

Dungeon S 301

Chapter 301 MSS Authorities

When Jin returned to the recovery instance to calm the quarantined military vendors once more, Yun informed him in his thoughts that the police were here.

"Ahhh, Jin what have you done this time around?" Inspector Lee An whined as he entered the premise of the shop instance with Se Lang and Deng Long. Usually, for police calls, it would just be Se Lang, who would take the call as the policeman on duty, so it was rather odd that Lee An was with him.

"Hey! I swear this time is different..." Jin then found out, that Lee An's visit was merely a coincidence. He had been around the corner on his way to work and Se Lang wanted to offer him a quick one minute ride to the police station noticing how tired he was. Who could have predicted that as soon as Lee An had entered the car, there was a police radio call? Lee An decided to tag along because they heard the emergency call was a breach of security concerning Dungeons and Pandas.

Jin offered the tired inspector and policemen some coffee (which they 'reluctantly' took) and explained the situation to them. All three almost spit out their coffee simultaneously when they heard the word "assassin". Their shock only increased once they also heard "Royal Zodiac". Afterwards, he brought the police to the confined area of the military vendors with the System's permission to enter the recovery instance, where they took their statements down.

"Thank you, System. I was afraid you would never allow us to re-enter the recovery instance." Jin sent his thought.

"This was a unique situation, and the condition of the patients are stable. The shop was closed too, and there is no apparent breach of confidentiality for this current situation." The System stated and only then did Jin understand how the System was protecting the identities of the patients by not allowing any random customers to enter the recovery instance for curiosity sake.

"Yea... I guess we should call the Military Police in. An assassination attempt on someone from a direct family of the Royal Zodiac would be plenty big on itself. It even targeting the head... that is totally out of our jurisdiction." Lee An shook his head, hardly believing that such a thing could happen in this laidback shopping district.

"I've already contacted someone I know from the MSS (Ministry of State Security), they will be here soon. The Boss is just following protocol by calling the police in first." Hou Fei informed them.

"By the way, where is Tiger Lord Yuan Ba?" Inspector Lee asked as he looked around the recovery instance unable to find him. "Is he in a separate room? Are his injuries that severe?"

"Tiger Lord'? Oh shit." Jin finally realised that since the beginning he had been forgetting to address Yuan Ba with his formal title.

"Oh? Were you not close with Tiger Lord Yuan Ba? I assumed you knew him well enough, judging by the way you called him so informally?" Hou Fei had been paying special attention, ever since he learnt that Jin was Ming's grandson.

"Yea, I did not know him before today..." Jin admitted rather awkwardly, but Hou Fei laughed.

"I do not think he minds. Especially since you and your companions ultimately rescued him and-"

"And even saved my life." Yuan Ba entered the room slightly awake in a wheelchair before the others turned their attention to him. There were bandages and a neck support because of the wound, though Milk's magic would make sure that the injuries disappeared within a day. Milk was able to close the neck wound without too much trouble thanks to the corruption poison getting transferred and contained within the poison isolation core after the surgical process.

"The surgery was a success?" Jin was fairly surprised it was already done. The System told him that the time dilation for the surgery was extended because the bellators were able to take the strain better than him. In the meantime, Yang Ling, who was walking with the help of Gearbox V3 came over.

"Urgh so tired." Milk yawned as she walked towards a bed and crashed almost immediately. The nurses did not lose any time and closed the curtains around her, reassuring Jin that she was just exhausted.

"Eh...what about the rest of the military vendors?" Jin wondered, and the senior Panda Nurse told him that Peppers was already collecting the data from the surgical operation. She would proceed to create a miniature version that could be injected, without requiring any surgery to contain those minor poison corruption within the military vendors.

"Well, that is good news. There will be much to do once the MSS arrives." Hou Fei pointed out with a sigh of relief. Eventually, the authorities from the MSS arrived and noted down the same statement as the police did earlier, leaving shortly before the store's opening hours. During that amount of time, Peppers and the Panda Nurses had injected the modified version of the Poison Isolation Core into the vendors. Their versions looked like a golden thumbtack pin secured on the side of the upper arm, compared to Yuan Ba's large disk.

"The amount of corruption poison is minimal. Possibly because it merely acted as a catalyst to break their chi circulation a little in order to absorb their chi powers. This should have allowed the assassin to create the monster face on him. Kraft concluded that the monster face was to make him immune to the terrifying Psionic magic that Yang Ling possessed. And that was all the information I have received from Kraft so far." Peppers told Jin in a telepathic message. Jin guessed he would rather keep that information to himself than to tell the MSS authorities about it.

Still, the MSS authorities did not just rule out Jin as a possible conspirator and questioned him thoroughly, even though Yuan Ba and Hou Fei provided their assurance to them. Thankfully with Kraft around, the MSS authorities "low levelled" psionic abilities did not affect Jin at all. Kraft even manipulated the information intake slightly to make the MSS authorities believe, that while Jin was hiding something, that it was only concerning some of his store's trade secrets, but nothing regarding or connecting him to the assassin.

When asked for the assassin, Jin brought the authorities to a room where Kraft had already prepared a wrapped up present for them to pick up. "Got to make it look like he struggled in the tentacles, plus those bigger injuries? Just collateral damage from the fight. No one will know." Kraft who was beside Jin briefed him, as the authorities picked it up.

After the military vendors and the MSS authorities exited through the back door, Hou Fei stayed back, while Yuan Ba was still in the recovery instance resting. "So what information did you get?" Hou Fei asked when no one else was around, yet Jin continued to feint ignorance.

"Sigh. Anyone ever tells you, that you can be too careful. Well, given the situation I can understand, but what about this? Will this change your mind?" Hou Fei raised his arm and opened his palm. In no time, an emblem magically appeared on his hand, which caused Jin to be on his guard until Yun patted him on his shoulder to signal him to stand down.

"Jin, he is an ally of Ming...and ours," Yun explained as she raised her arm and repeated the same thing like Hou Fei. Her hand was shining with the same symbol, that had made Jin confused at Yun's actions until she took a breath before she said it to his face.

"He is a Panda Clan Remnant."

Chapter 302 A Tiger's Hear

Jin stared deep into Hou Fei's eyes upon hearing Yun's explanation making the middle aged man feel rather uncomfortable. "...Okay. For some reason, Boss Jin here is starting to give me the creeps."

"Don't fret the small stuff. I believe he is just too tired after having used the main System's high intensity mode for the very first time. So please excuse the somewhat odd behaviour of our young master." Yun explained so nonchalantly to Hou Fei.

"Aaargh I don't even know anymore... Should I even be surprised at this string of coincidences at this point or should I simply accept that the System is secretly bringing people together to trouble my life even further?!" Jin complained out loud, which incurred the System's response.

"The System does not have such a unique capability to bring the Panda Clan Remnants together. It is through a series of probabilities that brought Hou Fei to meet with the Original Panda Clan member today. The System would gladly accept to have such unique, omnipotent capability as part of its powers. It would indeed make life much easier." The System replied as if it was a matter of fact which made Hou Fei laughed.

"Well, I can see that our young master here may need some rest after the whole incident. But now that I have connected back to the main System, I have to say it does feel great to be back." Hou Fei suddenly felt more refreshed than ever, swinging his arms around. "It feels as if I had lived in the woods for so long, only to come back to the city for a proper telecoms signal on my phone. Hahaha! I will come back later in the evening when the young master is all better." Hou Fei left his contacts with Yun as he could see Jin was not interested in entertaining him at this moment.

"I know this is the umpteen time I've said this and my current behaviour is not fitting to as a Boss at all... but I am really fucking tired. It's so bad I think I'll be able to sleep standing right with my eyes left open now...." Jin grumbled to Yun even though he had a slight boost of coffee when he drank with Se Lang and the others earlier.

"Go talk to Yang Ling and Tiger Lord Yuan Ba first. Perhaps after that, I will get Zeru to bring you to the System's sleeping capsule in the Dungeon Maker. You still have many things to accomplish judging from your initial plan in the morning before things go rather awry. I will attend the shop for you." Yun gave Jin

a large pat on the back and pushed him into the recovery instance once more to see Ku Wai standing at the side of a private room.

He opened the door for Jin to see Yang Ling and Yuan Ba talking rather amicably with each other. "Sorry to disturb you, Sir Tiger Lord. How are you feeling right now?" Jin asked politely addressing him with the proper title, after getting reminded by Hou Fei.

"And here I thought, you weren't one to pay someone the proper respect, Boss Jin?" Yuan Ba's tone was already filled with power again, despite him just coming out from the surgery.

"I... apologise. I did not know my place." Jin bowed sincerely, but that actually made him want to prostrate too, since the floor seemed so enticing to place his head on...to rest his eyes for just a moment or two.

"Hahaha! I am just kidding, Boss Jin. It is I, who should thank you. Judging from what Yang Ling had told me, it seems that the Royal Zodiac Tiger family owes you more than just simple favour. Instead it should be considered us owing you a tremendous debt." Yuan Ba smiled genuinely towards Jin.

"I would not dare. I've just been my doing job as her business partner." Jin tried to rephrase himself as he did not want to earn too much favouritism from the Tigers even though in terms of power in China, they were considered the third strongest household of all the Zodiac family. The Royal Zodiac Horse household was currently leading first in China concerning influence and money, while the Royal Zodiac Dragon came in second place since it held onto the greatest might in regards to military strength. The Royal Zodiac Tiger Household only had partial control of the military though the majority of the police force was under them. Who knows what would happen to Jin if the enemies of the Royal Zodiac Tiger Household knew that he sided with them?

"You are too humble. Do you want my little girl? She is great looking, has the brains for mechanical marvel and isn't crippled anymore! Just give her a few months of training under me, and she will be in top shape! Who knows maybe you could even become the first husband of the future Royal Zodiac Tiger household." Yuan Ba was advertising his daughter shamelessly to Jin, which made Yang Ling use her strength from the Gearbox V3 punching his shoulder.

"Papa! Jin would not do that! And what do you mean first husband?! Are you keeping other women from Mama?" Yang Ling now pulled her father's ear and twisted it causing him to whimper.

"Ow ow ow, no my little Tigress. I am just expressing that you are that wonderful, all the men should bow down to you!" Yuan Ba tried to soothe his daughter's expression before she calmed down a bit.

"Hmph." Yang Ling let her father go, threw some quick glances at Jin, before she stood up and walked towards him. Only to suddenly prostrate in front of him.

"Huh! What are you doing? Get up! Get up!" Jin quickly tried to pull her up by the shoulders, but the gearbox V3 had been designed too flawlessly. Unless Jin utilised his cultivation, there was no way to pull her up forcefully. Besides her father was around and Jin did not want to do anything stupid. To him, he felt that it was too much trouble.

"I am really honestly truly sorry. After all the help you rendered for me. You even created a miracle and allowed me to walk again. Yet I even demanded more from you... I continued making requests from you

so selfishly and even kicked your erm...balls. Please forgive this childish behaviour that I exhibited. I do not dare to hope for it, but I wish that we can do business... again." Yang Ling apologised while Yuan Ba kept quiet to discern Jin's expression. Jin could clearly see the look in his eyes, fiercely waiting for an answer like a tiger stalking in the bushes.

Jin sighed at the mess that he was in and gave his reply. "There surely will be a possibility in doing business again... but in a more favourable situation. My store will be opening soon, so Sir, if you wish to leave discreetly, give the Panda Nurses a call. They will inform me and I shall assist you out of this place." Jin did not outright forgive Yang Ling's impulsive action. Not just because he was still angered by it, but also because he worried, that it would create a poor image to Yuan Ba's impression of him, if all was simply forgiven.

"Good. I like your reply. This is what a boss should do. Not to mount under other people's pressure and making their own decisions." Yuan Ba nodded his head as he got up from the bed. "I can nurse my wound at home, your companion Milk and the panda nurses did a fantastic job. It felt as if I was being cared for by the world's top hospital even though this is just a dungeon supplier store. I am thoroughly amazed and impressed by your dungeon and services." Yuan Ba praised as he took out the patient scrubs he was wearing and wore his shirt before he followed Jin to the back of his store along with Ku Wai and Yang Ling.

"Do you like him? I've never see you kneel to a man like this. Heck, I've never even seen you speak this politely to a guy before. Even when you are in the wrong, you will bite back at that person until you realise it was your mistake or you made him think that it was his mistake instead." Yuan Ba questioned his daughter as he relaxed in the passenger seat while Ku Wai started up the car.

"Yes, it's sad to admit it but I totally agree with Lord Yuan Ba's observation." Ku Wai interjected his thoughts and Yang Ling covered her face with her hands.

"I cannot help it...my heart would just go wild." Yang Ling thought to herself but did not say a word at all. Yuan Ba noticed her expression and sighed but at the same time sniggered too.

"So a Panda managed to steal the heart of a Tiger. What has this world come to?" Yuan Ba pondered out loud which made Ku Wai smirk while driving them back.

Chapter 303 Sleeping Capsule

Just as Yun had promised, Zeru accompanied Jin towards the sleep capsule. Strangely enough it was located in a part of the Dungeon Maker Jin had been unaware that it even existed. (Well, he did not know because it was not meant to be found.)

"This sleeping capsule compresses time and will allow you to get 12 hours of sleep within a single hour." Zeru tried to explain it to his already non-responsive Panda Young Master, who had jumped into the capsule without hesitation after hearing the word 'sleep'.

Zeru shook his head as he took his wooden sword out almost immediately to strike Jin. Yet even unconsciously, Jin was still fast enough to react by creating a thin icicle of white panda ice ready to fight even though his eyes were closed.

"Impressive, you not only attempted to defend yourself given your state, but also were ready to go on the offensive. It seems the high intensity mode and Kraft's subconscious mind training are finally showing their results. You certainly made progress in creating an astral force that controls and pushes your body to the limit, even though you may not realise it, yet." Zeru was fairly satisfied with the results as he placed his wooden sword away and assisted his master's body in the capsule to change into the proper cultivation stance.

"Don't you mean a backup Jin?" Kraft walked in as he poked Jin's face repeatedly, without any sign of resistance.

"The Nineteen Lazy Astral Pandas cultivation was meant to become this way from the start. A sentient astral phantom created by his subconscious dominating his body when the main consciousness falls asleep. In this way, Master Jin can utilise it in battle in case he ever faints for any reason. For daily tasks...haha, we should do things one step at a time." Zeru justified it to Kraft while pressing on some buttons on the sleeping capsule.

The sleeping capsule did not only accelerate time, but it also acted as a sort of massage chair where the System analysed Jin's chi circuitry, pinpointing the weak points, created due to clotted chi areas. Afterwards the System assisted in reducing the clotted chi areas by inserting artificially produced pure chi energy via electricity. Thus the body responded by creating even more black sludge and the System purged them on a regular basis when Jin was inside the capsule.

"Oh man, the black sludge...It is even muddier than before." Kraft shook his head upon looking at it, as if he disapproved of the production of the sludge.

"The dirtier it is, the better for the creation of the sentient astral phantom." Zeru grinned as he observed Jin producing it at an even faster rate than before.

"I guess the System is not letting go of this particular by product, too?" Kraft asked, and the System replied with an acknowledgement.

"The sludge that was collected since day he stepped into the hot spring instance was filled with impurities. It contains valuable research to create Souls. The analysis of past sludges have proven that User is capable of creating high quality souls as long as his cultivation soars. Past Users were not able to do that. Most likely reason with 87.9% certainty was the outdated cultivation manual."

"In the end, you still treat your one and only User as a research subject. But oh well, at least Ming did leave a pretty good present for Jin and you, System." Kraft could not argue that the System was doing it for its own survival.

"Previous User Ming was and continues to be classified as an utter disgrace to the Panda Clan for facing the Zodiacs far too soon. It resulted in the need for using the desperate 'Time Reversal'. However in case previous User Ming's cultivation manual turns out to be the key to eventually create the necessary high quality souls for the production, his name will be cleared." The System replied, with a strange hint of reluctance towards the end.

"Then I am guessing you want to use the high quality souls for the purpose of replicating some certain individuals... Please tell me you don't really consider resurrecting that bastard." Kraft was getting annoyed all of a sudden when he was thinking out loud. Zeru felt that he was out of the loop, since his time with the System couldn't be considered as long compared to Kraft.

"If necessary and if it will ensure the survival of the Panda Clan, the System will do so. However as always the current User will have to make the choice to decide whether the resurrection of that particular individual shall be considered vital in the long term resurrection of the Panda Clan." The System answered.

"We both know what kind of choices you usually give. Those can barely even be called as such!" Kraft waved his hand with a disgruntled manner and looked at the sleeping Jin.

"The System will promise to give the User a real choice as it acknowledges Original System Bellator Kraft has certain grievances with that individual. The System does not wish to lose another valuable Bellator." The System had begun to learn the technique of bargaining from Jin's repeated haggling with it when they were interacting with the Black Market. (Oh Jin, he has no idea the monster he helped creating.)

"I shall be the judge of that, when the time comes. Zeru, I will be going off first. It's no fun to bully the Young Master with no reaction. Luckily I know exactly, how to find him." Kraft coolly disappeared upon commenting and true enough, Jin was already in another reality talking to Ming when Kraft entered into his subconsciousness.

"Ah Kraft, I heard you had some fun according to Jin." Ming smiled as he poured a cup of hot drink for Kraft to savour.

"Meh, not the most fun I had in awhile, but it indeed brought some memories back." Kraft shrugged his shoulders lightly and slowly sipped the hot drink as he listened in to the conversation between Jin and Ming.

"Ah yes, Gramps. Who is Hou Fei? He suddenly showed up and said he was a Panda Clan Remnant and began to ask me to share information with him." Jin felt particularly curious about the Panda Clan Remnant which appeared out of nowhere.

"Oh? Hou Fei? I do remember him and he truly is a Panda Clan Remnant. He worked under me before the System turned back time. He is one of the only few people that the System allowed to retain their memories from before." Ming replied while rubbing his stubbled chin.

"One of the few people? So there are more Panda Clan Remnants out there, which came in contact with you previously, other than Hou Fei?" Jin had no idea that some people still knew anything about Ming's real past.

"Oh, I did not think about that. There should probably be some more. Unfortunately the System never told me who those people were, who kept their memories. However to my knowledge, there seemed to be other people who were unrelated to the System that were saved too. " Ming's eyes were up looking at the cabin's ceiling as if he was thinking of the past.

"Why those people then?" Jin felt that the fewer people know about this time reversal thing, the better since it was on a whole other level compared to the dilation and compression of time, which most

Dungeon Suppliers had access to. The cultivation knowledge and technology for it may not be very widely known, but at least it was already accepted by society.

"I too don't have any idea, since the System refused to interact with me ever since the time reversal. I can only deduce that the System was not totally heartless to leave me at a lurch and left some people that I had known to turn to, in case I needed help, once I lost my contact with the System. And most, if not all of those people that retained their memories were privy of the knowledge that I had a System with me." Ming replied.

"You told your friends about your System powers? Why?!" Jin was rather shocked since he was trying to keep it under wraps as much as possible.

"It's too odd to wield its powers on a daily basis and not allowing them to know. They would have figure it out sooner or later. So one day I simply decided it would be for the best to confess, before the secret could create a wedge between us. I still remember how mad the System was with my selfish action. Besides, it's also something you have to consider and face in the future. What if the System did not entirely erase the memories of everyone? Especially the enemies, the Zodiacs?" Ming questioned Jin who did not know how to answer.

"Love and peace sounds nice, sure. That would be the most ideal outcome, but not everyone will think that way. Especially power hungry people. After all, would you be willing to bow to somebody else, because of a promise given to an ancestor of somebody else? Those people have grown used to the power they wield, and your existence, will make them regard you as only someone who wants to steal their piece of the cake." Ming explained.

"Do you believe, that they might have found or developed a technique to absorb or transfer the System away from me?" Jin started to get a little afraid.

"Only time will tell. But from my interaction with Kraft in the past few minutes I have confirmed that I am still unable to share what has actually happened before the Time Reversal. Anyway enough with this whole conspiracy talk. Instead, shall we duel? I'd like to see your abilities in action." Ming sniggered as he spoke his last sentence with him slamming the table, breaking it into two and charging straight towards Jin with no further warning.

Chapter 304 Men's Talk

Two hours had passed when Jin finally woke up and left the sleeping capsule. He felt refreshed, re-energised and vigilant. The battle with Ming in his head had allowed him to learn more about his skills. After all, some of the things mentioned in the cultivation manual could not be taught by reading and had to be experienced.

"Finally awake?" Zeru had been sitting around cross legged, waiting for Jin to come out of the sleeping capsule. Greeted by Zeru, who passed him a towel, Jin looked down on himself to realise that his clothes were drenched in the black sludge.

"Has the System removed the black sludge, while I was sleeping?" Jin queried. Zeru nodded and also took this opportunity to explain what the black sludge was capable of. He figured Jin should know the truth about the byproduct of his cultivation. Information which the System had withheld previously.

Surprisingly, Jin was rather open minded about the System keeping secrets. Had it been the him from just a few weeks ago, he would have surely complained. Instead he merely asked the System: "So how exactly does the quality of souls differ between the ones we buy from the market?"

"The Interworld Market only allows the trade of standard souls which have been carefully selected according to the regulations set by the Interworld Market Committee. According to those regulations the sale of High Quality souls is considered illegal. At one point in time before this regulation, the market had been swamped due to necromancers performing taboo rituals in order to sell them. This nearly lead to a market crash. Nowadays not even the black market offers them anymore. Those high quality souls can be used to resurrect a person back properly, provided the right conditions and materials."

"Interworld Market? You mean there is an entity larger than you?" Jin asked with his brows furrowed.

"Negative, the Interworld Market is not an entity. They are governed by a group of Grand Arch Wizards. That market is unaware about the real existence of the System. Most mistake the System for a highly functioning AI used to hide the real identity for someone behind it. However the System consists of the collective will of various elders and generations of Panda Clan Members. Should the User die without managing to resurrect the Panda Clan, his Soul will also be absorbed into the collective as long as doing so will enhance the chances of achieving the goal."

"So System, do you need more of this black sludge for your research?" Jin switched his topic to prevent even more confusion.

"The System has collected a large enough sample of the sludge. Before User reaches another Grade another sample is not necessarily required." The System replied and Jin nodded in response.

"Then you will have to wait. I have plenty of other things to do." Jin excused himself as he exercised his neck a little before heading to the bathroom in his Terrace House. The System had been nice enough to create a portal for him.

After he got naked, he noticed that his skin was glittering with specks of gold and black, but within seconds, the specks disappeared. "System, what are these specks of gold and black?"

"Those are the starting signs from a formation of a sentient astral form." The System answered. Jin was once again astonished. He had read about it in the Nineteen Lazy Astral Pandas cultivation manual. He understood, that he could cultivate an astral form, but he thought it would take a long while for him to reach such a level. It was supposed to be a form from a supposed non-physical realm of existence in which the physical human body was said to have a counterpart. The requirement was for him to be in control of his subconscious, which Kraft had been emphasising in order to create that astral form.

"Hmm, if a sentient astral form has already started to come into existence, does that mean Kraft's subconscious training is paying off?" Jin thought to himself as he soaked himself in a gigantic tub of hot spring water mixed with medicinal herbs, courtesy of the System.

"Mmhhh, though part of the credit also belongs to the usage of the high intensity mode." Kraft's voice suddenly sounded beside him. Without him noticing Kraft had immersed himself into the water while he continued to be fully naked.

"UWAAAA! CAN YOU NOT SCARE ME JUST LIKE THAT!?" Jin momentarily tried to cover his sacred treasures in embarrassment with his hands.

"Not bad, potentially above average size, hard to tell since it's all shrivelled up. I have a trick to enlarge it further if you wish to learn it for your...bedtime activities." Kraft laughed loudly, as he snapped his fingers. The next moment all his foxes went into the bath with Jin. For the first time, Jin saw Tsu, Kai, Ixa, Ixel, Itori and Evon in the bath quietly enjoying the hot spring medicinal bath. Some were swimming around in the water, others just soaked happily... and for some reason one of them seemed embarrassed and turned around not looking at the naked Jin.

"I refuse!" Jin crossed his hands, before he took out a small towel hanging by the side covering his secret treasure before he returned to the bath. For some odd reason he felt a cooling sensation pulsating around him despite him being in a hot bath tub.

"The System recommends User to use the high intensity mode more often, so that you can utilise the sleep capsule." The System spoke in the bathroom which made Jin nervous, getting the feeling that he was not as alone as he had wished.

"Why do I have to use the high intensity mode before using the sleeping capsule? Can't I just use the sleeping capsule any time I want? Would it be possible to remodel the hot spring mountain instance into something similar to the sleeping capsule? That way, the black sludge would not overflow and I would not need to worry that much." Jin asked the System while patting Ixa, who had swam over.

"A certain level of tiredness must be achieved before the sleeping capsule can be utilised." The System replied with a short answer.

"Otherwise the pure chi injection of the sleeping capsule will kill you. Unless your chi circuits are clotted up that capsule may as well be a torture chamber. When you are burdened with fatigue, your circuits are blocked with residual bad and broken chi, and that is one way to use the sleeping capsule." Zeru was the next person who joined Jin in the bathroom. Jin was slightly jealous seeing how extremely toned Zeru's muscles were. More so than Kraft's. But in terms of battle scars, both of them were comparable.

"Its like oxygen. Too pure a substance and it will kill you because your blood cells cannot carry them away." Kraft flaunted his knowledge of uncommon torture techniques. "So similar to chi circuits, the System's artificially pure chi would overload your chi circuits if you just go inside without truly needing it. If it was 100% natural pure chi, that would be a different story since the human producing it could suit it for the body."

"Well, what if I continue to use the hot spring instance?" Jin laid back to a more relaxed position.

"The effectiveness of the Emerald Mountain hot spring instance has been reduced due to your grade. While it is possible to buy more high quality herbs from the black market the cost-effect-ratio is suboptimal. User not recommended to use it for cultivation purposes." The System replied as it automatically injected hot spring water into the tub to replace the current pool.

Jin made use of the quiet time and engaged in some small talk with Kraft and Zeru. Primarily they talked about how his progress was going, and what he should do to improve himself. After a bit of silence Zeru proposed more topics to entertain people which was later overshadowed by Kraft. Never did Jin realise that both the males were such a talkative duo given the right time and atmosphere.

"Won't it be great if we have some plum wine?" Zeru suggested on the fly which the System immediately granted and they enjoyed a cup or two. Jin did not drink much since he knew he needed to work later.

During their deep conversation Jin realised that Zeru had a lotus flower at the side of his thigh. Zeru noticed Jin looking at it and he sighed.

"It's a memory of a loved one. She tattooed it for me with traditional ink and blessed it with her eternal love. No matter the battle scars on my body, this lotus tattoo is my Achilles heel. I will never let anyone scar this area." Zeru said solemnly. This confession caused Kraft to become somewhat sentimental.

He turned his back and showed Jin a battle scar that transversed along the entire spine. "At one point, probably not too far off, the System will undoubtedly ask your permission to resurrect some certain individuals as higher NPC beings. The ones that can make decision on their own and will demand authority and respect no matter what. Even though I hate most of them, I need to admit, but they will certainly be useful. If you wish their help, I will somehow tolerate it. All I ask is that you do not resurrect this one particular person. Panda Lord Zhou Lin." Kraft said in disgust, with a murderous look after spouting the name.

"This nice little reminder was given to me by him. He had already been resurrected once before. A Panda Clan Chosen had received it as a mission from the System. Well without going into too much detail, this turned out to be one if not the biggest mistake the Original System has ever made. The Panda Clan Chosen was later forcefully stripped of her status and the ownership of the System went to Zhou Lin as he fought against the Jade Emperor and his lackeys." Kraft explained.

"The Three Kingdom Civil Wars in your books were all because of him. He started the precursor wars to weaken the nation as a whole so that he could swoop the entire nation for himself. He almost won in the shadows until I rebelled against him. Rebelled against my own master since I knew the loopholes against the original System." Kraft laid back staring at the ceiling and sip his sake as one of the foxes came to console him.

"Nine other bellators rebelled against him... I am the only survivor of that coup d'etat. Even though me surviving was also a stroke of luck. As you might have guessed, their spirits are currently manifested within these little darlings before you. In short, you are technically commanding Zeru, Peppers, Milk, me and six other original bellators, though they are unable to remember too much of their past life. Most of them only retained their abilities" Kraft went on and before Jin could even ask about the other three, Kraft was already ahead of him.

"For my earlier work the System has promised to reward me one of the last three foxes that it had previously withheld. Since those three are classified as 'troublemakers' the System needs your permission to release them." Kraft finished his story, when Jin suddenly realised something.

"OIII System! You not only owe Kraft something, but you also owe me A HECK OF A LOT of rewards! Time to pay up!" Jin stood up and shouted with anticipation.

Chapter 305 Pei

"The Oceanic Phoenix Dung has already been delivered to the Jacks with dramatic effect flying from the sky." The System stated and Jin pity the Jacks.

"Please tell me you didnt just flung dung into their backyard." Jin said with some awkwardness.

"Negative. the dung that can be used to accelerate the growth of the Living Armour is extremely valuable. It had been secured properly before sending the reward to them. According to their expertise it will not be long until they fully grow." The System replied which gave Jin an ease of mind.

"Your Secondary Optional Objective of reaching general sales to 5000 people by the end of November is still in progression, though System estimates User's completion with a 93.6% certainty. As for the Partnership Mission, it has been completed beyond the System's expectations. Transferring Pei and Kiyu into the possession of Original System Bellator Kraft." The System stated once more and a large box magically flew from the ceiling and into the bathtub, causing a big splash that pushed all the foxes out of the tub since they could not hold on to the sides of the tub.

Jin and the others slowly waddled near the box while the System replenished the hot spring water and it revealed two shiny bullets in the crate. The bullets vibrated for a moment before flying onto Kraft's hand. "What? I thought only one fox would be released? ... System what are you playing at?" Kraft was slightly confused by the System's rewards and then it struck Jin.

"Oh...I did ask the System to grant me the ability to defy psionic abilities so that the System could not read my mind...perhaps one of your released foxes is able to do that?" Jin asked as he went towards to Kraft while holding on his small towel to have a look at the bullets. They were crafted with an intricate design as if the bullets were meant to be an ornament, rather than used in battle.

Kraft thought about Jin's reply and nodded before a rare smile surfaced on his face. He seemed to insert some energy into the bullets causing one royal purple fox and one pure pink fox out from his hand. The pink fox looked at Kraft for a while before turning her head towards Jin.

"Are you the new master?" Pei, the pink fox, spoke into Jin's mind, which surprised him but he replied with a nod to keep his cool.

"Brilliant. Keep me away from that disgusting devilman." The fox gracefully walked on water as if she was a celestial being. The other foxes who already gave way by being out of the tub, allowed Pei to gently lie on Jin's lap when he sat down while she kept ignoring Kraft the whole time. Meanwhile, Kiyu was elated upon seeing Kraft and was extremely jumpy, causing a lot of splashes within the tub.

"This is a nice surprise. I thought Jin would need to convince her somehow to share her powers with him. But to think, that she would so easily accept anyone over me. Seriously just how much does she hate me..." Kraft had his mind occupied by Pei even though Kiyu was another one of the three foxes,

who had been sealed and was now creating some havoc to get his attention. After Kiyu saw that Kraft seemed to be in a world of his own, she jumped onto his head and pounced on it. She did not stop until he carefully hugged her and whispered into her ear: "See, I did promise you guys, that I would get you back. I am sorry, that it took me so long..."

Zeru who was at the sideline patted Tsu and Kai while Pei became the attention for Jin. Kraft's attention had also fully shifted to his freed fox. Jin felt a sort of tranquil peace that he had not felt for a very long time the moment Pei rested herself onto his lap. In response, he slowly stroked Pei's fur. This made her also start to feel a sort of bond towards him. For some unknown reason, she felt as if she had found some long lost relative, even though she had never even seen him before.

"Come to think of it...if I remember correctly, Pei could be considered a distant Panda Clan member. She should have married into the clan at one point. She passed on and was turned into a Bellator at the request of the System. Could it be those two are somehow related?" Kraft thought to himself as he unknowingly let Kiyu bite his fingers.

"Maybe that's why she feels so comfortable being with Jin? Too bad her soul was so badly damaged from the coup d'état on Zhou Lin." Kraft having noticed their somewhat intimate interaction thought to himself.

Suddenly an idea appeared in his mind. If the System could resurrect that certain bastard, could it maybe help these damaged souls... Perhaps Jin could revive all of his foxes into proper bellators if the black sludge research went well. But even if it was possible, would that really be what his former comrades would wish for...

"I guess I should keep this as an idea for now." Kraft smiled as he began to leave the hot spring tub along with Zeru. The foxes stayed for a while to relax a bit more. Usually they had to stay inside their bullets, so this was a rare opportunity to stretch their legs, before they returned to Kraft's side with the exception of Pei.

"Boss, we did receive the dung and boy it is massive!" Gold, the leader of Jacks sent a text and picture to Jin which caused him to laugh as he was browsing his phone a little in the tub. (All hail waterproofed Zamzung phones although technically it had been modified by the system.)

"Yea, the living armour plants...That is definitely one thing I have to explore urgently. If not for that piece of living armour, who saved my ass against the dantian poison corruption, I would not be here taking a bath so casually." Jin thought to himself as he began to walk out of the tub.

As he was taking a shower to clean off the herbal medicinal bath he was in, he realised someone else was still around. "Is this another one of Kraft's illusions...?" Jin bitterly laughed at himself as he saw a naked teenage girl with a fluffy pink tail showering herself. Her body was petite, and her long neon pink hair was slightly curled at the edges.

"Hmm?" For some reason, Pei who had been a fox just minutes ago suddenly became a fox girl and was not afraid of Jin at all.

"Sorry... I didn't mean to stare. It's just the first time I saw erm one of Kraft's foxes turn into a humanoid form." Jin mumbled an apology as he quickly turned his head around and continued to wash his hair. He had been totally oblivious to the fact that Kraft had any female foxes in his skulk.

"Relax. Even though I have just been released, I am not that desperate to go for you. Besides, I had a husband before. Even though my memories of him are somewhat hazy, my love for him will never cease." Pei said as she continued to wash her hair and subsequently her tail in peace.

"System had decided to test out the results of the Black Sludge with ex-Bellator Pei, now known as Fox Bullet Pei. She has agreed to participate in the experiment as a method to try and break out of Kraft's fox bullet form, even though it constitutes a risk of her soul being corrupted while outside the protective formation of the bullet." The System noted and it had already caught on Kraft's idea on using the black sludge soul research.

"So could you tell me a bit more about that guy? What is this Zhou Lin made out of that he was powerful enough to destroy nine bellators?" Jin asked casually. He only blinked before he found himself at the mercy of Pei's claws aiming at his carotid artery.

"Never ever speak of his name so lightly. He is a monster equivalent or maybe worse than the Banned Emperor. All he cared about was power. Fucking hypocrites... to think that we were crazy enough to all worship him as the Saviour of the Panda Clan when he was resurrected." Pei released her claws and walked back to her showering area.

"So... You either die a hero or live long enough to see yourself become the villain." Jin tried to calm the tense situation between Pei and him, but all he heard was a sneer. He started to guess, why exactly those three could have been deemed 'troublemaker' if this was the way they interacted. Though it was probably his own fault speaking of such a forbidden topic in front of her.

"The System will admit that it has erred by using a tabooed high quality soul to resurrect Zhou Lin. Please accept the apologies from the System. Therefore it was decided to use its results from the Black Sludge Soul research to compensate for your loss. System hopes to have an amicable relationship between System, the User and bellators." The System replied to Pei who kept her silence.

However, Jin could clearly feel the aura of death emitting from her and decided to quickly wash up before exiting the terrace house. Shortly after, Pei turned back into her fox form, but now it became as small as the digital pets that Jin's customers had following them around.

"Well guess, I can always claim that this an exclusive pet of mine, even though it seems strange seeing me with anything but a Panda..." Jin thought out loud as he went out of the house. Listening to him Pei simply changed her form into a blessing bracelet with pinkish orbs right beside the tattered storage watch he was wearing.

"Wow...to think you can do more than just change your size and appearance. Thank you for changing your form just to suit my everyday life. So I guess this means you are fulfilling your duty of protecting me wherever I go." Jin laughed as he could feel the bracelet suddenly glow, perhaps a response to his words.

"I will not let another Panda Clan Member fall for the System's stupid tricks. No one should ever be dumb enough to resurrect Zhou Lin ever again." Pei told him in his mind before she kept quiet for a long

time. Jin felt that the System, Kraft and Pei were not precisely speaking their mind about this whole Zhou Lin issue. Unfortunately, it would be impossible to ask them about it, without risking any serious harm to himself.

"No matter how I see it, the Panda Clan just has too many skeletons in its closet. Since they aren't willing to share any of it, I shall not care about anything and continue with my business. As long as I don't accept the resurrection all should be fine." Jin tried to think positively as he reached his shop.

Chapter 306 Sea Mesh CEO

"Boss JINNNNN!" Ke Loong was practically jumping him the moment he found out Jin came into the shop. Jin tried to push Ke Loong away, who was about to give him a bear hug.

"Boss, I am very sorry for my friend's awkward behaviour. I hope you can forgive his enthusiasm." Mr Know-It-All smiled at Jin's arrival.

"Oh? I didn't know that he was a friend of yours. You somehow seem very relieved to see me..." Jin said, before he figured out the reason. With his absence, it was on Mr Know-It-All to entertain his friend all this time while Jin was recuperating.

"Erm... Yeah. He told me what had happened in the morning. I am impressed and very thankful, that you managed to resolve that situation on your own. Don't worry, I won't share this information with anybody else." Mr Know-It-All resumed his smile as Ke Loong stabilised himself and returned into being a grown man. He took out his business card and presented it to Jin.

"Though I was at the presentation this morning, I am not a military vendor, but primarily a Dungeon Supplier Technologist." Ke Loong officially introduced himself with Mr Know-It-All interjecting and stating that Ke Loong was the CEO for a company called Sea Mesh.

"Sea Mesh...? I think I heard about it during my school graduation..." Jin took out his phone to search the name on the net and realised that it was the up and coming Dungeon Supplier Tech company to provide cutting edge technology infused with lesser cultivation techniques. They aimed to encourage more people to become dungeon suppliers so that mankind as a whole could enjoy cultivation as a sport rather than a necessity to have a more comfortable life. (Kraft felt pitiful that the cultivation which was used as a means of survival became so trivial in the modern world.)

"I read about your 'Remote Portal' theory in university and loved the concept. It is admirable how you tried to connect people from other regions and even overseas to local dungeon suppliers' instances. Something like beaming into a virtual reality. Only that your team managed to turn this concept from science fiction show into reality. I still remember being in awe about it when I saw the video of your prototype working on a human." Jin shook Ke Loong's hand as a sign of respect. He brought the two over to the Bar Island for a cup of coffee on the house.

"Yes, thank you for your praise. It's a shame it never went beyond the prototype stage. Shortly after that video was released the investors stopped funding it, since it consumed too much electricity for something to be considered convenient. But at the very least we managed to confirm that the remote

portal device really works. If only it became widespread... we even planned to go one step further to integrate them into a Mass Portal Transportation which would have definitely caused quite an uproar with the airline and shipping industries." Ke Loong spoke of his plans in a more serious tone with a lot of regret.

"With the improvement of technology, can't the high ranking Western Wizards create a mass portal spell? They already have a working portal spell at Rank 16 and those above should be even more powerful." Jin was not ignorant of such modern theory and dismissed traditional methods. Not to mention, Jin had access to the System, which already had a way to do that plus portaling him out to other worlds.

"Those wizards kept emphasising that such spells should not be messed around with too much. Especially when it comes to space time continuum and quantum physics. Can't really say that they are wrong either. There were cases of wizards messing up the space time continuum, who caused some weird monsters to appear. It was a good thing that those monsters could be killed quick enough, before anything worse happened. Just imagine if they had flourished in our world." Ke Loong shuddered at the thought of it.

"And as expected of Boss Jin, your knowledge about this subject did not disappoint. I have been waiting here for you, because I would like to request your help with improving the Remote Portal Technology. We know that you are just a dungeon supplier and not some brilliant technologist since we had your background checked before approaching you." Ke Loong admitted in an honest way, but he purposely left out Mr Know-It-All's role in that investigation.

"However the incident this morning changed my perspective of you. You have companions and contacts who might be able to help us complete this 'Remote Portal' Project. Of course we will compensate everyone involved, even you just for referring them, generously. I can even help promote your shop or how about letting 'Dungeons and Pandas' be the first dungeon supplier to have access to the Remote Portal Technology. ...Or even make it become the exclusive shop to have it. Plus the money from the patent of this Remote Portal and possibly the sales of the-" Jin stopped Ke Loong from talking anymore.

"I am sorry, but my contacts and I are not interested." Jin stated in a firm but apologetic tone.

"Why? The amount of money you could get is immeasurable. And what about the fame? Don't you wish for future generation to learn your name, in helping develop such a thing? My company is currently going through an IPO, there are many eyes looki-" This time Ke Loong was stopped by Mr Know-It-All, who simply shook his head at his talking friend.

"One of my companions has already been working on a similar prototype for quite a while. It should not be too long now, before my companion will complete the work and make it ready for production. However I also have a counterproposal for you. How about you work for me instead?" Jin offered as he stared into Ke Loong's eyes with determination eager to win this argument. Mr Know-It-All could only laugh at the absurdity of the situation. A local small time dungeon supplier asking a CEO to work for him... who else but Boss Jin would ever dare to propose something like that.

"Well, once Jin is set on something, he is sure to get it. I doubt you can compete with his companion's products." Mr Know-It-All injected.

"How can you be sure his product -I mean his companion's product will even work? You know how many brilliant scientists it took just to get the prototype running. Did you plan this out with him? Are you doing this to compete against me? You are nothing but just a measly little- Ow!" Ke Loong got knocked at the head by Mr Know-It-All.

"How many times do I need to remind you? Do not let success go over your head. Remember what I told you? If you wish to make a deal with Boss Jin, you will have to learn to swallow your pride." Mr Know-It-All repeated the advice he gave his friend some time ago. Ke Loong looked down and he nodded with some understanding. Jin found that both of them might actually be more than friends from the way they acted.

"System wishes to ask User who this companion is. There are no entries of User having friends possessing such high levels of knowledge in regards to such a technology?" The System asked, to which Jin could only sigh.

"It's you, you dummy." Jin sent his thought back, and a silence overcame the conversation in his head even though it was noisy outside.

"Let's change the question, why would you want to create a Remote Portal? And why not let your companion meet Ke Loong and let him or her decide for themselves? Is your companion really that trustworthy of your judgement?" Mr Know-It-All was shooting Jin down mercilessly.

"My goals go into the same direction as Ke Loong's ambition, to spread my love for dungeons instances and cultivation to other parts of the world. For now I may be considered a small time Dungeon Supplier, but I believe I have something unique to offer, and would love to share it with the world... provided they come here. I also have some other plans for my customers down the road." Jin answered ambiguously.

"Hmm? Do you plan to create an exclusive guild here?" Mr Know-It-All casually asked and Jin merely shrugged his shoulders, but his expression was evident for both of them to see.

"Well as for the trustworthiness of my companion. Everything you see before you was created thanks to my friend." Jin spread his hands and show them that this entire shop instance was made by the System. "Does my companion really fully hundred percent trust me? Not really but my companion fully respects whatever decision I make."

"So you are not even going to tell us a gender, huh." Mr Know-It-All smirked and patted Ke Loong's back. "Go for it. I will recommend going in this deal blindly. Trust me. That's the fun of Dungeons and Pandas. From what I know, you will gain more than you may lose." Mr Know-It-All said as he left the bar island and proceeded to watch the fights.

"Well...if Brother Know trusts you to such a high degree... Fine. I will come again tomorrow with my secretary and all relevant personnel to get the pre-contract agreement deal finalised." Ke Loong remarked before he finished his cup of coffee.

"I will see if my lawyer is available tomorrow." Jin thanked Ke Loong for his confidence.

"Lawyer?" Ke Loong panicked a little. Why would Jin need a lawyer for just a simple deal?

"Ahh, he will be around just to make sure I am not getting cheated. I am rather bad at reading deals." Jin used his inexperience as a reason and Ke Loong had to agree with him. The fact that Jin's shop was

barely two months old indicated that he was indeed not too familiar with these kinds of agreements. Had he known, that the lawyer Jin would bring was Xiong Da, he would not have stayed so calm.

"Damn, even your coffee is great. I will definitely be back! But before I leave, I still need to get myself more of those Digital Pet Cards! Hehehe!" Ke Loong slid down from his seat and hurriedly moved to the second floor.

"So erm yea System... I want to create Remote Portals. I noticed we have quite a substantial amount of resource left after setting aside the budget for the Deep Ones Dungeon. Arghh, but I also have to remodify the National Stadium instance first for the evening's release of that dungeon instance." Jin grumbled as he quickly returned to the Dungeon Maker and booted up the National Stadium Instance.

"Preparation will be made according to your wishes, User." The System noted, but Jin was already using high intensity mode commanding three copies of Jins and was too busy to hear it.

Chapter 307 High School Students

"I am sorry! I am sorry!" Bu Dong, the Angry Ape cultivator, was rushing towards the entrance of the shop where a group of people were waiting for him.

"Well, I didn't expect anything else from you. You are always the last one to arrive at meetings." Yue Han, the Blind Bat cultivator, laughed as he looked at his phone. It was 15 minutes past 7 pm and they were supposed to meet at 7 pm.

"At least he is not as late as he was for school this morning. Nearly skipped the whole of first period." Xing Li, a classmate of Bu Dong chimed in and grinned widely at Yue Han as she re-tied her ponytail right beside of Bu Dong.

"Now that we are all here, let's get going. Bu Dong, you treating again? Hahaha!" Kong Xian, the Towering Tortoise cultivator, laughed loudly.

"How about we get something to eat first?" Katherine, an exchange student suggested, while rubbing her stomach. She got assigned to same class as Bu Dong and the others.

"You Europeans always get hungry that easily." Xing Li teased, not wanting to admit that she was hungry too. She and her stomach were glad for Katherine's honesty and she envied the other girl who could eat so much while keeping her slender dark yet s.e.xy figure.

"Technically, I am from... eh, whatever you guys never bother to remember anyway. Let's just grab a bite. I don't even care what kind of food. Does this panda shop serve anything delicious?" Katherine figured her German mixed with African blood lineage did not really matter since Xing Li was just making her comment as a sweeping statement.

"Yeah it does and not just any ordinary kind of food. I can promise you, it has the best food you can ever find in this district." Yue Han was full of confidence answering her as if it was a statement of truth and both Bu Dong and Kong Xian nodded in agreement.

"Isn't this just a dungeon supplier? How could the food be good?" Xing Li furrowed her eyebrows as she stared at the big panda billboard that was glowing with various colours in the evening light.

"Just trust us guys on this. You will be pleasantly surprised. We can have dinner here first then try out the new dungeon that Boss Jin released not too long ago." Bu Dong told her as he taught Xing Li how to enter the shop while Yue Han assisted Katherine. As they entered the shop, the two girls were amazed by the interior decor of the area. The Halloween Theme was spot on for the month of October.

"Oh yeah I forgot to ask, but you do have a cultivation style or erm magic ability, right?" Yue Han asked Katherine and she nodded her head while opening her palms out. Without a word, fire sparked out from her palms and two small orbs were floating around her hand.

"Fire Shaman, Rank 2. What are your cultivations?" Katherine asked curiously, and the boys did not hesitate, wanting to show off a little. Three tortoise silhouette appeared from Kong Xian while both Yue Han and Bu Dong had four silhouettes of their bats and apes, respectively. However, it was apparent that Bu Dong's cultivation silhouettes were better defined.

Xing Li and Katherine were mesmerised and baffled by their cultivation silhouettes. "How do you all have such high grades?! I remember, that I broke through to Grade 2 even before Yue Han just last year!" Xing Li covered her mouth in awe.

"It's all thanks to this place. This dungeon supplier trained us this way. As long as you put in the effort, you can definitely reach a higher cultivation too." Bu Dong smiled at Xing Li and she nodded in excitement at what this place could potentially offer.

The group entered the Restaurant Train of Delicacy, and the girls were once again overwhelmed with the scenery and the penguin butlers, but it was also the first time the group as a whole tried the ramen.

"Holy shit! What kind of noodle is this!" Kong Xian who did Kendo as a sport was an avid ramen lover. "THIS IS THE BOMB! I never tasted such good ramen in Shenzhen before nor in Japan!"

"Oui Monsieur. Our Chef Lynn is indeed amazing. We shall forward your praises to her. Please do enjoy your meals." The Penguin waiter said as he went ahead to entertain other customers. The group had a fantastic time eating the ramen in red snapper broth.

"Man, I thought that it was just for promotion, but turns out it is true... the ramen really buffed my stats up." Yue Han was surprised at this realisation. Yet he could feel his chi having increased, and his pandamonium stat screen also indicated the truth of this situation. The rest of the group all were pumped up, ready to go for a dungeon. However, the girls decided to go to the loo, before they would exit the train. As soon as the girls were out of sight, the boys huddled together to talk.

"So, any progress with Xing Li? I will try to stall Katherine later, so Xing Li does not stick to her as much as she usually does. This should give you time to be together with her." Yue Han asked Bu Dong who fancied her.

"I don't know. She doesn't seem to be receptive to my questions or talks." Bu Dong felt a little depressed about this situation.

"I am sorry to break the bubble, but it is because she likes Yue Han more than you." Kong Xian stated as he leaned back to drink his bamboo juice.

"EHHH?" Yue Han was utterly surprised by Kong Xian's analysis and he shook his head and hands vehemently. "That's impossible. She never liked me to begin with and had it out for me ever since we went to middle school. She always picked on me to do things for her..."

"No, I agree with Kong Xian. Maybe because I was too focused on her I hadn't noticed? She seemed to be more responsive to your jabs than to mine." Bu Dong laid back a bit and sighed.

"What? No. No. No. This whole night hanging was supposed to be your opportunity to get closer to her. I am in no way as capable as you!" Yue Han still could not wrap around the fact that Xing Li could not just like him, but even more than that. Especially that she would prefer someone like him over Bu Dong.

"Sometimes, love is blind." Kong Xian patted Bu Dong on the back. "So change of plans? Want to get them together for your bro's sake?"

"ARGGHHHH! MA YUE HAN!" Bu Dong shouted in agony, which made everyone actually turned around to look at them for a moment before they returned to eating. One of the penguin waiters came to ask them to lower their voice since they were not in a premium seating of the train.

"Ma Yue Han. I am sad, devastated and feel like shit right now. But be honest with yourself. Have you ever had any feelings for Xing Li?" Bu Dong kept his voice down and talked seriously to Yue Han.

"I eh..." Yue Han did not know what to say. Should he admit that he did fancy her and break Bu Dong's heart any further? "I-I do not have any interest in Xing Li."

"He is lying." Kong Xian once again sipped his bamboo juice in peace and Bu Dong sighed once again.

"Yea...he is definitely lying." Bu Dong said as he pointed upwards and Yue Han saw where he was looking. It was his bat cultivation, a single bat silhouette flying around.

"Whenever you lie, a part of your cultivation will appear for some reason. I am disappointed in you." Bu Dong said shaking his head, as he placed his hand on his temple.

"I-I am sorry, I just did not want to make you feel sad anymore." Yue Han tried to salvage the situation... it was not very effective.

"Kong Xian. Be my new bro." Bu Dong ignored Yue Han's excuse, but Kong Xian immediately refused without a second thought: "I don't need a bro... and I already have a girlfriend."

Bu Dong's he could only bitterly cry at Kong Xian's rejection. He then stood up and walked towards Yue Han and held him by his neck and started to mock punch Yue Han's head.

"Then you better make sure you use this chance properly, you stupid bat!"

"So? How's your progress with Yue Han?" Katherine asked Xing Li when they were alone in the toilets. Xing Li was gurgling her mouth before she coughed out the water upon hearing Katherine's question.

"What are you talking about?" Xing Li took a dry towel paper to wipe her mouth and began to touch up her makeup.

"Seems rather obvious to me since the day I came into your class. If you want, I can move myself away from him and you can have more interaction with him." Katherine offered.

"No, it's okay. We... the two of us aren't like that. He is just an old classmate from middle school. Nothing more." Xing Li closed her makeup and instinctively picked up her perfume bottle, but upon the conversation, she quietly put it back in her handbag.

"It's alright, go ahead and use it. Don't think too much and go with the flow for now." Katherine grinned as she went outside and saw the commotion the boys were making from afar.

"Oooh. So Yue Han knows about it too. If she does not want to admit that she likes him, then it's time to make some trouble. After all, what's the fun of an exchange program if there are no memories about it?" Katherine smiled at herself as she waited for Xing Li to come back.

Chapter 308 Shaolin Football Instance

With all of them being toughened up by the Chashu Ramen in Red Snapper Broth, Bu Dong's group exited the Restaurant Train of Delicacy to the main shop lobby and bought the tickets to the new dungeon that Jin released earlier in the evening.

"Where is Boss Jin?" Bu Dong asked Yun who was at the Bar Island and a penguin waiter who helped serve drinks.

"Apparently he is making some prototype contraption to present to a business dealer tomorrow. More new things to play with! Hahahaha!" Yun informed them as she curled her hair up at the side and all the boys and girls were smitten by her beauty.

"Man, the boss sure has a good taste to hire such a beautiful employee like you." Katherine did not hold back her praises for Yun which made her giggle.

"Enjoy your new dungeon!" Yun told them as she busied herself by entertaining the next customer.

"What does this dungeon entail?" Xing Li decided to ask Yue Han, but he was suddenly distracted by Katherine's squeal at the auditoriums showing off the dungeon fights.

"Are we going to fight and they are gonna broadcast us?!" Katherine pulled Yue Han's hand away from Xing Li and he unhesitatingly blushed at her initiative.

"Erm...that's the Bank Heist Raid. We are going for the Shaolin Football Instance. Only the best instances are being shown but chances of us being broadcast is high because of Bu Dong." Yue Han managed to answer with a little stutter. Bu Dong noticed that Xing Li was a bit frustrated by Katherine's move and decided to attempt to bring Katherine away from Yue Han.

"Katherine, come here. Let me show you how to enter the instance." Bu Dong beckoned for her, but she was absorbed in her own world, pulling Yue Han wherever she went and ultimately ignored Bu Dong. Xing Li did not care much and decided to enter the instance first. Yue Han eventually saw Bu Dong signalling him and he pulled Katherine with him to the Dungeon instance entrance machine.

Bu Dong managed to teach Katherine and she went in second. There was sufficient time lag to speak a sentence or two and Bu Dong decided to discipline Yue Han. "Don't get over your head! Katherine is

leaving us in less than a week's time. Since when were you a playboy, thinking you can have both her and Xing Li?!"

"What are you talking about, I never even dreamt of something like that?!" Yue Han tried to defend himself, though suddenly they all heard a bat screech. Yue Han sighed. "Look, I just enjoyed myself for a moment. This is the first time in my life I feel wanted okay?! I did not think I ever could become so popular all of a sudden!"

"Popular my ass!" Bu Dong sneered and Kong Xian laughed as he entered the instance to give some more time for the two good brothers to settle their differences. "Fine, you know what? If you don't want to use the chance to get with Xing Li, I will just use it myself. Don't blame me for stealing her under your nose!" Bu Dong tried to intimidate Yue Han and it seemed to be working.

"...Try me!" Yue Han tried to put up a brave front in front of Bu Dong... but it was not working. Bu Dong had been using the Angry Ape cultivation for years causing Bu Dong not to be afraid of the little scare the bat tried to give him.

"Just get in already." Bu Dong scanned their tickets and pushed Yue Han in before getting in himself.

When the group entered, they found themselves in a locker room with a Panda figure entering, slamming the door and blowing his whistle. "LISTEN UP! This is the preliminary tryout round! We Pandaz are fortunate enough to get a chance to participate in the upcoming Inter World Football Cup. Either you blow your chance now, or you pull up your socks and get a win for the Pandaz!" Coach Panda Hui shouted. (Well at least that was the name the sticker said, which was badly pasted onto his shirt.)

"We are going to fight with just five people?" Bu Dong asked and he was given the death stare by Panda Hui.

"Problem?" Panda Hui asked, and Bu Dong did not say anything else. "Good. Change into the jerseys. Be glad, your opponents this time around are just mere robots." Panda Hui banged the door and left the locker room.

"Wow, that kind of attitude really reminds me of my coach at my old school," Katherine commented as she saw a locker with her name on it. She opened it to find a black and white spots shirt with matching shorts inside. Giggling at the absurdity of the shirt Katherine went to the ladies bathroom to change.

"What sports is this going to be? Regular football? I am going to suck at it." Xing Li complained as she naturally turned to Yue Han for assurance. "Nah, if we know one thing about Boss Jin, it's that he wouldn't be so kind as to present us with some simple football game." Yue Han patted her back and went to change.

The five subsequently walked onto the field and realised that they stood at what looked like a carbon copy of the Beijing National Stadium and began to be in awe at the sheer size of it. Even walking on it resulted in them being filled with pride, as if they were now the ones who would compete at the Olympics. At this point, the widescreen TV of the stadium showed the empty result board of Pandaz VS Roboz.

"Can't Jin think of a flashier name?" Kong Xian shook his head at Jin's poor naming sense. Not one moment later, they got called over by Coach Hui, sitting at the bench.

"Look, newbies. This is your chance to spread your glory into the Inter World Football Cup. All you have to do is focus and defeat your opponents." Coach Hui instructed them so vaguely that Bu Dong did not hesitate to put his hand up to ask how to play the game.

"What? You guys do not know how to play the game?" Coach Hui furrowed his eyebrows before he fiddled around his shirt pocket to wear his glasses. "Holy Moly. You guys...are not..." Coach Hui realised that the people in front of him were not his men at all.

"What happened to all of my men? My players?" Coach Hui shouted loudly only for a Panda from the sideline to shout; "WE QUIT YOU LOSER COACH! NO BAMBOO MEANS NO PLAYERS!!!" The Panda booed at him one last time before he ran out of the stadium.

"No! If you all quit, how can I ...how can the Pandaz compete in the Inter World Football Cup?!" Coach Hui sat down and started to scratch his head with his two paws. Xing Li then went beside the Coach and comforted him.

"Erm, we can help I guess?" Xing Li rubbed his head a little, and suddenly he stood up with fire in his eyes which scared Xing Li and the rest of the group. It became apparent that he had played the sympathy card to cheat the group even though it was obvious for the entire team..

"THAT IS WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR! ALRIGHT! Here are the basics!" Coach Hui seemed to radiate his burning passion and started to teach them how to play.

"Two Guardians are standing at the back of the goal posts. Each team will be defending the opposing team's guardian. You will do so to prevent the opposing team from reaching their own guardian. Your goal in this Inter World Football Cup is to get the magical balls, which will spawn on the centre of the field at the start of the round and to feed your guardian with them. The more magical balls you are able to deliver to your guardian, the stronger your guardian will get." Coach Hui explained as he entered the field and simulated the area before the actual game started.

"At the end of each round, the two guardians will power up so the one with more magical strength will win when they clash in the end. That is why I said numbers do not matter. It is mostly about teamwork." Coach Hui explained.

"How do we fight for the magical balls?" Kong Xian questioned and Coach Hui smiled as he was getting to the juicy part.

"Fight and kill your enemy. When an enemy clashes with you, it will trigger a one on one fight for 30 seconds. The field referee will raise an energy barrier to let you guys brawl it out until the time is up. If there is no winner for the ball, it becomes a free for all. Of course, you can pass the magical ball before you clash but whether the ball gets intercepted or not, that is another issue. The field will always have three magical balls for the first two rounds. Should it come to the final round, only one magical golden ball worth four points will be on the field. That one alone is sufficient to turn the tide of battles, and the fight for it is always a free-for-all. In other words, it depends on all of you." Coach Hui finished his description of the game.

"Will we die if we lose the fight?" Yue Han was a little afraid for losing two members early in the round, mainly Xing Li and Katherine. He wanted them to have fun but it would not be fun if the group lost them in the first round.

"Nah, when you are close to death, you will be automatically withdrawn by the field referee and the Panda Nurses will give you a standard recovery spell. After about 5 minutes, you will be allowed to enter into the fray again...that is if there is even time for you to enter." Coach Hui pointed at the Panda Nurse who looked like a somewhat shady doctor, as they could see him smoking a cigar at the side of the bench.

"The only time you will get eliminated for good is in the last fifteen minutes when the stakes are raised. That means as soon as the magical golden ball appears, it is all or nothing. So till then, do your best! But first, say hello to our little friend!" Coach Hui grinned widely at them as he introduced the Guardian of Team Pandaz at the end of the field. No doubt. It was a Panda to represent the Team Pandaz and it growled loudly to show its ferocity to the newly joined team members.

A Gigantic Pandajilla. (Actually, it was just big ass giant panda wearing a Godzilla suit with its fluffy face poking out at the neck area.)

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"Holy Moly! This is our Guardian? A Panda wearing a Godzilla suit?!" Yue Han shouted with surprise but he got whacked by Coach Hui for being so loud.

"Be more respectful to your Guardian! Okay, I know it would be best if you guys had a dry run, but we don't have any time. I trust that you all are more than capable in understanding the rules since there are three Pandawans in the group." Coach Hui stated as he performed an 'O' with his arms to the field referee sitting at the side of the stadium digging his nose.

Upon closer inspection, it was a rather big bulky guy who was carrying a motorcycle helmet with him. The field referee threw his nose dirt with his pinky finger and wore the helmet... for protection? (Or maybe as a fashion statement?) But then a whistle blow was heard from him, supposedly from under his helmet. Bu Dong's group could see a group systematically walking out of the gates like robots. With every step, they started to become more and more human, which left all three boys in awe.

"Wow, I am seriously impressed. This is the most animated dungeon instance I have ever been to. Even the ones back at home either had no story or some bad excuses which amounted to simple monster killing. So what's a Pandawan?" Katherine asked Kong Xian who was right beside her.

"That is the beauty of Boss Jin's dungeons. We were also kind of fed up with standard dungeons that were offered by other dungeon suppliers. Oh and we played enough dungeon instances that we

somehow earned the title 'Pandawan' from the Dungeon NPCs. It is also stated in our Pandamonium Stat screen." Kong Xian opened the app and showed it to her.

"Woah, you guys have played more than 30 dungeons?" Xing Li was also curious as she took a look.

"Nah, those are just the number of times Kong Xian entered Boss Jin's dungeons. I have more dungeons under my belt. Although I have not tried all of them since most of the time was Bu Dong treating us. We usually just follow him." Yue Han confessed and the girls were amazed by Bu Dong's generosity.

"Erm, I just have some spare cash with me...that is all." Bu Dong tried to sound humble but failed so badly with the guys teasing him even more. The girls subsequently joined in and Bu Dong got rather embarrassed by it. Yet to the boys, they all appreciated Bu Dong for being honest.

"Alright, alright. Enough chatter. Have a look at your opponent. It's Team Roboz." Coach Hui folded his arms as the coach of Team Roboz came closer. For a moment, interim members of Team Pandaz could not see who Coach Hui was referring to until they heard some slimy sound from the ground.

It was none other than Lord Wolte who decided to play along with Jin's dungeons to personally get a feel of what Moloch had been talking to him about. The naked slug without the defunct core dragged itself towards Coach Hui. His tempo was rather quickly contrary to his form. (And yeap, the defunct core had been taken away by Moloch but that is for another story!)

"So you're only down to five people for your team? That is pandathetic Hui. Oh wait, did I make a bad panda pun. BURNNN~!" Lord Wolte said as he used his small little slug tendrils to push his coach cap down a little while smirking. However, there was only silence in the field. No one else found it funny, even his own team members did not play along to force a laugh.

Lord Wolte awkwardly recovered and began to speak, "I will do the same and send in only five of my best as a sign to pity you, Hui." Wolte walked away and commanded five Savants to enter the fray. As the rest went to the side bench and the Motorcycle Helmet Referee told the players to take their position as indicated on the shining beacons on the field.

"Xing Li, I understand that your Henotic Hedgehog Style is a kind of support cultivati- WOAHH! What's that for?!" Bu Dong's reflexes were fast enough to dodge a boomerang coming from Xing Li. The boomerang later returned to Xing Li's hand, making Bu Dong aware that there were sharp edges at each

side of the boomerang. Xing Li was wearing a sort of armoured glove which she used to hold the weapon in her hand.

"I can fight too." Xing Li stated as her eyes were determined to go all out. That was when Yue Han whispered to Bu Dong.

"Erm, Xing Li is a trained gymnastic despite her cultivation style. In fact, the Hedgehog style makes her even more aggressive- WOAHA! WHY ME TOO!?" Yue Han barely dodged after lowering his guard while talking to Bu Dong.

"Because you talk too much. Let him find out how good I can be. Don't you look down on me, even though I am just a Grade 2." Xing Li smiled confidently at Yue Han which made him slightly uneasy but he still struggled a smile out for her.

"Alright then, Yue Han, you hold the backline with Katherine. Wait, erm... I should go behind and hold the line with Katherine. Both of you and Kong Xian go to the middle." Bu Dong realised that he almost separated Yue Han and Xing Li due to his own desire to be with her.

"That does not make sense. You are a Grade 4 Peak. You should go to the frontline and grab the ball from the opponents as fast as possible." Katherine disagreed with Bu Dong's decision.

"Actually, Bu Dong's plan does make sense. We need someone strong for defence too, so that the... Savants is it? Ah yes, the Savants will have a hard time going to their- WOW THEIR GUARDIAN!" Kong Xian was taken aback when the Titan Knight, which Jin and the others had painstakingly fought against, was revealed to be the Roboz's guardian.

"Oh my lord. That is one crazy big ass robot. And here I thought our Pandajilla was already large enough." Katherine commented.

"SIZE DOES NOT MATTER!" Coach Hui shouted at them to get into their positions quickly, otherwise, the game would not be able to start. "Total of three rounds. 15 minutes each round. Follow what Ape Dong suggested. Sissy Han, Crazy Shit Li and Monk Xian at the front. Fire Girl and Ape Dong at the back!" The group looked at Coach Hui, all with a peculiar look when he finished giving his orders.

"Please Coach, don't use those names. ... such an awful naming sense." Bu Dong complained and the others agreed.

"It felt like Jin was controlling the coach and gave us terrible nicknames on purpose." Yue Han added and the Coach Hui was somewhat angry and he clapped to hurry them up. He later changed back to their normal names. The frontliners went to the centre of the field facing three Savants while three magical balls the size of a basketball mysteriously appeared right in front of them.

"Ready? Fight!" The Motorcycle Helmet Referee blew its whistle once more and the clashes happened simultaneously. Kong Xian locked his blades with the Lord Knight Savant and a magical barrier appeared right in front of them. Fortunately for him, Katerine being a Fire Shaman had cast various buffs to her teammates seconds before the whistle went off.

Kong Xian's two handed sword lit up like a bonfire and the food strength buff that he got eating from the Chashu Ramen allowed him to go toe to toe with the Lord Knight Savant. In the meantime, Xing Li was paired against an Assassin Savant and similar to Kong Xian, she had the same burning fire buff as she clashed with the Assassin Savant.

As for Yue Han, Bu Dong did not know whether to laugh or cry when he saw Yue Han's opponent, the Warlock Savant, summoned his Otherworld minion. Coincidentally it had a striking resemblance to the zombie abomination, which Yue Han fought against, during the Great Wall of China Dungeon Instance. Just that it looked meaner, bigger and possessed even more hands like a Thousand Arm Buddha. The Otherworld Abomination swallowed the magical ball with its back mouth and engaged the fight with Yue Han.

"Why do I always get the shittiest enemy!? And of all monsters, THAT THING AGAIN!!!" Yue Han grumbled as he went forward with his burning one handed sword with a renewed vengeance against the Otherworld Abomination. **Chapter 310 Cultivators Vs Cultivators**

As the clash was happening, the group's instance was being broadcast in Auditorium Three. Most customers knew about Bu Dong and his reputation as a first clear dungeoneer and they began to call others to watch him and his group. All were also eager to check out how the new dungeon would develop.

"Looks to me like a pretty straightforward dungeon." A male customer commented on the dungeon that Bu Dong was participating.

"I think so too, the price of the ticket can also be considered to be on the cheaper side." Another customer agreed with the male customer.

"I might be overthinking this, but don't you think it could be set up for future cultivator versus cultivator matches? I mean those robots or Savants look very real to me." A bespectacled female customer speculated as she analysed the dungeon instance.

"For guessing correctly, Five Bronze Medals have been awarded to the lady at the end of the stairs of Auditorium Three!" Mr Patsu announced a surprise reward. A small box came parachuted above her head with the rewards. She was a bit shocked since it was just a passing remark. However it was the confirmation of the observation that caused a big ruckus from the customers at Auditorium Three.

"Does that mean we might have an internal tournament against each other in the future?!" An older customer was excited to see cultivators pit against each other. Usually, it was based on a need to fight basis and police had to oversee the duels. Otherwise, those cultivators would fight in underground arenas that were illegal to the public. Mixed martial arts or other fighting sports were regulated to make sure no cultivation was allowed at all.

"Ahh, so Boss Jin is releasing this dungeon as a tryout? A tutorial for cultivators who might want to participate in future cultivator versus cultivator fights? Well, that is an original way to introduce such a concept. I love the idea to make it a game rather than an outright fight too." Another customer voiced his opinion.

"It is illegal for dungeon suppliers to promote cultivator versus cultivator directly, so his way should be a nice little loophole. However, I believe some dungeon suppliers have tried doing something similar, but they were not very successful because the matchmaking was terrible. And that is only in the cases of the technology working... I recall reading that some smaller dungeon suppliers were not even able to handle it, causing cultivators to be ejected the very moment they clashed with each other. Nevertheless, if it's Boss Jin, I believe he can do it." Mr Know-it-All who was sitting at his favourite spot gave his expertise, and many agreed.

"Man! Then I got to learn how this dungeon game really work. I got some colleagues who would love to let off some steam against our superiors!" A male customer joked, though many could sympathize. While not all had the same motivation, others could feel the urge to compete with others, and the crowd got even more pumped up than usual.

As the Inter World Football game continued on, the first round came to a close. Bu Dong and group lost severely for the first round, securing only one magical ball for their guardian. Yue Han had no chance to impress the girls and was instead beaten to a pulp by the Warlock and his Otherworld Abomination.

"HOW IS THIS FOOTBALL!?!?" Yue Han shouted in agony as he could not believe he was trounced by the Warlock.

"To be honest, Boss Jin would like the audience to give their input on the game and hopes that they could come up with a more suitable name for the sport." Mr Patsu admitted upon hearing Yue Han's cries of help and everyone all laughed as they they were trying to come up with a suitable name on their own.

"Oh, please present your suggestions into the Pandamonium App. There is an open survey option on the front page of the app!" Bear Cub One, the secondary announcer added on.

As there was an interval between the rounds, Coach Hui gathered the rest up in the locker room and commented on the tactics that were used by the group. "You guys are too segregated. No one is helping each other at all. Zero teamwork. Even an unlearned spectator would laugh at you for performing so terribly."

"How can we have teamwork when we are stuck in the energy barrier with an enemy, forced to fight them one on one?" Bu Dong questioned angrily.

"Remember how that Assassin Savant retreated the moment Xing Li stole the magical energy ball from him? Great work, by the way, Pandastic movement. Ah yes, the energy barrier disappeared, right? It was because he was willing to forfeit the magical ball. That means when you no longer have the will to fight for it, the energy barrier will break. But that also allows you to use this move tactically." Coach Hui explained.

"Ah...at that time the Lancer Savant came in and contended me for the ball. With my stamina spent fighting against the Assassin Savant, the Lancer Savant who had the range advantage against me managed to defeat me and won the magical ball." Xing Li analysed as she sighed.

"Yes, and when Bu Dong tried to clash with the Lancer Savant, the Assassin Savant slipped in and entered the battle against Bu Dong, giving the Lancer Savant a chance to press forward to his own Guardian." Coach Hui continued.

"I was in too much of a shock the moment the Lancer Savant clashed with me as I was not prepared to fight against a melee opponent." Katherine stuck her tongue out to apologise to the group since her death was the fastest among all of them.

"Then in Kong Xian's case, he was able to withstand the battle against the Lord Knight but as soon as the 30 seconds were over, it became a free for all, allowing the Archer Savant to enter into the fray. Because of the blunder you all made, three of you were down for the count, leaving Kong Xian alone to fend for himself. Defensive character against defensive character was the right choice, but when a ranged attacker comes in... there was no way Kong Xian was going to win." Coach Hui concluded as he folded his arms.

"Ahhh...we blundered so much." Kong Xian apologised in his own way.

"Hmm, surprisingly, the MVP for this round was Yue Han. His shadow form allowed him to slip through the cracks of the Otherworld Abomination's defence, bypassing the Warlock Savant's notice and delivering the magical ball to our Pandajilla. It's a pity the Warlock Savant found your presence afterwards, cursing you so badly that you could not move away, allowing the Otherworld Abomination to beat you senselessly." Coach Hui shook his head.

"I think we all know where we went wrong and with one match, we more or less learnt a little about the opponent." Bu Dong tried to defend his group since he was afraid that they would become more depressed with Coach Hui's complaints.

"Question, what if two of us went for one particular magical ball? Will it become a two versus one?" Kong Xian asked as he was thinking if he should pair up with a ranged attacker like Katherine, a Fire Shaman.

"Yes, if you manage to do that, it would become a two versus two in an enclosed area, and any other Savant could join in at will. Not sure how to explain this well. Erm...it can only occur if both of you move towards the ball at about the same time. Not in instances like 'Ah! I should join him!' That kind of excuse. To play it safe, both of you must be within at least 5 metres of the energy ball for the two versus two to occur." Coach Hui said which made Kong Xian light up and he shared his intent to partner up with Katerine.

Meanwhile, Katerine was already bent on winning, forgetting her previous plans of causing some mischief between Xing Li and Yue Han. This dungeon instance way more exciting than creating discord between friends.

Fortunately, this did give an opportunity for Yue Han and Xing Li to communicate and discuss their technique and tactics together. Bu Dong also felt that they should partner together since they knew each other strength and weakness reasonably well. "Guess, I will continue to stay as the defence."

"Judging from your discussion, you both are aiming for two balls rather than getting all three energy balls?" Coach Hui rubbed his stubble.

"Get these two energy balls, achieve at least a tie in terms of energy balls against Roboz for the second round and later go all out for the last golden ball." Bu Dong cussed his hand together in a thinking pose.

"I see, so you guys are already considering the end goal. I like this simple and straightforward strategy. Good luck." Coach Hui said as they heard a ringing bell, indicating the start of the second round.