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It didn't take long for Daimon City Soldiers to get to Jin and the Grey Bear Squad members. The collapse of the stairway that had been damaged by the fight was fixable with a few extra temporary pillar supports and the debris was cleared systematically with the help of Mechanoids.

Food was initially passed through the openings that they managed to get so that Jin was at least still able to get a decent meal rather than that pitiful packet of biscuits he called rations which the Grey Bears had.

Otherwise, all Jin did was hang out with the Grey Bears until they were done. It was to the point that he even went to the lowest basement to sleep for a while as the other Mechanoids took stock of the inventory that was in the place.

In the meantime, Click became slightly curious about the designs of the Mecha Fire Dragon and went around checking if there were any databases or manuals that were available to give her a better idea of what makes them tick.

After some intense clearing of the collapsed stairway, General Grieves was the first to go in and greet Jin who was bored and munched some biscuits. He waved at the General and called the rest to return with him.

When they got out of the underground facility and into the open, Jin could see that more Mechanoids and soldiers were already on standby with Parry City's police clearing the way. "I thought you said fifty including the workers? This felt like it was more than fifty." Jin asked Grieves as the General opened the door of the luxurious car for Jin to sit and the rest of the Grey Bear Squad took another ride behind him.

"The Parry City Military, Air Force General Inus had stated that the area you were in was gang territory. He told me to be extra careful so I brought in additional muscle and also allowed the Parry City Police to help control the scene before the rest returned."

"Oh, I see..." Jin yawned and saw that the sun was already setting when he was in the car.

"But interestingly, the gang leaders came together when Daimon and Parry City resumed border transits, and we nearly shot them for coming too close."

"Are they there to give you trouble?" Jin asked.

"No, they offered to stay out of it for the entire duration but requested not to touch their gang members as well. Of course, I said, I could not guarantee until one of them gave me a black ledger that contained all the transitions between them and General Toba. So, it was a situation that demanded an exchange of favours. They later thanked us for helping Parry City and asked us to consider."

"Mind if I take a look at this black ledger?" Jin asked and General Grieves was already ahead of him and sent copies of the scanned black ledger into his holographic console for viewing. Jin might not be the best accountant to audit this but he could see that it was written rather clearly and neatly.

"There's quite a lot of money flowing in and out of this book," Jin commented and Grieves stated that they were smuggling in parts from various cities into Parry City. They thought it was for Mechanoids or

even Enhanced Armoured Mechanoids. They never believe it was used to create Monster Mechanoids at all."

"Well, that's one part of the mystery solved since the gang leaders had graciously given one of the most vital information. Looks like the Empire Military main manufacturer was really involved."

"Rocketeers." General Grieves spoke with a deep tone. "If they are embroiled in the same shit as Edmond did, we might be in trouble. Dragon Mechanoids already posed a huge problem to this current society but if they create something even more sinister, I assume the rest of the Empire Military could not do anything about it."

"Hmmm, on the other hand. If a coup fails, the existence of Monster Mechanoids within the Empire could potentially further enhance the will of the Royals and it's an excuse for increased military expansion. There is no doubt that would make a perfect target for other countries to target it and later the Empire can justify its use of Monster Mechanoids to push for either an invasion or an excuse for a counter invasion."

"This is troubling. As much as the borders around various nations had already been tense enough, this is just making things worse." General Grieves stated.

"So, it's either we take down the head early or proceed with an all out coup."

"Assassinating the King and Queen? I would not presume that is a very easy job to do. You should know that they have the Royal Assassin Guild and Royal Guards. All of which are powerful entities on their own. You might have your own squad but they are definitely not enough to fight against those." General Grieves stated.

"There's enough evidence to fabricate that they are in this. Although the mass media would probably say otherwise. In any case, it's easier to go rogue and kill them, rather than an all out coup which involved tens of thousands of people in it."

"Hmm... There might be one way to do it. But whether the laws and old rules still allowed it or not." General Grieves stated as he asked to give him a moment while he searched for it. The searching took some time as Jin enjoyed the scenery of Parry City as he saw that the citizens were already returning to their homes and attempting to restart their lives once more.

Those who saw the armed escort waved at Jin while some got to their knees and thanked him as he drove by. It was a rare sight which Jin had never experienced before even though he assumed that what he had done was like 'just another day's worth of job' to him.

"Here. This is it." Grieves stated and gave Jin a look at the possible way to end this.

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"What? Is that easy? Wait, isn't this exactly the same as creating a coup?? All they had to do was assemble a group of people go through the fortress and kill the king and queen. What is so different and official about this?"

"It had to be done on an offshore island. The person asking for the position of the King and Queen needs to prepare a lump sum of money that would be used to build the entire defence fortification of the King and Queen desires. All of the expenses had to be paid in full before the Royals could go in and stay with the number of guards they wished to employ. As for the employment of guards, that is under the Royal's decision." General Grieves explained.

"Not only that, the challenger had to start from the sea where they had to go through a sea battle to reach this undisclosed offshore island and later fight their way to reach the King and Queen. Should the challenger die, then that's the end of the duel."

"So, it's like an organised fight, just that the challenger has to bore the cost of almost everything with the exception of the guards that the Royals employed."

"Yes. Mainly because it would be unfair to the person if he had to pay the private army worth of cost."

"It is already unfair when the fortress cost had already been bored by the challenger. The King and Queen could take months for it to be built and would order the most expensive of bricks and stones so that there was no way the challenger is able to foot the bill."

"However, there was a record in history that someone managed to do that but died before they could reach the beach."

"Well, that guy sure is dumb."

"Not exactly. Also, what you said is not accurate. When the challenger foots the bill, it also means that he is responsible for the Royal's construction of the Fortress. He is the one who determines whether it can be done within a month or a spanned it within years. All they had to do was to ensure that the fortress was created by the specifications as requested by the Royals."

"Huh, then who checks it?"

"The Almighty checks it. And if the challenger wished to add additional stuff that the Royals were unaware of, it is also permissible. Of course, their private army got to have a good grasp of the area."

"So... what you are saying is that. The Royals request a blueprint of a certain fortress to be created, and the challenger can add stuff to it on the assumption that it would not be found out by the Royals staying in it during the challenge. Your almighty determined whether it is fit for battle and they fight?"

"Yes, something like this."

"Whoever created this duel is kind of a dick," Jin said and Grieves coughed up a laugh.

"Hey, that's us you know," Syn whispered to Jin as they went into secret System communication mode.

"It's nice knowing a fun fact. Sorry but let me rest a little. General Grieves." Jin said as he wanted to know more about this particular mode from Syn.

"Understood," Grieves said as he returned to deal with his outstanding list of work.

"Is that even true in the first place?" Jin asked and Syn nodded his head. "So all along there is such a method and you never bothered to tell me? Come on, I thought we were business partners on good terms!"

"Yes, but it did not occur to me that you are going to spend millions of points and gold to get the fortress up for a fight."

"Well, now that I am going to have the ability to get out, won't that be a solution to all the money and points that I have lying around? I do not really need those stuff anymore since I can go out. People and other players are using these points and money because they are not able to go anywhere."

"So, you really want to do that?"

"Are there any other hidden rules that you did not say that General Grievus had missed out?"

"Not particularly. But that last battle for the throne was like centuries ago. There were no airplanes back then and now we have airplanes. Hence, the fight at the sea battle is a little redundant as well as the creation of the fortress to prevent people from coming in." Syn remarked.

"And you are saying that air superiority would not be allowed?"

"I am more inclined to the fact that if this were to happen, the almighty might change the rules a little." Syn air quoted the word almighty. "Because without a doubt, there will be weapons of mass destruction that could annihilate your existence if the Royals were to do so."

"I thought my Generals said weapons of mass destruction were not allowed in this Virtual Simulation?"

"Each Royal Family or Grand Leader of the nation was permitted to keep one in their personal stash in case shit happens."

"Wow, so the rules are no mass weapons of destruction, no air superiority. Just survive through the sea battle and later land on the beach and get slaughtered? No wonder nobody that stupid had ever done that."

"It was to prevent the crown from being challenged consistently. This was because there was this duel of honour that challengers could partake once they had sufficient points or money. Winner takes them all. Title, Glory, and points." Syn said. "But if you do join it, I think there is a chance you might win. Although the AI Collective believed it's a mere 0.89% chance."

"Because of my dungeon instance powers?"

"Yes. The creation of your dungeon instance exceeds all of the AI Collective expectations and the more dangerous the enemy, the more your creation of the dungeon bewilders us. Even if we have a no bar contest. You might be able to win." Syn said with much confidence, Jin started to hunger a little for a quick victory.

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"Then why such a low winning percentage? Don't you have faith in me?"

"More like the AI do not know what you are capable of. And the fact the Royals possessed a weapon of mass destruction decreases your chance to win drastically."

"So, you want to do me a favour and not allow the weapons of mass destruction to be launched? That way my chances of winning are higher?"

"We can do that but..."

"Don't need any but. Just tell me the percentage of winning the fight."

"75% chance flat. Variables not taken into consideration and if they do, it's more than 90%." Syn said.

"So it's whether if I can time my dungeon instance creation correctly or not or if I can hold out more than one dungeon instance creation..."

"Or whether the AI Collective is willing to enable your dungeon instance creation to have a longer time duration just as how we had previously made your dungeon based on betting. The sandworm bet was a loss for us that the AI Collective could not handle. You earned millions of points from that attack considering the number of veterans who were in the field when you killed them and you were right on point."

"You got to limit me somehow but you do not know how because you have no idea how much I am capable of," Jin said. "You are semi afraid of me, aren't you?"

Which Syn unwillingly nodded his head.

"The System understood the risks of the unknown. The Synthesis World AI Administration did not have the luxury of exploring what was within its bubble and only pushed boundaries when necessary. From their perspective, they are doing risk management to prevent a catastrophic unbalance to their Virtual Simulation."

"I see. So, all I can do now is either go the official way for a coup or fight this odd mannered duel with the Royals which I believe will be bringing everything they got after what they had seen from the mass media. They would not believe that 8 Mecha Fire Dragons could be defeated by a group of Mechanoids and a leader seemingly who had electrical charge modules."

"...Something like that. The rumours of your dungeon creation had yet to spread far. You can still capitalise on that if you wish to."

"Hmm, then the longer I drag this, the more I would not be able to have the upper advantage."

"The System suggests taking the long road. There is no need for the User to be so invested in this particular fight when it is all controlled by the Synthesis World's AI. With a touch of a button, all of this Virtual Simulation would dissipate and a new round would start."

"But in a way, I do not like things hanging." And the System felt speechless. He had so many things hanging in the real world that if all the issues were to be stacked as plates, it could probably create the height of the Eiffel Tower.

"The System has to remind you that escapism is not the solution to your real life problems."

"Damn it, I got found out. But yeah. In my opinion, it's better to settle it once and for all and I can close this chapter here. When they restart the Virtual Simulation, it also means that we can include the Pandarens in a nation by itself. Call it Pandoria, PandaLand, or something like that. Heheh!" Jin said and now the System and Syn felt speechless that they have a partner that's so shameless.

"If Jin wants to go the route of a quick victory, I have a method that your General does not know."

"Does it involve fighting as well?" Jin asked.

"Yes, and it is of a larger scale too but if you were to use your powers, I do not think there is an issue with removing the limiter for your dungeon instance creation."

"So, what is it?"

"Complete the dungeon that I have created. Not for resource purposes but truly go down to the depths of the dungeon and defeat my Dungeon King. I will permit the dungeon instance creation for the entire duration and the use of your Pandarens. Do that, you have the title of the Dungeon King, you can allow the Empire to submit to you." Syn said.

"How long would it take?"

"Long enough that some people were not able to finish within their lifetime. But if it would you and your monsters as well as Pandarens, probably a month or so? What's more at certain resting points, the dungeon will open at a specific location you request and you can obtain goods, additional equipment, rest, and repair. That portal will close once you enter again and you have to go all the way down."

"That sounds like a drag too."

"The System feels that way but compared to the rest of the options, this might potentially be the most profitable in terms of time. Given the amount of strength and manpower we can commit, the chances of skipping several floors to reach the Dungeon King is entirely possible."

"How many floors are there?"

"Standard 100 or we can condense it to Hell 5."

"Lol, how about take it one step further and go Purgatory Hell of Hell 1. We go all in." Jin said and Syn laughed.

"Hahahahah! As much as I want to do that, it is impossible for the AI at this moment to do that. Purgatory Hell of Hell 2 should be technically possible."

"I guess, it's good training for the monsters too, eh? There's probably a lot of them want more than a stretching exercise." Jin asked the System.

"The resources of the System would not be strained in this simulation but it will hinder some work process for a few hours in real time since their copies of their soul and equipment would be redirected to you. The System however does not see a problem with it unless the User wishes to take it slow and go for Hell 5 instead to test it."

"Nah, I trust our monsters can take it. We need them to attack the Celestial Plane anyway. This will be a good warm-up."

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"Warm up? User, the Celestial Plane is even more dangerous than the Hell Plane mainly because of the fact that the Gods there would take revenge regardless of race. The Demons when invaded would take it as a joke and even welcome you to return for the next round. They are not the same."

"But didn't our resident crafty fox say that it is possible to do that? I remembered him talking about collaborating with Diabolos to get it back or something."

"Yes, they are but it is not the most optimal way of getting your body back. The System would deem it as the last resort as the System had already sent people to infiltrate into the Celestial plane so that they could get your body back with the least amount of suspicion."

"Then, if we even do fight with that Dungeon King nonsense..." Jin realised how futile everything was.

"That was why the System recommended User to go with the normal route of doing a coup. That way, you would have sufficient friends and resources to take down the Empire. Also, do not forget that we would not know what the Empire would do. There is a chance that they will see this Mecha Fire Dragon as a trigger to get rid of the rats running around their feet. That is what the Royal Zodiacs had done when they were dealing with Ming."

"Squash the weak ones before they get any stronger."

"Yes, that is why it is unfortunate that you have to encounter this Mecha Fire Dragon issue and the way you handled the issue by broadcasting it to everyone in this Virtual Simulation might have ripple effects that would ensue chaos. Lots of chaos."

"I do not think Jin did it that badly? The broadcast is also a way to keep him alive. Should the Empire really strike back at him, the other nations would not take it so lightly. In fact, with this broadcast idea, he might have sponsors that would contact him so that the coup would be successful." Syn responded positively to Jin's past actions.

"Again, I will owe favours to people if I ever do that."

"Not necessarily so. As long as you know how to talk to your sponsors, you might see that they just want this Empire's Royal to be removed."

"Probably the work of economics but since this world is so prone to fights, I think they rather do battles than sanctions,"? Jin remarked as he continued with his fake sleeping and Grieves did not know whether to believe Jin was truly asleep since the car which was already moving slowly encountered all the bumpy road that even the brilliant suspensions Diamondz had installed was not enough to make it a smooth ride.

"Actually, you did not tell me what happens after I defeat the Dungeon King and why I would be able to take the Empire's Royals down."

"That, I cannot say and you need to find out for yourself. The dungeon is at the centre of the capital of the Empire. Everyone knows that it's a dungeon and people go there all the time. The thing is no one bothered to talk to the statue that was right above it. The Three Winged Angel. If you talk to it, I can provide you with the challenge and we can move on from there."

"Yet, another secretive move from Syn." Jin could not help but not trust him on it. Maybe if he asked Grievous or Denise to get someone to research the Dungeon King, they might give a better perspective compared to Syn."

So to Jin, there were quite a few routes to take, and both of the AI's kind of make sense. He can take the shortest route with respect to time and fight against the Dungeon King. The other was to take the fight himself and go against the Royals after passing millions of points back to Syn. Lastly, it was to take the long way and cause the coup.

All three ways in his opinion were a pain in the ass and wondered if there was any better way to do it so he asked for one last person's recommendation and see how it fared. "What's your opinion on attacking the Royals and your personal solution?"

Grievous heard the question and looked at Jin who still continued to pretend to sleep. He initially did not wish to bother and assumed it was Jin talking in his 'sleep'.? But after a while, he placed his items down and gave a real good thought about it.

"Honestly, if you ask me right at this spot without any context. I will say it's suicide. Even if it is because of this incident that you wish to bring the royals down, and it's a valid excuse to do so, I honestly will not recommend it. The stakes are too high and the amount of resources needed to be poured in to do that is tremendous."

"That is unless you really wish to duke it out yourself and brand yourself as a traitor, I will suggest ..."? Grievous stopped again and wondered if it was really a good idea at all.

"I suggest creating your own monster mechanoids to fight with theirs." Grievous paused once more.

"I do not condone your style of fighting but given how many they had made and might have even more in their possessions. It would be stupid to bring humans and Mechanoids into the fray. Creating your own Monster Mechanoids might be the solution to win this absurd battle of power but just remember to self destruct them when you are done."

"Do not forget, Diamondz had done it before and is at your behest." Grievous coughs a little as if he bit his tongue saying that. "Also, I did not mean literal monster. In my humble opinion, you already had six of them in your possession." Grievous said as he continued his work before saying the following. "I hope I had satisfied your- his sleep talk."

When Jin returned to Daimon, there were cheers in Central Daimon City which General Grieves had insisted that the armed escort were to move via that particular street.? (Actually, it was General Ost's idea and General Grieves had to follow through with it because it was a morale booster for the city.)

Jin had no choice but to comply as well and he was 'rudely' awakened by Grieves to show his face and let people know that he was truly alive. To make this thing more of a parade, they even brought back one of the Mecha Fire Dragon's broken pieces of its head to let people know that Jin had done the impossible.

It was to the point some people were already shouting to make Jin the permanent lord of Daimon City.

When they got back to the hotel where Jin was staying along with the Grey Bear Squad, the Hotel Manager had already upgraded their room to senior executive even though Jin said he already felt bad that he was staying there for free.

The manager insisted as he pointed out that the hotel that the Grey Bear Squad had stayed in Parry City was his brother's. The fact that Parry City was still able to function with as little damage was because of Jin. And it was also because of the Interim Leader's decision that his brother was able to get into Daimon without any trouble and with much relative ease.

Thus, all the room would be free for Jin to use until he vacates the premises. After which, he had a good long shower and an exclusive dinner served by the chef for today before he was given to the pack of wolves also known as the press for more details about the things he had done for Parry City.

He gave a bit of the truth out at it was enough to keep them sated as he requested to return to his room for some proper rest. It was during at that point where the big wigs came to Jin and actual work started. To his surprise, Sir Peru Peru had been sneaked into his room as well and there was nowhere else to run.

"Alright, you guys got me. What you all want?"

"Sir Peru Peru is here to informally apologise to you." General Ost said.

"Why would you want to do that? I already said its fine. Its part of our job to keep the people safe."

"And to talk about plans on how to proceed from here." General Ost added. "Besides, General Grieves had informed me that you had been sleep talking." He finished talking and Denise took a pile of notes and placed them on the table.

"This is whatever we can recover on the Monster Mechanoids that the ex researchers had done before they disappear into the winds. With this, we should be able to create Monster Mechanoids but not at a level that could rival the Empire Royals."

"I have to warn though, by using Monster Mechanoids we will be playing in the narrative as the bad guys as well despite the fact that we are doing it for justice." Sir Peru Peru stated.

"Well... I had some inspiration while I was sleep talking that we can actually enhance our troops instead of making Monster based Mechanoids." Jin spoke out while gave a quick side eye at General Grieves. He gave a quick short grin before returning to the conversation as if he did not know anything about it.

"Please explain more." Denise was the one who was the most interested in this. After all, the Rocketeers were the manufacturers of the Empire's Military. Diamondz had no part in this. But if this coup were to

be realised, Diamondz may eventually be the main manufacturer for the new Empire's Military and that brings a lot of money onto the table.

"Before you do, care to fill me in with the details for the things I missed?" A familiar voice struck Jin from behind as the very same manager had opened the doors to Jin's room.

"Archduke Dyke." Every one realised who was coming in and they knelt with their heads down. Only Jin was there to wave at him.

"Lord Jin, what are you doing?" General Ost with a soft but harsh voice asked Jin to do the same as well. However, before Jin could react Dyke closed the door behind him and bend his knees down for Jin instead. The rest who was watching this scene were tremendously shocked by the sudden turn of developments but Jin did not care and asked them to quickly take their seats in this 'informal meeting at the Jin's room'.

"Lord Jin had been instrumental in this upcoming coup that I have been planning and the discovery of this Mecha Fire Dragons had strengthened my allies' resolve to contribute more for this coup. Thus, it would not be shameful to make him the overall commander for the rebellion that I am creating."

"Oh shit. Is that more work for me. Why are you giving me more work. I just want to get it done as soon as possible. Can you don't put this kind of erm... stunt and consult me first before doing it?" Jin said so bluntly that the rest in the room were a little perplexed.

"But Lord Jin, this is an honour that you should wear proudly on your shoulders." General Ost stated but Jin shook his head. "No. This is more unnecessary work. If need to, I would rather settle this myself without any allied help."

"I do not think that you are that capable of..." Before Archduke Dyke could finish speaking, Jin turned his console and showed them his points account.

The number of zeroes... was terrifying until Jin realised something was wrong. There was two additional zeroes right behind the number that he knew, and he turned it back to double check. Yet, the effect was already done to the people in the room.

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"Erm... How many Mechanoids, no. Monster Infused Mechanoids can I make with this kind of money?" Jin asked as he still tried to figure out how he got that many points in his account.

"Syn quietly gave them to you as compensation for lying to you about the safe. After all, as User had said before, the points did not matter to you at all. So, Syn had decided to give you this much as see what can you do with it." The System replied as Denise was trying to calculate the number of monster infused Mechanoids she could possibly make.

"... About a thousand or so. Depending on the timeline, the trials needed, and the manpower required to build those thousand without leaking out." Denise tried to do the math in her head even further.

"That's rather little and disappointing." Jin's mouth twitched a little.

"If it's ordinary Mechanoids and equipment, you can field twice the size of Daimon's military maybe even three times more ...including transport and logistics. For an Archduke, that might not be much but for an Interim Lord, you are holding on to too much money."

"Haha, CEO of Diamondz Corps, you jest. Most of my wealth comes from the tax payers. There is no way I can field these many troops privately. If I can get half the size of Daimon's military, that would be a feat itself."

Jin then sat and thought about whether it was worth making a Monster Infused Mechanoid. If they were all the same level as his Grey Bear Squad then, it would also be an equally terrifying thought. "But let's just say... that we only make mass manufactured monster infused Mechanoids, will that bring the cost down by a fair bit?"

"What kind of infusion and the kind of monster do you want to hunt that you wished to put in those Mechanoids?"

"The power to generate something like an energy laser that's similar to Tellie. If that's not feasible, the ability to charge their rifles and shoot out enhanced explosive rounds. Also, the ability to fly and fly fast without all those wings etc. on them. Swift fast manoeuvres while flying, so much so they can have the ability to hover as well."

"Those can actually be achieved with jet boosters on boots and having a fission power reactor. With a fission power reactor, they can charge their rifles and shoot out lasers too. Of course, having a stable fission power reactor would be another kind of mess itself but it had been proven that it works."

"I was expecting Jin to say to have Lightning attributes to all the Monster Infused Mechanoids. Guess he knew how to subvert my expectations." General Grievus joked and Jin scratched his head a little.

"Hmmm... mind if I show you an example? Can you give me those plates over there as well?" Jin said as he went into the armoury wardrobe which was only executive rooms and above them and picked up an SKS automatic rifle which he had managed to pick up when the Pandarens left it lying on the ground on the battlefield. He checked there were bullets in it and showed everyone that they were only ordinary bullets before proceeding to the balcony.

"What are you going to do?" Sir Peru Peru had no idea what was going on and everything had been a blur ever since Archduke Dyke had come into the room.

"Just look and see." Jin closed his eyes to gather Maqi within him. "System, the spell incantation for fly, please. I do not remember it." The System immediately gave him the incantation and allowed the magic portion of his Maqi to react intensely. Soon, they saw a shimmer of glow on Jin which he instantly climbed over the balcony and jumped.

The rest were shocked but got even more surprised as they saw him hovering right outside the balcony. "See. No sound, instant activation, and what's more." With a bit more Maqi input into it, Jin flew upwards at high speeds which wowed the rest and made them move to the edge of the balcony to see what Jin was about to do next.

He used his Maqi to throw the ceramic plates until they were far enough that he shot them down. But what the audience did not expect was that the plate exploded with a fiery explosion. He threw a few more again and this time, he shot one down with a precise laser beam and the other two with an explosion but of different elements too. One was lightning and the other was merely a huge spark of light.

People who were around the hotel thought that someone was throwing out fireworks and they enjoyed it for a moment which Jin later returned to the balcony quickly to avoid detection. "Get what I mean now? Sorry, my head's in a mess, and do not how to explain it other than showing it to you with regards to the difference in what Denise had proposed."

"I get it now." Denise thanked Jin, stating that it was an eye opener. "Quiet, unlike jet boosters. Instant reaction time and the ability to shoot while also able to change the elements of the bullet. This is indeed quite a monster to replicate."

"Not only that. If we deploy these Monster Infused Mechanoids, they will change the way battles are fought entirely. The Air Force will have a difficult time dealing with this kind of threat while they can infiltrate anywhere anytime. Detecting them would be a hassle too. The ability to run and fly away is something that all commandos would want." General Ost commented.

"Please, if you have a thousand of these at your disposal. The fortress in the Empire's Capital will fall in within minutes. All the insertions at various locations will confuse the enemy and you can catch all of them off guard. And we are only utilising with the assumption that they are using their basic abilities. Input enough combat data in and they should be able to fight against the Royal Guards and Assassins too." General Grieves remarked.

"Now the problem is where to find this kind of monster." Archduke Dyke said and surprisingly Sir Peru Peru raised his short stout hand. "I think we have this kind of monster in the Parry City's dungeons."

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"There is this monster where it will create a sort of anti gravity field when it's resting. So it looks like it was resting on air. However, if you do not kill it in one shot, by hitting its head, it will be alerted and dash around the air like a busy fly." Sir Peru Peru said.

"However, if you hit its head, that anti gravity part is destroyed and cannot be used. My military was very interested in that monster and had tried to catch it multiple times. Not very successful and when captured, it became too stressed, it will invert the gravity around it cause every effort you made to be wasted."

"Sounds like the perfect monster though," Jin said and Sir Peru Peru laughed bitterly.

"We were extremely afraid of that monster coming out as an outbreak. It will be a pain to kill considering the amount of headache it gave us in a confined space."

"Then in terms of power, I am not sure about the element changing one. But if you wish to create a fission power core, I suggest fighting against the Grell Buster." General Grieves said and General Ost opened his eyes wide when saying that name.

"Are you sure? As much as we could recommend that, it's not exactly the easiest monster to kill even though it's one of the easiest to encounter once certain conditions are met." General Ost said and even Denise felt chills going up her spine when she heard that name.

"If you can get the Grell Buster's crystal...there is no doubt that the monster infused mechanoids will have a stable fission power core due to its nature."

"Care explaining that monster to me?" Jin asked and General Ost sighed. That monster ...it's a six legged creature that had shrimp claws that could burst a rock into smithereens with a solid blow. Many mechanoids who were within its range had been destroyed into pieces. Literal pieces."

"So many people fought against it by going range. The problem is that that thing's head is an exposed brain with a bird's beak for its head. It's an abomination of significant proportions. When people try to kill it tentacles will emerge from underneath the brain but it's not to stretch and find its enemies, rather, it acts as an extension so that the bird beak brain could float and attack people from afar, thus covering its witness."

"Oh gosh..."

"Someone managed to kill one of them and also used a canary bird as bait." General Ost said.

"Apparently, it likes the sound of birds chirping crazily," Grieves added.

"And the crystal they got from harvesting it was emitting a crazy amount of power and the researchers realised it's a fission process within the crystal. But if the Archduke knows of any other monsters that can have such fission power, please feel free to add on to the list. Otherwise, they really have to farm for that."

"Sounds doable. Just exceedingly boring if they were to try and harvest it... but I see what I can do." Jin said to himself in front of the group and half of them did not understand what he meant, only those from Daimon.

"It is fine, just talking to myself. Looks like if we really want to go this road, there's quite a lot of preparation to do. Sir Peru Peru, I might need to discuss with you an adventurer's agreement that could benefit your country's economy if you would allow me."

"I am at all ears if you need me." Sir Peru Peru readily agrees to a discussion.

"Then, it looks like we are all set for today. The meeting will be considered as secret and whatever we talked about would remain confidential and unrecorded." Archduke Dyke said and everyone started to leave Jin's room except for Sir Peru Peru and Jin who talked about how Pandarens could enter Parry City's dungeon to hunt for the hovering monsters also known as the Mindjackers.

As usual, Jin would create the outpost and be manned by his own people but in return, Sir Peru Peru would be able to get 40% of any profits made from that outpost as part of its rental. The Parry City Lord

was agreeable to it since it did not need to interfere and their own people could also take part in the hunt.

Thus, the Lords bid each other good night and Jin sat on the desk and snacked on an apple. There were so many routes to go for but Jin felt that there must be something simpler that could be done. Surely, such an endeavour will boost the economy of both cities and people would think that this is just resource gathering plus there are things that he can consult Old Flammet to work with Diamondz to produce this Monster infused Mechanoids.

Surely, he had done his share getting materials from his own dungeon and building mechanical stuff from monster parts, but this was not just putting materials in. It would be enhancing the attributes of the monster and putting them into the Mechanoid as a replication.

Yet, even if he wanted to do this, it would take a few weeks or maybe months and he definitely would not have the time to stay in Synthesis World that long. Perhaps, he could hunt just for his Grey Bear Squad and later attack the Royals. But still, that was too hasty of a conclusion. "Wait a minute. What if I used those points to buy the time I need for my Dungeon Instances? Surely, that's a fair trade, right?"

Just as Jin was in his own world of thinking, a knock came from the door and Jin saw through his console that it was Denise. He unlocked the door via his console and Denise came in.

"I am sorry to bother you but I guess, this is equally important to you in a private way too. Thus, I waited for Sir Peru Peru to leave before talking to you," Denise said and Jin's eyes lit up.

"Lynn is okay now?" Jin asked and Denise nodded her head.

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"Yes. She is no danger at all but we are keeping her in ...sorry for the crude word erm maintenance until we can fully diagnosis that she is okay." Denise reported.

"Why did you not tell me about it earlier?" Jin asked and wanted to see her at this instant. "Also what do you mean by keeping her in maintenance until she is okay? She isn't human in this Virtual Simulation but a Mechanoid. Isn't it just replacing parts?"

"We do have the parts though but the design is overly complicated that our engineers do not dare to touch it. We managed to contact Master Flammet and he said that Nie would be providing the blueprint details for the engineers as soon as he could. However, the reason we put her in maintenance was because her cores seem to be emitting some energy that is detectable but not known. We are afraid that it's some radiation that could harm not just the people working but affecting the mechanoids as well."

It was then Jin realised that what Denise was speaking of was his Maqi that had flowed within her.

"Don't worry. I think I know what kind of energy is that. Bring me to her and I will have a look at Lynn."

"I already knew you said that had prepared a helicopter for you. Let's go." Denise stated and it did not take long for them to reach Diamondz Headquarters where Jin saw that it was still rebuilding the certain areas that Jin and the others had destroyed.

"Your building is rather tough. Even with all the damage we did, its still standing tall." Jin said and Denise gave a light 'Hmmp'.

"This is still the headquarters of the few largest mechanoid corps around here. Of course, we need it to be solid. Won't want it to go down like a house of cards, right?"

"That is true." Jin remained quiet throughout the entire ride and when they reached the maintenance department, he noticed that she was indeed brought a corner where there were no equipment and Mechanoids around the area. It was distanced so that none of the items would be affected by this unknown energy that the engineers had detected.

Not to mention, there were several makeshift lead screens and barriers to ensure that the energy emission would be as little as possible. Denise was told to wear a hazmat suit based on the engineer's recommendation but Jin did not bother at all.

He could sense the energy emission and noted that this was undoubtedly the Maqi that had been oozing out from Lynn's Mechanoid body. He walked in brazenly and looked at her. There were nanobots working on her body 24/7 and the charred body which he had seen previously had mostly disappeared. Her body was still warm and her functions were working as intended but despite several reboots, she was not activating.

The engineers do not know that this was a customised Mechanoid meant to be a vessel to keep Lynn's soul in there and not a Mechanoid that could be turn on or off any time. That was why they had no idea why she could not be working.

Jin, on the other hand, picked her hand up from the cold metal couch she was lying on and grabbed it hard. "Sorry. I had not been a good partner. To let you stay at this condition for such a long time...and not able to help you when you really needed help."

At that point, Jin's Maqi slowly flow into Lynn's Mechanoid body in order to balance the current's flow within Lynn. He did not rush to quickly balance it which he would usually do to counter the flow but instead he blended his Maqi along with the surrounding leftover Maqi.

As time goes by, he managed to gather the Maqi that had been oozing out of the Mechanoid and intermittently sent it back to Lynn, allowing to get back what was lost. And since Lynn was not there to regulate her own reactors, Jin did what he could to make sure that all the reactors were managed properly.

Soon, the engineers could detect that the initial energy release had been slowed down significantly to the point that it was non existent. They did not know what was going on but only understood that Jin had managed to keep it in check and most of them sighed in relief.

Denise was the first one to go through all those lead screens and barriers to talk to Jin although she was still wearing the Hazmat suit to tell him about the progress that he had made. "That's good to hear, I will stay here with her for the night. Mind getting me a chair?"

"But Jin, even if you stay here, there is nothing much you can do."

"I know that. Just let me be." He said and Denise acceded to his request. When left alone, Jin kept quiet continuously holding her hand and stared at her occasionally. Denise felt that the attachment was not just a Commander and Mechanoid relationship but something even deeper than that which she knew that it was better not to pry.

She told the engineers not to bother them once they were done doing diagnosis from afar which the engineers understood and returned to do other work. "Jin, there is a button at the side of the bed. You can press that when you need any of the engineers to look at her." Denise reminded him before leaving and yet he was quiet, not to answer a single word.

It was only when Denise was about to leave the area, Jin spouted a soft thank you to Denise for taking Lynn here to repair and recover. "No worries about that. This is what Diamondz Corp is for, especially during such situations. You should thank 2LT Cloudie for sending her as soon as he could." Denise said and the lights in the room were mostly off except for that small corner where Jin and Lynn was.

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Her hand twitched and Jin who was dead sleeping on the chair did not feel it at all. And so, when Lynn opened her eyes, she saw him drooling at the side with his head leaning at the side of the metal couch.

Thus, she decided to stay in the supine position for a little while more as she took some time to perform her own self diagnostic. After all, she was a Mechanoid now and she had learned how to check if she had any abnormalities on her.

The assist system within her informed her that her body had been fully repaired and there were no scars or burnt skin that were left from fighting against the Mecha Fire Dragon. And for the fact that Jin was here sleeping like a log would most likely indicate that he had defeated that Mecha Fire Dragon without any problems.

Still, she was curious about the news and wanted to see if there were any actions of him performing the act. Thus, she looked through the daily papers that were consistently uploaded into her holographic console if she wanted to take a look at it.

But the more she read the latest news, the more confused she was until Lynn requested the System to give her a quick breakdown of what had happened after she was knocked out. Thus, the System did what it could to give her the summary of events and led her to be shocked by the turn of events that transpired Jin to be a sleeping log. It also gave the course of action that Jin had been offered and what had been done at the moment as he tried to progress forward.

"Silly boy," Lynn said as she continued to lie down and held his hand, only to later realise that Jin was actually still sending his Maqi through their hand holding in order to regulate the flow within her. This was also possibly the reason why she was able to wake up with her consciousness intact.

And for those slight movements to not wake Jin up really did mean that he had really fought a tiring battle the day before and this was the time where his fatigue would be moving away from him.

Sadly, the job of the Interim Leader could not be any more bitter. Even as the notifications had been silenced by the System, Lynn heard the sounds of heels echoing as they came into the room. And when the person arrived, Lynn greeted her.

"Lynn. Glad to see you erm.. looked fine." Denise was a little stunned since she thought that Lynn had not regained consciousness.? And now, it seemed like she had disturbed a little quiet time between her and Jin.

"Thank you for helping me," Lynn spoke out and Jin instantly jerked himself up to wake and check on Lynn.

"Lynn, are you alright? Do you feel anything different for you?" Those were Jin's first words and Lynn smiled.

"I am okay. You do not have to worry about me," Lynn replied with a gentle smile as she sat up from the couch, only to remember that there were thousand and one wires being plugged into her entire body. From the legs all the way up to her neck.

"Guys, perform disengage protocols!" Denise shouted and the engineer at the back end acknowledged the order, allowing all those wires to be removed safely all at once. Lynn then stood up and tried to walk a little to find that everything was still in order.

"I am sorry, Jin but it looks like the City Council needed you to settle some internal issues," Denise said to break the reunion between the Mechanoid and her commander.

"No," Jin said and this left Denise's mouth to be wide open.

"No...? I understand that you want to spend some time with Lynn so I can tell them that you are still busy but ultimately you have to."

"I think you are mistaking something, Denise." Jin's tone got more serious than she could ever remember as if Denise had accidentally stepped on a tiger's tail.

"I was appointed as the Interim Leader by Archduke Dyke to take care of the monster outbreak. Now that the monster outbreak is over, his immediate concern is the takeover of the Empire." Jin said and Denise was signalling to him that this was not the best place to talk about that.

"Jin," Lynn called out to him.

"Yes?" Jin quickly turned to her.

"Tell her your honest thoughts and be ready to commit to them. You don't have to beat around the bush and use your supposed power of position to talk down to her." Lynn answered and that led to Jin clenching his fists.

"Sorry, Denise." It took some effort to spill the word sorry from Jin as he knew that Lynn was correct in her judgment of the current situation. "Tell them I will step down from being the Interim Leader. I am going some dungeon hunting with my squad and we will attack the 'target' our own way."

"Huh? Wait, what? That is suicide. What are you thinking?" Denise said and Jin apologised once more. "This is running away from your responsibilities as well, do you know that?" Denise stated and Jin knew that even if Denise was guilt tripping him with the truth, he could not keep his head straight in the current political game he had been playing right now.

He grabbed Lynn and walked out of the room, only to find city council members and other government officials waiting to talk to Jin on certain issues but as they approached him, he ignored every single one of them and apologise to those he pushed away to get to the elevator.

Eventually, the elevator came and only Jin and Lynn as he explicitly told them to 'get out of the way'. The officials were stunned by his behaviour and the elevator doors closed leaving only the two of them inside.

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"What's the matter with you? What happened to the usually rational personality that you have?" Lynn questioned and Jin spoke out.

"I do not wish to lose you. You may want to do this in the long haul even after I got my body back. But no, after I held your slightly charred hands last night, something inside me triggered. It brought back something that I never thought I would experience again."

"The fear of losing someone," Jin said solemnly in the elevator.

"I thought I got away with that after Grandpa's funeral but no, it had always been there ever since I had you beside me," Jin said as the elevator reached the first floor and they found out that the entire Grey Bear Squad was waiting for him at the main lobby.

"Sister Lynn!" Tellie waved as she was the first to spot them. The rest immediately stood up and ran towards them to check on Lynn's condition.

"Lynn, I have to admit that what you did was cool despite it being extremely dangerous," Yinn said as she opened her hands up for a hug which Lynn reciprocated.

"Commander, we saw quite a number of officials going up to meet you. We can bring Lynn away for some R & R while you deal with your bureaucratic bullshit." Diaz said but Jin shook his head.

"I quit as of a few minutes ago," Jin replied and it made the Grey Bear Squad members speechless for the moment. "We are going to Daimon Airport and board the plane that goes closest to Mount Sunn. From there, we are going to power you guys up and we attack the Royals."

"There are not many planes that would travel there though." Page checked as Jin was talking.

"But there is one that could do that if the price is right." A familiar voice echoed from behind and they noticed it was 2LT Cloudie. "The Helicarrier had been repaired, refuelled. On the ex Interim Leader's orders, I can bring you there."

"You sure? I am not kidding when I said I had stepped down from being the Interim Leader of Daimon."

"I guess you have your reasons." 2LT Cloudie said and told them that he also had a jeep rented so they could all sit in it. Jin agreed to it readily and they set to move out before the government officials caught up with what was happening and decided to chase after Jin.

And that scene actually happened as Jin was able to get onto the rental jeep, the officials came down, asking for an explanation as he could see Denise was not able to hold them away. It was only when they were in the car, the squad started talking to each other despite having 2LT Cloudie inside.

"What?! Do you want to take down the Royals because you had enough? What kind of reasoning is that?" Diaz asked as she did not understand Jin's excuse a single bit.? "Isn't it more like because you had enough of them, that's why you are doing all these preparations at the back end? And when you truly step down from being an Interim Leader, you will lose all access to Daimon's military power and the connections it brings to you as well."

"Besides, Jin. What makes you think that removing the Royal is the end goal?" Yinn asked and Jin sighed.

"Kill the Royal through official combat and take over the crown. That was what General Grieves proposed." Jin said.

"The old duelling method?" Page asked as it seemed she was well versed with it. "However, that method is so flawed that it would be impossible to challenge them. You need lots of money and the odds are stacked against you."

"That I know. Which is why we are going to do the Three Winged Angel Dungeon in the Empire's capital, Bearling once we reequipped you guys at Old Flammet's place." Jin said and he explained that there was actually a secret dungeon that the Archduke had mentioned (obviously, he lied here, but there is no way he could reveal to the Grey Bears that Syn was the one who told them that.)

"So, you want us to fight the hell out of this Dungeon King and get something that will be supposedly useful against the Royals?"

"Yes, and while the Archduke does not know, what it is. I can assume it is of significant power that could turn the tide. Using whatever that was obtained, we will challenge the Royals to the official duel."

"You still got to build the fortress of whatever crap the Royals wanted, you know that, correct?" Click answered and Jin nodded his head as if he had that covered too. "That would be done in a jiffy so, you don't have to worry about that."

"Then all this subterfuge to get the Pandarens to get those dungeon materials is for?" Tellie asked since he told them that he initially wanted Monster Infused Mechanoids to be created.

"Those were initially to be used as backup but from what I learned, the ability to put all these various monster parts and enhance them into an ability for the Mechanoids was something that had not been physically possible. They can recreate Monster Mechanoids but for some reason could not do the same for Humanoid Mechanoids. Denise told me separately that they are close to a breakthrough but it takes some time."

"And time is something you are unable to spare." 2LT Cloudie who had been listening commented.

"Something like that. The more time I waste here, it is not beneficial. I know you do not understand where I am coming from but I have other better places to be." Jin replied to 2LT Cloudie and he took it as 'Do not ask anymore, I can't comment on it.'

"In short, you are setting up yourself for a hell of a path to walk just to topple the King of this Empire just because of personal vendetta and not for the good of the Empire."

"Hey, no one says I cannot be selfish." Jin shrugged his shoulders and the Grey Bears knew they were in for a hell of a ride.