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“Okay.”

Rosette Rose had initially intended to tease Jiang Fei and smother him with her girls. But her eyes lit up when she heard Jiang Fei mention “First Party to Clear Elite mode.” She was highly competitive and ambitious. The opportunity had yet to present itself to her. Therefore, she could only run about with her girls like a pack of wild animals. Now, here was her chance to earn a name for her Rosette Knighthood. How could she possibly let such golden opportunity slip through!

Nine elites were chosen from among the 40 odd girls. The remaining divided themselves into five teams of five-member-parties to challenge the dungeon in Normal mode! Within ten minutes, they had hurriedly filed into their new places.

The Rosette Knighthood girls only had average gaming skills. But thanks to Jiang Fei, these girls were well-equipped, especially those who were able to equip Heavy Armor. Therefore, Rosette Knighthood had more than an ample supply of tanks. They were thus able to concurrently form multiple parties for the dungeon!

While some parties were complete and at the ready, about half a dozen girls had to be stuck outside the entrance, training. At that moment, they were unable to enter the dungeon due to the mismatch of classes. All was still good, for they could easily switch positions with the ones within the dungeon anytime the need arose!

After Rosette Rose turned her adult lady mode on, she distributed her members in good order. She certainly had the potential to be one of those premium Guildmasters!

Soon after, Jiang Fei found himself in a solid ten-member-party. Obviously, he was their main tank. But there were up to four other Heavy Armor class girls ready to share the load. Once again, thanks to Jiang Fei, the Heavily Armored girls within the Knighthood most probably had the highest attributes and raw statuses! When it came to a First time attempt on an Elite dungeon, every little bit mattered!

This party comprised of Rosette Rose the Knight, Rosette Miaomiao and Rosette Peach the two Priests, Rosette Fox and Rosette Narcissus the two Magicians, Rosette

Dragoness and Rosette Dazzledance the two Warriors, Rosette Phantom the Bandit, and Rosette Bubbles the Hunter.

“Brother Glider, since you’ve already been through this once, take the lead. We’ll be right behind you!”

After the party was formed, Rosette Rose transferred the party leadership to Jiang Fei.

“Okay!” Jiang Fei quickly took up the offer. After all, as the party leader, he had the right to mark the monsters himself. It gave him the finesse and fine control over the battle!

“Ding! You’re entering the dungeon, “Deep in the Night Forest.” Please select the difficulty!”

“Elite mode!” answered Jiang Fei in sonorous.

“Swish!” After a white light enveloped them, Jiang Fei and the others found themselves standing on dungeon soil.

In Normal mode, a miniature safe zone could be found at the entrance of the dungeon. It gave players the sanctuary to make ample preparations for their adventure. Close to the entrance, doorkeeper NPCs actually stood watch over the players!

This time, Jiang Fei was in for a big surprise. Deep within his heart, he considered himself lucky for not being arrogant enough to challenge the Elite mode solo. It would not have ended well for him!

Instead of doorkeepers, two Demonized Tigermen were there to welcome them. They may just be Demonized Tigermen, but in Elite mode, they were freaking bosses!

Demonized Tigerman (Humanoid, Elite)

Level: 17

Health Points: 2,000

Attack Power: 152

Remarks: Demonized ferocious tiger, immense offensive capabilities. Medium threat level.

They were mere grunts, but their basic attributes had already exceeded that of the Normal Mode’s first boss! What the heck would an Elite mode boss be like?!

“F*ck me! No wonder it’s called the Elite mode! Even the mobs are Elites!” Jiang Fei murmured to himself.

“Wowo! So, this is the dungeon!”

“Oooo, Elite mobs!”

“Uh huh! That’s insane!”

The girls immediately started chirping like curious birds.

“Shut it, all of you!”

Before Jiang Fei could open his mouth, Rosette Rose got them snapping back into attention. After all, this was serious. They could possibly be the “first party to clear the dungeon in Elite Mode.” Girls were girls, but Rosette Rose could not possibly allow these girls to waste time with chatter!

“Okay!” the girls answered in unison.

Rosette Rose stood atop quite the pedestal within the hearts of these girls. One line was enough to silence them.

“Brother Glider, take the girls and get a formation up! We must fight for the first place!” said Rosette Rose, bunching her little fists up together. Right now, her eyes were sparkling — filled with the desire to earn the honor of being the first party to clear the dungeon!

“Okay!”

Her thoughts coincided with Jiang Fei’s. He was most certainly not in the mood to waste any time. Thus, he immediately dashed towards the two door-keepers. At the same time, he said, “Everyone, try to keep up. Healers, pay attention to my Health Points. Attack whichever mob I mark!”

Jiang Fei had no AoE skills. He was afraid that the girls would mess up and gain the monster’s full attention instead. Therefore, he first marked a Tigerman. He did not dare start off with a Charge, lest the girls fail to keep up!

“Ow!”

At least the sight of his face had triggered the aggro quite nicely. Within the first few steps, the two Tigermen took note of his existence, who swiftly swooped over!

Iron Fist!

-300!

Blazing Hammer!

-274!

Jiang Fei landed two merciless blows on his marked target. Due to the recent growth spurt of his Health Points, his Blazing Hammer now hurt, a lot more!

-72

-10 (Lifesteal)

-10 (Laceration, 1 stack)

After those first two skills, Jiang Fei swiveled around and landed a normal attack on the other monster, gaining his aggro as well. Since Jiang Fei now had the Might of the Tiger necklace around his neck, his attack value had finally exceeded 100. 105 attack was not exactly high, but it was nowhere as weak as before!

-98!

-112!

The two Tigermen answered with their own. Had Jiang Fei not entered without forming a party, he might not have been able to stand against them, even with the aid of potions.

“Focus your attack on the one I’ve marked!”

Jiang Fei had deducted one-sixth of the Tigerman’s Health Points after his first cycle of attacks. But he was not alone. The girls have quickly caught up!

Although all of Jiang Fei’s skills were on cooldown, the girls behind quickly ensured that the two monsters were no longer a threat! Not only was there strength in numbers, but the girls’ were significantly higher leveled. Rosette Rose was already Level 19. The other girls were between Levels 16 and 17. Besides, they were able to equip actual, offensive weapons. Even a Magician with a full set of White grade equipment would have a higher normal attack attribute than Jiang Fei!

“Wow! Look at all this linen!” shouted Rosette Miaomiao. The regular quality items were quickly snatched away as members took turns looting. The overall drop rate of the entire dungeon had increased, due to Jiang Fei’s existence!

“Indeed! Every mob gives so many EXP. No wonder Cutie bro leveled up like a hurricane!” said Rosette Peach, surprised. Although it was a 10-man party, the monsters were all Elites. Evenly divided, each person still earned more than 1,000 Experience Points!

“That’s right! That’s right!” The girls in the party had not yet quite gotten over their shock, not like they had the time to. Jiang Fei had only been Level 10 when he came online today, and in the blink of an eye, he had attained Level 15. Now, the mystery was solved!

Chapter 32: Advanced Elite!

As the crowds of monsters thickened with each passing wave, Jiang Fei’s Health Points found themselves at a critical point with growing frequency. Thanks to the two Cleric girls, he did not pay it much mind.

“Two more waves, and we’ll be encountering the first BOSS!” said Jiang Fei spiritedly. His experience bar was already half full again. The Elite Mode was a treasure trove of experience points!

“Ah, I wanted this to last a little longer!” said Rosette Rose, slightly disgruntled. The experience points flow was truly addictive. There was no better place to grind. Unfortunately, she had heard from Jiang Fei that each difficulty level of the dungeon could only be cleared once per day. If not, everyone would be camping day and night in dungeons!

Soon after Jiang Fei and the others cleared those two waves, they stood before the first boss, whispering amongst themselves.

Zaire, the Ferocious Tiger (Humanoid, Advanced Elite)

Level: 19

Health Points: 5,000

Attack Power: 275

Skill: Heavy Hit, Bite, Swipe, Frenzy, Blitz Assault

Remark: Advanced Elite is the classification for a significantly powerful threat, with attack power that is worthy of the name. High threat level!

Zaire the Ferocious Tiger of the Elite Mode dungeon was way stronger than the boss in the Normal Mode. Not only had its stats been multiplied twofold, it even had two additional skills to boot!

“Everyone, get to full Health Points. Don’t panic when I start the fight. Do as I say, and everything will be fine!” Jiang Fei warned.

“Don’t worry, Brother Glider. These girls in the party have been handpicked by myself. They’ve been through multiple games with me. They may not be pros, but dungeons are their home ground!” Rosa Rose nodded.

“Alright, I’m going on!” Jiang Fei saw that everyone was ready. With the Blacksmith Hammer in his hand, his feet exploded off the ground!

Dash!

-50!

The boss may be an Advanced Elite, but it was just the first boss. It was not immune to staggers and interruptions like a real boss. Jiang Fei’s collision had immediately sent it into a stun cycle!

Iron Fist!

-300!

Blazing Hammer!

-624! (Critical Hit)

“Just... Fire at will!” Jiang Fei had initially intended to take a few more seconds to stabilize the aggro. He had not expected the Blazing Hammer to land a critical blow. In that case, go for it, ladies! Just, beat the boss to death already!

“Okay!” Rosa Rose took the lead. The melee attackers surrounded the boss and got to work!

“Whiz, whiz, whiz, whiz...” The long-ranged Sorceresses and Hunter classes released their volleys. Their magic spells and arrows flew at Zaire the Ferocious Tiger with a generosity that could rival that of nature and its oxygen!

The boss had an immense 5,000 Health Points. All party members within the team were attackers, except for him and the two Clerics. The Warriors and Knights had no accessible slots for shields at their current Level. Even if they wanted to, they could not yet pick up a Defense-oriented role. They had no such plans for their characters, either. Thus, they poured all their ability points into Strength. The party seemed to be filled with Heavy Armors, but all of them were attackers. The boss quickly lost his Health Points!

“Ow!”

-225!

-347! (Heavy Hit)

-174 (Bite)

-30 (Bleeding)

Two seconds later, the boss regained consciousness. Its ferocious reciprocation took the cat out of Jiang Fei's tongue. He had 300 Defense points, and 5% Physical Damage Reduction on top of that. Even so, he definitely felt that one. If a Warrior tank had been in his position, he would most probably already be waiting for the reload screen to his respawn point!

+170!

+225!

There were two Clerics, but even they were struggling to keep up with the boss's damage output. The Ferocious Tiger boss was not slow and clumsy like the upcoming Bear boss! It was a big, fast, angry cat!

"Miaomiao, use Great Heal. Peach, use Lesser Heal. Try to stabilize his Health Points!" Not long after, Jiang Fei's Health Points dropped to below 50%. Jiang Fei was fading fast. His conventional methods were not going to cut it!

"Okay!" the two Clerics replied. They started switching tactics. Jiang Fei's Health Points was no longer in the red!

"Everyone, stop! Miaomiao and Peach, I need both of you to use Greater Heal and get me back to full Health Points!" Jiang Fei saw the boss' Health Points was quickly approaching the 50% mark. The Great Bash was coming!

"Okay!" Jiang Fei was the only person with actual experience with this dungeon. The girls asked no questions and did their best to comply.

"Healers, stop!" Jiang Fei's Health Points were back to full. With one Blazing Hammer, he knocked the boss' Health Points below 50%!

"Roar!" As expected, the boss swung its tail and launched Swipe. Jiang Fei was sent flying. At the same time, the boss' aggro table was reset!

-100!

By then, everyone had stopped attacking. By default, the boss was going to go for Rosa Phantom, who was now standing closest to it. That was when Jiang Fei's bleeding effect started biting into the boss!

"Ow!" The boss registered the damage and spun towards Jiang Fei. You don't have to come to me, I'll go to you!

“I’m all on cooldown! I’ll need time to stabilize the aggro. Everyone but Clerics would have to stand back!” Jiang Fei managed to squeeze those words out between the exchange of blows.

“This time, Peach, Greater Heal, Miaomiao, Lesser Heal, just keep those Health Points stable!” Rosa Miaomiao had been spamming Greater Heal just now. Even with her Mana Potions, she was quickly running dry. That was why Jiang Fei had ordered the switch.

Blazing Hammer!

-268!

“Alright, go for it, ladies!”

After accumulating his aggro, Jiang Fei gave them the all-green!

“Ow!”

The boss’ Health Points was fast approaching the 30% mark. With a roar, its entire body glowed red. Frenzy mode!

-472!

-385!

A frenzied state meant frenzied attacks!

“Both Clerics, Greater Heal. Just, spam your Mana Potions!” As Jiang Fei was giving orders, he drank a Health Potion as well!

The next frontier, the 10% mark began showing up. Jiang Fei did not forget to warn the girls!

“The boss is going to unleash its ultimate. Just stay calm. Clerics, heal yourself. Everyone else would have to pile up on it. Try to stay afloat with your own Health Potions!”

“Ow!” With a roar, the boss let loose with Blitz Assault!

This was an Elite version of the Blitz Assault! Compared to the original twelve hits, this was twenty hits! Moreover, its attack had drastically increased. Each time those claws swept through Jiang Fei’s body 400 points rose up in the air. The damage on Cloth Armored girls was almost multiplied. They were close to the 800 range!

Fortunately, Jiang Fei had given an early warning. The boss had vanished from sight and everyone's Health Points were beginning to drop like crazy, but nobody was losing composure yet. The two weakest Clerics were fully occupied with their own Health Bars. Sorceresses Rosa Fox and Rosa Narcissus only took one hit each. Although they were in danger, they were not yet dead.

Chapter 33: Dividing The Spoils

It may be Jiang Fei's high Luck going around the party, or it may be the boss' gentlemanly nature of not hitting a girl. Regardless, when the boss' Ultimate ended, all ten party members were still left standing, no worse for the wear!

In the process, Jiang Fei alone had eaten six out of the twenty hits. The Heavy Armor users had taken two to three hits each. The girls in Cloth and Leather Armor had taken a hit each. That was how everyone had gotten away with their lives!

The boss was a cheat, that was the naked truth. If a Cloth Armor players took too many hits, she would have to nail it down to tough luck. There was just no way of surviving it. At their current Level, Priests were unable to put up shields. Knights were unable to grant others invincibility. Magicians had no skills to keep themselves alive. In short, they were sitting ducks for the boss to skewer!

Regardless, the entire party got through the boss' Ultimate. Zaire was all spent. It was still capable of packing a punch, but it no longer had the Health to last long enough for that power to come into effect. Down it went!

"Ding! You have killed Zaire the Ferocious Tiger. Obtained 12,500 Experience Points!"

Just one boss, and everyone had received an average of more than 10,000 Experience Points. It was mind blowing. The girls who were almost going to Level up suddenly flashed gold. Now, nobody in the party was below Level 17, except for Jiang Fei!

"Huh? Where's the loot?!"

Rosette Rose poked at the corpse. It was still coins and Linens. It was far more than usual, but the Guildmaster was still very disappointed.

Jiang Fei grinned.

"A treasure chest would be spawned at the end. You'd find the rewards in that chest!"

"Owh! That's more like it!"

Rosette Rose nodded, her mood significantly brighter.

As expected, the boss' corpse was quickly replaced by a silver treasure chest!

"Brother Glider, you have golden Luck. Do the honors!" said Rosette Rose to Jiang Fei, as he had told her about how he had ramped up his Luck attribute through a hidden quest.

"Okay!" Jiang Fei went on ahead. He strode towards the treasure chest!

"Cutie, you must get me some equipment!" Rosette Miaomiao shouted at his back.

"Recipe! Recipe! Recipe!" Jiang Fei could care less about those clingy girls. He kept on chanting the Recipe mantra!

"Swish!" A flash of blue light later, Jiang Fei was once again disappointed. There were no Recipes!

Tiger's Fang (Main Hand: Dagger, Excellent)

Attack +70

Agility: +5

Accuracy: +5

Equipped: Increases your attack by 5%!

Level requirement: Level 15

Aquamoon Magician Robe (Cloth Armor: Upper Body, Excellent)

Physical Defense +25

Magical Defense +20

Intelligence: +5

Vitality: +5

Equipped: Grants you an active skill — Aquashield. Summons a magic shield. Absorbs 500 damage. Lasts for 10 seconds. Cooldown duration: 5 minutes!

Level Requirement: 15

After all, the Elite Mode was a 10-men dungeon. That would be twice the drops. Two pieces of Blue tier equipment popped out. They were both of the Ascended variety, with

three additional attributes. This was justified by the first kill bonus and Jiang Fei's high Luck!

"Cutie, hurry and give me the dagger already!" Unknowingly, Rosette Phantom had already ran up to Jiang Fei's back. When she spoke, her fragrance flowed over the back of Jiang Fei's neck. It was akin to a warm breath of wind, but Jiang Fei was still taken aback!

"What the hell! Seriously, miss, why can't you make some noise when moving? You'll give me a heart attack!"

Rosette Phantom had not spoken much. She had never joined in whenever the girls teased Jiang Fei. Jiang Fei had thought that she was one of those rare introverts. He had never expected her lady to be filled with dirty tricks too!

"Ohhh, just hurry up and give it to me. If not, I'll climb up the window of your house and frighten you to death!"

Rosette Phantom stretched her slender white hands out, groping for Jiang Fei.

"Here it is! Here it is! You terrify me!"

No one else within the party needed this dagger anyway. Jiang Fei hurriedly sent her away with the dagger.

"Handsome, who do you think this Magician Robe belongs to?" teased Rosette Fox, ogling at Jiang Fei.

"Erm..."

It was Jiang Fei's turn to have a headache. The dagger just now was an easy call. Rosette Phantom was the only one who needed it. Now, there were four girls standing before him. Two Magicians and two Priests, all staring at him anxiously!

Jiang Fei was a Blacksmith. Therefore, even if a Mail-type equipment dropped from the boss, the Heavily Armor users would not be as anxious. Jiang Fei had already produced a generous amount of Ascended equipment. They were pleased enough with their gear. The girls with Cloth Armor were not as fortunate. The four of them only had three Level 10 White tier equipment between them. The rest were all equipment received from the quest rewards of the Beginner's Village. Therefore, the sight of a Level 15 Blue tier equipment was enough to turn them into raving lunatics!

"Guildmaster, what say you?"

Jiang Fei was not stupid. He could not make this decision. No matter how he went on with this, he would make himself an enemy out of three girls!

“How would I know?” Rosette Rose huffed and turned away. You do not want to make an enemy out of anyone, well so do I.

“Forget it! I’m not making this decision. Settle it yourselves!”

After all, the girls within the Knighthood knew each other better. This could not be their first time experiencing such a scenario!

“Okay! Rock, paper, scissors!” Rosette Miaomiao was the first to agree. Looking at how she had already dug her feet in the dirt, she seemed more interested in the game than the equipment!

After a few rounds, the results were out. Rosette Narcissus had defeated the rest of the Cloth Armor girls and won the Blue grade Magician Robe!

“This is unfair! Narcissus is a freak. All these years, she has never once lost this game!” Rosette Fox took him aside and whispered.

“That’s right! That’s right!” Rosette Peach nodded frantically.

“Hee hee! Stop being sore losers. Cutie bro, hand it over! These Beginner’s Village rewards are just hideous!”

Rosette Narcissus rolled her eyes at the two of them. She excitedly donned the newly acquired Aquamoon Magician Robe!

“Wow! Sister Narcissus, you’re so beautiful!” Rosette Miaomiao cooed.

The Aquamoon Magician Robe was quite the looker. It was like an Aqua Blue, Han-style robe that ‘really’ accentuate the curves on the top front portion. It truly brought out Rosette Narcissus’s voluptuous figure. Rosette Fox, still stuck in her White grade sorceress robe was filled with envy, jealousy, and hatred all at the same time. Her eyes were on fire.

Rosette Fox was not alone in her rage. The moment such beautiful clothing appeared, the eyes of the Heavily Armor users also started smothering!

“Alright! Dungeon first. That might just be the first of many!”

Unlike the other girls, Rosette Rose had recovered relatively swiftly, although she too had momentarily glanced at the sorceress robe in envy. In her eyes, the honor of clearing the dungeon as the first party was just as important!

By the time Jiang Fei and the others had taken down the first boss of the Elite Mode, other players have finally found the entrance of the dungeon. Within 5 minutes, word of

mouth had ensured that the location of the dungeon, “Deep in the Night Forest” was now public knowledge within the entirety of Dawnlight City!

Chapter 34: The Importance of a Powerful Tank

“Get the main guild members in parties and make sure that they have competent leaders! We’re going for the dungeon ASAP! There’s no time. We’re heading directly for the Elite Mode. Leave Normal Mode to the low-rankers!” Among the big guilds, Southern Azuresword was the first Guildmaster to catch wind of its location.

Of course, it was always better to start slow, but the Normal Mode had already been cleared by a solo player. It could not possibly be all that difficult. It was time to earn the glory of clearing the dungeon in Elite Mode. That was why he got his men to head straight for the top!

After all, such achievements were usually announced city-wide. This was basically free advertisement. The early stages of the game would be the perfect time for all the big guilds to develop and grow. It was the perfect time for recruitment!

“Interesting. Get my fourth and fifth brother over. Let’s go have some fun!” Happy Drunk grinned to himself. The Elite Mode it is!

“These are the coordinates? About time! Mobilize everyone! Tell them to stock up on potions. This will not be an easy First Kill!” Daemon’s Grimace’s husky voice boomed through the trees.

“We have our coordinates now, so why are you all still standing here? Move out!” Lady Casanova lifted her mace and placed it on a shoulder. She made a decisive turn and started heading for the dungeon.

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“Oh! You guys are early!” When Lady Casanova arrived at the dungeon entrance, the other three big guilds were already gathered there. At their forefront were their core members and their fully decked out gear. Hundreds already stood by the entrance!

“What’s up, Miss Casanova? Nice to meet you too?” Happy Drunk had always been soft-spoken and polite.

“Save me the frill and ribbon talk! If you’re not already entering it yourself, then get out of the way!”

Lady Casanova swung her almost two-meter-long mace single-handedly with a menacing woosh. Several players involuntarily stepped back.

“If that’s how you want to do it, let’s play fair. May the best guild win!”

Happy Drunk smiled.

“Okay!”

Southern Azuresword nodded. He had no qualms about that approach. He gave a pointed look at Lady Casanova.

After all, “Magithieves” was the strongest guild around. If they intended to hog the dungeon to themselves, they could do it. A fierce war would undoubtedly break out!

“Why are you looking at me? I’m a pacifist!” Lady Casanova glared back.

“Heh heh, so, you’re a pacifist. But how about that guy behind you? Master Billy, since you’re here, why not show yourself!” Daemon’s Grimace had very keen eyes. Behind Lady Casanova’s huge frame was the target of his latest dig!

“Hahahaha... Old Demon, still quite the sharp knife!”

At that moment, a human player stepped out. He seemed to be in his thirties. He had to be a Warrior or Knight.

“Master Billy, what do you say?” asked Happy Drunk, his eyes narrowing. No one would be free of an impending headache upon the sight of Billy Boy. This guy was a professional PvP Guildmaster. He enjoyed killing people for pleasure. Whenever there was a big skirmish, he would be in the thick of things. The PvP system within “Dawn Break” was almost devoid of rules and regulations. This guy might just stir up the game’s first major guild war this early in the game!

“Me? I’m not interested. Talk to my wife when comes to dungeon stuff!” Billy Boy shrugged.

“F*ck you. Of course you’re not interested in Dungeons. We all know that, just as well as we know how you’ll start swinging at us like we’re monsters in the dungeon!” The three Guildmasters most definitely had thoughts along these lines, but none dared verbally provoke this lunatic!

“That’s enough. None of these pussies are going in, so get lost already. We’re going in, and with you here, we shan’t be expecting company!” Lady Casanova grabbed Billy Boy by his collar and dragged him along. A hundred and eighty something man was nothing to a two and a half meter tall shrew cow!

“I’m leaving! You boys play nice!” Billy Boy shrugged. Fighting was in his blood, but this was the best time to race for levels and strengthen his guild. He did not want his past time to affect the guild’s growth!

“Phew...”

When Billy Boy disappeared through the entrance, only did everyone else breathe a sigh of relief. That guy was one loose cannon.

“Alright. Gauge your individual capabilities and determine your places. Don’t even think of causing trouble with the other guilds while we’re inside,” said Southern Azuresword.

“No problem! Let’s go!” The others nodded. Now that they’ve got the fair play agreement down, they could breathe easy!

It resulted in a total of almost 20 10-men parties entering the Elite Mode dungeon at the same time. The other players and members of the small guilds had also started organizing parties to challenge the Normal Mode dungeon. More confident guilds even attempted the Elite Mode. It was not like they wanted the First Kill. They were only asking for equipment and Experience Points!

Fifteen minutes later, Southern Azuresword appeared at the dungeon entrance. At the 16th minute, Daemon’s Grimace also came plodding from the graveyard along with his people. They had all been wiped out!

“Yo! What an early elimination!”

He was in a pot-kettle situation, but could not resist throwing a jab at Southern Azuresword.

“As if you’ve not been eliminated yourself!” Southern Azuresword rolled his eyes.

“Either get going already, or get the f*ck out of my way!”

As the two of them continued poking fun at each other, Lady Casanova appeared behind them!

“What the f*ck! You guys have been eliminated as well?!” asked Southern Azuresword, his eyes the size of shields.

“Go to hell! You’re allowed to be eliminated, but I’m not?” Lady Casanova roared menacingly.

“Fellas, We meet again, what a coincidence!”

This time, Happy Drunk showed up, his party members defeatedly dragging their soles along.

“Yo! Old Brother, you seemed to have lasted the longest. Where did you guys reach?” Daemon’s Grimace asked.

“The seventh wave!” Happy Drunk shrugged and told them the truth. There was nothing to gain from omitting anything out.

“You guys got caught at the seventh wave as well? Lady Casanova asked, dubious.

“Yeah! This dungeon is broken. Five Elite monsters at the sixth wave were fine. But f*cking hell, ten of them turned up in the seventh wave and turned our main tank to mush!” Southern Azuresword lamented.

“Haha...” The others smiled with embarrassment. It was clear as day. They had all been eliminated in the exact same manner!

“Cut the bullsh*t. Go in tank-biased!”

The four of them looked at each other. They had no choice. Their tank was nowhere near as tough as Jiang Fei. Their only option was to throw more tanks in to share the damage!

Party configurations were adjusted. The four of them rallied their best players and went in again. The other 10-men parties were all disbanded entirely. They changed into Five-men parties and went for the Normal Mode dungeon.

Even the main tanks of the elite guilds had failed to hold up. What did that mean for regular tanks?

Tanks made up the soul of a party. He was their footstone. The durability of a tank determined the success or failure of a challenge. Gaming skills, reaction time, and micro controls, the girls within the Rosette Knighthood, not even Rosette Rose could not be compared to the elites of the four big guilds. It was thanks to Jiang Fei’s ridiculous durability that gave them such a smooth sail. This was how this noisy, disorganized band of girls had been able to take down the first boss of the Elite Mode dungeon. On the other hand, the big four had been wiped out before they could even look into the nostrils of the first boss!

Chapter 35: Advancing to the second boss!

While the big four were still picking up their asses from the floor, Jiang Fei was powering on — the girls of the Rosette Knighthood tailing him closely!

“Roar!”

Along with the furious roars were seven to eight bear pan-fry palms smacking Jiang Fei across the face. Each hit had dealt more than 200 damage — even when it was Jiang

Fei! Fortunately, these Bearmen were significantly slower. If not, the two Priests behind him would have trouble keeping his Health Points up!

“Ah! This one’s coming my way!” cried Rosette Dragoness. It was hard to pick out a particular target from the mass of bodies before her. She had mistakenly prodded a target that had not yet been marked by Jiang Fei. It barely took anything to surpass the aggro Jiang Fei had on it — for he had only given it a normal hit!

-475!

As the bear palm collided with the beautiful Warrior, almost 500 points of damage popped up. Although Rosette Dragoness was decently decked out in a full set of Green tier equipment that Jiang Fei had crafted himself, she had not built her character to take hits. Her choice of Equipment and distribution of Ability Points were all offense-focused. She barely had over Health Points. It was only a matter of time before that ruthless Bear mauls her to death!

Based on Rosette Dragoness’s case, one could only surmise that Jiang Fei was not just tough — he was ridiculously so! Crafting classes would already start off with higher Defense attribute as compared to Combat classes. Moreover, Jiang Fei had pumped all his Ability Points into Vitality. His equipment had been customized to give him even more Vitality. Jiang Fei was the toughest nail of all tough nails!

Let us not downplay Jiang Fei’s craftsmanship. The main tanks of those premium guilds had yet to obtain full sets of Green tier equipment. Try as they might, even the most dedicated Ability Point distribution would just match that of Rosette Dragoness’ Defense, at best. One monster would still smack them around for 500 damage. If seven to eight monsters attacked at once, even 4,000 Health Points won’t take that, let alone 2,000 Health Points!

“Don’t hit him anymore, take some potions!” Jiang Fei quickly turned to the female Warrior’s rescue!

Blazing Hammer!

-668! (Critical hit!)

The critical hit at the crucial moment had turned the monster’s attention back to Jiang Fei!

“Everyone, be careful. I’m not a Warrior. I can’t grab aggro like those specialized tanks. Just... Look out for my marks!”

Jiang Fei sighed in relief. He had been extremely fortunate to have landed a critical hit. Otherwise, he might have been too late!

Ironically, Jiang Fei was not a true tank, but he was far tougher than most. But there was a flaw in his tactics that could not be rectified. He had no skills that could generate aggro. Warriors had Taunt. Druids in Bear Form had the skill Provoke. Jiang Fei had nothing. He could only stand on equal footing and wrestle for the aggro with the Offense Classes. At least, Jiang Fei had solid equipment and high Luck. His constant critical hits enabled him to maintain his footing with the girls within the party. Also, he was often the first person to initiate an attack. That was why he would be able to keep the monsters' aggro to himself!

If such a delicate balance was ever offset, Jiang Fei would be helpless. He had no way of salvaging the situation!

“Okay!”

Rosette Dragoness stuck her tongue out, half sheepish, half cheeky. She knew full well how her carelessness had almost brought disaster upon the party.

The battle continued. The monsters were slain, wave after wave. Bearmen even started coming in groups of 10. As tough as Jiang Fei was, the stifling volume of attacks were starting to get to him. The two Priests were stretched to the limit, acting as extensions to his Health Bar. On Jiang Fei's end, he had been spamming his Health Potions to no end. There was just no other way to get through this!

“Time out, time out!” After a long, hard battle with the Bearmen, Jiang Fei decided that it was time for much-needed rest and reorganization. If their subsequent battles were anything of this level, people would start slipping up, and fatal mistakes could occur!

After seeing to it that everyone was breathing easy and had fully restored their Health Points and Mana Points, Jiang Fei resumed the advance!

At that moment, the four big Guilds Masters once again held their reunion at the entrance of the dungeon!

“So... Which of you got the First Clear?” asked Southern Azuresword, uncertain of himself.

“Clear my *ss. That Advanced Elite miniboss thing was just too much. When it entered the Frenzy Mode, our main tank was wiped out in a three-combo attack!” Daemon's Grimace groaned. This time, he could not hide the distress in his face!

“Well! I gotta agree with you on that. That thing should not be allowed in the dungeon!” said Happy Drunk, nodding earnestly.

“Bullshit! I'm getting a totally different vibe from you. You've already taken down the first boss, haven't you?” Lady Casanova was loud-mouthed and brash, but she was still a

lady. And ladies could read through lines like a tick weaving through a mass body of fur. She saw through Happy Drunk's expression with a glance!

"Almost. If I was any luckier, I might have broken through that phase!" After the boss got into a Frenzy, their tanks quickly became irrelevant. Stat-wise, at least. The party had adapted quickly and utilized the Taunt skill, kiting the boss and juggling it between their sub tanks. By the time the sub tanks fell, the main tank had already been fully healed by the party. They had delayed it long enough to outlast the boss' frenzy mode. But when the boss released its ultimate, the party had no answer for it. Worst off, the boss had regained 5% of its Health Points with each kill. As a result, the still-living Heavily Armored members could only look on helplessly as the boss regained over two thousand health in the span of a few slashes! Disgruntled and frustrated, they could only allow the boss to rake through their armor!

The boss' ultimate was indiscriminate and completely random. Happy Drunk and his members had been slightly unlucky. Their Priests and Magicians had been quick to fall first, leading to a tragedy. If Jiang Fei's party had encountered the same situation, they might not have fared any better!

"Hey, boy! If you got to witness its ulti, how did you guys pull through the Frenzy?" Lady Casanova snapped.

"Heh heh! I'll be happy to share all my secrets with you... After we get the first clear!" Happy Drunk was gentle and suave, but he was just as cunning.

It did not take long before the big four got to their feet and went for the first boss again. On this side of the universe, Jiang Fei was currently fighting for his life against the second boss of the dungeon!

Clomiir, the Demonic Bear (Humanoid, Advanced Elite!)

Level: 20

Health Points: 7,500

Attack Power: 475

Skill: Bash, Roar, Slam, Frenzy, Summon Bearmen, War Stomp.

"Holy f*ck! What did they feed this guy in the Elite dungeon?! Steroids alone won't do this!"

Jiang Fei frowned at those ridiculous numbers. He was not about to ignore the part that said "Summon Bearmen" either. This was going to be a massive pain in the ass!

"Brother Glider, how do we do this?" asked Rosette Rose.

Jiang Fei was silent in thought for a moment. He finally said, "Guildmaster, I was about to delegate the minion Bearmen to you, but looks like things won't be that simple. I have some ideas, but that might mean more work for you!"

"What is it?" Rosette Rose did not seem to mind it.

"I'll need you to watch Dazzledance's Health Points!" said Jiang Fei. As a knight, Rosette Rose belonged to a versatile class who was able to heal, attack, and defend. She was a jack of all trades, master of none.

"Okay!" said Rosette Rose, nodding.

"Dazzledance, grab ahold of some mobs. I'll let you know when it's time to do so!" Jiang Fei called out to Rosette Dazzledance.

Rosette Dragoness was also a Warrior, but she had added some Ability Points into Strength and Agility. She was not particularly durable, but with the aid of the Priests, she would be able to hold her own against a few monsters. But she would definitely be damned if a Strength-type Knight like Rosette Rose took up the healing role. As a player who had divided her Ability Points equally into her Vitality and Strength, Rosette Dazzledance was the first choice for the Sub-Tank position!

"Miaomiao and Peach, don't hold back. Pour all of your Greater Heals onto me. Don't hold back on those Mana Potions. This boss is quite the menace!" Jiang Fei pointedly warned the Priests.

"Don't you worry!"

These girls did not lack money. Spamming their potions was not much of a problem!

"Alright, I'll start things off!" Jiang Fei swung his Blacksmith Hammer and dashed forward. As usual, he went face first, putting on an expression that would provoke a sleeping buddha into action!