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Chapter 271 Resurrection of Ong

"But Sir, the evidence speaks for itself! Why are you letting this high ranking gangster be resurrected! Do you know how many crimes he has committed? We should thank that little kid for stopping him, but no! You even wanted to incarcerate him longer if not for the higher management. With all due respect, I have to ask you. Are you in cahoots with Ruby Rat? Why are you doing this?!" Inspector Lee An slammed the desk of his District Police Captain, Mao Pai Huo and demanded answers.

"ENOUGH! You should know where you stand Inspector Lee! Get out or suffer the consequences yourself! Do not expect me to protect you in the future!" Pai Huo did not reply any of his questions but shouted at Lee An instead.

"I have no regrets. You have never protected any of us before." Lee An turned his back as he bluntly replied to Pai Huo and slammed his office door on his way out, only to watch a small entourage of black suits walking towards his District Captain's office as he passed through the corridor.

Lee An then caught a glimpse of Wo De Tian, the Ruby Rat Triad Leader himself, blatantly walking into the police station. De Tian caught Lee An's controlled expression and smirked at him before the black suits of his opened the door to the District Captain office for him and he entered.

The District Police Captain himself stood up and closed the blinds in his office and locked the door. "Mr Wo, I believe this isn't the best time for you to come in. Especially when your group is in the midst of an investigation." Pai Huo sat down as he advised De Tian, who did not give a single shit, as he placed his legs on Pai Huo's table. It looked like De Tian was the one in control, not Pai Huo in this particular office and the latter could not say a single thing.

"Why is that kid not in your custody?" De Tian lit a cigar in the office and blew it at Pai Huo's face.

"The Royal Zodiac Tiger and the Tiangong District Guardian pulled favours from the higher management. It was not within my control." Pai Huo was not intimidated by De Tian but neither did he stop De Tian's behaviour.

"Tsk, the Tigers." De Tian was obviously furious, but he could not do anything since it was beyond his sphere of influence. He maybe the head of the Triad, but only a Royal Zodiac could deal with another Royal Zodiac. De Tian would need to report it to his own superiors if he wanted to override the Tiger's favours but this will indicate weakness on his side and he would never do that.

"So? Where's Ong now? Have you resurrected him yet?" De Tian changing the topic, and Pai Huo sighed before he got up.

"Follow me." Pai Huo instructed as he opened the door and the rest of the entourage followed him to the bas.e.m.e.nt of the police station where one of the resurrection ritual stations was being maintained. The other police officers saw the entourage going to the bas.e.m.e.nt and focused on their own work, knowing that going against them was courting death. Hence they restrained themselves just to save their own skins.

"Sir, as per request, it arrived not too long ago." A senior police technician showed Captain Pai Huo the Dantian core that was retrieved by the Criminal Forensic Labs and their Clean-Up Crew. Pai Huo then asked the Ruby Rat Triad Leader to confirm the existence.

De Tian casually observed the Dantian Core by inserting some chi into it and felt the familiar aura of his gangster Ong oozing out of the Dantian core. "No mistake, the aura is without a doubt his. Proceed with the resurrection then." De Tian commanded by Pai Huo refused to do so immediately.

"Pay the bail and the resurrection fee first, before I allow him to be resurrected." Pai Huo demanded, and it was done with a clearly authoritative tone.

"Huh? Did I hear wrongly?" De Tian looked at Pai Huo once more, and this time De Tian unleashed his chi presence to everyone at the bas.e.m.e.nt. Suddenly, every police officer, not just the bas.e.m.e.nt but the whole police station felt a dull black aura that was extremely heavy. Even inspector Lee who was at the third floor of the police station experienced a choking sensation. Strangely, Inspector Lee and Inspector Xue Ping were handling it better than the rest of the police inspectors and officers, who soon fell to the ground trembling, with some even showing signs of having fits. The training in the instances from Jin's dungeons had paid off, allowing them to resist strong, intense auras better.

The only one who was able to withstand the intense aura was Pai Huo himself which made De Tian smirk and stop releasing his aura. "Is that all you've got?" Pai Huo dared to ask, even though he knew that his supposed self confidence was only a facade. His legs were about to give way if he moved an inch in any direction. Had De Tian not stopped the emission of his intense black aura, he might have lost control of his body.

Separately, the rest of the policemen in the police station were panicking, trying to aid those who could not handle the intense aura. Some had to perform emergency CPR due to sudden cardiac arrest, others vomited horribly, and many were unable to maintain their balance. Inspector Xue Ping and Lee An now understood the meaning of that aura emission. It was to give a clear message to the police here not to f.u.c.k with the Ruby Rat.

"Very good. At the very least you are still capable of acting as a police captain." De Tian looked backwards, and with an upward nod, one of the black suits came forward and threw three suitcases in front of him.

"I hate to do the paperwork. Keep the change and go resurrect Ong." De Tian ordered as he looked for a place to sit outside the Resurrection Ritual Department and started to browse his phone.

"Then what about the rest of your Ruby Rats?" Pai Huo inquired as he followed him out.

"Let their Dantian core rot in the burning cauldrons of 'Justice' for being so incompetent. Hahahaha!" De Tian answered as he waved his hand to signal Police Captain Pai Huo to start doing his job.

"Sir..." The senior police technician trembled as Pai Huo went back into the Resurrection Ritual department.

"I understand. You do not wish to give in to this kind of evil, but this world is bigger than we are. Concentrate on doing your job, and you will live another day." Pai Huo understood the technician's

helplessness. He too conceded to the frustration of Inspector Lee who had been earnestly fighting crime.

"But Sir!" The senior police technician tried to voice his opinion but later realised it was useless. Pai Huo also sighed at his inability to do anything much, but then an idea struck him.

"Lee, while I cannot stop the resurrection but there is something we can do as workers of Justice." Pai Huo thought to himself as he gave a set of instructions to the senior police technician.

"Sir, you sure? I mean he paid for the full resurrection. If you mangle the settings of the ritual, it might screw up the resurrection process... and Chief is on leave." The technician swallowed his saliva.

"That is the only way we can keep tabs on them if necessary. This is an order. I shall take full responsibility if anything happens." Pai Huo instructed.

"We will get it done." The senior technician called his other team members, and they started cracking on initialising the Resurrection Ritual station.

A ritual circle would be automatically drawn by the Resurrection Ritual station as technology had come to the point where its precision was unmatched. And precision was needed because the ritual must not go wrong at all cost or else the dantian core might break.

In order to prevent the dantian core from breaking while preserving its integrity and recreating the human body at the same time, top quality grade precious metals, herbs and meat were used to substitute the regrowth of a human body.

The reason to preserve the dantian core was also because memories of the mind were sealed within it as well as the overall structure of the person being resurrected. Despite the use of substitute materials, the dantian core will also transmute those materials into human flesh and bone.

Like a data backup server, the dantian core can only update once every 24 hours, anything that happened within the past 24 hours before the victim died would be considered null. That memory of the dantian core included the condition of the person. Assuming the person is all healthy but fell into a dangerous situation that caused them to lose their lives, as long as 24 hours ago the person was still in tip top condition, they could still be resurrected.

Inspired by this rule, the Royal Zodiac Rat and Snake managed to create a poison that worked precisely at 24 hours and 1 minute later to cause the death of the Yakuza Bosses. How those two clans managed to make it work with that precision or built it was another story.

Aside from that, the dantian core would not break in any circumstances unless it was exposed to the resurrection ritual. They even tried using a nuclear bomb as a test, and the dantian core survived the blast. Until the death of Yun, the dantian cores were known to be indestructible. Only then did the government and police learn that there was a method to destroy it after all.

However, resurrection has always been a stringent procedure, since its inception. If the core ever disintegrated during the ritual process, the memory of the person would be impaired, or it will affect the condition of the body.

That was why it required top quality precious metals to preserve the dantian core while the herbs and meat are used to grow the body back. In the meantime, a massive amount of electricity would be converted as a substitute for magical/chi energy to keep the ritual going. Back in the days when there were no such resurrection ritual stations, many cultivators nearly lost their lives or had their cultivation crippled while performing the resurrection process.

Also, this was not meant to say that partial resurrection was not possible. There were black market resurrection rituals boasting low prices, but the results of the resurrected would result in either severe memory impairment, crippled body or loss in cultivation.

Despite the delicate procedure in recreating Ong's body, the senior police technician inserted an additional catalyst as requested by Pai Huo. An inscribed listening crystal which was produced on the spot by the other police technicians who made sure that the dimensions and properties were right before placing it along with Ong's regrowth.

Pai Huo saw that the crystal was safely infused into the body and the entire Resurrection Ritual department managed to keep the numbers of the Ritual station within its parameters, and Ong was recreated, even with the rat tattoos intact.

Once the ritual was completed, the floating Ong shook his head a bit before sitting up from the couch he was being recreated from.

"Where am I...? Where is this...?" Ong asked as his head was all fuzzy before he suddenly felt his hands were pulled back behind him and handcuffed.

"You are under arrest, Ong for the possession of drugs and other illegal substances." Pai Huo personally cuffed him and the other police technicians assisted in carrying the confused newly resurrected Ong to a temporary holding cell.

"What are you doing?!" De Tian was shocked when he saw Pai Huo bringing Ong away.

"You said you hate to do the paperwork. The police department will do the paperwork for you. But you have to wait till we are done. Only then, will we be able to release him." Pai Huo explained as he pushed Ong forward.

"You!" De Tian got up mad, but he held back his fury.

"Don't 'you' me. We are after all still the police." Pai Huo for once managed to look down at De Tian and returned to his office while calling Inspector Xue Ping and Lee An in.

"Sir?" Both of them heard some rumours of the commotion as they went into Pai Huo's office. De Tian apparently left in a frenzy. His wrath visibly showing on his face without Ong.

"You two are very interested in helping that Dungeon Supplier kid, right? Against that Ruby Rat Asshat, he is going to need every help he can get! I can only buy you that much time to interrogate that criminal. While the paperwork is being done in accordance with our protocols. Go." Pai Huo gave his orders.

Both Xue Ping and Lee An could not help but gain a bit more respect for their captain and saluted right in front of him. "Sir, Yes Sir!"

"Oh and before you two leave. There was some erm money lying around the bas.e.m.e.nt when De Tian paid his bills. Take that money and do something good for the police station. I won't say no to extra budget for equipment and training." Pai Huo smirked as he continued to do his paperwork.

"I will not let this kind of sc.u.m control me."

Chapter 272 First Main Dish

Jin had an excellent sleep after his talk with Kraft in his all new king size bed. An upgrade from the single bed which he used to have trouble sleeping in especially considering he did not change the mattress ever since he was young.

Despite all the heavy revelation from Yang Ling and Kraft, Jin decided to get on with life. No use worrying too much at the moment when he had plenty of other things to take care of. Jin opened his cupboard to find that all of his clothes were already ironed and packed nicely. This was a total change compared to living alone when the cabinet was always in a mess.

"Wow, that renovation idea turned into the best quality of life improvement I have ever had." Jin now understood the taste and power of convenience ...of laziness.

By the time Jin reached the store, the System had notified him that Zhen Qing was already in the kitchen hard at work. "Oh yes System, where is the reward for completing the mission? The manual for Zhen Qing's cultivation." Jin asked, and the System immediately dropped another chest box from the glass ceiling again.

"As previously requested, this time with less dramatic effects." The System in his phone spoke.

"You know you could just erm materialise the manual in front of me," Jin suggested awkwardly to the System.

"That would be too anticlimactic. The audience will not like it." The System stated.

"What audience?" Jin was slightly confused, but there was no reply. Jin shook his head and opened the treasure box. He found the exact same thing he saw with Qiu Yue's manual, but this time, the colour of the manual was grey in colour. For some reason, it was also less torn and tattered than Qiu Yue's reward. There was a USB attached to the manual too.

That was not all. In it, he also saw a letter and found it somewhat familiar. "What is this for?" Jin asked the System, hoping for it to reply back once more.

"Pass it to Lynn Arisato. Afterwards, the same thing will happen to her, as it did for you when you got your letter." The System described.

"Wait, you mean you really want her to obtain the Sub System? I thought you wanted to wait for her to produce results." Jin questioned the System's hastiness.

"She already did." The moment the System completed its sentence, Zhen Qing came out of the kitchen with a bowl on a tray.

"Ah Boss! I was expecting you! Have you already eaten? If not, are you willing to try this out?" Zhen Qing was smiling delightfully, and Jin could not get enough of that.

"I prepared the main dish. This is not exactly the final product, but I need some opinions. Please do tell me your thoughts on it. Like how do you feel when you eat it." Zhen Qing requested as she placed the tray right in front of Jin. The food was rather plain looking, a little underwhelming regarding aesthetics, but Jin knew it would be a mistake to underestimate Zhen Qing's food.

"Ramen?" Jin queried, and she nodded her head.

"This is something I created previously when I was a chef back in Japan. I had been researching for some time on what kind of ingredients to use, but today I figured, I should just try it with my gut feeling. ...But of course! It is definitely not a haphazardly made product! I put in some thought into the ingredients and -" Before Zhen Qing could justify herself, Jin stopped her.

"It's okay. I believe in your food." Jin took one more good look at the ramen that was right in front of him.

The soup stock was plain, if not to the point it looked crystal clear. There were three thick pieces of Cha Shu (Pork Belly) at the side of the noodles, and some sliced scallions scattered in the soup. Jin picked up the chopsticks at the front of the tray and brought up the noodles out from the soup.

He could see that the thin straight noodles were surrendering itself, begging to be placed into his mouth as it eludes the aroma of freshness of the broth. Jin tried to blow to cool it down a bit, but he could not wait any longer as his parotids were producing saliva each time he eyed the ramen.

"Hmm!"

The noodles rampaged through his mouth as he felt like his mouth was being intruded by it. Jin was wrong. It was not the noodles that surrendered to his mouth. It was the other way around. His mouth was now dying to have more of it as Jin tried to slurp the noodles up.

However, humans' greed grew the moment they experienced desire. No matter how restrained one was, there are times people fall into an uncontrollable state. Jin was no exception. He was greedy in trying to cover his mouth full of the noodles as the taste was impeccable. Jin begrudgingly bit the unending noodles from the bowl that he slurped from and stopped it from going into his mouth. It would be a waste if he regurgitated with his mouth filled to the brim. Hence, Jin concentrated on chewing the noodles and swallowed them quickly, just wanting to get another bite out of it.

Despite the urge for another rush of noodles into his mouth, he controlled himself. Jin decided to try the soup that he had a taste of it when the noodles touched his lips. Jin took a scoop of the soup, and the light salty fragrance drew Jin completely in, and he unknowingly sipped it slowly.

At first contact, the soup seemed nothing different from that of water. But in just a few moments as Jin swallowed it, there was no explosion of flavour, no soaring of palettes like other soups that he drank. There was just only...

Bliss.

"Home...It felt like home." Jin whispered as he felt an agglomeration of warm feelings gathering in his stomach. At that point of time, Zhen Qing sat right beside him and stared at Jin as he enjoyed...he appreciated the food she cooked.

"I can now clearly understand what you mean by emotions cooking," Jin said as he chewed on the thick piece of chashu. The saltiness of the pork belly complemented the crystal clear broth and surprisingly did not ruin the transparent, clean image the entire ramen was exhibiting. Jin eventually gobbled down the whole bowl of ramen and drank the soup only to feel extremely satisfied.

Zhen Qing giggled at Jin's expression the moment he was done eating. "Hahaha! You looked like you haven't eaten for days." Zhen Qing said.

"Looks like it but Zhen Qing- " Jin wanted to say something but Zhen Qing interrupted.

"Please call me Lynn. I do not wish to hide behind that fake name again." Lynn had a look of resolve in her eyes, and Jin respected that.

"Lynn. It was simply amazing. I am not very good with words. I cannot describe how fantastic your food is. I am really speechless. It is hard to believe that you said this is not exactly your final product." Jin replied to Lynn.

"It's okay, your expression said it all when you were eating." Lynn giggled once more as she looked Jin in the eyes. "Thank you, Jin. For believing in me when I felt that the whole world was against me. When not even I dared to believe in myself." Lynn stepped back and bowed 90 degrees forward.

"Yoroshiku onegaishimasu. I will be in your care. Please treat me well." Lynn said as she bent forward with gratitude.

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"What is this ramen made of?" Jin asked. Lynn playfully placed her finger on her lips while grinning widely. "It's a secret." However, after having fun seeing Jin frowning, she subsequently answered the question.

"The soup broth was made from only Red Snapper Bones. It's a rather delicate shio (salted) soup ramen making it both light and sweet. But I did remove the blood and offal rather carefully from the red snapper before stewing them for roughly 27 hours."

"27 hours? Oh, you used the time compression cooker." Jin realised that Lynn did it in the store's kitchen instance.

"The red snappers that were used in this soup were really top quality. I had to struggle to get it out when it was swimming inside the cabinet. Seriously Jin, if the inspectors ever saw the state of your kitchen, they would definitely be closing your store down."

"Meh. It is a dimensional instance. They would never figure if it was real or not. That way, they would not be able to find anything at all. Hahahaha!" Jin laughed as he wiped his mouth after finishing the delicious bowl of Chashu Ramen.

"You are indeed mysterious, Jin." Lynn smiled, and Jin could feel that Lynn had finally opened up and became more friendly with him.

"Speaking of mysterious, I have a letter for you." Jin passed the letter to her and requested her to open it.

"Is it my retrenchment letter?" Lynn inquired casually although there was indeed some traces of fear in her voice, fearing that it was true.

"Nah, nothing of that sorts. In fact, it could be considered a promotion letter. Just that...erm brace yourself." Jin took a step backwards and replied.

Lynn was curious but opened the letter as instructed. Suddenly, she felt a jolt of pain pulsating through her entire body. Lynn felt extremely exposed all of a sudden even though her clothes were all intact. The pain got stronger, but Lynn tried to endure it as warned by Jin but she still looked at him for help.

Nonetheless, Jin was simply standing there, not assisting her in any way at all. "What have you done Jin!?" Lynn screamed as she tried to reach him, but he was not responding at all.

"I am sorry, but you have to endure this pain." Jin could only continue to look at Lynn struggling against the unspeakable pain that went through her.

After what felt like an eternity to Lynn, the pain finally stopped. She continued lying flat on the floor for a while before Jin went forward and poked at her shoulders.

"Are you alright?" Jin asked.

"Do I look alright? What have you done to me? Better yet WHY??? And what is this now??!!" Lynn felt something was moving in her body as she stood up with the assistance of Jin.

"System, is her integration complete?" Jin took out the phone and asked.

"Yes, 100% complete. System has also integrated the 1st grade of Perfectible Penguin Ruling The Kitchen Hell Cultivation into her body." The System spoke through his phone.

"Hello, Lynn Arisato. Please pass your phone to Jin." The System echoed, and Lynn's head was in a mess. It was filled with feelings of anger, pain, relief, and a lot of confusion.

"What is happening? Who is that on the line?" Lynn was perplexed and started to be afraid. Did Jin betray her? Who is this System person?

"Look Lynn. Calm down. I will explain everything to you in a moment. Though first I would like you to pass me your phone. That should help you understand what is going on." Jin tried to calm her down. Lynn hesitated at first after what had just happened, but she decided to trust Jin for now as she passed her phone to him.

It was an old flip phone which Lynn had been using for years. Not to mention, it was bought by both her parents as a birthday present. However, when she passed it to Jin, the flip phone suddenly changed its shape right in front of her eyes. As if it was some transmutation magic that was happening.

It was sleeker, blacker, and even had touchscreen functions on Lynn's screen despite still being a flip phone. The buttons that were partially faulty due to wear and tear became usable again. There was even a mini analogue stick that enabled her to choose things quite easily on her phone.

"Here's your new phone. I now officially welcome you to the System." Jin said as he began to tell Lynn the rough gist of his shop's true identity. Things started to make more sense for Lynn. Especially the Kitchen instance and many other things.

Jin even introduced the Bellators properly to her, such as Milk, Peppers and Zeru. "Lady Lynn, we meet again." Zeru bowed a little.

"So you are all Jin's helpers and guards at the same time?" Lynn tried to comprehend the amount of information that was being passed to her within this short amount of time. It was then that Yun appeared too and reintroduced herself to Lynn.

"Ohh..so you are like a sister to Jin that he never knew he had?" Lynn asked, and Yun nodded. Both Jin and Yun decided on the spot that it would be terribly awkward to let Lynn know about Jin's true relationship with Yun. Sister was a good cover story for Lynn and the subsequent Sub System Users like Qiu Yue.

"If you need any help, do not hesitate to ask. As for your powers...ehh System?" Jin really had no idea what was going to be Lynn's Sub System's powers. He only remembered that Yun mentioned, it would help Lynn with her cooking, but she never shared the details with him. So he passed the baton to the System for it to explain to Lynn. At that moment, Lynn's phone powered up, and the System spoke to her through that phone.

"Under normal circumstances, the System will only be talking to the User through text. Unless the System is positive that its position would not be compromised by talking through the speakers." The System stated.

"Check your phone. There should be a weird looking app that you have never seen before." Yun who was the System's mouthpiece instructed Lynn.

"This panda looking app? Pandamonium?" Lynn asked, and Yun sniggered as she shook her head.

"No, no. In your case it is the penguin looking one." Yun corrected her, as she could not believe Lynn could be this stupid cute. Lynn managed to find it and read the App's name. 'Penguin's Food Bazaar'

"Before you activate the app, let's go into the Kitchen Instance." Yun held onto the other two's collars and activated the System's teleportation into the Kitchen Instance since they were in the Shop Level One Instance.

Lynn stabilised herself a bit before she flipped open her handphone and activated the Penguin's Food Bazaar App. Within moments, multiple penguins suddenly came out of her phone. Their sudden arrival frightened Lynn so much, that she dropped her phone on to the floor. However, that did not seem to stop the penguins from appearing out of her phone.

Jin looked at the penguins and felt they were rather familiar. It was then he realised the models were exactly the same as the penguins he saw in the Hot Spring Instance. But there was something different with the penguins. Their eyes were like pure black beads which felt more comical in nature as compared to the penguins in the hot spring which mimicked the real life penguins. Not only that, the penguins that were summoned were all wearing an apron. Some of the penguins were also holding chopping knives, spatulas, a wok and other tools related to the kitchen.

"This is your personal Penguin Crew Lynn. They are rather professional, or so I heard, and you can train them in whatever way you like for they are all under your command. As you can see from their kitchen tools, they all have their own preferences, so you may keep that in mind when you assign them in the

kitchen. I would advise you to get familiar with them. Unlike humans, these penguins pledge absolute loyalty to you and do the job as you ordered them. That way, you can not only utilise the kitchen instance to the fullest capability but start preparing orders for the restaurant instance which Jin promised you." Yun looked at Jin as he was staring and patting one of the penguins which were being friendly with him. It then occurred to him that Yun was talking about him.

"Eh?" Jin paused for a while to process the words that Yun had said.

"EHHHHHHHHHHH?! Ow!" Yun hit him on the head for not following through with the act.

"Go do it now then! Create the Restaurant instance!" Yun ordered in Jin's thoughts, and that made Jin somewhat reluctant.

"But I have yet to earn any dungeon dollars recently...I will be touching on my reserves if I do that..." Jin grumbled in his mind.

"So you want Lynn to underperform?" Yun gave an annoyed look at Jin, and he somewhat reluctantly agreed with some hesitation. After all, Jin understood that you had to spend money to earn even more.

"Boss, you don't have to do that now..." Lynn realised the silent tension between them and tried to mediate them, but Jin shook his head.

"It's okay, I will go and design it. I shall release the restaurant instance by evening at the latest." Jin said but was later interrupted by Yun.

"Evening it is then. But I have a major job for you. Because of the new restaurant we are building, the current existing menu will be served in that restaurant instance. Quick bites are also managed by these penguins of yours now. The entire food department of Dungeons and Pandas is now at your command, Lynn." Yun placed her hands on Lynn's shoulders as if a substantial amount of responsibility was given to her.

"I will do my best." Still, Lynn was unfazed by the influx of work and new powers she obtained as she folded her sleeves and welcomed the challenge given to her by Yun openly.

Chapter 274 Original System

With little time to spare, Jin quickly returned to the Dungeon Maker and started to prepare the Restaurant instance. It was not a big deal connecting the instances especially when the shop is now a dimensional instance, but he did miss the days where he could visibly see a noticeable upgrade to his shop whenever he added a new instance.

"Not to worry. When you complete this month's sales mission, you will get your other 0.5 level. After which you are able to integrate with the other few floors." Yun said in his thoughts before coming into the Dungeon Maker.

"I've never seen Lynn this happy since the day she stepped into the store. What kind of magic did you pull?" Yun asked Jin casually as he prepared the System Interface to create the Restaurant Service Instance.

"I didn't do much. My bellator did most of the job." Jin replied as he remembered how he used Kraft to influence both Lynn's father and Yamazaki.

"That bellator Kraft? Well, I honestly did not expect you to obtain a bellator from the Original System." Yun said.

"Original System?" This was the first time Jin heard of this.

"The first batch of bellators to be exact. The System improved over time, and as generations passed by, it recruited potential bellators through the years too. For example, the System did not have the power to traverse through other worlds until recently due to a contribution of a certain bellator. We use the term Original System Bellators as to establish and recognise the efforts of the first batch of bellators for surviving the assaults from the Jade Emperor." Yun explained.

"This means that older bellators tend to have more experience under their belt than newer bellators like Peppers and Milk. They have acquired stronger abilities from past encounters. However, the System does not give the User access to every Bellator. Neither do I have the reason for the System not doing so." Yun reinforced her explanation.

"Kraft is that old?" It was then Jin felt an evil stare through his subconscious, ready to tear him apart.

"...Sorry I was out of line. I apologise." Jin quickly begged for forgiveness in his thoughts, but Kraft did not reply back. At the very least, the stare was gone.

"Also, where did you find Kraft? The last I heard was that he disappeared alongside Ming and I have not received any notification from the System that you were acquainted with Kraft." Yun questioned Jin.

"I had no idea, when I was cultivating, he suddenly appeared. That deep trance thing, you remember?" Jin tried to play dumb while telling half truths.

"Huh...maybe Ming's efforts while compiling your new manual had some traces of Kraft in it. Maybe he felt your existence with the System, which made him reappear." Yun accepted it without question.

"Did it happen with other bellators in the past? So this is nothing too unusual?" Jin probed Yun for some more information.

"Yeah, I guess. These bellators, especially from the Original System batch are a bunch of picky individuals though most of them still contributed greatly to the current System. For example, most of the methods used by the System in regards to mind manipulation are Kraft's designs if I remember correctly. In any case, I suppose I should tell you the powers of the Sub System that Lynn possesses. To be honest, I would rather let you discover it yourself." Yun was a bit hesitant, and Jin waited patiently for her answer.

"But I guess telling you now would be equally beneficial too. Maybe, then you might do a better job creating the new restaurant service instance." Yun sighed a bit as she placed her hand on the interface of the Dungeon Maker and something else started up instead of Jin's Dungeon Making Interface.

"But I am still not giving her any clue. She will need to experiment with her powers herself. This was the instruction the System gave me which I have no qualms obeying." Yun added as she released her hand after the interface completed. It appeared to be a replica of the Penguin Food Bazaar app that Lynn had in her flip phone.

"Although the current kitchen instance boasts a variety of food, they are after all, types of food which can be found in this world. What the Penguin Food Bazaar app allows her to do, is to purchase a variety of food foreign to this world. In short, from other dimensions." Yun said.

"Oh yeah...you did say that the onigiri, curry rice and other food unlocked from the System was from other worlds." Jin had nearly forgotten about that fact.

"So what she has now is access to ingredients that were used in those food items that were unlocked previously from your store. The Bazaar penguins know the food recipes hence it is not an issue. They can create those food items at any time. But with Lynn's emotion cooking and all new sub system...hmm hmm hahaha." Yun initially smirked before she began to laugh.

"What? why?" Jin was a bit confused by Yun's sudden hysterical laugh.

"She can now imbue food with power, giving them all sorts of boosts. That is the ability of her sub system." Yun answered, and Jin was in a shock.

"You mean...her food can improve a person's stats? Isn't that OP cheating in real life?!" Jin exclaimed at the thought of it.

"Hahaha! No, not yet. Her powers have not reached that kind of standard yet and are currently far from it. Right now, her ability simply allows you, your cultivators and even your monsters to have a temporary increase in stats for a short period of time." Yun replied.

"Oh gosh, does that mean I can create even more crazy dungeons?" Jin's mind started to race, with all the possibilities. It may be time to call Qiu Yue, for some brainstorming.

"More like your monsters do not have to hold back and will be able to fight with their best," Yun answered with a smile of confidence.

"Hmm yeah, that is true. They sometimes have to hold their attacks back so much that they make it too easy for cultivators." Jin remembered that was one of the main complaints he received when he visited his monsters for a weekly 'town council' meeting. Shortly after conquering Moloch's Dungeon Core, Jin introduced those meetings, where he met with representatives of his monsters and asked if they had any issues with their current homes, workload etc. They complained that the cultivators were too weak and they could have killed them in one stroke. Only a bunch of them managed to keep up with their attacks, and those cultivators were usually the first few to clear the dungeons.

"Think of it this way. They are learning control." Yun tried to look at this problem from another perspective.

"True, but this will dull their fighting capabilities, and they may eventually underestimate the future opponents." Jin rebutted.

"That is true too. Then I guess Lynn better buck up and serve up good food with terrific stats boosting!" Yun nodded her head and started to leave Jin to his work on the Restaurant Instance. Yun also told Jin that she would open the store up first and help him look after it until he was done with the new service instance.

"Hmm. Should I impose a fee for the Restaurant Instance or not..." Jin contemplated hard and long, but there were no concepts that seemed original. He even searched the web on the Dungeon Maker Interface for some time before he began constructing the necessary drafts, but it was to no avail.

"Maybe, I should take a train to a nearby food bazaar and have some real life inspiration..." Suddenly, an idea emerged when he thought about the Food Bazaar and he began looking at the web for design references.

"Hehe, looks like this could be a decent idea after all! I can even impose a nice fee if done correctly!" Jin fiddled with the interface as he zoned out, creating the all new restaurant service instance.

Chapter 275 Restaurant Service Instance

"Wow, Yun, I admire your tenacity. I did not expect you to open the shop this quickly after yesterday's incident." Luo Bo greeted Yun as she entered the Shop Level One instance. "Not to mention that you guys are even opening up a new Restaurant Service Instance in the evening as compensation. I am honestly impressed." Jin and the System had posted an announcement in the Pandamonium that a brand new service instance would be introduced in the evening and apologised for the shop closure on the previous day.

"Well, same goes to you. I could not believe you were that daring to fight against those Japanese cultivators." Yun complimented Luo Bo's guts and thanked her for help rendered.

"Meh, I've been through worse when I was younger. Those thugs were tough but not scary. Besides, I finally get to use some of those arrows that I bought from the basement shop. I did not know of its usefulness until that day. I was also equally surprised Jia Le could make her barrier spell work that way too. Perhaps our group should utilise her even more." Luo Bo grinned as she said.

"Anyways, what time is this Restaurant Service Instance opening? I am starving." Luo Bo complained, since she did not feel like doing any dungeoneering at the moment. The other customers were the same. Many were waiting for the new service instance to appear. If the quality of food turns out to be similar to what they had eaten in the shop up until now, they would love to see what kind of food would be served in this new Restaurant Instance.

"Only you alone? What about the others?" Yun wondered since usually Luo Bo came in with her boyfriend or as a whole group.

"Don't worry, they wouldn't miss it. You know, with something as popular as your shop. Especially when you made that announcement, they had decided to send me as the representative to book the place in advance. We are giving this service instance a try, similar to the Pandas Muscles and Fishing Instance. Although Shi Zhuo did not like the fishing instance as much as I did, I had fun laughing at him failing, and it was pretty memorable." Luo Bo replied with glee on her face.

"To each their own. But trust me everyone will want to try out this new service instance. I would advise you guys, to prepare more money in the future because this Restaurant Instance might change how things work around here." Yun said with a smirk of confidence.

"Oh? Then what about the Panda Credits? Are they not usable anymore? I mean I understand if you are going to focus on the restaurant, but it is also a pity that you have almost nothing on the menu in the

Bar Island at the moment except for onigiris and drinks. Even the Triple cheese pizza is gone." Luo Bo commented.

"There will be the possibility to order some quick bites in the Restaurant Instance. However, you are not the one only who gave such feedback. Others shared the same opinion as you. We will definitely look into it and prepare to serve more varieties of quick bites at this Bar Island in the future. But for today, we don't want you guys to spoil your appetite, so we are only serving onigiris and drinks here." Yun apologised to Lu Bo, who shook her head.

"With regards to your Panda Credits, we will be exchanging them to Panda Medals as a sign of gratitude for staying and choosing Dungeons and Pandas as your preferred Dungeon Supplier. Besides, judging from the gathered feedback, we feel that multiple currencies simply seem to confuse most customers, especially the new ones. Therefore, we have decided, that it is in the best interest to reduce the number of items to keep track of." Yun explained.

"Not true, your Pandamonium App is so well made that it tracks almost everything easily. I mean it even has integration with the major apps such as MeChat, which makes it really convenient for me to not switch any apps around. I appreciate this kind of convenience." Luo Bo defended which some other customers overheard and they agreed to it too.

"But not to worry though, we will be handing out digital food coupons in exchange for the Panda Credits every time you choose to buy dungeon tickets from us. But if you wish to purchase additional food, I am afraid you will need to pay with money because of the ingredients used." Yun had been informed of the changes by Jin in advance before the opening of the Restaurant Service Instance.

"Nah, it's okay. I find it hard to believe that you have been charging almost nothing for your fantastic food. Though I do believe there will be some criticism from the public. At least those who like to eat will be able to eat as much as they want now and it will probably make people buy more of it in the future if they have the option. Also, I assume the people that are presently here are looking forward to the opening of the Restaurant Instance and are also not bothered too much about the lack of variety of food currently being served. Please keep up the good work Yun and Jin..." Luo Bo replied back with a gentle smile, only to realise that Jin was missing.

"Speaking of which, where is Jin? Is he hiding in some Pandracula castle putting on his odd panda costume? Or is he consuming the blood of the damsel he rescued?" Luo Bo remembered she was startled to see Jin with Zhen Qing at the warehouse. It was only until Yun explained to her that Zhen Qing had a one time teleportation earring.

"Do you mean Qiu Yue?" Bin Yong teleported in just now, when he partially overheard the conversation between Luo Bo and Yun.

"Bin Bin! Who is this Qiu Yue!?! I was talking about Zhen Qing." Luo Bo came up to her long time friend and gave him a friendly hug from the back.

"Ahhh, Luo Bo! You do not get sick of this, do you?" Bin Yong was a bit conscious as usual, but he wasn't as bothered as before after he got together with his now girlfriend. Jia Le, who was at his side did not mind her too much since she knew Luo Bo's behaviour.

"You are our one and only Bin Bin. A blood brother to us." Luo Bo smiled as she pulled his ear. "Now, who is this Qiu Yue person? Quickly tell me, else I am totally shipping Boss and Zhen Qing to be together." Luo Bo teased.

"Ahhhhhh! Boss was fighting in a random battle arena match the other day. He was with this girl called Qiu Yue. I managed to take a picture of it with my phone because I was amazed by that girl's match with this new monster we have never met before." Bin Yong hurried to answer. To rescue his ear, he took out his phone and showed it to Luo Bo.

"Ah! This is the first time I have heard of this! Why did you not tell me about this sooner!" This time, Jia Le pouted and pulled on Bin Yong's other ear. "I would like to see this pretty girl of Boss too."

"Heh heh, looks like Boss is a bit of a player eh!" Luo Bo playfully twisted Bin Yong's ear which made him feel even more miserable than when she heard Jia Le complaining.

"I honestly think Jin is just too good natured." Yun knew that Jin did not think that way for both of these girls, but Luo Bo was a troublemaker til the end.

"Oh? Yun, do you have the hots for Jin too?" Luo Bo gave a cheeky smile before she noticed a metal round tray flying towards her and hitting her on the head before Bin Yong could grab it in time. If it were other customers, they would probably file a complaint.

"Don't be nonsensical." Yun sneered, and Luo Bo repeatedly apologised to Yun before the group saw Jin teleporting into the shop instance, appearing in his silly Pandracula costume.

"The reveal is nigh!" Jin flipped his cape, and the entire shop instance had its lights turned off. The customers suddenly saw multiple spotlights flying all over the shop instance, and rolling drum noises were heard, increasing everyone's level of excitement.

Jin with the help of Peppers from his phone shot a blast of fireworks in the direction of the north west, where most of the service instances were located, right beside Auditorium Five and Six. The spotlights immediately shined at one particular spot and the drum rolls ended with a gong of a cymbal.

"Behold! The Restaurant Train of Delicacy Service instance!" Pandracula Jin shouted and declared the new opening of a new service instance.

"Too dramatic. System will take note for future reference of this." The System said in Jin's thoughts as he helped to usher the excited customers into the new restaurant instance.

"Lynn, customers are coming in, and they seem as hungry as a pack of wolves." Jin informed her in his mind, which took Lynn by surprise, before she naturally replied back with the aid of the System.

"Understood, Boss." A straightforward reply to Jin, but when Lynn turned back to look at her penguins, she jumped up on the kitchen table and clapped her hands to ask for attention. (It's unhygienic, but the kitchen instance made everything sterile, including her shoes.) All the penguins stopped what they were doing and gazed at her.

"Peggies! Time to show these customers that Lynn's Peggies can outmatch those pandas!!!" Lynn roared and the penguins squeaked in unison!

Chapter 276 Restaurant Train of Delicacy

"You are so late!" Luo Bo moped as she saw Shi Zuo panting heavily after he teleported into the Shop Instance.

"So sorry! There was a sudden server network problem in the company and they needed me to check it out because the guy who was in charge was on leave." Shi Zuo placed his hand on his head as he apologised for his tardiness.

"Hmm true, there had been some major network disruptions recently. I heard the other animation company had so many problems with their servers that they decided to do it the old fashion way. Tapes." Bin Yong commented.

"Meh, probably should make a proper complaint to the telco servers." Luo Bo grunted, but she immediately pulled Shi Zuo towards the new Restaurant Train of Delicacy Service Instance. Bin Yong and Jia Le could not help but laugh as Shi Zuo was being pulled by his girlfriend like a child dragging its favourite blanket around the room.

The four entered through the instance dimension and found themselves on a train platform. To everyone's surprise, the train station they were in was very simple. It was just a train platform with no roofs, no gates and nothing interesting surrounding except for grassland as far as the eyes could see.

But on this simple looking train platform, the group could see that many were already waiting at the platform for the train to arrive. In the meantime, there was a penguin wearing a train attendant hat walking around, asking if anyone wanted any premium tickets.

"Do we need a ticket to board the train?" Bin Yong squatted to ask the Penguin Train Attendant when it wobbled towards them.

"Nope, getting on board the train is free, but you will have to pay for the food, unless you have a food coupon with you." The Penguin Train Attendant answered.

"Great, the four of us received digital food coupons after purchasing the Bank Raid story dungeon instance." Luo Bo flashed her coupon on her phone as evidence.

"Thank you for purchasing our dungeon instance! The choices of food remain the same for now, but if you'd like to upgrade your experience in the Restaurant Train of Delicacy, we would sincerely recommend you to get the premium tickets." The Penguin Train Attendant replied to them.

"What does the premium ticket entails?" Jia Le asked.

"Let's find out then." Shi Zuo preferred to experience it for himself, so he showed the Penguin Train Attendant his phone wallet, and asked for four tickets.

"That will be 1100 Yuan (~160 USD) in total. I will reiterate, this does not include any meals at all. Do you understand?" The Penguin Train Attendant started to print the tickets out as soon as Shi Zuo placed his phone on the portable payment terminal.

"My treat, guys, for coming late." Shi Zuo said as the Penguin Train Attendant beckoned another Penguin Train Attendant to escort them right to the further end of the train platform. It appeared that the premium tickets entitled them to a shorter queuing line.

"I wonder if it works like a first class train ticket." Jia Le suggested, but the guys shrugged. "You can never know in Boss Jin's instances." Bin Yong replied, and the customers that were waiting with them started to speculate what kind of services they would experience thanks to the premium ticket.

"HOOOOOOOOONNNNNK!"

From a distance, the crowd started to see the silhouette of a train coming towards them and the Penguin Train Attendants were asking everyone to form up nicely. "Everyone will have a good spot regardless if you are first or last in line! Please queue up orderly!!" One of the Penguin Train Attendants with a loud hailer did his best to handle the anxious crowd.

As the train got nearer, everyone had their mouths wide open. It was no ordinary train nor was it some bullet train from the future. Calling the locomotive train the customers saw colossal in length was an understatement when it stopped at the platform. The boiler of the steam locomotive thundered as it puffed out a variable intensity of smoke. Thankfully, the smoke had more of an aesthetic purpose instead of an actual byproduct from using coal.

"Now I understand why the train platform is this simple. There is no way a standard train platform could handle such a mammoth-like train." Luo Bo took out her phone to snap some pictures, but it was near impossible to take the full picture even in panoramic mode.

"Okay! Everyone listen up! The Train is going to leave in 5 minutes! Customers who wish to board the train, please board safely." The Penguin Train attendant with the loud hailer shouted, and everyone could not help but be excited.

When the group went into the premium portion of the train, they were amazed by the interior decor of the place. It emitted a luxurious and prestigious feeling, despite having a train carriage design around it, with a table accommodating up to four people. However, because of the enormous size of the train, it did not feel cramped at all. Especially when the walkway was about the size of a three lane road. To emphasize on the premium experience, there were high enough partitions between each table that it did not intrude the privacy of the groups.

Jia Le noticed that further down the carriage, there were tables that could accommodate groups of up to ten people. "No wonder the train is this big." Jia Le was completely amazed as she took a picture as a reference for her future works.

There were crystal wall sconces on the train walls, chandeliers on the ceilings and the windows were large and slightly convex so the customers could have a better view outside. What they were surprised by was that those windows were not obvious from the outside. The group thought that they must have overlooked it because they were so caught up with the size of the train.

The seats were pleasantly comfortable, and it felt like they were made out of premium leather. Even the antique looking wooden tables were rock solid and had a vintage feel to them. Not to mention, the silverware right in front was exquisite. The intricate designs of penguins on the silverware forks and chopsticks while the pandas on spoons and knives caused both girls to snap pictures non stop. However, their favourite would be the plates as each of them had a small red panda imprint at the edges and every plate was of a different design.

"This is amazing. It's like living the high roller life." Shi Zuo had already started to feel that the money he paid to enter this restaurant was worth it. Suddenly, he noticed some saxophone music playing in the background, and he looked around to see where the speakers were. Only then did he realise that there was a band of penguins at the centre of the walkway playing instruments. The funny thing was the band was playing on a giant lazy panda that was strolling along the walkway.

"I wonder how the drummer can play when the equipment is constantly on the move." Bin Yong thought out loud, and Luo Bo laughed and replied a word. "Talent."

"I would believe you more if you said it's Jin's 'trade secret'." Bin Yong rolled his eyes. In the meantime, two penguins appeared, sliding on their bellies, in front of them. Both wearing butler-looking suits. One asked the group what they would like to eat. The other penguin was offering them a sort of herbal tea which they had never seen in Jin's store before. The drinks were served in some delicate Chinese cups with exquisite floral designs and lustrous golden edges. (Not to mention multiple occurrences of small red and normal pandas hid among those floral designs upon closer inspection.)

The group then noticed that there was no menu until the penguin waiters explained that the menu was already displayed on their phones via the Pandamonium app and all they had to do was to choose something to order from it.

"Ahaha, I thought it would be some crazy restaurant menu. In the end, it's just the items that we have ordered at the Bar Island before." Shi Zuo said as he tried the tea. It was a bit sweet but still clear enough to cleanse their palates before the meal. "Hmm this tea is still a pleasant surprise."

"Ah, Monsieur. You are sorely mistaken, the food cooked by our Head Chef Lynn and her assistant chefs are slightly different from what you have eaten before." The penguin waiter talked with a slight French accent which the girls found cute. "And do not worry, more food choices would be made available in the future." The penguin waiter said while striking a pose with his notepad and pen ready to take their orders.

"I will have this ramen then. This is the first time I saw this ramen on the menu." Jia Le decided, and the rest followed suit as well.

"I understand, so four orders of Ramen Chashu dans un Bouillon de Vivaneau Rouge, one order of Jus de Bambou, two orders of Soda Panda and one order of Café Ivoire Noir. Is that correct?" The penguin waiter repeated their orders and the group slowly nodded their head as if to acknowledge the weird French they were listening to, since the menu in the Pandamonium App only stated Chashu ramen, bamboo juice, panda soda and black ivory coffee.

"Bien, your orders will arrive shortly." The penguin waiter bowed as it left the area and coincidentally, the train started to move.

Chapter 277 Chashu Ramen in Red Snapper Broth

The train was visibly moving, yet the customers in the Restaurant Train of Delicacy were unable to feel even the slightest bit of motion at all. There were sounds of the wheels rolling along the rail tracks, but the carriage was perfectly still as if it was simply floating along.

As the group of four were talking randomly about their day jobs, a penguin waiter with a butler suit came by and interrupted their conversation. "First, Mesdames et Messieurs. Let me thank you for choosing to ride with us in the Premium Carriage of the Restaurant Train of Delicacy. We would like to inform you that we do have certain features to make your wait more enjoyable." The Penguin waiter said as he pressed a button beside the table and a flat projection screen appeared at the middle of the table.

"Since the four of you have not only attempted but also completed the Bank Heist dungeon instance before, we would like to provide you with this 3D map of the bank heist dungeon. On it, you can plan out your moves and the estimated enemy response would be simulated in this projection screen. You can also replay any of your previous dungeon runs of the Bank Heist for reference and make a revision on what to expect." The Penguin waiter explained.

"Oh?! I do remember hearing of this feature back when the store just opened. However, it was renovated into that tranquil gallery on the third floor before I ever had the chance to use it. Can we use this feature to also watch other people's dungeon runs instead while waiting for our food?" Bin Yong was rather excited to see the return of this particular feature of the dungeon store.

"Thank you, Monsieur, for remembering such a feature of the Dungeon Supplier. To answer your question, yes you are able to not only watch current dungeons runs, but also listen to the commentary for those being projected. You are also able to review previous dungeon runs by other teams. You will have access to all the videos as provided in our streaming service. Should you change your mind, you can simply change the channel to simulate any possible runs in the future too. It was just that this humble waiter did not know that you had prior knowledge of this feature. Please pardon me, Monsieur." The Penguin bowed.

"In any case, if you do not wish to watch or revise any runs, you can also just enjoy the scenery during this train ride which I believe should be a treat to see, especially for the first time." The Penguin waiter commented.

"Where is this train heading? Do we need to wait for the train to stop before we can exit this instance?" Jia Le asked, and the penguin waiter shook his head cutely.

"No, Mademoiselle. You can exit the instance at any time. Just inform one of our penguins, and we will escort you to the exit. For your former question, we will first be heading to the 'Northern Icelands'. If luck has it, we might be able to see some Aurora lights in the process too. When that happens, we will open the roof for better viewing." The Penguin waiter told them and the group became excited.

"Even if it is not real, this will be a treat to watch!" Luo Bo was excited as she could not believe, that she would not need to go all the way to Europe to look at those Aurora lights.

"Now I understand why Yun said we might be coming here on a regular basis." Luo Bo said to the group, and the others agreed to.

"The best has yet to come Mademoiselle. Your dishes will arrive shortly. Let me get your drinks first." The Penguin waiter bowed once again, and in a matter of minutes, another similar looking penguin waiter came and served them their drinks.

Bin Yong was the first to receive his Panda Soda. He immediately noticed that it was no longer served in a can but arrived already poured into a glass. He took a straw and drank it, only to realise there was a slight difference compared to the ones he previously had.

"This taste...!" Bin Yong couldn't control himself and quickly drank another mouthful. "This is slightly sourer than before but I've felt as if something in me was churning. As if my chi vital points felt more refreshed than ever."

Shi Zuo thought Bin Yong was exaggerating as he drank his coffee only to realise the fatigue that he had accumulated for the past few days was lifted from him. "I feel more energetic than ever...! The spirit energy in this drink is at least two times more than before!" Shi Zuo determined, and the Penguin waiter grinned with his beak.

"Yes, the food here contains more spiritual energy than before mainly because of the newly awakened skills of our new chef." The same old penguin waiter, who took their orders in the beginning came with a tray on top of his head.

"The level of skill required to balance four bowls of soup and noodles and not dropping a single drop of soup on the tray..." Jia Le was amazed by the ability of the Penguin Waiter.

The ramen, which was served was not exactly the same as Jin had previously. This time, it was served with twice the amount of Chashu slices. There was a large piece of nori seaweed at the side and a mix of chopped up scallion and green onions at the centre of chashu ramen bowl. Upon closer inspection, a few pieces of Menma (bamboo shoots) and half a soft boiled Tamago (egg) was hidden behind the large piece of nori.

"The smell of this ramen..." Bin Yong had to control his saliva and his urge to dig in. He felt like there was a monster underneath him, lurking behind a cage and staring at the food as if there was an enticing prey right in front of it. But he barely managed to control that craving until the penguin waiter served everyone's ramen. But like a beast, who had not eaten for several days, Bin Yong started feasting on the noodles even before the waiter said: "Please enjoy."

However it was not just him, the rest immediately started ravaging the bowl of chashu ramen, and it was not a beautiful sight to behold at all. The juicy meat of the thick pork belly slice. The clear yet flavourful soup broth. The crunchy chunk of bamboo shoot and not to mention the well seasoned soft boiled tamago in the soup base.

People said that if you were able to talk during a meal, it meant that the food was not tasty enough for you to concentrate on eating. Although it was not especially quiet with sounds of firm noodles slurping into their wet mouths, no words were being spoken for the next few minutes.

"Oh my god. This is definitely the best ramen I have ever eaten in my entire life." Luo Bo took the opportunity to rest for a moment after she gobbled her noodles and drank her bamboo juice to ease the swallowing.

"This is the first time I've ever finished such a large bowl of noodles...I do not feel any regret gaining some weight from it." Jia Le let out a small burp with her hand covering her mouth for manner's sake, but Shi Zuo was doing the exact opposite, letting out a loud burp that echoed through the cabin.

The group had a short laugh until they suddenly could feel their dantian churning the spirit energy that was absorbed by eating and felt slightly restless. It was then, that the penguin waiter came by again and asked for their feedback on the food. They had nothing but non-stop praises to offer, although all of them did agree that something was amiss.

"Ah. Maybe you should take a look at your statistics in the Pandamonium page." The Penguin Waiter suggested, and they did as instructed. All of them were astonished to see a boost in their stats, especially in the strength portion. There were some discrepancies because of the different drinks they had taken, but both Bin Yong and Jia Le had the same stat increase because they ordered the same items.

"What! You mean this food will boost our strength as such?" Shi Zuo accidentally screamed at the top of his voice as he only ever heard of such legendary food being sold by an exclusive cultivation guild organised by a select few people. Some say that even the Royal Zodiacs members needed an invitation to interact with that particular guild.

"Hahahaha, there is no way my food is that phenomenal." Lynn laughed as she walked towards them before she took off her chef's hat and bowed towards Luo Bo and Jia Le. "Please, let me treat you guys to this meal as a token of gratitude." Even the penguin waiter beside them bowed with her.

"Your food? But didn't the penguin waiter say that the head chef was called Lynn?" Luo Bo was rather stunned as she did not expect Lynn to be such an extraordinary chef.

"Well about that...My real name is Lynn Arisato." Lynn was trying to clear everything up, yet before she could continue, Shi Zuo, who was trying to finish the final bits of his coffee at the same time, almost coughed out the contents in his mouth.

"EHHHHH?! YOU are THAT Lynn Arisato? The Prodigal Devil Chef that was caught up with the Last Supper Scandal?! Oh my god, you really do look like her!" Shi Zuo shouted again before Luo Bo bashed him on his head to calm him down. The rest of the group did not know who that Lynn exactly was supposed to be.

"Ahaha, that's because I am her. Although I would not call myself Prodigal Devil Chef. But yes, I am that Lynn. Boss Jin gave me an opportunity to rise back up to the cooking scene. However I hope that you can keep this information to yourself. I do not want to cause any more trouble for Boss Jin." Lynn said in a rather gentle tone which Luo Bo's sixth sense began to suspect things.

"Do not worry Zhen- Lynn. We will always come and protect you if need be." Jia Le smiled as she reassured Lynn.

"Anyways, if you are done with your food, you can enjoy the train ride for a while more, or you can also start doing your dungeon raids. The stat boost is only temporary, it should probably last for an Earth hour or so. So you should still have plenty of time to relax in the train or you can grind in the dungeons." Lynn bowed once again before she departed while commanding her little penguins.

Chapter 278 Urgent Reques

People were insanely interested for the opening of the new Restaurant Train of Delicacy Instance. Unlike the fishing and hot spring instances, that were self contained instances catered around individuals or

small groups, the Restaurant Train of Delicacy instance was one single instance similar to the Panda Muscles service instance but on a larger scale.

In terms of size, the Restaurant Train of Delicacy instance was easily the biggest one Jin had ever made. This was because it required the train to move over several hundreds, if not thousands of miles of scenery before they could return to that same particular train platform. At the moment, there was only the Northern Iceland scenery, but he planned to add many more sights and sceneries in the future if this instance becomes as popular as expected.

One would ask how frequent the trains would arrive since there was only one single train platform in service. Jin had solved that problem by having a fifteen minute interval for each train to come. Meanwhile, the penguin waiters and train attendants used a teleportation device to teleport themselves from the train section, to other trains, to the kitchen instance or even back to the train platform when necessary. That was also how customers were able to leave the train in the middle of the trip.

Hence, concerning customer convenience, Jin had it all sorted out. Nevertheless, because of that, he needed to create a sufficiently robust railway system so that the trains would not clash with each other. Thankfully, his university had covered some basics of engineering in regards to transportation, and he used whatever limited knowledge he had including the search in the net to create this particular service instance.

All in all, he was delighted with his creation as he was manning the Bar Island which was now practically empty due to the introduction of the Restaurant Instance. However, as Jin was relaxing for the day, he did discover a familiar face as he was casually watching the auditoriums that were on air.

"Boss Jin. I know that Princess said to wait for a letter to come. But due to certain pressing issues, the original plan has been changed. She hopes that you could create a dungeon as soon as possible in accordance with this particular request. I can be a test subject for the dungeon if you need a person to test it out. Princess hopes that it could be completed by tomorrow morning before 8 am if possible." Ku Wai came with a letter and a encrypted USB.

"This is a bit too abrupt..." Jin was fatigued from rushing the Restaurant Service Instance out, but he did promise Yang Ling he would make her a dungeon for free. Especially considering recent events, it was hard for him to flat out deny the sudden request.

"I think you might understand more if you read the letter." Ku Wai urged Jin to open it up.

The letter was to the point. Yang Ling wanted an obstacle course that would test the upper limits of the Gearbox technology that she had created. At the same time it would be used as a showcase for the higher echelon members of the national military and various high value military merchants and vendors.

"What? So does that mean she is planning to bring those VIPs to my place at 9 am tomorrow?" Jin stared at Ku Wai blankly, who simply nodded.

"I am sorry. We understand that this is very imposing, but apparently, she has received reports that someone else might want to cut a deal with the military with another prototype that used her data. If that happens before she could present it to the VIPs, it will look as if she was copying their designs. Hence, Princess decided to bring forward the presentation."

"Wait what? Another prototype that used her data?" Jin was confused.

"Yes, a highly trained cultivator disguised as a researcher broke into our labs and stole our newest prototype and data without erasing it. You might be shocked at that, but this happens a lot among the Royal Zodiac science labs. What was different is that this prototype is under Yang Ling's personal lab. A lab that as far as reports would suggest, should not have been operated out in the open. That was why we could not file any police report. Not to mention, Princess's finances had also been rather tight too because of this prototype."

"So you are planning to woo the contracts of these military vendors with your old equipment before the new prototype surfaces into the public?" Jin summarized. Again Ku Wai nodded.

"The data all gone?" Jin inquired, but this time Ku Wai shook his head in silence.

"The data had only been copied. There was no virus, no malware or anything that locks or destroys the information. In our opinion it's weird especially since if you are a competitor, logically speaking you should definitely do what it takes to cripple someone else." Ku Wai replied.

"Makes sense." Jin remembered that the Ruby Rat was somewhat doing that to him as well.

"Well, if I have a direct line to Yang Ling, perhaps I could learn more about what she wants. This request is rather too vague." But before Jin could say any more, Ku Wai passed him a wireless earpiece.

"He- He- Hello, Jin can you hear me?" Yang Ling tried to say some things in his mind, but she encountered severe interference.

"Hmmm, this is a genuine piece of art." Kraft acknowledged the design of the wireless headpiece before he allowed Yang Ling's communication to get through into Jin's thoughts.

"What is it?" Jin asked. Kraft was praising that earpiece he was wearing. According to him it acted as a catalyst to facilitate extended range telepathy with a customised encryption protocols which he never saw before until now.

"I hope you will choose to make Yang Ling into a bellator in the future. I would love to converse with her more. Her art in making these counterintelligence products is tingling my brain juices." Kraft said to Jin, before he also started to listen to what Yang Ling had to say.

"I suppose Ku Wai gave you the gist of it? Look, I understand this might be a tall order, but I hope you can pull this off. I am also not asking you to do this for free at all. You will be compensated for your efforts." Yang Ling spoke in his thoughts.

"No need, I do owe you one, and I plan to keep my word." Jin nodded at Ku Wai to indicate that he was already talking to Yang Ling which allowed him to step back for a moment.

"But if it is possible, I would like the details of the prototype data that you still have. That is if you trust me. This will allow me to analyse and see what kind of obstacle course or test trial dungeon I can make for you." Jin said with the purest intention, but Yang Ling was still a bit doubtful.

"Haiz, alright. I guess there should not be any harm presenting you with the prototype blueprint. But I expect you to delete it afterwards. Seriously, scrub your database of this particular prototype data once

you are done. I spent years creating this, and if not for the circumstances I would not even share it. I have to admit that I am uncomfortable giving this to you." Yang Ling's tone was filled with regrets.

"May I know how to access it?" Jin asked, and Yang Ling gave a peal of slight laughter.

"It is actually already on the USB drive that was encrypted. The password is 'Panda' in order to have Master Jin access to the files in the USB drive. Yang Ling answered.

"Thank you, is that what you had in mind when you passed me that USB drive?" Jin asked.

"Not really. The original plan was to just show you some reference videos and declassified documents on what we had tested on the Gearbox previously. So that you would have some idea how it works." Yang Ling replied.

"You have my word. I will get cracking now." Jin said as he returned the earpiece to Ku Wai. Jin was aware that Yang Ling sent Ku Wai to help, but he suspected that Ku Wai was also here to collect information. No matter how much a muscle head he actually was.

"Ku Wai. You can return back home. Come back by 6.30am in the morning." Jin told him, but Ku Wai was a little reluctant to leave just like that without doing anything.

"Well, if you want to stay, at least buy some dungeon ticket and start training. If I can defeat you, it means you are not strong enough to protect your Princess." Jin said bluntly to Ku Wai. Although it hurts him, Ku Wai knew that was the truth and decided to do some personal training as recommended by Jin.

"Yun, I need you to look after the store. However before that... by any chance do you know any place to get some high grade metals." Jin entered the Dungeon Maker before he sent a telepathy message to Yun.

"Sure. I can represent you in the store. But High Grade Metal wise...heh, you should probably call Moloch. His team of Battle Maids, that went scouting in the Dungeon World, actually found something that might be the solution to your current predicament." Yun answered before teleporting into Shop Level One Instance and substituted Jin.

Chapter 279 Results of Scouting Mission

"Have they perhaps already found a defunct Dungeon Core?" Jin was surprised as he headed down to the Dungeon Maker to meet with Moloch. "What's the status with your battle maids?" Jin asked with a mix of excitement and urgency. It was then, that the female minotaur Sebastia in her butler outfit appeared, right in front of Moloch.

"Master and Lord Moloch. We have scoured the area and found the location of a defunct Dungeon Core. As expected, it is hidden in the midst of a derelict dungeon looking facility. However, even as defunct as it was supposed to be, we quickly realised why no one wanted to grab that defunct core from that facility."

"Because it is filled with evil looking robots and also loaded with traps?" Jin took a wild guess, as he knew that the defunct dungeon core was a necessary item in the foundations of the city's shield barrier. However, that was not the top priority right now. He had three months to be able to get that defunct

dungeon core working with the shield barrier. Right now what he truly needed, were high grade metals. He wished to have the System recreate Yang Ling's gearbox prototype.

It was not his intention to sell the prototype. Instead he wanted to use it as a kind gesture for Yang Ling for helping him get rid of the police charges. After all, he was able to escape killing a foreigner, which could have incurred international disputes if not handled properly. (Even though he shouldered the blame for Zeru.)

But with his dungeon dollars at an all time low, due to the money just being used to create the Restaurant Train of Delicacy, he was unable to purchase the high grade metals from the Dungeon Maker. So he hoped to get his hands on these metals, before he tries to request the Dungeon Maker to build it for him.

Yun said that this particular scouting mission was able to allow him to acquire high grade metals for Yang Ling's prototype and enough to sell for a profit to fund the trial dungeon that Yang Ling wanted. Hence, Jin figured it could also act as a form of tribute, a working partnership with Yang Ling thus completing his System's mission. Therefore, killing three birds with one stone by obtaining the metals, the Defunct dungeon core and completing the System's mission.

"Master, by any chance you have some sort of clairvoyance ability? You are partly correct. There were strange looking robots that are protecting the facility which houses the defunct dungeon core. Fortunately, there were no traps, but the robots were strong. Even with our upgraded new weapons given by you, Master, we only managed to take one robot down." Sebastia reported.

"Did you happen to take the remains of the enemy robot with you? It would be great to have a look at what kind of robots we are facing against." Jin asked, and Sebastia commanded Yem and Mer to bring out the robot remnant into the Dungeon Maker, of course with the help of the System teleporting it to them.

"You guys are amazing to be able to keep most of the robot parts intact." Jin saw the robot and was shocked at how human like the structure was. Even Sebastia said that the robot movement was analogous to humans. The metal face it had was banal and of a single expression which looked like those AI robot shows that Jin saw in the past. The major and minor joints were exposed with the rest of the parts covered with a singular metal sheet that was tough enough to handle combat. Oddly enough, the design was so polished that it seem no melding was done to it.

Only after a moment did the System announce its analysis for him. "The remnants indicate that the underlying anatomical structure is human. The dungeon core seems to have malfunctioned and most likely swallowed the dead adventurers, who happened to be in the vicinity. By combining humans and inorganic parts, the defunct dungeon core created its own guardians to protect itself."

"Ehhh shouldn't a defunct dungeon core not be functional? I mean that is literally what a defunct dungeon core should mean, right?" Jin was confused by the System's analysis.

"It is not functioning right, Master. I believe that is what the System is implying. A dungeon core should be responsive to its master, but my deduction after the analysis of the System is that its master was on the brink of death. Thus to be able to sustain his master's life it turned him into a robot. However, without a living, thinking master to properly control it, it went out of control and kept 'eating' other

adventurers. ... Or maybe the master purposely gave that command to the dungeon core." Moloch shrugged as he gave his own opinion.

"Does that mean if we defeat or capture the humanoid robots, they are able to resurrect back to their original state? I meant their own flesh and body since those adventurer's erm...souls are trapped within." Jin asked with some curiosity.

"Positive. Capturing these empty humanoid robots for personal dungeon purposes is also highly advised. However, that will require the User to spend additional souls to reactivate them. Do note that some humanoid robots costs may be more expensive than others. System has detected that the humanoid robot had an innate class." The System answered and Jin fumbled yet again.

"Class? As in adventurer class?" Jin inquired. Sebastia seemed to remember something.

"Ah yes, this particular humanoid robot was very powerful and come to think of it, we did encounter a Lord Knight that exhibited the same kind of attack patterns we had encountered with this humanoid robot." Sebastia replied.

"Affirmative. Lord Knight class sigil has been detected within the Humanoid Robot." The System noted. At which point Moloch started to explain that the adventurers had many various classes or jobs they could pursue to become stronger. "The Lord Knight class was something similar to a veteran swordsman, and some even did a forced resurrection ritual while alive to become even more powerful. The adventurers called it reincarnation. Some of the abilities would be transferred over to their new life." Moloch added.

"I see. Yun did say that the adventurers would have a variety of jobs since I encountered the four adventurers back then, but I did not know it could be this complex. If that is the case, I guess we better prepare first before we get into the dungeon facility." Jin concluded as he remembered that he had yet to pick up the upgraded cards for raising his rank twice in a row.

Unlike the minotaurs, who relied mostly on brute strength and some magic attacks, Jin and his monsters would be fighting against opponents that had adventurer classes. If a Lord Knight class adventurer could perish within this defunct facility, it meant that there would be stronger humanoid robots in the facility waiting for them.

"System, do I have access to all my monsters when I enter this particular dungeon facility? The last time you allowed me to do so, but you did say you would restrict me in the future." Jin asked as he assembled the entire monster horde into the dungeon maker and requested their help in choosing their desired upgrade cards.

"Based on the assumed threat level of a Lord Knight Class and above, System permits the use of all monsters. In return, please complete the urgent mission issued to your phone." The System stated and Jin quickly looked at his phone.

"Capture every single humanoid robot and bring the defunct Dungeon Core back.

Rewards: Specialised fertilisers for the growth of the Living Armour plants."

"Oh? Specialised fertilisers? Which one?" Jin was beaten by Gold, who was the primary caretaker of the Living armour plants.

"500 grams of dung from the Seven Oceans Phoenix." The System stated, and Gold's mouth opened wide. "You must be kidding. That monster's natural dung instantly creates ponds in the hottest desert. It is literally a miracle pill. This is more than just a dung fertiliser. Boss. No matter what you do, you better equip us Jacks with shit loads of good stuff. We are going to bring that facility down and capture every single robot." Gold announced, and the Jacks cheered.

"Huh! You think you puny werejackals can bring down these robots? Boss, no need to spend your cash or upgrade cards on them. Simply equip us with the best upgrade cards, we will not only capture every single robot, but do so in record time." Mer casually sneered, and Yem laughed as if it was a good bargain.

"Oh? Have you already forgotten how we trashed your ass back then?" Grey came up from the group of werejackals and gave Yem a challenging look.

"Yeah, by grouping up against us. Try fighting me solo." Yem smashed his fist together. It was clear that he was looking for a chance to get revenge and the crowd started to get heated.

"Alright stop it! I have an idea." Jin clapped to stop the commotion from escalating even further. Every monster quickly lowered their voice and turned their attention to Jin.

"Sebastia, Yem and Mer, what is the estimated number of robots in the facility?" Jin asked. They were unable to count them beforehand, but judging by the size of the facility they estimated, that there could be hundreds in there.

"I understand. Then let's make this a friendly contest between the monsters. Every robot will yield 1 point, but each death in your team will cost your team 10 points. Your team will receive an upgrade card each time you accumulate ten points." Jin suggested, and the monsters suddenly got pumped up.

"Won't there be a loophole?" Sandy who was at the side of the Dungeon Maker instance raised her hand and asked.

"Rewards will be on a progressive track. For example, once you earn 10 points, your team gets a card. But if you lose a member, your team is back to zero again. So, when you reach 10 points again, you won't be receiving any additional upgrade cards. The next one will only be unlocked when your team reaches 20 points. I hope that is clear enough." Jin explained, and many of the monsters understood.

"Obviously the Minotaurs and Jacks have a team of their own. Other monsters who wish to participate can either join them or create a brand new team. You can even participate solo but if you die too many times, I probably will have to ask you to sit it out. I don't have that much dungeon dollars left for resurrection. Besides, I need dungeon dollars for other items." Jin bitterly laughed, but the monsters appreciated Jin's honesty.

"Can we join too? Can we create a bellators team?" Peppers came out from nowhere and asked, but Jin shook his head. "If possible, I want you guys to be observers. If the robots they encounter turn out to be too difficult and clearly beyond their ability, assist them." Jin then turned to the monster crowd and added a few more rules.

"Every time the bellators have to rescue you, that team will be deducted 5 points. Should you, however, find a way to defeat it, even if it is by teaming up, each team being able to do so will receive 10 points." Jin said and everyone found the rules simple enough and were agreeable to it.

"Alright then let's GET BUSY!" Jin banged the table, and everyone roared as the System prepared a large enough portal for them to be teleported to the dungeon facility in the Dungeon World.

Chapter 280 Tact Tweak

"Aren't you coming, Master Jin?" Zeru asked, but Jin was contemplating. Now that he had a contest going on and had already asked the bellators to take note of them, he was thinking whether he should participate actively or take on the role of a tactical leader.

If there were going to be fights against King Baal when the Dungeon City Fortress is up, he would need to employ several squad leaders to maintain order. It got him thinking after Qiu Yue fought against Moloch in a similar tactical battle kind of situation.

"Moloch, mind coming here for a while. Zeru too." Jin called them over to the Dungeon Maker interface. While everyone else was preparing their gears and organising their teams, he wanted to make use of their expertise, since one was a Lord who had experienced governing, and the other was a natural born fighter.

"I would like your opinions on a tactical commanding. Should I go into the fray with the others or should I stay at the back and command?" Jin asked, but both of his followers almost immediately answered in unison: "Go into the fray."

"Wow, I was not expecting that." Jin initially thought they would have differing opinions, but in the end, they gave the same answer at lightning speed.

"You do not have the traits to be a commander. You are just a master. While I praise you for being somewhat benevolent, this also makes you not fit to be a tactical leader. You would be too concerned about your troops' safety. You are unlikely to send them on risky missions, thereby not allowing them to push their limits. Though I must admit, you are sometimes rather creative when placed in a tight situation." Zeru gave Jin his analysis.

"I concur. You are at best a squad leader, but not a tactical commander. Just take this particular contest you created as an example. It's not a bad event, and it would increase the competitiveness and camaraderie of your minions, but the result is left wanting. Other commanders would not only do what you did but singled out several key individuals to specifically lead the teams to battle. Maybe one or two will gather even more intelligence before charging into to unknown territory. But these are my own opinions. I had lead teams and served under command many times but I had yet to find that perfect someone who has the combination of charismatic leadership and selfless care for their troops and ruthless tactics." Moloch commented.

"I do not think I have that kind of capacity in me," Jin admitted bitterly and Moloch laughed.

"Each and everyone has their own strength and weakness. It is even better that you know your own inability than pretending you can do such a thing." Moloch comforted Jin.

"Anyways, upgrade cards should be given more thought. Especially when I see you distribute the kind of weapons to your minions. You want them to be well rounded more than being specialised in one particular trait. It's not a bad thing, but you have to understand that specialisation gives you the edge. It's how you put the edges together in a way and make them work as a team, that gives them a chance for your minions' potential to shine." Moloch explained further.

"Not everyone has a flair for everything. Not everyone has a System in their possession." Moloch's word was sharp and to the point, but Jin understood and acknowledged it.

"But that does not mean you cannot learn," Moloch added as he walked towards the System's interface. "Do you have the thing I asked you to prepare?"

"That will relinquish 5% of your rights of the Dungeon City Fortress to the System. Do you accept this?" The System asked, and Moloch nodded his head.

"I can see that the System is not really as bad as it was made it out to be. I do not mind relinquishing 5% of my rights." Moloch replied, and the System immediately created a portable looking whiteboard.

"Here! I was originally planning to give this to Qiu Yue when she joined you. But I figured if you can play with this first, you might have some understanding about the specs and perhaps even some ideas about how to enhance it further when the time comes. I call it the Tactical Tweaker or Tact Tweak. I used to have powers that were similar to the functions of Tact Tweak when I served under King Baal. That was before he became ignorant, arrogant and many other things... especially when he got possessive with his wealth." Moloch passed the Tact Tweak whiteboard to Jin.

"How does this work?" Jin looked around it but realised there was no button or whatsoever. Moloch asked Jin to insert some chi in it. Suddenly the board lit up. It showed the current stats of the teams that were being formed. As Jin explored the functions, it went down to individual stats.

The difference was that the Tact Tweak showed various recommendations on what to equip on a monster based on their stats. It was an enhanced version of the monster app that he had. It also showed whether the combination of teams between the monsters was ideal. There were some rather controversial combinations, and Jin knew that this was based on the System's efficiency paradigm. Of course, if Jin followed the System's recommendation, it would theoretically bring out the best from his minions.

But in reality, monsters did not work that way. Only robots that were detailed to the point would. Surprisingly, the System recommended mixing the werejackals and Minotaurs together as a team in Tact Tweak. Jin knew, that the contest was to show the competitive side of things, but if he did not handle this correctly, it might create a wedge between the two groups of minions.

"All the more reason, why you should go into the fray," Kraft spoke out of the blue. "You will be the one acting as the bridge for these two races. From what I saw, I can only agree with those two. You are not fit to be a tactical commander because you have to act as their master. You have the important task as the one and only person that who rules them. To unite them."

"This Tact Tweak has another function. I asked the System to design it in a way, that seems to prove useful for your competition. It allows you to give the teams upgrade cards on the go and lets you edit the cards they once held. It is a function created with you in mind which I hope you can subsequently

passed it to Qiu Yue." Moloch said as he showed Jin how it was being done since he and the System created this Tact Tweak.

Moloch placed the portable whiteboard on the floor, and the interface that was initially the size of the portable whiteboard became two times larger and subsequently three times bigger. The interface started to resemble the interface of the one in the dungeon maker. It even projected the cards that Jin currently had in his possession.

With a swipe of a short bow equipment card, it provided an analysis of the short bow, indicating a summary of the materials it was made from and even recommended the following monsters that would be suited for this particular equipment card. There was also a section on potential recommendations for monsters, who were not apt for this card yet. It indicated, that after some training the monsters would have the chance to become proficient with it.

"This is really interesting. It's a real shame, that I cannot fully explore the functions at the moment since I am short on time. Especially with Yang Ling's deadline. But I can at least use this to reward the upgrade equipment cards to the monsters on the fly as the contest proceeds." Jin figured, and both Moloch and Zeru agreed.

"Without further ado, let's go to battle. Sebastia, lead the way." Jin commanded, and the System immediately created a portal large enough for various people to go in.

As the monsters were teleporting in, Jin checked the Tact Tweak and saw that various teams were being created for the contest. The werejackals and werecats formed one group, they called themselves Team Jacks. All of the minotaurs and even Niu Lang joined together to form Team Mino. Sandy the Sand Witch, Zhi Nu the Battle Weaver, Ke Mi the Zither Mistress, Que Er the Magpie Queen formed a group together and called themselves Team Enlightened, the band group name that was used in Music Theatre Instance.

The last group that wanted to enter was surprisingly the zombies. Jin found it weird that a zombie came forward to declare its name and when he checked the zombie's name, it was actually Derek who proposed it. "Did the 'I am the Alpha' Card triggering him twice in a row enhance his intelligence a little?" Jin wondered as he tried out the I am the Alpha enhancement card once again.

Not to his surprise, the Zombie Derek was chosen once again, but this time round, the System noted something. "User, The card 'I am the Alpha' has been destroyed. System would be compensating you with a new card." The Tact Tweak immediately revealed the new card that the System repaid. Now Jin was shocked. The enhancement card became a brand new monster card.

Ghoul Half Lord.

Jin looked towards Derek's direction and saw that his features changed, it became slightly more humane (and more hair!), but his clothes were more westernised and formal. "Master Jin. I thank you for giving me this opportunity to rise to the occasion to serve you even more." Derek said as he knelt down and all the zombies that were behind him clumsily knelt too.