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### Chapter 21 Soda and Juice

Jin spent most of the afternoon handling Xiong Da. With each dungeon, Xiong Da managed to learn something new from Milk and in total, he did five dungeon instances. During the downtime between each dungeon instance, Xiong Da got to savour the store's only specialty, the Tonkatsu Curry Rice. To him, delicious food cured every wound.

Not only did Xiong Da think that the curry rice was the best food he had ever eaten for a long time, the Panda soda he bought was also exceptionally tasty. Where did the soda come from? Upon completing the mission to master Lazy Panda Swipe, Yun had unlocked the bar shelves in the middle of the bar counter island, allowing Jin to stock drinks on the first floor.

The system stocked the bar with two types of drinks unique to the store and in the food menu, they were labelled as Panda Soda and Bamboo Juice. Jin knew that whatever the store put up, it would definitely be of a good quality...and something related to pandas.

Jin took one of each type from the bar shelves and he realised that the cans were already cold. He later found out that the bar shelves had some kind of refrigeration technology which kept the cans cool for consumption.

The aluminium can of soda displayed a picture of a panda holding a glass bottle and blowing cold air out from its mouth. The taste of the carbonated soda had a citrus flavour that Jin had never tasted before.

"The Panda Soda's flavour was created with a blend of the natural citrus which originated from Yunnan in Southwest China, the Himalayas foothills and Northern Myanmar. The sweetener in Panda Soda also uses a mixture of top quality brown and maple sugar to enhance the flavour."

Next to try was the bamboo juice. The Bamboo Juice came in a can as well but the can was shaped like an internode of a bamboo stem. When stacked together, it looked like an artificial bamboo plant was growing beside the bar shelves.

Jin tried the juice and Yun explained to him the origins of the bamboo. "The bamboo used originated from the Sakhalin islands in Russia. The juice was cold pressed immediately after they were harvested. Only new bamboo shoots that emerged a golden yellow culm with red margins surrounding it were harvested in order to have the best quality of juice."

"The juice itself is cold and sweet, making it refreshing to drink since it also helps to clear the meridians in the lungs, heart and stomach," Yun added.

Xiong Da finally stopped for the day and thanked Jin. "Boss, I really did learn a lot today! I will be sure to come back tomorrow for more training. Please help me thank Milk sensei too." Xiong Da bowed a little and took his small luggage with him home.

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"Hey Bin Yong, I found a place that might be of an interest to you. This could possibly be the best upcoming hangout place for us." Shi Zuo said with excitement after he came back from his lunch break at around 2.30 pm.

"What did you find this time? The previous time, you introduced a cabaret club style bar and you guaranteed it would be a hit too. In the end, the whole night was filled with disaster. I do not need any more of your weird recommendations." Bin Yong said with disgust as he vividly remembered the incident he had in the bar.

"This time I can vouch for Shi Zuo! This will be a good one!" Luo Bo held onto Shi Zuo shoulders as she came to Bin Yong's cubicle. She was giggling around with Shi Zuo, which made Bin Yong feel a little awkward.

Bin Yong sighed and placed his digital pen down on his drawing tablet and spun his chair, facing towards Shi Zuo and Luo Bo. "For your girlfriend's sake. I will listen. This is the last time if this place is a failure, I am not going out with you two for the next month."

Of course, he would listen to Luo Bo. That short bubbly girl with deep dimples was his love crush until his best friend Shi Zuo decided to chase after her. Obviously, Bin Yong did not let his non-blood related brother down and even helped him get Luo Bo.

"You know Tiangong Shopping District, there was once a burnt pachinko building?" Shi Zuo started his recount of the area.

"Yea, who in this area does not know about the story of that building?" Bin Yong had crossed his legs and folded his arms to listen.

"Well, someone actually had the guts to buy the land and he set up shop there." Luo Bo continued.

"What kind of shop, a restaurant? Did you guys try it yet?" Bin queried.

"No no, do not jump the gun bro...well technically I think the shop owner has food services too but that is not the main point." Shi Zuo started to digress from the main point like he always did.

"Then what is it? Stop beating around the bush." Bin Yong replied.

"It's a dungeon supplier!" Luo Bo smile nearly melted Bin Yong's heart. Ah, how could he ever forget? The three of them went to a dungeon supplier and Shi Zuo actually confessed his feelings to her when they were in the most dangerous zone of the dungeon.

While the confession happened, Bin Yong was taking all the heat from the boss monster "You could have confessed AFTER you guys help me kill the monster!" That was what he thought when he was being attacked in the dungeon instance. In the end, all of them died horribly but the two hitched off well from the encounter, while Bin Yong was left in the dumps.

Regardless, it was the worst memory to date and he did not wish to relive it. His brother seemed to be quite oblivious to Bin Yong's feeling too.

"I guess I will take a pass, the director asked me to hand him the first drafts of the character drawing for the new animation by tomorrow."

"Aww, come on it's been a long time since all three of us played together and this dungeon supplier is different! Trust me!" Shi Zuo was confident about that fact and Luo Bo nodded furiously.

"Yes Bin Yong, we also saw Bu Dong getting a team together to pit against the new dungeon supplier's monsters. It was exhilarating! I felt my heart nearly drop out when he faced the boss!" Luo Bo could not contain the excitement she felt during Bu Dong's match.

"What? You mean that Bu Dong? The local champion of King's Monster for two consecutive years?" Bin Yong was really surprised.

"Yea and rumours said that the dungeon run he did with his team was the second run. He apparently lost the first." Shi Zuo remembered the livid crowd gossiping all around when they questioned Bu Dong.

"Okay, then this dungeon supplier is worth checking out." Bin Yong realised what he actually said and suddenly felt a wave of regret coming in. "Shit, I got caught in their trap!"

On the other hand, Luo Bo and Shi Zuo were ecstatic that they managed to convince their friend after so long. "This will be the first outing we have had together for this year!" Luo Bo high fived Shi Zuo and the couple waved Bin Yong goodbye.

Bin Yong confirmed that the couple disappeared and waited for silence to return to his cubicle. He then started to bang his head softly on the table.

"Stupid, stupid, stupid!"

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## **Chapter 22 Evening's Crowd**

It was the evening and Jin decided to have a Wacdonalds meal for dinner. Hence, he closed the shop and pasted an A4 sign stating that he would be back in an hour or two. "Wacdonalds again Jin?" Yun seem to have gotten angry again.

"Well, I cannot possibly eat curry rice all week right?" Jin argued.

"The curry rice has more nutrients than this empty calorie burger set! The ingredients in the curry like carrots and spices will help stimulate your body vitals and nourish your meridian points! The pig meat gives you a high amount of protein too!" Yun said.

"Alright, just this one last time for this week okay?" Jin had no strength to argue with Yun after that shameless incident in the afternoon.

"Hmmp, we will see." Yun said in a fit of anger.

During the meal, Jin started to scroll his mission app again and saw that the mission list was updated. "I should get a new monster for the sake of variety, else people will get bored of the goblins."

One of the missions he found gave him what he wanted.

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Mission: Capture Lady Snake and her two servants

Secondary Objective: Use your only panda move to defeat them

Rewards: Treant Grade 2 Boss Monster

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"Perhaps I should do this tomorrow morning. I doubt my right arm has the strength to swipe anything right now." Jin was indeed using his left hand to eat his Wacdonalds meal instead. While the right arm held onto his phone since it required less movement.

Xiong Da's five dungeon instances raked in more money in a day, way more than he could have made if he worked as an average computer engineer. However, Jin needed to bring him up to the second floor for compulsory health monitoring as stated by the countries' law if the cultivators were rendered unconscious.

The only way to bring Xiong Da up? Lazy Panda Swipe. The training he got for sending Xiong Da up tremendously improved his swipe's strength, speed and accuracy. The downside was the soreness. Jin figured if he cultivate at night via his Nineteen Lazy Astral Panda Technique, the soreness should be reduced or gone by tomorrow.

Also, when he thought about it further, he did not actually earn that much since his commission was about 5% for each instance according to the System's rules. However, he did not need to worry about rental, about stock, about maintenance of the shop. What he was receiving was pure commission.

He also had some inheritance money left by his late grandfather Ming hence bills at home were easily settled. All Jin had to do was to focus on earning money to become the best dungeon supplier.

Jin accepted the Lady Snake Mission and he leisurely scrolled through the other missions as he sipped his Coca Kola drink.

"Hmm, what is this?" Jin got curious of the mission title and tapped to expand the details.

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Mission: Earn a total of 10,000 Yuan

Rewards: Level 1 Dungeon Supplier

Mission completion: In progress

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"Oh, this is one of those ongoing missions. I forgot to tell you about it. Heh." Yun said casually.

"Huh, what do you mean by Level 1 Dungeon Supplier? What does it do?" Jin started to seriously questioned Yun.

"By being a level 1 Dungeon supplier, you will get 10% commission and your shophouse facilities will expand a little. Basically, increasing your dungeon supplier level is beneficial for you."

"Did you not say that the System judged me by ranking? You said I was ranked 900,000ish?" Jin was getting confused.

"Oh no, the levels here are meant to help you expand your shop and increase your earnings. The system will still judge you by your supplier ranking and give you a reward once you reach a certain milestone."

"Is there a mission for me to view for the rankings?" Jin shook his head. How could Yun forget such important stuff?

"You do know I can read your hidden thoughts too if I want to. I did not forget, it is just that I did not want to bombard you with so many things." Yun replied honestly.

"Alright, I will give that a pass then. I do admit I still have lots to learn." Jin sighed and started to walk back to his shop.

"That's the spirit of humility that I hoped you cultivate!" Yun gave a thumbs up emoji via his phone.

As he was walking back, he noticed something odd. There was loud chatter coming from the end of Tiangong Shopping District. As he looked closer, there was actually a long queue waiting for him at his shophouse!

"You said to come here as soon as possible! But the store seems to be closed!" Bin Yong felt annoyed and a little disappointed being rushed straight from work the moment the clock struck 5.30 pm.

"There's an A4 sign stating that he will be back, I checked!" Luo Bo reassured Bin Yong and he could not resist her.

"Take a look at this crowd, I am not lying to you! And we are already considered the first few. Consider yourself lucky Bin Yong." Shi Zuo looked back and saw the queue for Jin's store getting longer.

Jin was taken aback but he walked briskly towards his shop and entered through the side door. Some of the crowd in the afternoon remembered the Boss and cheered as he came back from his dinner.

"Boss Jin! Hurry and open your shop! We cannot wait to give the dungeon a try!"

"Give me 5 to 10 minutes to prepare everything." Jin spoke before he closed the side door. As he closed the door, he took in a deep breath.

"WOOOOOOO, I cannot believe this! This feels like a miracle!" Jin raised his fist up quickly and vigorously drew it back.

"Hahaha, I am feeling excited for you too, do your best for the evening~! It's all-or-nothing to handle and impress the crowd!" Yun cheered him on.

Jin quickly used the bathroom on the second floor while the System boots up all the stations and Panda Port. Everything was restocked from the drinks to the curry rice. Even the soda and snack bar vending machine on the second floor was ready.

"Let's do this!" Jin said to Yun as he opened the shutters of the shop. The crowd started to queue at the Panda Port. Some of the crowd started to explain how the shop worked based on observations in the afternoon.

"Oh my gosh, this is a rip off!" Bin Yong stared at the menu when they were at the cashier counter.

"Sorry Boss, do not bother about him, three instance tickets!" Shi Zuo said immediately as the last station, Station 4 was the only one available at the moment.

"Okay, please pay individually." Jin acknowledged their order and the phones tapped in and tapped out of the cashier port. Bin Yong grudgingly paid his part. If not for Luo Bo, he would have complained even more. The dog tags were issued to Shi Zuo and the trio quickly ran to Station 4 even before Jin could direct them to that area.

The rest of the crowd also bought their dungeon instance tickets and Jin gave them directions on which station to go to once the initial team were done. Yun was helping Jin in his head telling him on what to do while not confusing him.

Both of them were working like cogs of a machine...well two cogs of a machine. Actually, when Jin thought about it, it was Jin who was a cog and Yun the engine.

Some of the crowd that was waiting started to order the tonkatsu curry rice and some drinks with the Panda credits they had accumulated from buying the dungeon instance. They did not regret their choice of coming here even if it was not for the dungeon instance.

Bin Yong looked at the atmosphere around him and it was intensely heated up. Everyone were busily chatting on how to advance during the dungeon, telling each other what to do. Some even used the viewing experience in the afternoon to guess what needs to be done. "This is amazing, I have not seen this kind of energy for quite some time." Bin Yong thought to himself.

"Baby, you are our scout okay? Alert us when you see the goblins." Shi Zuo instructed Luo Bo and she gave a quick salute to tease him. "Bin Yong, just survive as long as you can okay?" Bin Yong just nodded his head.

"It's just a dungeon is it not? Why are you two being so serious?" Bin Yong said as he took out his sword and round shield from his storage ring. He actually did feel a little excited, perhaps it was the energy from the atmosphere even though he had placed such low expectations upon himself.

"You will understand soon Bin Bin!" Luo Bo took their belongings and left it in the panda miniature by the side of the TV shelves.

"Let's try to kill some goblins!" Shi Zuo placed his dog tag in front of the TV and the other two followed him. Station 4 officially started their dungeon play and the crowd waiting, took the chance to take a look at them.

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## **Chapter 23 Yun**

The whole store was bustling with such fervent energy as the crowd watched four simultaneous dungeon instance runs in the store. Not only were the TVs at each stations large enough for the crowd to share together, the new customers were also amazed by the magic eye technology employed by the store.

"Switch! Shi Zuo back up now!" Shi Zuo parried the spear goblin's attack upwards with his axe and sidestepped for Bin Yong. While its spear was high up in the air, Bin Yong placed his round buckler forward and slammed it towards the spear goblin body, causing him to stagger and fall to the ground.

With the goblin now stunned, three simultaneous arrows from Luo Bo flew into the goblin's body and Shi Zuo followed up with an axe cleave to the goblin's right arm. Blood continuously flow out from the goblin and Bin Yong took the chance to stab his sword into the goblin's heart.

The crowd cheered at Station 4 when the last goblin went down but the rest of the stations did not have such luck. Most of them were defeated by the sneak attacks of the dagger goblin. Jin stopped his shop operations and started to carry them to second floor for health monitoring.

Before he carried them to the second floor, Jin placed them at a couch near the stairs leading to the second floor. This way, the customers next in line could use the station without being hindered by the unconscious bodies in front of the TV. Some of the customers even offered help to assist Jin but he declined the offer and told them it's his job.

As Jin did not wish to waste time, he decided to carry two unconscious male customers at a time to the couch area and to do so, he used his cultivation technique to increase his strength. At this moment, most of the the crowd realised why the store was full of pandas.

"Boss! No wonder you have so many pandas stuff in the store. We figured you were a Panda user!" One of the customers pointed out the obvious.

During this occasion, Jin realised something extremely important. What about the female customers that were rendered unconscious? Even though there were CCTV cameras as proof, Jin may still be accused of molesting them or worse, \*\*\*\* by the unsuspecting crowd or even the female customers themselves just for carrying them to the second floor.

Even so, there were no chaperones to handle the second floor since the recovery area were used by both genders. If a male customer had malicious intent to do something underhanded to a fellow female cultivator that was unconscious, how could the shop handle such a scandal?

"Do not worry, Jin. I will handle it." Suddenly a very familiar voice came from within the crowd while Jin was handling the two unconscious customers. That familiar silky walnut brown hair came into view. That same devious smile and beautiful wide eyes.

That 173cm tall lady with a simple white silk office shirt with her sleeves folded up. That grey formal office skirt with a thin chocolate brown belt accessory that showed her curves and a nude colour stocking that went easily with the pair of black kitten heels. What she was wearing, cried out demure but her facial features were second to none.

The male customers dropped their jaws and stopped what they were doing just to appreciate the refined beauty of nature while the female ones were amazed by the perfect three dimensions of her body she was portraying.

The flawless beauty took the initiative to pick up the unconscious female customer with pure elegance and carried her effortlessly to the couch.

She winked at Jin as she continued to help Jin with the female counterparts. When the first floor was cleared of unconscious customers, she lied down on one of the available lounge chairs on the second floor to monitor the customers. Jin went back to operating the store and serving the customers.

"Boss Jin! You know that gorgeous lady that helped you?" One of the customers could not hold his curiosity and started to ask questions. The other customers surrounding him pretended not to be interested but they were actually listening intently into the conversation.

"Ehhh, she is someone I know and am close to." Boss Jin was dumbfounded as he did not know how to reply. Should he say that that was his mom but she actually died before and came back looking younger instead?

"Any idea if she's attached?" the other customer could not bring himself to not ask.

"Do not get any ideas, she's....married and very faithful." Not to mention she also gave birth to him and was still scolding Jin for not taking care of himself.

"Now, that is a challenge to partake!" One of the customers joked. All Jin could respond was with a bitter laughter with a tinge of hostility. "I dare you, you rascal." Jin quietly thought.

"Hahaha, to see my own son wanting to defend me. That's a first." Yun giggled and replied in his head.

"How can you exist here and there?" Jin took a look at the CCTV live footage on his Panda Port and he saw Yun still lounging leisurely on the comfortable reclining chair.

"Magic! Hehehe! The system took your thoughts into consideration and decided to gift me a body to help with the shop. We cannot let the store go bankrupt from lawsuits, accusations or even scandals even before it starts to earn proper money right?" Yun explained to him.

"Besides, if you hire an assistant, they might not possibly be able handle the magical stuff as calmly as you did." Yun stated.

"Blame it on the internet. Those light novels are the culprits that made me immune to these kind of surprises. However, eh Yun." Jin stuttered a little.

"Yes?"

"You are really beautiful." Jin thought and blushed a little. Thank goodness he was squatting down to get some curry from the magical cabinet so the customers did not see his expression.

"Awwww, do not fall in love with me okay? I have your father already. But I am starting to love you as my child too." If Jin could see the CCTV footage at the Panda Port, Yun was peacefully smiling while laying back on the chair.

"Thank you for the opportunity to reunite with my son, Dad." Yun thought quietly of Ming, Jin's grandfather.

Meanwhile, the crowd burst into roar at Station 4. "This could be the next group on the ranking board!" One of the Station 4's crowd shouted!



Bin Yong panted rapidly as he held up his buckler to hold off the tusk attack by the Eight Legged Boar. The lucky arrow shot to the eyes made the boar extremely furious but the trio was still holding on without any healing personnel.

Shi Zuo remembered he still had some quick healing sprays from previous dungeon suppliers they visited and passed everyone a few bottles before the battle started.

"Okay sorry for judging you brother. This battle is beyond my comprehension on how versatile the monsters can be that deadly and dangerous. But one thing is for sure, I actually like this a lot more than other dungeon suppliers." Bin Yong took another blow from the angry boar but he managed to sneak in a few sword slashes while activating his Bombardier Beetle Style.

"I told you! This could be our next regular hangout place! You have yet to try Boss Jin's food yet, the smell of the curry rice was incredible!" Shi Zuo dashed and did a leap attack with his axe using his Mad Monkey Style towards the boar's flank.

"Hey! I was the one who encouraged you to come with us! Stupid Bin Bin!" Luo Bo went for a good angle and released her arrows with her Illusive Rabbit Style.

Bin Yong could not give a reply to her immediately with his hidden feelings now vulnerable and in the open. However, that one moment of thought allowed the blind boar to hit his target properly and Bin Yong was knocked a few meters away.

"Shit, Luo Bo go help Bin Yong now! I will distract the boar for a while!" Shi Zuo let out a shout similar to how a Mad Monkey screamed and the Boar turned its head to face him.

Bin Yong was bleeding quite a lot at right shoulder and he saw Luo Bo panicking while rushing towards him. "Ah, I failed them again like that time." He placed his head down on the ground to breathe as slow as in order to endure the pain.

Luo Bo came and she quickly knelt down, put down her bow and searched her sling bag for the quick healing spray. "Do not die on us now Bin Bin, you are not allowed to do so!" Luo Bo words were firm despite that innocent looking face Bin Yong was staring at.

"I will do my best." Bin Yong closed his eyes as Luo Bo started to use the healing spray.

## **Chapter 24 Second Form of Boss Boar**

"It's enough Luo Bo, you should aid Shi Zuo." Bin Yong stood up as steadily as he could, using his sword as a support. From the position she was kneeling, she realigned her sling bag and picked up the bow she left on the floor.

Bin Yong took a deep breath in and started to use his sword to hit his buckler. "Bang Bang Bang!" The ruckus of metal against metal was amplified by his Bombardier Beetle Style and he finally got the attention of the boar.

Just as the Boar turned to see where the ruckus was from, another three arrows flew into its flesh at the flank. The boar was obviously tired while contending with Shi Zuo but the latter was injured and he looked like he would have collapsed anytime if not for Bin Yong's timely intervention.

Shi Zuo's Mad Monkey Style was meant for attack and not for defence. However, the phrase the best offense is the best defense still held true. The cuts and slashes that Shi Zuo delivered made the boar bleed and Bin Yong could see that with a little more effort, it might die.

"Oh, they might have a chance to invoke the second form." Jin accidentally spoke out loud as he was looking at Station 4 and the crowd of customers in front of the TV immediately turned around stunned.

"Boss Jin...what do you mean second form?" Cold sweat slowly dripped down from one of the customer's neck.

"Take a look for yourself, it should happen anytime soon. I think."

"Luo Bo, it seems it is dying, let's go for an all-out attack!" Bin Yong suddenly took charge of the situation. Luo Bo nodded happily and with her cultivation style, two Rabbits were seen jumping around above her. She bent her knees a little and held her bow string as stretched as possible. The arrow in the bow was slowly gathering the chi from Luo Bo and from the surroundings.

The boar suddenly noticed the threat was not from the human with the sword and shield but from the ranged weapon user. Without regards for its life, it charged frantically towards the bow user.

The distraction worked well, Bin Yong summoned out his cultivation, two beetles were flying in circles above him and he used all his might to slam his buckler towards the flank of the boar. The boar who let its guard down was pushed from the side, causing it to fall sideways.

The arrow gathered enough chi and Luo Bo released the tension of the string and the arrow blasted out of the bow. Luo Bo later fell to the ground due to providing chi energy for the charged arrow shot. Bin Yong quickly got out of the way before he got caught in the blast radius of the charged arrow.

"Boom!" A large amount of smoke and ground dust appeared when the arrow landed onto the knocked down boar. Bin Yong was amazed by Luo Bo's all-out attack. "Good Job Luo Bo!"

Luo Bo could not respond verbally but raised her hand and gave a thumbs up. Shi Zuo who was on the ground too, laughed loudly. Bin Yong started to chuckle a little. They did it right?

"Buu Buuu, Buuu Heee!!" A sound was emitted from the smoke and dust. Bin Yong immediately went into defensive stance. "What? I thought we killed it?" Bin Yong was alarmed.

Shi Zuo and Luo Bo tried to sit up as well when they heard the noise from the boar. "That does not sound the same as the boar we killed just now!"

From the smoke, a small figure roughly 50 centimetres in height stood tall on the corpse of the dead eight legged boar. "Guys, I thought you said the boar is the final boss!" Bin Yong cried out to them.

"That was what we saw when Bu Dong killed it instantly!" Shi Zuo shouted back.

"Instantly...? Could it be that Luo Bo's attack was not strong enough to kill it instantly?" Bin Yong started to talk to himself. However, before he could think of any other reason, that small figure dashed out of the near dissipating smoke. Bin Yong's quick reaction in using his buckler managed to buy him more time in the dungeon but he was knocked back into a tree, causing him to throw up some blood.

That small figure was actually a cute looking piglet standing on its two legs....and it was holding the boar's tusk as its weapon. "Buuu Heee!" The piglet snorted out loud to show its aggression.

Meanwhile, the customers stared at the TV with blank looks. "Boss, did you purposely put the boar with a piglet sound and vice versa for this piglet." The crowd was waiting for the answer but Jin opened a Panda Juice and leant on the bar counter before speaking.

"Trade Secret."

"If not for my respect for Boss Jin's food and quality dungeon, I would probably smack him real hard with my cultivation." One of the customers sighed.

"Then I guess, Bu Dong did not trigger the piglet because he killed it instantly. Damaging it hard and letting it bleed to death probably allowed it to trigger the second form of the eight legged boar." Another customer deduced it and everyone thought it was the only possibility.

Suddenly the chatter around the bar counter got even more heated than usual. Some started to change their strategy while others checked if they had sufficient items to last them through the boss battle. One of the customers even asked Jin if he sells dungeon essential supplies.

"I will have them soon, they are still pending for shipping. Do not worry, if you are careful, you do not actually need to buy any items for this dungeon."

"Yeah right, I do not see how I do not need to worry when this dungeon boss has a second form! Why don't you try it and show us how it is done Boss!" One of the customers provoked Jin and somehow, it caught on with the crowd.

"Yeah Boss! Show us how this is done! I will even pay for your instance ticket!" The crowd got even louder.

"Okay, but after Station 4 finishes their turn. I might need to bring them up for health monitoring." Jin promised them and Yun laughed at the absurdity of the request of the crowd.

"Hahaha, Jin I cannot believe they are giving out free advertisement service for you." Jin grinned a little at Yun's comment and continued to enjoy the show at Station 4.

"Bin Yong, careful! The piglet is coming at you from the right, but it's a feint from the front!" Luo Bo shouted as she knew a thing or two about illusions and feints due to her style, Illusive Rabbit. However, she was too weak to help Bin Yong after the charged arrow.

Shi Zuo tried to aid Bin Yong but he was careless in his defence a few seconds ago, causing him to be slammed hard from the tusk attack, which the small piglet carried around so effortlessly. The wounds he initially got from the fights started to get bigger.

Compared to the big sized boar, the piglet lacked strength but compensated with speed and versatility. The attacks were not hard hitting enough to take Bin Yong down but it was wearing him down fast.

"I have to use a feint too, else I am not able to hit the piglet!" Bin Yong thought to himself as he defended another flurry of attacks delivered by the piglet.

The piglet finally jumped backwards after its attack to regain some stamina but Bin Yong thought this was the best opportunity to feint his way to victory. He quickly staggered and went down to his knees while pretending to lay his sword on the ground.

Instead of waiting to get some stamina back, the piglet rushed forward with all its might upon seeing the new situation. The moment the piglet was within range, Bin Yong looked at it intently and his cultivation shines brightly above him. "Bombardier Beetle Style, Bombardment Counterattack!" Bin Yong shouted. A burst of hot high pressured gas came gushing out from Bin Yong's shield and it immediately surrounded Bin Yong and enveloped the piglet.

The hot pressured gas scorched the piglet's skin, ears, eyes and even mouth which caused the piglet to be in pain and misses its attack, falling to the ground beside Bin Yong. Without any hesitation, he quickly picked his sword up to thrust at the piglet's back.

However, the severely injured piglet did not give any quarters and pushed the tusk it was holding backwards. At that heightened juncture, both managed to strike their targets. The tusk was pierced into the left lower ribs, going through Bin Yong's left lung while the sword was pierced into the piglet's neck. Both fell to the ground lying in a pool of each other's blood.

"Bin Bin!" Luo Bo cried out at her helplessness as she tried to drag herself towards Bin Yong. Shi Zuo was unable to move from the wounds he received from the piglet and he could only see his friend fall from the attack.

Suddenly, a female announcer voice was heard and stated that the dungeon was completed. The crowd did not cheer at Station 4 and there was only silence. When the trio came out of the dungeon instance, Luo Bo and Shi Zuo were back to peak health but Bin Yong was rendered unconscious.

The crowd started to clap as if to welcome them back to safety and Jin said their names out loud.

"Grade 2 Nu Bin Yong, Grade 2 Mei Shi Zuo and Grade 2 Zha Luo Bo, you have cleared the dungeon and your timing had been placed in the current scoreboard right over there. Only the top 30 timings will be listed. As of now, congratulations."

Now the crowd cheered a little, giving them the respect for clearing not just the dungeon but the hidden form of the boss too.

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## **Chapter 25 What a Cheat!- Part 1**

"Do you need my help with him?" Jin offered help to the trio to bring Bin Yong to the second floor for health monitoring.

"Thank you Boss for the offer, but we should be able to manage." Luo Bo struggled to smile a little but in other people's eyes, it was quite a natural smile. Shi Zuo and Luo Bo together slowly brought Bin Yong up the second floor.

"Boss Jin! Don't you dare try to run away!" one of the customers teased him.

"Yea Boss! Show us how you defeat them!" The crowd's chatter got noisy and some even started to chant Boss Jin's name. From the view of Tiangong Shopping District, it felt like there was a major party going on at the end of the shopping street.

People that were strolling around, doing some window shopping eventually started to become curious about the no name traditional shophouse being so crowded and lively while the rest of the shopping street was dead quiet.

Even Shen Si Fang, the owner of Lele Diner Cafe, pretended to clean the premises outside his store to check out at the high level of noise at the end of the shopping street. He was happy that the new store owner Jin already had quite a crowd even at the starting week of his store.

"Perhaps, those are his friends celebrating with him, the place will probably get quiet again after a week or two." Si Fang could not help but felt a little jealous. He used to have quite a decent amount of business until the Tiangong Shopping District was defiled by the Pachinko scandal.

"Come on Boss! Do not say I go back on my word." Man Zhuang who previously offered to pay for Boss Jin's instance came forward to the Panda Port and placed his phone down. "Thank you for your business." Jin did not back down at all.

"Wow, Boss is quite magnanimous, I was not expecting you to give me Panda Credits as well." Man Zhuang smiled at the sudden influx of Panda Credits. He could now afford to buy more drinks or even some curry rice. He thought to himself what a hit it could be if the curry rice or the drinks can be sold without purchasing the dungeon instance tickets. Perhaps it was the restriction that made it desirable.

As Jin walked out from behind the bar counter, the crowd from all stations started to peek at Station 4. Jin decided to use the dimensional space at Station 4 since it was emptied by the trio who recently passed the dungeon.

Jin did a few oblique side stretches to loosen his body and arms a little before he placed his phone near the TV and got teleported. Some were already amazed by the technology employed by the store and Jin's act of using his phone got even more hype.

"I thought he needs to use dog tags to go in?"

"Perhaps, he has a dog tag attached to his phone?" The customer replied to the person beside him.

"No, I think it's the same NFC technology he used in the dog tags. I believe he was thinking for the customers, hoping not to clutter our phones with customised apps unlike those new hippie stores." Man Zhuang, who was more tech savvy, theorised.

"But Boss Jin has a customised app for this store too! Take a look!" One of the customers opened the Pandamonium app to show it to the Man Zhuang.

"Ah, so that means there is a possibility that Boss Jin is actually giving us the option to use dog tags if we plan to just 'try out' his store. If we actually like the store and hope to patronise it more, the app will be a more convenient option rather than the dog tag." Man Zhuang concluded as he immediately downloaded and tried out the app himself.

"Woah, it is actually quite well designed! So clean, and the app features respond quickly too! It even allows you to connect to the store's secured Wifi without any prompt." He was unable to stomach this properly. As one of the department heads for the telecommunications giant in China, Huawei, Man Zhuang could not believe that the technology employed in this little store was as sophisticated as theirs, or perhaps even better.

"Okay tech guy, let's take a look at Boss Jin's performance! You can rant to us about how great Boss Jin is later or maybe mock him for boasting too much." The crowd started to laugh a little at the customer's remark towards Man Zhuang.

Jin was teleported safely into the dimension space and the quiet sparse wood environment was a refreshing change from the lively atmosphere he had in the shop. Not that he despised the lively atmosphere, it was just that the change was pleasant.

Jin stood there while still scrolling through his phone. He was checking on the monsters' stats and hoped that the goblins had grown a little after all those fights.

"The dagger goblin and spear goblin are eligible for a Grade 2 promotion" Yun said.

"How do they get promotion? By me fighting them? Doing some side quests for them? Obtain certain rare crystals to grow them?" Jin tried to think of possible ways to deal with the Grade 2 promotion.

"Haha, it is actually simpler than that. You just upgrade them on your phone, there's an upgrade icon at the bottom of their stats if you scroll all the way down. Their equipment will also change for the better although if you upgrade them now, they might prove a little challenging to you as compared to them being in Grade 1 at the moment."

"Perhaps, I will do that tomorrow, why spoil such a wonderful show in the making?" Jin smiled.

"Shrewd businessman, you have what it takes to be one." Yun replied.

"It's a pity I cannot upgrade the sword goblin though." Jin was looking at the sword goblin's attributes.

"Most cultivators are sword users, they have been training against opponents using the sword for the longest time. Hence, the sword goblin being at Grade 1 proved to be just another inferior opponent. As compared to the dagger and spear goblin, which most modern cultivators do not have a chance to fight and practice against, those two goblins were able to have a slight advantage against them." Yun explained the rationale behind the sword goblin's lack of promotion.

"However, this does not mean that the sword goblin is not learning. Being exposed to many fighting arts, the sword goblin itself is starting to be able to defend and strike more precisely than before."

When Yun finished talking, Jin could sense the three goblins approaching.

"What is Boss Jin doing on his phone? Should he not be aware of those goblins or is he that confident of winning?"

"We shall see." Man Zhuang spoke.

"My minions, do not hesitate to attack me like how you would attack my customers. Of course be a little more dramatic in dying since we are putting on a show for them." Jin placed his phone in his pocket and started to look around.

He remembered what Yun told him about the monsters. They were all loyal to him no matter what due to the System's influence. The goblins nodded their head slightly to prove their loyalty but to the audience that was watching, it felt like the goblins were communicating with among each other.

The goblins internally agreed and quickly went into position for a three pronged attack.

"Oh the goblins are moving towards Boss Jin!" One of the customers shouted and all of them in the shop tried to look at Station 4's TV.

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## **Chapter 26 What a Cheat! -Part 2**

Jin was still lazily looking around the environment but in actual fact, he was using the Playful Platypus Style location sensing ability, a part of various styles he learnt before he had the Nineteen Lazy Astral Panda cultivation.

However, with the advent of Nineteen Lazy Astral Panda cultivation, the location sensing ability was actually enhanced. Pandas had inherent functional hearing that could be used to listen into ultrasonic range and with the cultivation technique he was using, he was able to take advantage of it.

Since he used the basis of Playful Platypus for location sensing and the Lazy Astral Pandas cultivation for enhancement, he casually called it the Playful Panda Hearing ability. "Both you and Ming have poor taste in naming convention." Yun pointed out.

"Well, it works, it should be fine." Jin started to notice where the goblins were. Although Jin seemed like he was not in any stance, the muscles in his hands were already starting to gather the chi within it, ready to burst out at any moment.

The goblins took the first initiative and all three leap at once, doing a three pronged attack, hoping to surprise their master. However, they were so wrong.

Jin was expecting them.

When the goblins were within range of their strikes, Jin immediately lifted his arm and used a simple swipe to counterattack. That Lazy Panda Swipe did not only block their attacks but the force was so powerful that it broke their weapons! That was not all, the impact of the swipe caused the broken weapons and the goblin to be knocked back at least tens of metres!

The after impact also made some of the broken pieces of the weapon penetrate the goblins during the knockback and the dagger goblin died in an instant from the broken weapon pieces during the knockback.

Unfortunately, the unluckiest one was not the dagger goblin but the sword goblin. The knockback from the swipe caused it to have its neck pierced by a dislodged branch and it died choking.

The spear goblin was already coughing up blood due to serious internal injuries but it remembered the master's orders to be dramatic. So it held its throat to suffocate itself while pretending to be choking from the internal injuries and it died for the 'show'.

The crowd outside of Station 4 stared at the screen and the disbelief in the people was plain for all to see. Some had their jaws opened so wide that any wider, and they would need to have surgery to fix it back. The silence was so deafening until one could not take it and shouted. "OH MY GOD, IS HE A CHEAT?!"

The silence in the room rapidly turned into an upheaval of complaints.

"You sure Boss Jin was a Grade 2 Cultivator?!" One of the crowd tried to confirm it.

"Did you not see his cultivation when he was carrying the unconscious up to the recovery floor?"

"Yeah! At most he could be a Grade 2 Peak from the looks of it!"

"This is too overbearing! Did Boss Jin reduce the difficulty before he went into the instance?"

"That is not possible, you saw how those goblins move and how perfect the three pronged strike was coordinated by the goblins! They were aiming to kill him!"

"Ahhhhh my brain is going to explode!!!"

"Here comes the eight legged boar! Mr Oink!" One of the customers shouted at the top of his voice to attract attention. Each and every customer was looking with hawk eyes to make sure Jin was not cheating.

"Oink Oink!" The boar stared at Jin with murderous eyes. All Jin did was put his hand out and beckoned it to come towards him.

The boar stomped his feet on the ground for a few times before he starts to charge furiously towards Jin with its tusks facing right at him. This time round, Jin was not just standing around, he bent his knees a little.

"Is he going to sidestep the boar?" One of the customers asked.

"I think so if he sidesteps too early, it will be useless, the boar can change directions very quickly, especially when it has eight legs. If he sidesteps too late, he would not be able to avoid the large wide tusk attack since the boar basically has a 160 degrees angle of attack with a radius of roughly 1.5m."

"Are your estimates even accurate?" A customer doubted the reply.

"I'm quoting based on the closest monster I know of, the six legged boar." the nerdy customer replied with confidence.

"Maybe, he just going to swipe the boar to death. Hahaha!"

"Those tusks are definitely harder to break than the goblin's cast iron weapons. Even if he can do that, he probably will die alongside with the boar from the charge impact. You cannot ignore the basic physics of the dimensional space." the know-it-all customer chipped in his opinion in again.



"Shhhhh!" The crowd around the nerdy customer wanted to see with their own eyes the defeat of the boar.

The boar was getting closer but Jin was not moving at all. The charge of the boar suddenly changed and it became twice as fast the moment it was at least 10 meters away from Jin. Instead of side stepping, he was still in the same position, unmoving.

"It's too late, he can not sidestep in time when the charge quickened." Man Zhuang said.

Yes, the boar was reaching him in a matter of seconds and its tusks were aiming straight at Jin. But Jin was waiting...waiting for the boar to reach as close as he could before he released his Lazy Panda Swipe. The stance he was in was to gather as much strength and chi to handle an opponent that was oversized and heavy. Besides, he had practiced more than enough times in the afternoon.

"What is this boar when you have to handle Xiong Da?" Jin thought to himself.

"Here it comes!" One of the customers just shouted out her anxiety.

"Boom!"

The crowd went silent again as they saw through the TV, a jumbo eight meters long boar being sent upwards as if it was a backyard rocket experiment. All that was left on the ground was Jin with two lazy panda silhouettes hovering above him.

Like a rocket that ran out of fuel, the boar dropped to the ground with a loud thud. Jin was walking towards it to confirm his kill when the female announcer stated that the dungeon was completed.

Jin was teleported safely back to Station 4 and everyone looked at him like tongue tied horrors. Jin smiled and bowed a little before he returned to the bar counter. After which, he looked at the time and saw that it was nearly 10 pm.

"Shop is not taking anymore dungeon runs for today. Those who wish to do their dungeon runs and have not done so, please finish it. Food services are closed." Jin shouted as he ignored the crowd's stare.

"How did you have such power for Grade 2??" Man Zhuang said in a voice as steady as possible.

Everyone suddenly looked at Jin waiting for his answer but instead, he said two words.

"Trade Secret."

"Ah, I think I hear a crow caw." a customer sarcastically replied.

"Yea, oh look, I am one now. Caw Caw Caw." The customer portrayed his cultivation and 2 crows silhouettes flew around his head, cawing in the store.

The crowd started to laugh at the senseless conversation and Man Zhuang also gave up asking for now. Some continued with their dungeon while others started to leave the store with mixed reactions.

However, one thing was for sure. They would come back here again, the sense of excitement and the atmosphere was totally different from other dungeon suppliers, not to mention the food was amazing.

The second day of the store's opening was eventually concluded once the unconscious customers woke up. Jin bid them goodbye and closed his shop.

## Chapter 27 Grade Upgrades

"You okay Bin Bin? Do you feel pain anywhere?" Luo Bo was a little guilty about being unable to help Bin Yong during the last part of the match. Shi Zuo was a little embarrassed and apologised to Bin Yong too.

"Why are you two being so courteous? It's so unlike the both of you. Well, it sure hurt a little during the fight but we won, did we not?" Bin Yong shrugged off their concern but he was slightly happy Luo Bo was concerned about him.

"Shit, shit, stop it. That girl has already been taken. What are you thinking?!" Bin Yong suddenly thought to himself. "But...it would not hurt if I enjoyed this a little for the moment right...?"

"Hahaha, I was fine, but Luo Bo was so anxious about you that it actually made me guilty for not showing concern about you. Now that I think about it, you sure gave it your best instead of letting the piglet defeat you." Shi Zuo laughed a little.

"Well, it just felt so real. The fight for survival, it was either the piglet or me. I did not get such a feeling when I was playing in other dungeon suppliers' instances. The adrenaline rush was there, it would have been stupid to just give up." Bin Yong explained clumsily but truthfully, he did want to look a little cooler in front of Luo Bo.

"But eat a little less in the future okay, Bin Yong? Carrying you up to the second floor was such a chore!" Luo Bo teased him, seeing how he got better and was not angry at all. Bin Yong, on the other hand, was regretting that he had been unconscious.

"Haha, lets come back to Boss Jin's again sometime, okay? I think, we can consider this to be our next new usual hangout place." Bin Yong blushed a little as he suggested it. Both Shi Zuo and Luo Bo suddenly looked at each other and shared a High Five. Bin Yong later realised that he was the light bulb and he said his goodbyes to the couple, taking the underground subway back home while the couple spent some time together.

Little did he know that this dungeon supplier would change his life.

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Jin returned home and placed a can of ice cold coffee in front Ming's altar. He gave a light bow and went to shower. As he came out of the shower, he saw the younger Yun walking around the house, reminiscing about the past.

She even returned to her own room to see certain items still intact after so many years but the room was a little dusty. "Lazy men, can't they clean the house?"

"I can hear that." Jin went to the kitchen for a cup of milk before he returned to his room. Yun yawned a little and decided to return to the System, the body slowly dissipating into thin air as if it never existed.

"You will come back tomorrow to help me again right?" Jin asked when he saw the disappearing act right in front of his eyes.

"Yea, I will. You do not have to worry about me, Jin. Have a good cultivating rest first. There are a few things to settle in the morning."

Jin nodded his head and sat on the floor in his room to start his cultivation. Slowly but surely, he fell into a deep sleep.

The next morning came in a blink of an eye but as Jin woke up, he felt that his muscles were indeed no longer sore and he felt a little stronger. Hence, he portrayed his cultivation in his room and was shocked to find out three pandas rolling around above him.

"Grade 3?!" Jin was genuinely amazed. He knew he was near Grade 2 Peak before he met the System but he thought that the four years during university would have eroded his cultivation quite a fair bit, bringing it back to, at best, an average Grade 2 strength.

"It has to do with your cultivation potential. Did Ming not tell you that all you needed to do was to find a proper cultivation technique to awaken your potential?" Yun reminded Jin.

"For most people, cultivation degradation may occur but it was due to your potential that your previous cultivation remained the same despite negligence on your part."

Jin nodded and took a look at the mission app. "I believe the 'earn 10,000 Yuan' mission should have been completed? I roughly took into account the number of people that bought instance tickets."

"Yes, you have reached sales of 11,250 Yuan within the first two days of business. Hence, you are now promoted to Level 1 Dungeon Supplier. Dungeon Supplier Ranking will be updated at the end of the financial month." Yin informed Jin.

"So what's the upgrade? Do not tell me it's just two additional stations." Jin remembered how the fantasy light novels gave very stingy upgrades.

"It's two additional stations." Yun laughed when Jin heard the news. "And an underground floor is unlocked."

"Woah what! An underground floor?" Jin now started to get excited.

"Come and take a look for yourself. It was renovated last night when you completed that mission. Or do you wish to partake in the Lady Snake capture mission first?" Yun said in his head.

"I will take a look at the underground floor before catching the Lady Snake. It was tiring to open the shop for an entire day, I will probably use the mornings during the weekdays to catch monsters in order to increase the store's variety or train myself." Jin finally thought to himself.

"Maybe I will open in the morning for the weekends."

"That's a fairly sound decision and you will have some time for yourself too." Yun agreed fully.

"Alright, I cannot wait to see the new floor." Jin quickly cooked a plate of scrambled egg and bacon along with a few pieces of toast for breakfast. A hearty breakfast for the start of a new day.

As Jin was walking to his store, he went ahead and upgrade the spear and dagger goblins to Grade 2. "How will the new grade affect the current dungeon setup?"

"Once all of your monsters have upgraded to the new grade, additional difficulties will automatically be created. While waiting for the entire team of a dungeon instance monsters to be upgraded, an option called 'Normal+' difficulty will appear." Yun explained.

"Do the customers have to pay more for the upgraded difficulty?" Jin thought about it and felt that the price was already unfair. If his customers had to pay more for the same type of content, it was akin to scamming.

"Nope, they do not. However, the cultivators can now have the options to choose what kind of difficulty they want the mobs to be on the TV before entering the dimensional space. So for now, there will be 'Normal' and 'Normal+' difficulty."

"You have not discovered the full extent of the dungeon instance yet. For most dungeons, they will have three kinds of difficulties set for them. Normal, Hard and Extreme. That also means that the dungeon instance will be capped at a certain grade." Yun explained to him.

"For the Goblin Dungeon Instance, it will be capped at Grade 3 and that grade will be the Extreme difficulty setting for the instance. Another example would be the next mission you will be undergoing. If you succeed in capturing the Lady Snake, you will get a Grade 2 Dungeon and the capped grade for that dungeon will be at Grade 4." Jin took in the information and started to understand how the dungeon instance mechanics worked. While it seemed simple from the start, some minor things that could enhance the experience of the customers.

Jin reached his storehouse and entered from the side door. Before he proceeded to the underground floor, he created an A4 paper sign and placed it outside. "Not open in the morning for weekdays."

"I have updated the Pandamonium with your notice so customers will know of the new change," Yun said and Jin checked his phone. A new Panda tab appeared in the app and it stated 'Notice and Announcements'.

"This Pandamonium app sure is handy." Jin smiled and now looked at the newly created door entrance to the underground floor near the stairs.

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## **Chapter 28 Underground Floor**

The glass panel door was next to the stairs leading to the second floor. The couch that was once there was shifted further to the right.

It was a reinforced glass panel sliding door that did not obstruct the current design layout of the storehouse. It seemed like the upgrades had been taken into consideration when the store was created.

"Specially reinforced NASA-approved military grade glass with top quality extreme defence inscriptions, capable of withstanding Grade 19 Peak attacks at least twice," Yun said with some gusto.

"What in the world are you hiding down there that it requires such a powerful glass door?" Jin was now curious.

"Go downstairs, you will see." Yun suddenly appeared as her younger self now and followed him from behind.

Beside the glass door was a panel, similar to the credit port at the Panda Port PC. Jim took his phone out and placed it over the port to activate the door.

"For customers, they can use the dog tags given to them to gain access," Yun said to Jin as the door slid open quietly

When the door opened, the stairway was lit brightly and at each side of the stairway were pictures of pandas tumbling, as if they missed a step and continued to fall all the way until they reached the underground floor.

Jin stepped into the basement and saw a few large crates lying around. Yun told him that the phone was needed to authorise the crate opening and he did what was instructed by Yun.

Suddenly, items flew out of the crates and started to fly around the room, filling the area. Upon further inspection, he found that some of the parts were used to create a cinematic screen on each side of the wall.

In total, three cinematic screens were constructed, filling up all three walls of basement 1. In the middle of it all, three cute carved pandas in white jade were placed side by side, equally spaced out from each other. As exquisite as the System always was, the white jade statues even had black jades within the carved pandas design, which made it even more lifelike.

The three carved white jade pandas were not without their identities. The panda on the left wore an old eastern Chinese war helmet but the helmet was too large for it that it covered its eyes

The centre panda had a long beard, and carried an ancient backpack with a variety of goods in it. The craftsmanship of the white jade was so detailed that the goods on the backpack could be easily identified.

Lastly, the panda on the right was a young lazy panda nibbling on a spear as if it was eating bamboo.

"Let me guess. For you to have a seemingly 'innocent looking' glass panel door on the first floor means that you have items of very high value in the basement. What can be more valuable than what they are portraying? I have also deduced that these statues have a dimensional space port similar to the stations on the first floor. So....shops?" Jin tentatively asked Yun, who was touching the white jaded pandas.

"Yeap!! Panda Armoury, Panda General Store and Panda Weaponry." Yun's smile was dazzling like the white jade. Now he understood why his dad was smitten over her.

"So...three shops in my store. Am I a boss of a department outlet now?!"

"It's called an efficient use of space! I wonder why greedy capitalists of the world never thought of doing such a thing?"

"Are you kidding me? I cannot possibly handle this all by myself." Jin suddenly had a big headache.

"Silly Jin, why are there dimensional space ports here?" Yun questioned him.

"Dungeon Instance? As a shop?!" Jin was surprised why no one really ever thought of that.

"Yeap! Instead of a proper dungeon instance, there will be an exit added to the dimensional space and which they do not have to pay for it. All they have to do is show either their phone with Pandamonium installed or their dog tags!" Yun explained to Jin as she walked around basement 1.

"Also, they are not exactly stores, more like reward redemption counters. The panda medals your customers earn can be used to exchange for essential items here. Most of the items offered in the global market can be found here and your customers can use panda medals to buy them. Of course, ours are of a higher quality." Yun smiled.

"Now I understand why you need to have such a reinforced gate at the front entrance. You literally have the entire world's market in these three stores." Jin started to think that he was going insane.

"Did I mention to you that your store is protected by the best defensive perimeter and anti-hacking systems in the world? Would you believe me?"

"At this rate, if you said that you were a god. I would believe you too." Jin said in response.

"Nonsense, I am better than god. I am your mother." Yun knocked Jin on his head and started to walk up to the first floor.

"In any case, you can use your phone via the store layout app to activate this area," Yun shouted down from the first floor.

Jin searched for his store layout app and he scrutinised the basement blueprint. He realised that there was a possibility that the store layout did not stop at basement 1. The excitement of having a complete shop made him unable to wait to unlock more levels of his dungeon supplier store.

As he activated the basement level with his store layout app, the three cinematic screens immediately came alive. It appeared as if they were advertising each of their own stores and the screen quality itself was top notch.

"Angry with goblins backstabbing you? Get your armour here for just 8 panda medals! First week opening!" Flashy pictures of clothing and armour were shown along the cinematic screen of the Panda Armoury

"Quality potions. 2 medals. No negotiation." An old-school Chinese way of writing prices on wooden plaques was shown on the cinematic screen for the Panda General Store.

"GREAT DISCOUNT, FIRST WEEK OPENING! 10 panda medals for all weapons!" Various animated short clips showing the weapon's design were shown for the Panda Weaponry.

"Even the shops have their own personality." Jin giggled at the amazing reward redemption counters.

"Hey Yun, what about me? I do not have a personal weapon or armour for myself." Jin slowly walked back up to the first floor. "I cannot possibly get panda medals since I am the Boss."

"Do I really need to spell it out for you? Is it not obvious enough after you have been with me for so long?" Yun folded her arms as she stared at Jin.

"Oh...missions. Right...I should start doing the Lady Snake mission soon too." Jin searched for the bellator App and summoned Milk out. However, Milk was teleported onto the couch and she was lying down on the couch sexily while holding her bolster.

"Hmmm? Five more minutes...Master." Milk turned to her supine position and used her left forearm to block the light from going into her eyes. She lazily dropped her right arm down to the floor and her bolster rolled towards Jin. Milk's figure was extremely revealing with the thin maroon silk gown that she was wearing.

Yun picked the bolster up, went towards Milk and stuffed the bolster into her face. "NO FIVE MORE MINUTES!" Milk was suffocating and tried to pull the bolster out of her face but Yun was not giving her any chance.

"Okay Okay! I'll wake up!" Milk tried to kick Yun away but Yun persisted as if she explicitly knew Milk's sleeping behaviour.

Two beauties fighting in the morning. Jin could only stare at the current scene. "Ah...such a blissful morning."

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## **Chapter 29 Lady Snake**

Yun dragged Milk off the couch and up to the second floor bathroom while commanding Jin not to follow them. "Do not even think about looking at the CCTVs!" Yun stared at Jin with the eyes of a tiger as Milk whined to Jin.

"Help me master!!! Save me from this demoness~!!! I just want to sleep five more Ahhhhhh!" Yun was ruthless as Milk was continuously hit by the threads and risers of the stairs all the way up to the second floor. It was like a little kid pulling her giant little doll.

"What a wonderful sight." Jin nearly teared up due to being able to witness such a pure and beautiful scene. He quietly looked at the two new stations installed by the System, allowing him to operate a total of six stations in the shop.

The new stations had a slightly larger TV, 55 inches compared to the other four which were only 49 inches. Perhaps, the System had underestimated the size of the crowd when it first started.

Suddenly Milk ran down the stairs with her standard battle equipment and hid behind Jin. He could feel a slight plushie feeling pressing against his back as she cowered from Yun. "Master! Save me from this demoness!"

Yun did not bother too much about her and snapped her fingers. A portal appeared right in front of Jin and Milk. "Just get this woman to work and I will not bother her." Yun walked away to the second floor with a little spite.

"Let's go, Milk." Jin took out his pathetic Grade 1 iron sword and went into the portal. When they exited from the portal, all they saw was a large patch of grassland. Beyond the grassland, there was a slight slope with someone sitting by a large cherry blossom tree.

The wind blew and it carried a soft melody with it. It was coming from the large cherry blossom tree. Jin knew that Yun probably brought them straight to the enemy. Since the clue to the whole mission was Lady Snake, the grassland was the best area for such a monster to ambush them.

Milk immediately cast holy shield which was a visible magic barrier protecting the team and Jin started to move forward.

Upon closer observation, there was a little girl playing an ancient 1.4 metre long Chinese zither with 16 strings beside the cherry blossom tree. The girl saw her guests arriving and started to play an enchanting melody.

Jin suddenly felt that his body could not move and Milk was affected as well. The melody became even louder and from the grassland, a Great White Snake slowly slithered in front of Jin. Its eyes, which was a mix of ruby and blood red, stared at Jin with great intensity. At this point, the melody stopped and the girl gave an innocent smile to Jin.

"I assumed that's Lady Snake." Jin made some serious eye contact with the snake yet it was not making a move to bite Jin.

"Actually no, the one playing the zither is Lady Snake," Yun said in his head.

"What? She is the Lady Snake? That's more like a Loli Snake!" Jin thought at the back of his head.

Lady Snake plucked the strings of her zither once more and two giant ants, each with an individual colour to it. One white and one red ant crawled out of the ground. The ants tried to grab Jin and Milk with their large wide mandibles but the holy shield previously cast by Milk was protecting them to a certain extent.

"Not good, we will be cut in half by these giant ants if we do not do something fast." Jin tried to tremble as much as possible to the point he managed to bite his own tongue. The moment he did so, he was free from the spell and he quickly used his sword and stabbed it into the white ant's mouth.

The white giant ant split out haemolymph, a mixture of interstitial fluid and blood from when it was pierced by Jin's attack, making it move backwards. Jin used his cultivation to summon the strength of Grade 3 to slash his sword, which was within the ant, upwards. He quickly took his phone and threw it into the mess he made of the white ant.

"Capture complete," Yun reported.

The Lady Snake realised she got complacent and played a fast violent melody which made the Great White Snake, who was originally completely docile into a vengeful and frenzied creature. It immediately opened its mouth and tried to bite Jin.

The speed of the snake's attack was swift but the snake did not know the power of a simple swipe by Jin as he tried to parry the bite with his sword. The snake's fang collided with his iron sword and the snake's fang broke into two pieces.

It immediately recoiled backwards, which gave Jin the opportunity to push forward and attack the red ant. Due to change of melody, the red ant also changed its target, leaving Milk alone and directly charging at Jin with its broad mandible open.



"Chance!" Jin thought to himself as he dashed closer to the ant, hoping to perform the same attack he did to the giant white ant. Unfortunately, he was wrong when the red giant ant spewed out a breath of fire towards Jin.

"What!?" Jin could not change his trajectory in time so he decided to bet everything on the holy shield that Milk had cast on him and dramatically increased his speed like a lightning bolt that pierced through the skies.

The holy shield held for a short while before the magic wore off. That short while though, was sufficient for Jin to successfully plunge the whole sword into its mouth. More of the haemolymph leaked out and Jin slammed his phone on the ant's head, causing it to fall to the ground and subsequently disappear into thin air.

"Capture complete." Yun reported once more.

This time, the girl playing the zither was extremely livid. With Milk still paralysed from Lady Snake's ability, Jin had personally taught this girl how to respect her elders.

"Actually, she is over 200 years old." Yun interjected when she read Jin's thought.

"...I will just focus on the battle." Jin was too dumbfounded to say anything else.

The little girl plucked another string but this time, a visible sonic wave projectile flew towards Jin, which he barely dodged.

"Is she even a snake?!" Another sonic wave came but Jin controlled the situation by utilising his Lazy Panda Swipe's impact to block the attack.

"Who said she was ever a snake? Are you making assumptions that she's a snake from her name?" Yun's comments were getting on Jin's nerve but he tried to concentrate as much as possible on the battle.

The snake did not spare Jin after his attempt on its fang. It relentlessly tried to bite him while Lady Snake kept releasing deadly sonic wave projectiles towards him. In addition, the open grassland gave Jin zero advantage against the attacks and all he could do was run. There was nearly no chance to capture the girl even though she was stationary.

"Stationary...I might actually have a chance!" Jin thought of a stupid but feasible idea.

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### **Chapter 30 GODDD PUNCH!**

The Great White Snake slammed its tail at Jin but he reciprocated with his Lazy Panda Swipe. He was thankful that the technique he learnt was a simple one with much utility. However, during Jin's attack, he was careless enough to allow a sonic projectile by Lady Snake to inflict damage upon him and he fell backwards with a pulsating pain going through his body.

The sonic wave vibrated through his whole body, causing him to be paralysed momentarily. That was all the time needed for the Great White Snake to wrap around Jin and bind him. Now the pulsating pain turned into strangling pain and Lady Snake started to play a melodious tune on her zither as if to signal her victory.

"Let's try out my theory then." In his left hand was the handphone he had used previously. Jin lightly tapped the phone onto the snake. Lo and behold, the snake disappeared in a whiff into thin air and Jin fell to the ground in pain.

"Capturing in progress," Yun reported to Jin.

"Great! That means my theory actually works." He gritted his teeth and started dashing towards Lady Snake. She was not happy with the abrupt change of events. Changing from the melodious tune, she caressed all the strings on the Chinese zither and made an extremely sharp piercing sound.

Five sonic wave projectiles, larger than the ones Jin initially encountered, came towards him at great speed.

"Capture incomplete, Monster will be released," Yun reported and Jin curled his lips a little as he raised his phone and faced the screen towards the onslaught of sonic wave projectiles.

From the phone's screen, the Great White Snake broke out of the device, rushing out to where it should belong, the grasslands. If not for its overwhelming strength, it might have been detained forever. Hence, it was expecting an attack from Jin since he had the ability to detain it for a few seconds. That was why the white snake burst out of the device with its mouth wide open.

Little did it know that it faced an attack albeit not from Jin when it burst out of the phone's screen.

The sonic wave projectiles had no mercy, ripping the Great White Snake into pieces. The head of the snake fell to the ground in disbelief that it was killed by its beloved mistress. The mistress that it had served for the past 200 years. Did the mistress think that it had betrayed her?

At its dying breath, Jin squat and tapped the phone on its struggling head. "You will be reunited with your friend soon, just give me a few more minutes."

"Capture complete," Yun reported.

"Uuuuuuuuhhhhhh!" For the very first time, the girl screamed instead of using her zither to express her feelings. Jin could finally have a proper look at Lady Snake without the interference of the Great White Snake.

Her pale skin complexion made it whiter than any Caucasian he had ever known. Her crystal white hair was as wavy as a den of little ivory white snakes, moving around her hair. There she sat and tears of white blood dripped from her ruby coloured eyes as she screamed in agony.

She banged her zither a few times in frustration and then glared at Jin. That look of hers contained such baneful killing intent and it was all directed at Jin. It was as if she vowed to the heavens that she would not stop even if Jin died in her hands. She would come after his family members and make sure everyone related to him was dead.

"Oh no you don't, you little bitch." Milk finally got out of her total paralysis. "I am the one who should be mad. You made me unable to serve my master properly, let me teach you a thing about frustration!"

Jin was at a loss for words. "That girl has probably just lost a companion that was with her for years."

"To be accurate 183 years," Yun interjected.

"And your anger is stronger than her loss?"

"I am just angry for not having enough sleep!" Milk was like a little child wanting her way of things so Jin stepped aside for her to take the stage.

Milk walked towards Lady Snake with each step fuming with anger. However, each step was also met with multiple sonic wave projectiles which Milk blocked with her current holy shield. "Oh, this little bitch needs a personal lesson." Milk got even more upset that the situation was not going her way.

"I can try to-" Jin was interrupted by a slam of Milk's oversized book.

"To temporarily capture her like how you did with the white snake so we can advance forward and have a better shot at her? Sure, after you let me break that barrier around her first." Milk gave a pouty face and opened her book to start chanting.

"Barrier?" Jin thought to himself quietly and realised he did not think this through enough. If Milk could cast magical barriers to protect him, why couldn't enemies do it too? He had forgotten the enemies he fought were now of higher grades. It should be of no surprise to him that higher level monsters had stronger skills and chi/magic abilities.

Milk shone brightly with holy magic and Jin could feel the warmness of her spell powers. On the other hand, Lady Snake felt threatened and she was at a loss due to the different types of emotions conflicting within her.

Without her companion, she did not have a proper guardian to protect her against attacks. It had never happened before so she frantically dished out as many sonic wave projectiles to not only protect herself from the insanity of emotions but also to attack the enemy as well.

Jin helped block a few projectiles coming towards Milk with his Lazy Panda Swipe but inadvertently got hit too. However, he stood there as long as possible for Milk to finish her incantations.

"Master, thank you for your sacrifice for the undeserving me. I present to you Milk's special... GODDD PUNCH!"

An ethereal golden fist emerged from the skies and came crashing down towards Lady Snake. While it looked slow from a distance, the impact against the shield barrier was tremendous, causing the large blossom tree to be blown away.

Lady Snake saw the attack but did not run from it. Instead, she tried to direct her attacks towards the ethereal golden fist. The god punch eventually broke the barrier and it continued to fall downwards.

As the golden fist was about to touch its enemy and obliterate the little girl into nothingness, Lady Snake looked as if she reached a moment of enlightenment. Lady Snake did not panic nor did she cry at her impending doom. She became calm and played a peaceful calming melody at the end of her demise.

"Now!" Using the strength of his Lazy Panda Swipe, he threw his phone like a frisbee and it whisked through the air faster than the falling golden fist. With a large bang on Lady Snake's head, she was knocked over away from her zither and disappeared before the golden fist landed.

The little girl was absorbed into the phone and Yun said the process of capturing was ongoing. The golden fist continued for a while longer, penetrating into the ground and causing a large hole around the area of impact.

Both Milk and Jin stood their ground to withstand the aftershocks of the golden fist. However, Milk seemed weak after the attack and Jin held tightly onto Milk and thanked her for exerting herself.

"Oh No!! Master, do not take me if I faint, I am still a pure nun." Milk began to hold onto Jin even tighter. Jin could not help rolling his eyes to the back of his brain but continued to grab on to her as her gait was still unbalanced after the attack.

"Ahhhhh~! Master, you are so- " Milk immediately fell onto the ground as Jin suddenly let go of her when she made that sound.

"Capture completed... for some reason, she did not resist," Yun reported and she opened the portal for Jin. Jin tried to return to the shop via his portal but he continued to hear an aegyo whining sound from behind. "Master!!! Don't leave me behind!"

"Bye." Jin opened the bellator's app and recalled Milk. He stretched a little before heading back to his store via the portal.

Mission Complete.