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"I'm out and nearly bingo fuel." One of the Daimon Pilots said as he felt that the only time to buy time was to sacrifice himself and the jet against the Mecha Fire Dragon who had been relentless with its attacks despite the multiple attempts to distract it.

"Same here. There is no way one more dodge and we dive in." His wingman said but just as they were about to perform their final evasive moment a missile warning came out from their radar straight from behind.

Did Daimon start to throw missiles now that they knew their fighter jet pilots who were out of ammo and out of fuel to buy more time? If so, they were glad for the assistance and perhaps they could squeeze another few seconds or so.

Yet, when the missile came into their sight, it suddenly popped out something that was not too clear to them before the missile hit the Mecha Fire Dragon's torso. Obviously, being the Dragon that could bring fiery destruction, it believed the missile was something that it could tolerate and show its superiority once again to these humans that they were no match for it.

But as the explosion dispersed and the fighter jets moved away from the Mecha Fire Dragon for a clearer view of whether any damage had been done, it seemed like their consoles picked up a mechanical grin as it was coming from the dragon itself.

The dragon was laughing at how pathetic the attempt was until their AI registered a massive heat signature from the top. The pilots immediately reacted and saw that there was a human diving down to the Mecha Fire Dragon.

Sparks of Black Lightning emerged from the human and that was when the fighter pilots realised that it was not just some human but it was their Interim Leader.

"BLACK LIGHTNING SMASH!" Jin took a sword out as he inserted as much chi as he could it forced it to glow blackish white while emitting sparkles that sounded like birds chirping nonstop. The Mecha Dragon felt the intense energy signature and decided to use its wings to cover itself but it was of no avail.

The moment Jin hit it with the sword, it was as if the gods had rained a burst of lightning bolts towards the Mecha Fire Dragon. "Don't you dare break!" Jin said to the sword as he pushed even more Maqi into it and the glow got so intense that it started to slice into its metal pieces. The consistent lightning bolt strikes banished it to stop being in the air and it continued to spiral down along with Jin back to the city's centre.

When it hit the ground, one final large black lightning bolt slammed into the body of the Mecha Fire Dragon before the sword finally disintegrated along with the hilt. Jin did not hesitate to pick up another sword and thrust the blade into the wound it created before emitting his chi once more.

This time it was tit for tat.

"Red Panda Fire!" Jin shouted and the blade glowed bright red before a tornado of flames gushed out from the wound of the Mecha Fire Dragon. The Fighter Pilots wished to see more of the scene but its

fuel was in the red as well, forcing them to bid good luck to their Interim leader before returning back to base.

Mechanoids from Parry City's military started to surround the Mecha Fire Dragon as Jin tried to suppress it and they started shooting towards its legs and wings in hopes to stagger it down. Even a tank managed to pass through the tight corners of the city and fired at its torso, further away from Jin. They had no idea that this was their current Interim Leader who was fighting for them as well but they were smart enough to aim at the same place where it seemed the main damage dealer of the day had entered the battlefield to eliminate this threat.

When the Parry City Military War Room caught sight of who the person was, they were taken aback by the image. The Interim Leader of Daimon personally entered the fight to stop the monster himself. But even if they wished to be optimistic that Jin could win this, the Mecha Fire Dragon proved them wrong as it managed to turn its head, especially to the tank, and fired out a flaming hot ray of energy that cut the tank into two.

Jin saw that as he tried to take another prototype sword out and threw it towards the corner of its mouth. "Since you like fire so much, I will give you something to cool down!" Jin shouted as he released the sword that he was holding and slammed his hand into the Mecha Fire Dragon. "Blue Panda Ice!" the energy of that slam reverberated towards the sword that was thrown into the Mecha Fire Dragon's mouth and with it, the prototype sword vibrated as well.

And suddenly from the corner of its mouth, a glacier of ice spikes emerged piercing him through his mouth and rendering the Mecha Fire Dragon to be unable to sprout any more energy rays or fireballs for the time being.

Then, Jin tried to burn it alive again as he held onto the sword that was within the wound and stabbed it in even further. The Dragon wriggled in pain and now flaying its tails and claws hoping to scratch away the venomous snake that had bitten it.

Too bad for him, energy blasts emerged from the top and eventually, it took out both of his hands. The energy blast signature was so obvious that it did not take long for Jin to register it as Tellie's handicraft.

The Grey Bear Squad had finally seen the opportunity to defeat the Mecha Fire Dragon and had already been running to Jin and the Dragon since it dropped to the ground. This time, Jin was sure that it could finish the dragon on Lynn's behalf.

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Or that's what Jin thought.

He had forgotten that the mechanical monster had tricks up its sleeve as well. Even as the Jin tried to put more pressure on the Mechanical Dragon, the Dragon suddenly opened its torso armour and a large amount of high speed hot temperature mists shot out as if to regulate the temperature within it.

Jin thought that by overheating it with his cultivation powers, it might get roasted from within. Never did it imagine that it had an extremely robust cooling system and it was burning Jin alive. He had no choice but to move away from the Mechanical Dragon in order not to be cooked.

But that was where Diaz came in as she started to fire all sorts of weaponry into the pressure vents. To her, this was the opportunity she was waiting for as she was on higher ground and started releasing all the bullets without caring where it landed.

Which was also why she had decided not to attack it until Jin had stepped away. Yet the steam vents were something to be amazed about. Even as Diaz tried to fire her bullets into it, some of her initial shots had been melted by the intense blow of heat.

Tellie on the other hand had also contributed to the attack and her long range energy blast was more effective than Diaz's splattering of bullets all over its body. Yet, it was not until Click who came in last armed her Mechanical Hound with as many explosives as it could (She even asked the hound to hold a bag of it in its mouth!)

And once Tellie had sent her energy blast into the centre of the Dragon's torso, Click slapped her hound's ass and it dived straight in as per its master's orders, causing an explosion that sent multiple shockwaves.

"Diaz, move away. I'm going in." Jin said even as everyone was still readjusting themselves after the knockback from the shockwaves. Soon, they all saw Jin jump up once using the surrounding buildings as his pedestal and dived down to the dragon.

"Like I said, a tit for a tat." Jin expressed his rage through the dual swords that he was now holding and both of them were emitting an intense signature of energy like they had never seen before. A white Lightning source and a dark lightning source which was held in each hand.

As he swung them up high for a dive, all of them suddenly saw the electrical sparkles creating some sort of illusion of a white bear with black spots around it. "Panda Lightning Smash," Jin whispered as the silhouette of the Panda sparkled as if its claws smashed down towards the dragon causing a light so bright that it acted as if it was some giant sized flashbang that had been thrown into Parry City.

Just as Jin was about to give the Dragon its one last blow for confirmation within the thunderous explosion, Yinn suddenly jumped down from the building and stopped him while Page dashed into the scene and connected herself to the dragon. She had been eyeing several possible openings where she could insert her programme and while Jin sure did a number on it, Page was able to find that the back of the neck was still viable.

As she connected herself to the dragon, she quickly sent her nanobots to repair any possible damage to the connection of the hard drive and download any information she could before overloading it, causing a self destruct using her nanobots that were within it.

"Jin, it's dead. It is over." Yinn continued to hold Jin as she could see that Jin was not himself at all. Even though his body continued to move his consciousness was borderline fading away and Yinn believed that he had overexerted himself.

"Command. This is Grey Bear Squad, Yinn here. The Target had been neutralised. I repeated. The target had been neutralised... What the fuck?" Yinn immediately pushed Jin down as she saw multiple Combat Mechanoids approaching them and started shooting at Jin and Yinn.

"This is Diamondz Corp Investigation Team, Grey Bear Squad. I request for you to hold your fire!" Yinn shouted and yet the soldiers and Mechanoids did not comply. "System! Broadcast this immediately!" Yinn said and the System immediately showed it to the Daimon City as well as the Parry City's citizens.

"For whatever reason, do not turn off the broadcast!" Yinn said and her words were already turning as feedback to those who were watching on the screen.

"Why are you shooting at us?" Diaz shouted back to create evidence for the stream too. "We just killed this fucking dragon for you!"

Even when getting shot, Page tried to take this opportunity to find the Empire Crest as if they did not know it was from the Empire even though the higher ups knew. "Ladies, isn't this the Empire Crest? Why is this on the Mecha Fire Dragon?" Page said via the stream and Yinn pretended to shout for extraction even though she knew it was too risky to do so.

"No use! They are not coming. They said it was too dangerous."

"General Ost, General Grieves is asking if you are willing to send an immediate assault into Parry City to save the Interim Leader?" The Central Defence Officer asked and Ost instantly rejected the idea.

"We cannot based on just one group of Mechanoids justify sending in an entire force of eager Daimon troops into Parry City just for that. Give the stream a little longer time, I am sure the Grey Bears can defend Jin since they have been through worse. In the meantime, let me do some theatrics as well since the Grey Bears are doing it. Patch me up to the Parry City's military headquarters." General Ost said as he could feel that the larger picture was about to reveal itself to the public.

It's just a matter of how much Ost could dig out from the military.

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"Daimon Defence Commander General Ost to Parry City's Military Armed Forces, what is the meaning of this? Get your Mechanoids to stand down! The Mecha Fire Dragon had already been defeated and we are being shot at by your Mechanoids."

"There are no confirmed reports that the Mechanical Dragon had been defeated. Also, we concluded that the Mechanical Dragon might have been from Daimon all along since you have allowed the Crystal Dragon to lose. We are therefore taking your Interim Leader in custody for committing war crimes." The Army Commander of Parry City, General Toba stated in the air.

"If we are invading you, do you think we took the time and effort, even money to save your people?" General Ost said and Toba shrugged.

"It's possible you want a proxy war via the Mechanical Dragon. Stand down, let us arrest your interim leader and we can talk the facts out later. If you are willing to show that your concern for our people is genuine. Then do as I say." Toba said.

"Besides, you released footage of your war crime violence to the public. Isn't that already enough evidence that you are trying to make war with Parry City?" Toba shouted but General Ost stood strong. "And now that Sir Peru Peru is dead, we have to make sure that the sovereignty of Parry City continues to remain relevant. Tell that investigation squad of yours to surrender and we can proceed with peace negotiations."

"No," General Ost replied firmly. He knew that Sir Peru Peru had just been out of surgery and the doctors said that he should be well within the week. There was no use putting out Daimon's trump card so quickly but officers are definitely needed to ensure that Sir Peru Peru is within the safety of Daimon. But by doing that, people might suspect Sir Peru Peru was also being held in custody by Daimon Officials. So, Ost did the most simple thing of all. Deny and ignore.

"Then we have no choice but to ensure that your Interim Leader is within our custody as we are afraid that you will break your initial promise and invade Parry City. Judging by how strong he is, I believe a few bullets would not kill him, right?" General Toba had no idea that this was being livestreamed to the public and his mannerism was extremely off putting.

"We did not promise you anything except for the withdrawal of troops assembling in the Northern Borders. And also No. We will not allow you to accede to your demands as well." General Ost said and just as Toba was about to speak another line, an officer quickly shouted that this was broadcast as a public livestream which forced General Toba to quickly turn the communication off.

"Sir, the Livestream has ended." A Central Defence Officer said. "Also, urgent encrypted transmission of a large cache of data from Grey Bear Squad Member Page. She said the password is the dumb trio with Commander."

"The Dumb Trio?" Ost questioned and the Central Defence Officer immediately presented the data into his console. As he tried to type on the holographic console, he realised that the password limit was set to 3 characters only. He thought of brute forcing the password out but when he typed a random 3 letter word, the password was wrong and he only had 3 tries left.

"Is this the Grey Bear's way of diverting their anger to me for not helping them?" General Ost asked and the Central Defence Officers could not give an answer as well. After all, they all knew how Jin worked and the Mechanoids under him were somewhat unique as well.

Meanwhile, Yinn was holding Jin like a baby as she protected him from all the stray attacks that were about popping everywhere from the alley. Diaz was providing support from the rooftops but she too was going to get surrounded. Click regretted that she used her Mechanical hound for the blast as she thought it would be a nice farewell gift for the stupid ass dragon. Now she started to move around, hiding, trying to rendezvous with Tellie.

The Sniper Mechanoid on the other hand was having a field day until she got spotted. So, she was now having a sniper shoot out with various Mechanoid snipers until she heard a loud boom from the back,

indicating that Mechanoids had already zoomed into her position and she had to get out of that area fast.

Eventually, Diaz and Yinn were together again and so was Click and Tellie. The only one that was missing right now was Page who had decided not to answer any of their calls. Diaz was worried initially until Yinn told her not to and Diaz pressed her for an answer but Yinn decided to use the System Channel to talk since they were livestreaming everything.

"Because Diaz, we were right. This attack of the Mechanical Dragon seems too fishy. Page had managed to get some data out from the Mechanical Dragon. We will be the bait for the Combat Mechanoids but we have to survive until she can get concrete evidence. No more communications after this, even the System. We need to be on high alert, this place is not our territory."

"Roger that," Diaz said in the System Channel before closing it shut as she pounced on one of the Mechanoids who were chasing too close to Yinn and Jin and started to cover their backs.

"Where are we going to go? For now, the Diamondz Corp Office." Yinn said and Diaz complained. It's too damn far! And why are you telling the Livestream this?! They are going to know!"

"Then let them come and we will show them how strong Diamondz Investigation Squad is." Yinn boasted and Diaz had no choice but to follow her leader's crazy wishes. Click and Tellie on the other hand had decided to also move to Diamondz Corp Office but they were taking the other way about to spread out the Mechanoids that were chasing after them.

"Gosh, this felt like the first encounter with Jin over again." Click said to Tellie and she laughed.

"At least I am participating in it actively!"

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"What's with all the ruckus..." Jin thought to himself as he could feel that his body had been tugged, squeezed, pulled, grabbed in every way thinkable. "Shouldn't the battle be done already?" He tried to open his eyes and found that Yinn was huffing and puffing.

If not for the fact that she was a Mechanoid, there was no way she could pull this deed of protecting Jin up till now. "Are you fully awake?" Yinn asked with a bright smile. "You seem to be struggling in your sleep. And there were some sort of worm or worms going around your body. Tellie and Click described to me what had happened to you before.

"Yeah, that's normal for me. What's happening?" He asked when more bullet shots were heard from the back of her and Yinn knew there was no time to get such explanations from him.

"Scenario 7. We had been betrayed," Yinn reported and Jin squinted his eyes to comprehend what was going through in his head.

"I see. Culprit's the military as usual?" Jin asked as his Mechanoid finally found a corner where they could have a breather and Jin was back on his knees. He fired up his Maqi a little and found that he was

able to circulate better and more of the supposedly blocked smaller meridians had been opened. Jin therefore believed that he is now Cultivation Grade 4. He was guessing the repeated smashing of the Dragon provided some strain that forced those meridians to open.

Diaz finally zoomed out from the corner and greeted Jin. "Honestly, I thought that you were dead for sure considering how Yinn had been covering you."

"I think I did receive a bit of grazing from the bullets but they do not hurt as much," Jin replied. "It's probably thanks to you and Yinn for protecting."

"Yea, its hella pain. I should be thankful that I did get those extra armour plating. They were worth it." Diaz commented.

"The Mechanoids are still chasing us as we speak and we are at least 200 metres away from the Diamondz Corp Office," Yinn stated to remind them of the current objectives.

"Did you not say that this particular Diamondz Corp Office had been compromised in your report?" Jin asked as Yinn handed him a pistol for self defence as well as a few ammunition clips.

"It might be and the Parry City Military Soldiers and Mechanoids would have already deduced the location we are going and they might be there to ambush us." Diaz said. "But that is the only possible place to convene plus it's in the south area of the City. Consider it as a checkpoint."

"I assumed you have some other plan other than going there blind," Jin said as he started to move when Yinn found the coast was clear.

"Yes, Page might have found something pertaining to the building of the Mecha Fire Dragon. She had sent an undisclosed amount of encrypted information to General Ost because she had not been able to analyse it as of now. However, she managed to decipher a possible location that could reveal more of the problem." Yinn secretly switched to the System Channel to tell Jin this while on the surface she gave a big fat No.

"So, we are the bait?" Jin asked even though he knew that it was useless to ask such an obvious answer but it was all for the camera livestream.

"Sadly, yes." Diaz did bother to answer Jin!

"Rules of engagement?" Jin questioned and Yinn stated that she had been performing non lethal shots to the soldiers but she would kill the Mechanoids if possible.

"That's rather kind of you guys. I honestly did not expect that." Jin said as he too decided to do the same when he encountered his enemies.

"But we cannot guarantee the same thing for those in tanks or jeeps. They posed too much danger to us." Diaz remarked and Jin nodded his head.

"Have you seen any of those Diamondz Corps Mechanoids that we had sold in the mix of this fight as well?" Jin asked and both of them did say that they encountered loads of them. "That's good. Which means we can turn the tide a little."

"What? Do you have a master kill switch code? I thought that was forbidden especially after Diamondz sold their goods. It's against the international trade agreement and if this big of an operation, Diamondz will get penalised for it."

"Hahaha! Why did you talk like Denise? Do not worry. I am doing something less dangerous than that. I will 'hack' them." Jin said as he checked with the System if it was able to identify the Diamondz Mechanoids within the vicinity.

"How the heck you will hecking hack them?" Diaz asked and immediately they encountered one right in front of them. Jin said he would take the lead and grabbed it by its head which he then shouted "COMMENCING HACK A TON!"

It was in a loud booming voice that a number of soldiers who were trying to find him were able to hear him and push to that direction along with their Mechanoids. But the shouting was not the only thing that had happened since Jin also released a visible circular wave of force with his Maqi which vibrated through the buildings and roads.

There was no visible damage to those soldiers who encountered the force especially at further distances but it was still something that gave them a bit of goosebumps. It did not actually do anything than to feel more prepared to engage the enemy.

However, that wave of force was nothing but a ruse. A ruse that was created by Jin on the spot. That force did what it needs as an act of theatrics for the livestream while the actual thing that happened was Jin sending out a code. A secret passcode to all of the Diamondz Mechanoid who heard the phrase 'commencing hack a ton' to remove their IFF (identification friend or foes) codes.

When that happened next was pretty apparent as the Diamondz Corp Mechanoids who initially saw the soldiers as their friendlies had started shooting at them at their back. What seemed like betrayal subsequently turned into a free for all.

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"What is happening to those Mechanoids?" General Toba asked as suddenly soldiers were reporting that the Combat Mechanoids they had accompanied were shooting at them and to the extent of killing.

"It seems they had been hacked, sir." One of the tactical officers said.

"Did the Diamondz Corp purposely add a secret kill switch? We now can have another card to play. And this will get Daimon in big trouble." General Toba smiled.

"No Sir. They were genuinely hacked. Their IFF codes had been removed and they are attacking everything and anything. And that includes the Investigation Squad that we had been chasing as well." The tactical officer also turned and pointed at the livestream which they were also viewing once they had access to it. (Which was an easy task since it was a public broadcast.)

"Damn it! And now that Jin is alive and breathing, this will be so much harder. We do not have many soldiers in the first place. Do what you can to bring the situation under control." General Toba grumbled and then the person behind him talked in a coarse voice.

"I told you so. Not to be a cheapo. This is what you get for trying to circumvent the system and backstabbing people from the back."

"Well, General Inus, you are actually the one who backstabbed us and allowed those Daimon people unlimited clearance of the airspace. And what has that gotten? Chains for you as you see your tactical officers all killed." General Toba smirked as he showed Inus the massacre his tactical officers did to retain control of the War Room. "You should be happy that you still have a role to play."

"You fucking bastard. I hope that Jin will find you and kill you in the worst possible way."

"Now now. By saying Jin, are you professing that you are in alliance with him?" Toba smiled giddily and Inus held his anger in as anything else he said would be implicated towards him. "Smart boy. To keep silent."

At that point, the tactical officer shouted something that took Toba's attention and Inus was left with his own thoughts. He now understood why one of his trusted officers had sent him a cryptic hint before he disappeared for good. At first, Inus believed that he went into hiding but the more he saw the betrayal of General Toba, the more he thought that his trusted officer had already been killed.

"The creation of the Mechanical Dragon...? Sir Peru Peru had been suspecting of General Toba for some time ever since the Mechanical Dragon emerged on his radar. Instead of trying to ask for help, especially from Daimon City who had shown they had the capability to stop two monster outbreaks, Toba guaranteed Milord that the Dragon was something that could be handled with the Armed Forces..." General Inus continued to backtrack what were the telling signs.

And when he thought about it, Toba kept insisting that the Air Force should not budge due to the terrain of the place where the Dragon was hiding. Inus kept saying that he could assist and Sir Peru Peru also was in support of the plan but Toba continued to say to keep this a secret. And said that any excess bombing would bring unwarranted eyes into the situation.

But the thing that kept Sir Peru Peru's interest was that Toba assured him he could capture the Dragon which they could use to replicate its design through reverse engineering or maybe even keep it as an emergency. Yet, what Sir Peru Peru really wanted was to have the corpse intact so that they could get to the bottom of it. Of why there was a Mechanical Dragon roaming around Parry City's territory.

"And if it's Daimon, we will surely make them pay." Sir Peru Peru was being objective but Inus believed that Toba took that as an inspiration to push all the blame on them.

And that was what Toba had also done when Inus had been backstabbed. The moment General Inus gave word that Daimon had unlimited clearance of their airspace. Things started to move for Toba. His troops suddenly rushed in and pointed their guns at the Air Force Tactical Officers but fortunately for Inus, his officers were top notch in managing crisis and all Inus needed was to buy them some time.

The Parry City's Air Force General did not care about his life and put himself in the front of the soldiers who were pointing their guns at his officers. In the meantime, the tactical officer whom Inus was

protecting was one of his most trusted officers under the Air Force General. He hastily sent an emergency text to Sir Peru Peru whom he had contact with frequently warning him of the mutiny within the army ranks.

And that precious time that Inus had bought for him was the reason why Sir Peru Peru was able to read the message and give Jin the powers of the Interim Leader to deal with the situation before he went into surgery. The only problem was that the Lord of Mount Sunn did not know of the details and development of such mutiny and assumed that Sir Peru Peru was merely responsible for his work.

Yet even if Jin did not know of such truth, the Synthesis AI administration who had been keeping their hands away from this complicated problem knew that the Grey Bear Squad and Jin were already walking on the right path to get to the conclusion and the bottom of this matter. All they had to do was to struggle a little more.

But to say the struggle was kind of an understatement since even when Jin had managed to 'hack' and remove the IFF codes, the Parry City Military did what was expected of them. To shut them off completely with the kill code they were given.

"A hundred metres more!" Yinn said in an attempt to motivate the rest as they were still being shot in all directions.

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The public who was watching this situation unfold was in high tension. Daimon Citizens were cursing that their Interim Leader had did so much for the Parry City Citizens and their military had decided to respond as such.

The citizens especially the military had seen Jin not just as a leader but as a saviour for them in times of darkness when everyone had abandoned them to fend for themselves. His decision was unorthodox initially when the citizens heard that the military was going to be deployed in the north.

But those insiders who were working to procure supplies during the assembly could see that he did not have such an intention to fight them. The bulk of the Daimon military was also initially against the assembly as well since they knew that the creation of the latest outpost was such a poor excuse. The creation of the Southern Daimon Dungeon Outpost had no problems at all and even if monsters do leak out, they did not entire military to be out in force.

It was not until they saw that they were not packing guns but food and blankets. Only essential arms and deterrent weapons were permitted as most were briefed on a classified level that they were expecting some sort of disaster happening in Parry City and the military was there for a rescue operation.

So, when it really happened, the Daimon military worked their darndest to ensure that they could save as many Parry City Citizens as they could. They stuck to their training and protocols to ensure that little to no harm was done to those citizens. Those soldiers felt good. It was really good that they were doing something beneficial other than just sacrificing their lives for the defence of Daimon City.

But when the announcement came around, the feelings of charity turned into something darker. Everyone saw how the Parry City Military had decided to hunt Jin down who had also decisively killed the menace that plagued their city. Because of him, the city was mostly unharmed by the Mecha Fire Dragon and the development of the fight had been captured by long distance cameras.

People from both cities were initially happy, relieved and bewildered by Jin's capabilities but those feelings had been betrayed by the terrifying act of the Armed Forces. The Daimon Citizens saw how their kindness had been trampled upon and their anger rose.

The Daimon Military was not excluded as well and perhaps they were the group that was most affected by it. They want to go in and save their leader when they saw how the Mechanoids ganged up on him and the Grey Bear squad who they knew were his prized squad.

And yet, their General forbade them from moving even though he had every right and every chance to do so. "Jin would not want any of such violence to happen when he wakes up." General Grieves's words spread throughout the Daimon Military as they had to show tolerance to the thousands of innocents who were right now under their care.

This was even made more apparent that the Grey Bear Squads were trying their best to survive and not kill any human soldiers to the best of their abilities. From leg shots to arm shots, they missed all the vitals as much as they could and when it comes to those tanks, they tried to only disable the barrels or their engine. (Their weaponry could not do that much damage either) The approach for minimum violence against the Parry City military was there for everyone to see on the livestream.

But to those who watched it, some of the younger soldiers could not control their anger and pointed their guns at the Parry City Citizens. Only through the intervention of their seniors who did their best to hold them back and even detained them to make sure that they followed Grieve's orders. Those younger soldiers shouted in agony and some even cried that if anything were to happen to Jin, the Parry City Citizens would not be forgiven.

For the Parry City Citizens, they were in much confusion and they had no idea why they as the victims have to suffer this much for whatever reason. Their homes were in possible ruins and could have been worse if not for Jin, their lord was supposed killed by the dragon initial attack, their city was not prepared for such an attack when their neighbouring city already had an inkling of it.

Yet when things felt desperate, their friendly neighbour tried to help them to the best of their abilities that they lost precious people doing so, but their very own protectors accused them for creating this problem up and were hunting their leader who had single handedly exterminate the problem that no one knew where it came from.

Now, they were in between being refugees and a hostage. There was so much to take in within the middle of the night, some just broke down to despair while the others begged the soldiers to take mercy on them.

And to make things worse, they were seeing it live how the Daimon Leader was doing as much as he could to not injure the soldiers because he did not wish to make the situation any worse. For the Daimon Citizens on the other hand, they were all praying that their Interim Leader could overcome this situation as he had always done.

The demonstration of staying his hand not to kill was also seen as a sign and message to his citizens to not hit the Parry City Citizens who were equally the victims within this ongoing predicament. That was why even though they had the hatred within their hearts and anger accumulating in their fists, they held them on and practice patience and tolerance.

This whole problem could blow the wrong way and the tightrope was so thin that if Jin were to do something off or if the Parry City Military did accidentally kill Jin, the kettle that was boiling within these two groups would not just scream but explode.

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"Care! Those are their own citizens!" Jin shouted as Diaz's reflex nearly killed a group that they had accidentally found when they were trying to hide from suppressive fire in a house. However, the military soldiers did not know and did not care that they even threw a grenade into the house.

"Fucking hell!" Diaz took unplugged one of her chest armour plates and slammed it onto the grenade and Jin used the force of his Maqi to suppress the explosion so that it would only be contained inside the circular armour plating.

"You guys alright?" Jin asked and The mother who was holding onto her child and covering his mouth nodded their heads silently. "Great. Try to move slowly to the back even further for your safety and we will get out of here right now." The two of them nodded their heads again which was a signal for Yinn to charge out after she had taken a breather and reloaded her weapon.

"Last stretch 50 metre!" Yinn yelled as she fired her weapons at the stupid idiots who had thrown the grenade into the building. All of these were once again captured by the livestream and the people of Parry City sighed a breath of relief for the innocent victims.

"You sure this is 50 metres? Do not feel like it!" Diaz said as she turned her head to the direction they were supposed to go and it was crawling with multiple roadblocks and tanks blocking their way. In fact, at that point in time they also heard a whistling noise which Jin was extremely familiar with.

The whistling noise of artillery diving down.

"What the fuck is your PROBLEM, HOW IS THIS A TAKEDOWN?!" Jin's anger got the better of him as he used his inverse eyes to locate the long range artillery shell and charge his gun with a sudden overwhelming amount Maqi. He was about to use his powers again but before he could do anything, the shell exploded in mid air.

"That's a clean shot. Tellie!" Click announced from above them and started shooting 60mm canisters toward the roadblocks with her grenade launcher. Smoke started to emerge from those cannisters and they were none other than choking gas with a small mix of Click's specialty. Some hot sauce spice within it.

It was so choking and hot that it rendered most of the human soldiers incapable of retaliating. Their eyes were bleeding with spice and their breath was short to combat the choking feeling. At the same time, Click threw down a hazmat mask built with a filter that could dispense her special choking gas.

Jin managed to catch it and the trio rushed through the roadblock as if their lives were dependent on it. Mechanoids were gunned down and Tellie used the opportunity to do some tank practice. Her Beams were precise enough to melt the gun barrels and they were not able to shoot anything. Thank goodness they do not have any enhanced mecha armour within the mix of troops that manned the roadblocks or else this plan might not have worked for them.

And just as they took down the last Mechanoids the five of them rendezvous at the front of Diamondz Office. Most Daimon City's people believed it was a win as Diamondz Corp's office could provide some political immunity, especially for Jin.

However, before they were able to take a step into the office, in fact, when Click tried to open a door, they heard a 'click' sound. Before they could register the consequences of that, the entire Diamondz Office exploded right in front of their eyes, taking them with it.

The Livestream was instantly cancelled but everyone beyond the borders of Parry City and in Daimon could hear the explosion. The long range cameras who were attempting to record all of the Interim Leader's exploits caught the explosion in real time as well and those in the military who were well versed in explosions knew that it was not a normal explosion.

It was a Thermobaric explosion, meaning it was a type of explosive that worked by dispersing clouds of aerosol? gas or powdered explosives that will be a hundred percent more energetic than a conventional explosion. It shone through the darkened skies of Parry City and everyone who saw it could feel that no one would ever be able to survive such an attack.

The shockwave shattered glass, and windows and even knocked away those disabled tanks that were near to office site. Doors and debris were flown away from the explosion site and to the point even surrounding buildings collapsed unable to withstand the power of the residual shockwaves.

Every single Daimon Citizen who saw the attack knew that this could only be the work of Parry City Citizen to set up such a deadly attack within the office, especially after seeing how they had already condoned the area and not allowing anybody near the area.

"SOLDIERS OF DAIMON. STAND STILL. DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH A STRAND OF HAIR OF THOSE CITIZENS WE SAVED OR I WILL MESS YOU UP MYSELF." General Grievus's announcement through the military communication lines was loud and clear.

He knew that if he did not give any accurate instructions, the hearts of those soldiers who had seen and served under Jin would not be able to take it at all. General Ost once again sends a message to everyone within the city to stay calm and not do anything rash.

"We have no confirmation that the Interim Leader had killed in action. We will need concrete evidence to determine the facts before accusing Parry City's military of performing such atrocious acts on the livestream. All I ask is to help the innocent while we ascertain the facts." General Ost knew that what he said was stupid, dumb, and even overly ridiculous.

Everyone had seen the scale of the explosion and as the smoke dissipated, the entire Diamondz Corp Office had been wiped out from the face of this world. How unsure can one be to determine that their Interim Leader Jin had not been killed blatantly by Parry City's Military? "They might think how the military can be so egoistic of themselves to believe Jin was like a god and survive everything." General Ost sighed to himself...until he realised that he might have uncovered something.

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"Egoistic...Dumb Trios around Jin... Can it be?" General Ost suddenly felt confident of the answer so he went to his holographic console despite the chaos that was happening within the war room. At that instant, he typed the word E G O into the password form and suddenly the encryption lock came undone which made him laugh.

"Ha.. haha...HhahhahahahahHAHAA!!"General Ost laughed so hysterically that he felt like a fool thinking so hard of the answer. Page was literally talking about the trio who had been meeting Jin up for military issues.

Eggshells, Grievess, Ost = E G O.

"What an egoistic way of seeing things. To think that she does not put Denise as part of the trio." Ost said to himself as he now had all the data in front of him despite it being scrambled and not making sense.

"Analysts! This is of top priority! Crack this and make bloody sense of it and perhaps we can get out of this stupid mess." General Ost stated while he took charge of the War Room and called the Central Defence Officer to perform mass surveillance to ensure that no trooper of theirs would disobey his orders.

"General Grievess." The Commanders did not say a single word but the General himself could see that they were dying to take revenge.

"No. Hang in there. We had seen how Jin had made miracles. You people who were monitoring the Eastern Region would know it best. You saw how he disappeared and reappeared again as if nothing had happened. He had not used that trick yet in this battlefield so there is still hope that he is alive." Grievess said and those commanders could only hold onto his words.

Eventually, that information of Jin using a particular trick by General Grievess had been slowly spreading around the military men to calm them down. They all eventually remembered what had happened at the Eastern Front and continued to have hope in their hearts.

As for the Parry City Citizens, some pleaded if they could now return to their city since the incident had been done while some stated that they were firefighters and wished to return to aid with the fire fighting efforts that the city had suffered.

But even as the Daimon military had their anger temporarily placated by Jin's possible special tricks, they were not going to let those citizens return. "If you really want to die. Be my guest but be warned.

The moment we were given the order to go in, we would take anybody and EVERYBODY in the city as a threat. We will spare no one if we had confirmed that our Lord Jin had died." The immigration officer shouted at those who were asking to return.

That threat itself was more than enough to keep the crowd at bay and they quietly returned to their spots knowing when to not incite any more trouble at this volatile period.

"Fuck... I thought we were dead." Jin said as he lay down on the floor filled with debris in broken down mansion.

"Looks like my upgrade card works..." Yinn said as she picked up the plate on the ground, now defunct after it had been used to save Jin and the rest of the Grey Bear Squad.

"What kind of upgrade is that? It feels super duper overpowered to be able to get us away from the blast." Tellie asked as she felt her logic systems were in a mess.

"Restore Point. That's the upgrade card that I received the day I got into Parry City. The System stated that this upgrade card can only be used once per week and I think the System had already chosen a class for me." Yinn sighed as she finally relaxed her entire body after that intense bout of running, covering and shaking enemies away.

"What is it?" Everyone asked since they already knew what they were.

"Manipulator...?" Yinn said and all of them gave each other the look as if the System had finally chosen the right class for their vice leader of the Grey Bear Squad.

"That sounds about right. Always manipulating our feelings so that we can work for you." Click replied nodding her head.

"Yes Yes. Like that time she threatened me to not give me any pudding." Tellie nodded her head too.

"And the -ow! Why do I get hit?" Diaz said and Yinn smiled.

"Because you are the nearest to me." She eventually stood up and saw the massive smoke that the explosion had made. Her skill restore point had enabled her as well as any other people within a radius of 10 metres to be teleported to a certain location. However, that particular location had to be marked beforehand otherwise she would be unable to use the skill at all.

"That reminds me of the System's Teleport. Oh, I miss that way of travelling..." Jin said and the rest were curious how it worked so he explained to them.

"Holy shit. Isn't that similar to being the master of time and space?"

"Yeah, to be able to travel whenever and wherever you want as long as the System has the coordinates."

"Hey, it does not work in here. So, having that restore point skill is more than just a boon. It's a benefit and skill that is very useful. Nice to have you Manipulator Yinn." Jin grinned widely and Yinn smirked back.

"Are you guys okay?" Page's chatter was registered on the System's communication channel. "There was this big sudden explosion which rocked the entire underground facility."

"Yeah, we nearly caught it in and for now, we killed off our signals. Radio silent since the baiting was unexpectedly successful." Jin said and Page was happy to know Commander was still alive.

"Since you are still alive and kicking, then I guess I can start sharing what I learned before I got caught. I had sent documents to General Ost and hopefully, he is able to decipher the password so they can analyse it but the gist is that Mecha Fire Dragon is not the only one." Page stated.

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"Not the only one? Fuckkkk." Jin placed his head backward as he could not believe what he was hearing. "Where did you find it?"

"Directly beneath the city. Yinn was right to say that something and wanted me to hack into the Mecha Fire Dragon's data bank to get some information. It was risky but we did get something out. I am afraid this also meant the Mecha Fire Dragon was not completely vanquished as well."

"So, they might be bringing that Mecha Fire Dragon back to the underground facility? Why in the first place is it out of control if they are making it here?" Diaz asked.

"Perhaps, the programming went rogue or its AI core had some errors that forced it to not function as they had wanted it to be. Like you know, ermmm some of the Mechanoids during production, there were a few defects. And some of them move automatically by themselves and they had to be put down? Probably the same logic for them as well."

"Are you deep inside the underground facility?" Jin asked and Page shook her head.

"I took a quick peek since the security was low due to the rampage of the Mecha Fire Dragon but the moment I wanted to go in, I noticed that there were too many surveillance and traps around. "It's either we have the right clearance or we go in guns blazing."

"Then how you conclude that there are other Dragon Mechanoids being built?" Jin asked.

"Oh, because of Click's accessory. The Ultrasonic Detector and her cute little saggy tail insects. I asked for a few more just in case from her but I decided to use those as my spy bots instead. Quite useful actually."

"You could have asked for actual spy fly bots... I have a few of those as well." Click mentioned and Page chuckled a little.

"Did not expect that you have one nor I expected myself to go undercover. I sent you my location so please come asap. The Combat Medic can only do that much."

"Yeah right. Says the one who could manipulate Mechanoids." Click retorted.

"I can do that but I rather manipulate the right one that can give us actual access to everything." Page said as she turned off her Sys Comms and a coordinate had been pinged on the holographic console.

"So, how are we going to do it, Commander? People would think you are dead and Daimon Military might not have figured that out yet. They may send people in. I suspect that they believed you were using that dungeon instance thing to teleport yourself out of danger. So that means, we may have ehheh 6-8 minutes before your grand reveal?" Yinn deduced.

"System, How's the situation and how's the Daimon Military holding up?" Jin queried.

"As the Manipulator had theorised, the situation out there is extremely tense. The probability of User not appearing and going in an all out war, would be tremendously high. Approximately 88%." The System stated. "The System felt it also best to let people know that you are safe but you might be the only one who could undercover the entire truth behind this Mecha Fire Dragon incident. It might be the key to push for Archduke Dyke's revolution if the connection to the Royal Family could be found."

"You are actually excited about this, aren't you?" Jin asked and the System stated a word of the simplest affirmation.

"Yes."

"At first the System thought that the Archduke Dyke was plotting a revolution mainly to get himself into power. However, as things unfold, there were a few parts of the User's journey that caused the System to be pissed off that the Royals were playing such a dirty game. Even the Royal Zodiacs would not stoop that low to have such a disgusting power play. Hence, the System is equally invested in eradicating the Empire Royals if they were indeed a part of this charade of keeping Mechanical Dragons. Besides, if the System could not damage Royal Zodiacs, the Empire Royals sounds like a good practice."

"Actually, what's the deal with these dragons? I mean if Click is a Mecha Mancer, she could if sufficient power and parts create a Mecha Dragon herself." Jin asked

"In summary? The Mecha Industry had been too diluted with Mechanoids at one point so people started creating Beast Mechanoids to compliment their firepower. However, it got so bad that those Mechanoids held too much power and the world's balance got overthrown very easily." Yinn stated.

"Those Mechanical beasts like the Gorillas you saw? They were considered borderline criminal but Hounds and Birds or anything smaller than that Gorilla is still acceptable to most people but generally, they don't really like it. So, if other countries do know that the Empire is creating Mechanical Dragons, there might be repercussions for an all out war. Not just civil war but total war." Click replied.

"So, if we find a reason for Archduke Dyke that the Empire is making Mechanical Dragons, he better act fast and destroy the Dragons as well as attack the Royals..." Jin said and the two who replied to him nodded.

"Yes. I believed they are building it here to implicate Archduke Dyke when it comes down to it. Right now, the loss of the Mecha Crystal Dragon can be considered a big 'X' on Archduke Dyke. Diamondz managed to play it off that it was one man's ambition. But one more such incident will definitely ruin his reputation and we cannot count on him." Yinn explained and they could see that this was a delicate situation that Jin had to handle properly.

So far, they were winning the sympathy count for Parry City Military being an asshole. Now they have to implicate it in some way that they were linked to the Royals or else they would be the ones hunted instead. So far, from what Jin could tell, they had been ahead of time at every step. Now, this might be the misstep they could be looking for.

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The atmosphere was tense, everyone knew that the time was ticking and there was still no sign of Jin. This temporary peace was not a solution and even the Parry City Citizens understood. It was like a time out for the Parry City people to know that their citizen was definitely going to be invaded and this particular 15 minutes of truce was just to let the reality set in before Daimon troops were to go in.

All it needed was a word from the General and the military would risk their lives avenging their Interim Leader. And that timer was soon to hit zero... until a live public broadcast came about. The looks of the Parry City people were hopeful that their leader was alive but the one who came out of that screen was General Ost.

It could possibly be one of the worst outcomes for the people of Parry City.

"Ladies and Gentlemen. It is to my regret that I have found some discerning news about Parry City. Whether their people know or not is of another issue but the fact that their military had been performing some sinister plot had been made clear to us."

"As much as everyone is tired and wants to go home, and that includes me. It's disheartening to announce that Parry City had been engaging in the production of the disaster that had ruined their city and as we speak, we found out that they had been producing not just one but several of these mechanical dragons." General Ost said as pictures started to pop out and documents with redacted names were appearing.

"It seems that the Army Commander of Parry City, General Toba had been actively siphoning money from the military budget to fuel this. But that's not all. There was an unknown sum of money going in and out of bank accounts which needs to be investigated as soon as possible. And this cannot be done unless the Banks of Parry City decide to cooperate with us."

"However, it seemed obvious that General Toba would assume leadership now that he had accused us of creating this 'disaster' and Air Force General Inus remained to be contacted, which we assume may have been imprisoned or killed due to the mutiny of General Toba." Ost said with a regrettable tone.

"Multiple attempts to communicate with them had been deemed impossible and so we have no choice but to-"

"Before we get to the word, 'invasion'. Can I have a say in this?" Another livestream came out and it was Jin who seemed to be injured and his mechanoids were still carrying him.

"Interim Leader?" General Ost's face finally showed signs of relief and every Daimon Citizen who was worried throughout that dreaded 15 minutes started to clap and cheer for their temporary lord.

"Yes, yes that's me. Do you need me to show you my ID Card in public? Oh shit, I did not bring it with me." Jin tried to touch his pockets. "Oh no... does that mean I am an illegal immigrant on foreign soil? AHHHHHHHH!"

"Stop your shouting already." Yinn smacked him on his head as he tried to relieve the people's worries. Some of them even laughed at this short comical relief that he was attempting to do.

"Anyways, sorry about that. It took me a while to regain consciousness from going through that blast. Did you guys see that? It was hella crazy that I could imagine how I could have overcome without the help of my Mechanoids. They are one bad ass customised group of bi...beauties! Courtesy of Master Mecha Smith Flammet for creating them. Ow! Why did you hit me again."

"Because you are not acting like an interim leader," Yinn said and more of the audience laughed. Even Grieves gave a short grin.

"Im destressing okay. That was one crazy blast. You have to admit that. In any case, yeah General Ost is right. Those facilities shit. It is right under your basement. One of my mechanoids was able to find it and we are going there as we speak." Jin said as he hobbled a little while streaming live.

"Oh and about that money thingy? We happened to see the bank on the way to the underground facility. There were no tellers so we helped ourselves to it. Sorry about that and it is sad to admit that It's a one man...well one faction show. They were taking money from the Royals to do this bullshit."

"CUT THE LIVESTREAM" General Toba shouted but the tactical officers were unable to do it. "HOW THE HELL DID HE KNOW?" However, what he did not expect was that Air Force General Inus was recording every single thing that was happening in the war room. It was extremely satisfying to see General Toba go bonkers.

"So, yeap. That Edmond guy? The one that I was supposed to be investigating? He was also related to the Royals and he flew off in that crystal dragon suit or whatever that is." Jin said nonchalantly but the next few lines were serious.

"And from our other investigations, it also suggests that the Royals might have instigated the monster outbreaks in Daimon. So, you know what Royals? I am going to destroy your precious dragons and if you are still pissed at me for disturbing your plans. I am going to find more of those and make sure that you drop your crown and bow to me for forgiveness. For all the souls that had sacrificed themselves because of the power play you are doing." Jin was mad saying it out loud.

"If you are not happy, come to Daimon. I am willing to entertain you. In fact, I think the entire city is willing to entertain you." Jin then shut the live broadcast.

"We did not go to the bank though," Diaz said. "Do you want me to go to the bank?"

"And what can you do? All you have in your brain are just more bullets." Click chuckled and Diaz rolled her eyes.

"Nah, it was a bluff mixed in with the truth. They probably destroyed the records at the bank to hide the stuff. But hey, let's see how they react." Jin smiled as he got out of his act and started to walk properly.

"You have too much fun." The Grey Bears said in unison.

