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### Chapter 521 The Valiant Orc in a Baking Apron

Compared to Lai Fu's rather chaotic Offshore Sea Store Instance, Qian Qian's Reef Knolls Bakery was the complete opposite. The lines were orderly, and everyone queued to buy her bread. Aside from the few Orcs and Penguins that were aiding her with the baking procedures, Qian Qian handled the cash register.

It was still a bakery store no matter how one looked at it, and window shoppers wouldn't know why it was that popular until they stepped into the store instance themselves. The first thing awaiting them was the mouthwatering fragrance of fresh bread out of the oven.

The old customers who had frequented Qian Qian's bakery knew that she handled this store mostly by herself as a store passed down by her family throughout the generations. Her customer base wasn't too large, but neither was it too little.

It was enough for a decent living, which was why when she saw the large crowd waiting to pay for the bread, she could not help but feel a little anxious. The crowd outside easily surpassed what she usually had to tend for a whole day by at least twofold.

Luckily the presence of her orcish helpers in the area made almost everyone aware not to mess with Qian Qian's store. However, some idiots who were too used to convenience, got pissed off by waiting and shouted for the store owner to work faster.

Just as Qian Qian wished to apologise, one of the Orcs who was working on the next batch of bread stepped forward in her stead. "You got a problem, punk?" The Orc asked, and the customer was still daring enough to shout at the Orc for being so discourteous to the clientele.

"Since it's day one, I will present you with three choices. One. Shut up, apologise and silently wait your turn. Two. Turn around and leave while you still can do so yourself. Three. Stay and face my wrath. Which one would you like?" The Orc somehow appeared even more threatening in his baking apron, making those surrounding them move back a little. (Or forward to give them some space.)

"Don't you touch me!!! I will sue you!! I will call the police!! How dare you threaten to assault me?!" The customer was trembling, but his mouth was still rumbling off nonsense.

"First. This is an instance. Second. I am a monster. Third. No one is here to help you right now." The Orc approached him even closer and cracked his knuckles. Scared witless, the customer fell to the ground and his hand covering his head, afraid of getting beaten up.

"No worries, Landlord Jin has comprehensive medical care. If a few punches don't do the trick, perhaps the experience of death might help correct your behaviour." One of the spectating cultivators interjected his opinion, and everyone laughed at his misery.

The Orc, however, did not let it end there. He single handedly picked up the rowdy customer and lifted him by his throat. Unable to resist the customer quickly began begging for Qian Qian's forgiveness.

With this being the very first day and the store owner wanting things to be over she agreed to forgive him. The Orc simply dropped him on the ground, returning to his station. The unlucky soul kept quiet in the queue, trying his best to ignore the surrounding jabs at him.

Eventually, it became known as the tale of the Valiant Orc in a Baking Apron on the Pandamonium Forums. People were pointing out that the Orcs were like knights for Qian Qian's bakery. The rest of the day went uneventful, with the Orcs making sure that everything would go smoothly and that people were happy with their purchase of bread.

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As for the Castle Tower Café Instance, Sheng Si Fang had spared no effort in ensuring the tranquillity of the area. Instead of people queuing within the store instance, the customers were queuing outside of the Castle Tower Café instance entrance where there was a statue out there of a Panda drinking a cup of coffee.

Si Fang was not willing to compromise his ideal of the instance and told Jin that he was ready to forego profit to ensure the customers in his Castle Tower Café were enjoying their time there. However, he too, did not allow people to hog the area.

Amongst his former customers, students made up a large percentage. Yes, Si Fang knew that his new place might be popular for those students wishing to do their work there, so he had asked Jin if there was any way to incorporate a space for the students to focus on their studies. There and then, Jin had already moved most of the library from the old store to the underground floor of the Castle Tower Café.

Hence, there was a vast and spacious underground library which could only be accessed by the little panda statue reading at the back of the Panda drinking the coffee. It was a sort of hidden instance which allowed students and adults to enter the place.

For the underground library, he used the same principle as the Panda Burger Instance where more floors were added further down to accommodate more students. There were basic facilities like toilets and water dispenser, but the library only had access to a limited menu of the Castle Tower Café's, such as sandwiches and beverages.

When ordered, the purchase would be dispensed in a specially allocated area which the students/adults had to pick up themselves. The food and drinks were placed in a vacuumed box where the students had to use their Pandamonium app to unlock the box safety mechanism to prevent theft from other people.

Other than that, the underground library offered individual cubicles as well as an open area for discussion. Each of such a table could produce an anti sound barrier similar to the café operated by the Wurm Ants in the WunderPanda Theme Park. That way, the students' livid discussions would not interrupt students that desired peace and quiet to study.

Else, for Si Fang's café, the customers were thoroughly satisfied with the layout of the castle instance as well as the improved food quality that Si Fang served. So long it had something to do with food, people felt the Tree Mall was the most desirable, new place to rely on.

As the ambience was important, Jin suggested Ke Mi showcase her instrumental music at Si Fang's Castle Tower Café. Though Ke Mi offered to do it out of goodwill, Si Fang insisted that he paid her and

even added a decent tip for every gig she performed at his place. Since Jin had long planned for this performing stage when he created the instance, he had already included a platform for Ke Mi to play the grand piano.

Jin initially wanted to put a Zither in there but felt that it did not fit with the current theme and chosen the grand piano instead. When Ke Mi was not playing, customers were invited to use and perform their musical talents every once in a while.

Not to mention, for those who played and was well received by the audience, Si Fang would present them a coupon voucher of the Tiangong Tree Mall as a sign of gratitude. Thus, the café became a unique hit of its own within the Tiangong District.

## **Chapter 522 Gamer Model Pack**

The Panda Arcade Store? Yong De and He Rong, the two co owners for the Arcade store never saw it coming at all. They had been informed about Jin hosting his mini games through their store, but both had vastly underestimated the massive appeal and thus the giant fan base it would bring them.

This was even more accurate after Jin had tweaked the paying models for his mini games. The first significant change that all the mini games were free to enter. For those who had paid previously were given additional points for the amount they had spent on the game. (And it could have amounted to a crapload of points since there was no cap to the amount they paid.)

Jin also gave the people who paid those the entry fees such as the Supa Robot Warz and Spinning Tops a special achievement badge which could never be received in the future.

The second change was that Jin created a basic gamer model pack where the customers could choose which mini games they wanted to subscribe to, which was generally cheaper than buying individual parts.

The Basic Gamer Model Pack cost 9 Yuan and would provide five Bronze Panda Medals worth of game currency each month as well as two 'supply packs' depending on the chosen mini game. The Pet Card Arena subscribers received 500 Card Points and two Basic Card Packs.

For Spinning Tops, it was 500 Spinning Points respectively as well as two temporary inscription effects (useable for up to three times), whereas Supa Robot Warz got 500 Star Cross Points and two basic parts for their core model.

Jin also offered a Moderate Gamer Model Pack, Hardcore Gamer Model Pack and the most expensive of them all, the Extreme Gamer God Model Pack, costing 29 Yuan, 59 Yuan and 149 Yuan respectively. The amount of goodies rewarded were exponentially higher with the higher priced model. The Hardcore and Extreme Gamer God Model packs had the chance of getting rare inscriptions, cards or robot parts for each of the games.

Additionally, the Extreme Gamer God Model Pack included priority queues and an extra 0.5% chance for getting Legendary parts or cards in their packs.

Some might complain that this would turn it into a pay-to-win model, but Jin had ensured that the System would pair all of them up equally based on their technical scores. Jin was even considering adding gamer levels to the Pandamonium App in the future, but at the moment he lacked the time to properly conceptualise it.

The only thing that he added as of now was the achievement badges for subscribing to his Model Packs.

His limited time had, however, been spent on improving the Pet Card Arena. Jin finally created a few additional cards that would spice up the current card scene, and placed them into the basic card packs, indicating that they were rare cards and also making them even more unique, they were holographic in nature.

When one thought of holographic cards, they would think that the card merely shines under light. As for Jin's kind of holographic cards, it was the literal meaning.

For example, the Great Poison Energy Arrows rare card depicted a half masked Rabbitwoman silhouette shooting arrows filled with purplish green energy. When a cultivator inserted their chi into the card's artwork, the arrows appeared to be jumping out of the cards and what followed was an animation of the female silhouette reloading before shooting them again.

Basically, he was handing out holographic gif inserted into cards and the Jin plans to do that for all subsequent rares ones. If possible, he wished to update the old rare cards to this holographic design as well for consistency sake.

He Rong and Yong De both agreed that this had to be the first time a physical card game managed to produce such beautiful effects and claimed that if the card game ever got popular, it would revolutionise the way how card games would work in the future. Jin could only laugh at such a possibility.

First, the panda cultivator had to concentrate on improving the basic card packs to the point he was satisfied with the amount of variety before he concluded that the base game was sufficient and challenging.

Thankfully he had received the help of Yong De who unsurprisingly was a Gaming Card Fanatic. Jin tasked him to come up with more card ideas to improve the gameplay, which they could later release in the form of expansions. (He told Yong De to not be shy and copy the game designs from other card games and modify them accordingly.)

Only time could tell if there was something flawed with the current game cards and Jin was looking forward to designing future cards to change up the 'meta' of the gaming card scene so that they had a more concrete set of rules in case of holding tournaments.

Speaking of which, Yong De was also responsible for drawing out a plan concerning a Pet Card Tournament as well as propose the possible prizes. He Rong couldn't help himself but teasingly remind Jin that it could backfire on him if he were serious about his partner not having to worry about a budget.

"Go all out!" was all Jin replied to He Rong's teasing and told Yong De to be daring with the tournament. "Ask Kiyu if you need promotion on those cards. You can find her details in the Pandamonium Forum. I will inform her to keep an eye for your message. Else, you can shoot me an email to remind me too."

Separately, with the inscription effect packs, the Spinning Top game had begun to enter a brand new level of gameplay. Performance of the tops would eventually be insufficient, and the inscriptions push the game to be even more challenging and exciting for the fans. (As well as the gamblers)

Octofussy was delighted to put out various inscriptions in the packs as this gave him the perfect opportunity to test out his ideas for weapon and armour inscriptions while ensuring that they worked as intended so he could release them for dungeon use as well.

Whenever he realised the inscription was too powerful or took too much chi for activation, Octofussy would tweak the inscriptions accordingly. Hence, Spinning Tops became his new favourite past time to watch the people use his products.

As for the Supa Robot Warz, He Rong continued to source for various robot models to send to Niu Lang to tinker with thereby increasing the number of parts the game would have.

Copying was not the issue per se. Instead, tweaking it a little to ensure that the parts were not copyrighted was what Niu Lang had to focus on. With the aid of the System, the simplest way to circumvent it was to combine two models, merge them together and see what kind of abomination he would receive from it and modify from there.

That way, the designs of every model part was ensured to be different, and only the most astute would have the ability to differentiate what they had been initially. Still, it was sufficient to fool the majority.

Niu Lang naturally created his very own model parts as well, and recently he had made the Zodiac Series, where the full robot models featured the various zodiac animals. However, he had yet to finalise some of the items and only teased it as a 'coming soon' event for those who played the mini game.

Despite Jin's mini games, the main attraction of the Arcade was the actual arcade machine games right? Jin also placed his hand in that issue and purposely made them very cheap to the point that the experienced Arcade Store Owner felt the need to intervene.

Listening to his arguments, Jin merely asked the following questions. "Who usually frequents the arcades? Adults? Young Adults? Working Adults? Or is more teenagers? Students?"

"The latter..." Yong De admitted that his place was where a number of students hung out after school too though lately there were not many students since their pocket money had all been spent on presents for the upcoming Christmas. (Which Jin felt it was a mere excuse.)

"Yeap, there you have it. Previously, you had to put it at a high cost to ensure the games were properly utilised for their price. Now all you have to worry about is that customers are always around and not the operating costs. So we are keeping it at 1 Yuan for two tries no matter the arcade machine." Jin decided, and He Rong agreed that such a price should be extremely attractive for the kids to play and relax. Yong De shrugged his shoulders and told the boss that this was his playground, and they were simply their 'caretakers'.

Still, there was one component which drew the attention of all the working adults in the arcade, which He Rong and Yong De up to this point could not understand why.

The Giant Plushie UFO machine.

## Chapter 523 Giant Plushie UFO Machine

Similar to the mini game fanbase it seemed as if the Giant Plushie UFO Machine had garnered its own cult following. The first thing that all the adult Pandawans had rushed towards was this particular plushie dispensing machine.

At the same time, there were also murmurs by various UFO machine experts on how to tackle such a machine. It was the first time they saw such a gigantic UFO machine and the controls definitely different from the usual ones they had experienced. Thus, the UFO machine experts allowed other customers to try it first as they cross examined each other's thoughts and opinions.

But the cross examination seemed rather ineffective when there was one particular guy who happened to hog the one side of the machine all to himself.

While every customer was green with envy that Xiong Da was rewarded with a customised Hippo and Egret plushie due to his large donation, it does not feel appropriate that he acted like a bully and refused to give up the machine after several attempts. (In fact, it's many, many failed attempts that the crowd got bored looking.)

"Who dares to interrupt my plushie attempts?!!!" Xiong Da shouted, which caused the bystanders to move aside and let him continue his attempts to gather more of them. If anything else, Xiong Da was happy that he now had unlimited spending power to get the plushies.

All that Hippo Cultivator needed was time.

However, the Pandawans like Luo Bo, the Rabbit Cultivator would not back down without a fight... which in the end escalated into such a significant disturbance that He Rong had to call Jin to settle it their dispute. Yang Ling decided to tag along Jin as she had met Xiong Da before and was curious to see how Jin would mediate the fight.

"You know, you could probably just add a new rule to ensure that everyone has to take turns trying that machine." Yang Ling suggested as they took the elevator up to the Panda Arcade Store Instance. She had asked Jin if he wanted some fries which were packed in cute Panda packaging paper bag. Jin gladly took two pieces and noticed that she had already hung the new Panda Miniature Keychain at the side of her wheelchair.

"Nah, that rule would probably turn many people off. Especially for those who really want the plushie so badly that they were willing to spend loads on it. Erm...just not Xiong Da. Although I kind of figure he would be there when I created that UFO machine." Jin said with his mouth filled with fries as they walked towards the Panda Arcade Store Instance.

"That's true. But what are you going to do? Let them fight it out? I don't recall you having an instance to allow for proper cultivator versus cultivator dungeon instance." Yang Ling inquired as they entered the store to see Xiong Da and Luo Bo fighting over the controls.

The small sized girl was doing all she could to prevent that fatty from playing while Shi Zuo, the Mad Monkey Cultivator merely stood at the sight and watched them fight like little kids.

"Thank goodness my machines were made of good quality, or else I swear those two rascals would have dismantled it by now." Jin sighed as he told Yang Ling to give him a moment.

"Do you require my guards?" Yang Ling offered as a sign of concern, but Jin just shook his head nonchalantly.

"What do you two think you are doing here exactly? You are both adults, yet you behave worse than children bickering over a candy! You are supposed to lead by example, Do I need to revoke your Pandawan status?" Jin berated them as he folded his hands while giving them accusing looks.

"But he started it first!"

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Both of them yelled simultaneously, pointing fingers at each other while their partners shrugged their shoulders, not wanting to get involved. He requested the immature adults to leave the Giant Plushie UFO machine to allow the others a chance to use it.

"Do you really want a giant plushie that bad?" Jin asked the two angry cultivators who had stared down at each other, but eventually turned their heads towards Jin at the mention of 'plushie'.

Both just nodded.

"Fine, since you two are Pandawans, I am allowing you to undergo a special challenge. Luo Bo, should you win, you will get a personalised Rabbit Giant Plushie while if Xiong Da wins, he will get to choose one of those plushies up there. Deal?"

"Why does she get a customised plushie?!" Xiong Da exclaimed at which point Ruo Ying finally entered the scene and pulled his ear.

"Dear. Remember what I told you? Don't get too greedy." Ruo Ying reminded him, and she surprisingly managed to control him very well.

Jin could only look at her with an expression of disbelief.

"...Honestly, if you did that earlier, everything could be solved." Jin sighed even stronger, but Shi Zuo shook his head.

"My bunny girl would not have listened to me." Shi Zuo intervened, and Ruo Ying echoed the same sentiments. If she did that earlier, it would not have been effective at all.

"Why do I feel that all of this was merely a big ploy by the four of you to mess with me? And to get me to issue out more giant (customised) plushies?" Jin accused them loudly while putting his hand at his temple and shaking his head.

"You were the one who initiated and suggested the solution, not us." Shi Zuo chuckled at Jin's overthinking of the whole situation. He knew that his girlfriend was being childish and Ruo Ying agreed wholeheartedly with him.

"Fine, fine," Jin replied as he looked at them and saw how eager they were to win against each other.

"Follow me, all of you." He asked the two couples to follow behind Yang Ling. On the way, Xiong Da revealed to them the identity of the woman in the wheelchair. However, he was slightly confused as to why she was in a wheelchair when he remembered that Yang Ling was able to walk perfectly fine the last he saw her. Yet, his gut instincts told him that it would be rude and inappropriate to ask something like that in public, and she must have her reasons.

When they reached the top of the Tree Mall, the cultivators felt more peaceful in their hearts than ever before to the point, the two grumbling cultivators nearly forgave each other on the spot. Yang Ling laughed at Jin's customers, seeing how spontaneous they were and was slightly envious of their friendship.

Jin led them to the centre of the top level, where they were welcomed by the enormous portrait of Jin and his monsters. There were a number of people gathering right in front of it admiring the picture. Yang Ling was extremely interested in it but did not wish to disturb the crowd in front of her.

Xiong Da, on the other hand, was shameless and loudly requested to allow the person in the wheelchair to get a better look at the portrait.

Using her 'crippled' status, they got close to the portrait and saw the entirety of it.

Luo Bo tried to take a picture but was unhappy to realise it was blurred out even after a couple of tries. Shi Zuo was startled that Jin's portrait made use of the latest censoring technology which only prominent museums utilised for artefacts and relics of great value.

"To me, it's one of the most valuable pieces that showed a milestone in my life," Jin revealed solemnly, and the rest silently continued to appreciate the art piece.

While they were busy admiring the picture, Jin opened his Pandamonium app. A large big 'Enter Store' appeared as a banner at the top of the app. With a crowd of this size blocking the 'main entry' of the store, the System had also modified the Pandamonium app to allow entry other than from the QR code in front of the portrait. (Did Jin mention that he also changed the QR code to include the shape of a Panda in it too?)

Customers in the vicinity of the top level would be given directions via GPS to the centre of the park if they wished to enter Jin's Panda and Dungeons instance. Alternatively, they could access his store's instance instantly by hitting the large big 'Enter Store' button, which was revealed the moment they reach the top level of the Tree Mall.

Thus Jin informed his customers that once they were done admiring his magnificent portrait, they could find him at his store instance.

### **Chapter 524 Special Challenge**

"So, what is this special challenge about?" Xiong Da asked, and Jin smiled as he instructed them to take a look at their Pandamonium App.

"An upcoming instance, but right now it's in an experimental state. Something similar to the Orc Invasion only with another type of monster. You know the usual stuff. Whoever got the highest number



of kills wins the challenge." Jin answered before he told the two of them to gear up. Shi Zuo and Ruo Ying questioned if they were allowed to join in the fun as well.

"Oh, you think this will be fun? Sure go right ahead." Jin smile turned into a smirk which made them slightly suspicious of the dungeon supplier. Still, he had agreed and sent them the invitation to the dungeon.

At this point, Yang Ling looked Jin in the eyes and pouted cutely.

Jin ultimately heaved out a sigh. "Fine...I will let you in as well but not your guards. It may not be fully balanced, so I do not want too many people to be in it in case of problems. You can go inside and take a look. Whether you wish to fight, is entirely up to you."

Yang Ling agreed and asked the guards to take a break at the Restaurant Train instance by sending a 500 Yuan red packet to each of their MeChat accounts per guard. "Enjoy yourselves, you guys worked hard enough."

"But Miss, Clan Leader Hu ordered us not to leave you at any cost. We will get in trouble if you-" The guard got interrupted by Yang Ling's impeccable stare and they understood that she was doing it of her own volition.

"Very good. Now please, enjoy what this place has to offer. You might even try to increase your cultivation while waiting for me." Yang Ling expression turned friendly again. Defeated, they nodded their heads in return.

"Shall we?" Yang Ling requested Jin to push her into Weapons Store Instance in order to access one of the workshops in there. He was surprised that Yang Ling had secretly been visiting his store in disguise with her Triad Bodyguard, Ku Wai. The only reason why Ku Wai had not followed her this time around was because she had for 'official business' to Jin's opening ceremony.

Hence, she needed to keep the act of being crippled.

Once the System pulled her personalised workshop instance into reality, he realised that she had stored all her combat gear here. There was even a highly expensive 3D printer along with a laptop in the workshop in case she needed a quick fix.

"Seriously quite a handy feature you have. Can't say I've seen many stores with, especially at your low rates...in fact the Royal Dungeon Supplier store I used to frequent charges exorbitant prices to rent a space there."

"I really hope that you can expand or at least place a portal in our Zodiac Tiger Headquarters which I am sure the people there would love it. That will show that arrogant Royal Dungeon Supplier that he is not the only freaking supplier that the Tigers can rely on." Yang Ling complained with spite in her tone, and Jin bitterly laughed in reply.

"I will see what Ke Loong and I can do." Jin went forward to assist Yang Ling and realised she was able to walk a little on her own. "This is ...a great improvement!" Jin was astonished, and Yang Ling winked at him.

"Of course! I worked hard, you know." Yang Ling said proudly but eventually revealed that along with her extended use of the Gearbox, she had been eating rather often at Jin's store (in disguise). The Tiger Princess speculated that the abundant spiritual power from the food along with her rehabilitation aided in her speedy and yet miraculous recovery.

"I've a long way ahead of me, but at least I can stand and also walk a little," Yang Ling said as she unveiled a series of suitcases from her storage ring. Seeing his guest struggled a bit on her own, Jin assisted her with the donning of her customised Gearbox.

"Oh, did I ever thank you for making it extremely easy to fit in? If I am in a pinch, all I need is some time to put it on, and I can enter into combat immediately. Had been practising on that diligently in case of emergencies and my timing is decent now. Honestly, it's so good that we adapted it to all other models." Yang Ling said as she put on the Gearbox.

"Yea, I did design it with that in mind, I don't want to imagine how helpless you might be if you are stuck in a serious predicament," Jin stated as a matter of fact instead of a matter of concern for her.

Like donning an armour on in medieval times, he knew that speed was of the essence if she was ever in serious danger again. However, to Yang Ling, she thought otherwise and smiled widely with a bit of embarrassment on her face. (Though Jin did not see it when she expressed it.)

Once she was outfitted with the customised gearbox suit, Yang Ling began putting small plates of flexible armour which she kept in her workshop. The Tiger Princess had already modified the Gearbox to suit them, and it was kind of like a plug and play. Jin noticed it was quite an ingenious idea and kept that in mind should he wish to produce more of those gearbox suits.

"Do not worry, System has already input all the data, including the items she had not chosen to use this time into the System database. System will prompt User should he wish to reproduce gearbox suits for personal use or for his monsters." The System informed him within his thoughts, and he could only imagine what kind of other inventions Yang Ling's research team had created as she stuffed several more items in a separate storage ring before telling Jin that she was ready for battle.

When they returned back to the store instance, Xiong Da was donning his clothes with his new defensive inscription as part of his recently earned privilege rights. While the System had prevented him from abusing his special status to gift their assortment to others, the lawyer had all the money in the world to purchase some new gear for Ruo Ying without batting his eye.

Knowing that it was a special challenge (with the plushie at stake), Luo Bo did not hesitate in buying the latest items that were offered within the Weapons and Armour store instances, especially since there was the Day One mega discount in effect.

The only one who was crying was Shi Zuo's wallet, but he figured with Christmas around the corner, he convinced himself that it was 'okay' to be spending a fair bit of money and decided to splurge on his new armoured clothes set. (Little did he knew that this was merely the beginning of the couple's spending fest.)

With all of them ready for the special challenge, Jin looked at them and brought them to the conference room instance to brief them on the new 'experimental instance'.

## Chapter 525 Special Challenge Briefing

"Your challenge will be to defeat a new type of monster called Demon Rats," Jin explained as he showed them the pictures taken by his reconnaissance teams. Demon Rat Brutes, Demon Rat Specialists with their various equipment such as the Steam Tanks and the Steam Helicopters.

"Xiong Da and Luo Bo will be fighting against the horde of rats who have come to recapture a town that was liberated by the Werejackals. You remember those from the Bank Heist Instances?" Jin asked, and the rest nodded their heads except for Yang Ling and Ruo Ying who had neither seen nor experienced those instances before.

It wasn't until Xiong Da described them as the human-ish dog...fox like creatures they saw in the WunderPanda Theme Park Instance when it clicked for them. Jin continued his briefing telling them that the Werejackals were the commanding defensive team that would be protecting the town along with some knights.

"So it's basically the same as the goblins, just a different battlefield and probably on a harder difficulty?" Shi Zuo asked as he saw that the Demon Rats now had access to heavy machinery to aid them, unlike Orcs, who mainly focused on manpower to overwhelm them.

Jin nodded his head, and Luo Bo commented that Jin must really hate the Ruby Rats to the point he even created a raid theme all about them. The rest chuckled at her comments, yet Xiong Da agreed he would be dying to kill all those Demon Rats in place of the Ruby Rats.

"Aww Shucks you guys." Jin was being slightly sarcastic before continuing the briefing. "So yes, it is a new raid that will most likely replace the Goblin Raid instance in the near future. Call it something fresh or else people would become bored killing Orcs again, and again, right?"

"Personally, I would love to join the Orcs and fight against the goblins for a change." Shi Zuo said, and the rest agreed.

"How about making it a bit more special, like a cultivator versus cultivator kind of thing with the old Goblin Raid Instance. Where cultivators fight alongside the race they choose?" Yang Ling suggested, and Jin nodded his head at that idea.

"Ah, I did think of that one before as well, but I hope there will be varied battlegrounds instead of just the two raid instances and the secret instances." Luo Bo replied as she had nearly memorised all the building and knew exactly where to hide in order to snipe the Orcs down.

The Orcs did become cleverer in time and tried to ambush her, but so far they failed since the rabbit archer was very creative in her use of traps. (However, she had to give credit when they nearly caught her in a surprise.)

Ruo Ying also added that she remembered how exciting it was to be teleported to somewhere new in the first limited phase of Goblin Raids where they could do various missions. While the current instances were vast and crazily exciting, she missed those short battle sorties and hoped Jin could bring them back.

"Hmm. Perhaps, I really can spice things up, I will revise it when I have the time. As for the cultivator versus cultivator kind of battles, I have already filled out the necessary paperwork, but before I get

issued the license I can't implement anything of that sort. The one time with Xiong Da was only possible because the detectives agreed to look the other way." Jin took all their opinions in before he returned back to the topic.

He was thankful that they were taking their time to talk and discuss all this because Another Jins were frantically making the presentation slides as they were speaking. Even the images when the presentation first started was by them, and yet the Pandawans before him had no clue Jin had helpers behind the scenes creating all of this in real time.

They thought that he was merely a person who was very prepared for anything ...or had someone proficient in the use of magic like how the dungeon supplier managed to create the Giant Tree in the middle of Shenzhen overnight, getting coverage not just in local news, but to the whole country as well.

The System had predicted that the global news network would pick on it when it goes viral after Day One and was anticipating to collect the opinions of other news networks.

"Anyways there is something I haven't mentioned yet. To make it even more unforgettable for all of you. I've taken into account the feedback gathered in the Goblin Raid Instance and came up with this innovation. You guys will be testing out this brand new feature." Jin moved the presentation to the next slide with merely a word there: 'SQUADS.'

Both he and the System had used the data of the cultivators and replicated highly intelligent human behaviour on the NPC clones they created. Not to mention, using the Farming Humans as the base of the NPCs had accelerated the process.

The System had always been keeping unique individuals that it found impossible to clone for use as followers. However, the Farming Humans was sort of an empty slate, where the System could clone them as NPCs and inserted certain specific behaviour, making them behave like humans when they were not (at least in the biological sense of Jin's world).

They were more akin to Penguin Patsu or Bear Cub One rather than Octofussy, Vulcan or Chef Roro. To call them human was kind of the wrong category, so in order to preserve them as NPCs, the System had made the 'Squad' mates faceless and equipped them masks that were in accordance to the Leader who would be leading them.

For example, Xiong Da would receive a Squad full of Full Masked Hippo members. Initially, the masks would be very basic and more details would only be added as Xiong Da levels his squad up. Yes, Jin was going to proceed with the virtual gaming system that the System and him had talked about during their fight against Rong, The Demon Bull Exorcist Trainee. (This reminded him that he still had to speak to the leaders of JODE and initiate the passing out ceremony for the Demon Snake Exorcist Su Zhen later in the afternoon.)

"Oh? So we get to receive these squads for free from you?" Shi Zuo was excited to hear that and Jin nodded his head.

"As part of the experiment, yes. Otherwise, they will be priced rather expensively. Consider it as a possible premium feature of future instances, like how customers wished to fight alone and not with other cultivators. They can replace the team with their own NPC squad members." Jin explained and listed the various possibilities of having a squad of their own.

"Also, this Squad highlight might potentially change how cultivators participate in Raid Events drastically. While I do not wish to brag, but you can customise how all your squad would look like to a certain extent and even choose the kind of weapons they would be equipped with."

Jin emphasised that it was an exciting feature which he could not wait to see it being tested out.

### **Chapter 526 Extra: Price Adjustments**

Jin had thought long and hard on the day before the Opening Ceremony. Since the very beginning, he knew that his exclusively high priced dungeons were not so accessible for the general public. Those who played frequently were usually the wealthier people or at least the upper middle class people.

For cultivators like Luo Bo and Shi Zuo, they had to work additional overtime just to play an additional one or two dungeon runs. Nevertheless, they felt like it was a sort of investment. The guaranteed increase in cultivation had allowed them to be more focused at work, and hence more of their energy could be devoted to performing their job well while some of their colleagues were desperately trying to stay sane after a straight ten hour shift.

The university and high school students were usually unable to pay such prices unless they came from wealthy families like Bu Dong. Luckily there was a long running programme by the government to subsidise cultivation activities by up to 75% of the price as an incentive to entice students to have a better base cultivation from the start.

The government recognised that higher cultivation grades meant that students could do better in exams and subsequently work longer hours for their future companies. Hence, it was like an investment for their future workforce.

What's more was that an increase of cultivation grade allowed the students to earn a one time cash incentive too, which was extremely useful in further upgrading their cultivation or to pay off their student loans.

However, Shenzhen's governmental accounting third parties were baffled at the recent receipts from a particular Dungeons and Pandas store. Initially, they assumed it was a hoax or something which they eventually filed a report the police for an investigation.

Yet Yang Ling was able to intervene.

Apparently, the Tiger Princess, who fiddled with everything that had money in it, predicted that sort of thing would happen to Jin and assured the government accounting third parties that it was legitimate.

At one point, she even gave them a 'disguise' tour of the place without Jin being informed of this. Eventually, they had to agree that given the superb quality of the dungeons, the pricing was somewhat valid. They could only sigh that the government guidelines had been lax enough for an anomaly like Jin's store to be accepted.

Still, Jin was notified by Yang Ling that he should consider looking into the prices or expect formal inspectors to come and audit the place which she knew that he had a lot of "Trade Secrets" to hide.

Alternatively, he was more than welcome to become a Royal Zodiac Dungeon Supplier which would exempt him from a lot of questions.

This was part of the reason why Jin had decided to take another look into the prices and give a proper model of pricing so that if inspectors were to physically audit his store, there would be sufficient paperwork prepared by both the System and Jin. (However, the more apparent reason was that he wanted repeat customers from all ages and not just the rich.)

In addition, their past analysis indicated that about nearly up to one quarter of the people who visited Dungeons and Pandas came to solely spectate and perhaps engage in the cheaper alternatives at other dungeon suppliers.

They unsurprisingly found most of them to be disappointed that they were unable to experience the same feeling they had in Jin's store. Still, they equally frustrated that they did not have enough cash to play any of it in his place as well.

Thus, the Goblin Raid Instance was a prime example that things did not have to stay that way. He had priced it relatively cheap, and in return, Jin was promptly rewarded with an influx of customers from various ages. The store got only more popular ever since the opening of the Goblin Raid Instance, leading Jin to ponder if it was truly necessary to keep those high prices as the System had dictated.

"At this point, the System can only recommend and hopefully persuade User from not changing the prices." The System reiterated that it was looking at long term growth, where higher grade cultivators would come in and find the price point and quality worthy just previously stated in their discussion.

"To accommodate them I wish to return back to dungeon tiers in the future. Now that we have enough variety of monsters that I feel that it should be possible to do so." Jin said, and the System requested for a more detailed explanation for clarification.

At that point, Jin merely teased the System to wait for him to develop the tier based dungeons and proceeded to adjust the cost price of his dungeons.

Similar to his Gaming Packages, Jin had decided to revamp all the prices of the dungeons. The Goblin Raid Instance would be priced at 15 Yuan, with all dungeons previously published as well as the respective arenas costing 25 Yuan.

Not only that, he had revitalised his two old dungeon instances and offered them on Day One as well. The first instance to be revealed was his old Goblin Forest instance where the forest was filled with traps and included his (unevolved) Goblin trio who fought alongside Mr Oink against the cultivators.

But because Jin used the Goblin Forest for the story instance, he renamed this particular old dungeon instance as the Goblin Woods Instance.

The other dungeon instance was where cultivators used to fight against Ke Mi's and her pets, and it was aptly renamed as the Zither Mistress Grasslands Instance. The instance was also priced the same at 25 Yuan too. The only difference was that Jin had promoted these two dungeons as a beginner friendly instance as compared to the rest, which had a storyline in them.

The Dungeon Supplier then included them into a series of package deals to entice people to buy more of them. However, these packages were mostly considered as promotional for the moment until Jin found

the right amount of cash squeeze he could get from the customers. He had created a number of packages which would aid beginners and veterans alike.

For example, his Basic Dungeon Party Package cost 90 Yuan, and it consisted of four dungeon tickets which could be gifted to friends or used all by one person. There were also the Veteran, Hardcore and Extreme Packages.

Needless to say, better discounts on a higher quantity of dungeon tickets as well as additional Panda Medals. Only the Hardcore and Extreme Packages featured a pack of tickets that allowed them to obtain several free weapons and armour temporary inscription through a Gacha machine in Octofussy's general store.

Most of it would usually be at least Grade 3 considering the amount of money they paid, but there would be a chance to receive a Grade 5 or even above temporary inscription charms which might aid with their dungeons in the future.

However, the store also made them sign a disclaimer that the use of those inscriptions outside of their store was not the store's responsibility when they bought their packages.

That was just the beginning of packages... There were even more, and Jin was planning to add a tab in the Pandamonium App called Sales Deals.

### **Chapter 527 Extra: Adventuring Packages**

As Jin was finalising the Dungeon Packages, he realised there was no reason to stop just there. He could easily pair it up with various deals in order to spice up the variety of promotional packages available and suit people's desire for additional discounts.

Deals like Adventuring Foodie Package that allows the cultivators to get some grub before working out or the Jack of All Trades Adventuring Package which featured a bit of everything. From service instances to the mini games, it was a mix and match of tickets, food coupons and items in that package.

However, the Beginner Adventuring Package that consisted of a Grade 2 weapon and armour coupon along with some potions and such was predicted to be selling like hotcakes. (And in hindsight, it did exceptionally well with the new crowd from Day One.) Not just chi potions were sold within that package but medicines similar to the ones he sold in the Goblin World too.

By making use of the experience he had gained from designing the Dungeon Cave, Jin had asked the System to make ailments in the current dungeon design as a noticeable side effect. Effects like fire would make them feel like it was searing their skin away and freezing could potentially slow their entire body to a halt.

Jin had also permitted the System to appoint random elemental inscription on various monsters and make those who already utilised them stronger.

For example, Werejackals' Vice Leader Grey loved to use fireballs, and the System amplified the effect through the dimensional instance, causing the cultivators to receive a burning effect whenever they were hit by the fireball.

While it's true that those who had high control of chi or had water magic can remove the fire, those of lower grades would have to purchase those anti burning potions or creams to prevent or reduce the consequences of burning. The same was true for poisons as well as other effects like causing the chi to generate slower or general paralysis.

Hence, this allowed him to sell an Adventuring Pancreas Pack that featured these kinds of potion and included chi regeneration potions as part of the sales too.

The dungeons were not the only thing that received price cuts, as Jin had ensured that it also affected the Service Instances. All the Service Instances were priced at 15 Yuan except for the Panda Muscles Service Instance which was priced at 5 Yuan per visit though he also offered monthly and annual membership deal for Panda Muscles Service Instance as to entice more people to use his services.

Since the fishing instance was combined with the Restaurant Instance, it was not affected by the 15 Yuan entry fee, but it had their prices slashed to a more affordable price range in the hope that more people would be able to patronise Chef Roro's superb sushi skills.

Meanwhile, the food was subjective to Lynn's way of pricing, which Jin did not object a single bit. He also gave Lynn full authority over the Pandafull delivery service when it came to food, and it allowed her to provide daily discounts depending on the System's predictive analysis.

Despite Jin making all these price adjustments, he suddenly understood the System's point of view of making it expensive. When it meant long term growth, the System was anticipating a new sort of crowd as soon as the portals were up and operational.

Foreigners.

If Jin converted the Yuan to other currencies, it would definitely be inferior to say the Euro or US dollar. Hence, Jin made it clear to the System that the prices stay as per their foreign currency. What he meant was that an American paying the dungeon would not be paying 25 Yuan, but be paying 25 USD instead.

Jin found that this was the fairest in accordance with each cultivator or magician's personal expenses and at that point wondered if he should open separate shop instances to accommodate to a different crowd so as to avoid bias.

That was when he realised how bloody useful Another Jins could possibly be as he could exist at various shop instances as they teleported into the shop instances. But of course, Jin would need the System to 'install' their language into his Another Jins to be able to have effective communication with foreigners.

"Maybe I instead of calling them Another Jin 1 or Jin 2, I can start referring to them as America Jin, European Jin, African Jin, oh Farming Jin and Dungeon Jin. Hahahahah!" Jin joked to the System as he prepared and input the various price deals into the System for consideration.

"It is technically possible, but System feels the need to remind User that having too many Another Jins will ultimately strain your body and chi. Thus, System has an obligation to not allow Jin to be out of the



store unless all the Another Jins recombine with you should User attempt such a feat." The System spoke its concerns out, and Jin understood.

"Anyway, no need to get ahead of ourselves. Let's concentrate on China first before we expand outwards. Maybe before our expansion, we could get some foreigners in too." Jin shrugged his shoulders as he stretched his hands and continued to fiddle with his personal projects despite having only a few more hours before the opening ceremony.

Considering that he was in the Dungeon Maker, time moved at a different pace that he did not feel anxious about the opening ceremony at all.

With time currently at his side, Jin had been reading reports on the Demon Rats provided by the System and learnt that they were more widespread than they had initially thought. Although he had yet to make time to greet the new monsters that entered the System, he knew their names and what they had been doing.

For example, Weslie the Scholar of the West was reverse engineering a Steam Tech control that might possibly turn into the game changer and allow them to create the legendary tool for Operation Pied Piper, which was taken directly from the Pied Piper of Hamelin or that was what Jin thought when he read about the news.

It would fit nicely into Jin's scenario of creating the multi instance Military and Police exercise operations Hou Fei had talked about. He had been missing the crucial element of attracting the rats, and if he had some way to amplify that control and push all the rats into the multi instance, it would be advantageous for him.

In the meantime, Gold had sent out his Werejackal scouts that reported tens of Demon Rat battalions and human slaves coming from their capital to the captured towns so the rats could 'liberate' them from their control again.

The Dark Templars and Lord Wolte were then in charge of surprise attacks, causing the battalions to be delayed in their march but it was more than just a dent in their schedule. Still, every single hour counts, and that was what matters.

Because the Dark Templars were playing the defensive role, the Three Goblins were acting even bolder in attacking the towns ever since the incident at Town of Wecha. The news spread fast, and the Demon Rats began shoring their defences up in those controlled towns.

But this time, the Goblin Trio brought Meomi with them as the Southern Stars Leader had criticised Meomi being an unwanted risk after what had happened.

Thus, Meomi commanded the Mousefolks while Flame Ripper brought the Western Skies adventurers along with them. With the Mousefolks fully contracted to the System, Meomi was not afraid of utilising them in freeing more towns.

As for the Western Skies Adventurers, they were tasked to disrupt any supply caravans towards those rat infested towns, and in exchange, they were allowed to keep the gold they earned.

The adventurers also tasked to spread the news, rumours and gossips that a resistance group was doing its best in liberating the towns from the rats. As the Sea Port Towns were still under the protection of

whatever Northern Guards were left in the region, Gold hoped they could be spurred into action with all the positive news.

With all these happening, Jin felt that another Raid instance was needed to assist his monsters and he needed to do something a little more drastic to increase the manpower since they had no help except the pockets rebel groups in the region.

That was how the idea of 'Squads' came to be.

### **Chapter 528 Extra: Goal Adjustments**

The Squad idea had been on Jin's mind for a very long time, but there hadn't been a right time to implement it up until now. He had discussed it with the System, and it had countered they were for not ready stating a lack of resources.

The System also wished to stop Jin from reducing the profits when he planned for the extreme reduction of prices until its predictive analysis had concluded that the profit margin in the next two months should be able to rival what they had earned in their past few months or even more.

Unlike when he first started out, Jin no longer dealt with just dungeons. Even though they were supposed to be the bulk of the profit for the shop, the dungeon supplier had expanded sideways so people would not find his main attraction to be exorbitantly expensive.

From food, weapons, clothing and vulneraries, everything would be used to supplement the reduced cost of the dungeon entrance, especially since his main customers were entering the dungeons with an increased cultivation grade.

Higher cultivation grade meant the dungeons were programmed to be harder despite the same cost of entry. While the conditions to enter the dungeons were the same, staying and thriving within the dungeon would require the cultivators to spend more on better grade weapons, more inscriptions and perhaps even one time magical scrolls which Jin had recently added into his stores.

In terms of food, Lynn was also preparing a road map for both her penguins and her restaurant. As she increased her cultivation grade, the Sub System began to release certain food recipes that included grade requirement.

For example, the current dishes such as Chashu Ramen in Red Snapper Broth and Tonkatsu Curry Rice were marked as Grade 1 Food by the Sub System. It was useful in regaining chi and spiritual power from a day's worth of work, but the attributes it granted were considered minor.

That was why the Sub System had the Giant World in mind from the start. If they were able to tame the animals from that world and train them in such a way to have cultivation similar to the animals they had on Earth, they could start an extraterrestrial Cultivation Zoo (or Demon Cultivation Zoo) as well as getting better food quality.

However, in that aspect, it seemed like one of Half Ghoul Lord Derek's experiments was also going in that direction. The evolved zombie was keen on fusing food and monsters together, creating an

abomination of food monster that would provide way stronger quality of food. He felt that he had been limited by his class restriction to truly create a sentient monster after all the experiments he had done.

So, he had decided to work backwards and began by fusing living creatures with various items. He initially thought of using mechatronics, by utilising the abundant Steam Tech parts which the System collected, but that had been beyond his expertise before Weslie entered the System.

Hence, he decided to try combining both food and monsters together in an attempt to fuse different sort of food with body parts together. Derek's sole purpose was the idea of augmentation, and if it worked, it would definitely bring much profit to Lynn and Jin.

On a separate note, the Dungeon City Fortress was not all red in Jin's financial accounts. (Well, it's still red, just a lighter shade of red than before.) When the store owners of the Tiangong Tree Mall began to demand more of the quality food stocks from Jin, he was able to earn some money from selling the stockpile of agriculture goods the city had harvested through the use of the System's Temporal Manipulation.

Considering that the seeds were cheap, and the effort to farm those were minimal with the aid of modified Farming Sandroku golems, the profit was tremendous. (Yeah, the Orcs managed to customise the Sandroku Golems into various sectors. Construction, Farming, Transportation etc. It had slowly turned into a core part of the Dungeon City Fortress that both Orcs and Goblins wished to own.)

Oh, not to mention the secret oil plants that the System managed to obtain from the Farming World. What had been treated as garbage by Gold previously, became the most valuable and profitable plot of land that the Werejackals were sitting on.

Instead of expanding their home instance, the System opened up a new dimensional instance and instructed the Werejackals to take great care of the oil fields. In return, the System points awarded to those guarding werejackals became extremely enticing for the farming duty rotation.

Jin contacted Panda Remnant Hou Fei, and together with the System, they started to sell these oil barrels to various companies and even countries. As it turned out, that old snake had multiple connections that brought massive profit for Jin. Even Kraft applauded Hou Fei for being nearly as resourceful as him.

Bloody or clean money, Jin did not care.

As long as nothing could be traced back to them, Jin was satisfied. The dungeon supplier considered this to be a short term plan as he believed that if he could travel to other worlds, and with the access to an interworld black market, there was definitely a way to import clean energy for his country to use in the future.

If they wished to remain a step ahead in future developments compared to other countries, Jin was able to contribute to his country. Therefore, what he was working on with Ke Loong was vital, and the portal start up must be successful enough to skyrocket Ke Loong's company to be a leading giant in the transportation industry. That way with money, prestige and power, they can push their ideals to the country.

All these improvements for what?

For the sake of becoming the Number One Dungeon Supplier in his world. The portals would eventually bring him the numbers to his business. The clean energy he thought of would also reduce the energy intake his instances were using. (If one were to see his electrical bills...)

Does Jin want to be famous to become the Number One Dungeon Supplier? Not necessarily. All he wanted was to be number one so that he could spread his joy of dungeoneering to the world. And if in the process, Jin was able to make the world a better place, why not?

Despite all these new goals in mind, Jin knew that it would not be all roses and the Ruby Rat Triad was merely the first stepping stone on his way to his desired future.

He didn't doubt that there would be other people who would be vying his technology, for his secret methods in getting all his research up and yet he would not give up on making the world a better place.

The System's previous revenge plot was petty compared to this dream that Jin had. If they could accomplish it, they would possibly be remembered in history. Not as the ones who had been bested by the Jade Emperor, but as the ones who had risen from the ashes and helped guide the world to a brighter future.

But for now, Jin would not get ahead of himself as he knew the hard effort for such grand goals was created with every step. And speaking of dungeons, the Dungeon Cave was one of his new plans when the System conversed with him previously.

Why settle on being the Number One Dungeon Supplier on Earth when he could become the Number One Dungeon Supplier on every world he would come to visit?

## **Chapter 529 Squad Theory**

"What can we do with the squads? Are we going in with mere AIs?" Xiong Da asked, and Jin shook his head.

"Nope, they will fight based on your orders. Right now, you have access to basic commands like charge, unite, fall back as this is still in progress. When the new experimental instances come out, there will be more advanced commands for you to use. You can tell them how you want to attack or even join another squad temporarily to boost their members." Jin answered as if Xiong Da would be able to have control a fully sentient squad of AI.

"So how we use it efficiently totally depends on us?" Luo Bo asked, and Jin nodded.

"Yeah, that is assuming you want to have full control of the squad. Actually, on second thought, go ahead and try those individual commands. However, if the squad does not respond in your favour, my servers will still record what's happening, and I will take a look to rectify them in the future." Jin replied since they were here to do some debugging for the new NPCs.

"But if those squads do not work as intended, do not blame them if you lose the special challenge." Jin chuckled as he looked at the two of them who inadvertently agreed to those conditions.

Aside from orders, Jin told them they had currently three squad personnel under them. As they levelled up their squads, the cultivators had the chance to increase the number of personnel under them, and that was why Jin had previously mentioned that they could eventually hold a battalion(s) when their squad levels were high enough.

The Pandawans were excited over this particular new feature as they believed Jin could possibly prepare instances like inter cultivator war games and allow them to mimic grand battles. Instead of just being a small little part like in those Goblin Raid instances, they would be the grand generals leading them to victory.

"While you cannot customise how the squad member's faces look like, we will offer themes for the masks like Tribal Masks, Cyberpunk masks, and maybe limited theme masks though that would be for the future." Jin started to explain the features of the squads.

"As of right now, you can buy weapons, or even give them your existing array of weapons and armour but you have to understand that the Squad is a very complex kind of feature that I am going for because it is realistic."

"Basically equipping a squad is similar to equipping a group of people in real life?" Xiong Da leaned forward and queried.

"Yes! So while your squad levels limits how many squad members, you can command, your squad personnel themselves have their very own Grades, and according to the way you use them they can even develop basic personalities." Jin revealed more about the squads, shocking his listeners.

"For example, if you keep using Squad Personnel 3 for scouting purposes, they will eventually get more agile than say the one you kept behind for sniping reasons, with the latter developing higher accuracy stats."

"So, if it eventually grows into a battalion, you are saying we will be managing a group of 100 odd people?" Shi Zuo felt overwhelmed all of a sudden at the thought of it.

"If you wish to micromanage them all, yes. But because it's still in development, things can change. For example, the battalion stats will be dependent on platoons. And each of those platoons will be based on the highest level squad personnel leading it."

"Currently, what I envision platoons are based on the main type of weapons they are using and the stats of the highest level squad personnel. If it's is a sword platoon, their entire group stats will lean towards melee strength and higher defence."

"The Squad Personnel leading the platoon will then further enhance the platoon's stats as well. By then, you should be macro managing platoons and the amount of experience earned would be spread evenly throughout the platoon." Jin said, and the Pandawans had a rough idea.

"Of course, it will also depend on my servers if such a theory could be transposed into a practical setting, else I need to set a limit. But let's not get ahead of ourselves first. If the prototype turns out bad, that means there's no platoons or battalions in the near future." Jin put a damper on their mood, and they laughed at him to console him.

"Knowing you Boss, you will get it to work. I look forward to those war games. Even if there are no platoons or battalions, having a squad will be decent enough if I do not have Shi Zuo or Luo Bo to play with." Xiong Da stated, and Luo Bo gave a 'pfft' sound out.

"Don't think that some sweet words will earn you mercy points. I intend to give it my all for a customised plushie!" Luo Bo replied in a challenge and Jin bitterly laughed at this.

"Will I have a squad too?" Yang Ling asked as she was standing upright at the side of the room.

"Yes, you will." Jin nodded his head, and the rest except for Xiong Da was a bit curious why the daughter of the Tiger Head who had been in a wheelchair just moments ago was suddenly able to stand.

"She should be wearing a support aid that helps with walking. A friend of mine bought something similar from the Tigers. It had helped her tremendously and seeing how the Tiger Princess can walk with it too, confirms that the 3rd daughter of the Tiger Lord was trying to keep a low profile." Xiong Da explained to them with his current insights.

"That is correct. Thus I hope all of you will keep quiet about this particular situation. In return, I am prepared to offer you a token of appreciation by sponsoring your squads with the weapons and armours needed." Yang Ling offered as she asked Jin to transfer their expenses to her account.

"That is fine by me. Do you wish for us to swear an oath of the Heavenly Five Elements Tribulation?" Shi Zuo asked, and Luo Bo smacked his head for offering something so severe as a pledge of silence.

"I do not require something so severe and archaic. Just a promise will be fine." Yang Ling smiled coldly, and they nodded their heads slowly.

"Well, what are we waiting for? Let's buy stuff! Oh, wait. Boss Jin. My privilege rights are still valid for this store correct?" Xiong Da bragged indirectly, and Jin nodded his head quietly.

"While, I might have given you the impression that it's for life, it's actually only until you have reached three times your donation, after that, I will need to charge you. To other people, it should most likely suffice for life...but probably not for you." Jin shrugged his shoulders.

"How much did he donate exactly?" Luo Bo asked, and Shi Zuo directed her to the Pandamonium App's donation audit report, which was all pristine clear how much was donated. "HOLY FUCK! Shit?! You had that kind of money?! You thieving hippo of a lawyer! If I do not defeat you in this special challenge, I cannot be called Luo Bo!"

"Hehe! Try me, little rabbit." Xiong Da scoffed at her as he ran out of the conference room and into the weapons and armoury instance where Luo Bo relentlessly chased after him. (Not before Shi Zuo tried to hold and calm her down.)

"I guess...I will just buy the weapons and armour on my phone..." The Egret cultivator told Shi Zuo, who was already dead beat from entertaining his energetic girlfriend.

"Doing the same as well." Yang Ling stood at the corner of the conference room which left Shi Zuo sighing before he went after his girlfriend to stop Luo Bo from causing more of a ruckus.

Jin smiled as he looked at his phone. "Ah, it appears Grandma Yuan is looking for me."

"You're not planning to join the special challenge?" Yang Ling asked, and Jin shook his head.

"You should know that Grandma Yuan does not like waiting for others, but I might join you later. Yun will be overseeing the whole thing in the meantime." Jin answered though Yang Ling felt it was a poor excuse.

A little disappointed, she waved him goodbye, and when he vanished from sight, she uttered.

"Idiot Jin..."

### **Chapter 530 Extra: About the Future**

Yun was already waiting for Xiong Da and Luo Bo at Bai Wan's Weapon's Store Instance where she asked them to wait a moment before rushing to buy some weapons. The two grumbled like little kids but decided to hold their little grudge as Yun demanded for their phones.

"Please do not mind me. This squad thing is a special feature; hence, the app does not officially have it yet." Yun allowed them to take a look as she plugged a USB drive each into their phones before it asked for an installation of the modified Pandamonium App.

With their own permission, she installed the app. The app symbol changed to a Panda in military clothes with one white stripe on its shoulders, indicating the rank of Panda Private. Yun told them the higher their squad level, the Panda Military ranks would increase too. (The picture changes as well!)

Yun iterated that if there's an update, the modified app would automatically get replaced by the new version of the Pandamonium App. Shi Zuo who caught up to them was given the same treatment, and Yun told them briefly to follow the instructions on the app.

"The app will show you what item slots are available for you to outfit your guys. Do take note of the restrictions. Your Level 1 Squad will be limited to Grade 1 weapons, so don't try outfitting them with Grade Five weapons, it won't work. See you guys back at the conference room once you are done shopping." Yun smiled at them before returning to the conference room to update Ruo Ying and Yang Ling's apps.

In the meantime, Xiong Da and Luo Bo went separate ways to purchase the weapons they wanted for their squads. The Hippo Cultivator saw that he was given command over two guys and a girl for his team and even managed to peek at Luo Bo's team composition, who had two girls and one guy.

"I see..." Xiong Da muttered to himself as he started his search for the strongest Grade 1 melee weapons available. He had previously enjoyed playing RPG games when he was younger, and he knew that a balance was needed in a fight.

As a tank, he was able to take hits, but he required more damage dealers if he wished to kill more Demon Rats than Luo Bo. Hence, Xiong Da had taken a Grade 1 two handed lance and a Grade 1 Two handed Sword.

After which, he purchased a Grade 1 Rifle and for the final touch, some miscellaneous items such as grenades and Molotov cocktails.

Considering he did not need to pay anything, he simply took the most expensive of all those weapons and went straight into the armour store where he proceeded to do the same as well. Right here, there was not much to think about at the current Grade his squad was in and Xiong Da simply took the ones with the highest defence rating without limiting mobility before returning back to the conference room.

However, Luo Bo needed to go with different tactic than Xiong Da. She could vaguely guess that Xiong Da would focus on dealing damage since he was able to tolerate the hits given his own cultivation. Unfortunately, Luo Bo was not able to perform such a feat, and if she didn't have a benefactor to buy the equipment for her squad, she would have simply selected the cheapest and gone into the dungeon instance.

Yet right now, her objective was of utmost importance. With a customised Rabbit plushie at stake, she needed to inflict the most amount of damage while simultaneously preserve herself for long attrition battles.

Shi Zuo sighed as he noticed that Luo Bo had entered into her dreaded window shopping mode, which might potentially last for hours. Thus, he decided to enforce his decision no matter how Luo Bo disliked it. He took two of the following.

Grade 1 staff, sword & buckler and wand.

After that, he grabbed three Grade 1 axes and pulled Luo Bo to the armoury store without waiting for her consent. "Wait! What are you doing! I haven't checked everything out yet!" Luo Bo made a fuss at Shi Zuo, but he simply continued to drag his significant other to their next destination.

"This concerns my plushie! How can you be so evil towards me? Darling!!!" Luo Bo shouted at him as she refused to budge but him being physically stronger than her, Shi Zuo picked her up and went towards the Weapon Store's connecting statue to the Armoury Department.

"Go, choose the outfits that you want and make it quick." Shi Zuo told Luo Bo, but the latter pouted not wishing to listen to what her boyfriend had to say.

"Fine. If you want to act this way, then I will choose for the both of us. Don't blame me for my bad taste in fashion." Shi Zuo said with a bit of anger in him, and that was when Luo Bo noticed the anger and decided to play the concerned mate.

"Don't." Shi Zuo warned her to ease the grabbing of his arms as he went towards the male section.

"Why are you acting like this?! Didn't you say you wanted to help me get the plushie?!" Luo Bo could not understand why Shi Zuo was acting this way. Still, she was also wary of his response because he did not usually get angry this easily.

"Because, if you plan to shop like you usually do it will take ages for you to finish. I don't care when it's just me, who has to wait for you, but you can't be wasting Xiong Da, Ruo Ying and the Tiger Princess's time. As I understand the princess merely wants to try out Jin's newest dungeons, yet I believe her kindness has a certain limit and her time should be way more valuable than ours."



"I am not sure about you, but at this juncture, I prefer to keep my job intact rather than to comfort your wants. Otherwise, I won't be able to provide for you in the future." Shi Zuo reprimanded Luo Bo, and it struck her hard.

The Rabbit Cultivator took a step back and nodded her head silently. "Please... choose for me. I trust your taste." Luo Bo quietly said to Shi Zuo as he noticed something was wrong with her again. Was she going to cry? Shi Zuo sighed and took a step back too and apologised to her.

"Look, I am sorry. I know Jin is entertaining us, but we should not overextend their courtesy, okay? After this challenge is done, we can still go window shopping again, and I'll pay for it if you find better stuff, alright?" Shi Zuo suggested which Luo Bo eventually nodded her head and hugged her partner.

"...you thought of our future?" Luo Bo whispered when she was in his embrace.

"Erm ...Duh? I have to think about the house and future expenses." Shi Zuo wondered if he said something wrong. Yet Luo Bo merely kept quiet and buried her face in his chest for a moment in happiness before stepping back and told him to choose the clothes for their squads.

"About the future, huh..." Luo Bo thought to herself and smiled quietly with a warm feeling inside.