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Chapter 211 Pet Battle

Customers began to flow into the new shop instance slowly, and many were looking very surprised by the drastic change Jin made. What was more surprising was to see some of the customers being accompanied by their pet and many began to query where they could get one.

Meanwhile, the others were walking around the entire shop instance to take in the spacious sight of the area only to hear an announcement in the all new Auditorium One. "Ladies and Gentlemen! Although there are no takers in the current dungeon instance, which I believe it was due to the efforts of Boss Jin, there is currently one pet battle ongoing and we are showing it in Auditorium One!" Mr Patsu who was on his headset microphone was shouting out loud to beckon the curious customers to have a taste of the new sofas and large cinematic screen.

All the customers in the shop instance moved towards Auditorium One the moment they heard the word 'battle'. Many could not believe how sturdy and comfortable the sofas were. No matter what distance they were from the screen, no one was blocking their view and the couches were large enough to enjoy with their fellow friends. The display, on the other hand, was total eye candy with it being highly defined and the broader view made people awe at the quality.

"LET'S BATTLE!" Both Yue Han and Kong Xian unknowingly created the tagline for the subsequent pet battle arena fights for the spectators.

"Towering Tortoise!" Kong Xian did not give it a nickname since he could not think of one at the moment, but his digital pet tortoise who was floating around lazily acknowledged his orders and went into the arena. The tortoise had a large shell that looked like it was carrying a miniature mountain on its back.

"Blind Bat!" Yue Han shouted and the bat wearing a black blindfold which was perching itself on Yue Han flew into the arena and took the initiative to start its attack without any warning. It zoomed straight through the room like an arrow, aiming for the head of the tortoise.

It was rather easy how the pet battle worked. At the start of the fight, each player was allowed to choose five cards from their deck of cards, if they have any and those five cards would be the only five cards they could use for the entire battle. Both players' pets would continuously attack each other and the players could activate the cards they chose at any given time.

During the battle, the players could give verbal commands to their pets to intensify the attacks, guard, or evade. At any time, the players could activate their cards to push their pets to the limit.

Kong Xian who liked to play defensive in real life unconsciously did the same thing with his tortoise.

The cards that were initially in his hand were now floating right in front of him and so was Yue Han's when the battle started. He then realised it was easier for him to use them as he remembered that he needed to bring the card up and away from the remaining cards and swiped through mid-air to activate it.

"Defence Up!" Kong Xian pretended he was in the anime shows where they shouted out the card names as he swiped the card that was floating right in front of him. The card flipped and flew up above his head, enlarging itself to a point it was easy for the spectators to see what kind of card he was using.

Even the card itself had intricate designs of a knight turtling itself with a shield up with the back of the card was a design of a lazy panda with the heading "Pet Battle!" and a subheading "Dungeons and Pandas" at the bottom of the lazy panda to show that the cards were properties of Jin's merchandise.

With the activation of the card, the towering tortoise suddenly had a shield in front of it and it prepared to block the incoming attack unless Yue Han countered his friend's card.

"Attack Up!" "Special Technique! Wing Attack!" Yue Han did not hesitate to use two cards in succession. He was an aggressive player when it came to card games which were unlike his nature in his cultivation and training.

The two cards flew up above Yue Han's head and the Attack Up had a design of a warrior holding onto two swords, while the other card was specifically designed to match Yue Han's bat appearance. Even if other cultivators obtained cards with the same technique, their cards would be redesigned specifically to their pet's appearance. For example, if Shi Hui, the cultivator for Shadowy Swan obtained a Wing Attack card, the design of the card would be of her pet swan rather than Yue Han's pet bat.

The Bat immediately had its wings reinforced and it was shining like solid polish steel and there was a sword that magically flew in to damage the shield that the tortoise had. However, to Yue Han's surprise, the tortoise had its shell aiming at his bat only to realised that Kong Xian's floating cards were down to three.

"Damn! Did he use another card when I was..." Yue Han looked up only to see an enlarged card showing a tortoiseshell gleaming. "Hahahaha! Yue Han! You are too predictable! I have known you long enough, to predict you would go in strong!" Kong Xian said as he played the "Reflect Shield" technique card.

Wing Attack allowed Yue Han's pet to do piercing damage while Reflect Shield would be able to let Kong Xian's pet reflect partial damage at Yue Han. The bat's attack ensued despite the change of developments and as it cut the tortoise, it received damage from the reflect shield but did significant damage to the tortoise as well.

"Tortoise! Counterattack the bat right now!" Kong Xian shouted as it noticed that the bat flinched receiving the damage from the Reflect Shield. The tortoise was sturdy enough to withstand the attack and it did not hesitate to attack the bat the moment Kong Xian gave his orders.

On the other hand, Yue Han hastily used another card. "Accuracy Down!" The card enlarged with a picture of a squid throwing a black goo ball, which came out of the card flying into the arena and splat at the Towering Tortoise. Its vision was blurry from the goo attack which caused it to miss.

Yue Han immediately used all his remaining cards since he knew from his phone that his blind bat's health point was extremely low. "Attack Up! Critical Hit Up! Blind Bat, give it your best!!" The Critical Hit Up had the design of an archer shooting a bullseye and it translated into a target board that got placed onto the tortoise. The Blind Bat swooped in without hesitation once again under the commands of his master.

Separately, Kong Xian who was left with attack cards was in a bind. With accuracy down, his attack might not be able to hit. He was in a quandary whether to attack or defend.

"Argh damn it! Since you are this aggressive, I will go all in too!!"

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"Seeing how Yue Han went all in, Kong Xian followed suit! He is throwing down everything as well!" Mr Patsu, the penguin massage therapist NPC, who was now an announcer in Auditorium One shouted to hype the crowd and indeed he did. The customers who were first slouching to watch in the auditorium were creeping to the edge of their seats to see this particular battle unfold right in front of their eyes.

"Kong Xian did not even flinch at such an aggressive attack!" Bear Cub One, the co-announcer beside Mr Patsu added his comments which made some of the customers rooting for Kong Xian. Meanwhile, more customers streamed in and were even more startled because of the noise the crowd in Auditorium One was making.

"Defence Up! Evasion Up! Counterattack Up!" Kong Xian frantically selected each card and swiped them up. Being Defensive in cultivation made Kong Xian too cautious to put a proper balance in his choice of cards, but it seemed that he had made the right choice doing so when it was up fighting against Yue Han.

As the Defence Up card enlarged and moved to the right for the other cards, Evasion Up, lit up and magnified, a ballerina silhouette figure in the card design appeared. It was later followed by the Counterattack Up which card design was of a silhouette of a knight piercing his lance to a black silhouette figure that smashed its sword on the knight's shield.

However, something extraordinary happened! The Counterattack Up card shone even more brightly than any card that a pillar of light materialised on to the card. "OOHHHHH!!! Critical Draw!! Player Kong Xian had managed to activate a Critical Draw from his cards!" Mr Patsu shouted and this made the customers even more curious.

"Critical Draw is a random event when the feelings of the pet and its master's actions aligned!" Bear Cub One exclaimed. "It is possible only when the Pet felt the same way as its master's actions which allowed the critical draw to activate, causing the Counterattack card effects to be two times more effective than usual! Two times!" Bear Cub One continued which compelled some customers who were previously rooting for Kong Xian to cheer loudly.

The Towering Tortoise did not disappoint as two out of three cards effects combined causing the mountain on its shell to suddenly spew smoke, creating a smoke screen effect that made the Blind Bat's accuracy and speed drop as it flew towards the tortoise.

"Hahaha! How would the smoke screen affect the accuracy of a blind bat?" A customer rooting for Yue Han shouted back at Mr Patsu and his answer was simple. "Well, its magic of cards. Believe in the cards."

"Your answer stinks." Bear Cub One retorted after which the customers laughed, but Mr Patsu did not care and continued with commenting.

"Hahaha! Even if you reduce its accuracy and speed, remember my pet is a bat!" Yue Han said to Kong Xian to show that his efforts were fruitless. Indeed, even in the midst of the smokescreen which was created by the combination of its Defence Up and Evasion Up card, the bat still managed to pinpoint the location of the tortoise because of its innate echolocation skills. It just required more time to find the tortoise to attack.

The moment it found the slow moving tortoise, it sped up and dealt its attack. The tortoise who was trying to escape could not outrun the flying bat and was bitten by the bat. Not only that, the bat managed to cause a critical wound since the bat bit on its tail, a vital spot of the tortoise, and even the tortoise was inflicted with a bleeding condition.

It was at that moment, Kong Xian was smirking away which made Yue Han worried. "I did not expect the smokescreen but it seemed that it helped my pet to buy some time." Kong Xian said with confidence.

"What are you talking about? Your pet is bleeding to death as we speak." Yue Han replied with a tinge of fear in him.

"Tsk tsk, not if your pet dies first. Towering Tortoise counter attack now!" Kong Xian commanded and his tortoise pet shouted, clearing the smoke screen effect. From the small mountain on its shell, everyone in Auditorium One could see that it was brimming with red boiling liquid. It seemed that the Critical Draw allowed the pet to activate one of its ability that usually required a technique card to allow the pet to attack.

"Go now! Volcano Blaster!" Kong Xian followed what was written on the Pandamonium pet app interface in his phone as he shouted with confidence. The bleeding towering tortoise gave a menacing look at the equally broken bat and aimed its shell at it.

"Evade with all your strength Blind Bat!" Yue Han shouted but it was too late as the lava blasted out the tortoise shell was spewing on the entire arena that even caused the ground to burn. If not for the fact that the blind bat was flying, it would have been in a hot mess. Unfortunately, one of the lava blasts succeeded to hit the bat causing it to drop to the ground on a puddle of hot lava.

The health bar on Yue Han's phone swiftly reduced to nothing and the battle was concluded. Bu Dong who was watching the battle on the side while choosing his cards clapped his hands at the current battle. The customers in Auditorium One who were watching clapped for an equally fantastic battle that could only be seen in Jin's shop.

Suddenly, two new cards appeared in front of Kong Xian and so was Yue Han. However, for Yue Han's case, he was only allowed to choose one of the two for keeping. "Hahaha, the cards are a no brainer for my next match!" Kong Xian laughed as he saw one of the cards was the volcanic blaster that was used recently.

"Wow, you can earn more cards just by battling?!" A customer saw the cards being given out to them at the end of the battle. "Yes, not only that, if you cannot find any player to fight, you can fight our monster's mini pet too!" Mr Patsu said.

"Can we do two versus two battles too?" A female customer asked as she wanted to fight alongside her boyfriend and Mr Patsu said it was allowed which made the customer excited and she rushed off to buy the card packs.

"Boss Jin, I know you like to take our money but this is too much. I have a family of two to feed and now I have to take care of my new pet on my shoulder?" The male office worker cried his woes out.

"I am sorry to hear that. Please buy responsibly." Jin bowed his head a little but his friend had already dragged him up to the second floor. "What are you crying for! Quick, let's buy the cards and try it out!"

"But my allowance for meals!" The male office worker cried out.

"Screw that! Just eat grass for the next two weeks until our salary comes in again." His friend persuaded him effortlessly and brought him up to the upper floors.

"Good fight," Bu Dong commented as he was at the corner arranging his final choice of cards. "You want to fight with me?" Kong Xian was beaming with confidence.

"How about I fight both of you?" Bu Dong gave out a challenge which both of them could not refuse. "You are on! Oh but eh, is it allowed?" Yue Han asked but even Bu Dong shrugged his shoulders.

"The only way to find out is to try it out." Bu Dong did a long jump with his new Grade 4 cultivation and prepared his cards while the other two took the sides of the room. At this point, the interface showed an option. "two versus one?" which all three readily pressed on that 'Yes' button.

The room suddenly expanded sideways the moment all three of them pressed 'Yes' and the floor which was damaged by the lava previously was patched up. "This is beginning to be my favourite part of Boss Jin's shop." Yue Han said even though he lost terribly in the previous game.

"Same goes for me. At this rate, I need to work part time again to feed this new hobby." Kong Xian agreed with Yue Han.

"Just remember not to neglect your cultivation." Bu Dong reminded them as he pulled out his cards from the deck.

"LET'S BATTLE!!!" All three shouted at each other once more.

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Chapter 213 Cosmetic Cards

"Ladies and Gentlemen!! Thank you for buying from Dungeons and Pandas! You will not regret getting those card packs!" Mr Patsu went up to the second floor to thank the current crowd.

"However! When you have the chance, return to Auditorium One! Looks like our dear little boys are not over with the fight!" Mr Patsu jumped up the table and flew down to the first floor.

Well, it's more like diving down and landing on his stomach since his penguin wings did not work. Yet, Bear Cub One managed to drag the unconscious penguin to the Auditorium One to see the screen portraying Bu Dong against Yue Han and Kong Xian.

"What a match with two players battling against one?! How is that fair!" A customer complained loudly about this injustice. "Tsk tsk tsk, my friend, you do not seem to know much about Bu Dong. He is a guy who fights well and a rather wealthy little boy. I remember seeing him treating his close friends to a number of dungeons just so that he could have a team with him." Another customer who just bought a card pack told the stranger.

"Wait, so you are saying?"

"Yes, I believe Bu Dong is wealthy enough to buy multiple packets of these cards and felt confident enough to fight against the both of them." The customer's guess was somewhat on the mark and he opened his card pack, hoping to see at least an uncommon rarity card.

Bu Dong called out for his Angry Ape to arrive on the scene which made both Yue Han and Kong Xian slightly jealous. "Wow...this is the power of money, right?" Yue Han commented and Kong Xian could only agree.

The Angry Ape was not just any ape beating his chest like a King Kong. Instead, it was fully clothed, had a circlet on its head and a long red polestaff. It was like a mini Sun Wu Kong, and the customers gasped at such beautifully detailed clothing as well as the actions it was portraying.

"Ah, if you guys are wondering. The card packs you are getting are all arena based cards. There is a small probability that you will receive extra cosmetic cards. Yes, extra cosmetic cards, definitely not at the cost of your cards in the pack." Mr Patsu said loudly as they saw how fanciful Bu Dong's Angry Wu Kong was.

"However, the pole he is holding is a weapon, definitely not cosmetic right?!" A customer shouted out and Mr Patsu shook his head. "No, it looks like a weapon but it is cosmetic in nature. The attack Bu Dong's pet does with that pole would be equivalent to the same amount of damage done without the pole too. Rest assured, the cards you received can be equipped to your character." Mr Patsu announced.

"Hmmp, another gimmick to earn people's money. And I foresee it will be even more popular than the fishing instance." Mr-Know-It-All was sitting at the corner of a sofa in Auditorium One to write his notes down again. "Still, I must admit it's an interesting gimmick that even I am rather intrigued by. I feel the urge to buy all the cards just to see the entire battle collection." Mr Know-It-All sporadically took out his phone to check his stocks investment app.

"Looks like it would indeed be a good day to buy those cards for some study." He grinned quietly at a profit he had earned as he waited patiently at the corner of the sofa for more information from that jumpy penguin announcer. "Come to think of it, the card collection is still part of Jin's store. Boss, don't mind me adding it into the spending expenditure!" Mr Know-It-All thought to himself and smirked when he remembered he was at 'work' and he had some budget to buy stuff, allowing him to save some of his own money.

"Oh, there is actually a cosmetic card pack option, and it's one quarter the price of the card packs." One of the male customers who was whining to Jin saw that and proceed to buy a cosmetic pack despite him

saying he did not have any cash with him. Guess, he decided to eat even more grass in the upcoming days.

"Yes! But if you wish to get more bang for your buck! You can head out of the Shop Level One instance and purchase a loot box from the second floor!" Bear Cub One interjected. "That way, you can get the upcoming Halloween instance ticket at a low price before it is sold out! Not to mention, there are cosmetic items in it too!" Bear Cub one iterated and the customer who bought the cosmetic pack not too long ago suddenly felt cheated.

Jin had also asked the system to renovate the loot box machine a little. He asked the System to remove the blessing stones of courage which no one really used. Maybe some who were frequent returning customers might see the effect of the blessing stones of courage in the upcoming Halloween instances, but that was the only advantage they might have.

Instead, Jin asked the System to put limited costume cards in the loot box machine that pertained to the Halloween theme. It can be bought as a package with the Halloween instance ticket or individually. Hence, If the tickets were sold out, the system would continue to sell the limited costume cosmetic cards and there was some use to the loot box machine.

Why did Jin not place the loot box machine on the first floor? He wanted to but the main reason for the loot box machine to be on the second floor was that he wanted to suck more money from people who walked out from the recovery instance.

By taking advantage of their feelings, their desire of wanting to succeed, to try again or the feeling of wanting to get a small souvenir after the battle for the sake of memento was a great way to earn money from the customers via the loot box machine.

However, Jin did request the System to create another loot box machine to be placed with the new pet vending machines and that was one thing that the System gladly obliged. Unfortunately, the System said it required a day to generate that loot box machine. Jin figured that there was a quota for the number of discounted tickets it could allow for the Halloween instance, so it wanted to collate the numbers from the sales of the current loot box machine.

"Why didn't you say earlier..." He wanted to push himself off the upper floor and commit suicide in front of Jin. "Ah, no worries, the cosmetic you bought have a chance of uncommon and rare costumes! The ones that can shine or sparkle with effects! The Halloween loot box, on the other hand, provides limited edition costumes that could only be obtained until the next series of costumes appear!" Bear Cub One said and the word time limited made everyone jumpy.

Upon hearing Bear Cub One's announcement, some people even started to walk towards the exit of the Shop Level One Instance to try out the loot box machine. Meanwhile, some people were divided. They wanted to watch the match with Bu Dong, yet they also would like to get the Halloween loot box.

Eventually, some stayed on to watch the match and those who were eager went to get their cards. Those were also one of the many who had subscribed to Jin's Netflix kind of channel where they could rewatch the matches to learn from their mistakes and for entertainment purposes.

"Hmm, looks like this pet thing is more serious than I thought...I should create a card recycler machine soon or else they will complain due to the duplicates." Jin noted to himself as he enjoyed the explanations by Mr Patsu and Bear Cub One. They had made his job easier.

"BOOOOM!" A loud sound came from the screens of Auditorium One and Jin continued to enjoy the match in Auditorium One.

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Chapter 214 Two Versus One

"Hahahaha!" Bu Dong laughed as he spammed two Attack Up cards at the same time to deliver a massive blow against Kong Xian's tortoise pet. It seemed that when two of the same cards were selected, the card's effects were enhanced to a tier two level, an uncommon card type. It had the same uncommon rarity as the techniques because of its tier two level.

Both of the cards combined simultaneously to produce a brand new card design that had a black armoured swordsman carrying a great bigass two handed sword with just one hand. The card shimmered and Bu Dong's pet, the Angry 'Wu Kong' Ape, which was carrying the polestaff had the silhouette of a giant sword as it smashes the polestaff against the Kong Xian's pet, the Towering Tortoise.

Nevertheless, Kong Xian and Yue Han were not stupid. The trio were casual card buddies for the longest time ever and knew that their wealthy friend loved to use flashy cards even though he was humble in nature.

That was why the aggressive Yue Han even placed defence cards into his choice of hand. What surprised Yue Han was the next move the defending players were making as he had no idea that the entire Battle Pet Royal system was so robust.

Kong Xian naturally placed a Defence Up card and Yue Han did the same but his idea was that the Defence Up card could enhance the Towering Tortoise instead of his Blind Bat pet. As odd as it may seem, the Defence Up card went into the Towering Tortoise when Yue Han shouted for that pet instead.

To their eagerness, Yue Han saw their Defence Up cards combine into a tier two level. Kong Xian did not think much and assumed its part of the instance's way of helping them to defend a tier two card.

A new card design of a large cross like looking shield appeared in front of the Towering Tortoise, a vibe of those historical crusaders being the guardians of the weak. The giant sword clashed with the wide cross shield and the sound of metal against metal made the players' blood raced with excitement.

Apparently, when Bu Dong was against Kong Xian and Yue Han, he did not have the disadvantage that he thought he would have. The Pet Battle Royale Instance gave Bu Dong the choice to select two additional cards, making it a total of seven cards in his hand at the start of the battle to balance the odds when facing the two of them.

Given that the cards he could choose were not random but deliberate choices, he could have selected cards that were detrimental towards his opponents' pets. Yet, Bu Dong did not and chose the ones that he really felt like trying just for the sake of fun. They were after all his friends and they could battle again for free since the only price they paid was the cards. (Although truth be told, Bu Dong realised the collection cards were eventually more expensive than he thought.)

Yue Han did not waste Towering Tortoise's effort by blocking the Angry Ape as he quickly swiped the Critical Hit Up card and commanded his Blind Bat to swoop in as soon as possible.

"Defend yourself Angry Ape!" Bu Dong shouted as the Angry Ape used its polestaff to block the bat's attack. However, the polestaff broke into two and the bat's wing slashed the Ape's chest. "Fall back now!" Bu Dong shouted.

"Press forth with the attack!" Kong Xian shouted as he used his new technique card, the Volcanic Blaster. The pet tortoise acceded to his master's command and red lava was blasted out of its miniature mountain shell.

"Evade again!" Bu Dong shouted. Meanwhile, Yue Han found it was weird that Bu Dong was not attacking. What was even weirder that he was avoiding and defending without the use of defensive cards. Did Bu Dong miscalculate something and was not able to attack back or was it because the continuous attempt to attack Bu Dong did not leave him any chance to counterattack?

"No, he is not that stupid either. He might be a person with all the flashy moves, but he still knows how to play strategically. Either he is faking it right now, or he intentionally brought all the flashy cards out just to show off." Yue Han thought to himself.

In any case, Yue Han knew that Bu Dong was hiding a trump card. So he decided to keep his own Wing Attack technique while trying to elude some aggression by taunting Bu Dong and throwing in another Attack Up card into the fray.

On the other hand, Bu Dong did have a trump card, but he was going to use it after the two buddies of his expelled some of their attack cards against him. Bu Dong wanted to wait a little longer before using it but seeing how his pet was more of an assault pet than a defending one; it would not last long under the barrage of attacks.

"Arggh!! I shall use that! Are you ready, Angry Ape?" Bu Dong shouted and though his pet's back was facing him, he could see a slight nod from tired beastly figure after defending for a long time.

"Alright! I, your Father, shall show you how it's done! Fear me! Tremble under the feet of the almighty Bu Dong!" Bu Dong became all too proud and both Yue Han and Kong Xian placed their hands on their faces knowing that Bu Dong was going to throw some flashy card.

Bu Dong brought that 'flashy' card out from the midst of several floating cards and he swiped with all his might. To all three's amazement, as Bu Dong swiped that card, the edge of that card produced sparks. Instead of enlarging immediately, it spiralled upwards making the opposing duo aware that Bu Dong activated a very flashy card.

Suddenly, the card disappeared and did not enlarge at all which made Bu Dong dumbfounded. "Eh? Did the card effect fail or something?" Bu Dong said out loud and it triggered Yue Han and Kong Xian to laugh.

"So? No card effect? Blind Bat attack now! Deal the finishing blow to the pet of the Almighty Bu Dong. Make his pet bow down to yours truly!" Yue Han commanded and Kong Xian assisted by giving a Critical Hit Up card to Yue Han, which was the other card he obtained from winning. Yue Han wished to use Wing Attack at this moment but he did not want to risk too much seeing that Bu Dong's card effect was not activated.

However, deep inside him, he also felt the urge to be aggressive and give Bu Dong an overkill, to teach him a lesson for being so high and mighty. Needless to say, that Wing Attack card was not needed when the trio suddenly saw a bright light enveloping Bu Dong's Angry Ape. Even, Kong Xian's Critical Hit Up was subsequently returned to his floating cards. It was being refunded by the Pet Battle instance as they did not allow any attacks to be done at the current moment.

"What is happening?" A customer shouted at Mr Patsu for an answer since it was the first time they saw a card in action being returned to the player's hand. However, some of the smarter customers, or the customers that had played sufficient card games had a premonition of what was coming. It was after all a staple part of most card games.

Mr Patsu gave a glance at Bear Cub One, and both gave an astounded look before giving the answer out.

"Digital Evolution."

The crowd went bonkers from hearing those two words.

Chapter 215 Digital Evolution

"Digital Evolution." Those two words were in red as they came out right in front of the Angry Ape's face when the light continued to envelop it. Both Yue Han and Kong Xian were shocked by the change of developments.

"Oh...so the card did work. Hahaha! NOW! Bow down to me, you minions!!" Bu Dong was laughing loudly as the light around the Angry Ape finally faded away to reveal a brand new pet (albeit temporary) in the arena.

The Angry Ape now had bigger fists, sharper teeth and even a face painted with red tattoos. It was initially slouching but with its evolution, it stood up straight. The Angry Ape looked even nastier and perpetually angrier than it ever was.

Only then in the Pandamonium Pet interface, it showed the name of his new evolved pet. 'Angrier Ape', the name of the pet was also shown in the pet interface of Yue Han and Kong Xian to which they could not help but laugh at the name.

"Angrier Ape! Hahahaha! I will bow down to the almighty Angrier Ape." Yue Han got on his knees and kowtowed right in front of the monster while laughing. Kong Xian did not hesitate to follow and made

fun of Bu Dong's new pet name. Even Bu Dong cried at the naming convention of the Pet Battle Royale Instance.

"Bosssss Jinnnn! Give me a better and cooler name for my pet!!!" Bu Dong whined as he felt shameful for all the taunting he tried to do. In actual fact, the System and Jin did not bother to make too many changes mainly because it was not worth the System's time to make that many changes and Jin did not implement too much of a modification on such a short notice.

Upon seeing how Bu Dong managed to get quite a fair bit of attention, Jin decided not to alter the naming convention. "Power has its price. And the price for such power is money spent and a stupid name." Jin thought to himself as he giggled along with the other customers at how stupid the naming was.

But come to think of it, he wondered how his panda would sound like even though he already gave a nickname to it. Lazy Panda? Or Lazy Astral Panda? If that's the case, it would be Lazier Astral Panda and perhaps the ultimate digital evolution would be Laziest Astral Panda. That did not sound too bad at all.

"Yun, if that's the naming convention, how about Healing Maiden or Breathtaking Bellflower?" Jin asked about the female cultivators who did not practice any conventional cultivation.

"Good question, perhaps you can ask the System about it." Yun was lying back on a stool beside the bar island looking at the battle too.

"Aren't you part of the System? That was why I asked you about it." Jin said and wondered why the sudden delineation between Yun and the System.

"Hmmp." Yun continued to ignore Jin and watched the show.

"Must be the digital mood swing." Jin did not care much and continued to tend to some customers and watched the fight whenever possible. After a month, he realised that there was some personality split in Yun. Sometimes, she was gentle and caring, always looking out for Jin, while other times she became arrogant like a young spoilt lass and not caring for the world.

"Well, since you two are joking, I will be serious. Angrier Ape attack with all your might!" Bu Dong shouted as he immediately flipped all four cards he had in his possession.

"Attack Up! Vitality Up! Critical Hit up! Technique: Powerful Fist!" Bu Dong screamed his lungs calling out each and every card. Instead of pulling one card at a time to swipe them, he swiped all of them in an instant and it activated a combo effect, something similar to what had happened with Kong Xian's combination of cards.

The Powerful Fist had a card design of an ape with an inflated fist surrounded with visible chi while Vitality Up's card design was a nurse holding on a small needle, squirting blood out of the needle. No matter how many times Bu Dong had seen it, the card design and effects were so detailed that it brought all other card games to shame.

Granted, there were only a few VR related card games to date and never before did he see a dungeon instance being made for card games. He was very sure there was no such thing and Jin could have created the first and yet perfect version of a card game using a dungeon instance.

Bu Dong continued to be in awe as he stared at the combination of Attack Up, Critical Hit Up and Powerful Fist combining into one brand new card. "Fist of Power", a card design with a fist that was beaming with rainbow chi energy and it was more animated than the rest of the cards.

"Looks like a tier two card," Yue Han commented and Kong Xian nodded his head. Would they want to continue the fight upon seeing a brand new tier two pet with a tier two technique? Sure, why not?

It was yet again a 'do or die' situation maybe that would always be the case for subsequent fights if they continue to meet aggressive players like Bu Dong. "Kong Xian, swipe all the cards including mine!!" Yue Han shouted at Kong Xian.

"Huh!?" Kong Xian was suddenly confused by the weird command from his friend. It was then Yue Han realised he made a mistake. Of course, Kong Xian did not realise that his friend's cards could be used for his own since only Yue Han who had the first hand experience understood that particular mechanic.

However, it was too late as Bu Dong's Angrier Ape smashed his shiny Fist of Power onto Kong Xian's towering tortoise. "That tortoise is a pain in the butt to fight." Bu Dong said as it obliterated Kong Xian's pet in an instant.

It was left with Yue Han and he too found out that once Kong Xian's pet was killed, the cards on him were not transferable to Yue Han. "Ahhh, that's a pity..." Yue Han sighed to himself as he saw his combination of cards were probably not sufficient to fight against Bu Dong.

Nevertheless, he still gave it a try as there was nothing else to lose.

"Swipe All!" Yue Han shouted as he did the same as what Bu Dong had done previously and his cards immediately flipped. Unfortunately, for Yue Han, the combination did not yield any surprising effect and his blind bat was crashed by the Angrier Ape. "Guess, it was really down to luck for now until someone researched all the possible combinations out." Yue Han thought to himself as he surrendered to Bu Dong.

Four new cards appeared in front of Bu Dong upon victory and his Angrier Ape returned back to being the Angry Ape once more. Meanwhile, three cards appeared collectively for Yue Han and Kong Xian and they each only got to choose one out of the three cards.

"So it's risky fighting two vs one but the rewards are immense." Mr Know-It-All penned his thoughts down on his trusty notebook while compiling what had happened for the past two fights.

"This is way more interesting than I thought. If done right, it can be the next big trend for dungeon instances instead of just a niche right here. Perhaps, I should nudge a few of my old contacts to visit Jin's store." He smirked at the decent development of this particularly small shop and drank his wife's specially made Oolong tea.

"Now I am beginning to understand why Boss said to take care of him." Mr Know-It-All thought to himself and hoped to see a dungeon battle in this new shop instance.

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Chapter 216 External Forces

It was nearing the closing hour for Jin's Dungeons and Pandas yet there were many people still hanging around to use the Pet Battle Royale Instance. In fact, he was earning more from the Pet vending machine than the dungeons for that particular day.

If not for the almighty System that was able to produce an unlimited amount of cards, Jin's card machine would have broken down within an hour. Many people were overwhelmed by the simplicity of the gameplay and yet complexity underneath it all. Some even took pictures of their pets and began to show them to their friends on social media.

Bu Dong and his buddies did not hesitate to recommend Jin's place to the online card forum they had always visited and even took pictures of their cards as proof. Many people online were doubting the authenticity of this particular new game but some showed interest in it. There was even a customer that recorded the entire match via phone cam and uploaded it online.

Also, Mr Know-It-All did make a phone call to a specific contact and reported this particular card game design to his old friend. "Yes, you know me well enough to understand that I do not lie. If you can convince Jin to sell you the schematics for his instance and the workings of the technology, you will profit tremendously." Mr Know-It-All was talking inside his idle car.

"Buy his technology?? All I have to do is see the workings of his instance, and I can probably make a better copy!" The friend of his replied.

"Nah. Your company's technology is too outdated. Even that prototype you showcased in that major convention three months ago should not be able to recreate it. Believe it or not, his technology is industry changing, breaking all traditional notions of dungeon instances. Compared to you, his use of dungeon instance is at least five to ten years more advanced. He might just be the new underdog in dungeon instance technology." Mr Know-It-All giggled.

"Haha! Do you wish to turn this into another bet?" His friend asked.

"Why not? What are you going to bet?" Mr Know-It-All questioned.

"If I cannot replicate his technology and I cannot buy out his technology, I will fulfil two requests of yours which-

"Which I have to create on the spot and no changes after the bet. And if I lose, I have to pay you 1 million USD. Wow, you do know that bet of yours is so old school and useless to you. When you are earning millions by the hour." Mr Know-It-All rolled his eyes.

"You piece of shit, if not for the fact that you are my best buddy, I would not have let you off for owing me 20 million USD." His friend argued.

"You are still counting those junior school bets? Hahaha, anyways, here are my two requests. One, please continue to fund my organisation as always, your donation is well appreciated. Two, even if you cannot copy or buy his idea, perhaps, partner up with him? Making that shopping district the next big thing in Shenzhen would be equally interesting." Mr Know-It-All gave his requests to his friend.

"You care for this boy a lot eh? No wonder I feel a little lonely these days. I mean for the first time your requests are not as self-centred as before." His friend sneered at him.

"Hahaha, people do change you know. Besides, these are also my orders from Boss. You know him well enough, that's why I ask this from you." Mr Know-It-All said.

"Fine, since it's from Boss I will take on this bet. But remember, I am doing it for Boss, not for you. I am still not letting you off the hook. 20 million USD, please pay as soon as possible." His friend finally agreed to help Mr Know-It-All.

"After I strike the lottery 20 times consecutive." Mr Know-it-All meant fat chance.

"Ahh, whatever. Bye asshole." His friend dropped the phone call, and Mr Know-it-all drank the last portion of his wife's Oolong Tea.

"What do you mean that you were not able to pick into the shop's lock?! Aren't you supposed to be the best lockpicker in Shenzhen?" Wo De Tian, the CEO of King's Monster shouted at the lockpicker.

"I tried. It wasn't a digital lock like most people use, but a mechanical door lock. Since, you did not specify that he had a mechanical lock, all the tools I brought were useless."

"However, I did bring an extra set of conventional tools, but they were also not working. The pick felt different from usual." The lockpicker argued back at De Tian as he was a respected person in his field.

"So? What are you waiting for? It's already night and you are not going to try again?" De Tian looked furiously at him for retorting.

"My payment first." The lockpicker demanded.

"Screw you and your payment, Chen Hai. You have yet to show results for this store." De Tian waved him off, but Chen Hai banged De Tian's table in his office. "After all the stores I helped you infiltrate, and with just this one failure, you are going to dismiss me?" Chen Hai fought back for his employment.

"Okay." De Tian gave a long pause before continuing. "I shall put my trust in you again this time around because of your past merits. So show me the results." De Tian threw a thick fat envelope on the table which he took out from his drawer. "Buy whatever tools you require, I do not care if you need to demolish the building or something. Get me his dimensional portal server." De Tian who was slouching back on his chair, leaned forward and gave a deadly serious look at Chen Hai. The office was suddenly filled with chi that represented the embodiment of death.

"But if you ever run away from me or if you ever dare to come back to me with no results again. Do not blame me for being ruthless." De Tian spoke in a rather slow and quiet tone.

"And I hate people that bang my precious table," De Tian said as he continued to slouch back on his chair and turned his chair away to look at the window, where he could see in plain sight the building with King's Monster logo. Chen Hai got the feeling he nearly avoided calamity, he now humbly walked away with the envelope.

Chen Hai realised he had pushed too far as he had forgotten that De Tian was the vice head of another Triad in Shenzhen, one capable of fighting toe to toe with the Three Eyed Tiger Triad.

The Ruby Rat Triad, notorious for their highly complicated involvement of the entertainment culture in China, especially Shenzhen, and high levels of corruption which even the police was not able to pursue.

It was rumoured that the Ruby Rat Triad was able to buy off judges and politicians to the point that it was able to hinder the results of a ten years corruption investigation in just three weeks. Buying bails for the vice heads, torturing and later killing the policemen and detectives involved through murders disguised as accidents.

If you compared them in terms of ruthlessness, the Three Eyed Tiger Triad could be considered the modern day Robin Hood while the Ruby Rat Triad was the equivalent of Al Capone less the drugs.

"Hmmp, Panda. You watch out. Coming into Shenzhen to carve a name for yourself in the entertainment industry is the one and only mistake you should not have made." De Tian stared at the distant for a while before he continued to do his work.

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Chapter 217 The Unexpected Date

"Come on let's get going, Brother Se Lang! Do not let Jia Ying wait for too long!" Shi Hui, the cultivator of Shadowy Swan, pulled Se Lang's shirt as he was window shopping at the armour store in Boss Jin's shop.

Weird combination to see Shi Hui with Se Lang together? Well, Se Lang was equally shocked when Shi Hui asked him for a date out of the blue, just a few days after they participated in the Bank Heist dungeon raid together.

He remembered he was super nervous since he had never been asked out by a girl before. It had always been the other way around and surprisingly; the girls distanced away from him. (In retrospect, it was mainly because of his partner Deng Long, who was a rather lousy wingman, but Se Lang blamed himself instead.) Se Lang's impression of Shi Hui was a girl with elegance, and yet she was able to portray a quiet sense of pride in the way she carried herself out in public.

Compared to him, who was just a simple patrol officer in the police force for two years, Shi Hui was an overachiever. When he found out the facts about Shi Hui, he could only sigh at the achievements she had accomplished. Upcoming modern dancer, a guest dance choreographer while just being an intern in a music company and many other plays she had under her belt of experience when she was still young.

Well, technically, Se Lang had been selling himself short. Deng Long, his partner in 'crime', could vouch for him. Se Lang was after all an outstanding police officer and he was not even trying hard all the time. Imagine if he strived harder, he could rise through the ranks pretty quickly. Who knows? He might be able to become a detective in a short period if he tried.

In any case, Se Lang did ask Shi Hui what exactly she saw in him during their first date. Kind of stupid of him to do that, but nevertheless, he needed to find out. "Hmmm, if you want an honest answer. I have none! I have always wanted to try dating a policeman and someone older. You match quite nicely!" Shi Hui said as she smiled so innocently that Se Lang's heart melted instantly both in a good and bad way.

"So... Does that mean I am just a temporary stand-in for her gap for love until she finds someone more worthy? Kuuu~! " Se Lang wondered and could not help but feel like crying. "Well, if you are uncomfortable, we can call it off right now." Shi Hui said before the end of their first date, and Se Lang shook his head.

"I will be honest with you too then. My feelings are conflicted now, but I will take this as a learning experience for future relationships. Till we break up, I will be in your care then." Se Lang bowed a little and Shi Hui could not help it as she burst into laughter.

"Hahaha! Experience?! Oh my gosh, you are still a 'wizard' despite being so handsome?" Shi Hui covered her mouth and continued laughing.

"...Y--Ye-Yes..." Se Lang could not help but be embarrassed as Shi Hui slapped his back.

"Then Mr Wolfie, I shall first start liberating your wizardhood by allowing you to kiss me." Shi Hui pointed at her lips and then playfully point at her forehead. "Which ones would you choose? Mr Wolfie?"

"...I...will choose the forehead." Se Lang could not help but tremble. He moved closer to her as she stared at him for a long while before he gathered up his courage.

"Ahhh! You are so slow!" Shi Hui grabbed his shoulders and pulled herself up to his lips. The warmness of her lips touched his cold, dry lips and he could not help but feel excited by the bodily contact he had with Shi Hui.

"How did that feel Mr Wolfie, the Wizard?" Shi Hui asked coyly with her arms still wrapped around him. He was still in a daze.

"Fantastic. Felt like I am in heaven." Se Lang's legs were like jelly and thankfully Shi Hui backed up a bit after his reply.

"That's that for the first date!" Shi Hui said as she continued to tease Se Lang.

"Heyyyyy Mr Wolfie!!!! Stop daydreaming!!!" Shi Hui wrapped her arms around Se Lang's muscular ones, and he was brought back to reality. "What are you thinking about that made you go into a daze?"

"Erm no, I was just thinking how bizarre and yet miraculous it was to have that first date together a few weeks back." Se Lang blurted out and it made Shi Hui grin, but her expression changed as quick as a traffic light.

"Well, stop daydreaming and let's get going for the Halloween instance! Jia Ying, Jing Ru and Yue Wen are waiting!" Shi Hui said. Yes, the Halloween instance was up and about a week had passed since Jin created the new Halloween instance which he posted on Pandamonium as an advertisement.

"Ehh, don't you think if I go with you girls, won't it feel like I am the odd out one, the erm... fifth wheel? I mean, you girls are the Venus Four. It would be kind of sad if I break your team composition." Se Lang said.

"They are planning to use this instance to re-evaluate you since you did so poorly in that Bank Heist Dungeon. Jia Ying also said 'So what if he is a policeman if he cannot protect us in this new dungeon, he has no right to be your boyfriend.'" Shi Hui replied while imitating Jia Ying's voice.

And Jia Ying had every right to be jealous. Shi Hui was after all her best girl buddy in the Venus Four group despite the four girls' already being this close knitted. She could not stand Shi Hui leaving her so quickly just because she got a boyfriend that easily. Even more so when Jia Ying secretly adored Se Lang too.

Jia Ying felt it was stupid of her to comment that Se Lang was rather cool looking and seemed somewhat reliable to Shi Hui, who agreed with her. (On the side note, poor Deng Long, he had no one liking him.) She did not expect Shi Hui to have feelings for him too and her simple comment even reinforced her friend's beliefs, that made Shi Hui take the initiative to go for him.

Now Jia Ying had mixed feelings within her. Should she feel happy that Shi Hui was with Se Lang or should she be anguished that her best friend took Se Lang? She did not know what to do.

Se Lang laughed at Shi Hui and nodded his head. "Okay okay, but at least let me buy this first." Se Lang took an odd looking device from the store's 'New Stock!' cabinets and brought it towards the counter.

"What's that?" Shi Hui asked as she picked it up and read the label on it. "Enhanced Chi Releaser"

"It's actually for you. Remember how we earned the Icesteel Weapons from the Bank Heist raid? I figured this Enhanced Chi Releaser would help to compensate your long range weakness since your war fans seem to be suited for close combat." Se Lang was a little concerned.

"Huh, but I have been using illusion skills to compensate for my innate long range weakness, so that I could go close to the enemy." Shi Hui replied and was wondering why Se Lang would waste his panda medals on something like that.

"But after watching the Bank heist video online several times, I concluded that it used a lot of your chi, right? So I was thinking, with the new Icesteel War Fans and this enhanced chi releaser device, you could be able to shoot out projectiles. Like, I don't know, maybe use Ice Shards or create a blizzard?" Se Lang replied as he paid for it at the front counter.

"You have no idea what this enhanced chi releaser does, right?" Shi Hui squinted her eyes at Se Lang.

"I asked the Red Panda...? Does that count?" Se Lang started to sweat a little.

"Yes, an elemental weapon like the Icesteel type would indeed allow users to utilise the power of ice within a certain distance of the enhanced chi releaser. This way the user would not need to rely on close contact for the power of ice to activate." The Red Panda receptionist surprisingly backed him up.

"Ohhh, thank you Red Panda, do you mind combining the Icesteel War Fans and the releaser for me?" Shi Hui gave the Red Panda her War Fans and the Red Panda grabbed it with its mouth before passing both items to the three headed bear weaponsmith to combine them into one.

Suddenly, Se Lang felt a nudge at the side of his stomach and he saw Shi Hui grinning widely. "Thank you! This is the first present you gave me!"

Chapter 218 Halloween Theme

"You two know how to make people wait." Jia Ying was seen sitting on the upper floors of the Shop Level One Instance. She was petting the Sanguine Stag that was on her lap when Shi Hui and Se Lang found her. Jia Ying was also adjusting her deck of Pet Battle cards which seemed to be the trend now in Jin's store.

There was even an auditorium that was dedicated to the Pet Battle Royale Service Instance and sometimes if the battles were intense, both the auditoriums were assigned for it. What about the dungeons? Were they not as popular as before? Were Jin's monsters now slacking?

Definitely not.

The new Pet Battle Royale Service Instance was catered to various groups of people. One of them was the people who wanted to fight against monsters instead of players because they preferred to do so. They thought that they could learn a thing or two from a Player versus Monster environment before fighting against other cultivators.

Hence, the monsters were equally busy fighting various players too. What the players did not know was that the monsters were alive and not computer simulated. So, they were getting a challenge which was equally if not harder than the players. Reward wise was still the same. The players were unaware, but when the monsters won, they got better food, modern equipment or even orbs of spiritual force for their home instance.

It was an incentive that Jin created to help the monsters build up their own home. Earning something through hard work established more ownership and pride for their new home instead of just giving them everything at hand. Therefore, this spurred the monsters to fight harder and stronger in Pet battles too.

Of course, the cards were sometimes regulated by the System in those individual battles. Otherwise, the new cultivators would be trashed by them. If such cases occur, the System compensated them with Panda Medals which they could use in Jin's general store to get items. (Yes! That general store does not just sell potions! They have a partially hidden everyday store section which the customers have yet to discover.)

"Still, it's amazing how lively the shop has become with the new shop instance, and it saved me a lot of trouble. I remember the police station issued an increased alert to Tiangong Shopping District two weeks ago because of Boss Jin's arrival. I even had to break a few fights up, because people tried to squeeze into Jin's shop." Se Lang commented as his Wacky Wolf pet jumped on his head and wagged its tail.

"Seriously, Boss Jin should have gone with a shop instance from the start, when he opened his shop. It would have been a fantastic experience to see the Qixi theme." Shi Hui complained about the previous shop interior while her pet swan sat quietly on her lap.

With the shop being a dimensional instance, the whole place was now decorated with Halloween theme. One day after launching the shop's dimensional instance, the returning customers were amazed by yet another drastic change to the store's interior design.

Instead of the simple plain spacious layout, the entire place revamped with a gothic setting to it. The ceiling of the Shop Level One instance was initially white and dull but now there was a stained glass ceiling with ever bright moonlight shining in.

The stained glass, or art glass, which required artistic and engineering craftsmanship to assemble the pieces in real life, was a treat to the eyes, especially an overly large glass ceiling like Jin's. However, with the aid of the System, all it cost was several dungeon dollars which Jin gladly paid since the interior of a shop played an essential part in the psychological aspect of customers.

"Yeah, I like the stained glass ceiling the most." Jia Ying returned the deck of Pet Battle cards into her storage ring and looked at the ceiling. It was not the usual scary Halloween kind of stained glass design but rather various flowers which she could not identify.

The glass ceiling was divided into seven parts, similar to how the Shop Level One Instance was being separated, allowing each part of the auditorium to be lit up in various colours. Also, the colours were not too bright nor too gloomy, and it fits the theme of Halloween.

Even the couches which were initially white were changed to ruby red, and there were floating candles around the auditoriums. The caravan which Zhen Qing was operating was also redesigned to fit the theme.

There was initially a panda statue lazing around on top of the caravan, but now it turned into a Frankenstein costume panda where the patches of black seemed to be 'sewn' onto the bear, and it even had a nut bolt through its head.

Getting the customers into the mood was vitally important for a shop like his. Not to mention, to fulfil his ridiculous secondary mission objective of getting 5000 customers general sales would not seem as absurd as it would be with the all new Battle Pet service instance.

"Hahaha, but the funniest thing was Boss Jin and Zhen Qing. I liked how Zhen Qing managed to pull off such a terrible looking costume and still display such grace." Shi Hui quietly took a picture of the beautiful cook who happened to wear a bloodied chef outfit with fake tools hanging on the side of her waist, yet she still appeared so sexy in it.

"Talking about sexy, I think Yun and Milk were just too hot for their costumes." Se Lang blurted out and suddenly felt a kick on his left shin. Jia Ying gave an annoyed look at Se Lang as if to say "watch what you are saying stupid guy" and pointed at Shi Hui.

"But but...Jin's costume is over the top ridiculous." Se Lang gave his comments on Jin to change the topic. Se Lang also initially thought it was another AI NPC that helped Boss Jin with the Bar Island until Jin took out the head to reveal his face. Jin was in a panda suit with a traditional Count Dracula looking suit... with a panda head. Even the oversized panda head had two canine teeth protruding out of its mouth.

"Unfortunately, he was too lazy to act the role of Count Dracula." Jia Ying tried to reinforce the change of topic while peeking down to the lower floors from where she was sitting and saw Jin lazily walking around in that costume giving out Halloween lollipops.

Riding on the wave of Halloween. Jin also decided to throw in more cosmetic items related to Halloween, and he learned a thing from mobile games gacha. For a limited time only, during the Halloween period and till the end of November, the Pet Battle vending machine would have an increased rate of getting a limited set of special moves.

Oh, but he was not that evil in sucking people's money. The reason Jin gave out Halloween lollipops was that attached to the candies was a QR code that allowed the customers to get a free Halloween limited edition cosmetic item which could only be redeemed once.

"Oh yeah, I do agree with Se Lang. Milk and Yun were very sexy in their costumes." Shi Hui did not care about the derailed topic both Se Lang and Jia Ying tried to create. She liked how Se Lang was blunt and honest about everything. It was that quality of his, which made Shi Hui find Se Lang very attractive. In university and even in her musical performance, not many were willing to tell the truth and always sugar coated things.

"Anyways, Jia Ying, where are Jing Ru and Yue Wen?" Shi Hui realised they were not around.

"Ehh, about that. They went for the Halloween instance first because Jing Ru's father came by with her. With a powerhouse like Jing Ru's father, Yue Wen wanted to see how strong a Grade 6 was and dragged the both of them into the dungeon instance. We could wait for them here." Jia Ying said.

"Besides, we might have a higher chance of winning later on, since they could tell us what to watch out for." Jia Ying added but later saw Shi Hui pouting.

"It must have been that impatient Yue Wen. How dare they not wait for us! It was not Se Lang's fault to take that much time window shopping in the weapon store!" Shi Hui was somewhat upset.

"If that's the case, we should also go as three member team. I do not want to be spoiled by Yue Wen again." Shi Hui grabbed Se Lang's hands and pulled him up.

"But we might not be strong enough..." Se Lang wanted to argue, but Jia Ying took the opportunity to pat on Se Lang's back as an excuse. "You cannot stop her when she is adamant. Let's go Se Lang." Jia Ying felt her heart beating slightly faster.

"Okay, okay. In any case, I nearly forgot that Boss Jin's dungeons are modified to players' grade." Se Lang agreed, and he smiled at Jia Ying before he was dragged away by Shi Hui.

So cheerful. So gullible. The trio had no idea what they were in for, with this Halloween instance.

Chapter 219 Wrecked

"Where am I..." Se Lang experienced a sharp headache the moment they teleported into the instance. It did not help that his breath felt heavy only to realise he was wearing an oxygen mask. His eyes were blurry, and he needed some time to adjust.

"This setting... Shit!" His strength was waning for some reason, but he was finally able to make some sense of the current situation. He looked around before he tried to get out of his seat, only to find he was being strapped down. "Argh...the seatbelt."

He looked at the side of him to find a dead disfigured corpse and he started to panic. Se Lang quickly unbuckled his seatbelt and looked around. It was a terrible mess he was in. Luggage scattered all over the aisle and there was a scent of smoke but he could not figure out where it was coming from. The lights were not working and it looked like it was dark from a glimpse he took through the window port.

He could only conclude that he was in a broken down plane that went through an emergency landing and guessed that he and perhaps the other two were entrenched in this particular setting.

"... Water? Shit! Fuck!" Se Lang only realised now that his shoes were soaked. This made him get a clearer picture of his situation. If he did not escape in time, this broken aeroplane would be filled up and drown him.

"Shi Hui! Jia Ying! Are you two around?!" Se Lang shouted when he suddenly heard a loud explosion and saw a bright light from the right side of the plane. "Did one of the turbines just break down?" Se Lang thought to himself as he could feel the plane tilting into the water.

"Damn damn damn damn!!" Se Lang knew there was no time and his heart was racing extremely fast. Se Lang guessed if he tried to escape now, he might be able to survive. But if Se Lang didn't, he might die trying to search for the other two.

"No wonder Boss Jin kept emphasising to every customer that if the Halloween dungeon instance is too scary for you, or you could not complete the first stage, he would refund the money back to you via the Pandamonium app. He was not joking at all!" Se Lang was wasting precious time finding someone to blame when the plane window broke, causing more water to flow in.

"Arggh, if they are still unconscious it will take me forever to search for them." Se Lang surmised he needed to use his Wacky Wolves technique. "Wacky Wolf Style, Bloodshot Eyes of the Wacky Wolf!" Se Lang covered his eyes with his hand. He inserted chi via his hand for faster manipulation of blood into his eyes.

His entire pupil turned bloody red while the capillaries in his iris enlarged, causing his eyes to have a deadly gaze. However, it was quite painful for him to utilise it in such short notice since he usually calibrates his chi into his eyes for a long time before the effect starts. Unfortunately, time was currently a precious commodity and Se Lang had to use it to rescue Shi Hui and Jia Ying.

Se Lang's Bloodshot Eyes of the Wacky Wolf gave him the ability to sense heat, making him a portable heat sensor especially when it came to finding criminals. Combined with his other searching ability, Acute Smell of the Wacky Wolf, criminals had no place to hide. Right now, he had no time to activate the latter and only used his bloodshot eyes to find heat signatures in this particular metal container of impending death they were stuck in.

"Found them! Exactly two heat signatures!" Se Lang quickly ran towards the first heat signature that was the closest to him. It was Shi Hui and she was still rendered unconscious.

"Did Boss Jin purposely tweak the teleportation method to put us into such a state?" Se Lang thought to himself as he removed the oxygen mask off Shi Hui and unbuckled her belt.

"Shi Hui, wake up! Wake Up!" Se Lang shook her shoulders but it was to no avail. She was not waking up. He turned his head to look at the other heat signature to confirm the distance.

"Crap, the water level is rising, I have to rescue Jia Ying first." Se Lang deduced that he should go for the other heat signature that was registered by his bloodshot eye's ability which he believed could only be Jia Ying since she was closer to the broken part of the plane that began to amass a pool of seawater.

"Wait for me here, honey. I will be right back for you in a moment." Se Lang climbed and jumped over the centre seats to reach the other aisle. He quickly moved to the second heat signature. It was indeed Jia Ying and he reached for the buckle.

As he was doing that, a sudden shriek was heard throughout the entire plane. Se Lang quickly looked around and noticed nothing. "Must be that stupid Boss Jin adding some scream background music to scare me and the re-" Se Lang did not see any heat signature but as a policeman, he had developed some battle instinct when someone tried to ambush him, so he quickly dodged.

He was right, some sort of weapon nearly stabbed him as he heard metal clashing on the floor. "Cold-blooded creatures?!" Se Lang immediately removed one of his bloodshot eyes to see normally. The forced removal of his ability caused his eyes to bleed but there was no other option.

He closed his left eye with the bloodshot eye ability still intact in case he needed it and focused on the enemy. It was some fish-like human and it seemed very interested in taking Jia Ying away. As one of the Fishman moved forward to block Se Lang's advance, the other Fishman was trying to grab her away.

Thankfully, Se Lang did not unbuckle Jia Ying yet and the Deep One had trouble carrying her out of her seat. "Don't you dare touch her, you fish creeps!" Se Lang took out part of his inscribed scythe that had the blood explosion inscription.

With a button, he managed to remove the scythe blade out and it automatically turned into a sabre weapon. Se Lang knew the limitations of his weapon, so he modified it to be able to use it in an enclosed place too.

The Deep One that was on the advance, charged towards Se Lang and in this situation, Se Lang did not hesitate to go all out. The longer he stayed in this plane, the more likely he would drown.

"Scythe Art, Whirlwind Slice of the Wacky Wolf." Se Lang intercepted the stab of the spear which the Deep One was using with his bare hands and pushed his scythe blade into the Deep One's throat before slicing it. The slice caused a whirlwind effect that damaged the Deep One that was trying to grab Jia Ying.

Se Lang pushed the decapitated Deep One and summoned his scythe pole stick out and stabbed it right through the chest, hoping the fish monster had the heart in the same place where humans have it. Unfortunately, it was not but the attack managed to stagger the Deep One before Se Lang closed in and stabbed his blade through its opened mouth and into its brains.

He quickly removed his blade from the dead fish man and unbuckled Jia Ying. At this point, Se Lang panicked because he just remembered that he had left Shi Hui defenceless. Se Lang quickly opened his left eye only to notice the heat signature at the back of the plane disappeared.

"SHIT! STUPID FISH MEN!" Se Lang shouted in agony for failing to protect Shi Hui.

Chapter 220 Getting Ou

In retrospect, Se Lang regretted shouting. When he did that, he stomped his feet with chi which in turn started to rock the entire plane, causing it to sink even further. Not only that, he realised that the Fishmen were not the only ones on the plane with him. All the other 'dead' passengers began to twitch their fingers and feet.

Eventually, they turned their head towards Se Lang and admired his beautiful, tasty chi. Aye, the passengers were not dead...yet. "What the hell is with this instance!" Se Lang's fear was creeping up into him. The undead zombies were struggling to get out of their seats as more seawater gushed through the broken parts of the plane.

"Jia Ying is not even awake, and if I leave her alone to fight the zombies, the Fishmen might kidnap her while I am not looking." Se Lang talked to himself and scratched his head. "Arrgghh! Why did I sign up for this instance?!" If the audience were to look over at this particular instance, they would think it was quite unusual for Se Lang, their neighbourhood policeman, to be this afraid.

Thankfully, all Halloween instances were not being broadcast mainly because Jin wanted to keep the horror and suspense factor of this instance. It was also to keep the customer's identity secret, just this once. Jin did not want them to be laughed at in case of some embarrassing moments. Jin expected that certain situations might arise, especially when a group was placed in a stressful environment, which might lead to some of his cultivators showing their true colours.

Not to mention, Jin also promised that the customers were allowed to get a refund if they resigned before the end of stage one of the Halloween instance. It would be in poor taste to show multiple failures in the auditorium.

"Believe it or not, Se Lang hates scary movies. I remember him beating up a clown just because he came out to scare him in a House of Mirror attraction. Have I mentioned he even broke half of the House of Mirror attraction causing them to halt their business for half a day to replace them?" Deng Long told Shi Hui as he passed a set of Halloween tickets to her before their gathering. "He later apologised and promised to pay for the mirrors. It was simply hilarious."

Shi Hui did not expect his friend to be this generous, but Deng Long could not deny admitting that he only did that because he had too many tickets. He spent a lot of money since he wanted the cosmetic costumes from the Halloween loot box. "I heard this rumour that if you buy the Halloween loot box instead of just the card, there was a higher chance of getting a rare cosmetic set. Especially when the tickets were limited."

"Then what about those criminals who ambushed him?" Shi Hui could not help but ask since Se Lang was such a scaredy cat according to Deng Long. "Blah, he has his special skills so that he simply cannot be ambushed, and even if they do manage to escape his sights, they cannot escape his incredible sense of smell. He is a cheat when it comes to being a policeman." Deng Long rolled his eyes.

"Then why aren't you coming with us?" Shi Hui asked Deng Long, and he sighed heavily. "If not for my self-admitted obsessive compulsion to get the limited-edition rare Halloween costume for my pet, I would not need to do overtime to earn back that money." Deng Long said as he pulled out his phone and showed Shi Hui his digital pet in the Pandamonium App. It was a cloaked floating wombat with a skull mask on the side of its head, holding a scythe while carrying a basket full of candies.

"It's just too cute," Deng Long commented as he could not wait to visit Jin's store to play with his wombat.

"Take a deep breath." Se Lang knew that they were sinking, so he immediately killed a zombie near him and checked the bottom of the seat. "Life vest! At least Boss Jin still managed to make this instance as realistic as it can be." Se Lang thought to himself as he put on the life vest for the unconscious Jia Ying.

After which, he killed another few zombies that were trying to grab him with his scythe blade before finding another life vest to wear. "In this kind of stupid horror scenario, I should bring another life vest in case the other one doesn't work." Se Lang thought to himself as he grabbed a few life vests, threw them into a sling bag that was lying around and wore one for himself. Se Lang then continued to place Jia Ying on his shoulder as he held onto her thighs so that he had a free arm to swing his weapon when he needed to.

However, that short amount of time those preparations took, allowed a few of the zombies to break free, desperately crawling towards Se Lang. "Gah, no time to deal with you guys!" Se Lang's heart was pounding, for what he was about to execute, could turn into a life or death situation. He called his Icesteel Scythe out of his storage ring and kept the one with the blood explosion inscription.

"Intermediate Scythe Art! Moon Divide of the Wacky Wolf!" Se Lang aimed his scythe at the side of the plane and performed his weapon art. The chi absorbed by the Icesteel Scythe was incredibly big compared to his previous scythe, but it allowed him to dish out a vastly stronger attack as well. With just one swing, his weapon art had cleanly cut the plane into two, leaving him with seconds of oxygen available, before the entire interior of the aircraft broke into two.

"Intermediate Scythe Art!!! Moon Barrier of the Wacky Wolf!" Se Lang yelled once more as he twirled and whirled his Icesteel scythe with just one hand. The chi he expelled for this skill was immense mainly because this barrier was now for two instead of one. Also, it was not a simple two-dimensional barrier but a three-dimensional one which simulated a sphere like chi barrier around Jia Ying and him.

Furthermore, the Icesteel scythe gave his chi barrier the element of ice, creating a thin ice coating around Se Lang and Jia Ying. Se Lang was betting on this after he had previously learnt how elemental weapons could affect their skills. Although it could be considered a double edge sword, it barely saved Se Lang and Jia Ying this time around.

Upon realising the potential of the ice element affecting the chi barrier, he used the same weapon art, Moon Barrier of the Wacky Wolf once more to reinforce his barrier. The thin ice coating became thicker, and this gave Se Lang some peace of mind before he relaxed and panted for his breath.

"If my physics knowledge is not that rusty.... Maybe we can float up to the surface of the sea..." Se Lang vaguely remembered the density of Ice is lighter than water. If such physical properties still hold true in

this dungeon instance, maybe they could float up. That was also assuming no Deep Ones were attacking them.

All Se Lang could do now is hope. Hope that Jia Ying and him could get out of this dreadful scenario alive.