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By now Jin's public broadcast had already stopped and Jin was in an office watching the situation unfold. He was not sure whether Syn would reply to this question but he tried. "Why is the Three Winged Angel so angry about the Dragon Mechanoids?"

"Long story short, the particular angel was friends with Dragons. And how do create Dragons Mechanoids? By killing dragons. But that was too inefficient for dragons are hard to find. So, they tried capturing them for their essence instead. Keep extracting the essence until you got enough of it while ensuring they do not die and their power crystal still works as they continue to take out the essence from them." Syn did emerge and replied to Jin.

"Oh... If that's the case. I will be angry too if I know my friends had been captured and been assimilated to such torturous actions." Jin nodded his head... wait how he know that I am fighting partially because of the Mecha Dragons? I did not tell him about that.

"Well.... I guess there are some perks for you to have a friend in the AI Administration?"

"Oh right. The almighty and angel relationship... I still find it funny that I had to talk to the almighty in an official capacity to get the early Armageddon." Jin said.

"It had to be made official or people might think you are cheating or being favoured upon. That is not a good reputation to hold."

"You never created heroes before? Like be blessed by the Almighty and later use them to fight evil that kind of stuff?" Jin asked and Syn nodded reluctantly.

"That's how the Empire is created and how the Three Winged Angel Dungeon had been developed as well," Syn replied and Jin realised that it might have been a touchy subject. Thankfully, the Queen provided the much needed distraction from the topic at hand and she had no choice but to say it out loud.

"Yes. The Empire had been making Monster Mechanoids despite the proposed ban from all the countries." The Queen bit her mouth as she started talking about it and subsequently stopped.

"That's it? Wow, I am thankful for the clause that my King had created." The Masked Announcer said. "So many questions running in my head right now!"

"He sure is having fun taking the role of that Masked Announcer." Jin chuckled.

"He never liked his actual form that much. Thankfully, you did not have to fight him." Syn replied,

"Is he like unbeatable? Even worse than Number 4 by a lot?"

"By a lot. He had grown way too strong to be defeated normally. But if you could kill Number Four, I think there's a chance for you to win him."

"Like 0.00000000001%?"

"Yeah..." Syn said as the Masked Announcer finally started talking despite some prodding from him to get the Queen some more.

"Masked Announcer, the Queen is tired and shocked by the chain of events. If you would to let this broadcast be done on another time."

"Tired? Shocked? Be done at another time? THERE IS NO ANOTHER TIME!" The Masked Announcer shouted and a loud thunderous clap exploded above the skies.

"She either answers now or she dies...well judging from her strength, she will probably die from Jin's challenge as well, I will just kill more of her minions. But eh! How can I judge when I am just another monster announcer?" The Three Winged Angel said and even Steele was hesitant.

"Steele, what are you doing? Standing there. As the King, I command you to attack this Masked Announcer right here and now." King Zagg said and yet the Royal Guard's Leader was not moving an inch.

"I am not moving as per the King's attendant orders."

"What are you talking about? Puzzle is not here. I am the King and you should listen to me." King Zagg continued to rant and the Masked Announcer took a look at him.

"I never seen that guy before. Is he your new King? That's rather fast if you ask me," The Masked Announcer asked Thessalia and she got confused.

"What?"

"Hey, Steele. Didn't The Estranged Cowboy killed your King back then?" Steele suddenly straightened up like a straight arrow and shook his head slowly.

"Why do you humans like to lie so much. Can't you guys be just like Jin? He said the truth even though he expressed it in such a weird manner."

"What weird??" Jin was confused as well but he was more excited for the current development.

"Oh, so everyone did not know what exactly happened? From my perspective, as the announcer who oversee the fights. The King supposed to be dead. Steele could not protect him. Now, your turn Steele. Is it true?"

"Steele slowly nodded his head even though King Zagg was extremely confused as to why he had to tell the truth to that Masked Announcer."

"Hey, who do you think you are? Just because you can kill a few guards, does that mean you can boss us around? And Steele what are you doing, obeying this kind of weird man in front of the broadcast?" King Zagg knew he was in deep trouble as he sent a doppelganger to the dungeons and went out to play with other ladies while it was happening.

Obviously, he did not want the truth to be out and King Zagg rushed towards the Masked Announcer with his royal ornate sword at hand. "Easy target, King Zagg thought to himself as he slashed the Masked Announcer who did not move an inch away."

'Oh gosh. This is the power your King has? This is pathetic. Why did I even give Jin the authorisation letter. He could just decimate you all in one night, well maybe one hour if he really puts in the effort."

"Woah woah, that Three Winged Angel!" Jin got a little uptight from the Angel's answer and Syn laughed loudly. "Why are you laughing as well, people would have expectations of me! He has expectations of me!"

"Don't you dare underestimate the power of King Z-" Before Zagg could finish his sentence, the masked Announcer flicked his finger on the King's forehead and he was been knocked back intensely. The Royal Assassins saw and quickly aided him, cushioning the fall. When the Guards went to check on him, a few of the assassins had died from the impact but Zagg was still breathing.

"Bring him to the sick bay!"? Steele said as he continued to stand at the side.

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"So, yeah. Steele. Your truth first and then the Queen's continuation."? The Masked Announcer said and by this time, the audience included not just the people of the Empire but also other nations who were watching this and felt that the top ranks of the Empire were crumbling from within.

At this point, there was a growing silent majority of people thinking that having Jin to challenge them was the right move. Obviously, the people in Daimon City and Parry City were already supporting the challenger to the best as they could. Some even ask if donations to Diamondz would be of any help and even Daimon Military was volunteering themselves to be part of the offensive if there was a need to.

"The King brought a doppelganger into the dungeon. The doppelganger was killed while the King is outside. I do not have any knowledge of what he does outside of the dungeon as I was busy trying to make sure my troops were not killed." Steele said and the Masked Announcer gave a thumbs up.

"See, that wasn't too hard, was it."

"So, everyone as you can see, the King is not the one that is the true ruler of the Empire. It's actually the Queen manipulating from the back. Which King would be so dumb as to rush against an opponent they have no idea of and could not assess the situation? Even the Queen was willing to send the King to his death without him knowing. That is if he had not used a doppelganger for the mission, lucky him."

"Therefore, Queen Thessalia. Before you say things like I am just the Queen and do not know anything. Please remember that your subject's life is at risk. After all, I cannot kill you before the challenge starts but I sure can make it way easier for Jin if I want to."

"It seems like this Jin guy has really sucked your toes." One of the guards could not help but shout and the Masked Announcer laughed as he clapped at the bravery of the guard who voiced out.

"Oh, he sure did. He cleared Hell Difficulty in 2 days...with one...two...three.. four? Four Helpers? Hmmm, let's not count those within him. Yeah, four I guessed. Oh not to mention, it's the Variant version as well. Imagine Reflecting Reality Beetle and the Great World Blender came together. Yes, he fought that with just one another Mechanoid of his."

"Just one?" Steele could not believe his ears. The Masked Announcer had no reason to lie but even as the Leader of the Royal Guards, the supposed strongest swordsman in the nation could not defeat Reflecting Reality Beetle with just one Mechanoid as a support. Not to mention, the two bosses fused together and he could imagine the devastating effects the mini boss could potentially portray.

"Shall I praise him more? It took him less than half an hour to clear that boss. And your record? A week, Steele. A bloody fucking week. You know how bored I was watching you withering my dear friend's health away? And that was just the Reality Reflecting Beetle!"

"Is that Jin considered to be dangerous...?" The Queen asked Steele and he could not help but give a serious nod.

"We will die... The Royal Guard behind Steele said as he could not believe that a human was capable of killing the Reality Reflecting Beetle, a variant version in less than half an hour. Some of the Royal Guards in the room were also shaking in their boots.

"This job is not worth it. I might be strong enough to maybe hold a few blows against that Jin but I am not willing to die for a liar." One of the Royal Guard saluted and walked away as he threw his Royal Guard emblem on the ground.

A few others saw that and contemplated a little before joining him too. They too had survived the Three Winged Angel Dungeon and knew little about the horrors that lay beyond it. If that guy managed to clear the Three Winged Angel Dungeon in two days, it was not a matter of strength. It is entirely a whole new level of power that Jin was wielding.

"I do not believe it." The Queen replied. "How can such a man could ever kill such a beast in less than half an hour?"

"Almighty, I am sorry. Please forgive my transgressions as I am about to reveal the secrets of my newfound comrade." The Masked Announcer said in the broadcast and Jin looked at Syn.

"No. No way. You are going to allow your angel to show them my fight?"

"C'mon, it will bring in some faithful followers to your cause. And if it helps to lower the difficulty, I do not see why not." Syn smiled as he approved his angel's wish.

The Masked Announcer was delighted that the approval came straight away and with a clap, the broadcast finally showed Jin along with Lynn fighting against the Great Reality Blender. The audience watched the explosive start and was captivated straight away by the teamwork he had with his Mechanoid.

Steele had his mouth wide open as well as he saw that Jin was not just a swordsman but a seasoned one. The use of his modules to create the elements and handle them so easily stunned the Royal Guards as well since they were going to fight him in a day's time. Even the Queen could not believe her eyes and finally understood why the Mecha Fire dragons could be killed by him.

She thought it was just an exaggeration but the video right in front of her proved that he was capable of killing the Empire's top dogs extremely easily. Now is not the time for revenge or a power trip. Now it is to salvage the situation and see if the Queen could get out of this sticky situation.

Maybe she could step down as Queen and still retain her wealth. It will be a disgrace but perhaps telling the truth now and later inform the people that she was ashamed of what she had done. Buy a few sympathy points and return to a life of normalcy.

"Hide somewhere until Armageddon. That would sound like a good choice." The Queen's heart beats extraordinarily fast as she attempts to formulate a plan.

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"Wait, then does that mean that all I had worked for would disappear? Is this what I really want?" The Queen's thoughts from being anxious turned to really frightened. Wouldn't she lose everything and people would be hounding her left and right? Some may even wish to kill her if things go awry and at that point, there would not be any Royal Guards or Assassins to protect her at all.

This would make things even more complicated and she can't possibly run away with all those points and gold away while waiting for Armageddon to happen. If she were to stand her position and stay strong, perhaps she could win.

Jin had fought against seven Mecha Fire Dragons and he was nearly dead from it. Assuming that he was that strong, wouldn't it make sense to just throw even more Mecha Dragons into the fray? Besides, the public would know about this soon because of what the Masked Announcer was going to force her to say.

In fact, all the other nations would be eyeing against the Empire because of their ignorance against the ban. "This was not the bad timing after all... Once Jin had been killed regardless of the cost, we can start up the military campaign and possibly a military expansion and make the Empire even greater!" Thessalia thought to herself as she could see the possibility of a way out. She would not just be some Queen since she now had been recognised by the one who pulled the shots for the Empire.

If she can defeat and maybe even get Jin to be her slave...she could probably defend against the other nations. "Slave! Why did I not think of that?" The sudden line of thought excites her. This was a challenge officiated by the Three Winged Angel, perhaps if Jin does lose, the Queen could impose her authority on him. Of course, now it was whether she could make out an excuse to bring this condition up for consideration.

"Why are you being so quiet? Now it is your time to say and atone for your sins."

"I will and shall." The Queen steadied herself and she walked through the pool of blood disregarding the corpses at the side, towards the public broadcast console. "Yes, we have made and built Mecha Dragons but it is not what any of you think it would be. It was initially for research purposes and subsequently, we felt that the advances in technology by other nations had threatened us. Thus, we made those Mecha Dragons for the sake of protecting the Empire's sovereignty."

"We not only subjugated Dragons that might be a threat to the Empire Lands, we decided to use them as our last resort against invasions from other nations. And the threat is real. If you do not believe me then I shall tell a tale all of you had not known. The Archduke's son had been captured by terrorists who refused to be named in the north."

"It was because of Lord Jin's effort that his kid had been saved and the Duke with gratitude, rewarded Jin a piece of land, making him one of the newest Lord in the North," Thessalia said kind words about her challenger that Jin started to be suspicious of her motives. "While the Royals did understand that Jin needs to be rewarded, we did not approve of the title initially due to the Empire's stringent process. We need to make sure that he is not a spy from other nations and an interview with us would also enable us to judge him worthy for the position."

"However, instead of us approving the Lord's title, it was the Almighty who had done it instead. Showing that Jin had been favoured by the Almighty for the kindness he had performed. That was why we did not inform the public until Lord Jin had his Mount Sunn developed."

"But then, we had been-" Before Thessalia could continue with her sentence, the Masked Announcer stopped her.

"So, you are now accusing that the Almighty had a hand in this matter? And thus, my authorisation letter might not be worth your salt?"

"I am not saying that, I am implying a fairer fight. From what I see, Jin who is capable of killing Mecha Dragons challenges for Kingship, and the losses we incur would be monumental. If we win, other nations will take the chance to step in and attack us. Add a condition if Jin loses to the Empire, he will be responsible for the defence of the Empire and answer to us for the sake of the Empire." People who heard what Queen Thessalia said knew what she was planning. She wants him to be the Empire's guard dog.

"Otherwise, I do not think it's fair that if we win, the place would be vulnerable because of what Jin had done. If he really cares for the Empire, he should have no qualms with this condition. Besides, I will also ensure that he will be compensated fairly for his abilities. This is my compassion as a Queen who understands a fellow citizen of the Empire who wants better for the nation."

"HAHAHAHAH! What bullshit!" Jin laughed. "I cannot believe she said it with such a straight face."

"People will buy it though. It was only recently the Queen had been seen as an evil person, breaking the rules. She managed to turn the tables and take charge of the conversation." Syn said. "Not to mention, she kept insisting that she can win."

"Yeah, that means she probably will bring in all the dragons and other sorts of weird donkeys into the picture for the defence of the Royals. Bearling would be in for a shitshow." Jin said and knew that this would not be an easy fight to perform.

Even as they speak, people behind the scenes were already working hard to smuggle in Mechanoids and other supplies for the Grey Bear Squad's eventual assault.

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"Well, well, well. If you say it that way, what I am to say no? I believed my King would believe that is a fair condition for you to make. Please give me a moment as I consult with him." The Masked Announcer said and Jin found it weird.

"Don't people already figure out that he is the King of the Three Winged Angel Dungeon?" Jin asked and Syn shrugged his shoulders.

"Unable to compute my 'angel's actions' but if it is theatrics, he surely wins a lot of points from me," Syn said as the Masked Announcer nodded his head as if he got clearance and added that into the current authorisation letter as well before giving the Queen a look.

"...Wait a minute, what is this? Why is there another condition at the bottom? What do you mean that the Royals' personal wealth, sizeable and relatable assets would also be transferred to the Empire too?"

"In case, you surrender since Jin did not need to kill you to take the throne. I mean, if you are working so hard for the sake of the Empire, you are definitely willing to release all your assets to the Empire for the betterment of it, right? You did say after all that this fight would hurt the capital and Jin could definitely use them for the rebuilding of the Empire. After all, what can he do with so little money on him?"

"Well, if you consider the money I had, it is indeed quite little if you want to finance the nation..." Jin thought to himself, smiling at the twist the Three Winged Angel had put up for the Queen.

"But this wealth is built through my hard work!" Queen Thessalia tried to defend.

"And so did Jin who worked hard getting this authorisation letter to challenge you and that dumb king. Besides, I am merely conveying the message for my king to you. I can send your protest up and see what he says and whether he can change the condition." The Masked Announcer 'apologises' and looks down for a moment before nodding.

"Nope, he is not changing it. He said that it's fair. You impose a condition and in return, he had to have a fair take on the sacrifice you be making for the Empire. Take it or leave it. If you refuse the challenge, you will be killed on the spot. That's it." The Masked Announcer said and he was pretty sure the audience watching this knew how two face the Queen is.

"Fine! Okay! We will take it. Besides, this will also show the world how wrong it is to challenge the Empire's Royals."? Queen Thessalia bit her finger and placed it on the authorisation letter to signify that the Royals had noted the letter and would be anticipating Jin to challenge them. In the meantime, the Queen went to the public broadcast and told them what to expect.

"As you can see, Jin did not appear once during the live broadcast, indicating his willingness to destroy our beloved capital of Bearling to dust. I tried my best to hide it and negotiate with him and in the end, a Masked gentleman showed up to make things worse. So, I will be declaring a state of emergency for the capital."

"If you wish to fight against this Tyrant who does not know his place and prefers to wreak havoc against our own people, then stand with me. We will give you the necessary equipment to fight against this

hideous devil who pretends to do good, just so that he can earn your sympathy when he gets the throne. Such a manipulator should not be allowed! Fight against this evil and triumph against it. You will be greatly rewarded when we win this challenge and emerge to be a stronger and more resilient citizen of the Empire!"

"Wow, first she praised me and now she tried to ditch me. Who's the blatant manipulator?" Jin complained.

"She thinks she is in control of the situation but it's more fragile than she believes it to be," Syn remarked as he was looking at the screen.

"Someone posted an anonymous poll which was sent to every citizen in Bearling Capital for their opinion, excluding the Royals."

"How specific to exclude the Royals." Jin lol-ed.

"Yeap, and the polls are coming in. Many people cannot trust the Queen after what she had said and how she keeps contradicting herself. One even commented, that if she is so scared to release her personal wealth and assets meant that she has a lot to hide." Syn reported.

"But there is also a minority group who seem to be die hard fans of the Empire. Half of them are planning to join the defence for the Royals while the other half seem to indicate that they would want the reward and assumed they had already before the fight starts."

"Some also doubt the authenticity of the video that Three Winged had put in and were trying to hack the video to see who is the actual cameraman or even editor," Syn said and Jin laughed.

"They try to hack you. I would really like to see that." Jin said as he stood up. Now that the broadcast is officially over, and they finally have reached to the point where the Royals agreed to the fight, there was no holding back. He thanked Syn for sharing some information with him as he entered another office room, which was totally white with no furniture in it.

"System, open up Bearling Capital's maps. Sewage Map, Underground Map, Overstreet Map, and lastly a draft version of the Palace." Jin said as the System used holographic technology to recreate the entire Bearling Capital in that particular office Jin had entered. It filled up the entire room and Jin asked the System to give an update not just from the people currently on the ground but also a consistent video feed from the floating sky station.

"Now let's see the preparation progress of the capital fight."

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"The Bearling Palace is at the southern portion of the capital. And the capital surprisingly isn't at the centre of the Central District instead it is far lower than I expected it to be." Jin said as he checked the map.

"Yes, the Capital is nearer to the Southern District mainly because of the fights that had happened in the north previously that forced the Empire to situate their main city further away from the North, according to the AI Administration." The System reported. "Not to mention, it was also a stronghold against the Southerners as the Palace in the ancient times had been used as a fortress to defend against them."

"So, we if fly downwards, they will be expecting us."

"Yes, and Commander Eggshells stated that because of the challenge, the airspace would be temporarily cleared for us. Otherwise, it would also be a violation of their airspace and they might view it as an attempt to attack them."

"So, the Queen had indeed already started to make her moves even before the broadcast," Jin said and the System nodded its head if it could. "She was not leaving it to chance at all."

"Indeed. The Video Feed and reports from several spy agents from Archduke Dyke had shown that people are attempting to flee as we speak. Train tickets had been bought and every train had been utilised. All lines are busy to get people out and no one is coming in."

"Then we should be glad that we also took the initiative to bring in the Grey Bear Squad into hiding. That is confirmed, right?"

"Yes, the Archduke's agents had already managed to transport them into this particular warehouse over here." The System lit up the warehouse's position and showed Jin its proximity to the Bearling's Palace. "It was a little further than expected due to the short time frame but the agents had managed to get a position where the Fortress Golems were still within firing range of the Palace. The only problem is the response time and they might lose to that compared to the predicted warehouse location we wanted."

"Response time to my attack, I presume."

"Yes, you would need to fight longer in the air for the Fortress Golems to get into position but the safety of your Grey Bear Squads is currently not compromised. They had been hidden rather well and there were a few Archduke's agents who were keeping an eye to make sure no one came to it. Besides, it had been reported that the warehouse over there was supposed to be for wood, paper products and ...fish oil."

"A lumber industrial warehouse accompanied with fish oil companies?" Jin asked and the System was not able to answer.

"The manifest had put the Fortress Golems as Construction Machines considering their size and the proximity of lumber yards since there are more forests and mountains behind the Palace made it believable that they were as such." The System replied.

"Then the War Train? And the Pandarens coming in?"

"The War Train had already been scheduled for maintenance in the depot when it had reached Beraling and because Diamondz Corp had some influence in that particular area, it had been marked as a new prototype in the making prior to the announcement of the challenge. So, as prototypes, they were not allowed to be used for transport and thus not used for the massive outflux of passengers." The System reported as it stated where the depot was with reference to the distance it is to Bearling Palace.

"That's rather far but hmm.. I can see how that there are railroad tracks to the Palace."

"Yes, those tracks would undoubtedly be used to transport certain supplies and equipment for the next coming day so there is no doubt that the War Train that we had hidden in Bearling can be used for a frontal assault against the Palace."

"I assumed that there are Mechanoids in War Train as well?"

"Indeed, Diamondz had provided a batch of Mechanoids that could be controlled when turned on. The System and Denise had been abusing the loophole that these allies are found during the course of the challenge and so the Three Winged Angel is not able to penalise you. As for your Pandarens, the System is afraid that it is out of our control as it goes through multiple districts."

"However, as per the loophole, the Floating Sky Station which had been the main starting point for the Pandarens had been given a new alternative route to Bearling and a Grade requirement had been placed on the side. Any interested Cultivator would know that if there is a Grade requirement, it would mean that there is a fight that would prove to be dangerous. Also, this is not advertised and had been left as a side mission."

"I see, and thus the loophole allies found during the course of the challenge."

"Yes, once they enter the landing pods, IFF codes of the Grey Bear Squad and controlled Mechanoids would be updated into their holographic consoles so that they would not shoot or fight randomly against such people." The System stated and Jin nodded his head in approval to that course of action.

"Then did Archduke Dyke provide the Rocketeer Mechanoids? Did it raise any suspicions?"

"Yes, the Archduke had indeed ordered Mechanoids from Rocketeers Corp and they did not question him at all since he said it was about time they upgraded the old batch of Mechanoids that had been in the Capital. It had the Royal Guards' approval when Archduke did it, saying that it was about time the Archduke had cared for the Capital."

"Hahaha, then what did he say?"

"Not much. He said since he was ordering for Mount Sunn, he might as well order for the capital since there was a pending memo from years ago for it to be done. And since it was already ordered beforehand, the shipment would be hastened for the challenge as well. Archduke Dyke only paid for the deposit and the Queen took matters at hand and paid the rest from her own pocket first."

"That seems like we have it all ready for the next day," Jin said as he looked at the holographic city a while longer to be more familiar with the routes.

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The day of the challenge had finally come as the clock struck 12 in the middle of the night. The Royal Guards and Assassins had already positioned themselves to protect the Bearling Palace and Steele even sent some for patrols.

It was without saying that everyone was anxious as the Guards had repeatedly watched the video that the Masked Announcer had shown over the public broadcast over and over again. This was mental training by Steele to show them the capabilities of their enemy and what they should do to overcome him.

It was also in hopes that one of the guards could see a certain pattern in his attack and perhaps utilise that weakness. It was like watching matches of the opponent they got to fight before they went up into the ring. But this time around, they only had one video to go by.

"The Airspace is opened." One of the tactical officers said as Steele was in that hastily prepared war room within the Bearling Palace. They should have put the war room in a much safer place but considering the fact that Steele had the pride of the Royal Guards to protect, he wants it to be in the Palace to show that the Guards can stand their ground even against such formidable enemy.

It's a testament to their faith in the Royal Guard's strength, the cornerstone of the Empire for it to not falter. The Royal Assassin Leader Shai was also in the War Room as she coordinated her assassins in a more cryptic form that even the Royals Guards could not understand. To her, she cannot trust the guards even though they were built in such a way that strength matters more than everything else. When she saw some of the guards dropping their weapons and leaving the area, all she could think of was betrayal happening right in front of them.

However, Steele was the one who told her to let them go.

"It's better they leave now rather than staying behind to drop the morale when it really matters," Steele said and Shai had no choice but to keep her blade sheathed.

"Turn on the radar signal to the maximum and make sure to check how many bogeys we are going to counter." As Steele gave that order, the tactical officers already shouted that they noted one particular bogey and from the looks of it, it was a helicarrier.

"A helicarrier? Not a fighter jet plane? And only one?" Steele thought about it for a moment and felt that something was amiss.

"Yes, Sir. Multiple radar feedback had shown there is only one bogey although the signal is oddly weird."

"How so? The Helicarrier seems to be taking its time to come here. It's not travelling at full speed or anything."

"Probably wasting time to make full use of the limited time they have in the airspace before coming in," Shai commented. "We should just shoot it down."

"No, as long it is not in Bearling's Airspace, we cannot do that."

"Why bother? Those airspaces also belong to the Empire and shooting an enemy down in our airspace is a valid thing to do."

"I know. But that is not how the challenge works. Respect the challenge. You saw how the Masked Announcer, a minion of the Three Winged Angel killed a few of your respected assassins before they could do anything." Steele tried to calm her down and continued overseeing the operation.

"Send out all our readily available planes the moment they enter our airspace. If they are flying a helicarrier, then it's most likely they want to prioritise defence more than offence. Make short work of the helicarrier and they will come crashing down to the Northern Fields. Prepare some Empire Military guards there if they are available.

"No sir, they are still working to get the people out of there." The tactical officer said and Steele wondered if Jin was going slow mainly due to the fact that he wanted to buy more time for the people to get out of the city as fast as possible. "Impossible, he would not care that much for..."

"Sir, the Helicarrier is requesting Montash City for landing. They stated that the city had yet to fully evacuate and coming in now would block the airspace for people to run away." The Tactical Officer shouted and Steele was confused. Did Jin read his mind or something or is he plotting something even more sinister?

"Belay that order. Tell them to come straight for the challenge. Energy Barriers had already been configured and set up to ensure the evacuation proceeded smoothly. The Royal Guards had always been responsible for the people they swore to protect."

"Huh...interesting," Jin said as he received the message from the leader of the Royal Guards. "He said he already put barriers up. So, all we have to do is to fly in. That also means that they are going to send out their entire armada of planes."

"You know, Jin. I feel like my lifespan has shortened drastically ever since I met you." 2LT Cloudie said and Jin tapped on his shoulders firmly.

"Hahaha. Survive this and you get promoted to Captain. Archduke Dyke guarantees it."

"Wow, so stingy," Cloudie remarked.

"Hey, you are getting free full salary for not doing anything after this. It's free money man."

"Whatever, Ex Interim Leader Jin. So, how are we going to fight against a fleet of fighter jets again? The helicarrier doesn't really have that much manoeuvrability even though we have upgraded shields. This is practically suicide."

"That's why I brought you with me. But I am surprised you did not ask for a co-pilot." Jin sat beside him leisurely.

"And bring that co-pilot to certain death? No thanks. I rather die and get a double promotion myself."

"Hahaha! With this scenario of not allowing to land be completed and we are already halfway there, I guess I can tell you a secret. Can this particular camera look upwards?"

"Why?"

"You will know soon enough."

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"Ehh, let me get this baby to autopilot for a moment."

"By the way, I am curious why do you have this camera at the top of your plane for?" Jin asked as Cloudie was pushing a few buttons to ensure the autopilot mode was stable.

"Yeah, sometimes we used it to check if there is anything lodging on the top of the Helicarrier. As well as an excuse to look at the skies if our navigation is a bit screwed up. There are stars that can help locate where the North is."

"Lol, same as Earth. Anyways yes, point the camera upwards." Jin said and Cloudie did just as Jin commanded to see that there were no stars he could see above him. The New Moon was also making it particularly hard for the camera to view anything and he had no choice but to turn on night vision for the camera."

That was when he got the shock of his life.

"Since when? I did not notice this at all!" Cloudie asked and Jin was giggling.

"Cool, isn't it?"

"Wait, if they are doing this then..."

"The Bearling City's Air Force will have the shock of their lives," Jin said with a smile and Cloudie sighed.

"Welp, now I understand why you said that I only getting a single promotion to Captain."

"It's still a dangerous job though," Jin said and Cloudie shook his head.

"I feel that the Bearling's Air Force would be the only ones thinking that this flight is a dangerous one. Now I understand why you want to install those floodlights at the front of the helicarrier. You are one sick person when it comes to deception. And I also understand why you are making me travel so slowly, it's almost a chore to keep the helicarrier at this speed."

"Nah, it is not my idea, to be honest, I never really do anything that brilliant. Commander Eggshells was the one who thought of it because of the way the Radar works here." Jin said that he also knew that they did not have any satellites to track them, making it a double whammy that this plan could work.

"By the way, why do you think that they will bring their entire fleet out? Won't they see just one helicarrier and they will drop their guard?"

"It's reverse psychology. The General will feel something is amiss and decides to bring out everyone. So what if its an overkill? The moment I am dead or to the point I am captured, they win the challenge. Why bother with the subsequent combat? If I did bring a few 'companions' with me, I believe he would act with tact knowing that some of his planes would be shot down."

"Oh...so when you shoot them down, he brings new ones out."

"By then, those 'companions' would have already depleted their ammunition and the enemy would have the upper advantage when it comes to dog fighting."

"Heh, you will know more later. If we survive. Perhaps, by then you could make up your own deduction." Jin smiled and waited for the action to unfold.

"Damn, now I am curious whether it's the top that will see the action first, or the stuff within the carrier that will do the honours. So much stuff that you have to sit the copilot seat."

"Hey, I thought I would be standing throughout the whole way. If I know that you are not bringing a copilot with you, I would have squeezed in another couple more."

"It's already at the Helicarrier's weight limit. I am more worried about how it will launch."

"You don't have to worry about that," Jin said before speaking in his thoughts. "I have the System with me for that kind of purpose."

"Fox 1 to Command, Bogey is in sight but not in our airspace yet." One of the fighter jet leaders reported.

"Circle around the capital and let Fox 7 bring his team out into the airspace."

"Don't you think it is overkill?" Fox 1 said and Steele shook his head. It is very unusual for the challenger to come in a helicarrier and even more so without any companions. Steele had this gut feeling that Jin was hiding something and he was doing it at such a huge scale that it could give the leader of the Royal Guards an anxiety tummyache.

Fox 1 and his wingman eventually acknowledged the order and circled around the city while allowing Fox 7 and his wingman to emerge out of the airfield. Soon, 16 fighter jets were already out in the open and Jin was still taking his own sweet time to come into the battlefield. This gave another 4 more fighter jets to take to the skies and this was the entire fleet of fighter jets that Bearling Capital has at the moment.

Of course, the Empire Royals have more of these planes at their command but because the fight is situated at Bearling, only Bearling Troops were allowed to be used. Some of the cities surrounding it tried to suck up and wish to provide more of such planes to be under their command but the Queen refused. Why would she need so many fighter jets just to fight against a commander and his squad of 6 Mechanoids?? That would be so ridiculous that it did not make any sense.

Not to mention, no other troops or allies are able to assist Jin and if they did so, the Queen would not hesitate to call this a foul and take it up to the Three Winged Angel's Masked Announcer. So as the twenty fighter jets continue to circle around Bearling, to wait for the Helicarrier to come in, Jin made Cloudie do a very ass move.

He turned back slowly and circled around as well, wasting as much time as he could before entering into Bearling's Airspace. When the War Room saw that happening, the tactical officers and the military leaders of the Royals could not believe their eyes.

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Without a doubt, all the fighter jet pilots were pissed off by his behaviour. Surely, Jin was not in the wrong as the time to be in the particular city's airspace had not expired so the city could not complain.

But what was wrong with it was that Jin had made the Helicarrier into some fucking disco ball of light. He started shining the flood lights he installed onto the helicarrier and it attracted a lot of attention. To make things even weirder, there was even a fog machine attached to the heli engines working overtime to spew mists around the area.

"Can we shoot him down already?" was the consensus of the pilots who were wasting their fuel to deal with this crap.

Steele was in an impasse.

He wanted to get this done and over with and yet Jin was making this whole challenge as if it was some kind of sick joke that he wanted to play. Little did he know that as Jin was doing all those stupid flashing of lights, there were movements at the warehouse.

"Ready to lock on," Diaz said as she wiggled her arms a little.

"Same." Click felt that it had been ages since she was back online,

"I got the furthest one in my sight," Tellie said as she was dying to get the first blood as a sniper.

"Just use the lock on feature, they are near enough." Page replied.

"This is a first for me. Even back in Jin's World, I never sat on a Fortress Golem before." Lynn said as she tried to get used to the controls.

"Lynn, you lock on first and the rest will follow suit. But be quick, the window is getting smaller." Yinn said to accommodate her but in no time, Lynn was able to do just that and the Mechanoids simultaneously had the targets too.

Suddenly, at least half of the planes that were flying had detected lock on status on them and that startled them before they started to break away from the circling formation. Yet, that startle was more than enough time for the Mechanoids to send missiles flying towards them.

"Where do they come from??!" The pilots shouted as they tried to shoot their flares to avoid the missiles but a few of those missiles had adjustment boosters that allowed them to turn around and aim at their target once more. At least 4 planes had been destroyed that way and they did not know where the missiles came from.

To make things worse, Jin suddenly stopped all that flood lights flashing and asked Cloudie to move into the airspace immediately. At this moment, more lock ons happened and the planes did not know whether to protect themselves or destroy the helicarrier.

Seeing how those missiles came from the back initially, they had decided to move upwards as a group but the chatters were immensely crowded with 16 over pilots' indecisiveness had forced the fleet to be not focused. This cost them their lives in this particular night battle as those missiles now came raining at them with even more missiles causing head on collisions to happen.

By the time the remaining pilots broke away from the fight, they were left with half while the Helicarrier continued its way into the airspace without any impediment. That was when the Grey Bear Mechanoids removed the shoulder missile launchers and switched them out for the artillery gun barrels. They quickly helped each other to load them and started firing at certain key locations as dictated by the System.

With the Floating Sky Station, the video satellite feeds had given the System sufficient information on where to rain hell from. All the temporary equipment outposts were destroyed in the first wave of attack before they targeted stationary defence turrets which could be a menace to the Helicarrier.

"What are all of you doing? Get the helicarrier down as soon as possible!" Steele said but none of the fighter jet pilots were responding and instead, all of their chatter was talking about dogfights. That was when the radar sweep happened again and the tactical officers reported that there were more than 30 over bogeys.

"How did that happen? Where did they come from? Why the other air defence stations did not catch it?" Steele did not know that Jin had purposely programmed the AI to fly vertically above the helicarrier at multiple intervals. Without pilots, the AI driven planes can be smaller in size, and the helicarrier can block their radar signal since Denise told them how their detection works and they reverse engineer a way to reduce the signal. Not to mention, the System was also helping to control AI planes so, however fast or slow or what kind of manoeuvres the planes did, the System was doing it in such a refined manner, that they could not detect it.

That was why the first barrage of missiles had to come from behind the planes and with the cover of night so that they had no idea where it came from at first. This confusion allowed the System who was controlling the AI planes to swoop down and clean up the rest. It was a

"We have no idea, sir." The officers said as they remained helpless as pilots were systematically killed one by one.

"Our air defence system is being targeted by bombardment as well!" One of the tactical officers said and Steele asked where it came from.

"We are still evaluating the situation!" Little did they know that the 'construction' equipment were also covered with anti radar cloth which reduced the chance of being detected. Of course, the heat from their artillery barrel would eventually give them away but for now, they were safe and people would think that those 'Mechanoid Armour' were part of the fight against Jin.

At the same time, when chaos ensued in the internal defences of Bearling, Jin had something even more sinister prepared. The Helicarrier might not be able to carry bombs but what Jin had stuffed inside that even mind boggled Cloudie was something that he could not think of. Perhaps, if Jin could really pull this off, he might be changing how fights could be done in the future.

"I leave the timing and targets to you," Jin said as he pressed the button to release the Helicarrier's cargo door bays. He was confident that the System was able to pinpoint the targets that needed to be destroyed.

"Noted, the System had spotted potential targets for attack." The System replied and Jin's holographic console had been filled with the targets in such a way that it was impossible for Jin to identify them even with his Inverse Eyes.

"Then let's get all these babies to fly!" Jin said as he turned to the other portion of his holographic console where there was a list of mechanical names for the challenger to choose from. As he and the System was the one who had coordinated the packing of the items into the helicarrier, the top of the list were the ones closest to the cargo bay.

Cloudie could not help but look behind for a moment as he saw all the mechanical drones plastered with C4 explosives had been switched on. For a moment, he had forgotten that the helicarrier was a walking timebomb considering all the amount of C4 explosives packed into a drone could already destroy the helicarrier and he had at least 30 over of such drones inside... Or that was what he thought.

"Erm, do we have 30 over drones inside the helicarrier?" Cloudie decided to check and Jin looked at him puzzled.

"Does this look like it's 30 over drones to you? My list indicated 88 of them. Too bad I could not squeeze another 2 more inside."

"Ah...I remembered now why you asked me to go in via the air duct above the cockpit instead..." Cloudie sighed as he could not believe Jin could squeeze that many in his helicarrier. But it was also at that point where Cloudie thought of the worst that could happen if his helicarrier's shields were to be penetrated. "Is that why Diamondz was so insistent on upgrading my helicarrier's shield modules? Would that mean that if this aircraft would ever..."

"Cloudie... Concentrate. Don't think of the possible consequences." Jin said as he turned on the next batch of drones. In the meantime, the System had already confirmed the targets and those nearest to the cargo bay had already been dispatched into the city.

Because of the nature of the drone, it would be destroyed almost immediately upon identifying the target. Thus, the drone was made to be sturdy enough for flight, an AI chip that controls the flight and some evasive manoeuvre. The rest of the body was plastered with C4 explosives so that they could make a good firework for Jin to watch from the Helicarrier above.

Which it eventually did.

The soldiers tried to shoot down the helicarrier that was coming as well as those manning the anti air guns but those were the very first targets that the drones, partially covered in darkness, had flown towards. Their explosions would render the anti air to be taken down and later the System targeted the soldiers with RPGs and later tanks.

The priority list was to take down all the high level equipment that the Royal Guards had put out just so that there were lesser things to worry about when the Fortress Golems came into the picture or when Jin entered the fray.

When they knew that a sufficient amount of anti air defences had been taken out, Jin asked the System with regards to dogfights that were happening above them. "Number superiority had been ensured and the System analysed they would be too busy to bother on the helicarrier. Needless to say, the AI planes would prioritise the protection of the helicarrier as it proceeds to the next phase."

"Alright, then Cloudie. Time to work your magic in flying once more. After which, you can return back with the new callsign assigned to you. This way, the airspace should be available to you once the helicarrier has done its part for the operation."

"You sure, you do not need me to hang around?"

"And be easy prey for potential Mecha Dragons? Nah."

"Wait what? There will be Mecha Fire Dragons around?" Cloudie asked and Jin shrugged his shoulders.

"The possibility is there and we had ruled that the Queen would do anything and everything to retain her sovereignty. I would not be surprised I see more than 10 Mecha Dragons if she was so confident to bring out that condition where I will be her 'slave' when the challenge is over."

"The AI planes are ready to defend for the second phase." The System said and Jin commanded Cloudie to move to the second phase. Because of the number of drones that were inside the helicarrier, by allowing drones to move batch by batch would eventually enable the enemy to understand what was going on. Right now, Jin had the shock factor with him and he had to utilise it before the soldiers knew what was going on exactly.

If they had snipers that could bring down the drones, it would be a waste of effort to bring them from Daimon City to Bearling City. So, in the second phase, Cloudie would be performing the very same manoeuvre that he had used when he was flying the Grey Bear Squad over the monster outbreak on the Western Front. His vertical climb trick had enabled Tellie to destroy the Monster Lure Pillar and get out of there safely.

Thus, he was doing the very same thing but this time, it was not for Jin to snipe anything down but it was to let the drones which were in his helicarrier free fall the moment he did the vertical climb. At that point, the System would use the AI Planes to protect Cloudie's aircraft and ensure that he would be able to get away safely after that.

This also means that Jin would be the last 'item' to drop out of the plane, allowing him to have a diving attack against anything that seemed the most dangerous once the explosive drones had their job.

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"Here we go!" Cloudie started an ascent as they reached close to Bearling Palace. His manoeuvre had also forced the Grey Bears to stop bombarding the area for a moment in case there were accidental misfiring which might hit the helicarrier.

When the vertical climb happened, the drones started to fall out of the cargo bay and even if they did not, they were being controlled by the System to get out of it. From afar, it looked as if someone was

sprinkling salt onto the city, but in actual fact, the one that got salted was the Bearling Military Defence Force.

Multiple explosions happened at the same time and no one even knew how to react it. Those explosions subsequently triggered secondary explosions from the reserved ammunition stock that was lying around as part of the defence strategy to fill up their ammunition quickly. Without the Bearling City's Air Force to stop the helicarrier and the explosive drones, the entire frontline which was lined with veteran soldiers and mechanoids that were supposed to make up the bulk of the defence against Jin had been decimated.

When the Royal Guards Leader Steele saw the scene, he could not believe his eyes. He was not expecting Jin to pull out such extensive firepower against his frontline just like that. He thought that he might bring some planes with him as well as a few bunker buster bombs or maybe anti personnel bombs.

So, Steele had made sure that the frontline was well layered for the impending attack. He never had thought that Jin could be so brazen to bring up such bizarre tactics to hide the number of planes and have explosive drones hidden in the helicarrier.

The amount of damage he had predicted had been thrown out of the window by Jin's way of performing his assault and this was when he had decided to bring out the Mechanoid Armour which he had been keeping in case for backup. Steele never expected to use it so soon but now that the frontline had disappeared right in front of him, there was no choice but to dispatch them.

There were still a few explosive drones that were lingering around and the moment those Mechanoid Armour came out, they headed straight to it. Thankfully, this was one of the top models by Rocketeers which included a shield module too and Steele was confident that those explosive drones did not do too much against the Mechanoid Armour.

But what they did not expect was that by sending out those Mechanoid Armours so soon to cover the frontline, they became an instant priority for Jin to crush them into broken debris. There was nothing so satisfying for Jin to use his demigorgon swords and a little of Byakko's Lightning Techniques to push through two huge Mechanoid Armour's shields and cut both of them into two. Gravity did most of the work and Jin did not have to worry much despite the fact that the remaining three Mechanoid Armour reacted quickly by moving away from the explosions.

They were already spraying their miniguns at him but his inverse eyes enabled him to take the shortest route possible to destroy the nearest Mechanoid Armour near him. But what he did not expect was that there were already assassins positioned around the corner to ambush him when it happened. They purposely waited until Jin had confidently destroyed one of the Mechanoid Armour before they pounced on him.

However, they have no idea that Jin's Inverse Eyes had already identified the threats including the help of the System. And what they did not know was that Jin was purposely waiting for them so that when they came, he could use them as human shields against the mini gun attacks that were trailing a few centimetres away from him.

The Mechanoid Armour stopped shooting once it realised that it had killed a friendly but that was more than enough time for Jin to use his demigorgon swords and throw them towards the Mechanoid Armour, piercing it and breaking the power core for one of them. The last Mechanoid Armour decided to charge with the laser knife that it was equipped with while blowing flamethrower at the challenger.

Yet once more, Jin utilised Byakko's lightning techniques to do a lightning flash step to not only decapitate the mechanoid pilot driving the Armour, but he also killed an assassin attempting to support the Mechanoid Armour from the back. All this was done while grabbing the sword that he had thrown at the previous Mechanoid Armour.

Seeing how fast Jin could move, the Assassins knew that speed and strength were not something they could win and thus they decided to play dirty and threw a poison gas grenades while attempting to block Jin from running away.

"Seriously, that is all they could think of?" Jin said as he swung his demigorgon swords while imbuing it with Wind Maqi, spreading the poisonous gas away from him and sweeping it at the Royal Guards who were now attempting to surround him and create a choke point.

The assassins have no idea Jin was able to manipulate and create such a strong gust of wind and it was too late at least for the first row of Royal Guards to react to wear the masks, choking them and injuring the guards in the front line. It was then, the assassins decided to send be reckless with their lives as atonement for the mistake they did and charged towards him, hoping that they could at least hold him down and a sniper of theirs could take him.

They were so wrong as never had they expect Jin to be this strong. It did not take long for Shai to finally admit that their regular Royal Assassins were not even a match for Jin and told them not to waste any more of their lives. "Send Elite Alpha and Elite Sigma in. The rest, cover for support."

"Don't you think you should let me handle him instead?" Steele asked and Shai shook her head.

"It's the pride of the assassins on the line. Especially after that blunder that happened, killing your Royal Guards by accident. If need be, I will go in too."