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Chapter 1601 Interim Leader Of Daimon City -Part 5

"The System is glad to report that the Virtual Simulation Instance had been created. Individual rooms and group rooms have been allocated while Qiu Yue is making the final adjustments to ensure that the rooms are well equipped and have proper connections with the Synthesis World. Syn is also standing by to make dummy connections to ensure that the transfer of souls is nominal and without any problem."

"Holy shit. I did not expect this to happen this quickly." Jin merely finished his speech and the System had already enacted on the problem.

"As the System had already made the necessary arrangements previously, it only expedited the creation of the Soul Inhibitors and Soul Extractors along with the help of Original Bellator Kraft."

"Ah. Once you get a tech that he is not used to or something brand new, he will want to dip his hands in it. I am glad that he had managed to create this without leaving it half done." Jin was elated that Kraft personally assisted with the Virtual Simulation project even though it was not his responsibility.

"He did and placed several fail safes to pull the soul out of the Virtual Simulation as well so that the cultivator's souls would not be stuck in the Synthesis World. However, the System believed that he did not do it because it is for the customers and the System deduced that there were other ulterior motives at hand."

"Hey, I am not that bad of a person," Kraft interjected and Jin was surprised to hear him. "Eh, don't bother replying to me. I cannot hear what you are talking about for some reason. So, I am just seeing what the System had spoken and interrupted. Just so you know Boss Man, you should be thankful that both the Soul Inhibitor and Extractor had similar features to this world's technology. It was easy to replicate despite the odd blueprints that had been given to us. Their design had so much redundancy but when it comes to properly ejecting the souls, the problem exacerbated." Kraft continued to babble on since he knew that even if he were to say something, he needed the System to tell him what Jin was saying.

"It was as if they had made this machine first to slow down the decomposition process of a human and started to think of ways to provide nutrients for the human."

"But meh, when I queried Syn further why don't they just do full hibernation instead? I was surprised that the answer I got was something out of the infamous MADTRIX Trilogy films...just erm the robots are friendlier? He said that the AI Administration needed the energy to power up the millions of humans that they were hibernating. The power reserves were being calculated to the point where it should last a century, enough time for a wide scale expedition force to search for new worlds so that the humans could be preserved."

"Yet, 100 years later there were no signs of the expedition force coming back and not even a signal, forcing the AIs to consider of the possibility that the worst had befallen them. So! They eventually had to search for renewable energy that enabled the robots and systems that were maintaining the hibernation machines in order to keep the humans alive."

"And as if the MADTRIX had the very same idea as them, they decided to use the humans they had hibernating as their power source. And if you are wondering, they could have used solar power as their source of energy but their world had been so polluted and major catastrophe struck so much that the period where they could collect solar energy was probably 30 odd days?"

"I am starting to think this is some sort of lecture..." Jin said to himself but he could not let Kraft hear it through the System nor should he try to stop Kraft from grumbling like an old dude mainly because he did after all complete the modified version of Soul Inhibitors and Extractors so that the cultivators could join in.

"At first they thought it was possible to collect that much energy but their luck got even worse as they found out that their sun was dying as well and the star energy made solar power a non renewable energy source which it would be a stupid idea if they could chasing for it."

"That's why they used human electrical pulses as their power source just as MADTRIX did. Probably less terrifying since all of them are under hibernation unlike where the movie did it when they were all still well awake and alive...and that explains the simulation part why all of them are in there."

"But what I found out is that they are running multiple simulations, especially for those who were 'killed' in the simulation by putting the 'dead' people into those Mechanoids and allowing them to be commanded. This enabled them to continue the simulation with the AIs getting their needed electrical sources of energy while also allowing players who lose to continue playing in a 'dead' state."

"And this electrical pulse thing is giving me lots of ideas on how to manipulate the brain. Hue hue hue~." Kraft laughed softly for once and not caring that he was on record.

"Wait a minute... Do you mean?" Jin realised what Kraft was talking about and he was not just working this Soul Inhibitor and Extractor for free. The System was able to relay the words back at Kraft and that was when his Devilish smile emerged.

"You are absolutely totally 100 percent on the spot, Jin! As expected from my disciple! Yes! I did! I copied and I was successful!" Kraft danced on the spot and Jin could not help but sigh at the situation. He had realised why the Devil Fox was giving such a long monologue.

For he had implemented the very same mechanics on their world's Soul Inhibitor and Extractor machines. They were capable of collecting electrical pulses from their customers as well, reducing the electrical consumption of the dungeon instance store.

"Qiu Yue told me to save money these past few months and how about we skim a little on the public's electricity and create our own? And those power plants that we have... we can actually sell power to people cheaply instead!" Kraft raved on as he knew that Jin was not around to stop him at all, and neither did the System have the power to do so.

All Jin could get out of this was that they finally solve their electrical bill problem while providing this amazing opportunity for the customers to play. And if this Virtual Simulation Room proves to be a hit, this could be the revival of 'cyber' cafes since Jin and Panda Inc had yet to publicly release and produce this for the country to use. After all, unlike the machine that they had made that consumed lots of energy, this big hunk of Virtual Simulator Machine that extracts and inhibits souls were currently only available in Dungeons and Pandas.

But for the first time, Virtual Simulation would be a reality to the world and the System predicts that it would going to take the world by storm.

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After Kraft babbled on the fact that he was going to exploit the customers, Jin had no choice but to allow him to do whatever he wants mainly because the boss was not there to facilitate it. Besides, deep down, he knows that this would definitely be a money saving trick that he could employ in order to save on the electricity bills.

Perhaps, if they went large scale and if it was popular enough, he could be able to power up the Tree Mall with it and the cost savings could be past down to the vendors as well. Of course, some price expectations were needed to ensure that his tenants were also not ripping their customers off and expecting a revision of their prices or at the very least, keep the prices stable.

That way, they would not need to be awfully worried about the electric supply if this project proves to be successful and Qiu Yue will most likely be appeased that Jin was doing something useful for the store instead of being missing all the time. If that was Kraft's way of assisting Jin, he would no doubt appreciate it but it was better that Kraft could do so by saving Jin's sorry ass from the celestial plane. Yet, this current issue was a more pressing concern compared to his body.

Now Jin understood why the AI administrations would prefer a lot of entertaining...situations to happen. If what Kraft had said about the electrical pulses, stimulations were necessary to create better and stronger pulses. So, Jin's interference and presence caused the people within the simulation to be stimulated, enhancing the creation of stronger pulses and thus more electricity produced for their needs. Thus, if Syn felt that Jin was not able to provide sufficient stimulation for the AI Administration to collect data as well as the power to fuel their requirements, it was possible that he would fall short of his bargain- something that Jin would never wish to do.

Thus, the only way forward was to continue on with this situation and hoped that the introduction of not just one variant but as well as the incoming waves of cultivators would provide the necessary stimulation for the Synthesis World AI Administration to be 'joyful' about. (After all, Jin predicted that they could not feel emotions as well as his System could.)

"System, ensure that the cultivators have sufficient training and use the Mount Sunn scenario as a possible simulation training ground before allowing them to reach here."

"Is User worried about not having sufficient time to prepare for your customers to be in the same space as you?"

"Nah, I am more concerned about the timing. Imagine when they reach here and there was nothing but peace?" Jin said.

"The System have User to take note of the time differences that he is experiencing. There is so much the System can do to prepare the customers but it won't be much help if they were to be waiting for days

for you to share your... decisive strike." The System reminded and Jin felt that this was a headache he got to handle with.

"Are you able to have full control of the cultivator's souls?"

"For a System who handles souls regularly, this is not an issue and had been reiterated multiple times to the Syn Administration, as they think that the System was equally incapable of doing so."

"That means you can force log off the cultivators if necessary?"

"Yes. There will be no problems doing force log outs as well. Is there a concern that the System needs to know about?"

"If that is the case, once you train them and they have sufficient knowledge, throw them to the North and South portions of Daimon City territory where we had disposed the monster lures. Denise said that the monster outbreaks can influence nearby dungeons even if we had destroyed the Monster Lures. It would be a good way to slowly introduce them to this world while not impeding on the fight that the Daimons are working for."

"The System understands where you are coming from. Force Log Off to teleport them to where you need them when the time comes?"

"Yea, something like that, stating that there is an emergency change of venue. Otherwise, the cultivators think that this is another boring monster culling programme." Jin said and he was rather satisfied that he was able to control the flow of the situation despite him not being at the store.

"The System will inform Qiu Yue of your decisions and they should be implemented without much impetus as the System finds that it is an appropriate choice as well. The System shall now leave the User to do what he needs to do for the defences of Daimon City. If there is any additional implementation that requires the User's input, the System shall consult with Sub System User Qiu Yue first."

"Great idea, thanks." Jin closed off the System and got back into the room where Denise had been waiting. She had created a holographic console which had all the information that Jin needed to know with regard to Daimon's City defences.

Ranging from the number of soldiers that they have in control and where they had been stationed. The reserve soldiers who had previously served were also called back to return to service so that they were able to assist with backend support. However, there were many who prefer a very singular purpose- Just give me a gun, and tell me where to stand.

It was an extremely simple order that the ex Daimon Soldiers preferred and Jin gave praise for their directness. However, the fact that they were ex soldiers, they were being stationed in the second wave of defence compared to soldiers who had been paid to work and stand on the frontlines.

The surprising thing about this situation was that Jin felt that if his country or region had been invaded, the citizen cultivators would also do the very same thing for their nation without a thought. If they do have the same mentality like his own fellow countrymen then perhaps, the commanding of troops might be easier than he would expect it to be.

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Although the commanding of the troops should be easy, he was actually more afraid of the city's defensive perimeters than anything else. So far, he had the luxury of dealing with cities that had erected walls as well as places with chokepoints. He was blessed so far to have such fortunate ...incidents when it comes to city defences.

But this was not the same.

Precisely because this was a modern city, there were no walls to speak of as the 'wall' they had, had already been taken down by the Crystal Dragon Mechanoid which flew through the barrier and went to overload it, indirectly destroying the barrier generator, causing their wall to be destroyed. There was nothing else the city engineers can do other than to force their opinions to the higher up, requesting to build new generators since replacing the generators would be an easier job than repairing the current barriers.

However, given the short notice that they had been given, the priority to creating those barriers was initially put on hold for the deployment of weapons and other arsenals. Of course, it would be best that the creation of the barrier generator was of utmost importance but considering how it is taking most of the city resources, the leaders especially Jin felt that it makes more sense to utilise the engineers to create makeshift defences instead of focusing their output on the barrier.

This was mainly due to the fact that the engineers needed to focus a bulk of the city's remaining factories' production to create the parts without any interruptions. So it was better to concentrate on sending the weapons as well as finish outfitting the half done Mechanoids so that they could at least contribute to the war against the monster outbreak rather than leaving them hanging.

It was only certain that all of their current production was done that the engineers and factory workers focused on recreating the barrier generators. If what Jin said was true, by expecting zero help from their neighbours also meant that it literally created a wall around Daimon City territory and the monsters had no other place to go other than the dead centre of Daimon City. And so far, the engineers had been receiving information that no other resources or trade routes would be happening with their surrounding cities, forcing them to fend for themselves.

Thankfully, it is because the situation happened at Daimon City, there were stockpiles of material that the engineers can utilise. So, it was after the priority allocation of materials for the new barrier generator that the rest of the material had been redistributed throughout the entire city to create the makeshift defences. Thus, the only way to win this outbreak was to buy enough time for the generators to be built, send to their destinations safely and the time to install those generators.

This was assuming they did not need redundancies which Jin insisted that more time be spent creating an additional barrier regenerator for all cardinal positions where the generators had been operating in the event that it did not work. "There would be no time to backtrack, so produce enough spare parts to make sure that if anything goes wrong, you can hotfix it on site."

One of the lead engineers questioned whether it was really viable for them to create such redundancies in lieu of the situation, citing that the soldiers might not have the strength and luxury of time to hold the line.

"Then, I shall return that question with another question. What makes you think that the time saved would make any difference? If the soldiers are not able to hold that it also means that it will be a matter of time for the monsters to make their way to the factories too. And this meant the plan to replace the barrier generators would be a no go at all. So, all I can say is focus. Focus on creating those redundancies and we can be sure that those barrier generators can be replaced properly without hiccups." Jin replied and the chief engineer kept silent, knowing that what their current interim leader said made sense.

If the waves of monsters already made their way to the centre, it would be best to abandon the idea of putting the generators back. Instead, if such a situation developed, they could reverse engineer the barrier generators to be a bomb, destroying the monsters that would be within range of the barrier generators aka when the monsters had succeeded in overcoming the soldiers and surrounding the factories.

Yet, with the concern of the barrier generators that had been discussed, most of the leaders and even military ones are concerned about how Jin was going to take care of the fact that the Daimon City is vulnerable to all sides since they had no physical barrier to block at all. Building makeshift walls would not be useful as well and this was a problem that even the military leaders had a major conundrum to this entire dilemma.

"It's not a very difficult problem to solve if you know the basics of warfare," Jin said as if it was insulting each and every military leader that was on the conference call with him.

"What do you mean exactly?"

"So far, the monsters are still attracted to the monster lure and had been gathering their strength by waiting for more of their companions to come out of the shithole they were coming out from. The drone surveillance showed that much as well. So, we have a few options. It's to destroy the monster lure as quickly as possible for the West side since my Grey Bears are handling the East side, we have effectively reduced the outbreak to one particular direction.

"Of course, from what I learn from several monster experts, the appearance of a dungeon outbreak may ultimately influence the nearby dungeons as well. But the fact that my team is pushing hard to clear the east side as we speak, we should be able to focus our forces at the West side while preparing for an all side invasion should things go awry and all the dungeons have their outbreaks influenced by the West."

"So, you are stating the offence is the best defence while preparing our defences at home?" One of the leaders asked and Jin nodded his head. The second wave of frontline troops would assist in building the defences, by creating and placing explosives around the city AND marking them. If not imagine how a random citizen walks by and goes kaboom. In any case, yes. The first wave of frontline troops would move in to intercept the monster outbreak as well as station a few troops to the dungeons to make sure they don't come out."

"I see. So you want to stop the outbreak by entering the Variant dungeon instead even though it meant certain death to several soldiers and Mechanoids."

"After all, an outbreak cannot happen if someone is trying to challenge it, right? All they had to do is to endure the first floor upon clearing the monsters outside the dungeon for I heard correctly, as long as the monsters by the dungeon were all killed, the soldiers can finally challenge it."

"But the flaws! We cannot provide proper artillery support or air support. Everything has to be relying on the ground troops themselves."

"About that... I think I might have a secret ace under my sleeve which would no doubt provide to be useful for this situation..." Jin smiled.

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Even as Jin's plan was to go on the offensive than to be in the defensive position, the situation was not as ideal as he would want it to be. The contingent of Mechanoids that Archduke Dyke had to arrive. The soldiers and volunteers who had stepped up to defend their city were still in a mess. Even with the multiple technological systems used to coordinate with everyone, there were still people who did not know what to do which prompted Jin to request the System to enter the fray.

Upon the System's advent, things were getting organised instead of them being spired out of control and this gives the place as well as the defenders a certain amount of trust in the current coordination of things. Yet, latest sources had stated that the Western dungeon had reached peak mass worth of monsters. If Jin was not going to do anything about it, the outbreak could truly start especially when such a congregation of monster could only mean one thing.

They had leaders intelligent enough as well as clout among the monsters to the point that they were amassing in large numbers so that they could guarantee that their assault against their bounty would be favourable. In the meantime, the Grey Bears seem to have encountered difficulties in the East as well as their opponents were not the very same Deer Orcs they had encountered previously.

Instead, they were a more disgusting species of forest trolls that had emerged from the Eastern Dungeon, another variant of deviant monsters that was not within the databases. To Jin, it seemed as if the AI Administration might have a hand in this current situation but he could not recklessly point fingers at anyone at this point. Yinn who was spearheading the squad had decided to rescind her command when she realised that Lynn had a better grasp of the situation fighting against such new deviant of monsters but the latter instantly rejected the new appointment.

"Just because I am familiar with fighting Trolls in other worlds does not mean that I have leadership qualities commanding the Squad. Boss Jin had made you the leader for this punitive squad and so be proud! Take this responsibility seriously!" Lynn said as she blasted off a troll's head away, causing it to stop regenerating. That heat of moment somehow allowed them to find the weakness of the forest trolls but it was easier said than done as the forest trolls were competent in their combat skills.

Mere bullets were insufficient to stop them and explosions that were not directed at their heads could be healed almost instantly. This was the reason why Yinn felt that her attacks with assault rifles were not strong enough to kill any forest trolls, and subsequently demoralising her to not allow her to lead

the team proper. "If you can't attack properly than use your brain! Isn't that why you are the brains of our operations before Commander Jin came into the picture?" Diaz also shouted as all she could do was to jump to the nearest troll and bring her shotgun close enough to their heads so they can blow them off.

"Our objective...our objective is not the forest trolls but the monster lure that cause these trolls to emerge. Yes, we might need to handle the trolls since they are not going to go back to the variant dungeon even if we ask them nicely but we need to stop the lure from dispesing the scent to allow other monsters to emerge later..." Yinn thought to herself and immediately called out to Click.

"Are you able to get your mechanical scouts to find where the monster lure is?"

"I don't think so! I only brought three hounds out and the scent of the monster lure in the area is too dense for them to even sniff it out."

"All we know is that the monster lure is in front of the dungeon, right? System, what's the distance between us and the dungeon entrance?" Yinn quickly call out.

"Approximately 1.6km away from your current location. That is assuming the System assuming that you continued to move straight, cutting through the forest trolls." The System replied and switched off immediately to assume control of the other responsibilities that Jin had requested it to handle.

"You want to a straight path through? I can do that but you need someone equally fast to move in as well." Tellie said as she hung behind the tree, sniping forest trolls faraway with gravity attributed bullets, a brand new bullet which the upgrade cards gave that cause the troll's head to implode inwards and die upon getting a headshot.

"Are you worried about the dungeon entrance being destroyed? Causing a permanent rift to emerge since there is nothing to hold the entrance?" Page asked as she could sense that Yinn was calucating the risks. Like their current leader, Page was useful against Mechanoids but not against monsters so the only thing she could do was to send nanobots flying to the other Mechanoids' aid when they were needed. That was especially true for Lynn who had overstretched her already resilient top of the line Mechanoid body by normal standards. But because of Page's aid, Lynn was able to unleash explosive moves repeatedly killing trolls in an unprecedented amount that she could earn triple promotion by now.

Yet for some reason, those forest trolls were still regenerating in numbers that the Grey Bears could not explain so for now, what they had to do was to complete their given mission as soon as possible. Thus, with the current capabilities of the Grey Bears, Yinn decided that it was time for her to buck up as well. There was only so much she could do that it pains her to know that there was nothing special with regards to her expertise as a Grey Bear Mechanoid leader.

That was why she had decided to create a plan that was radical enough, utilising the unique capabilities that the Grey Bears were bestowed with from Commander Jin and the System. If this plan fails, Yinn believed that all they could do was to retreat or die fighting holding the line long enough to allow their commander to have sufficient time to prepare the city's defence plan.

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If there was any similarity to the Forest Trolls that Jin knew of, it would be that they have a high regeneration rate. Even though the Grey Bears were not reporting back to Jin, the System still updated the commander and now, the Interim Leader of Daimon City on the team's progress. It seemed like the Grey Bear Squad had decided to be self sufficient and not consistently rely on their commander.

Jin understood that Yinn might just be a Mechanoid but so far, she had possessed talents in leadership despite the lack of unique skills that the others might have. Even Diaz had been considered normal in terms of the standard set by the other Mechanoids within the Grey Bear squad. However, the System deemed that she might be able to find her speciality soon enough considering how she started to mimic Lynn and risking her life going for close quarter combats.

Even if they were just virtual simulated models, the System was still very interested in such data as they could be created in the real world so long as Jin had the materials and design plans to do so. They could be Jin's personal bodyguards back in his world and having a squad always ready to move on his command will allow him to focus more on the creation of dungeons rather than going into danger himself. A bad habit of his but the System appreciates how its user was able to be in exciting situations that most of its previous users were unable to get into.

It regrets keeping the ideology of a single human trying to conquer the entire region just to win against the existing Royal Zodiacs and not thinking of expanding itself to other branches of life. If not for Ming's foolish attempt to fight against the Royal Zodiacs in the past which required the System to rollback in time so that the consequences of its actions were not carried over, the System believed that its choice of choosing one person and forcing him/her to do its bidding might spell the end of the Panda Clan. (Granted, if Jin did not have any descendants, that would also be the end of the System as well... though the System knows that it at least had a decent last run judging from the current slew of events.)

"The Forest Trolls should be weak to fire. Even if they were not blasted into smithereens, at least they would have their regeneration halted, giving the Grey Bear Squad some opening to perform their objective." Jin said to the System and it relayed the information to Yinn, hoping that she could make the decisions for herself.

"Wouldn't it be better if they set the entire place on fire?" Denise asked as a side note, seeing how she was right beside him organising the issues that were besieging Jin, thus causing Jin to be distraught and use the Grey Bear situation as an outlet of distraction.

"That will reduce the amount of cover the Grey Bears can use. Besides, I first hand saw how the destruction of forests just makes things more difficult for us as well. The consistent smoke creates cover for the enemies- though I understand we have better optical imaging but it's a different story if you are sending troops to fight. They would also be suffering within that particular environment."

"That was why I thought it was a bad idea to only allow your Grey Bear squad to fight. It would have been safer in bigger numbers."

"Har! You underestimate my Grey Bear squad. They alone had massacred hundreds of Mechanoids. This is nothing. All they had to do is to treat those Forest Trolls as fellow Mechanoids and they would be able

to kill them in a jiffy." Jin purposely opened the communication channel for the Grey Bears squad to hear without much context but Denise immediately shoved Jin into more paperwork telling him not to get distracted if he was so confident of his Grey Bears.

"Easy for you to say." Yinn thought within her head as she received confirmation that they were able to shoot a few volleys of artillery fire to aid in their objective to destroy the monster lure. However, a maximum range had been set by Jin as well as the military assisting them to prevent the destruction of the dungeon entrance.

"At the very least we have better firepower than I thought," Yinn said to herself as she reloaded her assault rifle and started to set a course towards the probable site of the monster lure.

"Tellie. Do not fire that huge 'magical' beam of yours until I tell you. Diaz, You and I are going to rush through the forest as much as possible I will create as much cover fire for you. We will be riding the Mechanical Hounds that Click has until we find our mission objective. Lynn, I need you to cause as much havoc as you can while protecting Tellie. Page, Boost us as much as possible and later aid Lynn."

"Your brilliant plan is to rush in blind?" Diaz said as she smacked one of the Forest Trolls with her shotgun before taking another shot at it. It was then, that a new upgrade card emerged from her console, showing the best ever possible combination for her. Gunzerker: Enables Mechanoid Diaz to auto reload her shotguns as long as she is holding two or more weapons at the same time.

Immediately, she agreed on the usage of the upgrade card enabling her to see little tiny sockets opening from her wrist and popping out ammunition the moment her shotgun was empty. There, she saw a loader where the moment she placed her shotgun close to it, shells popped into her gun instantly, causing instant gratification and the reloading time had lessened down to less than a second.

"Hahahaha! I take my words back! Rush in blind?" My fucking pleasure! I would love to see how these two baddies on my hands can perform with a new perk I just got!" Diaz said as she felt like she was in a frenzy mode at that point in time. "Oh and Yinn, make sure you bring enough ammunition for me!"

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Chapter 1606 Interim Leader Of Daimon City -Part 10

"Oh. So she finally found what she wanted." Tellie smiled as she could see that even in the chaos, her fellow colleague could find happiness within it.

"Ha ha ha! Do not get discouraged okay? At least I am a late bloomer and not the very last one." Diaz tapped Yinn's shoulders as Click's mechanical beasts finally came out of the woods and into the opening where they were at. However, contrary to everyone's expectations that Yinn would show at least some reactions to Diaz's provocation, she was extremely focused on her current predicament.

The Forest Trolls were still taking their time to surround them, in an attempt to cut them off from any escape routes, hoping that their charade of killing a few of the Forest Trolls was the only achievement

they could ever amass. However, the moment the mechanical hounds that Click had summoned had reached the small opening, Yinn's plan sprung into action.

Lynn gave them an unexpected boost in their opening attack, as her drop kick to kill a forest troll had become a shockwave blast that forced the trolls to be stunned momentarily, allowing Yinn and Diaz to burst through the first few lines of forest trolls. "Coordinates sent! Time the attacks!" Yinn shouted through her intercom as they were trying their best to speed through the large forest trolls without doing any attacks yet."

And within a few seconds, there was a whistling sound before an explosion erupted right in front of Yinn and Diaz. That was when Lynn and the others deduced that Yinn had decided to use the precious artillery support given by Jin and Diamondz Corps as a way to move forward. They were to utilise the artillery impact as a means of cover which means that it was dangerous close for the duo. If they were not fast or slow enough with their movement, they would get hit.

If it was not for the regeneration trait of the forest trolls, one wave of artillery bombardment would have been enough. However, Yinn decided to play safe and requested a bombardment right behind them as well. This was to prevent the forest trolls from regenerating in time to chase after them. Shooting out a second wave of bombardment after they moved forward through their trail, would force the Forest Trolls to pause momentarily while hoping that a few get killed by the attacks.

After all, getting to the Monster Lure was an objective while returning alive was another. Still, that crazy stunt Yinn pulled means that as long as they were within the time frame of each artillery bombardment, they should be able to come out of this unscathed to destroy the monster lure.

And she got her wish granted. The bombardment stopped when they were closing near the dungeon entrance and they could see the mechanical pillar that they wished to deactivate. The monster lure was right there putting out a scent so desirable that the forest trolls they were starting to see were of a different skin colour. Currently, most of them were a little distracted by the bombardment and did not realise the presence of Yinn and Diaz reached the Monster Lure.

But without hesitation, the both of them each threw a bag full of sticky C4s bombs into the crevices of the mechanical pillar before running away from it. Unfortunately, those variant Forest Trolls got to their senses when they somehow detected a threat to the Monster Lure that had been attracted to and managed to kick Yinn's mechanical hound down, causing her to fall.

"STICK TO THE PLAN!" Yinn shouted as she could see that Diaz had instinctively tried to move back just for her. Just as she shouted at Diaz, the monster lure erupted into a fiery show of explosions as the lure itself was rather volatile in nature too. It was also a signal for one of their Grey Bears who was responsible for giving them a way out of this mess they got into.

A gigantic blast of energy beam had been released a few metres away from the monster lure's position, narrowing and avoiding the dungeon entrance while ensuring that the trolls were killed in the process.

"GO! You are a Gunzerker now! An Evolved Mechanoid. The Squad will need you more than they need me!" Yinn said as she jumped up on the troll and she threw a grenade into its mouth while distracting it with a few bullets into its chest.

"Fuck that martyr shit! You think you are some bigshot doing this?!" Diaz turned back and grabbed Yinn to the back of its Mechanical hound. The energy beam was once again a sufficient distraction for Diaz to perform this but they knew that the person who shot that beam was none other than Tellie. There was no way she could fire it repeatedly in this short amount of time and the 'escape' route Tellie created could only last long enough for the Mechanical hound burdened with two mechanoids to sprint a short distance before the duo gets surrounded again.

"What are you doing?!" Yinn shouted while she felt that Diaz was wasting her chances on a standard Mechanoid like her. Yet at that point, Diaz gave the reins of the Mechanoid Hound to Yinn and told her to ride it while she switched positions with her vice leader so that she focus on shooting.

"You ride this Mechanical Hound out of this shit you created. I am not leaving you behind because you are responsible for my life, Vice Leader." Diaz made no sense at all at that point in time since all she could think of was the amount of havoc she could create with her new Gunzerker trait. "Also, give me your gun when I ask for it. There's only so much ammunition I could carry just now since you did not allow me to prepare enough."

"How would I know the amount of ammunition you needed differs?"

"You should have known that the moment you planned this nonsensical strike operation!"

"More like you have already brought more than enough ammunition, a Mechanoid could usually carry!"

"Well! I did not know that my body can now just eat shit loads of ammunition and spew them out when I need them!" Diaz complained but even as they did that, they were moving back to the small opening that they had designated as their gathering point. Although It was only 1.4 kilometres away all they could think of right now was to shoot and run, hoping that the rest of the team could survive when they reached.

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The Forest Trolls for some reason got really agitated with the loss of the Monster Lure and it further infuriated them that they suddenly lost a portion of their own species to some energy beam that had been released by the Mechanoid.

Page, Click and Lynn would undoubtedly surprised by the strength and skill of Tellie's attack but there was no time for rest for the Forest Trolls suddenly turned their anger towards them. Their attacks were swifter, despite their size and the wooden clubs and poles hit harder that it left small potholes on the ground. The Mechanoids deduced that if they were to get hit, they might lose a portion of their body rather easily.

There was nothing they could do but defend Tellie as they needed her to keep a path clear for Yinn and Diaz to return. Little did they know that the monster lure that had been used was something similar to

the cries of a baby forest troll. The destruction of the Monster Lure mechanical pillar was akin to the distortion of the forest troll crying and to make things worse, the explosion propagated the sound.

All of the Mechanoids within the vicinity had no idea that such an occurrence happened. All they knew was that the Forest Trolls turned aggressive and they had to maintain the objective of getting Yinn and Diaz back in one piece.

"Seriously, I think we should have cleared a majority of them before we let that duo do that search and destroy mission for the monster lure." Click complained as she hastily set up as many turrets as she could based on the limited amount of materials that were available within her bag. She knew that there were still some extras in their getaway car but right now, it was too far for her to do anything with regards to that.

Knowing that assault rifle turrets would not be extremely useful for the current situation, she had decided to use flame turrets instead as that was the only thing that had been working according to Lynn. She had infused her punches and kicks with high temperature and accelerated them further to cause the heating element to be visibly seen as she popped off those Forest Troll's heads.

Thus, when the flame turrets were set up, the periodic attacks did cause damage to the Forest Trolls and the mechanoids could witness that their regeneration was slowing down. With the evidence being apparent to them, Page found a System Upgrade card that enabled her nanobots to create a sort of ignition upon contact. A temporarily elemental buff which Page was surprised that it was within her repertoire of upgrade cards which she did not notice before. (Of course, she did not notice it, the System created it as per the situation demands.)

So, with the upgrade boost of the fire elemental nanobots, the team decided to hunker down and protect Tellie instead of moving her to a suitable position for the next firing. After all, if Tellie had to reposition, that also meant that after cooling down, the Sniper Mechanoid had to recalculate everything including her firing position to ensure that she fired a similar spot while taking into account the firing distance away from the initial shot as well as the dungeon entrance.

Seeing how it would be more time-saving to stay in position, the rest fought fiercely to ensure that Tellie's cooldown was not interrupted.

"Yinn! Do we still have artillery support?! We are being swarmed here!" Click asked through the System channel in hopes that the vice leader of the Grey Bear Squad could answer her.

"Send me the coordinates! I will push it out to the artillery support as soon as I can!" Yinn shouted but before the coordinates came through, the artillery strikes proceeded, burning the encirclement that was surrounding the remaining Grey Bears.

"The System can handle such a request. Focus on returning to the group. The User expects all Grey Bears to return in one piece." It was a surprise that the Mechanoids and even Lynn could not see it coming from afar.

"Wow for the first time in a long while, the System is taking initiative to aid? Are you okay, System? Can I ask you to buy the lucky drawback in our world? I think we can earn some good cash from the lottery from this sudden turn of events." Lynn said with such sarcasm that she might have been half serious about it.

Seeing how the mission had been accomplished, the System was probably satisfied that there were few resources spent on such an important mission. Thus, it concluded that the artillery strikes that it had been providing were a still significant net positive to their current predicament. However, that could not be said for the same with the West side. If not for Jin's hunch (even though his hunch was based on something completely unrelated), they would have been able to salvage the situation and have the Daimon City ready for battle rather than be besieged from all sides.

And so, the Grey Bears were instrumental in making sure that this impromptu assault operation could be completed, making it a priority to return to Daimon City as intact as possible without much damage so that they could be utilised again for the subsequent operations. That was why the artillery strikes continued even though it was to only save six Mechanoids.

"I am ready to go in ten seconds," Tellie whispered even though she was still steaming hot from the gigantic energy beam that she had used. After all, she had enough experience after multiple attempts in doing long distance sniping with large stakes. If there was an award to be given as best damage dealer of the operations, she might have won those multiple times in a row. Upon announcing her strike, she recalculated her angle as she deviated a little away from her previous shot so that she could clear the forest from the Forest Trolls while providing a brand new path for Yinn and Diaz to return.

"We are ready!" Yinn said as she picked up a power cord from her side vest pocket and plugged it into the Mechanical Hound. After which, she plugged the other end into her neck and thus provided not only additional battery energy but also information about where the next attack was going to be to the hound, allowing it to make decisions about when to jump and move. This was especially crucial as Yinn did not have sufficient attention span to take note of the hound's path since they were busy making sure that the Forest Trolls from the sides and in front of them did not block them to the point where they had no place to escape.

It was a game of extending the gap to ensure there was space to move and breathe for the duo and it was getting smaller with every second and every metre closer to their group. However, they were sure they could make it back.

"Page! Click! Fire up the escape vehicle and make sure we can return in one piece! Do any means necessary!" Yinn said as the countdown to Tellie's subsequent beam was less than five seconds.

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Tellie was subsequently able to complete her objective and she did not waste any time firing her 'magical' beam across the entire forest once more, destroying roughly 10-15% of the forest trolls that were residing in the area. At the same time, Lynn was the only one protecting the rear while the rest had gone to get the escape vehicle starting. To their delight, the vehicle was untouched by the Forest Trolls and they were able to get it alive without much trouble.

Lynn, on the other hand, was going over her maximum power capacity once more by overexerting herself against the limit time and time again. Her fists imbued by Page's elemental nanobots along with her own heated fists and legs were proving to be the best offence against the Forest Trolls. Not to mention, if it was not for the artillery support, there was no way she would be able to keep up with the pace against the overwhelming numbers.

Click was initially a little hesitant to leave Lynn behind for her to take care of the defences but Lynn insisted for Click to aid Page in the event that the escape vehicle had problems starting up. However, her motive was not entirely pure as she figured that if she was placed in an extremely difficult situation, there was a possibility for her to break the limit of her current 'shell' and increase her artificial cultivation grade.

And she did.

With all the experiences levelling up her cultivation grade prior to her arrival to this virtual simulation, it had enabled her to break the limits and get her fusion cores to pump out even more chi, increasing her grade to the Third. (Well, technically the lower grades were easy to achieve mainly because it needed more usage for the cores to get up and working.)

Thus, with this renewed strength, she was able to explosively move through the opening and defeat the Forest Trolls with not just heated fists and legs but now energised short blades that were emitting from her hands which she could also swing out and slices of heated energy were used to cut the Forest Trolls' head if they were fast and accurate enough to hit the target. (Otherwise, it would just be a severe burn that injures the Forest Trolls) Because of her cultivation was the Penguins in the Kitchen Hell (PLEASE CHECK THE PROPER NAMEZ), the usage of fire and high temperature was easily her strong suit and she was undoubtedly the natural enemy of the Forest Trolls.

However, before she could fully utilise her new strength, Lynn managed to see that Diaz and Yinn had managed to reach the opening. Diaz was still firing like a mad person but Lynn realised it was not the guns that had been brought with her. Instead, it was plucked out from the Mechanical Hound and she had been using it as her own. (If Click knows about it, she will definitely kill Diaz for mistreating her hound.) And yet, the Hound was still running at full speed towards the opening if not for the attack that Tellie had made to clear the area for them.

"How's Tellie?" Yinn said as Lynn finally stopped and returned to the centre of the opening where Tellie was.

"She is still cooling down. We can move her but it would be hot." Lynn replied as she took her pistol out and threw it to Diaz as she saw her ditching the Mechanical Hound's machine gun to the floor.

"Thanks, Lynn. I still have a surplus of bullets but all the guns had melted from the extreme firing." Diaz said as she took the pistol and continued to fire towards the Forest Trolls.

"I can carry her as I can manipulate heat with my current state. Diaz, take Tellie's assault rifle. She had not used it yet." Lynn said as she carried Tellie behind her back while Yinn searched Tellie's combat vest for more ammunition not just for herself but for Diaz too. Unlike Diaz, her rifle had not yet been compromised but she required ammunition as well.

"Do you want to use Tellie's sniper rifle as well?" Lynn asked and Diaz shook her head violently.

"No way. That is her baby. I am not using her baby unless she gives explicit permission." Diaz said and Yinn nodded her head too, citing that it was a well known fact of Tellie that Lynn was not aware of.

If that's the case, then let's hurry back to the escape vehicle." Lynn replied as they could see the Trolls were even more rowdy as they saw a bunch of their own had been swiftly annihilated by that magical beam Tellie had caused.

"And here I guess it right! We are on the dot!" Click said through her intercom as headlights shone in their direction and out came the combat jeep that Page was driving. The System had stopped the artillery bombardment at certain predicted areas to allow the entire Grey Bear groups to meet before commencing back the artillery attacks. Even though it was not controlled by the System, the Mechanoids that were operating them were on point with their instructions with a slight tolerance in a short lag time. Overall, it was almost exactly similar to how the System would have controlled it.

So, with the artillery bombardment as cover, Tellie was loaded into the combat jeep while the rest entered with Diaz being the last to go in.

"Let's go, Page! I think the System had bombarded quite a fair amount of the place to give us a small clearing as a path to follow." Click said as she checked her holographic console to see the current live view of the terrain."

"Roger that," Page said as she stepped on the accelerator and released her clutch to move all speed ahead. It was a short breather for the group as they moved away from the opening but it was to reload. Yinn now knew how Diaz operated with her new Gunzerker class and thus started feeding boxes of ammunition right into her via her back where a hole had been designated as the 'refill' point. The moment she inserted the belt of ammunition into her, it quickly gobbled it up like some hungry hippo. The phrase second stomach might be relevant for Diaz as they had no idea how she was keeping all that ammunition within her.

In the meantime, the rest stocked up their items as Page also sent her nanobots to repair the group within the combat jeep. Those nanobots had already been on standby and she created even Nanobots that were specialised in cooling so that they would assist Tellie with her release of heat. Thus, while they were being repaired, everyone was refilling their ammunition before they allowed Diaz to have everything else.

So despite the feeding of ammunition to the Gunzerker, Diaz figured it was enough and took the chance to open the top latch so as to be able to get up at the hood of the combat jeep to use the heavy calibre machine gun that was mounted on it. Unlike previously where she would have spammed it like crazy, Diaz was actually trying to aim with her targeting module as she knew the trip back could be impossible if they wastefully used their ammunition within the jeep.

All they could do was to complete their objective of returning back Daimon City alive.

If the Mechanoids could feel sweat and palpitations, this would be the time as they never saw the Forest Trolls to be so active in hunting their enemy. Despite them having the advantage in terms of distance, they had never seen those Forest Trolls running at all until now. Some of them were bashing through the trees no matter how sturdy those innate obstacles were while the rest were jumping from one corner to another.

The Combat Jeep was swirling around to take the shortest trail as their onboard AI were calculating the path ahead of them and Diaz shot down those Forest Trolls that were nearest to their position but this was not sufficient to keep them away at all. Artillery bombardments had also stopped as the predicted distance to shoot was not the same at all.

But when all seems bleak, it seems like their commander had flipped out a card to change the tide of war.

Communication had been patchy until Page suddenly received a very clear message. "Accelerate and drive as straight as possible and do not turn drastically turn your vehicle." Though the person saying it was unknown to the Grey Bears, their IFF tag stated that it was the Daimon Defence Forces.

"Copy that." Page turned off the jeep's onboard AI and stepped on the pedal without regard. She did her own analysis and calculations to avoid any other obstacles yet it was still a rather bumpy ride which the rest did not mind except for Diaz who needed a more stable platform to aim and shoot. There were suspensions for the combat jeep as well as the mounted machine gun emplacement but it was not sufficient for Diaz as she could feel that she was going up and down.

Page did not care about Diaz's complaints and focused on driving forward. Soon enough, the hope of seeing reinforcements was indeed sighted true. There was an opening in their formations just for Page to force her way through the incoming battalion of Armoured soldiers and troops. The irony was that they seemed much better equipped compared to the offensive force the Grey Bears had fought at Mount Sunn. "Perhaps, they were really underestimating us at Mount Sunn, but it was also fortunate that they had taken it easy on us."

"Nah, I doubt they underestimate us. It's probably due to the fact that they had much more money to spend and hired freelancers to do the job. Their heavy equipment on the other hand... well, you remember that rows and rows of tanks that came in. Not to mention that air fleet you brought down." Yinn commented and Page laughed.

"That was no doubt a good memory for my comeback fight." Page chuckled as she and the other Grey Bears saw the Daimon Defence Forces were already shooting the moment the combat jeep came into view.

"Command Post to Grey Bears. Return to the city for quick repairs and some special rearmament. Commander Jin's orders. You are being dispatched to the West to assist with the monster horde in that area." The noisy radio on the combat jeep crackled after giving its commands, not waiting for the return reply from the Grey Bears indicating that the command post was busy handling other instructions. At that point, Diaz had also given up firing and finally returned back into the squeazy combat jeep to rest. (After all, there was the comfort of air conditioning which can aid in the cooling of her mechanical frame.)

"Shouldn't we just head to the West? I think they wish for us to subjugate the Monster Lure as well."
Page asked Yinn but Lynn interrupted.

"No, let's head back to the headquarters. Command had said the equipping of special armament and I think if we disobeyed that order, it would only impede in our progress to fight." Lynn said.

"You seem awfully eager to return," Diaz said

"Well, it's Commander Jin's girl. What do you expect?" Click said and the rest almost forgot that fact and grinned a little.

"Hey, hey. Don't change the subject." Lynn said with an angsty pout and everyone within the group had some relief from their 'hearts' as they knew that they had been thrown from one battle to the next without rest and that they wished there was a way out of this.

"But if you ask me. I don't think that you should worry that much when it comes to the Western Region's Monster Lure, I doubt that Jin would be asking any of you girls to go for it."

"Why do you say that?" Yinn asked and Lynn smiled widely.

"Because that objective is a money making item for him...if I know him well enough. Right, System?"
Lynn said as she opened her holographic console as if staring at the System for a reply. At that point in time, the System kept quiet as if it refused to acknowledge that they had been listening into the conversation for the longest time ever. However, the silence was long enough that it finally decided to reveal a little.

"Yes. User had planned for certain elements of a massive foreign force to enter and attack that. It will be a three prong attack if everything goes well." The System replied and the Grey Bears were confused.

"What the System implying is that he is bringing ... some friends from our world to come to save the day now that we are stuck in this situation."

"Can that really work? I thought this erm reality is tightly sealed from external forces. Unless you mean the 'Creators' have allowed it." Yinn questioned and it seems like the Mechanoids were not able to touch on the subject of the Synthesis AI Administration as if it was a forbidden topic. Yet, the rest kept quiet and Click felt that the awkwardness was too much and decided to change the topic

"Are the monsters at the Western dungeons, the same as Forest Trolls?" Click questioned the System since it should have the answers to it.

"No, They are of a different breed of monsters. A troublesome one is that explosives might have some difficulty performing their job." The System replied giving them the data of the monsters that they are supposed to fight against.

Metal Ogres.

Ogres.

And if the species was not enough to be menacing for the defenders of Daimon City, they had chosen the element that resisted explosives the most, Metal Ogres. As the name had specified, Metal Ogres are extremely sturdy monsters that are rather resistant against fire based attacks. Surely, throwing enough explosives on them will work but there was only that much Daimon City Defenders had in stock yet that doesn't mean that they can't be killed.

On the other hand, the Forest Trolls were less resistant to explosives but they require precision to kill them because of their healing factor. That was why Commander Jin had decided to send out the first responders against the Forest Trolls instead. Annihilating them would be an easier task while the group tries to defend against the Metal Ogres.

And to make matters worse, those Metal Ogres were as their name stated, had metal on them. This made them a group of monsters with some intelligence that had the capability to create metal based weapons as part of their arsenal. Surely, other monsters have claws and fangs that are as hard as metal but these Ogres? Their Metal parts could range from the Copper to Titanium though the latter was more of a rarity and undoubtedly a stronger variant.

Yet, they are more or less formidable which Jin had to deal with with extra caution.

Surely, he could count on the God of Battlefield, the Almighty Artilleries but they could only do so much because of the stockpile that they had. Unlike Mount Sunn where the System was in control of the entire Workshop and had access to almost every automated production facility which enabled Old Flammet to focus on the delicate stuff, the System was not in control of Daimon City.

It needed not only premium access to the city's system but also the military and Diamondz Corps systems and handling that would be akin to handling Pandapolis threefold. This was because everything was a bunch of codes that the System needed some time to recognise while Pandapolis had already been programmed by the System and had sentient beings that knew what to do.

So while the System was able to send out commands like it did for the artillery strikes, and perhaps prompt Mechanoids to move out at certain locations based on Jin's decision, it was just a secondary computer to the Mechanoids that had been given the instructions. It could only influence their movements a little faster than the voice commands because of the authority that Jin wielded as the Interim Leader of Daimon City.

Therefore, the System had decided not to interrupt the organisation of the Western Defence compared to the East where the offensive was an easy one. And even though Jin had said that he wished to throw troops carelessly into the fray for all sides, he was not dumb enough to actually do that unless there was seriously a big fat opportunity to do so. Thus, the Eastern Offensive against the Forest Trolls was one such example in which he was glad that the Mechanoids were able to perform as he expected so that he could convince those in the Daimon defence council was able to see how Jin was able to execute such daring operations.

This not only gave them the trust for the Interim Leader to perform but also an instant morale booster for Daimon City who had seen this as competence from the Interim Leader rather than hearing all of his titles which they had no concerns about. It did however give some credibility in the first place but the

doubts were deeply seeded into the people's minds since such elites from the Archduke's personal army were only rumours and hearsays unless proven otherwise.

And this offensive and the Grey Bear's success solidified the position that Jin was undertaking, giving not only the citizens of Daimon City confidence but also finally some hope that they could really weather such a betrayal from their neighbours and country. All Jin had to do was to continue doing such a good job that the people of Daimon City could rally behind the Archduke in the near future and be an unstoppable force that the Archdukes could utilise.

Hence, with all these considerations, Jin had decided to stand their ground against the Western portion of Daimon City. Trenches had been created haphazardly as the first defensive line while Sappers, who were Mechanoids that deal with explosives, had been putting up mines ahead of the hastily made trenches so that the Metal Ogres could be slowed down.

If the Forest Trolls were any indication of the incoming fight, the monsters can not be judged based on their size since the perception of Trolls were not fast moving creatures until Jin saw the footage of them moving rather quickly. And so, he concluded that the Metal Ogres were equally a problem. Surely, they do not have the healing factor of a Forest Troll but their metal based element built within them causes their skin to be partially resistant to bullets, technically making them a sort of bullet sponge.

So far, there were no weak points that they could utilise since they had not engaged in combat yet but based on the current knowledge and data that Daimon City's monster database had, Ogres tend not to have any weakness they could exploit. The only thing they could do was to pour out as much firepower as they could to allow those monsters to die.

Therefore, Jin was not worried that the general population of Daimon could not get any action but rather how much action they get before they needed to retreat away. However, even with all the initial impromptu decisions, all of the defence council members had no idea that Jin was preparing an offensive as he had initially proposed... Just not with Daimon City's citizens.

Aye, it's those cultivator customers who were hungry for new content. It had been so so god damn long since they got anything new that this Virtual Simulation which had been teased periodically and finally had been released to the public despite the word 'beta' inside of it. But because it was considered 'beta' the price of the entry had been lowered though it was now counted by minutes due to how there was a time difference between Jin's World and the Synthesis World. But the customers had no idea that was the original reasoning, they assumed that the Virtual Simulation was counted in minutes mainly because of its beta form. They had no idea that their minutes might be hours or days within that Synthesis World's Virtual Simulation.

The customers at first thought it was outrageous but Qiu Yue assured them that if they were not satisfied after the run, they could get a partial refund and that was assuming they would not accept the rewards of the said run once they were done with it. (If it was Jin, it would be full, lol. Qiu Yue was not allowing the customers to run away so easily after they used the service.)

But that was just the minority as the majority were patiently anticipating the release. Very patiently.

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