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Chapter 531 Experimental Dimensional Instance

There was another reason why Jin wanted Yun to be the one to enter the 'experimental instance' alongside the cultivators. It indeed would be an experiment, though not the kind his customers had expected.

Though the System might appear almighty, Jin had noticed in his fight against the Ruby Rats that its powers did have certain limitations. For example, it could create a sheer limitless number of clones for regular minions (it wasn't entirely free, they cost souls), but the System could only exercise such powers inside of dimensional instances and the areas it owned.

For this reason, during the cultivators' participation in the Goblin World, the monsters that had accompanied them had all been the originals. Given the sheer number of customers, even his bellators had to help out acting as guides once in a while, or the monsters cut short their interactions. After Jin had calibrated the actual Goblin Raid dimensional instances, this was no longer an issue.

While they temporarily occupied some areas in the Farming World, they were not really under their control. It meant that the System could not send its clones there unless they turned it into a dimensional instance or something similar to it.

That's where Yun came into play.

Jin's 'mother' was not just part of the System like the bellators but an embodiment of the System's Powers. Yun was therefore used as a proxy to create an impromptu dimensional instance that should allow the Pandawans to test out their Squad features. After all, dimensional instances could be conjured by a legendary grade cultivator, but the art was ancient, which no modern cultivators would be able to perform without the aid of technology.

Yet, what was ancient and had the likes of highly advanced technology in its possession?

Mmmhmm! Yun with the System in her! Still, there were limits creating a dimensional instance since everyone was pegged to Jin's grade. So, the store assistant explicitly told the Pandawans that the squads could only go so far ahead.

After a certain distance, the Pandamonium App would beep loudly, indicating that they had reached the boundary of the impromptu dimensional instance which could also be seen through the fuzziness of the surrounding.

"If you leave the set perimeter your squad may disappear or stay behind within the barrier that I cast! You will still be able to kill things outside of my barrier, but you will have to do so without your squad's help!" Yun warned them, and they acknowledged it within the C130 plane which seemed like the standard mission briefing area for the Pandawans who attended previous raids.

Shi Zuo couldn't help but ask Yun why the squad needed to stay within the barrier and could not follow them throughout the whole raid instance.

"Because that barrier is the server's current limitation of creating something similar to a fused dimensional instance in order for the NPCs to work. That's what I got from the tech guys. I do not know

much beyond that." Yun feigned ignorance and Shi Zuo, who wasn't that well versed with dimensional instances nor the corresponding technology, accepted that answer and prepared to take off the plane at Yun's discretion.

As experimental as this instance could get, Yun had also asked them to insert and keep the previously used USB drive on their phones. Unbeknownst to them, that particular USB drive's actual purpose was to serve as an amplifier of the temporary dimensional instance which Yun was enabling.

The USB drive would extend the field of the dimensional instance. Wherever the cultivators went, the squads should technically still be functional as long the USB drives remained on their phones within a ten kilometres proximity of Yun.

All this information would be gathered for Ayse and her humanoid researchers to work on a more potent and robust solution. The USB Drive Amplifier had already been one of their accomplishments through the addition of Lost Tech. Fused along with the System's modification to suit Earth's generational phones, that USB Drive could be considered the first step in creating a portable Dimensional Instance Generator.

If successful, the System could manipulate its powers within the pocket dimensional instances and not be effectively useless when Jin was out of his store. Not to mention, it would also provide Jin with the perfect excuse for his monsters to appear in the cultivators real life. (Even though some of the monsters like Ayse were already meddling on Earth with the use of cosmetic inscription.)

In the meantime, the cultivators could see their assigned squad mates opposite them, equipped with the gears their team leaders had bought for them from the Weapons and Armour Store instance.

Yang Ling wondered if they had been all in a rush to buy the clothes or whether they all thought that it was indeed the best protective clothing for the squads (there had been other models with the same defence rating).

Almost every one of them, including her, had chosen to go with the military outfit. The only difference was the varying colour between the squads.

... 'Almost' because Ruo Ying had gone for something entirely different. Unlike the rest of them, she had picked out 3 sets of Grade 1 Knight's plate armour which nobody in their right mind would wear outside a renaissance fair or perhaps on Halloween. (Maybe with the upcoming squad feature, it could be a hit!)

There were perks in wearing that old fashion plate armour and it was mainly their ridiculously high defensive stats and the number of inscription slots it featured, though the tradeoff was a reduction in mobility and stealth became a non option. (But who needs secrecy right now? Its all about mass annihilation!)

Comparatively, the standard military outfit's stats were all above average, and it included a built in offensive stat boost due to a which many other clothes did not offer at Grade 1.

Still, it was Ruo Ying's choice, and the cultivators checked their gear once more before Yun gave the signal to move out. From the bird's eye view, the Pandawans noticed blobs of rats moving in unison towards the towns as mentioned by Jin.

Only Luo Bo, whose cultivation style included enhanced vision, was able to make out exactly what was going on beneath them. She managed to catch on some action of the Demon Rats fighting against a group of knights with a... tank aiding their advance. She did not hesitate to ask Yun about that anomaly.

"Oh, that? They are our allies. Do whatever you wish with the information. Now, go go go!" Yun ordered them to jump down with their parachutes pack on. Shi Zuo was initially concerned as there was no safety landing platform for them this time around, but before he could complain, Luo Bo already pulled him along and jumped out from the tail of the C130 plane.

The rest of their squad followed behind them systematically, and Yun grinned at Shi Zuo's terrified face. "Oh, don't worry. The helmet will give you cues on when to open your chute." She said to Yang Ling as the other two had eagerly jumped off for their special challenge to kill the most number of demon rats.

Chapter 532 Demon Exorcist Graduation Ceremony

"System, have they left the conference room already?" Jin had prepared his documents in the Dungeon Maker before he met up with Grandma Yuan and the other high ranking members from the Joint Organisations of Demon Exorcists (JODE).

"Yes, it has been cleared and cleaned. User can proceed to host his guests in the room." The System answered Jin. The dungeon supplier had teleported near the group's location in the shop instance and stood almost as stiff as a rock when Grandma Yuan brought the large entourage towards him.

He opened up a portal and asked them to enter. Starting with the seemingly most important member, one after the other went inside the conference room instance with the Demon Exorcist trainees tagging behind the adults.

"Ah Jin, Yang Ling isn't with you anymore?" Yuan Ba asked with a hint of worry. They would be the last two to enter the conference room. The Tiger Lord himself was not an active member of JODE, but as the clan leader of the Royal Zodiac Tiger Clan, he had been a long time benefactor and had been invited to join the ceremony.

"She wished to participate in a special dungeon instance alongside some of my regulars. I sent Yun to take care of her since I needed to be here for this meeting." Jin replied courteously.

"Hmm, that does sound like her. It should be a good chance to test out her customised attachments for the Gearbox." Yuan Ba said to himself as his eyes were averted away, thinking of something else.

"You know about the customised attachments on her Gearbox?" Jin questioned Yuan Ba, and he nodded his head vigorously.

"In fact, I was the one to recommend them. Before your generous gift allowing my daughter to somewhat recover, she was unable to gain much military experience. So for the first time (maybe) ever, Yang Ling has consulted with me on what kind of unique accessories might compliment her in a fight."

"I see... it's great that I could help you guys have some father and daughter bonding despite all your busy schedule." Jin spoke with delight, and Yuan Ba chuckled.

"I dare say surviving that assassination attempt has turned out to be a blessing in disguise. It allowed me to spend some quality time with my family during my recovery period. But enough about me, you have guests to entertain, and I shan't be keeping you from them any longer." Yuan Ba then pointed at the conference instance entrance indicating Jin to go ahead.

The System had not just cleaned up, but also taken the liberty to fill the conference table with nameplates for the various JODE leaders, making it easy for them to find their own seats. Along with Yuan Ba who was an impromptu guest for the conference meeting too, he was able to find his place quickly before Jin went to the middle of the conference table and shook hands with the Chancellor of JODE.

"Ma Ge. It's a pleasure to meet you in person." The Chancellor of JODE introduced himself to Jin who returned the greetings. "I heard many things about you and to experience your...product for myself, reinforces Grand Elder Yuan's praises for you."

Jin took a quick glance at Grandma Yuan, yet her face was as haughty as ever before he graciously thanked Ma Ge for the compliments. In the meantime, he was briefed by the System that Ma Ge was also the Vice Head of the Royal Zodiac Horse Clan.

As the currently most influential Zodiac Clan, he was advised to do his utmost to get on their good side. Though perhaps more importantly to the System, it was because of their vastly accumulated fortunes which would dwarf any other Zodiac Clan's in comparison.

The Horses had a generous share of each pie where money meant to be made, with the majority concentrated on global economics. Hence, the Royal Zodiac Horse Clan dipped their hands into the Demon Exorcists business to show that they were not plain influential in terms of fortune but also in combat might.

"I hope you don't mind if we start with the official passing out ceremony for our Demon Exorcist Trainees." Ma Ge suggested with his tone clearly being one of someone who would not accept no for an answer. This request shocked Jin for a moment, especially with the Chancellor himself being the one to propose it.

The Dungeon Supplier initially planned to carry the passing out ceremony after the meeting with JODE's leaders. Could it be that the trainees weren't just annoyances which Grandma Yuan had pushed on to him and were actually more important than he had believed? After a moment, Jin gathered himself and agreed to the request.

Grandma Yuan stood up, assisted by her attendant Claire, went to the centre of the stage and announced the passing out ceremony for the Demon Exorcist Trainees. With a short formal announcement, she quickly came to the main point: "...Just as we ourselves have once been greenhorns, we are aware of the burdens placed on to our trainees and appreciate all the efforts they undertake to better themselves."

"Among the four trainees here today, there has been one that stood out among her peers during an impromptu examination conducted by Claire and me. Demon Exorcist Trainee Su Zhen has clearly demonstrated an outstanding performance showcasing her intellect and her adaptability given the

unique situation." Grandma Yuan announced, and Su Zhen got surprised that she was the one selected to be the first among their group to graduate into an official Demon Exorcist.

She quickly went to the middle of the conference room instance and shook hands with Ma Ge as he presented the trainee with her activated Demon Exorcist Snake Emblem. Su Zhen had never felt as honoured as before, able to receive her Demon Exorcist's Emblem from the Chancellor himself and visibly fought with tears of joy.

She bowed a few times to portray her deepest gratitude before walking back to her seat where some adults congratulated her (one even hugged her from behind and whispered something to her, making her grateful). Her friends envied her a little for passing that impromptu examination; nevertheless, they sincerely congratulated her for a job well done.

"However, that does not mean that the other examinees were not competent. After a detailed review, each one of them has made a tremendous effort fighting against a powerful foe which I gauge that it would be a difficulty even for their team leader Claire by herself. Perhaps even I might have had some trouble." Grandma Yuan jest and the crowd laughed a little.

"Therefore, with the blessing of the Chancellor, I will be presenting Rong, Lian, and Lein with their very own temporary Demon Exorcist's Emblem enabling them to take part in official Demon Exorcist missions to gain more experience and the recognition of their fellow Demon Exorcists to eventually rank up into a full fledged Demon Exorcist." Grandma Yuan finished resulting in a big round of applause. Only her students were too astonished to come to terms that their instructor was gracious for once.

All of them clearly did not expect this particular passing ceremony as they were only instructed to report to work for the opening of Jin's new Tree Mall. They thought that they were simply shadowing some of their parents who were JODE leaders who happened to come to this conference. (After all, Grandma Yuan asked them to join in the meeting as they were about to start working in Jin's stores.)

"What are you waiting for? Hurry! Don't keep the Chancellor and Teacher Yuan waiting!" Su Zhen asked, pushing them forward on stage before their instructor decided to change her mind. As clumsy as the three could be, they quickly adjusted their attire and briskly walked to the centre of the conference room to receive the emblems.

These temporary emblems were dull in colour and were considered probationary in nature, awarded only to those Demon Exorcists who barely met the criteria during the strict examination process. However, it was a tradition that was long erased, only to be brought back by Grandma Yuan as her standards for a Demon Exorcist were rather stringent.

These probationary Demon Exorcists were required to complete ten official missions in two months with the aid of an official Demon Exorcist instructor. Be it Claire, or Grandma Yuan, only when their instructors deemed them capable for independent solo missions would they be issued with the fully coloured badge of their clans.

"It's good to see a fellow Horse Clan Member on board. Work hard, this is not the end. I was once a temporary Emblem holder too and look at me now. Sometimes, a slight setback is exactly what we need to spur us Horses further." Ma Ge encouraged Lein as he was the first to receive his temporary Horse emblem.

The Qilin Demon Cultivator had suppressed his feelings of regrets about being unable to receive a full official emblem, but he promised Ma Ge that he would do his best to meet his expectations.

Next was Rong. The Chancellor congratulated him as a probationary Demon Exorcist without any further delay. Last was Lian, but unlike the boys, Ma Ge seemed to hold her there for a moment longer, just enough time to send something via close range transmission, before he officially congratulated her for graduating.

Jin did not think much of the situation, but other JODE members seem to have their own theories of what Ma Ge may have told the young girl.

Now that the ceremony was over, it was time, to begin with the official business.

Chapter 533 JODE Meeting

The chancellor allowed the newly officiated Demon Exorcists to stay and listen to the meeting. It was no secret that Grandma Yuan had previously assigned them to remain under Jin's care for the foreseeable future.

The panda cultivator stepped to the front, powering up his presentation slides with the aid of his System and passed down documents that were related to the building of the new Main Branch of Shenzhen. He waited two minutes, allowing them to take a quick look into the document before starting.

"I do not know what kind of requirements you are looking at, but I can at least ensure the basic necessities for a group of Demon Exorcist to be stationed. If you turn to Page..." Jin went on to showcase that his Dungeon Supplier already offered Food, Weapons, Armour, Inscriptions, not to mention various sorts of entertainment to relax as well.

"All I need is a description of what you ladies and gentlemen wish to see in a branch location," Jin said, and the other leaders were whispering to themselves. One of them raised their hands and asked if the weapons and armour that he sold were limited to Grade 5.

"No, in fact, I am planning to release more powerful equipment in the future. I work together with a contracted dedicated blacksmith that has no problem creating them upwards to Grade 15. However, he demands materials and payment upfront."

"With my current resources, I have been able to supply him the materials for Grade 5 and below with ease. Especially when the average grade of my customer base is around Grade 2 to 3, I have yet to the need to upgrade even higher."

"However, that does not mean the higher grade cultivators do not any choices. While limited, I do have a few...you can say higher tier weapons available for them to choose from a VIP room in the Weapons instance." Jin answered, and the others continued to whisper amongst themselves.

"I have heard that your dungeon experience is quite unique and very lifelike. You've been praised by my kid to high heaven. I can't help but wonder, if we were to provide you with the comprehensive data of various Demons, do you think you would manage to recreate those demons too?" A middle aged

woman with the beauty to charm almost every father in the room posed this question to the dungeon supplier.

"Your kid?" Jin accidentally blurted out and immediately apologised.

"Ah, where are my manners? I'm Su Zhen's mother, Lee Na from the Royal Zodiac Snake Clan. I've also heard wonderful things from another clan mate of ours. For you to gain his positive favour, I have no trouble believing that you tried your utmost to please one of the greatest Snake Generals in the military." Lee Na shared, and the rest began to discuss among each other again.

"Hou Fei gave positive reviews about this place?" A JODE senior member asked, and Lee Na nodded even going one step beyond by revealing that Hou Fei had agreed to arrange a training exercise for his troops in this dungeon supplier in the near future.

At this point, the Tiger Lord added that it would be in fact a joint exercise, which included police members as well. While it still in the discussion phase, Yuan Ba had personally pledged his support for the police to join the training exercise. It made the few sceptical JODE senior members start regarding Jin in a brand new light especially with the Royal Zodiac Tiger's Head assurance and testimonial.

"Just how much influence does Hou Fei hold exactly..." Jin thought to himself but replied Yes to Lee Na's question almost immediately as soon as Ma Ge told everyone to calm down.

"I do not doubt your capabilities, but I believe a little demonstration would help all of us assess your abilities. I happen to have extensive data on the Great White Snake Demon right here with me. Will you be able to replicate it within this conference room instance? I assume none of the leaders has any objections to wait for a little while?" Lee Na looked around, and not one of them disapproved of this idea.

It was clear to him that it was meant as an impromptu test for him as a newly promoted Demon Exorcist cum dungeon supplier. She passed the USB data drive to Jin, which he plugged into his phone.

"How does it look, System?" Jin kept quiet in front of the group while he spoke to the System via his thoughts.

"Very much in User's Favour. The data corresponds to Ke Mi's Great White Snake to nearly 100% in terms of appearance. However, the abilities of the Zither Mistress' snake are vastly different from the Great White Snake Demon seen on Earth." The System noted.

"Is it possible to mimic those abilities with upgrade cards?" Jin pretended to fiddle on his phone for a short while.

"Possible. However, within such a short amount of time at most, you could replicate intermediate and advanced abilities." The System answered, and Jin nodded his head and told the System, he would take over.

"Erm...I know it is stupid to ask but don't you need to go to some server to recreate your monster?" Lee Na asked, and Jin smiled back at her. She could not understand what was going through his mind until they all sensed another new and yet distinct aura in the room.

The atmosphere in the room felt heavy as it nearly made everyone move instinctively to reach out for their weapons in their storage ring. It was later then the seniors realised that it could possibly be the results from the test that was given to Jin.

Looking to their right, they saw glimpses of a big white snake body slithering towards them before disappearing into thin air again. Ma Ge noticed and portrayed a broad smile towards Jin. "You were actually able to create one this quickly? Even our Royal Dungeon Suppliers would need around 30 minutes after having studied it extensively beforehand. How did you manage to do that?"

"Trade Secret." Jin's smirk widened as they saw the snake emerge from emptiness once more. Its head hovered right above Jin's shoulder, sticking its tongue out while scanning the room as if it was treating everyone in the room as a threat. The dungeon supplier subsequently gave it a little pat before the Great White Snake withdrew itself, and the camouflage made it vanish from the premise of the conference room instance.

Everyone was astonished at how authentic the aura felt for a Dungeon supplier's creation. Even Lee Na, who was a cultivator of the Great White Snake Demon herself approved of the appearance as well as its presence.

"Well not to belittle my competition, but that was not the final version yet. Within such short notice, I was merely able to recreate the snake's appearance according to your data. But for its more advanced abilities, I am afraid I also need time to reconfigure the settings." Jin admitted, and Lee Na had all her doubts cleared.

"I temporarily approve of Demon Exorcist Jin as the acting manager for Shenzhen's Main Branch. While an extensive review of his dungeon facilities will still be conducted by our members in the future, the documents can serve as sufficient supporting documents for now to proceed to the next phase without much delay." Lee Na sent her verdict and only then did Jin realise that she was the Chief Operating Officer (COO) for JODE.

"That's great. Now we can officially begin business with Boss Jin...no I suppose it should be Branch Manager Jin now." Ma Ge corrected himself as he looked towards Grandma Yuan for a moment as if it was her turn to speak.

"Jin. We wish for you to not only create an instance to serve as our base of operations but for you to also continue my legacy by maintaining the Demon Exorcist's training centre as well." Grandma Yuan said and asked Clarie to come over to bring out the documents over to Jin's seat.

"These are the bare requirements for the main branch as well as the training centre. You won't need to worry about Manpower. We will send you the necessary people to handle the day to day operations. We do, however, expect you to create a facility instance worthy of the main branch." She said as if it was a hefty duty to take on.

She leaned forward a bit and sent a close range transmission:

"Now brat, do you think you are up for this challenge?"

Chapter 534 JODE Training Centre Proposal

"Wait a minute. Training centre...does that mean that you plan on having them to stay in here as well?" Jin asked, and Grandma Yuan nodded her head.

"I assume it shouldn't be too much of a problem. You already have beds in your luxury recovery instance, heck even I felt that they were more comfortable than the bed I'm sleeping in."

"Oh, I assure you that the beds are definitely better than the bed you are sleeping I- ow!" Jin quickly found the Grandma Yuan's stick meeting his forehead for being disrespectful while the other JODE leaders laughed at this exchange.

"One thing is for sure; you gained the approval of Grand Elder Yuan." Ma Ge, the Chancellor of JODE chuckled as Grandma Yuan gave yet another haughty look at Jin.

"You exceeded all our expectations in the test just now, and we believe you are the perfect person to construct the training centre we have envisioned. The quality of our Demon Exorcists is, unfortunately, deteriorating at a breakneck pace." Lee Na sighed.

"Recently, too many are joining us only to make use of our name, our reputation. It's not for the sake of protecting the world from the existence of demons or monsters." She also told Jin that JODE was willing to provide Jin with a handful of Demon Data, hoping for results for the new training centre. If it worked well, they would proceed to pass the entire database of what they knew to Jin to recreate the Demons.

"I really hope that the demons that you create will prove a significant challenge for the upcoming Demon Exorcist trainees. I would love to task you to create harder demons to allow our veterans to train against them too." Lee Na added, and the other JODE leaders wanted to chime in their opinions too. However, Jin raised his hand and asked if he could have a few questions answered.

"Go on, we are listening." Ma Ge was happy to take in the questions.

"Firstly, do you happen to have any data on the Four legendary Cardinal Demons. Like the White Tiger of the West?" Jin asked shocking the JODE leaders since he brought up a topic which would have been classified as 'Top Secret'. Grandma Yuan sighed internally as she heard that question and decided to see how the Chancellor of JODE responded to it.

"Erm, why did you suddenly ask about that?" Ma Ge was equally curious why this dungeon supplier had this specific question on his mind.

"Hahaha, please don't be so tensed up! It seems I've asked something which I shouldn't have. Before I had become involved in this whole Demon Exorcist thing, I've planned to feature a special raid instance with the Cardinal Demons as Final Bosses for my store. I figured since they were so widely known it would have been a real treat for my customers trying to fight them. So with you having all the data, I thought it wouldn't hurt to ask so that it could be more realistic." Jin improvised and quickly made a comeback.

"Ah! I see." Ma Ge, who had been all serious a moment ago, lightened his expression and shook his head. "They ... our forefathers kept the books in a secret place, and we have no idea about the location."

"They ended up guarding their secret a little bit too well, probably since the elders believed they had subdued all of them completely and confirmed that they would never exist in this Earth ever again. Therefore we cannot help you in that aspect." Ma Ge said, but Pei who had been summoned back for this business could sense that he was masking a few truths from Jin. Why else had the Chancellor chosen to erect mental barriers so suddenly when he talked about that particular question.

"Still, that does not mean that there are no lesser versions, so called variants of those legendary demons and I believe we do have some data for you to peruse. However, I firmly insist that you keep the Demon Exorcist data within JODE."

"Nevertheless, we can permit certain demons for your customers, but please send in a request form to our COO, Lee Na, first." Ma Ge compromised, and the COO nodded her head. They knew it had to be a give and take kind of situation as Jin was, after all primarily a dungeon supplier.

He would no doubt like as much monster data to create his own monsters for his dungeons too. Even though he would be paid for each Demon Exorcist who used his dungeons, it was a given that their number was unable to compete with the sheer mass of customers he could host on his own.

"Ah! Then I presume, I am allowed to use my own versions of the Four Cardinal Demons as part of my dungeon series, yes?" Jin asked for confirmation, and COO Lee Na pleasantly nodded her head to his request.

"Okay, next question. Will I have to provide the instructors along with the dungeons or do you send out your own instructors or specialists from JODE to conduct in the training centre? Also, am I allowed to change the curriculum or programme set by JODE in any way?"

"No, you can't." Grandma Yuan interjected at that point. "The main training centre will still be the one in Shanghai. Yours will be considered as part of advanced training. The trainees that come here will be accompanied by officers who will use your dungeon instances as simulations for the fights."

"Basically, it will be the same as the test you had conducted for the four of them. You just have to ensure that the fights are as real as it can get. The data will include some video footage, so I trust it won't be too much of a problem. I will personally be checking up on your progress for the next few months to ensure the quality of those demons in your dungeon instance."

"Not only that, a few specialists will join you too. Whether they will be a permanent addition or just temporary depends on the success of the new training centre. Huang Xiang, our Trap Formation and Talisman Specialist will be aiding your training centre as soon as it is constructed." Ma Ge added on to the current conversation.

"I roughly know of trap formations...they are the ones that create those wide area traps creating an illusion, similar to a sub dimension instance to trap the Demons. But Talisman Specialists, what do they exactly do? If it makes any difference, I happen to employ an expert myself who specialises in inscription charms." Jin revealed, and Ma Ge chuckled as he momentarily eyed Grandma Yuan.

"Considering you joined through the recommendation of Grand Elder Yuan and haven't gone through the official course, it is not too surprising that you do not know much about a Talisman Specialist." Ma Ge replied, and Huang Xiang who was in the panel of JODE leaders stood up explaining his profession.

"As a Talisman specialist, I carve and infuse energy into accessories that are capable of warding off the evil that demons exude. Not only that, but I can also include special properties that can act as something similar to a magic scroll." Huang Xiang explained.

"Say you wish to cast a fireball as a non-mage, you normally need to read out the magic scroll or at least speak the chants from memory with the scroll on hand to activate it. But with the talisman, you can skip that time consuming step while being able to shoot a fireball nevertheless."

"Soooo am I correct in assuming that there is a fixed amount of times the fireball can shoot out?" Jin asked since he knew there would not be an all power accessory available to all demon exorcists regardless of their ranks. He believed his higher level inscriptions would be able to achieve the same or at least a very similar effect to this and the talisman operated identically.

"Yes, but unlike inscriptions, the talisman does not require additional chi to activate it. A voice command is really all you need." Huang Xiang then picked up a talisman that he had kept in his storage ring and demonstrated it to everyone.

"Tali, Float." Huang Xiang ordered his pentagon looking talisman, and immediately it let out a cyan glow. Bouts of wind gradually surrounded him, and slowly everyone watched he got off the ground without the use of any chi.

"This also gives us the preemptive opportunity to jump on demons since most of them can sense our chi. Most accomplished Demon Exorcists have their own customised talisman, and they can imbue one or more spells depending on their Exorcist rank." Huang Xiang said indicating that it was kind of like a perk for higher ranking Demon Exorcists.

"I see..." Jin nodded his head, and Ma Ge felt that the objectives of the meetings were more or less achieved. He then told Jin to look through the finer details of the JODE's main branch operations centre as well as the training centre.

"If you have any questions or after you have agreed to the requirements, you can liaise with Claire as she knows how to deal with our administrative work." Ma Ge suggested as he concluded the meeting. The rest of the JODE leaders thanked the Chancellor and began to leave the conference room instance.

Some had even decided to experience the dungeons themselves after seeing the Great White Snake Demon especially when it got their heart racing for a moment. (Ma Ge was inherently interested in Jin's dungeon too. Unfortunately, he had so much on his plate that he was unable to enjoy a simple 15 minute dungeon.)

"Oh and after viewing the Tree Mall, we believe you have earned a sign of goodwill for the unfortunate Ruby Rat incident that has happened to you. It may be a bit late, but I figure it should still help you in some way or another." Ma Ge paused in his tracks as he reminded Lee Na. The COO appreciated the reminder and went forward to Jin as she took out and present a cheque signed by them for 100,000 Yuan.

Jin was startled by the large amount but Lee Na assured him that he was already a Demon Exorcist when the Ruby Rat incident. So, it was only natural JODE should help a fellow...prospective manager in need. (Su Zhen later revealed that her mother was very relieved that Jin had left them out of harm's way while dealing with the top brass of the Ruby Rats)

Jin thanked both of them and showed them the way out. On the other hand, Tiger Head Yuan Ba and Grandma Yuan stayed behind for a bit of chat alongside the recently graduated Demon Exorcists, all hoping to have a conversation with Jin.

Chapter 535 Yuan Ba's Reques

"While I have only been to your testing grounds, to see that Great White Snake Demon in action, just proves to me that you really are one heck of a Dungeon Supplier." Jin could feel that Yuan Ba had more to say to him rather than just praising.

"So... Apparently, I heard some chattering from the ground that the exercise was not conventional as I thought it would be." Yuan Ba asked politely, and Jin nodded his head.

"Yes, I was hoping to discuss with Yang Ling whether if you are able to spare more than just police for the training as well. But considering how I saw the police acted during the Ruby Rats Incident, I do not really have much faith to other stations than people posted to Tian Gong Police Station." Jin said, and Yuan Ba bitterly laughed.

"That... was partially under my orders. The police as a whole are considered to be affiliated with the Royal Zodiac Tigers even though it could be said that the majority was managed by the other clans or the common folks themselves."

"When I heard that the Triad bosses personally entered the fray to fight against you, my only concern was to reduce casualties in the vicinity. Especially since I'm aware that most of them do not have the cultivation grade to stand toe to toe against the Triads themselves." Yuan Ba explained, and while he seemed slightly apologetic towards Jin. The Tiger Head did not mince his word a single bit and stood by them.

"There's a SWAT team in Tiangong Police Station, yet they alone couldn't have handled such a size. It would have required Central to dispatch more SWAT teams or other police stations to reinforce the perimeters. However, given their inability to do so, they took my orders literally and stood down. It can only be described as a disgrace to my police's reputation." Yuan Ba felt something must be done to change the attitudes of his police force.

"Hence, I am sending every abled police officers, including the higher ranks to participate in this joint military and police training exercise as soon as you manage to create one. I will make sure the logistics are settled on our side as I can send my military people to temporarily hold the fort for a day."

"...Wait. So, you want me to perform a mass training exercise not just for Tiangong Police Department but for the entire police force of Shenzhen?" Jin exclaimed, and Yuan Ba nodded his head.

"Yes, if possible, I would like some of my military units to enter the exercise as well, especially when I heard that you are preparing them for monster horde attacks." He then leaned forward to Jin's face and whispered to him.

"What I am going to tell you is considered highly confidential. Recently, the Border Guard reports are not favourable at all. My analysts predict that there will be another major, devastating monster horde attack within a year or two unless something unforeseen happens." After which, Yuan Ba stepped back and smiled at him. Only Jin was feeling uncomfortable upon hearing the news.

"...Optimistically or worst case scenario?" Jin asked, and Yuan Ba sighed.

"That's the optimistic scenario. The forest bordering Shenzhen between Dong Guan and Hui Zhou is not much of a concern. We are more afraid of coastal attack. However, I do not have much more information other than the daily intelligence snippets from the military. We do not control the navy, the Royal Zodiac Sheep Clan does." Yuan Ba replied.

"So, in a way, what you want is for me to simulate the monsters who could arrive through the naval defences?" Jin asked, and he nodded his head.

"Something like that. But it would also be great if we could train for multiple potentialities. Perhaps they could remain undetected until they surface to the coast, who knows? We are so out of touch from monsters that we do not know if they mutated."

"Maybe worse if they swam from Zhongshan and hit the West Coast which includes Shenzhen's international airport. It would equally be a nightmare if it attacks Hong Kong, and we have to settle both refugees and the defence of the city." Yuan Ba stated all the possible scenarios out he could think of at the moment.

"I might not be able to do a replication of such realistic situations, but I've thought of some ways to surprise the military and police if the instance ever happens," Jin said. He was still thinking of his plan for raining Demon Rats upon them. That would definitely be harder to deal with than a coastal assault by monsters.

"I am assuming you are in the process of making something?" Yuan Ba asked, but it felt more like an indirect order.

"I am working out the theoretical part to accommodate that many people in a fighting instance. The biggest fighting instance as far as I am aware had about 200 cultivators with 1000 monsters, and it was a horror maintaining it from what I know." Jin explained.

"What you two have asked of me requires me to break a new record. Still, I believe it should be doable. Once the math checks out, you will be the first to know." Jin tried indirectly to ask for more time by giving reasonable excuses. However, the Tiger Lord was apparently keen on getting a concrete date.

"Very well, shall we do it before Chinese New Year?" Yuan Ba questioned Jin further, and he could sense that the Zodiac Tiger Head was withholding some information from the dungeon supplier due to the pressing timeline.

"Aren't the weeks towards Chinese New Year also the period that police needs to be on high alert?"

"So, you are saying that you could do in January instead of Feb?" Yuan Ba seemed even more delighted, and Jin started to feel the strain on his resources if he started even earlier.

"No, I was actually suggesting after Chinese New Year Holidays."

"That would be a problem... after the Chinese New Year Holidays there are multiple international conferences that the police needs to participate in." Yuan Ba's excuse wasn't really great, but Jin was in no position to call him out on it. From what he knew about the other party, there had to be a good reason for this rush.

"Hmm okay. How about the second week of February? Chinese New Year happens to be on the fourth week of February in next year's calendar." Jin tried going for a compromise to get the latest possible date. He knew the third week was where the security was doubled almost everywhere due to the preparation for the celebration, and it was impossible for the police to relieve their duties by the military.

"I would personally be grateful to you if it could be arranged for the first week of February." Yuan Ba placed his arms on Jin's shoulder and tapped it 'gently' enough to remind him of his promise.

"Don't worry, I will send some...support along the way in the next few days. Call it some motivation to get it down as soon as possible." Yuan Ba let go of him after patting him on the back. He bowed once at Grandma Yuan, who was talking to her students.

"I will inform Hou Fei too then," Jin said, and Yuan Ba smiled as he walked out of the conference room instance.

"Oh, and eh tell Yang Ling not to come back home too late." With his back facing Jin, the dungeon supplier somewhat understood what he meant and acknowledged it with a defeated sigh.

Chapter 536 Too Many Things, Too Little Time

"User, System has to remind you that a Mega Instance or Multiple Cross Instances are not possible, especially after the implementation of the Tree Mall without the Brain of a Living Mechanical Titan. You will have to travel to the Mecha World for that particular task." The System stated even though Jin remembered.

"Didn't you see that I was trying to push the deadline so we could have more time on our side to deal with the Farming World and Mecha World? Not to mention, you told me that this hamster prince requires help in the Giant World as well. Oh and that's not even mentioning King Baal in the Dungeon World who could visit us next month..."

"Liberating the Farming World should open up potential farming fields to you that will be useful in the future. Agricultural Sector 1 and 2 can only accommodate that many fields for User to utilise." The System began listing the options.

"Sigh that would be great, but we cannot fully liberate it until we can gather all the rats. And as luck would have it, that is also why we need the Mega Instance for the military exercise so that the military and police can clear it up for us." Jin added in as he pretended to look through the documents for a while and asked Grandma Yuan to give him a bit of time since he needed to move all the important documents to his office. (or the Dungeon Maker to be precise.)

"Correct. In order to achieve that goal, User has to travel to the Mecha World. It appears that there are already skirmishes between the two factions. The United Federation and Xeon Union." The System informed Jin who was already in the Dungeon Maker.

The dungeon supplier quickly opened up the System's Database (Even though it was still limited viewing for Jin) and did a quick check on the United Federation and Xeon Union respectively.

"The United Federation is the one that has the Living Mechanical Titan, right?" Jin asked as he saw the Mecha World news of the skirmishes. If one were to compare Mecha Animes and robots of the Mecha World, Jin could only say that they were similar to the start of the original series of Gunndam. Whether there were Mewtypes or the likes of it was another matter. (Mewtypes in the Gunndam series were portrayed as psychics.)

"Now wouldn't it be such a coincidence for the author of these to originate from the Mecha World and by some freak teleportation incident, he got sent to Earth. Having no way to go back to the Mecha World, he started drawing about them." Jin theorised wildly as he saw some striking similarities to the Gunndam and the Mechas used in the Mecha World.

"That possibility may not be as likely as User believes. However, please note that said story writer does not originate from China, but Japan." The System corrected him, willing to play along with Jin's outlandish theory.

"I ...could help you track him down." Zeru came out of nowhere and volunteered to help out. He was startled for a moment, and Zeru continued.

"...My wife was from there. It would give me some time to visit her grave before the new year. At the same time, I can investigate your hunch." Zeru humbly requested, and Jin saw a twinkle of sadness in the eyes of his Sword Saint.

"Do you need a teleportation from the System? Things might have changed after a few...erm decades." Jin did not question his Bellator any further and immediately gave him permission to visit his wife's grave.

Zeru greatly appreciated the gesture.

Even if it were not for the coincidental comment he made, Jin would still have given his Bellator the opportunity to do something he wanted.

Nevertheless, the Dungeon Supplier was entirely sure it had to be a mere coincidence like how the Deep Ones had been portrayed by Lovecraft. Peppers had mentioned before that when humans dream, they might inadvertently connect to their 'other selves' in worlds different from the one they were living in.

While it initially seemed farfetched to Jin, especially when he was brought up to lean towards the ideologies of science and technology, Peppers explained that the universe was ultimately governed by the concepts of Chi and Mana instead of the Big Bang theory. (She added that the concepts Earth developed for Mana and Chi were still primitive in nature compared to other Worlds and it would take decades and maybe centuries to be able to properly grasp it.)

In his bellator's theory (In a simplified manner), whatever Mana was used, would return to a universal pool of Mana and that Mana would eventually be distributed to other beings. Be it the same world, or

other worlds, the distributed Mana could have a residual effect that allowed beings to have a glimpse of the 'other' worlds.

Jin did not want to believe it, but with his own exposure to the System and his experience in other worlds, that particular explanation was theoretically sound. Only strengthened when he factored in the God's and Demon Plane's Existence where the plane of Demons was spread across the various multitudes of the different Worlds it could appear.

"System will deduct System points accordingly and provide Bellator Zeru sufficient information on the story writer. Make sure not to reveal User's identity nor the System's." The System instructed Zeru, who was immediately given a change of clothes as well as a fake identity card along with it.

There was some money for transportation as well, and the System told Zeru to call upon Kraft when he found the target. Other than that, it should be a quick reconnaissance to check if he was a Dreamer or truly a person that transmigrated to Earth by accident.

"If you need anything, give me a holler. I will be right at your side." Zeru thanked Jin sincerely for the chance to visit his beloved grave as he was teleported by the System. The System transposition his memory into coordinates so as to ensure he was teleported safely (and out of people's view.)

"We will keep this Mecha World in view. But I am also concerned that we have a fighting chance. The Dungeon City Fortress are still producing experimental designs, and we do not have sufficient natural resources to work on them AND the city." The dungeon supplier briefly looked through the construction process for the Dungeon City Fortress.

"As for the Farming World, we might not be able to kill all the rats, but we should be able to disrupt them enough to force more rats to appear or at least push them to reveal some of their hidden trump cards they were hiding," Jin said, and the System acknowledged his opinions.

"Alternatively, User could aid the Hamster Prince. It might potentially result in more minions for the fight in the Farming World or Mecha World." The System pointed out.

"He is not asking me to conquer his world, right?" Jin joked again, and this time Qiu Yue was conveniently summoned by the System to the Dungeon Maker.

"Nope, all we need is to lead a strike force against a disgruntled clan, while simultaneously perform a rescue operation to get all the other villages under Hamster Prince's banner into the System." Qiu Yue answered when she realised what they were discussing.

And the Red Panda Cultivator sounded as if she already had a plan in mind.

Chapter 537 Grandma Yuan's Advice.

"From the look on your face, I am assuming you have a plan in mind?" Jin asked, and Qiu Yue returned a half smile.

"Hamatarou is scouting the castle as we speak. Based on his prior knowledge, we already managed to create a rough map of where the villages are within the Giant city. Right now, he is trying to find out where exactly the Salamanders are all hiding. With him being contracted to me the System is updating anything he finds in real time." Qiu Yue replied.

"As soon as he is done with the scouting, Lynn and I are going to help him by storming the place when they least expect it. We should be able to clear this particular hurdle for you by ourselves. After all, we were the ones contacted by him. Unless one of the enemies turns out to be so powerful that we can't handle him, you can sit back, relax and take care of other stuff." Qiu Yue added which made Jin thought for a while.

"Hmm... I shall get back to you when I am done with all those various meetings. Just promise me that if there is a drastic change in ...say Hamatarou's safety, or more importantly your own, then don't hesitate to call on backup from either Peppers or Milk. I jump on the chance to participate with your mission, but for some reason, I've been unable that troublemak—"

"Original Bellator Kraft is currently busy and told System to pass User the following message. 'Do not disturb me! I am having fun creating my new underworld gang! Go bother the other bellators! Or ask the System to release another Bellator! It's about time you get a new helper!'"

"Speaking of which, don't try to pretend that you've ever accounted for the possibility of me coming back System, so stop hold--" End of message." The System stated.

"O....Okay. Anyways, we are helping that prince since he can potentially get us another army worth of minions for work and I can't say no to that. Still, keep an eye on him for me, alright?" Jin asked Qiu Yue. She casually saluted at him after receiving her orders.

Lightly chuckling at her actions, Jin quickly returned to the Conference Room Instance and saw that the students were still chatting with Grandma Yuan.

"Sorry for the wait," Jin announced his return which Grandma Yuan came up to him immediately. Instead of greeting him, he felt the already too familiar sensation of her stick once more. His face was blanked with anger and confusion. What did he do to deserve this, this time?

"You have the audacity to make an old lady wait." The Demon Exorcist Instructor berated him, and it made the newly graduated Demon Exorcists laugh a little before they all bowed a little to thank Jin.

"What are you thanking me for?" Jin did not expect that kind of behaviour and told them to dismiss the formality.

"We initially believed the test you made us go through was just to prove that you were superior to us in every way despite the fact that Lein and I should have a higher grade compared to you." Su Zhen represented their group to explain their actions.

"But the fact that we were clearly defeated by you in a one on three combat situation and you had the capability to lead us out of a precarious situation during the Demon Spider fight. So, despite our varied...differences, it had shown us that we were wrong about you."

"You secretly turned the Demon Spider Fight into an examination which we had never even suspected...and it allowed us to gain the Demon Exorcist rank earlier than any students of our age. Well

even though only Su Zhen got the full one, the rest of us are sure that under your guidance we will reach her level soon enough." Lein, the Qilin Demon Cultivator, commented that Jin thought of them more than just workers and that he truly wanted to help the students grow.

"We also saw how you aided the people of the Tiangong Shopping district. You could have simply hide away in your store and waited for police or others to deal with it. Yet, you did not." Rong added, and Lian nodded her head, saying that he was very brave to go against these many Ruby Rats and even the Mafia boss himself.

"But shucks, when you think about it, if he can kill the Mafia boss, that Grade 8 silhouettes have to be fake. He could possibly be as strong as Instructor Yuan." Rong suddenly thought of it, and that comment struck the entire group as a possibility.

Jin did not understand where the sudden praises for him originated, and Grandma Yuan was the only one keeping quiet and smirking at him.

"Alright, enough of all this. We all have much work to do with the creation of the new Demon Exorcist Operation and Training Centre." Jin began to give orders, and every one stood at attention.

As the dungeon supplier did not know what was needed in either of these centres, he had assigned each of them to visit various operation centres and training centres, taking pictures of the interior and their overall architectural design.

If possible, they were also tasked to interview the current employees and ask if they had any improvements in the work process or facilities. He then sent them travel allowances via his Pandamonium App into their electronic cash wallets.

They understood and went off without saying goodbye to their new Boss. "Kids no matter which age, are always eager to prove their worth." Grandma Yuan said and now looked at Jin.

"Now that we are alone. Brat, you must have at least a few questions to ask me too."

"Yes, mainly about how you used to operate the training centre. Did your methods differ from others, or was it the same as every centre." Jin went straight to the point.

"Honestly my experience won't be much help for you. You've been assigned to operate an advanced training centre. I can't add much more than what has been told to you in the meeting earlier." Grandma Yuan replied promptly.

"Your main objective is to allow the demon exorcists to get more exposure through these additional training. You can repeat what you did with the four or design it like an arena style kind of instance if you prefer."

"Whatever the case, the most important thing is to make it as real as possible. Tsk, but given you have the System and can literally either send them into another world or get demons from there I doubt that will be a problem for you."

"But is all this training even useful? The ones they will encounter won't necessarily be those standard demons, right?" Jin asked as he offered Grandma Yuan to have a seat.

"Yes and no. There are some demons that persistently appear given their nature. Most of those are earth bound demons. Still, they could appear and take on various forms. It can't hurt for them to get as much experience as possible." Grandma Yuan said as she suddenly saw Lynn entering the instance.

The Grand Elder smiled kindly as she saw the Penguin Chef bringing along an exquisite teapot with her.

"Grandma Yuan. I've heard that you've come to visit us. I hope this time around this tea will be to your liking." Lynn smiled widely as she graciously nodded and slowly poured a cup for her to drink. Grandma Yuan's expression was filled with elation that she barely controlled herself.

Claire felt a little envious of Lynn being capable of satisfying Grandma Yuan's desires for good tea, but at the same time, she was very delighted to see Grandma Yuan's lighter mood.

"So, demons like fox spirits?" Jin continued his conversation, and Grandma Yuan, who was sipping her tea, nodded her head before turning and thanking Lynn before the chef left them for their conversation.

"Those, formidable types of Jiang Shi (zombies), skeletal demons like Bai Gu Jing and the list goes on. You should know that even the monster remains could summon a Demon if left unchecked. In most cases, it won't hurt to burn the corpse." Grandma Yuan answered.

"There were too many variations to keep track of, luckily throughout the centuries, JODE had managed to compile a detailed list for the most common ones and how to effectively deal with them."

"The most crucial aspect for the advanced training centres is to foster teamwork like how you did for my students previously and to ultimately earn experience from victory and death." Grandma Yuan added.

"I see...in other words it's not too different from a typical dungeon run," Jin concluded, and Grandma Yuan nodded her head.

"There are other centres that utilise Dungeon Suppliers and classroom setting, but the simulations were too predictable. Instead of preparing the Demon Exorcists, it had conditioned them, making them think that the actual demons were easy to kill, which resulted in several meaningless deaths."

"Don't you resurrect them then? After all the training they went through." Jin asked seeing how the Demon Exorcists was exclusively from the Royal Zodiac Clans except for a few like Jin.

"You might be surprised, but even the Zodiac Clans do not resurrect them all unless the demon exorcist was of great importance. It used to be different, but in the majority of cases, those who came back developed various traumas prohibiting them from working their job."

"Those who did also generally burned out eventually. It was bad enough if they died repeatedly, but in a lot of cases, their sudden breakdown in the middle of a mission also endangered their teammates."

"A lot of our members are merely affiliated with the clan via name or through distant family ties. Nowadays when they perform the resurrection for the ones that matter, it's the premium kind. Get what I mean?"

"Oh...even if you resurrect the incompetent ones, they might turn even more incompetent because of the side effects of bare bones procedure." Jin thought of it a little.

"Those families within the clan who can afford the basic ones will still proceed as per normal, but they usually do not have the backing of the main clan." Grandma Yuan then clarified that JODE was just an organisation that did the training and paperwork. Thus, the missions the Demon Exorcists undertook themselves were their responsibilities.

"Hahaha! Insurance would only cover that much either since it's a job full of risk in the first place." Grandma Yuan commented before looking at the time. The two discussed a few other matters which were mainly about the students and Grandma Yuan decided to leave for the day.

"Do not worry too much about the operation stuff. Just get the facilities and equipment prepared, and JODE will handle the rest." Grandma Yuan bid goodbye to Jin.

Finally, he had some time to browse through his messages. His phone had been vibrating nonstop in his back pocket.

"This Ke Loong..." Jin chuckled and dialled his phone number to call him

Chapter 538 Creating A Portal Shop

"Boss! Boss! Your Tree Mall is truly amazing!!" Ke Loong was quickly invited into the Conference Room instance. Jin was drinking the leftover teapot that was intended for Grandma Yuan. Ke Loong was able to get into the conference room instance the moment his Pandamonium App detected that he moved inside Jin's store instance.

"Not bad right? I was thinking of getting more store owners into ...you know encompass every possible corner of life." Jin revealed casually to Ke Loong, and his eyes were sparkling.

"...that look. You want to be part of it too?" Jin asked, and Ke Loong nodded his head willingly.

"It's not that I really mind, but let me warn you it won't be cheap. We are business partners so I may give you a minor discount, but not too much. Else it would not be fair to the others. Besides, it's not like you can't afford them. Anyway, what do you intend to sell?" Jin decided to entertain this CEO as he offered him a seat and poured him a cup of tea.

"Thank you." Ke Loong took a small sip and was immediately intoxicated by the taste.

"What kind of tea is this?!!" Ke Loong exclaimed so loudly that it nearly shocked Jin.

"It's...erm one which Lynn made. You would have to ask her for the name. Is it too sweet for you?" Jin asked with concern, but Ke Loong unhesitantly took another sip of the fantastic tea.

"It's the best tea I've ever tasted. Can I get an entire box of it and bring it back to my office?!" Ke Loong asked, and Jin was relieved that it was to his liking.

"I believe I could arrange that...anyways, what do you intend to sell?" Jin asked yet Ke Loong was still busy enjoying his tea.

"Oh..erm. The first will naturally be your portal. You are right, I kept thinking of the likes of portal scrolls and didn't consider the security involving them. Did you know that you need to pen down a written record should you wish to use a portal scroll when you buy it?"

"I ...am not very familiar with that, I sell basic magical scrolls not the high end ones yet," Jin answered and Ke Loong explained to him that most of the stores selling high end scrolls required a minimum background check with the police.

"So it is no different for portal scrolls in case you wish to go somewhere...restricted with it. Say the White House or military bases. That is why the store owners would usually transcribe the portal coordinates into the scroll so that they know where they are going."

"Then I suppose Black Markets are filled with illegal portal scrolls," Jin commented, and Ke Loong thought for a while before shaking his head.

"It really depends. As soon as it became slightly more 'main-stream' if you can really call it that, restricted areas quickly employed anti-portal measures. From what I've heard, the most common one is an inscription which messes with the coordinates. So instead of the White House, you might find yourself in a cell room instead."

"Even if you somehow manage to get through there are other counter measures such as scanning spells to search for illegal trespassers. Let's just say, the Black Market can allow you to travel to more places compared to official portals."

"Still, that does not mean they would not keep a record. There are Black Market snitches or undercover agents to ensure that no one does anything too illegal." Ke Loong added.

"Especially after that infamous bombing that occurred near the United Nations assembly, it caused every government to sweep through the Black Markets all over the world and annihilate them as a show of force. Subsequently, they managed to reach a back end agreement, and things stabilised afterwards."

"Isn't it ironic how the lawful constitutions cooperate with the Black Market just like a company having a transaction with another." Jin mocked, and Ke Loong shrugged his shoulders.

"Black and White are just the two sides of the coin. One cannot survive without the other. Anyways we should look at their example and think of ways to improve on it. Implementing security checks should be our main agenda should we wish to push the portal forward so people can feel safe using it too."

"How about putting them as part of the dimensional instance? That way, my team, including yours, can monitor them too. It would be safer, and my monsters can kick their asses if we suspect anything unusual about them."

"I see...then that way, it will save on space and security personnel! If we suspect anything, we just need to lock the dimensional instance and let the police investigate them. That is rather brilliant." Ke Loong replied with a wide smile.

"But the problem is, I have to create those dimensional instances. I have certain technical parameters to fulfil if I want to install the monsters and they are proprietary intellectual properties which I am unable to share with you." Jin listed his condition.

"I see, one of your many 'Trade Secrets', huh? Okay, I am game. I should be able to buy the land and offer to put it under your company's name. In return, I assume you won't expect me to pay for your 'monsters' or maintenance?" Ke Loong asked, and Jin nodded his head.

"The profit of them using the portals...say 80 to 20?" Jin asked which nearly made Ke Loong spit his tea out.

"Not good?" Jin was concerned that he made an outrageous deal.

"You kidding me? If people were to learn that I was only giving you 20% of the profit when it was mostly your team's effort in creating the portal? Not only would I lose respect, but I would have to constantly fear competitors killing each other to headhunt you right under me. Given your team's technical ideas, I wish for us to remain business partners for a looong time. 60 to 40 in your favour." Ke Loong said, and Jin was pleasantly surprised.

"Besides, you will be providing the monsters and stuff, all I need is to send operational staff to use the CCTVs etc. Right?" Ke Loong asked, and Jin thought for a moment.

"I assume we are starting small by teleporting people to the Tree Mall, right?" Jin asked then the Sea Mesh CEO mentioned that he initially wanted to expand everything in one shot until Jin talked about security.

"How about you put the portal machines all over in Shenzhen first? Let's test the reaction of the crowd. We should be able to find out if there will be any problems like waiting times being too long and other things so that we can sort those out before going nationwide. Most importantly, we need to learn how much capacity it can handle before it breaks down." Jin suggested.

"Oh, if you mean stress testing, I've already done it in Germany. Even the production company asked whether I can introduce that portal machine into their country. There should be no issues for the portal in the long term, so long as the production company does not skim in the materials they use." Ke Loong replied.

"But other than that, I have no issues putting it all over Shenzhen linking it to your Tree Mall. Using it as the main attraction will inadvertently increase my profit plus its cheap advertisement. After a trial period then I will see if we can put it in advance into the transportation of cargo etc." Ke Loong's goals were still the same as before, and he believed the profits would be tremendous.

"Then, I am happy to work along with you." Jin smiled as he somehow managed to become an active part of the future portal industry.

Chapter 539 Extra: Giant World's History

Even though Hamatarou had decided to investigate the Salamanders, the Hamster Prince was actually quite afraid to do it alone. One enemy would be easy to handle but fighting the entire group was suicide in his mind.

Still, Qiu Yue and Lynn had repeatedly assured him that after signing the temporary contract, there was apparently some magic at work that would protect him. He could only cling on to this hope while trying to find out more about the Salamanders.

As a Druid, he had created multiple tunnels within this forsaken giant city to facilitate easier travelling when needed. At the same time, they were also quite handy in the frequent cases where he had to escape from the Giant wildlife that plagued their world. This underground network had become quite vast and would at least allow him to reach the inner castle.

Within his heart, there was hesitation in meeting the Salamanders once more. Hamatarou had once trusted them after their world got turned upside down and he got betrayed by them once. Thus, the druid figured that meeting them could only result in a particularly bad ending. But part of him could not bring himself to kill them, after all, they had once been his relatives.

His kingdom was similar to Jin's medieval age with just a tinge of magic mixed into the formula. Nothing too out of the ordinary and while each world had their petty disputes, the Royal Family Hamatarou was born into controlled one of the most successful kingdoms within their own world.

However, his life hasn't been too rosy. His future subjects lived their lives as one might expect in a highly defined hierarchical structure. The rich got richer, the middle remained the same, and the poor become poorer. As for Hamatarou... he was considered an anomaly within the Royal Family.

All of his relatives and siblings held the power of Fire while Hamatarou was the only one who was born with an affinity for controlling the forces of nature. His father did not want anyone else to find out that one of his offspring had been 'tainted' with he regarded as a 'lesser power'.

Unfortunately for the young boy, Hamatarou was forced to endure a tough childhood in their castle. He grew up the victim of constant bullying by his own siblings, the harassment of their servants as the King did nothing to prohibit such action and instead encouraged it.

Even the 'wise' elders seemed to have nothing but spiteful words for him, with some going as far as blaming the mother for producing such a varied offspring.

At one point, Hamatarou had been kidnapped by a politically motivated extremist group who demanded the Royal Family to step down yet the King did not bother to send out a single knight to rescue his youngest potential heir.

Ultimately, the personal knight in service of his mother had to take action to search and find young Hamatarou. It did not take long for Clyde to find their hideout, and the knight was skilled enough to reduce all the kidnappers to ashes with his magic. He then eventually found Hamatarou in an enclosed underground basement with mouldy bread and dirty water as his only source of sustenance.

While the Queen wished for him to return alive, the King had long suspected his latest wife's course of actions and had promised Clyde a wealthy reward to get rid of Hamatarou and blame it on the kidnappers.

"It's nothing personal, kid. It's just business. Do not blame me." Clyde whispered to suppress his consciousness as he raised his hand to conjure a fire blast to kill the feeble, starved prince.

However, what no one had expected was that Hamatarou's will to live awakened his natural magic to an unprecedented tier. Without ever being introduced to the magic, he managed to manipulate it by sheer willpower, not needing to utter a single word. The ground erected as if alive and surrounded Hamatarou in a protective barrier.

Clyde's fireball was unable to dent the ground barrier, and after a few attempts, he decided to give up and just burn down the whole place. Before he managed to leave another surprise awaited him. In front of the knight, magical tiny creatures had appeared...

Fairies.

One of the fairies offered to bestow Clyde with more magical power than he could ever dream of in exchange for a small favour. He was to deliver Hamatarou to a specific location. The Queen's personal knight did not need long to make up his mind.

Clyde never expected that he was able to meet fairies in the course of his life and they appeared as what he had dreamt of after hearing those wonderful tales in his youth. Magic was believed to be fixed at the moment of one's birth. If one was lucky enough to have an elemental affinity, one either had a lot of power or be merely blessed with it.

Thus, the Queen's knight believed that with an increase in his magical abilities, there was a good chance he could get promoted to a higher calling. Everyone in court knew that it was the King who really held power (and more importantly coin) so rising to become one of his personal guards could not only ensure his personal wellbeing but perhaps even result in a noble title for his progeny.

As a bonus by delivering the young prince to the Northern Druids would allow him to satisfy both his regents' demands. He could receive the coin of the King while earning his trust, and perhaps (if he was feeling generous) reveal the young boy's actual fate to his mother. So, Clyde quickly accepted the fairy's proposal.

First, he burnt the house down to cover his tracks and blame the kidnappers for having decided to die with their hostage. Then he followed the fairies instructions and delivered the young prince to a nearby forest where he placed him inside a circle of mushrooms. Clyde did not bother to wait for the Druid to come to pick the boy up and hurried back to the castle.

As the naive knight dreamt about impressing everyone in court with his new found power, he did not see the 'fairies' laughing behind his back at his stupidity.

Alas, how was he supposed to know that Feys were separated into various kinds? Most humans would live their whole life without ever meeting any such spiritual beings. Encounters with them became even rarer ever since they opted to live in stone cold cities away from the magical forests.

Therefore he also was none the wiser that a bargain with the Feys could be considered the worst kind of trade deal, maybe in all worlds. They would twist their words no matter how the agreement was made and ensure that they ended up with the most fun because of it.

To make matters worse, the fairy he spoke to and made a bargain was actually a faerie instead of a fairy. And it was not an ordinary faerie, but it was the Matriarch of the Winter Court, Queen Mab. To them,

Hamatarou was not just some boy with the powers of nature, he was prophesied to be the saviour of the world by the Feys.

However, Hamatarou never learned of this.

The young him had been sad to lose his mother but also happy enough to finally get accepted by a group of people who had become his real family.

As for the Fey... they mischievously set the stage and allowed the humans to play their part in it unknowingly. (Or in short, their victims.)

Clyde did receive his magical boost just as promised. Not only that, the Queen's personal knight was experiencing a growth in his magical energy by the day. It was to the point, he needed to release his magic energy from his body in order to keep himself sane.

Coincidentally, he discovered that it was far easier to share his powers with others compared to casting spells non-stop. Utilising his newfound knowledge, he diverted his magical powers into other knights. They who started to experience themselves becoming stronger shared this incredible news. But what none of them knew was that by accepting Clyde's generosity, they all doomed themselves.

Finally, the stage entered its next act. During an inter kingdom conference meeting, the accumulated magical powers were too much for Clyde, who suddenly exploded into pieces, right in front of everyone.

Every leader who was in that conference got infected by the magical energies that spread wildly and subsequently, it became a domino effect, causing every magic abled person to explode when in contact with those magical energies through the months.

The sad thing was that there was nothing to contain it as the air was infused with magic too. It even caused some of the normal humans to mutate by becoming larger and explode. With little to no time available, court mages managed to come up with one solution, and it's by polymorphing them into various animals.

They theorised that the magical energies seemed to target only Humans so if they were to polymorph into an animal, changing the structure how they absorbed magic, it would stop the increased flow of magic preventing the calamity from harming them.

Most of the court mages initially believed that the mass polymorphing would be temporary solution claiming they only had to wait it out until the magical energies were dispersed or diffused into the environment.

And yes, the energy did dissipate into the environment but it also inadvertently affected the wild life, causing it to become more rampant. It caused gradual mutation to the animals, turning them into monsters as large as the humans were with their new traits like the Horned Chicken. (Through hindsight, if Lynn or Qiu Yue ever learn about his history, they can only speculate that the humans Hamatarou talked about were not average homo sapiens but giants.)

Not only that, some humans refused to become animals and decided to use the magical energy they receive as a way to kill the raging wildlife who had now come to invade their cities for more space.

Sadly, most did not make it. They either died in battle or became unable to discharge enough magical energy to prevent their head from exploding. The remaining realised it was futile and polymorph into animals.

While polymorphing did not entirely stop the 'Giantism' Virus (especially since they took on animal forms and were destined to grow large until they and be killed in the wild), it significantly reduced the number of incidents, and the survivors did what they can to continue surviving.

Being human became a thing of the past in the Giant World. The animals were unable to transform back into their human form and instead became animals with human traits.

Hence, it became a battle for survival against Giant monsters in their animal forms for many years until Hamatarou came into the picture and assisted the remaining survivors to shrink and escape from the gigantic dangers.

Chapter 540 Extra: Swordsman Gaeru

Hamatarou managed to reach the gates of the castle that he once stayed in when the Hamster Prince was young. The memories of the past still haunted him occasionally but he had no time to reminisce the past right now. Two large human sized Salamanders were guarding the front gates.

The druid pondered whether he should cast a spell to make them sleep or wait for the next change of guards. At the moment, he was at the top of one of the watchtowers overlooking the front of entire castle and noticed that the two Salamanders were not the only guards around.

Thus, he decided to lay low for a while, hiding himself within the wild flowers that grew in the cracks of the watch tower to monitor the situation. If he wanted to, Hamatarou could probably rest especially since the hamster had used the Totem of Atem to shrink himself to the size of a petal on the wildflower and it should be impossible for them to notice him.

Less than half an hour had passed and he was already intrigued as well as frustrated by what the Salamanders Guards were talking about. Their conversation provided him with much insight on the Salamander's own situation and future spells.

And that was when he noticed something peculiar.

A frog who was less than a quarter the size of the Human sized Salamanders approached the gates of the castle. It was wearing a cloak as well as clothes that fit him nicely. But the most crucial detail was his sword. A broad double edge sword with broken edges at the side, the frog used it to point at the Salamanders who were guarding the front gates.

"Huh, so one of the Frogs survived, eh? I thought we killed them all already. They were tasty though." One of Salamander Guards snickered.

"You cowards! Cannibals! You massacred our entire Frog Village and you ate them too?! If I do not cut the Salamanders down today, I cannot be called Gaeru!" The Frog shouted at the top of his voice, attracting the attention of the other guards too.

"Looks like we have frog legs for tonight!" the Salamander Guards licked his lips with the long tongue as he picked up his sword from the side of the wall and withdraw it from the scabbard.

"What is wrong with him? How can that frog be so stupid?! He should have realised that he stands no chance against them, much less two. Oh why couldn't you have at least attacked before the guards took their weapons out?!" Hamatarou clenched onto the petal of the wild flower he was sitting on and continued to witness the scene in front of him.

As if he was giving them a handicap, the two salamanders charged right in front of Gaeru. The frog swordsman swung his sword forward, blocking the two swords from swinging any further. However, the Salamanders were not done yet as they used their slender bodies to twist and utilise their tails to hit the frog swordsman from the side.

Still, Gaeru managed to evade it by leaning back. He released his sword grip and continued to jump over the height of the Salamanders. Upon landing behind them, he extended his tongue to grab the sword and the weapon acted as a burgeoning item, hitting the two guards on their face.

He quickly grabbed on to his broadsword and tried to slash sideways at the Salamander Guard but his attempt was foiled when another Salamander Guard from above shot an arrow down, preventing him from attacking with full strength.

The attack barely cut into the Salamander's torso due to the poor condition of the sword, resulting merely in a skin wound. That was when the uninjured Salamander Guards opened his mouth and spewed a breath of fire towards the frog.

In response, Gaeru raised his cloak up, preventing the fire from reaching him. He quickly detached the mantle, but because of that, the guards were given the opportunity to steady themselves and prepare to fight again.

No matter how one looked at it, the frog swordsman was clearly at a disadvantage and it seemed that the Salamander Archer on guard duty had called up even more reinforcements. Hamatarou realised that his window of opportunity to save this little frog swordsman was growing smaller by the second.

"Damn it!!! So much for just reconnaissance!" Hamatarou grumbled as he remembered he had been given a portal back to the System by utilising the ring that Qiu Yue loaned him. It was apparently for Hamatarou to capture a Salamander if possible and put them in a temporary holding area.

However, from what he saw, the Salamanders that were on scene were merely lackeys and not the main leaders that he wished to 'kidnap' for interrogation purposes. "BAH, here goes nothing!" Hamatarou placed a Totem of Reverse Atem on his mouth as he cast his spell to boost his jump speed to the next level.

The frog swordsman was getting surrounded. Worse he was being made fun of with the reinforcement hiding behind their shields lazily poking towards him with their swords and pikes. Gaeru was prepared to kill himself rather than endure this dishonour of failing to get revenge.

Suddenly, he noticed a change in the winds as if a projectile was coming its way. However, if he stepped any further from his current spot, he would also be killed by the Salamanders. Thus, he placed the broadsword right beside his 'neck' and prepared to cut his own head off.

...Until the projectile suddenly enlarged into a large furry monster which both the Salamanders and the frog had never seen before. It was similar to a bear but it had black and white spots on it.

Hamatarou had shapeshifted into a Panda though he was roaring like a bear. The Druid had been intrigued by those bear like creatures he had first laid eyes on in the WunderPanda Theme Parks and thought it would be a good way to frighten the Salamanders while hopefully keeping his druid identity secret as long as he could.

Gaining his senses back quickly from the shock due to amount of experience he had in hunts, the frog swordsman quickly scanned the situation. So, instead of cutting his own neck off, Gaeru instinctively pointed his broadsword at the Black and White Bear but it appeared as if the bear was here to attack the Salamanders.

He did not know if this strange creature would turn on him next but all he knew was that he might still manage to get some revenge so the swordsman quickly shifted his target to the remaining Salamanders.

"You are mine! Salamanders!!!" The Frog managed to cut a distraught Salamander Guard into two and wished to continue the momentum he had.

However, what he did not expect was that the giant, black spotted white bear suddenly (and gently) bit onto the Frog's head. At the same time, it plunged its claws into one of the older looking Salamanders before disappearing into thin air. And like a whirlpool sucking everything it contacts with, the portal swiped the bear (with a frog in its mouth) away from reality.

The Salamanders were in a shock of the sudden turn of events and quickly reported the happenings to their leader.