speak of." The Queen was delighted to hear such a recommendation from their trusty personal attendant.

"Yes, and not to mention, you can be sure that your so called thorn, the Lord of Mount Sunn would not be able to get out of this situation."

"Then, what are you waiting for? It's such a good plan why have you not enacted it? This will make it seem like nature was merely doing its job to clear the incessant pests that had plundered her resources, right? All it needed is just a nudge from us to get the floodgates moving." The King finally calmed down from his anger but got high again from this exciting idea.

"I have already stationed a few several ...wilderness experts on standby and ready to act on your behalf," Puzzle said. "With your approval, they are just a phone call away to do what is needed to make sure that the monster lures will be out so that those monsters can attack Daimon City."

"With my capacity as the Queen, I approve of the plan you had concocted which I believe the King is also in agreement." The King nodded his head decisively when his wife glared at him momentarily when she finished her sentence. Puzzle instantly acknowledge and was about to get up when his Queen stopped him by speaking further. "Puzzle, I have another task for you once you are done with the initial order. Inform the Lords of the neighbouring cities of Daimon to not to provide reinforcements and to guard themselves from an impending monster outbreak."

"Your Highness, you sure that would be a wise choice? That would be interfering with the Archduke's district and he won't be happy about it."

"That's precisely my point. What else can he do when the Imperial Family sent a royal decree for the sake of the people? Surely the Lords would oblige when their palms had been applied with a little bit of greasing from us as well. Give them some gold as military expenditure to defend themselves from it and a little more for the Lords and Ladies to keep in their pocket. Spread rumours that Daimon City has been up to no good and does not deserve to be helped."

"Hah! Then the Daimon City would be in shambles by the end of the week. If I am not wrong, their main military force is stuck withdrawing from Mount Sunn and it will take them weeks at least days to reach back Daimon. Now this will be something that even the Lord of Mount Sunn cannot reckon with." The king was extremely pleased with this new plan. While he did not expect this commander Jin to be a pain in the ass, he knew that this was the best plan to nip the whole situation at its bud.

If his intuition was correct, that pesky Lord of Mount Sunn would try to defend the city with whatever resources he could find but this time around, there was no way he can win. Variant monsters of varying difficulties all coming out to play. Even the King wants petty revenge, this is one way to do so.

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"Yes, we will get it done." The so called Wilderness Experts acknowledged the orders by Puzzle the moment they saw the points had been transferred into their electronic wallet. There was nothing so satisfying than to receive a huge sum of cash and felt like the employers were taken advantaged of.

This is because what they had to was just to put the specialised lures which they had brought dirt cheap from the black market and placed it right at the front of the dungeon entrance. That was all that was needed, it was nothing special. Not to mention, they had tried a cheaper lure previously that incurred a group of Orcs with horns right above their heads.

And they did not expect it to be so effective and one could say convenient as well when they saw a guy running away from Daimon City as a bait for their supposed group of Deer Orcs who were hungry upon smelling the monster lure.

In an instant, the person got killed and the Wilderness Experts all giggled and chuckled at how stupid the guy was.

Well, they did say laughter can be infectious and so was their so call concept of stupidity.

Just as how they were going to do the same thing again by putting the monster lure down, albeit it was now at least a few times larger, they were laughing loudly at how it was such an easy job and boasted how many monsters they wondered the dungeon would produce. But before they could activate the monster lures, these Wilderness Experts were also lying down on the floor with their mouths wide open, now winching in pain.

As if that was not enough, more bullets were placed in their heads to ensure that they were never awake again and Jin even kick them to lay them bare on the ground to ensure that they each all have a bullet through their throats too.

"Its a close call from here." Yinn reported as she stated that the monster lures had yet to be activated. "Looks like your hunch is right."

"Eh. If not for them shouting like mad dogs to celebrate their victory, we would not have locate them as well." Jin said as he tried to use the System to pull out any possible information or locked data that were related to them. In the meantime, he looted these people since they were obviously up to no good and extra weapons are more than welcomed.

That was when he found a business card supposed related to the black market where the System believed that was where the monster lures were made. And when Jin was about to finish searching, his

communications data had been picked up by the System which it quickly relayed to Jin's electronic processing unit.

"Yo, we had already activated the lures at the East and West, the other bros had also done for the smaller dungeons in the various nearby regions. We should be getting out of here now. Are you done."

"Hmm, cough!- done, Coming." Jin tried to imitate as much as possible but failed so badly that he could only hope that the other side did not notice a single bit.

"Cough! yeah, these monster lures are fucking stinky. Guess, the price for getting them cheap was worth it though, see you at the rendevous location and remember to GIVE US OUR CREDITS! Asshole. comms out." The other side complained and the communication channel closed off.

"Looks like we are too late for the others." Yinn said as she too had heard the comms over the System channel.

"Lynn, are you able to hear that?" JIn asked through the System Channel and Lynn did not reply immediately, which prompted the System to indicate that they too found someone who may have disrupted the dungeon entrances.

"Sorry about the late reply, but we found a few suspicious characters. They shot back at us and with the System determined that they were enemies, we went to deal with them.

"The monster lure at the northern area had been activated but Mechanoid Diaz was able to shut it down before it could be fully operational." The System reported.

"The East and West had been compromised but there is no way we can reach those in time. At the very most, we can converge in one particular direction and stop that one monster lure from calling out even more monsters." Jin said.

"Commander! I have already get Denise up to speed with the current situation!" Click responded. "She said that the West side had more troops stationed as compared to the East because of the mobilisation of the local military forces from the East to the central area of Daimon City."

"Then East it is. Also, is there really no one other than her calling the shots?" Jin queried.

"Ehhh not really? The current Lord had been imprisoned because of the plausible criminal charges that he is colluding with the ex CEO of Diamondz." Click replied.

"It is not really a technicality per se but Denise is the highest-standing reputable representative to hold the Lord's seat now that the current Lord is in shackles." Page commented as she entered the conversation. "However, now that you are in Daimon City, you might erm... through a legal loophole ...to hold power until a new lord can be posted. And if you have the blessing of Archduke which you will have full support from what I know, I see that holding the Lord of Daimon City might not actually be a problem until this crises blow over."

"Is that true?" Jin asked the System which it could not give a definite answer immediately. Despite being a database of everything, it was not well versed in the legality unlike Page. She was a walking dictionary that should not be underestimated. It might also be because of such knowledge within her that she might be able to use her nanobots to overwrite the logic processes within the enemies.

Thus, to quickly get this over and done with, dialling up Dyke might actually be the next best alternative to ensure that Jin might have temporary control over Daimon City.

Chapter 1597 Interim Leader Of Daimon City -Part 1

"Approved." The Empire Archduke didn't bat an eye when he was asked especially after how the information of these Wilderness Experts had been revealed to him.

"Do what you need to do to protect that city. After all, we would need it to go against the Imperial Family. And since you are now technically a Lord, it opens up a multiude of options for you to enact for the protection of the city. I will give you the rights shortly."

"Just like this?" Jin could not help but wonder how much of this power transfer within this Virtual Simulation can taken advantage of. It felt as if this was something that emerge from the regular MMORPG gaming experiences where the transfer of power and rights was just a click away. After being stuck in this world for a few weeks, he had forgotten that this was a Virtual Simulation though to these people, it was their lifeline.

"Just like this," Dyke said as he already made the necessary adjustments. "But the transfer of power and the announcement of being an interim lord is a separate issue. I will attempt to mobilise my troops to you but it seems like the Imperial family had already taken a step ahead of time and sent a royal decree to have my troops to move to the north.

"Huh. For what reason?"

"They used you as an excuse, stating that since I am the person who had requested and recommended the approval of the Lord of Mount Sunn's candidate, I should be the one who should help kickstart Mount Sunn's development. They 'noted' the chaos in that particular area as word had finally travelled to them."

"Oh...That's a cunning move."

"Yes, exactly. But since I know that you are in control of Daimon City right now, I rest my case and decided to go full force to aid you instead." Dyke replied with a grin. "I will bring all the necessary equipment, construction tools and since Imperial Family had gave me permission, I see there's no reason why I could not dip into the royal coffers to build up Mount Sunn."

"You can do that?"

"Of course! The development of a new region is the Imperial State's responsibility. They might have private coffers but their current personal Royal Army had been funded by the state as well. That is in the name of protecting and defending the Empire's name and title. Obviously, they took that minor loophole and abused it to kingdom come. So, why can't I do the same? Besides, I am the Archduke, I have self rights and no need of approval from the Royal Family to use the national coffers in the name of renovating a town - well in your case, it is to build from scratch."

"If that's the case, I guess you should get your Royal Engineers to be in contact with Old Flammet. The priority should be rebuilding the workshop again and getting it up to speed. Having him will no doubt

improve your army's chances to fight against the Imperial Family." Jin felt this conversation was extremely productive.

"I shall do that. In the meantime, I will send a 'volunteer detachment' to your side but it won't be much. At most, two hundred standard Mechanoids." Archduke Dyke was happy with the outcome of this mini discussion as he said goodbye.

"Lol. Standard Mechanoids. They think that you guys are not standard stuff." Jin said to Yinn would be listening through the whole meeting from the side while standing guard.

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"Technically speaking, after that event, you pull through from us, we are no longer standard Mechanoids. Especially after they inserted the special module packages into us. We are already considered to be customised Mechanoids. Not to mention, the growth of Click, Tellie and possibly Diaz in this coming... catastrophe. It is likely customised Mechanoids would be the terms that we hold, such as the title the Interim Lord of Daimon City for you."

"I wish they could stop shoving all these titles at me... Though I won't say it's a bad thing at this moment since I get to take charge of stuff..." Jin thought to himself as he questioned Page what are the procedures to assume power.

"Since Diamondz Corps has the majority of the holding power to this city at the moment, having Denise publicly announce that you are the new interim City Lord would not be a bad idea. And seeing how Click had described your interaction with the special assault police forces, there is a high chance that you should have a smooth transition with the security forces. All you need to do is to focus on the administration team handling the city." Yinn remarked.

"Does my presence make such a big impact on the police forces? Lol, I have no idea."

"The Special Assault Police Force is technically the branch with the highest amount of power. You gaining their approval meant that the rest of the police force had to listen to you. It's that simple right here." Yinn replied.

"Then I guess priority goes to returning to Diamondz Corps immediately and using Diamondz Crops' security forces to set up the initial perimeter while the police evacuate the citizens," Jin said as he beckoned Yinn to start running with him back to the rental vehicle that Denise had loaned them.

"Commander. I think your thinking is too passive. You had forgotten how the Daimon City citizens were so eager to kill the Tri-Rex previously. While there may have been a few deaths and many injured from the Tri-Rex incident, it also showed that all of them were capable of fighting back. So you actually have a citizen force as well as the security forces to play with to fight with this outbreak."

When Jin heard that from Yinn, he somehow felt like this was partially preparing him for a possible similar situation when he is out of this Virtual Simulation. It was a bad hunch which he could not shake off at the moment and all he could do was to agree to Yinn as she drove him back to the City while he get his thoughts right.

Chapter 1598 Interim Leader Of Daimon City -Part 2

Upon reaching Daimon City, Click was already there preparing another set of supplies for the entire Grey Bear Squad but not for Jin. With his new responsibilities shoved to him by the circumstances and the probable possibility of sabotage by the Imperial Family. Yinn could not extract much information from the dead Wilderness Experts but which idiot would bring a monster to lure and give the promise of money for putting a monster lure beside a city with no barriers? Not to mention, the right time right place kind of situation.

If they were to argue it was the perfect opportunity that presented itself so nicely, then something was wrong with their heads. There would be no points given to these experts other than the chance of creating havoc. Therefore, as the situation presented itself to be dangerous for Daimon City, Jin had no choice but to liaise with the acting executive officer of Diamondz, Denise to make sure that everything was proceeding smoothly.

With Yinn at the helm of coordinating the mission to eliminate the Eastern Monster Lure before more of those monsters emerge, Jin could rest easy that the Grey Bears were more than capable of doing so. Thus, Yinn told Jin to settle his bureaucratic nonsense while she will drive with Click to the Eastern Dungeon while picking up Tellie who had been told to scout at a certain position in the east. And since the other three were coming from the north, they will be moving down to the Eastern Dungeon as soon as possible while checking the dungeons there were residing in the northeastern areas as well. It would be at a later point they would rendezvous at the Eastern Dungeon entrance as their checkpoint.

Click also deduced that they should have enough ammunition and battery sources to keep them juiced up for the trip down to the Eastern Dungeon considering how Jin had forced them to search with a full battle order, arming themselves to the teeth. Thus, they should not have any problem with ammunition even with them spamming like crazy. Not to mention, they had Diaz and Lynn with them. The only problem was the Western side.

Denise did recommend sending an unmanned drone armed with missiles out to hit the dungeon entrances but hinted that things could get worse. Jin initially thought that would be a wonderful idea until Denise explained that no matter how precise the hit monster lure was, there were no assurances that upon destroying the lure, it would dissipate the effects.

"The only way to prevent the lure from breaking and have a constant effect is to shut it down. The lure is something akin to a radioactive source. If you destroy the monster lure device, you technically break only the shielding and effectively allow it to radiate at full blast. Of course, it has benefits doing that since if it radiates at full blast, the lure would be used up faster rather than an intermittent release as designated by the device's programming." Denise said and now Jin also understood why Yinn had not left the lure at the area and instead brought it with them.

Considering how portable the device was, it was not an issue to lug around. It was practically the size of a piece of mini luggage, and it was not a hassle for Mechanoids to carry on their back, much less throw it at the back of their vehicle.

"Also, hitting so close to the dungeon may have undesirable effects such as damaging the dungeon entrance and that could possibly anger the inhabitants in there, forcing an even bigger outbreak. All we could do is shoot missiles near the dungeon entrance and hope that the subsequent wave of explosions can create some cause and effect. Otherwise, it's to hit to kill the monsters in order to delay them." Denise added.

"You sure know your stuff..." Jin said and all the ex-secretary could do was to shrug her shoulders.

"The experience comes from the previous job plus I am a partial Mechanoid. So, I kind of have access to the database in order to lecture you. Anyways, the Archduke's assistants had sent a message to me, asking me to aid you in your endeavour to transit as the Interim Lord of Daimon City. And considering what you had done for the city plus the rumours circulating around that a very highly trained and yet unconventional personnel sent by the Archduke to subdue the previous CEO.... it should be easier for me to get things moving."

"So, the point is, it's good that I'm not a nobody to start with?"

"You could say that. Plus the returning army from Mount Sunn may actually respect you... assuming we are able to hold Daimon City until they come back."

"You already send an expedited order for them to return?" Jin asked and Denise felt like that should already be a necessary step which should not need to be asked.

"Unless you have some animosity against people who you fought against...? I do not see the reason why not." Denise had a way of implying that this was the only possible way for them to survive.

"It's not really a concern for me, just that it is funny how they changed from enemy to ally almost immediately. Though I like to ask what about your neighbours? Aren't they going to help you all? There had to be some defence pact considering your city is Diamondz Corps's headquarters."

"We do, but when the message was sent out to them for help, none of them were making any moves. Not one gave a reply and there is a possible assumption that they had been bribed by someone or as you could have imagined, the Imperial Family."

"They dare to do that in the Archduke's district?"

"Considering the information you had given me, the Archduke had been preoccupied with mobilising his army based on the Imperial Family's decree. There is no way he could do anything unless he overrides the decree's command. But if that were to happen, it would also mean that he was directly defying them and he could no doubt be discharged from his seat."

"So all he could do is rely on us."

"And well, that extra two hundred troops he was about to airdrop to us," Denise said in such a way that those soldiers were just an additional drop of water in the bucket. "But that is not the crux of the issue. What you should care about right now is how to address the citizens of Daimon City to this. What you are going to do to save this city and why you should do that."

"So I sincerely hope you do not have stage fright." She said as camera drones started to surround the room they were in when the commander least expected. There was no warning nor alert that he was about to go live.

All he could rely on was the beeping red buttons on all the camera drones which simultaneously turned fully red. There was no turning back for Jin, this was it. As much as he disliked it and prefer to work in the shadows, this event was like a precursor to him to be the interim leader of Daimon City.

Chapter 1599 Interim Leader Of Daimon City -Part 3

"Citizens of Daimon City. I am Jin, the Lord of Mount Sunn, a title you had not heard of but a place where you probably had heard whispers of in recent weeks."

"In the past few weeks, Edmond Diamondz the CEO of Diamondz Corps had launched an intensive campaign against Mount Sunn because of reasons that we are still investigating. From what we had known, it is most likely that he had enacted the reinforcement of a ban against one of this world's most famous Mecha Smith in history. If anyone were to be in contact with this particular Mecha Smith, they should be annihilated and the Mecha Smith would be sentenced to death."

"However, as an officer of the Archduke's personal army, Dyke's Pikes, we found this reason to be extremely uncompelling and had been riddled with corporate bans. It was in the interest of Edmond that the Mecha Smith does not thrive so that the company and other manufacturing Mechanoid industries can very well survive. Such a close minded thought of process had led to a big conflict where he decided that sending out thousands of soldiers to a remote place just to dot out punishment and have absolute control over it."

"Unfortunately, being the bearer of bad news, that remote territory of mine was able to defend and repel the invaders that had stepped into the surrounding land of Mount Sunn," Jin said and Denise was wondering how this was going. It felt like this was a declaration of taking over Daimon City because of the sins that they had made due to one person's greed. Yet, she continue to monitor and see how Jin would turn this around.

"But Daimon City's army was not as weak as I had described. They were a strong and resilient force that kept coming wave after wave in order to break our morale. And even if there were no news about your loved ones, I can only say that they had worked hard to break through the front gates of our impenetrable Mount Sunn. It was a feat that could not be underestimated and it's not something that any other cities' armies could boast about."

"That is also the reason why I am standing here. I was sent as part of the mission to stop Edmond Diamondz from going hell bent crazy to sacrifice the rest of the army just to take down a Mecha Smith who was armed to the teeth, willing to do anything to protect what is rightfully his. Unfortunately, you all had seen how it ended. He had scores of fiendish Mechanoids under his wing and even had one rampaging throughout the city without care of his citizens. Next, he turned himself into a dragon Mechanoid and flew off, breaking the city's barrier to the point that it would take at least weeks to repair."

"And that is how the situation is right now. I regret to inform you that you will going to be under attack. By monsters. A major monster outbreak that could be unprecedented in scale. It is short notice but still, some available time is better than no time. And you might be wondering, shouldn't the more concerning issue be the person standing in front of you to speak to you? Why am I addressing all of you this particular problem? Is it to spite you for the damages you had done to my land?" Jin stopped to take a deep breath before giving the most serious look he could.

"No. Absolutely not."

"I am here because the Archduke knows that the only villain in this picture was Edmond Diamondz but not the citizens of Daimon City. I have no information on what he had done previously and perhaps he could have been a good man to a few of you. But right now, to me, he is the perpetrator that had destroyed the barrier of this Daimon City and you are all the victims of his vile act. So, with my expertise to be able to defend Mount Sunn against Daimon's Army, I am now here as approved and appointed by not only the Archduke but also the current acting CEO of Diamondz Corps, Denise who had decades of service under her name serving Diamondz."

"If you are worried that I am here for revenge, worry not. I had been given assurances that if I protect this city successfully, I will be rewarded generously. So generous that I am also willing to share that wealth with all of you as well. So driven by greed, by points, by the amount of gold that I might possibly take a lifetime to spend, I am determined to see this to the end. Yet, I had also seen the spirit of Daimon City in action. I saw how in the recent events where you all band together to bring now that rogue Tri-Rex down. Are you gonna see your city fall prey to monsters? Do you wish for your families and dear relatives to be eaten alive by those monsters? Or perhaps let the rest of the neighbouring countries sneer at how useless Daimon Citizens are?"

"Oh, one more thing. I heard that your so called friendly neighbours are going to close their doors on us because they are too scared to take on refugees in case any of you are going to take the chance to run away. So, unless you have extremely strong connections with people from other cities, we are left alone in this fight." Jin blurted out hurtful truths.

"But I am not walking away from you and if I am going to protect this city, I need your corporation especially now that the Daimon City's Army is still returning from its expedition from Mount Sunn."

"So, are you with me? If Yes, as the new interim leader of Daimon City, I will announce a state of emergency and will send the necessary information to Diamondz Corp Media Group to prepare for this invasion. Ladies, Gentlemen and even other Mechanoids who are listening to this. I will say it again. I cannot protect Daimon City without your help. Help me, protect this place and I will reward all of you generously." Jin cleared his throat as he bowed slightly once and left the room.

"How was it?" Jin asked Denise who was waiting outside the room.

"It was... magnificently terrible. I have never heard a leader talking about their problems, their personal motivations and ultimately giving reassurances because of the said motivations. Its definitely not leadership material." Denise sighed with a smile.

"But, I can bet you fully with my life savings that those citizens had heard you, feel you and understand where you are coming from. If they do not get roused up by that speech, they are more heartless than I

can ever remember." Denise said as she said with a raised hand while a camera drone emerged from her front and back.

"As the acting CEO of the Diamondz Corps, we are ready to provide whatever resources that Lord of Mount Sunn requires in order for the survival of Daimon City. I publicly acknowledge Lord Jin as the Interim Leader of Daimon City."

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Chapter 1600 Interim Leader Of Daimon City -Part 4

"Ding!" Xiong Da's phone had been pinging for a while now but he had been busy dealing with a client that he had no time to check not just his phone but also his meal times. He figured that since Jin was in isolation training, this was probably the best time to take on big cases and get some nice moolah so that when Boss Jin comes back, Xiong Da can go to his favourite past time store to spend it all.

All the quality goods he had been getting from Dungeons and Pandas were so terribly great that it was to the point that he felt he could never live without them ever again. From day to day snacks to super fast deliveries, it was already becoming a norm that Xiong Da ordered from Dungeons and Pandas and sometimes even the Tree Mall for his daily essentials.

Thus, the moment he closed the major case, he thought of getting one of those Chilli Ban Mian to end the day. Thinking that it was an ordinary closure for the day, and relaxing for the rest of the night with his now wife. (Also ironically gotten from Dungeons and Pandas as well. Hehe!) He realised that the notifications were different from the usual.

"Dungeons and Pandas presents a Brand New Simulation Room!" There were no other subheadings for the notification and as curious as he was, Xiong Da opened it up to check it out. He remembered that Xiong Da and the others had tested this particular virtual simulation. It was something that he always envisioned as a kid. To be able to step into Virtual Reality and explore with others, wasting lots of time on it. And somehow Jin was getting there with the previous beta testing that he had done with the group as well as other 'experts'.

"Did his employees finally finish everything?" Xiong Da had some doubts that without Jin around, the employees were not as...hardworking as they should be. Granted, Qiu Yue was merely guarding the place until he returns and once in a while releases some short content for people to try it out. It was fun for sure but it did not have the big Oof! impact that he had always been experiencing with Jin's created dungeon instances.

Yet, there was still some kick to those arena fights but it got stale after a while even though he did read up that there were some people who were asking for more of such instances. Quick PVP/PVE fights that could allow them to push their limits in a short time frame. The Hippo Cultivator had no doubts that it's a pretty good addition since not everyone was like him, that was particularly invested in a Dungeon Supplier store. Some just wanted to have a quick fight and go off which the latest installment was quite a hit.

To the point, there was a ping that went off in the forums, started by Qiu Yue asking whether anyone would be interested in a fast tourney match that involved this kind of PVP scenario. Xiong Da would have participated in a heartbeat until he realised there were no plushies except Panda Coins which he had too much of. Thus, it was a skip for him but not for a few of his fellow Pandawans.

Yet this time around it was different. When he pressed the notification, it was actually an event that was going on. There was a short story and it felt a little cutoff, as if the cultivators that had been invited this time were something similar to the Quick Time emergency event that Jin had created previously, the Salamander Castle Raid Instance.

This time around, its theme was closer to the PVP guns theme that had been appearing recently but the rewards list was more comprehensive. But what had captured Xiong Da's attention was this particular line. "Boss Jin is inside commanding the entire fight! Be sure not to miss him as he is finally out of this 'enlightening' process but that idiot of a boss went diving into creating the next thing he could see lying around his bed!" Qiu Yue wrote with an angry red panda face sticker at the end of the line.

"Hoooooooo! Now this is worth my time!" Xiong Da knows that anything that has Jin inside would definitely be something absurd. He knew that if he had missed the notification previously, the others could have done the same as well and thus, he quickly went to find his Pandawan Chat Group and saw that no one had discussed it at all.

Hippo: Yo guys, there is a new plaything at our old hangout place.

Beetle: wats is it about?

Carrot: Probably some PVP thing again right?

Hippo: You be surprised, Jin is in this.

Xiong Da could see that the messages from the chat group started to be read and multiple people were typing at the same time.

Gorilla: Holy shit, finally some new content.

Womble: Urgh, and here I thought Boss Jin had abandoned us after learning so much money from us.

Gorilla: Only you will think that way. Who asked you to spend so much time and money on Supa Robo Wars? How can you find someone like how Se Lang did?

Wolf: I am still in this chat you know...

Giraffe: Don't worry, those girls were just manipulating dear Wolfie from the start. It was a tease to see how he could stand up to it. After all, someone seemed to be interested in Womble.

Hippo+Gorilla: WHAT?!

Beetle: Suddenly the main topic had digressed ;/

Monkey: Considering how we always see our dear womble being so disheartened, this is undoubtedly a double happiness news.

Flower: We should meet up soon and join this event! They said it's a virtual simulation, so I doubt it's as straining as those usual events.

Gorilla: You have no idea...

Womble: how narcissistic Boss Jin can be...

Gorilla: Even in games/events that are not cultivator based...

The messages went on and ultimately, everyone agreed to meet up after such a long period of time.