

Dungeon S 1651

Chapter 1651 Defending Daimon -Part 40 (Final)

"Understood." Lead Commander Grieves received word that they are going to do the last phase to clear the Metal Ogres once and for all. Some of the soldiers had no idea what was to be done but there were some commanders briefed on it.

They quickly relayed the information to the other soldiers and they understood what was coming. It was actually a sort of expendable cage where oxygen would later be removed within the area. Now that the monsters were trapped within the construction materials, both injured or killed, this was the best time to finish it up.

Putting a cage around the affected area, would secure the area remove the oxygen within the area, and suffocate any of the surviving Metal Ogres within the area. This was to prevent the loss of any other soldiers and Mechanoids attempting to remove the debris and get killed from a desperate attack.

This way, the monsters would be killed and the debris could be removed without too much trouble. Of course, some had argued that the Metal Ogres could attempt to dig through the ground but they had forgotten that there were still multi-layered mines being buried underneath all those debris. Should any Metal Ogres try to dig, there is a high chance the mines would kill them first and cause the debris to splatter them.

Not to mention, the process to remove all oxygen required a few hours to get it all out. The site would later be guarded for the next 24 hours and the mines would be deactivated for the subsequent removal of the debris. If the Metal Ogres do not die from the lack of oxygen, they might as well be indomitable spirits.

For now, while they were waiting for the cage to appear, the soldiers were doing their job hunting any Metal Ogres who were still breathing from the surface. And they were merciless in doing it. Shots and more shots of shotgun slugs were plunged into the bodies of the Metal Ogres to ensure that they were dead. Some of the more unfortunate soldiers managed to be grabbed the Metal Ogres who were relentless even in their moment of death and they were the ones who had lost their legs or arms as others tried to rescue them.

Other than that, most of the Metal Ogres were killed on the exterior and finally, there were choppers with Diamondz Insignia on them carrying in a huge transparent yet expendable cage. As soon as the choppers came close to the 'accident' site, the cage slowly expanded with the choppers getting into position. After which, Diamondz Mechanoids came down from the choppers and started to manually adjust the cage.

Once it was done, a console emerged at the very edge of the cage and the Mechanoid employee started to key in some numbers and they could hear the cage start to rumble. The deed was done. They believed that no matter how strong a Metal Ogre could be if they were lack of oxygen, there was no way they could emerge out of the compressed construction debris.

"A bit of an overkill?" A commander asked General Grieves but the latter did not give any opinion on it.

"It might seem that way but if it could really work and suffocate those Metal Ogres to death, that would be the best."

"Why would they want to do that though? Wouldn't it be better than to just kill them outright with iron and fire?"

"You saw how fierce they could get, and how tough they were. You want to remove the construction debris bit by bit and get ambushed by those critters?" Grievus asked and the commander apologised. "Station a few guards and a few tanks here in case there was some crazy variant like that Twin Swords Metal Ogre."

"Yes, Sir. But if there is really a variant, how do we handle it?"

"Call up the Interim Leader." Grievus did not hesitate and used Jin's name. "He will take care of it. Otherwise, we will need to expend a heck lot of resources to stop it."

"Ehh... Understood Sir." The commander saluted and began to make the arrangements. Even though it was the end, there were no cheers, unlike the time the Metal Ogres got exploded into many pieces when they walked through Line 1. However, there were sighs of relief and some even sit down on the ground to relax for a moment.

Their hands were shaking from all the shooting, their eardrums probably busted from all the loud explosions but they were relieved that it was finally done. And to mark the end of this operation, General Grievus shot a signal flare to tell everyone that it was over.

When General Ost saw that and opened the communication channel between Grievus and Jin to report that they were still prowling the area to check for any remnants of the monster horde. However, Jin told them that his Pandarens would be doing the scouting and defeat any remaining.

"Come back. You all deserve a break."

"At much as we appreciate the gesture, this is still our city. We will do the patrols. Your Pandarens or Pandawans had did a good job aiding us. Please let them rest instead." General Ost said and Grievus concurred with him.

"As much I do not wish to admit this... For an outsider, you did a job better than the military council." Grievus said. "The Western Front Force will do a sweep from the opposite side."

"Alright, then I shall do as you guys recommended. In the meantime, I will get Central Defence to start up the trains and some food for your Western Front guys. Thank you for your hard work and good job guys. I did not expect we can clear this in one day." Jin said and the both of them acknowledged Jin.

"I do not think both of us ever imagine this could be done in a single day too. We assumed the fight would be longer and more protracted within the city." General Ost said. "The losses were minimal compared to what had been estimated and as much I do not wish to admit it as well, the losses might be more if you had not intervened personally. Now we understand why Archduke Dyke had decided to get you to hold the fort and investigate Diamondz."

"You are one person we should not underestimated as an enemy."

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"Then you should be glad that I am still your ally," Jin said and the other two gave a soft laugh before closing the communication lines. After Jin gave some extra information to the officers in the war room, they eventually saluted him and allowed him to rest in his quarters.

As for the Grey Bears, they were waiting on standby a few rooms away from the Command War Room in case Jin needed them for something and 2LT Cloudie was also with them, yawning away trying to get some shut eyes in between the hours if possible.

"We are done for the day. Everyone can have some rest time and thanks Cloudie for staying."

"I mean, after what I have been through and had been paid, I was a little guilty that I was not able to do anything else. So, it's fine going through circumstances like this." Cloudie shrugged it off and Jin said that Diamondz Corp had prepared a hotel room for Cloudie to stay in.

"Sweet. Thanks, boss." Cloudie thanked Jin once again before he left and there he briefed the Grey Bears on the situation.

"Do you think there will be retaliation from the other cities? This is probably the beginning." Yinn said and Jin nodded his head.

"I do not think that they will do anything about it. Considering the fact that there were a lot of eyes looking at us during the operation, they were also equally worried that the monsters would be uncontrollable.

"Does that mean they had eyes on you as well Commander? You did some pretty flashy moves too." Tellie asked but Jin could not answer that question.

"They have yet seen the best of me. So, it's fine if they manage to catch a glimpse of certain things. Although I did ask Denise to deploy some anti spying mechanism around the area. Hopefully, that works a little."

"Also, if the surrounding cities dare to attack Daimon now at its most vulnerable, it's pretty obvious that they will be incurring Dyke's wrath. He might be away but if news got out, they had to suffer his wrath. Heard his army is one of the strongest out here."

"Of course, it is. If you think the Royal Guards selection is tough, The Archduke is even stricter mainly because of the number of things they had to do aside from guarding the Archduke's territory. Meanwhile, those Royal Guards do is just to hold the fort at the Empire. They stand guard more than they attack and defend stuff." Diaz exclaimed.

"The fact that the Archduke's army is mobilised before the Royal Guards also shows that they have more experience than the Royal Guards. No doubt the selection criteria is less stringent but to pass their exam is a nightmare even for mechanoids."

"For expendables, there are selection criteria for you guys too?" Jin asked

"Gah, to hear Jin say that we are expendables. Argh the pain." Click wallow in sorrow.

"Lol, then that 200 Mechanoids that Dyke gave, aren't they expendables? They did not have any faces like you guys and just a plain straight manufactured face." Jin tried to explain.

"Those are mass manufactured products which they kept as reserves in case they need numbers," Yinn replied.

"How weird..." Jin did not exactly understand how Dyke's army worked.

"Just take it as he had a personal army and he has an army that protects his own land. Those mass manufactured Mechanoids are from the army that protects the land."

"Ew so double army? I cannot imagine the expenses needed."

"That's why most places have to pay tribute to him and his personal army will do the job of cleansing monsters etc. The one that protects the land is not able to move as mobile as his personal army. But when it comes to invasion or territory disputes, the land army will kick in." Page answered and Jin got it.

"Geez, Page explained it better than all of you." Click immediately showed her disgust while Diaz shrugged her shoulders. Yinn and Tellie did not care much.

"ANYWAYS! Thank you for working hard." Jin and the Grey Bears finally call it a day and they will take things one at a time. If the surrounding cities had been coerced to attack Daimon at their most vulnerable, they would no doubt be judged as well by other cities.

Eventually, the night passed rather quickly since there were only that many hours left before the sun rose. The drones and radar systems had confirmed that there were no other monster signals around the area, which meant that the City was finally under control.

Jin announced to the entire Daimon City that they were successful in repelling the monster outbreak and declared the first half of the day as a time of mourning for those soldiers who had sacrificed their lives for the greater good.

The Pandarens and Pandawans finally logged out only to find that the amount of time passed was minimal compared to what they had expected while there were still heck lot of people who wanted to test it out.

The System eventually collaborated with Syn to create a separate simulation based on past data to get other customers to test out the Virtual Simulation. The experiences they felt and what the initial batch felt were roughly the same just that Syn who was in possession of this separate simulation had decided to try out different stuff such as equipping the Forest Trolls the ability to carry weapons or increasing the speed of the Metal Ogres.

As it did not affect the AI Administration's current Virtual Simulation, Both Syn and the System did not care what happened to the cultivators who were in that isolated Virtual Simulation. All they cared about was the data and whether the experience was smooth a not.

Other than that, everyone who wanted to try it had at least 15-20mins worth of Jin's world time to play when they were inside for quite a fair bit. Nevertheless, when they came out, most of them were tired from the entire endeavour and left satisfied by the experience.

It was a win win for everyone.

Chapter 1653 Daimon Aftermath -Part 2

Everyone as uneasy as it was, had begun to return back to life as it was. Trying to get back to normal after a monster outbreak was a little more difficult than usual. There were still fears lingering among people that the victory was shortlived and that the higher ups were not telling the truth.

And this was compounded by the fact that the barrier generators were not up and running. But the fact that most of the soldiers came back safe and sound was a testament that they had won the battle. Some continued to mourn as the sight of their fellow loved ones never came back but generally the mood was lighter than the day before.

The Interim Leader got up in time for a speech to the public, addressing what needs to be done and what shall be done in the future but Jin was a little hesitant. "I am the Interim Leader. I should not be here for too long. Saying all these things will just make life worse for the citizens of Daimon City." Jin said to Page who had prepared the script.

"If you do not give them hope, the military will. And you saw how those old men had manipulated behind the scenes and kept grumbling. If you do not take charge of it now, they will be released in another 24 hours and Daimon City is going back to a city held by the Empire." Page said.

"Sigh, this is troublesome," Jin said as he picked up the script to read it once more Page who was now being assigned as the temporary assistant had started to receive calls from news outlets requesting Jin to announce his statement on the aftermath and what needed to be done.

But before Page could deem her master to be ready for the interview, Jin accepted all of the news outlet broadcasts. And he was still in his T-shirt and shorts while sitting on the bed. "Everyone who saw it was a little shocked by the Interim Leader's lack of etiquette."

"Let's not beat around the bush. I first apologise for not being in proper attire but we had a rough night yesterday so please forgive me." Jin said as he started looking at the papers once more before sighing. "Alright, my assistant told me to follow a script and provide you guys with some hope. I initially refused and later decided to accede to her request."

"However, the more I read, the more troubled I feel. This is because there was nothing awe inspiring and just a few paragraphs of words in hopes to uplift you guys. Before, I continue I am not saying she's bad at making the script. In fact, I find her script one of the best I ever seen." Jin then turned the camera a little and showed Page's face.

"Yeah, see. She's the extremely serious kind. All prim and proper and had already prepared a suit for me to wear before I accept the calls." The public laughed a little as Jin tried to be informal.

"But I declined because this is how I feel right now. I am tired, weary but a little glad that the storm that was gone through here yesterday was already over before we knew it. It was not without the efforts of the many men, women and Mechanoids who had made this a reality. Without their help, there would be no me sitting on this bed in shirts and shorts and making a video call with all of you."

"Moving forward, we had seen how terribly selfish our neighbours were. Do I resent them for not helping? Kind of. Especially not a single one had decided to even give us a bullet. All they did was block their walls with more barriers hoping that we cleared it ourselves.

"Oh and we show them that we could but moving forward, the partnership between them will have a price on it. Depending on how steep the tariffs are, we will see about that." Jin said.

"But moving forward, we are to investigate who put those Monster Lures outside these dungeons. If it was one monster lure, I would have understood that they might want to create chaos. But to put monster lures all around the city and coordinate the activation of those lures, then that is the motive.

"There is someone out there who is capable of isolating Daimon City from her neighbours, and coordinating all these monster lures thinking that they are capable of escaping the consequences. I might not be a citizen of Daimon. But I am part of Archduke's Army, Dyke's Pike. And the Archduke will not let go of those who are responsible for sowing chaos within his own district."

"So, as of today, I declare that we will be increasing the military budget to not just recover from this loss but also to prepare us for future attacks, future infiltration against Daimon's well being."

"This is totally not what I had expected from Jin. This is not hope to lift at all." Page thought to herself while nervously holding her clipboard.

"...Or that is what most leaders who went through this would think and they will go to war," Jin added and spoke the last sentence slowly.

"We are not going to do that. We are going to do more than that. Military Expansion costs money but the development of Daimon City and the defence of it would be its priority. More funds would be poured into Diamondz Corp research to improve our defences as well as increase our self sufficiency. We saw how the neighbours had neglected us and so we need to be self sufficient."

"The only good thing right now is that we have a ton shit of loot from the monster's death. We have enough food to feed people and we have resources that we can utilise."

"Language! Jin! Language!" Page tried to whisper loudly but all the others in the broadcast could hear it and they laughed. But as they laughed, they knew the difficulties that were coming.

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"Where was I? Oh, yes. We have lots of loots from the death of the monster outbreak and we shall use them to the best of our abilities." Jin repeated. "Given that we are in close proximity to so many dungeons also means that we are blessed with the possibility of additional resources despite the fact that we might encounter another monster outbreak."

"So, from today onwards. In order to improve self sufficiency of Daimon City, I have decided to make Dungeon Raiding a compulsory activity for all Citizens. Expectations would differ among genders and ages but you are always welcome to challenge yourself." Jin said and the Citizens were taken aback by this compulsory activity.

"One would ask whether this sounds worse than military expansion. It might be especially how the dungeons after a certain period of time turned into a Variant Dungeon."

"When that happens, we will either leave it alone or have specialists to try and conquer it. This way, we will have ample amount of resources and food to not only be self sufficient but also to advance forward.

"These activities would make citizens be well armed, well prepared for any circumstances, and with the Mechanical Crystal Dragon out on the loose, do you really want to find yourself in a situation where you cannot protect yourself?" Jin asked.

"In return for doing all these activities on a monthly, weekly, or even daily basis. The amount of contribution would also yield you money as well contribution points which you can gather and earn yourself a free Mechanoid, courtesy of Diamondz Corp.

"I DID NOT HEAR OF THAT!" Page could imagine Denise shouting over and over that Jin had not discussed this with her at all.

"However, the details still need to be worked out but everyone knows that they will have a record of the dungeon activity they had done. If you wish to do so before the compulsory date kicks in, by all means and hunt." Jin added.

"So, remember this is for the sake of the city. The City that you had lived peacefully in until sinister people started to target us? This is not a coincidence. We will get to the bottom of this but we need your cooperation. Make Daimon City prosper with the Dungeon Raiding and we would see through these problems. Thank you."

"Not a very convincing speech..." Page remarked.

"You want to dungeon raid because you want your Pandarens to blend in with the people and raid as well, right?" Lynn suddenly popped out through the console and Jin slowly nodded his head. "You couldn't have make that any less obvious.

"But it's true, you saw how much metal is lying around from all the dead Ogres? There is no way we can obtain this kind of material in this game without excessive mining. They might not have advertised it but dungeon raiding is indeed one of the easiest ways to get rich as a city. Imagine if everyone participates in it, Daimon would not just be self sufficient, she will prosper."

"And so far, I see that no one is willing to go into Dungeons and only military expeditions were given the go ahead. I do not see why not utilise it?"

"Arghhh. I hate it when you are right but you are also wrong to think that way. Alright, alright. Looks like we need to build up this kind of culture within Daimon City." Lynn eventually went off and Jin slept on his bed once more. Page could only shake her head as she left the room and it was then Jin decided to call Dyke.

"I heard." Archduke Dyke's first words when the communication line had been established.

"News travel fast," Jin said with a smile.

"The Neighbouring Lords are wary of you. They requested me if I could keep you in check."

"That's VERY fast." Jin was surprised by that.

"They are monitoring every movement from Daimon as they had never seen an expedition force, especially a defensive one able to not hold their ground but also annihilate TWO simultaneous monster outbreaks."

"Lol, did they see the way I used the Dungeon Instance, causing everyone to disappear?"

"For that, I do not know, but judging from my spies, they only had a few glimpses of the battle here and there but they started questioning how Daimon was able to survive this. After all, you are not using state of the art equipment. Just some standard artillery, well equipped soldiers, and standard combat Mechanoids."

"The only thing they saw difference were the reinforcements and they had problems finding out where they came from. I mean, you are supposed to be Lord of Mount Sunn, but you should not have retainers or soldiers under your disposal that could do what those Pandawans...?"

"Yeah, Pandawans."

"Yes, okay. The lords had no idea what they were capable of as for some reason, the Pandawans footage had always been scrambled which I assume you have Diamondz Corp to thank for."

"The new CEO is extremely cooperative and would like to continue to work with her," Jin stated.

"Good. Good. But in any case, yes. Just be on alert. Continue to stay in Daimon and track their progress for me while I set up your town. After what you had done, this should be a befitting reward."

"Thank you Dyke. All the best and be wary of yourself as well. The enemy knows where you are since they are the ones who ask you to go there," Jin said and that only clicked on Dyke at that particular moment.

"I did not think of that. I shall be careful," Dyke said before closing the comms.

Jin returned to his bed once again and felt that it had been a long time since he had a good sleep. Perhaps, he should be able to rest a little more while Daimon attempts to return to normalcy but things were not as rosy as he would like as Jin suddenly received a call from Qiu Yue.

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"Is something the problem?" Jin asked as Qiu Yue was not the kind who would call unless there was something urgent.

"People are looking for you, especially after you made your appearance in the Virtual Simulation. They had lots of questions, some genuinely due to concerns while others were..you know. The usual, asking for help. I am tired of holding them back for you." Qiu Yue complained.

"Erm... even if I want to return back. There is no way for me to do so. The Synthesis World is still creating the Soul Inhibitor and Extractor."

"Can't we just give them ours? We did make our Virtual Reality Pods based on theirs anyways." Qiu Yue asked, feeling awfully frustrated.

"The protocols are different and even if it does work, we don't have our body with us. There is no way for me to go back."

"You can always use this dummy that the Gods gave us. It's quite a dummy though, I punched it a few times and it didn't react back." Qiu Yue seemed to grin when she thought about it.

"Syn, how long can you fix the Soul Extractor?" Jin tried shouting randomly and it worked.

"Unlike what the others had been through, your body had been out of contact with your soul for some time. The connection between your body and soul might have been severed and the machine that we are working with is to increase the survivability of your soul entering your body."

"In short? I'm kinda fucked and now you tell me about it?" Jin did not know about this.

"We were short of time when we explained this to you. However, with the experience and data we have collected, we are currently building a newer version that should be able to forcefully connect both body and soul. So long the soul is resistant enough, it should be able to return to the body. However, there might be certain side effects or even rejections from the body, and the soul inhibitor needed to be built to ensure the soul does not run."

"Oh gosh. Then System, can Kraft do anything about it? Or can you do something about it? After all, you are an expert when it comes to souls."

The System suggests using the dummy that Qiu Yue had been beating as a proxy. If Ex System User Ming had successfully trained you in mental fortitude, there is a pretty high chance that you can connect to the proxy momentarily and later use the real body to merge with the soul after contact."

"I do not like you using the words pretty high chance. You rarely give arbitrary numbers." Jin remarked and the System kept quiet for a moment until Qiu Yue entered the conversation again.

"Sigh. Since I am going to be stuck with Dummy Jin for a while more, I will do what I can to prolong your absence. But be quick about it, I am getting tired of giving excuses."

"Thank you, Qiu Yue. Your dedication will be rewarded." Jin replied and Qiu Yue gave a middle finger back.

"Sub System User Qiu Yue. While you are at it, please charge the dummy with as much chi as possible. Get as many people and minions to beat the dummy but preferable people that Jin knows. The residual chi within the punches and blows will undoubtedly aid in the connection of the soul and the body."

"Lol, then what happens the soul sticks with the proxy?" Qiu Yue asked while already giving a punch to the dummy Jin.

"It's fine. This means that User's soul can integrate with the body even more easily. We have the soul extractor and his soul can be removed from the proxy." The System reassured Qiu Yue and she laughed.

"Excellent, time to put more energy into this Dummy Jin then. Okay, I'm out. Good luck in your adventure dumb dumb Jin." Qiu Yue officially closed the communication line and it made Jin a little worried.

"I know that's not me per se, but I kind of feel the pain that is circulating through me," Jin commented.

"Perhaps, that's Sub System User Qiu Yue's way of giving love to you." The System remarked and Syn had no idea that both of them were joking with each other.

"Please give us an update when the machine is up. Then my colleagues will start getting my real body back while I am stuck here doing nothing for them."

"Not exactly, you are providing them data and they are working based on that agreement." The System stated and Jin sighed loudly.

"Is something the matter?" Page came in as she thought that Jin called her.

"Nothing of importance, I just sighed too loudly because of the situation I'm in."

"Do not think too hard about it. Sometimes, all you need is to take a step back. The bigger picture has always been there for you to see."

"Well, if the bigger picture involved hitting the Empire's Royal Family. I think everyone else would also have sighed with me."

"I would not beg to differ, for I feel the same. I cannot believe they were willing to remove the entire city just for the sake of removing evidence."

"Some people are just this despicable."

"The way you said that you are living the life of a righteous person."

"Ha! Righteous? I think I cheated and broke more laws than ever to get to where I am. It is just that it's so happened that I defeated badder guys which made me the good guy. Otherwise, I am equally as bad. Just look at where we are. If we had not gone to Mount Sunn, all these would not have happened."

"Then, I would not have been reborn and talking to you right here right now." Page said and Jin kept quiet for a moment. "There are some things that might seem dark and filled full of trouble but that doesn't mean there are no silver linings to the situation. Perhaps those linings are currently stained black and you need some time to find it or let it shimmer for you to realise there's something good out of this entire situation."

"I will think about it," Jin said and Page quietly left Jin to his own rest.

Chapter 1656 Daimon Aftermath -Part 5

Thankfully, the days go by without much trouble. The barrier generators were eventually up and Daimon City was under the guise of protection by those barriers. Everyone knew first hand how terribly useless those barriers were but nevertheless still found a sense of security from that.

There were citizens who tried to return to Daimon after a few days but their entrance had been denied. Their citizenship had been stripped by Jin's orders and everyone who had weathered the storm also felt that way.

That meant whatever assets they had in the first place under Daimon would be placed as property meant to be seized. If they wished to have their assets back, they needed to pay an equivalent amount with interest hinged on it if they decided to pay monthly. That means an asset valued at a million dollars had to be bought back at the very same value it had been seized, which potentially cost the person twice the value.

It was a huge blow for several rich citizens who owed multiple assets but this was the price they had to pay for being running away willingly and wanting to come back just because it's safe. Jin wants them to learn that safety of the city needs to be earned regardless of the cost.

Should they be able to pay for their seized properties, then they can petition to get their citizenship reinstated. This also meant more money into the city funds as much as it sounded like it was extortion but if they wished to come back, that's the rule the city state had made. Some of the citizens had paid dearly to come back as they saw the opportunities or had already invested too much into Daimon to walk away clearly while others merely left with a fit of anger in them.

The only ones who were truly exempted from this rule were the ones who were medically ill and Daimon had no choice but to send them off for their safety. There was only one city that was willing to take in these terminally ill citizens without conditions and that was Parry City. As much as their lord had been ordered to block the area, they were also the ones who did place any barrier up until Daimon had officially conducted its operations.

As much as they wanted to help, the lord was also in a bind. Jin had learned that if the Lords had taken the Empire's tip, they had to close everything but if they did not take the Empire's advice, their envoy had threatened to cease communication and relationship. They had no choice but to comply as Parry City was not exactly the most affluent city in the area.

So, in view of the reasoning and support for Daimon Citizens, Jin had allowed the citizens that came back from Parry City a chance. Those who were terminally ill and needed to be transferred there had their hospital costs exempted for the period of strife but unfortunately, they still need to pay the rest themselves if they wish to either extend their stay there or come back to Daimon. Either way, their citizenships were not affected and their immediate relatives were as well. However, those who had run to Parry City for the sake of running away, those citizens would still penalised.

In order to come in since their citizenship had been stripped they should have a valid passport and purchase a visitor pass that cost gold or points. Some of them complained this was unfair but those officers who were also soldiers in the monster outbreak despised them, stating what was unfair was they ran without thinking for the city.

Some people did not like this but a majority felt that this was to make sure that the city's sovereignty was not to be taken lightly and people could just flee whenever they want. In light of this, Jin also awarded incentives to those who had stayed and even more rewards for those who had risked their lives in the operations. And these monetary rewards were not limited to the frontlines as the backend support had been given a form of compensation as well.

As for the neighbouring cities that had decided to isolate themselves away from the event, Jin did eventually post up a flat tariff rate of 4% of the price of goods. The only city that differed from them was Parry City which only had a flat tariff rate of 0.01% mainly because Jin kept his promise to tax all of the cities that had been involved. However, after Jin found out that Parry City was the only one who had been quietly accepting the terminally ill and bringing them to safety, this was what Jin could do to thank them.

In turn, Parry City suddenly became the loophole that all the neighbouring cities wanted to be friends with. Jin and the System had expected that and did not stop because they still needed resources and Parry City was the only ally that they had in this world where they created their own enemies. Therefore, he did not care as long as goods still flowed through Daimon.

It may eventually boost Parry City's capital because of the sudden investments and perhaps staying in the good books of Daimon might possibly help Parry City in the future even more. Thus, a Memorandum of Understanding had been established to ensure trade between Parry City and Daimon City would be possible through thick and thin times.

Nevertheless, Jin was still looking to be self sufficient and the dungeon raiding had to happen. If the Daimon citizens were not taking up the initiative as he hoped them to be, then his Pandarens got to pick up the slack.? Of course, that also means that those items earned and monsters they killed have to go towards Jin.

And Jin had decided to use the simulation coins as a default way of transaction for them. It was to ensure that simulation coins were the only currency they could use to get rewards.

Chapter 1657 Daimon Aftermath -Part 6

And that idea of getting more people to enter the Synthesis World's Virtual Simulation had been approved by Syn and the System. The only caveat is that those people could only stay within Daimon.

So, Jin continued with the beta testing programme where those who had tried the 'first mission' were now able to teleport into Daimon City where they could experience a brand new city with a different culture. However, not all were convinced by this publicity stunt.

As much as people always anticipate Jin's next big thing, there were many who heard about this and were a little sceptical mainly because of Jin's habit of dropping things half way. The things he did might be of wondrous improvement from one instance to the next. But he had promised them a lot of things previously like farming Dungeon instance and or an improved instance of Supa Robo Wars. Stuff like that had been assured to the public but ever since he had disappeared, none of those things were ever

confirmed again. Even Qiu Yue who was now managing his store can only explain that those game modes and instances are still in development.

So, for this Virtual Reality thing which was also a product by Jin the Pandarens suspected it might be an unfinished product. Surely, he was probably gauging the hype but there were some people who had lost faith in him, thinking that this might just be a one time experience and they will not touch it again.

But as much as the cultivators might be spiteful behind the keyboard when it comes to all these experiences, their mouths could only tell the truth about how wonderful the gameplay was. There were simply no lies mainly because the experience was truly phenomenal. So even with scepticism, when Qiu Yue revealed that the number of Virtual Reality Pods had increased to 3500, people were dying to try it out.

This indirectly brought more business for the Tree Mall as people who tried the VR pods would also need to eat or shop while waiting for their turn. So as much as customers and important people were looking for Jin, she enjoyed the money that she raked in when Jin was able to get the VR to the next stage.

And boy oh boy. The Pandarens loved it. When they arrived, there were indeed in a city that was both technologically advanced but retained its post industrial life style. Jin told them that while they could freely explore the area, it was best to look at the quests that had been given to them first.

Most of the quests relate to cleaning up the battlefield which the military urgently needs manpower due to the fact that most of their forces were either conscripts or volunteers who needed to go back to their main job to serve Daimon better.

As the returning assault force that had invaded Mount Sunn had not returned, the Pandarens were the next available workers to do this. Obviously, this was not what the Pandarens actually liked to do but a quest is a quest and they provided simulation coins.

Jin stated that as long as they could quickly clear the battlefield up, they would have access to the dungeon entrances which were temporarily sealed. Alternatively, for those who want more simulation coins and are able to perform more gruesome tasks, those Pandarens can take part and learn how to work with the resource workers. They were tasked to salvage those Metal Ogres to the best of their abilities and if they did a good job, more simulation coins were given.

Of course, when they were interacting with the people in Synthesis World's Virtual Simulation. They were actually being given points. But the fact that Jin and the System had already decided that Simulation Coins were the currency that Pandarens used. So, Syn had already created and activated a module where the points were converted into coins.

The odd thing was that the coins and points conversion might be a little off, and it resulted in decimals when the points had been converted into coins. Syn did not wish to round up or down the coins and decided to convert them as per value. This resulted in many of the Pandarens who completed their missions to receive like a 0.34 of a simulation coin as an example. So, the System had decided that those decimal points are not allowed to be withdrawn or bargained when it comes to System rewards. However, if the purchase or sales was within Daimon City, those decimal values were still valid. (since they are directly converted to points.)

Syn did not understand why the System and Jin could not just use points and gold bars which would make things so much easier for the Synthesis World AI Administration but there was no use questioning now that all the Pandarens who came in were accustomed to this simulation coin. Perhaps, Jin wanted to differentiate them from Syn's NPCs and players.

Regardless, the presence of the Pandarens were a surprise to the Daimon Citizens which Jin also previously addressed in a daily news report before their arrival. He stated that these Pandarens were mercenaries which he had employed to protect Daimon City when the monster outbreak came about. However, due to their nomad nature, they currently wished to stay here for the time being.

"You may treat them as long term tourists as long as they are paying the bills, go ahead and welcome them. But if any of them make any trouble, do not hesitate to call the police or even shout out to me when you see me in the streets. I will personally take care of them." Jin said and the Daimon Citizens really did kept a watchful eye to them.

It was only through several days of seeing how these Pandarens were helpful and not as rowdy as they expect them to be, the Daimon Citizens eventually see them as what Jin said. Long term tourists.

Yet, these long term tourists would also eventually be their teammates when it comes to the dungeon raids.

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The battlefield which included the entrapment of the Metal Ogres where a cage had been placed on them to remove all the oxygen so that they would not die a peaceful death had been reported to be clear of all signs of life.

Those Metal Ogres were truly dead and the mines in the area had been deactivated and removed as well. That was also where Jin had decided to designate a living space for his long term tourists. Money had been poured in to start constructing one of the highest housing buildings in Daimon City and it was used to house the long term tourists in the future. In contrast with most of the high rise buildings that Daimon City had, the towering construct was planned to be more than 200 floors as Jin had decided to let a huge chunk of cultivators stay here and protect Daimon if needed.

The rest of the Pandarens who were unable to get housing would have to wait until Mount Sunn City was fully constructed by Archduke Dyke. (Old Flammet was screaming and shouting at Dyke without care of rank as they both wanted different things for Mount Sunn but that is for another day to talk about.)

However, planning is just one phase. The other phase is to ensure that they have the materials to do so and that would be dungeon raiding. If the Pandarens want to have a cheaper house they have to contribute to the materials.

So as mentioned since the battlefield had been cleared, the Pandarens were the first after the monster outbreak to attempt to enter dungeons within Daimon City. When they were there, they saw those

soldiers and mechanoids had already been deployed around the dungeons as a precaution for future intrusions.

The dungeon entrances had temporarily been fenced up with mobile installations. It was a makeshift setup until the military had the resources and budget to put up a solid wall that could defend the dungeon entrance.

And for the fact that Jin was going to nationalise the dungeon resources, a proper military gateway to the dungeon entrance was needed to ensure the goods once brought out from the dungeon entrance would be handed over to the military immediately.

Points and gold would be given accordingly so that the effort taken to get those items would be properly compensated. That was also why Jin had asked the military to put up these checkpoints. It was not to just defend but to act as an outpost in the future.

People would come in to report their duties for dungeon raiding and the outpost would provide the basic necessities to ensure that the transfer of goods and the well being of those who raid would be taken care of.

Thus in the current makeshift outpost, there were resource workshops for salvaging items, a medical triage in case of injuries, a canteen to provide food, a repair workshop to repair gears as well as a popup van by Diamondz Corp to sell gear. Thus, all the outposts that Jin had requested to be set up had all these facilities and only when those outposts were properly set up and that was when the Pandarens could enter the dungeons.

So, the only current dungeon that had all these was the southern one since there were no outbreaks from there and there was no clearing of monsters. When the temporary outpost was set up, the Pandarens were already queuing to get in.

Daimon Citizens who were about to start their first day at work at the outpost travelled to the outpost by a military truck and they were surprised that the Pandarens were patiently queuing outside the outpost for them to start the day.

And once they were in, most of them carried their basic equipment into the dungeon entrance without checking the outpost. Only some who were deemed to be hungry started off with some bread and they got into the dungeon entrance when they had registered and got clearance from the military officers.

To the Pandarens, it was funny how the Virtual Reality simulated the real world where people who wished to hunt monsters or even explore dungeons needed a valid pass as well as a certain grade. But right now, there were no grade requirements which gave the cultivators an impression that it would be an easy dungeon.

Oh boy, how wrong they were.

The first group that went in encountered a huge spiny lizard. It looked like an ordinary large Komodo lizard with poison dripping from its mouth but if one were to look carefully, it did not have just one spine but multiple spines, allowing it to have a very strong tail despite the hunchback that it had. One swipe and poof, almost every single Pandaren who got hit by it would be logged out, failing the dungeon on the spot.

And those who thought they survived the attack by moving away from its range, were also wrong as its hunchback was like a spring, allowing the tail to extend even further and hit it, causing them to log out too. Thankfully, they had a chance to replay if they had not died for the day but the third death would be back to the queuing lines for the VR pod.

Surprisingly even a need to queue, the waiting time was actually very short. Most of the cultivators enjoyed that they could spend a few hours in the game and when they came out, the time hardly changed.

At first, it was a scare for the Pandarens who were queuing for it, wondering why their game time was that short, thinking the difficulty was extremely hard. But when they entered, they realised they could stay in there for a long time before coming out to see that the time they spent was minuscule.

So, as much as they wished to fault Jin for not finishing the previous promises, this beta test where they were in a city and also trying the dungeon had been a blast to them especially the commoners who never had the chance to experience such real and crazy adventures.

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Previously on that Spiny Lizard, the Pandarens eventually managed to beat it and they decide to go deeper to find that that Spiny Lizard had a brother and sister called Spiny Lizardmens...and Lizardwoman?

They had no idea how the System or System console had managed to name these monsters but it felt like Jin had a hand in naming such monsters since they never had good names to begin with. "At least it was rather descriptive of the monster so I do not think its an issue." One of the Pandarens said.

They found out that those Spiny lizardmen and women were monsters they will encounter repeatedly as they go down the dungeon entrances as the different groups of Pandarens continued to push through it, only to realised it's a labyrinth in there.

Just after three floors, they realised that going any deeper would be suicide with the type of gear they were carrying since they kept being killed by a variant Spiny Lizardman who not only fought them with swords and axes but there were archers with them too.

The Pandarens assumed that sooner or later, they would have to fight Spiny Lizardmen riding on Spiny Lizards and their powers would not be sufficient. Not to mention, they also needed to carry back the loots as they found out that even normal minions were worth something. They still do not recognise which part of the monster was the most valuable so for now, the successful group of Pandaren who managed to reach the third floor had decided to backtrack and return to the first and second floor where they collected the corpses of the bosses as well as a few minions but they were already stretching it.

When the most successful group of Pandarens returned, they also realised they were the first as well. This made the resource workers who were waiting at side for their business to be extremely surprised by the amount of loot they brought back.

"Usually, most people carried only the head as well as the power stone that embedded inside them. If they cannot take out the power stone, they would at least bring the portion of monster back that has the power stone in it... But you guys carried the entire body back." The resource workers said.

"Is that a bad thing, the Pandaren leader asked but the resource workers shook their heads. In fact they were happy."

"We do not usually get the whole corpse so it's a good training exercise for the apprentices as well. Not to mention, if we are very skilled, it will definitely yield more materials."

"Does that mean the value of the corpse I have is based on the skill of the salvager?"

"Sadly yes. Unless you wished to salvage it yourself, then the price of the materials you get is based on the salvager too. Considering how the interim Leader had made dungeon raiding mandatory, the skill of salvagers would undoubtedly increase. It's a lucrative trade that has the potential to grow based on what the Interim Leader had proposed." The resource worker said and he was trying to get more apprentice under him as well. After all, whatever the apprentice earn, he got a small tiny commission.

"Its okay, we will let you do it. Most of us are already exhausted trying to raid the place."

"Then I apologise in advance." The salvager said and the Pandaren Leader nodded his head. After paying the standard fee to salvage, the Pandarens would head to the infirmary or the food canteen to have some rest. And only after their meal, they found out that more and more Pandarens were coming out of the dungeons and the salvagers were packed with work. The leader was lucky he had managed to come out first and seeing how this is, he too understood the rationale why the Salvager asked if they wish to learn the trait themselves.

With the entire city being conscripted to do Dungeon Raiding, all the ancillary supports like salvagers, chefs and even logistic workers are in dire need in a progressive way and the Diamondz Corps had already started to create even more Worker Mechanoids to assist with the progression. Without being said, these jobs were also open to the Pandarens if they wish to partake in and they were given simulation coins like part time jobs.

To some people who were watching from the sidelines found it weird some people want to do this kind of part time job. What they do not know is that all these works and part time job gives not only simulation coins but also increase their job levels. There were job titles being dished out and they suspect that this would give the cultivators additional stats in the future. Maybe even a secret job will appear.

Meanwhile to some, it felt really fun to do something they could not do in the real world and whats more was that the simulation coins is a currency that was floating in the Panda Stock Market. This meant that through several exchanges no matter how inefficient it was, there could be some real cashback.

But if things do go well and Jin followed how Virtual Reality Novels go, there might be a chance auctions will appear and there is where the big money comes from. For now, people were just trying whatever job, role and dive in as deep as they could to see if they were able to unlock anything special. In the meantime for some, it's a relaxation game, not knowing that there were still hundreds waiting outside wanting to try this beta programme.

This does show that Virtual Reality game can be extremely profitable so Qiu Yue and the System had already started ramping up the amount of resources into this. At the same time, the temporary boss of Dungeons and Pandas are also looking to expand by building several VR only shops in Shenzhen. Hopefully, if this trend does pick up, other provinces would have the same capabilities and a true VR MMOPRG can happen.

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The Beta Programme for the Virtual Reality is slowly becoming a hit. This was mainly because of the limited quantities of the Virtual Reality Pods that Qiu Yue had made but even though Jin was not there to facilitate, Qiu Yue did a brilliant job pushing for more of it.

What's more was that Ke Loong, the CEO of SeaMesh had decided to pour more resources into it. Panda Inc. had always been a company that Jin and Ke Loong had created but they never really pushed for it as much as they would want to.

One of the people who was desperate to see Jin was undoubtedly Ke Loong himself as he was the one who wanted to work and improve the VR headsets. They initially had made plans to push the VR headsets as the main gimmick for Panda Inc but now that Ke Loong saw how the headsets had eventually become pods, it felt like he made an investment loss.

Still, that investment loss was not something of a big number and he could see much potential for the amount of money they could make from getting the Virtual Reality Pods out. The only problem was that the city that was making this was Pandapolis and not any other countries that Ke Loong knew of.

So while all he needed was to inject money as an investment, it kind of hurt his plans including the connections and promises he made to the Virtual Reality Headsets. That was where Qiu Yue came to save the day.

She might not know much about computers but the Virtual Reality Headsets was something that could be installed for a particular game that Jin had worked on previously and didn't fully complete it. The Supa Robot Wars.

Eventually, they need to return to the Mecha World as it was a potential dungeon instance where they could be the bad guys rather than the good guys and those Virtual Reality Headsets could be used alongside the Mecha Robots that they create. Rei, the engineer and designer for the Mass Manufactured Mechas, had taken a look at the Virtual Reality Headsets and found that they were actually useful for Virtual controls to connect with the Mechas he had built.

In fact, with a little tinkering, the Virtual Reality Headsets can complement the cockpit and it could reduce the number of controls, buttons, and switches needed for piloting the Mechas. Thus, Qiu Yue even with some extra budget on her hand after cleaning up most of Jin's mess had decided to once again wipe his ass and make a contract with Ke Loong on those Virtual Reality Headsets. This way, Ke Loong's trust in Jin's store was renewed and he did not exactly make a financial loss.

The only problem now was that his suppliers would have no idea what those Virtual Reality Headsets would have gone to since none of those items would be in the market. But because of business confidentiality, they were unable to know where it was being gone after it had been manufactured. Their most probable answer is that it was being handed to the military and they were not off the mark. Just not the military they will ever see.

And since the Virtual Reality Headsets issue had been resolved, Ke Loong could finally put in some investments into the Virtual Reality Pods as previously mentioned. At first, he thought money would have solved the issue but he had also seen how the world was more complete compared to what Jin had offered him to see previously.

Additionally, Qiu Yue told him that it was a separate entity of AI that is governing the world so there was no need to worry about not having the resources to run a full scale world. In fact, if they were to move globally for this VR MMORPG fast enough, they could be in the top percentile when it comes to games.

Obviously, that would be a huge responsibility that they had to undertake but the potential was there and Qiu Yue wants to expand within Shenzhen Province for now. When Ke Loong asked if it was okay to buy Virtual Reality Pods and placed it at home, the Red Panda Cultivator was not able to give a definite answer and even the System was rather quiet about it.

"It all depends on Jin but from the way I see it, it's better to make shops that handle this." Qiu Yue replied. "We can create dimensional instances that allow the storage of a few thousand Virtual Reality Pods and they are within the System domain. If we were to allow portable Virtual Reality Pods, the security might not be as tight and people would want to try to break it down and learn more about the pods. If you get what I mean."

"So, it's more about protecting trade secrets." Ke Loong said and Qiu Yue nodded her head, now understanding the rationale of popping up stores.

"Plus you had seen how people could go for hours inside that Virtual Reality Pod but when they emerged from the pod, it was a matter of minutes. I think that is important to keep in check other the government will come haunting us and the clampdown would be insane."

"Then what we need is flexibility within the game then. Otherwise, this will only be a game and the initial purpose of the Virtual Reality Headset would be rendered half completed." Ke Loong commented.

"I think the gaming platform itself would be a good avenue for other things to start. From what I see, there are skills that need to be learned and not gifted so it's still a decent learning platform. But this is just the beta, so we would not know anything about it until the full game comes out. However, I can tell Jin about your concerns. Maybe he will do something about it." Qiu Yue said as Ke Loong thanked her. But knowing Jin, he would definitely put the gaming aspect first to seize the minds of many people.