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Chapter 1681 Who Will Know? -Part 3

"It will bring unwarranted media and press though. And it exposes our military strength to the public again. Not to mention, it can put some vulnerable spots from our more...assertive neighbours. The previous military expedition was due to the defence of the city, so volunteers bloated our numbers quite a fair bit. If we were to assemble, the numbers would be quite obvious." General Ost said with regards to the countries from the South who did not even have military pacts with Daimon previously and even prepared troops to invade when Daimon was under invasion by monsters.

"I understand that since most of the current adventurers' activity is in the south, they can be part of our surveillance if anything bad is going to happen. That I can guarantee you. As for numbers, I think Commander Eggshells can bolster it a little more with Combat Mechanoids" Jin asked and Commander Eggshells nodded his head.

"Aside from the remaining 110 Combat Mechanoids from Archduke Dyke, we should be able to compensate another 1000 Mechanoids if we were to rush production within the week. If you want reserves for tomorrow, I can only spare approximately 400 Mechanoids."

"It's not much but every bit counts." The rest decided to take Jin's word for it and they closed the meeting for the night for they had a long day once morning came.

For now, an alert had been sent to all the military people that Daimon had raised its alert to orange where they had to be on standby and ready to return for duty which left people curious about what happened again especially when it was given in the night. At the very least, the alert was given out so that they could make some peace with their families before they go for active duty and that was the whole point of putting the alert early.

When it was the start of the next day, the Grey Bears had no idea what needed to be done until they received summary reports of what was happening in Daimon. Troops had been ordered to assemble near Parry City without any reason given and they were to be on high alert. No orders were given to the Grey Bears as of the summary reports and they were told to sit still and not make any rash actions.

On the other hand, this undoubtedly made the Parry City Lord, Sir Peru Peru, anxious and immediately gave Jin an official call. "Daimon City's Interim Leader, Jin." Sir Peru Peru tried to greet Jin as cordial as he could but there was a sense of anxiety within his voice.

"Sir Peru Peru, it is nice of you to call. What's the matter?" Jin said as he too tried to act cordial and dumb at the same time.

"My intelligence services had informed me that Daimon City had been assembling troops in the North and not just the general Northern region but specifically close to my territory. May I ask why?" Sir Peru Peru got to the point so quickly that Jin wanted to pity the guy. There must be a thousand and one thoughts moving through Sir Peru Peru's mind on why Jin would pull such a strategy. Was it because he had made the investigation team to be too restricted that Jin suspects something? Or did they find out about something that Sir Peru Peru was not made aware of? Either way, the assembly of troops was rather concerning and the Lord of Parry City wanted to get to the bottom of it.

"He could have made some small talk first, now this is a little awkward." Jin thought to himself before clearing his throat and told his 'rationale'. "Sir Peru Peru, do not fear. We are just assembling troops there for we wish to cover for the Northern Dungeon Outpost."

"But isn't the number that my intelligence service had speculated to a little way more than what an escort force would be needed to create that Northern Dungeon Outpost?"

"We do not wish to take any risk. The Northern Dungeon is one of the strongest dungeon entrances that Daimon City ever had. We have evaluated the possible consequences and thus it was better we stay vigilant not to have a monster outbreak. Surely, you would not want another monster outbreak so quickly from the other time, right?" Jin tried to lie and see if Sir Peru Peru was able to catch it.

"Besides, Sir Peru Peru. I am not stopping trading with you when it's the most lucrative. In fact, the 400 Mechanoids that you had ordered from Diamondz would be delivered promptly to you with no delays. I apologise for the inconvenience and should you feel that this is a little too...uncomfortable, I have no qualms for you to bring your own defences if that eases your mind."

"If you can lower the quantity of troops that you bring in, I will not need to put up defences here, right? And everyone will be comfortable." Sir Peru Peru tried to bargain.

"I am sorry but I am afraid I cannot do that. Ever since the last attack and mind you, it's still fresh in their minds, I do not wish to take unnecessary risks that could endanger my Daimon City Citizens. What if a being of significant strength like a ...erm DRAGON suddenly comes out when we are establishing the outpost?" Jin purposely used that word to see if it would invoke any emotions or change in expression from the video call while he tried to downplay by imitating a dragon.

"Some expression of shock had been noted but Sir Peru Peru seemed to be unfazed by the example given. He is, however, extremely stressed by the whole situation instead" The System reported.

"Then it gives me no choice that I have to put up troops within the city. I would like to understand your plight but those numbers will terrify my people."

"Don't you worry, we will try to build the outpost within a week. If by a week it's not done, I will remove them as the risk of having a monster coming out by then would have lessened by 50% as we stabilise the entrance's security." Jin said and that was when Sir Peru Peru's advisor suddenly stopped him and whispered to his lord something. His eyes were wide open as he could not deduce Daimon's intention.

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Chapter 1682 Who Will Know? -Part 4

Parry City's Advisor told Sir Peru Peru that Daimon's troops were coming through Parry City in a week's time and this would make it seem that Jin had the intention to invade his city within the week. And to make things worse, the reports of the Mechanical Dragon had yet to be found which complicates matters even more.

"Sir, if Daimon should ever invade..." The advisor tried to hint Sir Peru Peru on a matter but the Parry City's Lord immediately retaliated.

"Lord Jin. If you do not remove your troops in four days, we will assume the worst intentions coming from Daimon and may proceed to declare war on you." Sir Peru Peru said and Jin nodded his head.

"I will very much agree to that proposal. As verbally spoken and recorded, Daimon City will remove their troops after four days time." Jin felt that Sir Peru Peru had already been hooked to his ruse and turned off the communication line.

"You sure that is a good idea?" General Grieves and General Ost were at the corner of the room watching it unfold. "If we leave at Day 4, there are a few days apart before the returning army group will be back."

"It's fine. In fact, it is better than nothing. They know that our troops would be walking past the city and so they would not be leaving the city defenceless now that they believed that our intention was to attack." Jin said as he checked the progress of the assembly of troops as well as the media coverage.

The Daimon people were a little concerned that Jin's a warmonger even though it had been repeatedly stated that it was for the safety of building the Northern Dungeon outpost. There were critics and analysts worried that Jin's actual purpose was to isolate Daimon City by threatening its only friend within the region. With the Archduke away from the Central District, there were calls and petitions for the Archduke's defence army to at least patrol Parry City in case Jin ever wished to invade it.

And that was what everyone would have thought Sir Peru Peru would do but he did not. In fact, he subsequently released a statement of what Jin had been telling the mass media as well as affirming his trust that Daimon City would not lie and break their words. After this, Sir Peru Peru alleviated the masses stating that he had also struck a deal with Lord Jin that the soldiers would move away after four days in order to ease the anxiety within the citizens of Parry City. However, he understood that the safety of his people was of the highest priority and therefore would bring in troops and defences to ensure that they would not be ambushed.

From the standpoint of Daimon, especially the Interim Leader, Jin knew that Sir Peru Peru was hiding something. If it was not for the Empire's Mechanical Dragon in Parry City's territory, no sane Lord would even agree to have a huge military presence right outside their doorstep. The tension was a little high but everyone was still doing business as usual.

There were no heightened security checks nor any imposing roadblocks which would stop the flow of goods. If anything, the measures were gradually loosened and the people were travelling to and fro without too much of a disruption.

At the same time, the outpost was being erected but instead of the major security defences to ensure the dungeon entrance was well protected, the first few things to emerge were huge tents and medical facilities as well as a working canteen that could cater for hundreds. Crates of emergency supplies were also brought in including blankets, warmers, and cans of waters as if they were preparing for a disaster.

The Parry City's intelligence could blatantly see what was happening from the outpost and they reported directly to Sir Peru Peru which made him confused. Why would a security outpost for a dungeon require disaster management items while the military was doing drills that involved carrying light equipment. He

honestly wanted to call Jin once more and ask what kind of game he was playing but the issue that clouds his mind is not the assembly of Daimon troops right outside their borders but rather the hunt for the Mechanical Dragon.

As promised, the Mechanoids that came in from Daimon arrived not just in time but even earlier than usual and for some reason, Diamondz had decided to give 30 more Battle Mechanoids for free, enabling them to have a more extra platoon of Mechanoids under their possession. Yet that extra mechanoid power could only add as cannon fodder as the Parry City Military find themselves in a quagmire.

Reports had shown that the Mechanical Dragon had become even more violent and capturing it to disable it had proven to be ineffective. In fact, the monster became even more erratic in its pattern of travel that many within the intelligence service feared that the next stop would most probably be the city itself.

That was when Sir Peru Peru had no choice but to not divide his troops any more and decided to use the convenient excuse that Jin had provided to strengthen the city's defences as much as possible. When the citizens saw even more Mechanoids, tanks and anti air defences rolling in, they were worried that a state of emergency would be declared and that was only day two of Jin's occupation near the border.

The Grey Bear Squad who had been staying in the hotel had reported the situation as well as sounded out the locations of the possible defence emplacements that the military had put. The intelligence service did pay a visit to the Grey Bears and requested them to return to their country as soon as possible or else they might get arrested but Diaz had been pressuring them that they were under Diamondz Corps and not Daimon Military.

The soldiers had no choice but to oblige that corpo immunity though Diaz also felt that when the state of emergency had been declared, they could be rounded up. Just as both the Grey Bears and the citizens of Parry City had feared.

It had been declared.

Chapter 1683 Who Will Know? -Part 5

"Sir Peru Peru! You have to declare a state of emergency right now when you have the chance!" His advisor and a general of Parry City Military made an urgent call to him when he was about to sleep when the night struck 12.

"Did Daimon break their promise?" Sir Peru Peru got out of his bed and opened his holographic console.

"No, Sir. The Mechanical Dragon. We could not stop it even with the extra Mechanoids. It burnt them all down and seemed to be heading to the City when it connected itself to one of the surviving Mechanoids.

"What? It connects to one of the Combat Mechanoids?"

"We had video footage and also confirmation of an unknown entity attempting to breach the city's database." The advisor said.

"So, it had enough of solo hunting and decided to go on a massacre? This is not what I was told!" Sir Peru Peru could not accept the fact that his Mechanoids and other military forces were unable to control the Empire Dragon. He could not accept the fact that he really had to use the city as his operations grounds where his people would get killed.

However, that is the truth. Parry City's outskirts were filled with too many natural obstacles that it is not conducive for a major military operation against such a foe. If they were fighting against Daimon City, there was a high enough chance they could win with guerrilla tactics. But this particular foe was not human, it was not just a monster which they could use the terrain advantage. It was a beast. A mechanical beast that was created for the sole purpose of destruction.

The military might have been able to injure it but for some reason, its regeneration was off the charts and the worst thing was that it recovered with every Mechanoid or human it kills. Even a huge bunker buster bomb was not able to do anything to it and Sir Peru Peru was nearly tearing his hair because of this incident.

"We managed to condone of the monster's ability to breach the database but it seemed like it is not interested in our data but rather the maps which are considered unrestricted access." The advisor said and Sir Peru Peru was in a daze. It had decided to venture into the city after having some unrestricted data meant that it found its new hunting grounds for destruction and there was no way his people was going to survive this.

"Wait... did Lord Jin already predict this might happen based on the investigation squad he had sent? Does that mean he was about to do the same to us as we had done to them?" Sir Peru Peru thought but his advisor was still screaming at him. There was no time to think about those possibilities and had agreed to his advisor's instructions.

Alarms rang so loud that they blared through out the entire city. Immediate broadcast of Sir Peru Peru was on the screen just as Jin had used it for his Daimon incident. It was so loud that Daimon's military who were on standby had started to wake up as well. But unlike Parry City, all of them seemed to be prepared and knew what was going to happen. Everyone within the Daimon Military was rushing to get things done in the midst of the night where they cursed why those events could not happen in broad daylight.

"People of Parry City. This is an emergency broadcast. As of 1204hrs, I, Sir Peru Peru, Lord of Parry City had officially declared a state of emergency. This is not a drill. I repeat. This is not a drill. We are not under attack by Daimon Military and instead, reports had come in that an unidentified creature had been seen approximately Parry City from the North. Please evacuate to the nearest shelter-" Before Sir Peru Peru could finish his sentence, he saw a shining red dot that blinking from the north. But before he could verify what it was, the dot became so much bigger within a second and that was when he realised it was a fireball that was aimed at his place.

"-Oh shit!" The Fire ball exploded a portion of his mansion and he had been knockback by the explosion that everyone who were awake watching the broadcast could not believe their eyes. That their leader had been targeted during his public address.

"Sir Peru Peru!" His advisor tried to connect to his lord's holographic console but there was no communication established just as the public broadcast had been cut immediately when the explosion happened.

Everyone started to panic as more of those fireballs came from afar. The Grey Bear squad was already wide awake from the alarm and had started to wear all the combat gear which had been lying right beside their beds.

"Commander." Yinn spoke and Jin replied.

"Yes, I saw."

"Grey Bear Squad. As dangerous as it is that you might be regarded as an enemy. Go find Sir Peru Peru. I do not trust his generals to handle this situation." Jin ordered.

"The probability of him dead is extremely high." Page said based on the broadcast.

"Without Sir Peru Peru's authority, we are not allowed to help at all. Besides, the Parry City's Generals would be busy trying to coordinate for the defence. They will also think Sir Peru Peru is a lost cause." Jin commented.

"Yes, Commander. We will get it done as soon as we can." Yinn replied but before they cut off the communication, he asked to pass the line to Lynn.

"Sorry, Lynn. I am exhausting as much options as I can to save people."

"I know, I can see that. Thanks to your actions, people are already in high alert and things are being done at a faster pace. Its already better than the suggestion you made initially. Thank you for going the extra mile." Yinn smiled and Jinn bid them good luck.

Chapter 1684 Who Will Know? -Part 6

"How's the imagery from the Floating Sky Station? Is the connection smooth enough?" Jin said as he walked into the War Room with General Ost sitting at the main War Room table.

"What happened to the stuffy old men?" Jin asked as he pulled up his sleeves and folded them up.

"You clearly did not like them so they had decided to retire themselves away from the war room. General Grieves and I are your new stuffy old men. However, Grieves had decided to go to the frontlines to man the operations."

"Sir. The connection is stable now." The Central Defence Officer reported and Jin opened it up even though he knew the System had the connection all ready via his console. However, this time, it would be better to have this Floating Sky Station work in tandem with Daimon's operation.

And the scene was not as ideal as he expected it to be.

They thought that the Mechanical Dragon would at least arrive in the city, and survey it a little before throwing some fireworks. Now, it was not just throwing fireworks but it seemed to be targeting key locations. The Lord's mansion was one of them and the next was their headquarters. If not for the immensely huge flora that surrounds it, their command headquarters would have already been burning but whether they can survive or not depends on how aggressive the Mechanical Dragon could be.

However, what they were more surprised about was that the Empire's Mechanical Dragon managed to bypass the city's barrier which indicated that the barrier algorithm had somehow identified it as a friendly rather than a foe. It wasn't until the first few hits had gone through that Parry City managed to update the barrier algorithm so that it managed to block the subsequent hits.

Still, that did not mean they were safe as even the Parry City military knew that it was only a matter of time before the barrier would be torn down.

"People are fleeing and some have brazenly entered Daimon's territory without any fear of consequences." The Central Defence Officer reported.

"That had already been expected, let them in but in an orderly manner, and be sure to at least take their credentials. If they have no identification, we have no choice but to detain them first." Jin said and the officers relayed Jin's orders to the frontline.

Additional makeshift immigration offices had already been prepared within the northern region while the actual border offices had their doors open for those who were already trying to flee into Daimon.

They had no idea that Daimon was actually preparing for such an event as they saw how Mechanoids were directing them to the various immigration offices as well as detention camps. The Mechanoids were apologetic but a rule is a rule in which the Parry Citizens were a little unhappy and yet at the same time relieved that they managed to get out of Parry City.

Yet, the detention camps were not as horrific as they thought. It's just that they needed to be tagged and processed to ensure they have a valid temporary pass to remain in Daimon City for the rest of the duration when this entire thing was occurring.

After which, the Daimon military was seen preparing the blankets and a basic package of amenities for the Parry City Citizens while appointing them areas where they could rest within the Northern Region.

Word of Daimon's generosity spread like wildfire just as how the fire within the city started to creep to other buildings because of the intense flora the city had. But at this time, firefighter planes had already taken off from Daimon's airfield and been consistently requesting clearance for Parry City's permission to enter their airfield.

It was to the point they were at the very edge of the airfield that Parry City finally gave clearance, allowing the firefighter planes to enter to help with the firefighting efforts. Rescue helicopter also came in flocks and Parry City Military's higher up finally realised the intention of Daimon.

They had given enough hints and clues that they were preparing for a disaster despite the build up of military presence right beside their border and the Parry City Military kept assuming that they were a ruse for an actual invasion. It was only until they started seeing actual rescue efforts being carried out at a moment's notice shown that they were anticipating this particular attack for the past few days.

Daimon was their ally and not the aggressor and a few of their senior commanders were already petitioning to their Generals if Daimon could officially join the fight against the threat of the Mechanical Dragon.

Some of the higher ups were still not convinced that Daimon's actions were genuine but a few of the military officers especially the Air Force had sufficient proof that Daimon was here to help and they immediately communicated with the Daimon Military Intelligence for a collaborative effort.

"Huh, at least the Air Force is not stupid and they can catch on quickly. Tell them as long as they allow us unlimited access to their airspace, we will continue to provide assistance both in support and combat roles. Looks like Sir Peru Peru isn't the only supposed good guy," Jin said and the order was relayed immediately.

"You are giving them air superiority? Are you insane? Have you forgotten that the Mechanical Dragon is a problem that we should solve alone! If Daimon investigates on this after we put it down, we will be in a lot of trouble!" The Army General said but the Air Force General of Parry City refused to listen to his counterpart.

"I do not care. If I need to be court martial for increasing the chances for the citizens of Parry City to live. I will do it." Air Force General Inus stated and told his tactical officers to follow his orders and only his orders. "Send the information through public Broadcast that Daimon City is offering temporary asylum and they can head for the borders immediately."

"Yes, Sir!" The tactical officers also knew that the citizens had a better chance of survival if they moved into Daimon mainly because of how the city would be in flames and those shelters would eventually be an oven stove, roasting the people alive from within.

Chapter 1685 Who Will Know? -Part 7

As soon as Daimon had been given assurance that they had unlimited access to their airspace, more helicopters and even the helicarrier that 2LT Cloudie had been using were being sent to Parry City to aid the citizens. Helicopters from Parry City Military were also given clearance to bring their citizens into Daimon and the skies were full of traffic.

The evacuation scene which was supposed to be orderly became slightly more chaotic as more and more people decided that Daimon was a safe place to run away to compared to staying in Parry City.

Propaganda? Or the Power of Mass Media. For the past two days, people had been seeing how Daimon had been gathering its military strength in the name of creating the Dungeon Outpost which was obviously a big lie. All the neighbouring cities condemned Daimon for brandishing their military and Parry City Citizens kept shouting vulgarities at them, scolding them for being such pompous arseholes. But because of that 'lie' and precisely due to that lie, people scrutinised had seen how prepared Daimon had been in those two days.

In fact, they did not even hide what they had been trying to do and they were doing everything they could to show that they were not preparing to invade Parry City at all. That was why when the alarms rang, the ones nearest to the border suddenly realised what Daimon had been doing all this while.

And thus, they fled despite all the criticism they had for Daimon. And when they were ready to beg, to plea for entrance, the Daimon military which they had cursed and offended, opened their gates and gave them what they needed: Safety.

Now with the technology that they had possessed to criticise, they were telling everyone within the city and mass media to as many people as they could to run to Daimon for safety and that Daimon City can protect them. It was a 180 degree change that the neighbouring cities had no idea of.

Some tried to escape through the other cities because they were nearer to them but their neighbouring cities were denying them stating that they could not accept refugees unless their lords gave them permission. When all hope was lost, the Parry City citizens started seeing that neighbouring cities' border control there were Armoured Trucks running by.

At first, they thought that they were going to be captured and detained for making a ruckus until they saw that those people who came out were employees from Diamondz Corp. They stated that they would be providing shuttle services to the neighbouring cities' airports where they would be brought to Daimon. However, if they were to escape and run anywhere else, they would be considered illegal immigrants and the city they were in would persecute them.

Those Parry City Citizens could not imagine the joy they had when they knew they had a place to go and they listened to Diamondz Corp each and every step so that they could get out of the city safely. It was a deal struck by Denise with the various border controls and it seemed that it had paid off well now that they saw it in action.

The only shocking thing was that the neighbouring cities once again did not bother to lift a finger up for Parry City and decided to stay neutral. To Jin who was overseeing the rescue operation, it was already better than the Daimon incident where they decided to even shut their doors and barriers.

"I think you know why they wished to cooperate," Denise said before the start of this operation and Jin laughed. "Perhaps, I will think about it whether to cut their Tariffs if they allow us to operate."

But even as Daimon wished to focus on just the rescue portion, the Mechanical Dragon was not going to give them any quarters to breathe. It slammed right into the barrier and thankfully, it managed to stop its tracks but a portion of the claws managed to get through it.

The anti air defences which Parry City Military had installed hastily in the past two days, automatically locked onto their target and started to throw as much as it could against the portions of the dragon which had managed to get through the barrier. It was the only time those defences would be effective since the dragon would be stationary due to it being stuck on the barrier.

In the meantime, the Parry City Military was diverting as much energy as it could to the area where the dragon was stuck so that the barrier could hold as long as possible. A minute, or even a second longer meant the possibility for another citizen to run to safety.

In the meantime, as the air defences were doing their best against the Mechanical Dragon, the soldiers manning those emplacements heard loud screeching noises from behind them only to find Daimon had also sent fighter jets to shoot precision guided penetrators to break the Mechanical Dragon parts.

Sure enough, the penetrators worked but what they did not expect was that the Mechanical Dragon was able to regenerate its arm just like how Jin fought those Tri-Rexes. Also, in order to classify it much more easily, they decided to call it Mecha Fire Dragon for easier reference since the Crystal Dragon was still out there in the wild and they had confirmed this was not the one. (well duh)

Yet even though the arms and claws needed time to regenerate, the prolonged duration outside of the barrier enabled the Daimon Fighter Jets to do a more daring attack. They flew out of the barrier as well and did a diving bomb run using the electrical bombs that had been used against the Metal Ogres before.

However, the Mecha Fire Dragon did not hesitate to use his fire breath projectiles to destroy the slow dropping electrical bombs before they reached their targets, rendering the effect almost useless. It did however seem to messed up its sensors as an electrical bomb dropped quite near it before it exploded from the fireball attack, allowing one bomb to go through and hit its body.

It was pretty effective but the fighter jets realised it was not doing enough damage since the regeneration was allowing it to grow back. And when Jin saw through the surveillance that it could regrow back arms and had destructive powers to boot, his only reaction was just this.

"Aw Shit. Here we go again."

Chapter 1686 Who Will Know? -Part 8

The mansion was burning and it started to spread to the garden grounds. However, the mission for Grey Bears was clear as day. To find Sir Peru Peru and get out of the place as quickly as possible. As much as they did not wish to wield weapons, they had to at least hold something to protect themselves.

But soon, they found out that there was no need to.

As much as the guards were paid a decent sum to protect the Lord of Parry City, it seemed that they valued their lives more than searching for a possibly dead Lord. Sir Peru Peru might have been dead in their eyes but their career wasn't. All they had to do was to survive to earn another day of wage.

"Is that why Jin wanted us to search for Sir Peru Peru instead?" Click asked as she was holding her backpack as delicate as possible since it was constructing resuscitation kits in case Sir Peru Peru was still alive.

"One of the reasons especially since the chaos of the city would devolve into something worse if there is no leadership to hold the front. During the monster outbreak, Jin was able to hold the fort and he could make rash but decisive actions which turned the tide for the city. The same goes for Sir Peru Peru. Jin is hoping he could do the same." Lynn presumed to understand what Jin was thinking of.

"I honestly think he just does not want a change of Lords. Sir Peru Peru had been rather kind to Daimon and most likely Jin wants him to stay in power to keep things status quo." Yinn gave her opinion as they climbed up the walls of the mansion with their grappling hook guns.

The fire continued to rage but the Grey Bears did not care mainly because they were Mechanoids. They calmly scanned the area and did a retro analysis with the help of the System on where Sir Peru Peru might have been based on the attack on the Lord's mansion. The System deduced that Parry City's Lord should still be on the second floor of the lofty place.

It did not take them long to find a guard unconscious but still breathing. "I will take this guy," Tellie said as she felt that she was the least useful member in this current rescue mission which Yinn agreed to let her go.

"Contact HQ to send a rescue helicopter into this particular location. There is word that the airspace had been cleared." Yinn ordered and Tellie complied to the dot. Even if it was not Sir Peru Peru, the human guard was still a life that needed to be saved. The call for the rescue helicopter early could have given Sir Peru Peru the needed time saved to go to Daimon for treatment.

"I sense life!" Click said as her ultrasonic frequency detector produced the shape of a human beyond the crushed door. "It's weak though! We better hurry!"

"Are there crevices?" Page asked and Click quickly tuned her ultrasonic detector and nodded her head when she sent a pulse through the crushed door.

"Give me the optimal route to human life, the repair nanobots might only be useful to Mechanoids but at the very least it can provide some data on the human's condition." Page said.

"No, let them latch on this. I have been creating this during my spare time and it should also be able to pass through the crevices." Click said as she took out a small metal box that fits through the ammunition compartment of her battle vest. When she opened the box, it was a mechanical insect with a slightly saggy tail.

Page did not hesitate to ask for any extra information and did what Click suggested. The Saggy Tail Insect got activated and it flew through the crevice while Click, the main star of the entire squad for the search and rescue mission started to take out tools used meant for rescue.

From hydraulic cutters to ram jacks and extension spreaders so that the debris from the ceiling does not drop on them. Click started to do her job trying to make sure the crushed door could be open and at the same time maintaining the stability of the accident site.

"I will attempt to move in from the outside. With my martial skills, I should be able to have access to the window." Lynn said and Yinn agreed to the plan. If Lynn was able to find an alternative route to the injured, it would be the most optimal.

"Click I will take your Ultrasonic Detector and search for other survivors," Diaz said but Click did not register since she was focused on cutting the debris down.

In the meantime, the mechanical insect was able to move through the crevices, and the camera on it noted that the survivor was indeed none other than Sir Peru Peru. Click informed the rest that they were

delighted that they managed to find their target on the first try which prompted them to work more decisively.

Yinn subsequently followed Diaz to search for other signs of life while Click commanded the Saggy Tail Insect to latch itself to Sir Peru Peru's mouth. The nanobots that Page possessed eventually sneaked into the Lord's nostrils and situated themselves into the frontal portion of the maxillary sinus. Yet that was more than enough to transmit information about Sir Peru Peru's vitals.

In the meantime, the insect spit some sort of gel to cover the nostrils and placed its tail into the mouth of Sir Peru Peru. As gross as it sounded, the insect's tail expanded and contracted forcefully. It was only later Page realised that this mechanical insect was something similar to an inhaler mask.

The only difference between it and an inhaler mask was that it was able to push oxygen (though in small quantities.) thus enabling the survivor to continue breathing and not taking in the smoke.

An ingenious design that Page felt that Click must make a few more in the future as part of her emergency kit.

Chapter 1687 Who Will Know? -Part 9

"No wonder the Parry City Military and their Mechanoids were not able to do much damage to the Mecha Fire Dragon." General Ost saw how the dragon regenerated its arms and continued to try to tear the city's barrier down with its fangs.

"How's the rescue efforts going?" Jin asked and the Central Defence Officer stated that while it was going apace, more and more civilians wished to be rescued and evacuated.

"If the numbers going to rise steadily through the next few hours, we do not have enough to clothe and feed them." The Central Officer said and Jin sighed. They could help evacuate the first few thousands but if more Parry City Citizens were risking their life to get out of the city and into Daimon, it would pose a problem for them during the recovery phase as well.

"Sir! The Grey Bears Squad sent an emergency signal, requesting to save two guards and one VIP. All critically injured." The officer reported.

"Any nearby helicopters that could do the job?"

"Only the Helicarrier, sir. Otherwise, the nearest rescue helicopter would be at least 3 kilometres away with half the load."

"Patch me up to 2LT Cloudie," Jin asked and the officer instantly established communication lines with the helicarrier pilot.

"Cloudie, no time for formal communications. Move to these coordinates and pick up a VIP. Time is of the essence."

"But Sir, there are a few dozen more that are attempting to board the helicarrier. If I leave now, they are not going anywhere safe. The helicopters would have a field day trying to get these many people out as well."

"VIP is Sir Peru Peru. We need him alive to get things done for Parry City." Jin knew that the other lives were equally important but so was Sir Peru Peru.

"But Sir." 2LT Cloudie understood the gravity of the situation and was ready to obey the leader's orders until he heard Jin sigh.

"I will see if the Grey Bears squad to go near you if it's possible. You hold the line for a moment" Jin quickly switched the communications to the Grey Bears.

"How injured is Sir Peru Peru?"

"Concussed but still breathing. Some exterior wounds but no punctures and from a quick x-ray, only a few bones were seemed to be fractured. His vitals are borderline low but we have prepared enough blood to maintain his condition. It's the other guard that we found that is in critical condition. Lynn found him as she was transversing to get to the VIP."

"Oh my god. I thought from the report from the officer that the VIP had been injured seriously." Jin said. "Can the guard be maintained until the rescue helicopter arrives?"

"If Page and Click stays with him and monitor his condition. There is a high chance he should be able to last for another 45 minutes." Yinn reported back.

"We then send the nearest rescue helicopter to him. On the other hand, I assume Sir Peru Peru is on a hover stretcher?" Jin asked as Yinn acknowledged. A hover stretcher was something like a stretcher that was floating above ground with the use of anti gravity modules as its engines. This is to prevent the stretcher from moving through uneven grounds which may increase the severity of the injury that the patient had.

"If that's the case, move towards the helicarrier's position. 2LT Cloudie is still boarding quite a number of citizens and your mission is to reach there as soon as possible."

"It will take approximately 15 minutes and I do not think we have the luxury of time considering that dragon is gnawing on the barrier like it's hungry for the main course," Yinn said. "Not to mention the helicarrier is a huge target that the dragon cannot ignore and I am not sure if its stealth mode will bluff the Dragon's sensors and logic board. Plus it needs time to go back."

"I can do that in less than 3 minutes." Lynn chimed in. "But it will be a slightly rough ride for Sir Peru Peru as he needs to be strapped tightly to the stretcher. Not to mention, I have a few tricks up my sleeves that could prevent the dragon from breathing fire at us for a while."

"Good. I will go to the battlefield soon." Jin stated before returning the communication line to 2LT Cloudie.

"Cloudie, Lynn will be going towards you as we speak. Prepare the engines and get out of there as soon as possible. I do not care if there are still people on the ground. You fire up those engines and run the

hell out of there before the dragon burns that stinky old carrier down and you not only cause your life to be down the drain but the people on board too."

"Alright, Sir. Point bluntly taken and do not say bad things about the carrier. She doesn't stink!" 2LT Cloudie acknowledged as he started to prep the engines and that made the Parry Citizens who were trying to get on board a little anxious.

"Don't leave without me please!" In the meantime, the Daimon Combat Mechanoids were pushing them away and only letting the most frail or needed medical attention board the ship. As much as they do not wish to operate with violence, desperate times call for desperate measures when the Parry City citizens begin hitting the Daimon Combat Mechanoids.

It forced them to use nonlethal force such as smoke grenades as well as choking grenades to hinder their breathing so that they could not retaliate that much.

"Sorry people, no matter what I do, there will never be enough for everyone." 2Lt Cloudie said as he saw a Mechanoid jumping over buildings while carrying a stretcher at the top of her head.

"Lynn! Be quick!" Cloudie shouted through the speaker and Lynn was already doing her best to move as fast as possible but she underestimated even the building terrains of Parry City, forcing her to move with caution too.

Sadly, things never go as planned as the Mecha Fire dragon's roar could be heard not behind the barrier but through the barrier.

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The heat signature from the dragon was an indication that it was going to blast something and the System using the Floating Sky System surveillance had managed to predict the following places it would hit.

The algorithm was somehow injected into the Floating Sky Station's live feed since there was no time to explain or give excuses when that huge fiery ball of flames aimed for. The moment it emerged on the possible paths of attack, Jin and the Central Defence Officers alerted the respective pilots who were still in the air.

And one of them with the highest percentage that would be hit was undoubtedly the helicarrier.

"Cloudie maximise the shield modules NOW!" Jin shouted and Cloudie did as he was told but they knew that if the Mecha Fire Dragon could obliterate half a mansion with its breath, what were the chances of the helicarrier surviving even with its shield at the maximum capacity?

Soon, the Dragon did release his ball of flames towards helicarrier and they thought there was no hope for the aircraft as Cloudie told some of them to jump out of the carrier at that instant. A loud explosion ensued and smoke covered up the scene for a moment that the War Room could not see whether the helicarrier was still around.

It was only after a second later the electrical signals indicated that the carrier did not explode at all. The shields that Diamondz Corp had installed at the very last minute had worked. However, as the smoke dissipated, the truth was bare for their eyes to see as the shields were not the only thing that had been helping the helicarrier to survive.

Lynn was standing there with the hover stretcher behind her they could see that she was badly charred by the burning flames. She too had used her generated chi to create a shield that worked in tandem with the helicarrier's shield, allowing the carrier to be still intact despite the tremendous shaking.

"Get her and the hover stretcher in! We are moving out now!" 2LT Cloudie ordered the Daimon Combat Mechanoids to move and they did what he ordered. The Hover Stretcher and the patient on it were fine but not so for Lynn whose metal was still scorching hot that when the Combat Mechanoids held onto it, their hands would burn.

Thus, they quickly turned off their pain sensory system and brought her up into the Helicarrier. This time around, Cloudie did not care about the Parry City Citizens who were desperately trying to climb on board as well. He knew that if he did not move now when there was still some smoke dispersion, they had no chance of going back at all.

But the citizens who wish to risk all else to be on the helicarrier even charged through the Daimon Combat Mechanoids and grabbed onto the aircraft without any care. They believed that if they were going to die, might as well try clinging hard onto whatever they can so they can live. Some of the Parry City Citizens on board also took pity on them and threw ropes in hopes they were able to grab on it.

Yet, doing such dangerous actions had put not only the citizens who wished to risk their lives to do so but also the carrier itself. Cloudie eventually did not care about those who tried to climb aboard the helicarrier and for the sake of the rest of the people who were already within the carrier itself.

He raised this throttle and pushed his aircraft as high as he could so that he could get away from the buildings and any humans who were still clinging to the ropes would not be hit by the buildings as well.? He was not particularly concerned with the humans if they hit the buildings and went splat but rather if any stubborn portions of ropes or humans caused the helicarrier to be stuck. That would be an issue where evasive movements were not able to save too.

Along the way, a few of those humans screamed as they were on the ropes dangling from the helicarrier and Parry City Citizens were shouting at the now locked cockpit to give them a chance to get up first before flying any further up.

A few were crying and screaming but 2LT Cloudie who was a seasoned veteran had no choice in this. Ethically he knew he had to help them and yet he consistently reminded himself that the Parry City Citizens who were shouting and banging on his cockpit were the people he needed to save too. There was no chance in hell he was going to stop just it.

To make matters worse, the Mecha Fire Dragon once again was surprised to see that the helicarrier, the target who it thought it had destroyed was running away from the Fire Dragon. Hence, it howled terrifyingly before sending out another fireball.

Fortunately, this time the Daimon Fighter Jets had already anticipated its attack and sent out even more penetrators to disrupt the shooting of the fireball. It was successful as the fireball was diverted away the moment the penetrators hit the dragon's head.

However, what the Daimon Fighter Jets did not know was that the Mecha Fire Dragon already knew it would be distracted and had already prepared another two fireballs which readjusted its aim and shot them.

"There's no way I am letting you get them!" One of the Daimon Fighter Jets' pilots said as he purposely intercepted one of the fireballs with a missile. As for the other fireball, the pilot sacrificed his jet and possibly his life to protect those people who were desperately clinging to the hope that the helicarrier could bring them to safety.

The entirety of the War Room fell into silence for a moment as this was the very first casualty that Daimon had suffered throughout this entire operation. Many more were to come but both the officers and the fighter pilots who had trained in rigorous simulation exercises by Jin had sworn one thing. They were not going to let the helicarrier go down regardless of the cost.

In that one scene, Jin witnessed the beauty and ugliness within humans.

Chapter 1689 Who Will Know? -Part 11

"The Helicarrier had successfully reached Daimon Territory! It's making an emergency landing near the border due to those people who were still clinging to the ropes for dear life." The Central Defence Officer said.

"Prepare a landing spot for the helicarrier to let the noninjured survivors go and subsequently detain those people. We get the bottom who put the entire carrier at risk. After which get it to go the Daimon Central Hospital as soon as possible." Jin said and the officer complied.

The helicarrier was able to land smoothly and soldiers immediately came in to capture all those who were in there that might have disrupted the operation. As much as they want to rescue people and maybe their own family, they should not have jeopardised the entire carrier.

Sadly, those citizens were not compliant and the soldiers had no choice but to use force to get them out of the carrier. The whole entire time, their very own citizens saw the commotion through and through and only some raised their voice to say that it was inappropriate use of force while the others kept quiet.

A majority of them knew that they already had it easy since they were able to find food and shelter when things went awry and for those who did not appreciate this simple comfort offered courteously by the other city, they did not wish to make a fuss.

It was not until Jin held a broadcast at the border, stating that a handful of Parry City Citizens had not followed protocol upon escaping, resulting in the loss of a pilot's life. A quick 30 second video was

shown that pieced the entire story stating that the helicarrier was about to take off and those Parry City Citizens showed no regard for the safety of the other passengers on the aircraft.

As much as Parry City Citizens wished to criticise the use of heavy handed force on the group they saw while landed, the context given by Jin had left them no choice but to keep silent. Some understood what was going on and they could only hope the rest of the Parry City Citizens could think rather than inciting violence to the people who tried to help them.

Meanwhile, as the commotion went on. The Daimon Central Hospital had readied their medical team to treat Sir Peru Peru only to find that he was able to open his eyes before he reached the hospital. The medical team was delighted that he was awake and quickly did the necessary preparations as well as vital taking to ensure that he was okay.

"Where am I?"

"Sir Peru Peru. You are currently in Daimon Central Hospital. Elite Daimon Forces had rescued you from the crash and saved you to be in here." The nurse stated as they continued to push him to the pre surgical ward for a more detailed evaluation.

"But my people... my city."

"Sir Peru Peru. Our interim leader is doing whatever he can to save your people according to the media and I have no doubts he would attempt to save your city from ruin too. For now, rest easy and we will do what we can to save you." The nurse said.

"Let me...at least talk to Lord Jin for a while...When I am still able..." Sir Peru Peru said and the nurse relayed the message to the attending in charge. The Central Defence Officer who was responsible for overseeing the administrative works of medical operations was there and the attending in charge sent the request to him.

"No problem. Give us a while alright?" The nurse said after informing but the Central Defence Officer came rushing in and activated a line for Lord Jin and Sir Peru Peru to talk.

"Lord Jin..." Sir Peru Peru tried his best to talk but the pain started to kick in.

"Don't worry. I do what I can. We will rebuild Parry City together, okay? Go for your surgery and come out smoothly. Your people are waiting for you." Jin said but Sir Peru Peru was saying something different.

"By the powers vested in me, I proclaim you as the ...cough Interim Leader of Parry City." Sir Peru Peru said and Jin's eyes were wide open while the insides of him were screaming just one word.

"Fuck."

"Don't you dare go dying on me? I will pass back your leadership. And for the medical team, you guys better create a miracle for me to see." Jin said and Sir Peru Peru cut the communication line.

"I am ready, you can bring me in now." Sir Peru Peru said and the medical team started to prepare him for surgery. As soon as the communication lines had been cut off, Jin's head lowered to the table and stress began to mount on him.

"That gives you the authority on Parry City's Military as well when you showed them the video of that previous conversation."? General Ost said as if it was a card that could be played well.

"Nope. No Thanks. I will remain status quo until the death of that stupid dragon that made me work so hard. It's not even the crystal dragon that we were hoping to find. Arrgghhh!" Jin screamed to the table and everybody could see the frustration in him until he raised his head and stated. If it was just the stress of an additional city, it might have been fine but the thing that stressed him out was seeing Lynn being burnt to almost a charred state.

Once 2LT Cloudie delivered Sir Peru Peru to Daimon Central Hospital, he now rushed towards Diamondz Corp Headquarters in hopes that Lynn could still be repaired. But one can only hope when the Combat Mechanoid who was holding her had also been burnt by the intense heat she was emitting. It was to the point the Combat Mechanoid had to carry her on her back in order to ensure that the heat did not destroy the floors of the Helicarrier.

And by the time 2LT Cloudie reached Diamondz, even the Combat Mechanoid ceased functioning trying to keep Lynn steady.

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"Denise, how is —" Before Jin could say anything when the communications line had been established, Denise interrupted him

"Lynn had done the mission for you. And you better make sure you make the mission reward count. I will do whatever I can to save her and you do what you need to do to make sure that Mecha Fire Dragon gets what's coming." Denise shouted through the line before disconnecting it once more.

"Interim Leader. I get that you are close with your customised Mechanoids." General Ost had no idea that Lynn was his girlfriend. "But we need to get this done. People are awaiting your orders, you have to trust Denise that Lynn can pull through."

When General Ost tried to make an effort to calm Jin, the situation did not allow it to happen as the worst had finally happened. Central Defence Officers were shouting that the Parry City's barrier had been shattered and the Mecha Fire Dragon made its way into the Parry City's area without any hindrance.

Daimon Fighter Jets had already been asked to return the moment the rescue helicopters had already been evacuated. However, the task of distracting the Fire Dragon had been equated to death. Multiple Fire Balls were shot in their direction and the Dragon finally decided to spread its wings to give chase against the Fighter Jets.

Yet, as dangerous as it looked, the Daimon Fighter Jets were asked to waste as much time as possible and not even think of attacking it. Just buzz around as flies and distract as much as they could. That involved throwing electrical chaffs to fuzzy up its sensors and later dropping an electrical bomb to cause a paralyzing wave rather than to damage it.

All of this was to not only buy time for the rescue helicopters but also for one main character to show up.

Interim Leader of Daimon City and Parry City, Lord of Mount Sunn, Jin.

Despite the prep talk to get him up, General Ost did not realise that Jin still had a sense of responsibility within him and when the officers said the worst had happened, he already started telling the Central Defence Officers to bring out the rocket.

General Ost still thinks that the 'rocket' was a dumb idea but that dumb idea was introduced by Jin as the makeshift way to go into combat as quickly as possible. Sure, fighter jets and helicopters could work but Jin wished to stay in the War Room for the longest time available so that he could direct stuff and not let General Ost go mad with white hair alone.

The rocket was based on Old Flammet's Rocket Coffin design which Old Flammet had reluctantly given Diamondz Corp and they modified it to be a single one way ticket rocket. Its speed was subsonic but the distance covering Parry City could be said to be negligible for speed tests so Jin was fine with it as long as it did not explode mid way.

If that was the only requirement Jin had, the Diamondz Corp was able to guarantee the Interim Leader would be able to reach Parry City safely since Old Flammet had also received data from the Rocket Coffin through the System had already made adjustments to the design before giving it to them. "As long as they follow the core mechanics closely, a single rocket or even a quadruple rocket does not matter at all." Old Flammet said and Jin trusted him and Diamondz.

"Sir, the 'Rocket' is ready. It will be best to wear safety equipment before entering." The project leader for the 'Rocket' said as it was already being prepared for launch. The moment Jin lay down in it and pressed a button, it would blast off.

"There is no time for that," Jin said as he wore the combat vest and brought a bunch of swords all tied up and he hugged it tightly. Those swords were the very same swords that Rafeal had asked Jin to test previously. Since there was not much of a time difference between the day he has shown Jin the test and to make improvements, Rafeal had decided to give him the prototype swords with inserts of regenerative metal inside. It was better than nothing and the fact that it was sturdier than the mass manufactured swords meant Jin could not be picky about it.

All he would complain was that he had to carry that bunch of swords like carrying a bunch of firewood and there were no proper customised scabbards to hold that many swords for him. Well, that is if he had the luxury to complain as in his mind, the only thought he had was to kill the Mecha Fire Dragon with everything he got.

"Two more of our Fighter Jets are down!" The communication from the War Room continued even as Jin had left the area. General Ost initially said that he would take care of it and asked Jin to focus on the killing of the Mech Fire Dragon but he did not care.

"I am all ready!" Jin said that he was already in the squeeze slot of the one way 'Rocket' and the project leader also said that the coordinates had been placed at the centre of Parry City.

"What? No. You should have tracking abilities on the missile right? Hit it to the Mecha Fire Dragon."

"But Sir, this is already dangerous enough, you want to hit it in midair and you fight it in midair without any parachute or jetpacks?"

"Do as I say and hurry or else another fighter jet will come down and you want that in your hands because of hesitation?" Jin shouted and the project leader reluctantly allowed the missile to start.

"Lol, I thought he would reject my wishes... Oh well, this is for the best." Jin said as he too started to emit Maqi into his bunch of swords and subsequently took a deep breath before pressing a button and the 'Rocket' ejected towards the Mecha Fire Dragon.