

MMORPG: The Almighty Ring

Chapter 26: A Surprising Dungeon

After some time, normal Level 10 monsters stopped becoming enough for him to gain sufficient experience. It was most infuriating. The Level gap between the girls in the Rosette Knights and himself were too far apart!

Of course, he was not trying to compete with Happy Drunk and his team of elites. He was trying his best to catch up to Rosette Knighthood's average level! A great deal of them were already Level 17, with the lowest being Level 16! If Jiang Fei were to continue killing Level 10 monsters, he would never catch up with them.

The problem lay with training ground. No matter where he went, most of the popular training grounds would be occupied by guilds, weak and strong alike. Left without any other choice, Jiang Fei ventured deep into the Forest.

The Night Forest was not a very pleasant place to train as it was crawling with Beast-type enemies. They would never drop coins, Cloth materials, or anything else that could be useful. However, their corpses could be harvested for their hides. A Leather Craftworker could gather some food materials. However, its value was far too low to cover the cost of training. Unless a large guild had a Leather Craftworker in the party to collect as many leathers as they need, it was completely not worth killing the monsters in the forest.

As Jiang Fei ventured deeper into the forest, the Levels gradually increased. The Wild Tigers there had reached Level 13! There were even Level 15 Black Bears!

Even so, Jiang Fei's superior equipment wiped the ground with their faces. The Wild Tiger may be swifter than he was, but its claws could not penetrate his armor. The Black Bear may have the strength to deal just a little more damage, but it was nothing compared to the damage Jiang Fei could deal to it, and neither could it surpass his recovery rate, courtesy of his Lifesteal passive.

"Ding! You have defeated Black Bear. Obtained 270 Experience Points!"

"Ding! Congratulations player Verdure Glider for reaching Level 11. All attribute +1. Obtained 5 Undistributed Attribute Points!"

After spending an hour in the deeper regions of the Night Forest, Jiang Fei finally gained a Level. The bright glow was so satisfying to watch, especially when Jiang Fei had never leveled up since he left the Beginner's Village!

“5 points?! Full Vitality!”

Jiang Fei swiftly opened the Attribute Window and invested all the given Attribute Point solely on Vitality. As a result, his Health Points now reached 1,800 points.

After walking deeper into the Night Forest, the monsters that spawned there posed no more challenge. It seemed that the levels of the Wild Tiger and Black Bear were capped at Level 13 and Level 15.

“Please hold!” A voice rang out behind Jiang Fei, just as he was about to venture deeper. An NPC guard rushed towards Jiang Fei, anxiety and worry lining his face.

“Huh?”

Jiang Fei turned around with his shield raised, fearing that a random player was about to attack him. He lowered his guard when he saw that it was an NPC guard who clearly did not have the intention to fight.

“Respected adventurer! Please do not proceed any further! There has been an incident in the forest ahead. The monsters deep there have undergone some sort of mutation! They have become extremely dangerous!” said the guard, catching his breath.

“Mutation?” asked Jiang Fei, “What sort of mutation?”

“I don’t know. But Lord Moliere has set off into the deepest area of the forest to investigate the source. Unfortunately, the Lord has been in there for three days and nothing has been heard from him!”

“Is there anything I can do to help?” said Jiang Fei. Without a doubt, meeting an NPC inside the forest only meant one thing. A quest!

“O, great adventurer! Would you brave into the forest and investigate what happened to Lord Moliere?”

“Ding! The Patrolling Guard has a quest for you—The Mutated Forest. Do you accept?”

“Gladly,” said Jiang Fei.

Quest Name: The Mutated Forest (Dungeon)

Quest Description: Something has happened to the Night Forest, and some are calling it an unknown mutation! Patrol Captain Moliere has gone into the forest to investigate the cause, but has yet to return! The Patrolling Guard hopes that you could enter the Night Forest and search for Captain Moliere!

Quest Goal: Search Moliere.

Quest Reward: 15,000 Experience Points, 5 Silver Coins

“Good luck to you. O, great adventurer!” hailed the guard. After that, he immediately turned away and left. It was the programmed response, the scripted line, and the limited artificial intelligence capabilities.

That did not matter to Jiang Fei, as he had just received a very important quest!

“A dungeon quest! Nice!” Both stunned and happy at the same time, Jiang Fei could not believe his luck. The quest alone did not mean much, but it would eventually lead him into an actual dungeon! That mattered the most!

Although Jiang Fei considered himself to be quite the introvert, he was not all agoraphobic. At times, he would chat with the girls in the guild. Those girls may not be the most skilled players out there, but they had their uses. That being able to detect gossip faster than anyone. If anyone in the game ever finds a dungeon, that news would surely reach their ears. This gave Jiang Fei good reason to suspect that he might have just found the game’s first dungeon.

Some NPC had popped up to “prevent” him from proceeding any further. That must have meant that if Jiang Fei proceeded as planned, he would soon reach the dungeon. Precisely what he wanted.

“Ding! You are about to enter the dungeon “Deep into the Night Forest.” The monsters inside are much stronger than you have ever encountered.

It is recommended that you explore the dungeon with a party. Please bring sufficient potions. Do you wish to enter the dungeon?”

“Yes.” Jiang Fei replied.

“Ding! “Deep into the Night Forest” minimum requirement: Player Level 12! You are currently too weak. Please train more before entering the dungeon!”

“What the f—?” Just when the game had raised his hopes sky-high, Jiang Fei was immensely let down to learn that the system had applied a level limitation to the dungeon. Jiang Fei would have to gain another Level to enter the dungeon!

As he went on, Jiang Fei could see the entrance of the dungeon. It had a violet, glowing light barrier that acted as a door.

Deep into the Night Forest (Level 15 Dungeon)

Level Requirement: 12 – 25

Player Limit: Normal Mode: 5 Player Small Party, Elite Mode: 10 Player Party, Heroic Mode: 10 Player Party.

Note: This is Dawn Break's lowest Leveled dungeon. Dungeon Difficulty: Medium, High, Very High.

Due to the ring's special function, Jiang Fei was able to obtain detailed information about the dungeon. He was slightly worried about the dungeon's difficulty. At its lowest Level, the dungeon's default difficulty was at Medium! There were even High and Very High threat levels! If the lowest Level dungeon's default difficulty was already at Medium, what would higher-leveled dungeons be like?

Worst of all was the fact that Jiang Fei did not meet the dungeon's entry Level Requirement! He was just one level away! If anyone were to steal this dungeon from him, he would be devastated!

In the end, Jiang Fei decided to sprint to Level 12 and enter the dungeon. If he could survive the dungeon on his own, he would not need to summon the girls from Rosette Knighthood!

To speed things up, Jiang Fei hurriedly trained in the vicinity of the dungeon. In just half an hour, Jiang Fei had killed almost all the monsters close to the dungeon entrance and reached Level 12!

Chapter 27: Zaire, the Ferocious Tiger

After investing all five Attribute Points into Vitality, Jiang Fei's maximum health had surpassed 2,000. His current Health Points were at 2,064, matching a Level 20 Warrior!

"Finally! I can enter the dungeon!"

Jiang Fei excitedly entered the dungeon, and a system notification popped out.

"Ding! Welcome to the "Deep into the Night Forest" Dungeon! Please select your difficulty!"

"Normal."

Since Jiang Fei was the only player, he would not dare to try the harder difficulty. Might as well clear the easiest one to gauge the difficulty level.

Woosh

A bright white light flashed by as Jiang Fei made his way past the violet light barrier and into the dungeon.

Once Jiang Fei was inside the dungeon instance, he was greeted by an empty space with no monsters around. It was a small, mini-sized, safe zone. This existed in all dungeons, allowing party members to prepare themselves.

Not far from where he stood, Jiang Fei could spot two tiger-like creatures. They possessed the heads, tails, and limbs of a tiger, but walked on two legs like humans. From that distance, the creatures looked like the Tigerfolk of the Beastmen Race.

Despite the low-light, it was easy to spot the two creature, as their eyes glowed red.

Demonized Tigerman (Humanoid Being, Normal)

Level: 14

Health Points: 1,150

Attack Power: 95

Note: Berserk and Demonized for an unknown reason. Low threat level.

“Berserk huh? I’ll see you rage about with a caved-in skull!” Jiang Fei roared as he charged towards the monster.

“GROOOOWL!” The two Tigermen spotted Jiang Fei and roared.

Unlike the monsters that spawned outside of a dungeon, monsters that spawned within the dungeon came in groups of at least two.

-34!

Jiang Fei smashed the monster with his hammer and dealt just slightly lower damage than usual. It was expected, as monsters in the dungeon would always be stronger. Still, it was not much of a problem.

-1!

-1!

Both the Tigermen slashed away at Jiang Fei, but could only deal the bare minimum amount of damage, due to Jiang Fei’s insanely high Defense. When Jiang Fei saw that the monsters still could not penetrate his Defense, he sighed a breath of relief and continued to attack the monsters.

“Ding! You have defeated Demonized Tigerman! Obtained 525 Experience Points!”

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While they were stronger than usual, they also provided more experience points. It was more than double of that outside of the dungeon! No matter the game, dungeons would always be the best places to grind!

“Ding! You have obtained 15 copper coins!”

“Ding! You have obtained Linen x6!”

The Demonized Tigermen were not Wild Beast types, they were Humanoid monsters. That was the reason why the loot had changed.

“Tsk. Trash items,” Jiang Fei clicked his tongue disgruntledly and pressed on.

“GROOWL!” Another group of Demonized Tigermen appeared, but the numbers had increased exponentially. This time, it was a group of six! If a small party had encountered them, the tank would find his hands quickly getting full. However, even alone, Jiang Fei stood strong, unconcerned about the little scratches they gave him!

After two minutes of whacking and smashing, Jiang Fei stood victorious over their corpses. Since his Luck was exceptionally higher than the norm, the group of Tigermen had dropped some Linen. They may be rather useless to Jiang Fei, but Linen was a valuable material for Tailors. They were valued much higher than Ores per article.

After looting, Jiang Fei continued onward, killing more Tigermen, their groups increasing in size. At one point, Jiang Fei had encountered a group of 10 Tigermen!

“Phew! No wonder the default difficulty was Medium! The start of the dungeon is already swarming with monsters! Without a proper tank, there’s no way a normal party would last!”

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“Ding! Congratulations, Player Verdure Glider for reaching Level 13! All Attribute +1. Obtained 5 Undistributed Attribute Points!”

Jiang Fei had gained a Level, way ahead of expectations, and that was before the boss had even shown up! It was not all too surprising, since the dungeon had been designed for a party of five. Since Jiang Fei was doing this solo, he was claiming a vast amount of experience by himself.

Naturally, Jiang Fei had invested all the given Attribute Points into Vitality. With his Health Points raised, Jiang Fei upped the ante. After defeating two more large groups of Demonized Tigermen, Jiang Fei stood before the first Dungeon boss.

Zaire, the Ferocious Tiger (Humanoid, Elite)

Level: 15

Health Points: 2,100

Attack Power: 150

Skills: Heavy Hit, Swipe, Blitz Assault

Note: Leader of the Demonized Tigermen. Medium threat.

“Bring on the pain!” Jiang Fei roared. After killing so many Tigermen, Jiang Fei’s confidence was at its peak. Unhesitatingly, he charged at the boss.

“GROOOAH!” The boss roared and answered with a charge of its own.

Charge!

Against that boss, there was no need for Jiang Fei to keep his skills in reserve!

-50!

Since this skill came from an equipment, the damage was fixed. But it was not that pathetic amount of damage that Jiang Fei was counting on, it was the two-second stun effect!

Iron Fist!

-300!

Equipment-derived skills came with their shortcomings. Not only did they have longer cooldown times, but their attacks were also incapable of inflicting critical damage. No player could rely on equipment skill for a lucky strike. Unfortunately, that was all Jiang Fei could depend on.

“GROOAH!” After recovering, the boss roared and started retaliating.

-55!

As the first boss of the dungeon, Zaire was powerful enough to cause significant damage. Still, Jiang Fei had Health Points to spare. He was not too worried about it.

“Taste my steel!” Jiang Fei bellowed, leaping into the air with his hammer held aloft.

-25!

Clearly, this boss did not have much Defense, if even Jiang Fei’s normal attacks could deal some damage. But it was the passives that kicked in next!

“ROAR!”

With a fixed 10 damage per second, Jiang Fei started laying on as many Laceration debuff stacks as permitted onto the boss. A few seconds later, Jiang Fei’s total DPS was 134 damage!

“GROOAH!”

When the boss’s Health Points neared 60%, Zaire turned around rapidly and used its tail to knock Jiang Fei down before quickly pouncing on him like a furious cat.

Even though the attack was nothing to Jiang Fei, it could have wiped out a regular party. The attack had a knockdown effect, as well as an aggro-clearing effect. Without any aggro, the boss would no longer be focused on the tank. In that split second, the next member who deals damage or heals someone else would be the next target. Losing one, or even two party members would be inevitable in such a situation.

As Jiang Fei was the only one present then, the boss could only pick on him. That attack was nothing but a minor setback for Jiang Fei. The final combo left Jiang Fei was momentarily stunned, but the boss just had to leap for him! ‘How nice of you! I don’t even have to walk back to you!’

Chapter 28: Might of the Tiger

Blazing Hammer!

-215!

That was the first time Jiang Fei had ever used his Class skill. Surprisingly, the damage output was pretty good. The skill dealt damage equal to 10% of Jiang Fei’s maximum Health Points. Right then, Jiang Fei’s maximum Health Points surpassed 2,300. Even with the Defense reduction, Jiang Fei could still deal more than 200 damage! His combat power was almost equal to a Warrior of the same Level. Best of all, Blazing Hammer’s cooldown duration was only 10 seconds. It was not too long or too brief, but it could be used as the main attacking skill. If Jiang Fei’s regular attack was any higher, he could rival a true Warrior!

Since Jiang Fei's normal attack was so weak, he could only rely on the DoT to cause real damage to the boss. Paired along with Blazing Hammer, Jiang Fei's overall DPS speed was acceptable.

"ROAR!" When the boss' Health Points reached the low 20% threshold, it roared deafeningly, indicating that an ultimate skill was coming.

In an instant, Jiang Fei lost sight of the boss. The boss had suddenly gained an insane burst of speed, causing Jiang Fei to completely miss on all his attacks. That was not all, every time the boss flashed past Jiang Fei, a stream of blood would spew out of Jiang Fei's body, causing more than 70 points of damage.

"What a skill! Too fast!" Jiang Fei grunted. Fortunately for Jiang Fei, he had solid Defense and high Health Points. In just three seconds, the boss had dealt more than 800 damage on Jiang Fei, reducing Jiang Fei's Health Points down to only 30%!

The skill "Blitz Assault" was a skill that attacked all targets at random, with 10 hits in total. On Jiang Fei, each attack dealt around 70 damage. However, if a Cloth Armor player were present, they would have been long dead! That was the reason why these skills were called Ultimates, as they could instantly finish off players.

Jiang Fei had just shrugged off an attack meant for an entire party. The boss was left with only 30% of his Health Points, and he already carried the maximum stack of DoT Bleed. The boss would die, even if Jiang Fei stopped attacking altogether!

"OUuuu..." With a pained wail, the boss dropped to the ground, dead.

"Ding! You have defeated Zaire, the Ferocious Tigermen. Obtained 3,725 Experience Points!"

"Ding! You have obtained 2 Silver coins."

"Ding! You have obtained Linen x15!"

Despite being a boss, it was only the first boss of the dungeon, so it was not particularly tough. Still... the drops were better.

After killing a boss, the game was designed to reward players for their efforts. When Jiang Fei slew the boss, a silver treasure chest had spawned, right at where the boss' corpse was.

"Heck yea. There better be something good inside the chest! It's the first dungeon boss that anyone has ever killed in the game!" Excited, Jiang Fei went on to open the chest, hoping that the system would reward him with something, like a First Kill Achievement or better!

“Pak!” The treasure chest popped open, releasing a brilliant, blue light.

Jiang Fei stood there with his fingers crossed, hoping that it produced the one thing he needed the most.

“Recipe! Recipe! GIMME SOME RECIPES!” cried Jiang Fei, as the blue light faded. A Recipe would instantly propel him to cloud nine. Crafting Epic tier equipment would be a breeze! If he were to be the first to craft the game’s first Epic tier equipment, he would be a money printing machine! The embodiment of a walking gold mine!

“F****k!!” cried Jiang Fei with rage when the blue light finally vanished, revealing nothing but an Excellent tier necklace.

Might of the Tiger (Neck, Excellent)

Attack +35

Strength: +3

Agility: +5

Level Requirement: 15

It was just an average grade Excellent equipment. It was not the best amongst the Excellent tier Blue tier equipment, but it was still a necklace! Not only was the drop rate of Accessories %\$#@%# low, the Crafting class, Jewel Meister, was just as challenging to play as an Enhancer. It was almost impossible for anyone to take up the class without an entire guild supporting them. That was mainly the reason why not many players were equipped with Accessories.

Although many Level 20 players were on the Level Ranking Board, those players still had all five of their Accessory slots empty! That showed just how low the drop rates of Accessories in the game were.

“I’ll hold onto this for now,” said Jiang Fei, sulking. No matter how precious the necklace was, it was a Level 15 equipment that Jiang Fei could not yet equip.

After the first boss, all the monsters that spawned had changed from Tigermen to Bearmen.

Demonized Bearman (Humanoid, Normal)

Level: 16

Health Point: 1,500

Attack Power: 120

Note: Berserk and Demonized for an unknown reason. Low threat level.

“Nothing new...” Jiang Fei shrugged and proceeded to attack.

Blazing Hammer!

-207!

The Bearmen were surprisingly stronger than the Tigermen!

“GAUU!”

-28!

-32!

The two Bearmen swung at the same time and dealt some damage to Jiang Fei. It was a low amount, but their attacks were strong enough to break through Jiang Fei’s defense. Fortunately, they were marked slower; they only attacked once every three seconds.

“Ding! You have defeated Demonized Bearman! Obtained 675 Experience Points!”

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“Tsk. Things will be slightly harder now...” said Jiang Fei. After the battle with the two Bearmen, Jiang Fei was only left with 15% Health Points. The dungeon had overwhelmed Jiang Fei’s Lifesteal.

“Thank god I brought some potions.”

After earning more than 400 gold coins from the equipment he crafted, Jiang Fei had bought the necessary item that an adventurer would carry around at all times; potions. With the money in hand, Jiang Fei had started to behave like the rich girls in his guild, spending a total of 30 gold coins worth of Health Potions in one shot. Still, 30 gold coins worth of potion was only five stacks. Each potion healed 50 Health Points in the span of 10 seconds. Each stack had 30 bottles, at 20 silver coins each. It was equivalent to one of Jiang Fei’s White tier equipment!

“Argh Screw it all. What’s the use of having them sit around and gather dust?!” groaned Jiang Fei, setting the potion on the hotkey bar and proceeding deeper into the dungeon

“Come and taste my steel hammer!” He roared, charging headlong into a massive group.

Like an open faucet, Jiang Fei continuously spammed his potions. The price was steep, but it had been worth it. Standing among the corpses, Jiang Fei stood, basking in the afterglow of yet another recent Level up. He had reached Level 14!

Chapter 29: Dungeon Cleared!

As per usual practice, Jiang Fei added all his stat points to Vitality. His Health Points and Defense had grown quite a fair bit. Fighting monsters had also become far less arduous. Although he was still not yet completely free of potions, he no longer had to plug them down like consecutive shots in Oktoberfest!

Half an hour later, Jiang Fei finally came upon the second boss of the dungeon!

Clomiir (Humanoid, Elite)

Level: 18

Health Points: 3,150

Attack Power: 188

Skill: Bash, Roar, Slam, Frenzy.

Remark: Miniboss of the Demonized Bearmen. Has groundbreaking offensive capabilities. Threat level: Above average!

Clearly, this Bearmen's boss was way more ferocious, compared to the previous Tigermen's boss. It had much higher attack and Health Points. Besides, the mysterious ring actually deemed it to have an above average threat level!

"Alright, let's give it a shot!" Jiang Fei had already cleared the dungeon up to this point. He was not one to lay down without first trying. Besides, the death penalty within dungeons was not as severe. If a player died in regular maps, he would lose an entire level. Even if a healing class resurrected him, he would still lose 50% of that level's Experience Points. The death penalty within dungeons was way lower. It only entailed a loss of 20% Experience Points. This also served as an incentive for players to challenge dungeons. If stepping into a dungeon risked the loss of their hard-earned levels, why even try?!

Dash!

Jiang Fei went right up to the Bearmen's boss. It was just a named elite boss. It was not strong enough to be immune to disabling skills, and thus, it could be staggered and interrupted. Jiang Fei's first strike had locked it down in a 2-second stun duration!

Iron Fist!

-300!

Blazing Hammer!

-552! (Critical hit!)

-14!

-10 (Lifesteal)

-10 (Laceration, 1 stack)

-16!

-10 (Lifesteal)

-20 (Laceration, 2 stacks)

Jiang Fei went all out while the boss was still stunned. The critical hit from the Blazing Hammer had come as a pleasant surprise. Along with the damage from that prior Iron Fist, the boss had lost a third of his Health Points!

However, his subsequent normal attacks were somewhat embarrassing. They averaged at around 20 points of damage. It was simply disastrous and barely watchable. Fortunately, the Lifesteal and Laceration effects were still keeping up the damage output!

"Ow!" After 2 seconds, the boss regained consciousness. The spike in damage output had sent the boss into an immediate frenzy!

-187!

The boss's entire body started glowing red. Its attack value had multiplied. With one Bash, it had dealt almost 200 damage on Jiang Fei!

"Roar!" As if triumphant with his counterattack, the Bearmen's boss let out a furious roar. Grey light flashed through Jiang Fei's body. He looked at his own attack value. It had dropped to 12!

The boss's Roar could drastically weaken a player's attack. But this skill was really too much of a waste to be used against Jiang Fei. Jiang Fei's attack originally sucked, to begin with. Reducing his attack was pointless!

-1!

-10 (Lifesteal)

-30! (Laceration, 3 stacks)

As expected, Jiang Fei's normal attacks no longer penetrated the boss's Defense. But the special effects from Lifesteal and Laceration were still as

lethal as ever!

As the man and bear fought on, the Laceration effect on the boss was now at 10 stacks. However, Jiang Fei's Health Points was now below 50%. He had already started drinking potions!

Blazing Hammer!

-247!

After Jiang Fei leveled up, his Vitality had once again increased. In extension to that, he had gained even more hitpoints. The damage by the Blazing Hammer had also relatively shot up! At the same time, the Laceration count was up to 10 stacks. The bleeding effect of 100 damage per second turned out to be rather impressive!

As the battle progressed, both sides traded heavy blows. Even though Jiang Fei had begun drinking potions, he was quickly losing ground. Even his recovery effect from Lifesteal barely helped!

This was even when the boss's frenzy was unsustainable. Otherwise, Jiang Fei would have long been bear-slapped to death!

"Roar!" Just when the boss had only 20% Health Points remaining, it suddenly swooped over towards Jiang Fei. Its entire gigantic body rose in the air and attempted to frog-splash Jiang Fei!

"Bang!"

-325!

You have been stunned!

Jiang Fei had no way of reading ahead of that move. He was caught like a deer in the headlights of a car. Besides, he was not an Agility-type class. Even if he wanted to, he would not have been able to evade it!

A huge damage value that exceeded three hundred, as well as a 1-second stun left Jiang Fei immobilized, allowing the boss to land yet another merciless blow!

-112!

“F*ck! This is insane!” When Jiang Fei recovered, he was already below 300 Health Points. On the other hand, the boss’s Health Points still exceeded 700!

“Argh, YOLO!” Jiang Fei roared. Desperately, he swung his Blacksmith Hammer at the boss’s head!

Blazing Hammer!

-237!

“Oh wow, what a godsent!” Just as Jiang Fei was worried about not being able to last another two hits from the boss, he suddenly realized that Iron Fist had already cooled down!

Iron Fist!

-300!

-100

Right after Iron Fist, the bleeding icon reappeared on the BOSS’s head!

“Ow...” Along with a mournful howl, Clomiir the Demonic Bear keeled over and died!

“Ding! You have killed Clomiir, the Demonic Bear. 5575 Experience Points obtained!”

“Ding! You have killed all the bosses of “Deep in the Night Forest” (Normal). You have cleared the dungeon “Deep in the Night Forest” in Normal Mode!”

“Ding! Your party is the first team to clear “Deep in the Night Forest” in Normal Mode. Please name your party!”

“Hide the name!” Jiang Fei intended to remain low.

“Ding! Citywide announcement: The party team “Hide the name” has cleared the dungeon “Deep in the Night Forest” in Normal Mode. Please cheer for the team members, “Verdure Glider!”

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The announcement was repeated thrice. The entirety of Dawn Break City fell into a sudden silence. Not only were the rest of the players were dumbfounded, but Jiang Fei was probably the most alarmed. F*ck! I asked you to HIDE the name, not NAME it that way!

Jiang Fei had never expected such a sophisticated system to be this idiotic. He was commanding it to HIDE the name of his party, not NAME his party HIDE THE NAME!

“What the f*ck! There’s a dungeon?”

“F*ck! There’s a dungeon! Hurry, send someone to search for it!”

“So, someone found a dungeon and even solo-ed it! That’s insane!”

Ordinary players merely started discussing about the matter. Those who knew Jiang Fei had turned into a jumble of nerves!

“What’s going on? Isn’t that Verdure Glider a Blacksmith? How did he actually solo the dungeon? What the heck?” Southern Azuresword muttered to himself, his eyebrows furrowed.

“This guy is quite something! He’s able to play a crafting class to such an outrageous extent!” Daemon’s Grimace husky voice sent goosebumps across the skins of every onlooker around him!

“HAH! HAHAHA! Interesting! Looks like I’ll have to pay more attention to this Verdure Glider in the future!” Zui Xiao Yao smiled. His interest had most definitely been piqued!

“Little brother, you’ve truly got me worried! Where the heck do you find a forge with such a freak?” Lady Casanova muttered to herself, flicking the blood and gore off her mace, right after extricating it from the bashed skull of a Level 22 monster.

Chapter 30: The Strongest Tank

“Ding! Congratulations! Player Verdure Glider’s level has increased to 15! All stats +1. Obtained 5 Attribute Points!”

Along with the system's announcement, Jiang Fei received 50,000 Experience Points and 1 gold coin. It could be considered as the reward for being the first person to clear the dungeon. With such abundant Experience Points, Jiang Fei leveled up once again. He had achieved Level 15. 1 dungeon for 3 levels could only be achieved by soloing it!

"Ding! Obtained 9 silver coins!"

"Ding! Obtained Linen x20!"

Apparently, this boss was also an Elite-grade monster. It had nothing good to offer. The big prize should still coming through from the treasure chest!

"Woosh!"

With a sudden flash of white light, the boss' corpse disappeared. A golden treasure chest replaced it!

"Recipe! Recipe!" Jiang Fei chanted to himself as he approached the treasure chest.

"Swish!" After a sudden, blue flash of light, Jiang Fei was once again left disappointed! It was no Recipe!

Power of the Wild Bear (Offhand: Shield, Excellent)

Physical Defense +50

Magical Defense +20

Parry Rating +5

Strength: +5

Vitality: +5

Level requirement: 15

"Not bad!"

Although Jiang Fei had not acquired any Recipes, he was still rather content. As a crafting class, Jiang Fei could only equip the Blacksmith Hammer. However, his secondary weapon slot was empty. He may not be able to wield offensive-type weapons. Even so, he was able to put on a life-saving shield!

Jiang Fei withdrew the previous, Blue necklace from his bag and equipped it. It was not exactly eye-catching, but the shield drew as much attention as one could imagine!

It was humongous — almost half the size of a man! Emblazoned on its center was the image of a roaring bear on its hind legs. The shield emitted a cold, silver metallic gleam. Holding it in front of one's body would instill a sense of heartfelt, confident security!

After adding all five ability points into the Vitality attribute, Jiang Fei stepped back to survey his final results!

Name: Verdure Glider

Level: 15

Class: Beginner Blacksmith Level 2

Experience Points: 1,730/125,000

Health Points: 2,921/2,921

Mana Points: 350/350

Physical Attack Power: 70+35

Physical Defense: 97+210

Magic Defense: 70+20

A short half hour later in another Normal mode Dungeon, Jiang Fei had gained another three levels. Suffice to say, his stats had increased drastically! His Health Points was almost at the 3,000 mark. His Physical Defense had exceeded 300. He might not be the number one tank in the world, but no one else throughout the entirety of Dawnlight City could possibly be more of a tank than Jiang Fei!

“Ding! “Deep in the Night Forest” (Normal) has been completed. After 30 seconds, you will be teleported out of the dungeon!”

When Jiang Fei was teleported out of the dungeon, his buddy list was flickering non-stop. All four magnates had sent him messages inquiring about the dungeon's location, one after another. Jiang Fei merely ran his eyes across the list. He did not reply to any of them. Not only was the private message channel flooded, the guild channel of Rosette Knighthood was in just as much disarray!

“Cutie! You're so awesome!” Rosette Miaomiao was the first to shout in the Knighthood's channel. She could care less about him being a crafting class or a combat class. Anyway, she was always the first to kick up a fuss!

“Not bad! Brother Glider, hiding your light under a bushel!” Rosette Rose sent a voice message via private message channel. The tone was subtle and profound.

“Wow! It looks like we have a great expert in our clan!”

“That’s true! A crafting class could actually be this incredible!”

“Handsome, please take me in as your mistress!”

“Wicked girl, get out of the way. Cutie bro hit my fancy first!”

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When Rosette Miaomiao started the conversation, the channel of Rosette Knighthood blew up. Two women could easily match the quacking of hundreds of ducks. Imagine having more than 40 girls in the Knighthood!

Let us not even talk about girls who knew each other in real life. There would be no holds barred, no censorship, no filters. Even being on the same chat channel as them was enough to send Jiang Fei blushing!

“Cutie bro, you can’t pocket the profits without sharing with anyone else. All our pretty girls are counting on you! Don’t you agree?” Rosette Rose suddenly switched into that characteristically coquettish tone, reaching out to Jiang Fei via private message.

“Ma’am, can we just talk like regular humans?”

That tone always gave Jiang Fei a major headache.

“Fine! I don’t care how you became so insanely strong. Regardless, you can’t keep the dungeon all for yourself. Look, the girls in the clan deserve a cut of it!”

Whenever Rosette Rose got down to serious business, she transformed into a stern, older woman!

“Yeah, I got it. The location is at XXX, XXX. You might need a fair bit of people!”

Jiang Fei quickly accepted the offer. However, he reentered the dungeon only to find it empty!

After going through the system notes, he finally learned that the dungeon would only be refreshed on the second day. In other words, if Jiang Fei intended to clear the dungeon once again, he could only challenge the Elite mode or Heroic mode. The Normal mode of the dungeon would have to wait for tomorrow!

Jiang Fei had only been able to solo-raid the dungeon in Normal mode with extreme risk. It was almost impossible to go through the dungeon in Elite mode, let alone Heroic mode. Jiang Fei had just managed to clear the Normal difficulty. However, he never got to meet the quest NPC Moliere. Apparently, this Moliere could only be found in the

higher difficulties of the dungeon! Jiang Fei needed teammates, and the girls within the Knighthood just happened to be the ideal candidates!

“Alright! We’ll arrive in no time!”

Rosette Rose immediately mobilized all the girls in the Knighthood. That pretty tailor aside, the others had streamed towards the Night Forest!

Many were already wandering about in the Night Forest. The dungeon name had clearly stated, “Deep in the Night Forest.” It did not take rocket science to deduce that it was somewhere in the Night Forest. All the big guilds had already sent scouts to the location!

Since so many were already searching for the dungeon, Rosette Rose’s sudden entry with her band of sisters did not seem out of the ordinary. Jiang Fei had given them the precise coordinates. Even if the dungeon was well-hidden, it would only be a matter of time before this group of ladies met up with Jiang Fei.

“Wow! Cutie, you really went ahead and did it!”

The moment Rosette Miaomiao saw Jiang Fei, she ran up to him. She walked around Jiang Fei, surveying him from head to toe, left and right, as if she did not recognize him!

“Wow! I’ve never quite noticed it before, but you actually look pretty good!”

At that moment, Rosette Fox came up as well. She started prodding his body with her fair, white hands. Among the girls of the Knighthood, Rosette Fox was probably the most brazen of them all.

Well, after changing upgrading into the angular, functional looking Bronze equipment set and slinging an iron shield over his back, Jiang Fei’s overall outlook had changed. However, the Blacksmith Hammer having off his waist seemed to be a little nondescript!

“Ah, let’s cut the chatter. Ma’am, we can’t sit around for long. Give me nine of your best. We’ll be fighting to be the first party to clear the dungeon in Elite mode!”

Right now, Jiang Fei was not in the mood. The four big guilds had been incessantly bugging him about the location of the dungeon. It was a known fact that the Night Forest was rather small for a map. Someone was bound to come across the dungeon soon. If not for that risk, Jiang Fei would have already headed back to the city to forge a Blue grade Raider’s Breastplate for himself. But, priorities were priorities!