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Chapter 1281: Impromptu Dinner Meetup

The night could not have come any sooner as a fairly large group of people were amassed in Jin's house that the System had subtly enlarged the dining area and expanded the table to accommodate the bellators, and the humans which Jin had employed under the Panda Inc.

"Wow, it's rare to see such a huge crowd right here." Peppers said as she was sitting on the sofa waiting with Milk for the food to arrive.

"And everyone is on time too." Milk said as she saw the penguins coming out of the kitchen bringing all the food to the table. Jin, who was the last to arrive, quickly sat at the side of the table, with the rest to follow suit.

They did not hesitate to partake in the dinner which Lynn had prepared in advance and everyone ate while exchanging pleasantries. It was not long until Jin had decided to start the serious conversation which everyone kept quiet and listened to. He explained to the group what they had found and made the two parties noticeably agitated.

Royal Zodiac Snake General Hou Fei and the upcoming Royal Zodiac Dragon Head Kong Rong. Both of them repeatedly asked where the information came from which Kraft eventually used the System to show what it had found so far.

"That means there has always been a security breach all this time and we are totally unaware of it. Is that how the terrorists are able to infiltrate into the highest level of the echelon? Because the people at the top are allowing them to enter without us knowing?" Kong Rong suddenly felt his back aching from the burden he was about to carry.

"The only advantage we have right now is that we finally know a piece of the underlying puzzle. If the enemy does go up to the Prime Minister's Office, it would not be a wonder why they had been rather elusive." Hou Fei deduced.

"Honestly, at this rate, there is no one we can trust. Even though Kraft had assured us that the target had always been the Royal Zodiac Clans, we have no idea how closely knitted or manipulated the rest of the other clans are." Qiu Yue voiced her opinion. "They might have been doing the Banned Emperor's dirty work without knowing fully what they had gotten into."

"There are surface cracks among the Clans and even with this morning's meeting, people did not see eye to eye on most issues with the exception of the arrival of Jin. Most of them reluctantly acknowledged Jin's presence but they knew that if Jin were to grow, the clans would suffer in some way or another. The current delicate balance achieved by the twelve clans would eventually be interrupted with Jin's debut." Kong Rong said which Peppers surprisingly followed up with an astute observation.

"Why use their own people to do the job of destroying the Royal Zodiac Clans when there is already one which they could utilise as a distraction?" Kraft chuckled and everyone could see the rationale behind that.

"While doing a wild goose chase to catch a few Banned Emperor Terrorist, the damage would be done by making the clans jealous at Jin's success. They eventually might band up together to deal with Jin

instead of accepting him as part of them.” Peppers blurted out and everyone could see how the Panda Clan might eventually be the incidental bait. “Take the upcoming PandaVerse Festival. It will be a huge slap to the dungeon suppliers that had participated in the Symposium and surely there might be a few people who would be jealous of the possible success of the festival and might end up sabotaging it.”

“I believe she meant the Rats.” Milk chimed in and a few of them chuckled at that theoretical situation.

“Lol, imagine fighting the rats in the Farming World and deal with that shit in our world too.” Qiu Yue remarked. “Rather than calling it the PandaVerse Festival, we might as well call it Rat Catching Festival.”

“To be honest, the odds are low for that. The Royal Zodiac Heads could have done that if Jin did not participate in this morning’s meeting but after getting some approval and recognition from the Defence Minister, it is unlikely they will have the guts to do such a dirty tactic. Still, do you want me to get some people to look into buffing your security?” Kong Rong asked and Hou Fei also said he could do the same though the latter would be more into participating in the festival as the soldiers had thoroughly enjoyed the previous time when they were around.

“You could not deny that the Banned Emperor Terrorist could send their very own people to disrupt the place. Having Hou Fei’s troops might also be a boon since dealing with the Demon Rats could be a hassle and it would be great to have a company of trained soldiers accomplishing certain objectives.”

“Yea, I see if I could rile up my Dragon Company to join the fun as well.” Kong Rong said while he looked towards Ke Loong. “It’s rare for you to keep quiet. Usually, you have lots of ideas.”

“I am more concerned about the part where Jin said Kraft had made a verbal deal to manufacture 20 portal devices for the Defence Ministry. Like we had said, if used correctly, it would be a wonderful tool, but fall into the wrong hands...”

“Heh, for that. Perhaps allow me to bestow you a few...ideas of mine that could be incorporated into the portal device design.” Kraft looked at Ke Loong and he shivered from his devilish smile.

“By the way, Jin. I know that it’s a bit off topic but it’s also kind of urgent. Well for me that is if you are willing to listen.” Rei raised his hand in the heated discussion and Jin allowed him to say a few words.

“Erm...my family has been found according to Sebastia. But they are in a place where getting them out of the Mecha World would be kind of a sticky situation,” Rei said and the rest could feel that this particular discussion they were having would be sidetracked a lot.

Chapter 1282: Rei’s Plea For Help

Everyone in the room stopped their conversation almost immediately and they were focused on Rei’s plea for help. (With the exception of Peppers who was quietly taking one more piece of chicken cutlet to put in her mouth. And yet with so much meat, she never grows wider, taller or even fatter. One does wonder where all those calories went.)

“Continue on Rei, I did promise that we will help you to get your family back. And if Sebastia had located them and could not teleport them via the usual means, I could only assume they are in some situation which would require our intervention.” Jin said and Rei nodded his head.

“Are you sure, you guys want to hear me out?” Rei started to worry that he had broken the flow of conversation among the entire group.

“The Banned Emperor is an outstanding issue, there won’t be much progress in the short run and there is nothing we can do without sufficient preparation. On the other hand, your case can warrant a quick rescue operation.” Kong Rong replied with a smile.

“Ohhhh. That smile~! Someone is itching to blow off some steam.” Kraft chuckled when he saw Kong Rong’s expression.

“You bet, all this revelation just angered me. It seems I had to reorganise my team once more and be more careful on what to report while making sure not to arouse any suspicions from the higher up. Now we know one potential source of breach within our information systems, and it’s how we are going to deal with it that is giving me a big fucking headache.”

“I don’t pity his lifestyle. Compared to our Lord, this upcoming Dragon Lord had his hands full of secret agent shit and dealing with public nonsense too. I think he sometimes wished to be someone much more ordinary.” Hou Fei gave his opinion while Ke Loong added that he wished to see another world.

“You mean someone like Jin?” Qiu Yue queried and Lynn raised her shoulders in objection while shaking her head.

“You been if Jin when he did not have his System powers? Perhaps. Because right now that stupid boy had been overworking himself too much with the PandaVerse Festival while ensuring the preparation for the Great Demon Rat War. Each day, the reports from the Farming World had been increasing with more frequent Demon Rat incursions on the towns that we are protecting. It seems that they know we are doing something and they are throwing bodies to stop us as well. The only good thing that comes out from that is the random items they give whenever they die.” Lynn reported.

“Looks like someone is awfully concerned.” Qiu Yue pulled Lynn’s arm by her side and giggled happily. Lynn could not deny that but Jin tried to pull the conversation back to Rei’s plea for help.

“So you can see, everyone here is willing to help. Heck, we might even go right now after this dinner to get them. Just tell us what you know.” Jin answered and Rei decided that its best for the person who found his family to give the actual background of the entire situation. Thus, he requested Jin and the System to summon her for them to have Sebastia explain everything.

“Master!” Sebastia was delighted to see Jin after a very long while and immediately kneeled to show her respect.

“Sebastia, join us for dinner and give us your report on Rei’s family,” Jin said and added that it’s an order that she had to comply knowing that she would be too embarrassed to eat at the table with them. And before she had any objections, Lynn already went into the kitchen to take another plate of rice, all ready for her to partake in the dinner with them.

"If you insist, then this is my honour. Also, thank you, Lynn. I missed you and your penguin's cooking very very much." Sebastia said as she was specially given a seat right beside Jin as the group continue to eat while Sebastia revealed her report.

In summary, ever since Rei had mysteriously disappeared, his wife Charlotte had been working hard to find his whereabouts as well. The only thing she could think of was that he had been captured by the opposing group of countries. Thus, she decided to spy for both ends especially when she was a talented enough engineer while single handedly taking care of their kid, Hathaway.

Similar to her parents, Hathaway was not just smart but capable of taking herself. She usually studies what her father had left and also eventually found out how her mother was working for both sides of the war. In fact, she was so brilliant that Hathaway aided her mother in a few projects in ways Charlotte could never think before and it was to the point that they both decided to work secretly to find their father.

"Now the only problem is that the mother and daughter had been caught almost at the same time for it to be considered as a coincidence. I had information to prove that there was a sting operation that had been conducted to catch such traitors. However, because of the knowledge they had given to both sides, they were considered valuable ...commodities. The war had been stifling and became deadly was the contributions from the two of them. They were part of the team which made the Mechas into an essential backbone of their armies."

Sebastia said as she took a breath and chewed on chicken meat while the rest continued to ponder at it. Kraft even stared back at Rei as if questioning his abilities and how he got such an amazing wife and daughter while he was just a mediocre engineer from the Mecha World.

"If we ever want information on the Mechanical Brain of the Gigant Titan, Charlotte and Hathaway is your best bet," Sebastia added. "The information on that had been very sketchy despite my fervent attempts to uncover it."

"Two prison spaceships, maximum security. So we're doing it Moon Wars style?" Jin said and the rest seems like they were on board with the idea of freeing Rei's family.

Chapter 1283: Prison's Location

"Ehh maximum security prison spaceships aside, it's space, right? We can't be teleporting into them unless we know the place's coordinate. And since it's a transport vessel, all the more we would not have its exact -" Milk who suddenly voiced her concern until Sebastia chimed in her opinion.

"They are meeting at Space Colony 969 for the transfer of prisoners," Sebastia said and Rei knows about that Space Colony Station.

"Why would a United Federation spaceship be in Xeon Union's airspace?" He voiced his query, hoping that Sebastia could shed more light on it.

“Because they are going to have a prisoner exchange programme. Some Very Important Prisoners (VIPs) are being traded for Hathaway and Hathaway alone. The United Federations are keeping Charlotte because they had lots of questions to ask her.”

“Sounds awfully convenient. How do you even get hold of this information?” Rei could not fathom the amount of spying she had to do to get the location of the prisoner exchange.

“Oh...Did you?” Kraft chuckled in Sebastia’s direction.

“Fortunately for me, there was no need to. Though, I would like to thank you for your valuable lessons in seduction. Sir Kraft.” Sebastia said and somehow people started to wonder what Kraft had been teaching the Female Minotaur. Sebastia however diverted the topic and said that she was lucky enough to grab the attention of a rather horny officer (no pun intended for minotaurs) and squeeze such information out from his brains with a few of Kraft’s teachings. The System did help with the initialisation since Kraft’s technique of getting information could be a bit hard to grasp for users whose magic abilities were less than inclined.

“Aww, thought at least you would get some fun out of it before delivering the blow of death to your opponents.” Kraft shrugs, feeling disappointed at the answer.

“The target did not die as well, else they would have changed the plans drastically and I would not have known where they would be meeting for the exchange of prisoners,” Sebastia added.

“I am even more disappointed now. Don’t talk to me right now.” Kraft showed Sebastia his hand as if he wanted her to talk to his hand rather than him but obviously, after learning some stuff about Kraft in the Farming World, Sebastia did not care even if she hurt his feelings.

“So... right now, the United Federation Prison Spaceship is carrying the two family members? Why can’t we try and predict where they come from and ambush them before they make the jump?” Ke Loong asked but it looks like Kong Rong who had sufficient undercover experience applauded Sebastia’s choice for the location and timing.

“You want us to jump and grab the VIPs too, don’t you?” Kong Rong checked to reaffirm his suspicions.

“Yes, if they are political figures, we have no use for them. But if they are exchanging for engineers, scientists or some scholar that could give us a better situation of the Mecha World, that would be great.”

“Actually, political figures might be useful...bait,” Jin said and everyone looked at him to continue the sentence. “I might need a few leaders that are hardworking to lead the team in the future. And usually, those that are caught are always for the people. If they meet the criteria, it would be nice to have an influencer that could move the masses.”

“Interesting. Looks like being a Panda Lord makes you see a bit of a wider perspective.” Kraft replied but Jin too shrugged his shoulders.

“If Sebastia does not know who the VIP is, we just gotta grab them first.”

“Why can’t we just do what Jin did with the void being? You know, grab the entire maximum security prison spaceship and put it in one of the System’s instances. We could then dismantle the entire thing

with the System's help and also convert the entire ship without much death and destruction." Milk asked once again and somehow made Peppers laugh.

"Why don't while we are at it, steal the entire space colony station 969 and put it in the System's care too?" Peppers remarked and somehow Milk knew that Peppers had an explanation that such a feat could not be done which did not care to ask for any further elaboration.

"Since we have a location and when will the exchange be done?" Lynn asked and Sebastia said that it was the only information she was not able to obtain.

"I had been stalking Space Colony Station 969 for some time and was able to get a black market receiver that could get the transmissions signals for almost every ship that comes through. Even with me right here, the receiver is still collecting data while the System helped me to keep an eye out. But judging from the way the officer had spoken, it's not that soon."

"Greetings all. A plausible unknown signal had been received. The System requests Minotaur Sebastia to return to the observation post for further analysis."

"Peppers and Rei, go with her. She probably needs some help deciphering. If tech cannot do the trick, get Peppers to zoom the shit out with her magic. If it is the prison ship, then we will do an attack as soon as possible." Jin said and for once, Peppers did not complain much as if she was willing to do this prison heist as much as the others.

Rei nodded his head and the System instantly opened a portal behind them. Lynn quickly took a few wet wipes and passed them to Peppers since her mouth was still filled with leftover sauce as well as a water bottle from her storage ring. She was like a mother sending her kid off to school as Peppers thanked Lynn for the assist.

"As for us, we better start talking about some contingencies in case- Erm no. When things go south." Jin said to the group knowing that Lady Fate will always toy with him no matter the situation.

Chapter 1284: Identifying the Prison Ships

"How does it look?" Rei asked as Sebastia configured the receiver the moment they teleported into Space Colony 969.

"There were a few encrypted signals which the receiver could not decipher. The System is currently going through a few of the standard decryption codes used by the military but I do not think they will work. It will be best if we scout the ships ourselves."

"Yea, idiots. How are you going to do that if you can't breathe in space? Those ships might not even be docking near the Space Colony at all. Could be a few clicks away while the spaceport people send their automated refuelling droids to get it done." Peppers said as she stared at the squarish built receiver.

"I am rather surprised you know their protocols." Rei also deduced that it could be what Peppers had surmised.

"Please, whenever Jin goes into a new world, the System makes me learn as much as possible. The only thing is that knowledge usually goes to waste because no one asked me any questions with the exception of the System using me as a walking database. Sometimes the problems you people have could be quickly rectified if you ask me." Peppers yawned a bit since it was supposedly night back in Jin's World but right here, it was barely evening. (Although there was no sun around, the space colony had a 24 hour weather system that monitored the colony's ecosystem.)

"Because you are almost nigh unapproachable to most people. And getting an answer from you was like trying to get a wish from a wishing fountain." Sebastia said which made Peppers stick her tongue out in defiance. However, even as she was not happy with Sebastia's answer, Peppers immediately used her magic within the room that they were hiding and revealed a holographic map that contained information on the flight paths of the spaceships as well as a few stationary ones which they suspected to be the prisoner ships.

"Wow, how did you do this?" Rei asked and Peppers grinned.

"Magic~" Peppers said as to let that sarcasm seep into the two who were looking at it before explaining that she used her scan magic to get the information. After all, there were no magic casters in this world and she blatantly did not care about blasting her powers.

"Judging from the size and length of the ships, especially with the proximity between the two of them, I guess we found our mark. The next question is how are we going to go there without being seen?"

"Guess teleporting is out of the way?" Rei tried to see if Peppers was able to do that but she shook her head.

"As much as I would like to do that, teleporting into space is tricky. Teleportation usually refers to coordinates and those coordinates are based on a certain core landmark. In most instances, we can teleport around because we are situated on one planet. Right now, I have no idea where our dear planet earth is with respect to the Space Colony 969 and even I DO know, the teleportation coordinates into space requires four dimensions instead of the usual three. And before you ask what that is, it's basically not having half our bodies stuck in space and the other half in a ship. Or with a portal-"

"Okay, we get what you mean. Let's go." Sebastia said as she kept the receiver inside the storage ring provided by the System and told the other two to dress up accordingly.

"Go where?" Peppers asked but Sebastia already started activating her cosmetic inscription charm.

"I have a man that could bring us close to that ship. Would that help if we bring ourselves closer to the prison ship and that way you could teleport us in? I assume your scan magic could x-ray the entire ship and provide us safe passage the moment we got closer."

"You are not going to ask why not use my Scan Magic, right now?" Peppers questioned and Sebastia smirked.

"Please Peppers. Everyone under Jin knows you. You would not waste your magic while there's a chance for the Demonic Red Eyed Queen to blow things up. But of course, please blow the entire ship, there's a chance Jin might want it."

“Like I said, he can’t possibly teleport the entire ship back into the shop’s – oh wait. Do you mean...” Peppers squinted her eyes towards the crafty minotaur. “Huh, never expect you to think like that. Guess Kraft’s influence did rub on you quite a bit. I’ll give it some thought.”

“What are you two talking about?” Rei still felt clueless between their conversations and felt that his presence was more or less redundant.

“TLDR, she’s taking advantage of my generosity to aid you.” Peppers said while she used her magic to look older instead of a cosmetic inscription charm, she had to configure her looks once again when Sebastia threw a passport to her.

“Felt the opportunity was right the moment she did not grumble when she came to the Mecha World.” Sebastia smiled as she placed an inscription charm onto Rei, changing his face slightly to match the man on the passport.

“Well, this is exciting. Never had I thought I would be in like some movie, changing my face for an undercover mission.” Peppers thought to herself as she chose some clothes from Sebastia’s ‘wardrobe’.

“We are going in fast, pay some cash and travel as near to the spaceships as possible.” Sebastia went through with the plan but Rei’s head was already full of panic making it impossible for him to listen to whatever Sebastia was talking about.

“Sigh, do we really need a character like him right now? Can’t we just send him back first and teleport him back to us when the situation is ripe?” Peppers could already feel she was in the movies and Rei was that scared person which could potentially screw everything up.

“It’s not my call and besides we never know when we need some actual help from a person who is native to this world?” Sebastia said as she slapped Rei to wake him up while Peppers reluctantly cast a calming spell to stabilise his emotions.

“I can only hope this immigration thing will be a quick one.” Sebastia hoped.

Chapter 1285: Going Through Immigration

With only Peppers unfamiliar with the procedures of the Mecha World despite all the knowledge in her head, Sebastia had changed her mind and forced her to change into a little girl instead. (Fortunately, she did prepare a fake kid passport not knowing who would be with her for the infiltration.) Peppers naturally was against the decision but Rei told her that she had to lie her way to get through the immigration passport which even a person not close to Peppers was able to discern she could not lie much.

Thus, Peppers resigned to the fate of being the ‘daughter’ of Sebastia and Rei for the time being. The only consolation she got was that she did not have to do anything and go through the spaceport.

However, things were not as smooth as they thought it would be when they reached the first checkpoint. The machines were beeping loudly for Sebastia the moment she tried to go through the

scanner and the same goes for Rei. The Immigration Guards slowly walked up to them to do a routine check to see what's the matter as those machines rarely beeped that loudly.

"Are we busted that quickly?" Rei nervously chats on the System Channel but Sebastia told him to keep quiet, as she tried to see if she could salvage the situation. However, the best way to handle the situation, for now, was to watch and see. The guard with the highest rank looked at them at the side of the room since that was where the command control for the immigration gates was and spoke through the hall's intercom.

"Immigration Counter 45 & 47. Please step back and try scanning your passports again in a few seconds." And thus, Rei and Sebastia did as they were told with Peppers hanging behind Sebastia, waiting for her turn beside 'Mummy' to clear the gates for her to go through. After all, Sebastia had to act as if Peppers was really her daughter by helping her to go through the immigration gates before Mummy could scan her passport. This time around, the gates blinked with green lights after they stood there for what seemed like an eternity before the gates opened and allowed them to pass through with almost every guard within the vicinity staring at them like vultures waiting for their right time to gobble them up,

Next, it was Sebastia's turn and she too went through without any hitch thus allowing the guards to return back to their post as the family of three gathered again and made their way to the duty free area of the spaceport.

"Sheesh, what is all that about? I thought you had the passports covered?" Rei commented in the System Channel as he wiped the sweat off his forehead the moment they were far enough from the immigration counters.

"I have no idea as well. When I used those passports, they were fine. Not sure if it's because I purchased them a long time ago and they were not activated. In any case, we should be glad that we are able to go through it without a hitch especially when security seems to be tighter than usual." Sebastia said and that was when Peppers started chuckling.

"Heh Heh Heh. You two did not realise that there was some manipulation behind the scenes?" Peppers queried and Rei was the only one who entertained her in the System Channel while Sebastia continued to survey her surroundings.

"You mean, there was really something wrong with the passports?" Rei asked and Peppers nodded her head. "If not for Your Demonic Sage Queen here to clear the ruckus, you think you guys are able to go through without making too much of a scene? I was the one who magically reset the immigration counter status." Peppers said it as if they had forgotten that Peppers was a mage of high regards in Jin's army, not just a combat mage who could send explosions into the sky. Rei was astonished by her but Sebastia told Peppers not to lie.

"There is no way she could have manipulated the machines. She needs to understand the workings of the immigration counter before doing anything to do it. It's not as if it was based on some physical trigger mechanism plus those guards had a database. The only thing I can think of is that she mind tricked the highest ranking guard within the command post to allow us to go through when our passports were flagged." Sebastia answered and Peppers felt like the magic in her act had disappeared along with her explanation.

“Bleargh, but still you have to give me credit for-”

“Thank you, Peppers. Without you, it would not be an easy feat to go through the immigration counter. I am glad you are here with us.” Sebastia said through the System Channel and for once, Peppers kept quiet as she smiled away happily.

After a few minutes of walking, Sebastia finally told the two of them that she found her pilot. She quietly asked Peppers to follow Rei for a moment to look at some gifts at a nearby souvenir store while she sat opposite the pilot near a resting area pretending to play her phone. Though in reality, she was texting him through some near field communications app so that it was both encrypted and nearly undetectable.

“Three pax. Usual price per person.” Sebastia texted.

“No, the deal is off. The security here has suddenly gotten very strict. Even if I can take off from the spaceport, the only route I could go is the one they had designated. If I ever divert just by a few metres, the spaceport authorities would sound the alarm for the Mechas to swoop in..”

“Triple the price.” Sebastia did not care what the excuse of the pilot was but at least she knew that at the very least, the prison ships must be here or else the security would not be this alarming.

“No. I value my life more than that. Even coming here to talk to you is a risk and you should be lucky that I am not going to snitch on you to the authorities for even talking about going near the prison ships.” The pilot immediately left the chat and walked away.

“Guess we will do this the illegal way.” Sebastia sighed as she told Peppers what was happening and in an instant, the pilot came back to the chat group once more stating that he decided to fuck it and go with the flow.

“I guess, you only live once.” The last sentence from the pilot made Sebastia nearly burst into laughter. “All those memes. Peppers, you are eating too much junk information from Jin’s world.” Sebastia said as she looked towards her daughter and quietly nodded her head with thanks.

Chapter 1286: Prison Heist -Part 1

“Master, we are taking off right now. Not sure how close we will be towards the prison ships but the pilot said that any deviation from the current course we are taking would be alerted and they will activate the Mechas.” Sebastia said as she sat right beside the possessed pilot.

He might be performing actions to turn his spaceship on for departure but the expressions betrayed them as it was rather obvious he was doing it unwillingly. “Meh, I did not use that much magic to control him, just enough to get things moving.” Peppers said when she popped by to see the cockpit and saw Sebastia’s dissatisfied look.

“At least give him a memory wipe when the deed is done.”

“Why do that when he is probably not going to survive the current ordeal?” Peppers said nonchalantly and Sebastia figured that the Mage Bellator did not think of death the way normal people would and why wouldn’t she? Peppers might have seen more death and destruction than anyone could so having another human dying right in front of her would be all the same. Even Sebastia herself would have thought the same if Jin had not opened her eyes to other worlds and yet she had not been accustomed to something called dying permanently.

“Peppers, he did us a favour despite how unwilling he is, I think it is only fair to allow him to live through this ordeal.” Sebastia tried to rephrase her opinions to match Peppers’ train of thought.

“Fine, fine.” Peppers sighed as she drew a magical sigil on the pilot’s arm, making him squirm in pain for a moment. “This will let him teleport back to the airport but do not blame me for making him suffer the subsequent ordeal he had to face when he got caught by the authorities. After all, it is his ship that we are crashing the prisons with”

“Ehh...guys, you are assuming that this ship can withstand the brunt of the attack from the maximum security prison spaceships,” Rei interjected as the spaceship they were on was small enough for him to hear all that conversation from the passenger area.

“Ho ho ho!” Peppers started laughing at such a high pitch which made Sebastia realise that Rei might not have seen much of Jin’s army at work. Even though she received intel that Rei had been working on a few space crafts that Jin ordered, Sebastia assumed Rei had seen some action beforehand. However, it looks like this would most likely be Rei’s first big battle under Jin’s command.

The spaceship took off without a hitch and Jin had replied that they were ready to teleport in the moment Peppers set the coordinates to the System properly. With all the security alerts, it would highly be unlikely this would be an easy grab and run kind of prison heist. After all, this exchange was between the two warring factions. Tensions would naturally be high and everyone would have their fingers ready at the trigger ready to attack if there was something amiss.

However, as much as Jin would wish to deescalate the situation, this war had been ongoing for so long that there was nothing much he could do unless he either made them understand each other or annihilated everyone to make it stop. But both options would gargantuan responsibilities mainly because the universe of Mecha World is not confined to one particular planet compared to the rest of the worlds he had been. With both factions expanding through outer space and galaxies beyond, it would take something more impactful to stop their warring.

That was also the reason why Jin did not care if his actions to perform a prison heist would eventually further escalate their war because this war isn’t something he could control and the only thing he could do was to make sure Rei’s family would be safe after this event.

“We are approaching soon,” Sebastia said as the pilot pointed out through the cockpit windows and showed them that tiny little sparks of light were where the maximum security prison Spaceships were. Peppers did not believe him at first until she cast her magic onto the shuttle window and it created a zooming effect that allowed them to see the two maximum security prison spaceships and a bunch of other minor security ships as well mechas around the area.

Rei could only tighten his seatbelt at the passenger area as he knew how turbulent a shot from one of those security spaceship's cannons would feel. Meanwhile, Peppers was already prepping a few magic spells both offensive and defensive so that their current space shuttle would be able to propel through hopefully undetected until the very last minute.

"Do some damage to the maximum security prison spaceships too, they most likely have some energy shields which could stop our shuttle from pushing through," Sebastia said as she too felt a little excited since this was the first time she would be charging into a battlefield that was totally unknown to her.

"Ya ya, I already did that. Just watch and see." Peppers said as her staff forcefully stabbed through the metal plating floor and an energy shield had been generated around the space shuttle that they were in. "Go now." Peppers' simple command was not just an indicator for the tearing pilot but also for Jin and the rest to jump into action when the time was right.

The pilot reluctantly pushed his joystick pulley to the highest gear while swirling to the left and diverting off course from the one he was supposed to be in. His actions instantly alerted the spaceport authorities and a large blaring warning was emitted from his space shuttle.

"This is Colony 969 Spaceport Security. Return to your authorised course in ten seconds or we will be forced to shoot you down. No other warnings would be given after this transmission."

"Fuck! Fuck! Fuck!!!" The pilot cried as he maintained the steering wheel and he could see all the security crafts and their mechas sortie out to meet the threat that was blazing through the space.

"Fuck yes!" Peppers exclaimed as she finally held her magical staff and gave a slight twist as if it was the trigger for all the spells that she had been accumulating for the past few minutes of chanting.

Chapter 1287: Prison Heist -Part 2

"Space Shuttle ID: X657F had diverted off course and headed towards the exchange point!" One of the petty officers shouted out loud within the control centre of the United Federations Maximum Security Prison Spaceship. Captain L Farlinger heard the report and asked the designation of the ship.

"Captain, it's neither marked under the United Federations nor the Xeon Union." The petty officer reported and another shouted that the Xeon Union were directing their guns at the space shuttle as well and to them.

"Do not point any guns to the Xeon Union and focus your efforts on stopping that space shuttle. We do not need a Texican Standoff (Mexican Standoff). Fire at the space shuttle whenever it is in range." Captain Farlinger said and later requested another officer for the information about the shuttle, pilot and the passengers as soon as possible.

"Also, tell them to ground every other space flight going in or out of the Colony and disallow anyone from knocking off from their job. After all, if Space Colony 969 had approved the immigration, that means there's someone on the inside that had been their collaborator." Captain Farlinger added and his

officers were scrambling around the deck to fulfil his request while sending units and directing the ship's guns towards the speeding space shuttle.

It was pretty obvious it looked like a suicide attack and the only advantage the space shuttle had was the element of surprise. Guns were supposed to be deactivated prior to the prisoner exchange due to the agreement of non aggression. They even had to unarm the Mechas, allowing only physical weapons and shields so any movements from either side would mean they were not honouring the agreement.

But this suicidal space shuttle took them off guard and by the time the guns were ready, the shuttle was already at roaring max speed (As if one can hear anything in space...perhaps in its different their world) The guns from both spaceships already took aim, calculated and compensated for any deviations when the space shuttle tried to dodge from the attack. In the meantime, the Mechas readied their shields in case of a large explosion that the space shuttle might pack despite its size.

"Fire!" One of the higher ranked officers within the ship's deck ordered and the crew released the volley of fire towards the incoming suicide shuttle. However, they did not know that on the other side of the battlefield, Peppers had already accumulated a sufficient amount of spells to give the entourage of ships a taste of their own medicine too.

The space shuttle had been reinforced with Peppers' own signature energy barrier spell, the Aegis while the mage simultaneously unleashed a series of explosions targeting the Mechas and smaller space crafts within the vicinity of the two maximum security prison spaceships.

The sudden explosions caused both factions' captains to be flabbergasted. They were demanding their crew to quickly check for other external threats which they could be unaware of. However, seeing that both ships had been attacked, it was rather apparent to deduce the attack was done by a third party, most likely some splinter group or resistance organisations that had been undermining their war.

Yet, before they could identify any threats, another series of explosions occurred. This time, they were aimed at the ships' engines and boosters. "I thought we had our shields up?!" Captain Farlinger questioned his crew and yet he saw that the ship's shields were working perfectly fine. In fact, it was taking damage from the impact of explosions that occurred on the ship itself.

The first line of Mechas had been disabled by the mysterious explosions, leaving only the second and third line of Mechas to rush forth to stop the threat. All of them seem to know the value of this particular prisoner exchange and even if they do not, the intercoms had been blaring with the sound of communication officers to immediately stop the threat.

"Peppers, are you going to do something about that line of Mechas coming in?" Sebastia asked and the Mage Bellator laughed. Even without picking up her staff, she pointed at the incoming mechas with her fingers, now in the shape of a gun and shooting off like a little kid playing as a gunslinger.

Though in reality, there was a magical circle emerging right above the space shuttle and bolts of metal of unknown origin were seen flying out of it, attacking each and every one of the Mechas on sight. The pilots thought that it was just a hunk of steel coming their way, but its penetrative power was more than what the shields could handle mainly because their defensive armaments were attuned to be against lasers rather than physical attacks. For something to be so modern, the Mechas were not ready to be against such primitive attacks, allowing the bolts of steel to penetrate through.

The most terrifying thing was that those steel pikes were perfectly aimed directly towards the cockpit, instantly killing the pilots who were moving the Mechas. Even as the others who noticed the pattern attack tried to evade but somehow, the attacks were as fast as modern lasers.

“I am surprised that you did not take the opportunity to make a flowery show of explosions,” Sebastia said as she steadied the pilot to tell him to keep moving forward.

“Hmmp! I know Jin would want the Mechas as a reference and this seems to be the perfect opportunity to do so since they are all coming at us. Killing the pilots and leaving most of the stuff intact.” Peppers giggled with a wide smile. “Also, this will allow me to have more System points for me to spend! Hehe!”

“But they are currently being left all around the battlefield like floating scrap metal. By the time we are done, they could have drifted somewhere else.” Sebastia said as she saw the carnage up close while the Mechas were in chaos.

“Don’t worry, I will teleport them soon enough once I am done roasting the rest of the spaceships.” Peppers said but she was already teleporting the Mechas before they were out of her sight. And there Sebastia thought that Peppers was doing it because Jin asked.

Guess, the Mage Bellator did have her own agenda in this current heist.

Chapter 1288: Prison Heist -Part 3

Pepper’s defensive energy barrier was not the only spell that had been enchanted in the spacecraft they were in. Their engines had been roaring with the power of mana boosting them through, burning its cerulean space fuel with more efficiency than any other known possible engine in their world.

It sped through the barriers while Peppers collected the metal corpses for the System to analyse but she never forgets the current objective of hijacking the maximum security prison spaceship. The moment they reached close enough to one of the prison spaceships, Peppers instantly motioned her hand like a gun and shouted bam!

Instead of an explosion that would ensue based on the Demonic Sage Queen’s nature, the spacecraft they were on suddenly got way faster as if they were being sucked into something. It was then they realised that the ship was magically being connected to the main ship like some slime fuse with another slime to become a bigger slime. The only difference was that the metaphorical slimes were solid matter and people who were watching the spell at work were truly flabbergasted by this hijacking method these resistance forces had been using.

In fact, they were stunned how a series of mechas could be destroyed and subsequently disappearing miniature black holes appeared out of nowhere to suck them away from their vicinity. Their AI intelligence sensors instantly went into max confusion overdrive citing critical errors in their analysis because there was nothing within their analytical parameters. Both crews were shouting at each other, demanding if they knew anything or any information on the current hijacker.

However, what they had were only mere speculations and nothing else. Captain Farlinger of the United Federations immediately demanded the prison spaceship to go to the highest tier of alert judging by the damage the spacecraft had done and also mainly due to the fact that it had crashed into their ship instead.

“They are here for the political VIP! We should move quickly to block them from aiding their escape!” The officers shouted and Farlinger instantly authorised the use of Silver Soldiers, a series of AI Humanoid War Robots to search and destroy the hijackers.

“Sir, are you sure?! The Silver Soldiers may be operational but technically, they are still in their final testing stage and we cannot guarantee the efficacy of them not hurting the VIP prisoners!” The technical officer shouted but Farlinger did not care.

“Right now, those hijackers are a threat that is beyond our comprehension. Killing them alongside the VIP prisoners is the least of our priorities. At the very most, we will tell the public that Xeon Union had prompted this hijack since our prison spaceship had been compromised.” Farlinger smirked but at that moment, they received a transmission from Xeon Union Captain Coalran demanding an explanation.

“There is a breach at my prison spaceship! Why are you not taking care of our flank when I am losing pilots from that suicide spacecraft attack!?” Coalran exclaimed and showed them CCTV footage of a large explosion near their hangar bay, and an unknown spacecraft was seen parking right at the breached area.

“How am I supposed to know if they were able to slip in undetected? That fucking spacecraft had merged- what the hell am I saying?! That thing! It has invaded us as well and we are dealing with it as we speak!” Farlinger lost his temper seeing that a spacecraft was able to pass through the senses of the best technology the United Federation was proud of.

Radar Detection.

“You better make sure that our VIPs are still intact or else, the Xeon Union will declare this as further aggression against our sovereignty!” Coalran blasted through the intercoms and shut down all further communications.

“At this rate, Silver Soldiers are not the only ones that would be sortied.” Farlinger scratched his neck feeling very irritated by the situation. As much as he wanted the prisoners the Xeon Union had in possession, it seemed as if it would not likely be the case as the Xeon Union had the very same version of Silver Soldiers at their behest. The Black Immortals. Their AI programming was ruthless and proven to be efficient killing robots. As much as he wished to boast the Silver Soldiers, they were basically copied inferior versions of the Black Immortals because of their lack of expertise in that particular field.

And that was the very reason why Captain Farlinger and the United Federations wanted the prisoners in Xeon Union spaceships. As long as they could possess one of their prisoners, the Silver Soldiers would eventually be the main fighting force for the United Federations and possibly the backbone of their future army structure.

But for now, Farlinger had to make sure that he kept his bargain of protecting the VIP prisoners that he was holding. If the hijackers were really coming for them, the entire prison force would make sure that

they would not survive. After all, they were a few hundred strong while the hijackers were merely a handful.

In the meantime, Rei was breathing as hard as he could to keep himself calm. Sebastia already threw him a battle vest for him to wear as well as a custom made rifle from Jin's store. It was powered with inscription charms making them user friendly for a non cultivator like Rei.

"I only did a few shooting lessons with the werecats. There is no way I am able to-" Before Rei could finish his excuse, Sebastia immediately slapped him. And as Rei was about to speak another word, the female minotaur slapped on his other cheek and pointed her finger at him, making him listen to her instead.

"One. This is your fight for your family. Two, You are definitely dying. Three, remember you are contracted to the System, even if you die, you will revive back again. Four, do not waste the System's resources unnecessarily. Five, get your guts out of your body and start walking. Are you going to be out beaten by a teenager wielding explosive magic that could destroy the entire world?"

"Yes to the last one..." Rei thought to himself but somehow Sebastia slapped him again and told him to do things without thinking.

"Get out, and prove to us that you are not just a wuss but someone worthy of Jin's promise," Sebastia said once more and told him to get out of the ship. As Peppers was already blasting a few of the metal doors that were shut on them the moment they entered, Rei swallowed his anxiety and pushed himself to be beside Peppers, trying to be as alert as he could be.

In the meantime, Sebastia reequipped herself from the luggage she brought with her. How she managed to smuggle in did not require any story especially when she was wearing a storage ring. But the reason she was staying behind for a while longer was that she wished to honour the pilot that risked his life to bring them to their destination.

"System, mind helping me?" The minotaur asked and the System instantly fulfilled that wish while deducting a fraction of System points that would have normally cost a lot more for that kind of request. The only answer she received from the System was that Peppers had paid the rest while Sebastia smiled weakly as she prepared herself to walk into the deadly battlefield.

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"Man, that space shuttle was really quite cramped. Kraft said as he stretched his hands and legs the moment he got out of it. The System had teleported a custom space shuttle which was not particularly deemed very fit for flight into the Mecha World. Rei did not finish fine tuning the mechanical portion of it but it was still space worthy to be used for an ambush mission after receiving coordinates from Peppers.

"Well, it sure is, especially for one who could have transformed into a fox for the time being." Milk complained.

"I wanted to! You simply did not allow me to rest on your beautiful -urgh!" Kraft received a punch to the gut even before he could finish his sentence.

"Don't you think this group has way too much firepower for a prison break?" Qiu Yue, the Red Panda Cultivator and Empire building Sub System User queried as she walked beside her new master, Zeru.

"I doubt so. Never estimate the enemies' numbers especially when you are going in blind. Besides, it would be a great experience and experiment fighting in space. You will never know when we are going to fight in zero gravity and that would no doubt be a test of your skills and balance." Zeru explained.

"Looks like not all of Jin's employees are knuckleheads." Ke Loong, SeaMesh CEO exclaimed as he could feel the adrenaline rushing through his body. Even though he was guaranteed to come back alive from the fight, it did not stop him from being the only few from Earth to travel to space, let alone fight.

"Just don't leave my side." Kong Rong said as he did not like the situation they were in after seeing Jin blasting a hole in the maximum security prison spaceship and subsequently sealing it up with his astute manipulation of matter via chi and magic.

"Hou Fei, you honestly could go ahead and enjoy the fun. I can stay behind to look after the ship." Jin said as he was picking up a manual to read while waiting for the rest to depart from the space shuttle.

"Nah, Boss. That is where you are wrong. The escape route is always the one that would be targeted no matter the situation. So, with the least amount of effort, we definitely get quite a large fish coming to us." Hou Fei sat right beside the captain's seat and saw the crowd descending through another hole which was created by Mr Crafty. "But damn, the gates and corridors sure are big in here. No wonder, Peppers said there was no way you could teleport the maximum security prison spaceship back to our world. You could fit like forty Void Beings in here!"

"Peppers clearly has the means to do it if she partnered with the System but I doubt she would like to vomit rainbows for an extended period of time." Jin said as the manual he read was full of corrections and edits indicating that Rei had indeed been actively working on the manual for the space shuttle, fulfilling his promise as a part time spaceship engineer for Jin while working his ass off to make sure his Gundam movie would be a success.

"Ah. I should go look into that studio that was making the movie for him. They better have some results after all the money I pumped into their studio." Jin thought to himself and then Hou Fei continued to survey the surroundings outside the space shuttle.

"With any luck, we might be fighting against a few mechas judging by the gigantic space corridor that we are in." Jin blurted out while he continued to flip the manual but at that moment, he and Hou Fei could hear a rumbling noise to their right. Their eyes simultaneously shifted to see the incoming commotion and it looked like Jin hit jackpot on the comments which he should have kept his mouth shut with.

"Do you wish to fight that yourself?" Jin now sarcastically asked Hou Fei.

"Does this space crap have defences on them? Or heck, a robot that I could use?" Hou Fei laughed slowly and bitterly at the current situation where they saw a heavily armoured Mecha scanning the perimeter as it tried to force open the door that had been shut tight. The Xeon Union soldiers on the other side of the door were scrambling to manually open the giant doors because their safety protocols

stopped them from entering the room for some reason. They could only assume that the ship had suffered enough damage from Peppers' initial wave of explosions that their ship was in full lockdown.

But even with the door currently barring the seemingly heavy armour mecha from going through, its head was turned towards the space shuttle and sounds of rotating machinations were heard even though Jin and Hou Fei were in the cockpit.

"From what I read, this is not even the finished product. We only use this as a way of deception." Jin replied as he now realised what kind of sound it was.

A minigun. No, two miniguns twice their size were rotating at speeds that could not be seen with the naked eye right at the top of the heavily armoured Mecha's head.

"Then guess we have to show them that 'magic' does exist in this multiverse!" Hou Fei said as he brought out a full mask with a Snake design from his storage ring and wore it to hide his face just as what Kraft and the rest did as well. After which, he placed his hand on the glass window in the cockpit and created a chi barrier to block it from damaging him.

"Welp, that means I am the one who will have to clean up this mess," Jin said as he too wore a full Panda mask to hide his identity if their ship blew up.

"We could...you know, let the ship explode and we go somewhere else." Hou Fei said as he feared that he could not hold up two miniguns with bullets possibly with the radius of a car tyre slamming onto his chi barrier. (It might be exaggerating but at that point in time, he felt it was that way.)

"The System is being an ass and gave me a System mission to protect the ship as much as possible," Jin replied as if waiting for the System to give an explanation for its sudden irrational behaviour.

But all the System said that there would be a reward to it.

Chapter 1290: Prison Heist -Part 5

As the rest were having fun creating havoc while they looked for the prisoners based on what the System had extracted from Rei's memories, Jin and Hou Fei were having the 'best' times of their lives.

The heavy rotating guns were blasting bullets off their barrels onto the space shuttle but its 'energy field' was able to withstand the massive slew of impact coming from the rain of fire. The Heavy Armoured Mecha pilot had no idea that it was possible as most space shuttles of that particular size would already have been shredded into pieces with the same amount of firepower given.

And it was all thanks to Hou Fei who gave a push of his chi to ensure that his chi barrier was wide enough to cover the space shuttle from the trajectory of the mini gun spray and strong enough to withstand the attack. If not for Jin's previous sentence, Hou Fei would not have bothered to even block these many bullets coming at such high speed impact.

"Why not fight Mecha with Mecha!?" Hou Fei suggested as he implied summoning Mechataur into the field and level the robot down with their very own.

“That’s basically like bringing our trump card against it immediately at the start of the fight..” Jin said through the System Channel while he ran out of the space shuttle to fight against the armoured Mecha.

“Hahaha, you are kidding me, right? That Minotaur is our trump card?? I feel that for once, we are the group that’s backwards after all the fights that we are in.” Hou Fei replied as he powered up his chi to strengthen the barrier. The Armoured Mecha could have been shooting its bullets from its head but it was simultaneously sliding the titan doors open forcefully so that it could squeeze through. Even if it couldn’t, Hou Fei knew that it would take the opportunity to perform a sleight of hand and literally bring a hand through the opening with a pistol or rifle to shoot at the space shuttle.

At that point, forget about tyre sized bullets, it could possibly be laser beam equivalent of chi energy from a Grade 15 cultivator and maybe more. At that point, he either has to sacrifice the size of his barrier to maintain his shield or risk a back blow for overexerting his chi powers to keep the barrier up.

Thankfully, he did not have to worry about that as Jin had already popped out from the space shuttle and into the open, prompting the spray of mini gun fire to be redirected at him. However, this time around Jin did not hold back any punches as he activated his Maqi throughout his entire body to produce Yellow Lightning Panda Energy and burst through the room towards the Armoured Mecha.

Initially, the Armoured Mecha Pilot thought that the incoming opponent was wearing enhanced body gear to improve his reflexes but the sudden flash of light and subsequently disappearing from the motion sensors caused the pilot to panic for a moment. He might have thought that he was seeing things but the sensors were portraying a different story when all of them suddenly shut down and there was no camera feed going through his cockpit.

But before he could react to anything else in order to diagnose the situation, he suddenly felt his entire body numbing momentarily before going into a state of extreme pain. His eyes saw streaks of electricity bursting through panels of the darkened metal box he was entrapped in and sadly that was the last thing the pilot ever saw.

Jin’s intense burst of Yellow Lightning Panda Energy brought time for Hou Fei to recover and possibly added an obstacle for the Xeon Union to overcome in order to reach the space shuttle. The Armoured Mecha shut down in between the doors, causing the doors to retract back to their original position.

However, the doors were still left slightly ajar despite the giant robot’s unfortunate shutdown, allowing personnel to enter the room but not other Mechas. If they wish to bring or sortie Mechas through it, they either have to break the current one that was trapped in between the two sliding doors or blast the entire thing so that the others could go through.

Else right now, heavily armed guards were going through the door and they were in full astronaut suits. Seeing that the perpetrators were not in any spacesuits, the Xeon Union Captain Coalran decided to cut the oxygen air supply and turn off the gravity manipulator so that the resistance rebels could die without them doing much.

But they were dead wrong.

The full animal masks the rebels were wearing had an oxygen breathing inscription charm which technically made the masks as oxygen breathers which could last for more than an hour or so. If their

oxygen breathing inscription charm worn out, they could quickly swap to another from their storage rings.

As for the zero gravity problem, it actually poses no threat to the cultivators who could use chi to rebalance themselves so the problem they would have are absolute freezing temperatures if they were exposed to outer space. That was why Peppers merged the space shuttle she was on with the prison ship and Jin melded back the metal so that they would not be exposed to outer space.

Yet, if they were in an unexpected scenario where they were thrown out into space, all that were participating in the current prison heist had been bestowed with a customised Gearbox suit by the System that could expand in a moment's notice and encapsulate them in it. The Gearbox Suit even has a mini air booster that allows them to travel around in space as well as a gyroscopic mechanism that enables them to gain balance easily.

The only problem was that the Astro Gearbox Suit was extremely fragile because of its compact design and expanding at a moment's notice. The group initially wanted to use sturdier versions of previous gearbox suit iterations but that would hinder their movement as well as abilities since the suit had to cover the entire body while ensuring there was no leak.

As for now, Jin had successfully disabled their Mecha and the only thing that stand in their way to wreck their mission critical space shuttle were goons and Jin decided not to waste any time dealing with these armed astronaut guards, especially since numbers are on their side.