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Chapter 921 Leader of Kill Squad

Seeing the blank face on his master especially when this was a rather obscure technique, there was no need to ask as Kraft spoke out on the issue at hand. "A Chi Execution Promise is considered a taboo oath in which one party uses their own chi to basically 'program' it so it would kill them if they end up breaking their promise. It's basically the same as a death wish, and once it activates, the Dantian Core immediately shuts down."

"And if you think shutting the Dantian Core would bring you eternal death, you are so wrong. So dead wrong. If you have read about radiation poisoning from Chernobyl accidents, that is roughly what you are going to expect from it. You would feel fine at first, thinking that you just lost control of your chi. This is because there are other 'secondary' Dantian cores to generate chi during an emergency."

"However, you have to understand. The chi within the body had been programmed as such that it would attack those secondary cores by clouding and prevent them from making fresh chi. Instead, it would turn those fresh chi as part of the programmed chi, which eventually shut the secondary cores down because of the strain."

"After which, the chi would be acting like foreign objects which would cause the bodies' immune system to continuously attack them while the chi disrupts the organs from within. Your organs would start to feel the pressure and eventually fail. Your skin will melt gradually, and your breathing will be difficult. If you try to expel that chi or even attempt chi infusion, it will further exacerbate the problem."

"It's ultimately the kind of oath where the body and the entirety of one's soul judges the actions of the person who will be consistently monitored from that point onward. After all, the brain might be able to lie to oneself, but not the heart. Some might say that nurturing and bad experience could train a human to be extremely heartless, but no one is forever black nor always white." Kraft explained for Jin to understand the severity of what Kong Rong had just done.

"I am a Special Agent of the State, the First Son of the Royal Dragon Zodiac Clan Leader and of all things, your perceived enemy. All the more reason I have to do this to gain your immediate trust because of my personal agendas." Kong Rong iterated why he made such a dangerous move.

"For once, you are not very cryptic." Kraft sneered derisively.

"Well, I wanted a blood pact because I thought I had leverage in regards to my information. It pains me to admit, but you somehow clearly beat me to it." Kong Rong replied as to give one of the reasons why he performed this dangerous oath.

"I am actually surprised that you know that I know your stuff." Kraft did not act surprised at all despite his claim.

"Heh, I am a State Agent, so please don't underestimate me." Kong Rong added as he raised his half-drunk glass shot and Kraft joined him.

"But it seems that your all-seeing capability has a limit since you didn't seem to have predicted I would do something like that."

"I won't deny that your actions caught me off guard. After all, I figured you for the cautious intellectual type... What you just did was just hot-headed!" Kraft shook his head at Kong Rong's actions. "Seriously, I might never understand what the big deal is about such an archaic oath. You should go with the times, we have much better things at our disposal nowadays!"

"But sure, I will admit that I'm unable to read your thoughts freely. Whoever was the one to train you, I commend them for their efforts." Kraft acknowledged as he drank his shot.

"However, it's just that I'm too lazy to do that. Too much of a hassle to bypass your defences without you realising it, plus I am a little more forgiving during the New Year." Kraft was not lying when he said he could not pass through Kong Rong's mental barriers with the usual subtle way as the barriers were unique enough that a 'subtle intrusion' was not possible.

The Foxy V2 Virus might be able to get access to information from a database like the State Agent's, but the lock on the mind was an entirely separate challenge.

"Hah! Still... Damn! For you to dig so far without me noticing is still quite a feat." Kong Rong said before looking at Jin.

"But compared to this panda guy, I was unable to go through anything at all. He might look empty in terms of defence, but there are actually plenty of layers of mental barriers up. Each time I tried to subtly go into his mind to look for a thought, I got bounced out of it." Kong Rong shrugged his shoulders in defeat and drank his glass only for Kraft to refill it.

"Erm, I got to ask. Why did you suddenly go all bad at me? Somehow, I got a little bit of déjà vu when you turned bad at me. Ke Loong did the same thing to me." Jin interrupted the whole conversation with an innocent thought.

"Hahahahaha!" Kong Rong suddenly laughed while holding on his stomach. "Ke Loong really did that? And here I thought he was lying when he told me that he tried to actually strongarm you into becoming his partner." The State Agent subsequently took out his notebook and started to strike something out from one of the pages.

"Please pardon us. To be honest, it's a silly game that both of us used to play when we were little, and neither one of us seems to have outgrown. Basically every so often we challenge each other to random dares." Kong Rong embarrassingly revealed to Jin. He even turned the notebook and faced it towards Jin. 'Threaten or frighten the Dungeon Supplier before making a deal, else pay 250 yuan. Confirm with Dungeon Supplier about the other's attitude' was being struck out from the book.

There were other stupid dares such as 'Give Father a lollipop and make him eat it. Can be observed from afar, need a screenshot to confirm, else pay 600 Yuan.'

It seemed as if Ke Loong and Kong Rong were actually willing to work hand in hand with Jin rather than being a threat, even if their hobby seemed quite peculiar.

"Trust me, if anything, he wants you to succeed, too. Even if Mr Kraft disagrees about my method, I hope that after making this taboo oath you won't see me as an enemy either." Kong Rong asked for confirmation as he closed his notebook.

"Why are you so intent to help the sole surviving Royal Panda Member so much? Shouldn't your clans' objective be to eliminate them?" Kraft questioned, and Kong Rong's face turned serious.

"With the permission of my grandmother, I have gone through the records. I read through the memories of my ancestors and am therefore aware that it was actually the Jade Emperor's fault for being too greedy and craving absolute power." Kong Rong answered, and it made Jin recall back what the System had said about the origins of the Royal Panda Clan. Perhaps, he had the wrong impression that Kong Rong had no knowledge of the full story.

"According to the Heavens, all elders had been removed, yet somehow it made the Royal Panda an enemy to be reckoned with. Since then they seem to have been blessed with some sort of special power. From amazing martial arts to even drawing the most beautiful art one could ever behold. Yet ironically, from what I could gather, the Heavens seem to limit it, so that only one particular person each generation would gain that power, no matter how large their clan was."

"And the last official Royal Panda Clan Member, your grandfather Ming, made the greatest impression on my grandmother. She used to think that she was at the forefront of time manipulation. If not for that incident where the Banned Emperor Assassin killed your mother, there might have been a good chance for your grandfather to work alongside granny." Kong Rong implied that he knew about the time reversal without giving out the facts. When Jin heard his version, he knew that it was not true, and it was Grandma Yuan's Sub System Module that allowed time to be reversed for just that one particular time. However, he did not interrupt Kong Rong and allowed him to continue.

"After Ming passed away, the only generation left for the Royal Panda Clan was Jin. With his parents killed, you could only assume that he had to inherit no matter the circumstances. There was no clearer target since he was the last surviving Royal Clan Panda Member. In other words, an easy target which might guarantee that you would never ever have to worry about it again?" Kraft interrupted his conversation with Jin.

"Yes, and I shall be upfront about it. We have indeed assembled a kill squad within the State Agents to eliminate the last Royal Panda Clan Member." Kong Rong did not mince his words. "All because of the possibility that your grandpa's powers might have been passed down to you."

"So why haven't you taken action yet... Mr Leader of the Kill Squad?" Kraft interjected which inadvertently irritated Kong Rong, but it also showed the State Agent that Jin's comrade was indeed capable of reading him like an open book if he so wished. (Perhaps he should have thought twice about allowing Kraft to pour him a drink)

Chapter 922 Chuckling Together

"Did you really have to point that out to him? I was about to tell him that later anyway..." The more Kong Rong spoke with Kraft, the more he got the feeling that the State Agents would need to have a major overhaul of their database's security.

What was even more irritating was that this particular employee of Jin was too elusive. After their help against the Loopa Ooofpa, Kong Rong had naturally been curious to find out more about him, yet to his shock, there were no records of him, no fingerprints, nor any pictures of Kraft in any CCTVs.

It was impossible for a person to not exist in a world full of cameras pointing at the public 24 hours a day. But through some effort, Kraft was able to evade them as if he did not exist to the cameras at all. With his rights and powers, Kong Rong could bring Kraft in for questioning, but after seeing Jin's powers and the extent of what that guy was able to do, the State Agent strongly felt that it would have been counterproductive to do so. (But perhaps, now that they are in 'good' terms, he could probably catch him and see how he escapes. That way, Kong Rong might be able to improve on the compound's security.)

"I believe it's a little fair that my boss knows your true identity and understands that the underlying reason for you to perform that taboo oath was because of your job. Perhaps then, he would appreciate your sacrifice even more. But honestly, in hindsight, I believe you would think that it was such a foolish move once Jin decides to open up." Kraft sniggered, and Kong Rong did not know whether this fox was genuinely helping him or just being a little sarcastic.

"Then, what is the real reason for you helping me then? If you are out to kill me, I understand why you need to collect intelligence in the shop before striking." Jin asked with a wary expression to the dismay of Kong Rong. Kong Rong had initially thought of ways to try to explain and perhaps disguise his intentions quite a number of times before meeting Jin for a face to face conversation. But eventually, he guessed telling the truth does not hurt either. (Especially when that fox was looking over his shoulders.)

"I didn't lie when I said that I was interested in the last surviving member of the Royal Panda Clan and wanting to know what he would do. It might be my job to 'clean up', but I am against killing someone for the off-chance they might do something bad in the future. When I checked you out, your record was less than stellar. Your performance in school was slightly above average and even your choice of university, as well as module, was nothing extraordinary. You never committed any crimes, and you had no achievements at all either. Yet, the archives had shown that for some reason the 'chosen' Royal Panda Clan members gained superpowers only once the previous generation of selected Royal Panda Clan members had passed away." Kong Rong started to explain.

"So, when you created that dungeon supplier store, we decided to close an eye despite the perfect forging of that licence. We even questioned the people who reviewed and issued that dungeon supplier license for you and they said you met all the requirements, stating you had sufficient ability that the aptitude tests were not needed to be a dungeon supplier."

"That is because he had alibis, duh. How can you close an eye if he did the paperwork properly?" Kraft yawned at Kong Rong's reasoning, and Jin felt that Kraft must actually have had a hand in this. He just did not know when his fox comrade did it since Jin knew that the System had created the licence without manipulating anything but the database from the start. (Perhaps, Kraft found out certain loopholes and closed them when he was 'recruited' by Jin.)

"I was sceptical, yet after my colleagues tried the dungeons while I watched from afar, all of them reported that it was indeed top-notch quality. I trusted them since some of them were intensively

trained in such dungeon instances. Even though they purposely suppressed their levels for the dungeons, there were times they really felt they should increase their levels to work out properly."

"So if your colleagues did that, there was a good chance that your surveillance operation might get detected..." Jin pointed, and Kong Rong nodded his head. "Is that the reason why you never once participated in the dungeons, so that your identity as a State Agent as well as your powers wouldn't be revealed?"

"Erm, well. Yeah, it's something like that. Still, I had tons of fun looking for optimal ways to beat your dungeons. Who knows, maybe I will actually go through them one of these days." Kong Rong said as he coughed a little and returned to the topic.

"After watching you for a while, we noticed that you managed to handle trouble by yourself. It all culminated in that fight of yours against the Rat Triad Boss. A few colleagues and I happened to be in the area watching out, and I admit that I ordered them to hang back. At that point, we were certain that the Rat Triad Boss could kill you. In that case, our mission would be completed, and we only would have to worry about the cleaning up."

"It's a bit far fetched but are you the people who pushed the Rat Triads against us?" Jin questioned, and Kong Rong shook his head.

"I swear that we did not have anything to do with it. All we did was to observe you, and check if you would show any signs of wanting to succeed your grandfather. You just happened to have occupied the exact area they had taken a liking to. In other words, plain economic forces. Still, I think that it would be a great idea for the future." Kong Rong answered half-jokingly.

"You managed to exceed expectations when you defeated Wo De Tian. Granted the Triad nowadays mostly uses their faction's power to intimidate others instead of fighting them, yet his grade was still something not to be sniffed at."

"For you to go against authority while utilising friends in high places wisely revealed to us that you might be a little more cunning than we had estimated you to be. Anyway, the real deal-breaker for us was the creation of the Tree Mall and most importantly, your willingness to retain the shopkeepers from the district."

"How is that a deal-breaker?" Jin did not understand the rationale.

"He is basically calling you a goody-two-shoes. Most businessmen would never even inherit failing business. And from a business perspective, they were bound to fail within the next decade or two. Their food was mediocre at best, the products they sold were so-so, and some of the services they provided were just meh until you came in to change it all." Kraft shook his head, at his master's cluelessness.

"Yes, my team and I saw how you managed to change their circumstances almost instantly, and we started to think that your ability to create dungeons was making an impact on people. Also in the previous situation where you had those portal machines, we managed to keep it under wraps, even though certain countries are still enquiring about it because of the impression it made in easing transport. That rapid response allowed us to transport supplies in very quickly, saving a lot of time and people." Kong Rong said before looking right into Jin's eyes.

"So, with all that good you did, would it be ridiculous of a reason to see the rise of a fallen clan worthy to fight not just one but all twelve Royal Zodiac Clans? And by fight, I mean beating them at their game and rising up to the top. Break the notion that the Royal Zodiacs should always be the superior one." Kong Rong replied, and when Jin and Kraft heard it, they looked at each other and chuckled together.

Kong Rong just looked at the two who were laughing so heartily at his lofty goal and waited for an explanation. He expected them to be more surprised or even just curious why he as a State Agent would do that.

"Should we?" Jin asked Kraft blatantly after he stopped chuckling.

"I do not see a reason not to. He did make that dubious but beneficial oath for you. At least at the moment, we can be sure that he is an ally. He could have killed you early on, but that did not happen so I guess we should respond to his ...hmm supposed mercy with appropriate gratitude." Kraft shrugged with a wide smile.

Being able to recruit Kong Rong into the System would not just add a powerful cultivator to their midst, but provide a network of high levelled expertise that Jin solely needed if he wished to continue on his way to become the number one dungeon supplier.

Chapter 923 Senior Panda Associate

"If you really mean what you said, read this piece of the contract carefully. You've already made an Oath to not hurt me, so what is another contract on top of that?" Jin slowly pushed the piece of paper towards Kong Rong and brightened the lights so he could read clearly.

"That's not really necessary, but thanks." The State Agent said as he picked up the contract and noticed there was a low grade spell of persuasion on it. A quick glance towards Jin's eager impression showed that he had no idea what was in that contract piece until someone intervened between their conversation.

"Oh just ignore that, we use it when we really are interested in the talent. Helps hurry along those who are a bit on the fence." Kraft waved his hands to dispel the spell immediately, and Kong Rong continued to read the contract. Jin did stare back at Kraft, and they were making serious eye contacts between each other. Naturally, the old fox did not give a damn at all and continued to check on Kong Rong's non verbal expressions.

'By accepting this particular piece of contract, you are thereby being promoted to a senior associate of the Panda Clan...' Kong Rong read on and noticed that there were conditions that certain orders from Jin would be absolute as the Master of the Panda Clan. The State Agent thought it was weird that Jin would try to poach him, especially when he was affiliated to the Royal Dragon Zodiac Clan. It's like asking someone to go from a number one clan in the country to a group much less a clan, with no name attached to it.

"In short, you are recruiting me to be part of your clan? Don't I need to disavow my clan and go through the Heavenly Five Element Tribulations by default? What would you be able to provide me in return?"

Kong Rong asked, but Jin shook his head, knowing that he would be mistaken with the wording in the contract. After all, Xiong Da did create the legality of it while the System reworded it via his style into the System's contract.

"I wouldn't have asked you to take the oath if that was the case. You would only have had to sign the contract. Once you do, you will become a senior associate and the very first one at that. The way we work is slightly different from other people, but it will be easier to see if for yourself once you sign. I know it sounds a little counterintuitive but trust me in this. In essence, you will have additional responsibilities and secrets to keep. Otherwise, you can keep to your current lifestyle, and it might not even affect or make a difference to it if you wish to be inactive." Jin tried to explain without offending the guest in the bar.

"Very first? You never recruited others? I was sure that Hou Fei would be one of these panda associates." The State Agent asked with curiosity. It did not seem to match his collected data of the place. But at the same time, he could not detect any panic or anxiety from Jin, doubting he might not be lying, and more like he's thinking of a good reason to explain the situation.

"It's a bit complicated, he is technically a part of the official Panda Clan. But in terms of rank and work he has done, he would probably be ranked as a Senior Panda Associate as well. Erm, perhaps a little higher." Jin did not know how to phrase Panda Remnant until Kong Rong joined him officially into the System.

"And what are those 'opportunities' that await me?" Kong Rong queried.

"You will understand as soon as you sign. Also, just believe me when I say it will broaden your horizons. Hehehe, can't wait to see your face when you realise that your current knowledge is just a drop in the oceans of mystery." Kraft answered mischievously which annoyed Kong Rong, but he knew that even though the fox guy could not be trusted, his words had some weight to it.

"Fine. As a sign of trust and moving forward, I will sign it. But buck up on your persuasion without using any spells to get people to sign it. They need a heck lot of work." Kong Rong reluctantly agreed as he bit his finger and released a bit of blood as a binding signature for the contract. Suddenly, he felt his body start to ache as if a low current of electricity was pulsating through his body.

"Senior Panda Associate Long Kong Rong acknowledged. Assigning Codename: Tiny Dragon. The System welcomes you, SPA Kong Rong." A voice sounded out within his head, and the stunned face caused the Panda and Fox to laugh out loud once more. (Perhaps, the influence of alcohol caused all this commotion?)

Subsequently, Jin started to explain about the System and the rest of the other stuff. He even created a portal introducing him to the Pandapolis in the Dungeon World.

"Hahahah. You are shitting me. So, all along you have been teleporting your customers to other worlds to aid you in defending or attacking other alien lives?! I mean I've always felt that your monsters seemed alive, but it never even crossed my mind that you could have been abducting them from other worlds??" Kong Rong could not wrap his head around it.

"Told you it would expand your horizons. Stop living in that well, and be happy you got a chance to jump out of it and work with Jin. He has great ambitions for a fairly useless baby panda." Kraft snorted.

"This is just way too much to handle, but I can now see the link between the System and the rest of the previous Panda Users. Gosh, this certainly is an eye-opener." Kong Rong admitted as he enjoyed the grand sight of Pandapolis from one of the skyscrapers.

"Heh, that expression... You plan to make a safe house here?" Kraft, who was closely observing Kong Rong facial expression commented.

"More than that. But I believe a dungeon instance will already suffice for me and my squad, Ryuli included. I do not think they should learn that there are other worlds out there so soon. People are greedy, after all." Kong Rong replied, and Jin laughed.

"As a Senior Panda Associate, I think that is the least I should grant you." Jin agreed and told Kong Rong to prepare a list of things he wanted it to include so he could start working on something to his liking.

"It will be best if you allow me to handle the construction personally. I have certain designs and stuff I would like to get hold of if it's possible." Kong Rong insisted.

"If that is the case, I will get Qiu Yue to entertain you. She is one of the Sub System Users who have access to room customisation as well."

"Ah, that Red Panda girl is part of this too? And a Sub System to boot? How do I even get to such a rank?" Kong Rong asked, but Kraft schooled his finger.

"When you proved yourself to be very valuable to Jin, then perhaps he might bestow you such a post," Kraft answered, and Kong Rong questioned what exactly Fox's position was.

"That my friend, you have no idea at all." Kraft pulled a name card out that looked like a golden plaque with all his supposed titles on it.

"It's a joke, he is one of my partners in the System." Jin rolled his eyes, but on the contrary, Kraft's eyes brightened up.

"For Jin to call me his partner! Ooof! My heart shimmers and melt!" Kraft exaggerated, but Jin was more interested in what Kong Rong had just mentioned. There were so many other issues to discuss, although more importantly, he needed to know more about how the State Agent found Ryuli and what had actually become of her.

"Oh yeah, she did come earlier, wanting to know if you were around, so she could confront you about her master. Unfortunately, you had already retreated, and it was impossible to find you. As expected, she did leave in a fit... She usually isn't like this, but whenever it concerns anything about her past, she has a tendency to become a... Ehh what do those Japanese people call them? Tsundere?" Kong Rong tried to recall the last word.

"Couldn't you just text her that I'm not around, rather than her wasting a trip here?" Jin queried but Kong Rong shrugged his shoulders.

"I wanted her to at least enjoy herself a bit after the last mission, but she didn't even listen to me. Besides wouldn't it be a nice miracle for the fates of two disciples to meet announced?" Kong Rong tried to tease Jin.

"Ehh.. actually I think you might have it all wrong, it is possible that I am actually her master." Jin pointed out, leaving Kong Rong with a blank face. (Yet, Kraft was smiling nonstop and even took a sneaky picture of Kong Rong at that moment.)

Chapter 924 Chi Spiral Symptom

"You're her Master?!" Kong Rong felt like today's surprises just kept popping up one after the other. Jin recounted the sequence of events how he managed to meet young Ryuli to see if there would be any correlation with the State Agent's story. Still, he could only confirm that he felt the presence of only one person within the locked basement. Kong Rong was only able to tell Jin that it was a loud bang which prompted him to search for the source of the disturbance.

"With regards to the basement cell, I have some extra news about it," Kraft told Jin via the System Channel since he still deemed this information a little too sensitive. "I'll tell you later after Kong Rong leaves the place."

"Alright." Jin did not even bat an eye back at Kraft, and they continued the conversation. In the meantime, Kong Rong theorised with his limited knowledge of time manipulation that he could have entered into an accidental black hole left by someone there.

"The only way it might be possible is if you happened to enter that room during a sudden eruption of spiritual force within the Dragon Ley Lines underneath it. This could be due to various factors, for example, excessive mining in one particular place which would put stress on the Earth's regulated ecosystem. It also happens naturally due to tectonic plate movements, but recently the disruption in the Dragon Ley Lines have been getting more frequent." Kong Rong explained.

"You probably heard those stories about the infamous Bermuda Triangle transporting people away." Kraft chimed in to keep his appearance up of being all-knowing.

"While there were reports of such people missing, we actually have confidential reports of people returning to the same location where they were lost. Surveillance was scarce in those areas, but there were researchers that looked into this occasionally, and we got the data from them. However, most are brutally scarred by the experience that they could only get bits of details from those survivors." Kong Rong added and said those reports were not published for security reasons as they did not want people to have the intention to attempt time and space manipulations.

Kong Rong then returned and told them as much about Ryuli as possible. Though he admitted that he considered himself to be her real master when it came down to training and recruiting her to become one of the finest and youngest State Agents, there were a few things that he was ashamed of.

"I only really started caring about her, roughly a year after we rescued her. When we found her through the ruins of the burnt temple, we realised that her chi had been forcefully activated. While it was uncommon for children at such an early age to have their chi activated, the amount she was giving out was way off the charts."

"My supervisor at the time believed that it would be better for her to go into a school of special care so that we could monitor her behaviour and interaction with chi in case she, you know... explodes."

"Ah, you mean she was suffering from a Chi Spiral Symptom? Because of an overactive Dantian Core, it produces way more chi than the body could handle." Kraft once again won the guessing terminology contest.

"Yes, while the body does have the ability to expel excess chi to the surroundings naturally, it still requires the cultivator to do so actively. However, in Ryuli's case, the amount of chi expelled was ten times the size of her body, causing pain and torture."

"The doctors tried to suppress the symptom by using chi drain techniques, but the odd thing was, the more they drained, the more the Dantian Core ended up producing."

"Really does sound like someone in particular when he is in a pinch." Kraft looked at Jin as he said via the System Channel.

"Eventually, they decided to isolate her completely and stop wasting too many resources on her. She got branded as a ticking time bomb ready to explode at any given time if the symptom worsened." Kong Rong continued.

"They placed her in a bunker similar to the basement cell, and she was denied any care and concern except for basic food, being transported by remote-controlled trays where she had to pick the food and leave the door."

"No one even dared to keep in contact with her ever since she had a 'minor' eruption of the Chi Spiral Symptom which destroyed one of the labs with a lot of sensitive equipment and injured many people working there. Fortunately, there were no deaths." Kong Rong emphasised much on the minor

"As I said, I was blissfully unaware about all of this, and only learned about it after I paid her a visit. That visit had also been delayed for about three months because of a prior assignment I had. I felt bad for her after I learned what happened. In fact, I would even describe it as cruel what happened to her. She got sealed down there, only to be rescued, but when it turned out that she was a handful, she got sealed once more... I somehow felt obligated to save her." Kong Rong explained.

"Is that why she hates the master that granted her those powers? I only gave it to her because she needed help back then. I never intended for her to suffer as a consequence." Despite the explanation, he told Kong Rong, Jin was also feeling really responsible for Ryuli's plight.

"My father was 120% against such an idea of adopting her as part of the clan. My other siblings, on the other hand, went so far as trying to convince him. After all, if she ended up exploding and taking me with her, the position of leader in the Royal Zodiac Dragon Clan would be up for grabs."

"Luckily, I was old enough to make my own decision, and if I managed to get her under control, she would turn into a wonderful asset for the clan and country. I admit that I might have acted because I had lofty ambitions even back then. That's probably also why I wanted to support you so that you might break the hierarchy placed by the Royal Zodiacs."

"Easier said than done, but that is for another day," Jin replied as Kong Rong mentioned how he tried to suppress the Chi Spiral Symptom by teaching her how to cultivate her strength. That way, she could assist her body to expel the excess chi and later on control it.

"Did you nearly die from teaching her cultivation?" Jin queried, and Kong Rong nodded his head.

"I promised myself no never take on any more disciples after that little brat. I wasn't a natural when it comes to teaching at all, but eventually, we started to bond, and it got better." Kong Rong rolled his eyes, but he unconsciously let out a smile as he remembered back the days when Ryuli and him trained together.

"And now I get why Ryuli was dying to find this irresponsible master of hers."

"It's your choice what you want to tell her. You can bluff your way out and even tell her where 'your' master currently is. If you pretend that you've also been abandoned by that jerk, I'm sure you will get along great. Perhaps you could find someone to portray as 'your' master and fight with her. That way, she could find closure." Kong Rong suggested since he found the truth to be a messy business, especially since it involved time and space travel.

"Closure? There is no such thing as closure. It would just have the opposite effect and open up old wounds." Kraft folded his hands and disagreed with the idea.

"So you want to tell her the truth and let her defeat Jin? Fine with me, as long as you can guarantee he won't end up worse than after fighting that monster. I still need him for the reformation of society you know."

"What Grade is she currently?" Jin questioned, and Kong Rong used his fingers to show him.

"What?! She's this young, and she achieved such a high level?!" Jin was shocked by the revelation.

"I told you she would be an asset to the Royal Zodiac Dragon Clan and I meant what I said." Kong Rong said as he chuckled for revealing such a fact.

Chapter 925 Reform

"Mind telling me what sort of reformation you have in mind?" Jin, who vaguely now knew how to deal with Ryuli, decided to ask Kong Rong his ultimate objective.

"Sure, but first, I would prefer hearing what you have in mind. Now that I have joined the Royal- Opps I mean, your Panda Clan, surely you will be able to tell me what you really plan to do. I can tell that you already have a set of goals and it should be better that I compromise with yours than you suiting mine." Kong Rong said with a smile as he would also gauge the lofty goals of this particular Dungeon Supplier.

"Liesss. I can smell lies from that stinky mouth of yours. It's more like, your goals will align to mine eventually." Kraft sneered at Kong Rong as he downed another cup of whiskey. The bottle was getting empty, and yet they were nowhere near drunk at all because of their cultivation despite the high alcohol content.

"Do you have to be so forward? I wanted to appear genuinely interested in Jin's objectives." Kong Rong retorted, and the Dungeon Supplier already believed these two are going to be besties.

Jin then briefly told Kong Rong about his current objective of creating a Virtual Reality Network which could potentially upset and change the course of this world's way of working.

"If I manage to accomplish it, it will improve globalisation on a world wide scale. This and the portal engines would make the world an even more accessible place, and not to mention environmentally friendly. Lynn also told me that in times of mass pandemic like the SARS virus that we once had, it would allow companies to continue to work remotely without much contact. Schools can teach without students having to physically go to their location and risk spreading it. The visualisation of teaching would be so much easier, well of course that also means I have to create a developer kit... but that is an issue for some other day." Jin stated with a hint of pride.

"He thought up all of this because he felt the dungeons he created were too potent for cultivators. Especially our regulars have been growing way too fast, and this might eventually prove to be a threat to other people and perhaps to other countries as well. I'm sure as a State Agent who hangs around all the time in our shop, you also must have noticed that." Kraft added without the sugar coating, and Kong Rong smiled before he became serious.

"I see, I'm glad you are sensible enough to notice that. One of the reasons why I would like to work with you was also because of the dungeon instances as well as making something similar to that Virtual Reality Network so it would benefit the society as a whole. But I see that you had already thought up of a goal one with your creativity could only imagine. However, I trust that the work to be done is enormous?" Kong Rong queried.

"Yes, the System still needs more processing capabilities to handle such a big scale project. I do not really know how to describe this as, but anyways we also need capital and resources. Because it is just virtual only in name, whereas in reality, it will be a mix of real and fake stuff put together so I will need a heck lot of stuff to do things. But well, I always wanted to be a game developer with my engineering background if the dungeon supplier didn't work out, but guess I am going to be one after all and it's becoming a large headache." Jin snickered.

"That is why User has the System. Your headache will only be partial compared to the System's who will have to be the one to realise the scope of User's project." Jin's phone spoke out, and the System was greatly emphasising the amount of work it had to do.

"I see, so I assume you are unable to simply buy those processing capabilities in our world?" Kong Rong questioned.

"At the moment, no. We managed to locate a source or two in other worlds, but all of them are safely guarded, so we are not yet ready to get any of those." Jin remembered that he had to talk to Rei about the remaking of the spaceship from all the junk he salvaged.

"I see, let me just remind you to proceed carefully. Remember the last trade war, it involved the Tarots Guilds in the US fighting over the rights to build 5G? Thankfully, our country's establishments had made it easy to proceed without too much of a hassle." Kong Rong warned.

"So, you are saying I should proceed with caution and not tell people about this?" Jin asked for clarification.

"Yeah, keep it as low of a profile if possible. And I'd advise you to get Ke Loong to be a part of your Senior Panda Associates as well. I'm sure he has contacts that could further the advancement of your goal." Kong Rong said as he remembered he had a few contacts that could help Jin too, but he needed to check on them first.

"Other than that, I am quite satisfied that you are in line with my expectations. I will see if I can convince the right people to join your side and make your job a little easier." Kong Rong added, but Jin told the State Agent to hold back for now.

"Don't worry, I will think of a suitable cover story for your current plight. After all, I am a State Agent, I have some reliable sources you can depend upon. And trust me, you need the expertise given the scope. If anything, I can always just slap a top secret label on our topic. Hahahah!" Kong Rong wrote a few sentences in his notebook until Jin recalled a System request. (More like the System nudged him for it.)

"The recovery of the forest along the border walls? Oh? Okay. I believe I can help arrange that with Hou Fei, so that should not be a problem at all. Speaking about that situation, I need to inform you about the Banned Emperor, which I nearly forgot after all your shocking revelations." Kong Rong took something out from his bag.

"What is this?" Jin asked as he saw the crystal floral piece shimmered on Kong Rong's palm.

"This is merely a replica, but we had been tracking these sacrilegious mongrels who were going for it for quite some time. During their attack against the border walls, we had the feeling that it might possibly be a distraction. So, we had agents deployed to certain places to ensure that certain relics remained safeguarded and we believe this is one of those that they were aiming for."

"What kind of powers are inside that floral piece?" Jin received the replica, and Kong Rong allowed him to keep it.

"I don't exactly know the details, but I can look it up in the archives when I have the time. From what I recall, this flower relic that we have is one of the last few entry keys to enter the ancient flower city and is said to allow access to one of their inner vaults. However, we all know that the city does not exactly exist anymore, but seeing how these mongrels were trying to obtain the relic meant that they might have an inkling of an idea where to find the city or maybe a lost vault." Kong Rong answered, but Kraft gave a quick glance towards Jin.

"No, the ancient flower city still exists, and it is well hidden from the likes of modern man. If the Banned Emperor Assassins do know of such a place, that means -" Kraft said via the System Channel which was cut short by Jin.

"Zeru must be notified immediately," Jin announced and the System had already sent a message to Zeru since the Panda Boss had allowed him to visit his wife's spirit in Japan to celebrate the new year.

"Yes, that lotus loving guy will protect that ancient city even more than defending his honour or even previous master. I am not sure how he really feels about you, but you are probably not an exception at all. However, System, hold your horses. Let that samurai guy have a good chat with his ghostly flower

waifu. The State Agents did stop the sinister plot, remember?" Kraft gave a quiet chuckle as Kong Rong continued to ramble on. (No wonder, he was given the nickname Mr Know-It-All.)

But there was actually a silver lining to all of these long draggy explanations. Kong Rong once again fiddled with the pockets of his bag and took a red packet out for Jin.

"Happy New Year to you, and may we prosper and change the world to be a better place." Kong Rong smiled as he felt this was the most successful visit he had ever made to Jin's shop. (He could say some effort had been paid off.)

Jin knew that Kong Rong gave him a red packet as a formality since he was a married man. Giving to the young was part of the New Year tradition wishing them health and prosperity. But to be able to receive one had also shown that also showed that Kong Rong wanted to share his blessings with Jin.

Thus, he did the same and gave the newly appointed Senior Panda Associate a red packet as part of his responsibility as his new 'Boss'.

Chapter 926 Less Talk! More Fight!

"Looks like there are side quests to this as well? Knowing Boss Jin if we don't do at least some of them it will probably be next to impossible to defeat the Nian!" Bu Dong yawned as he reached the village and talked to Erming and Yiming about the quest to find Nian.

"Can we hurry it up? I agreed to do this because you said we could earn a quick win! Last I checked in the cinema waiting for you guys, there was already a group fighting the Boss!" Yue Wen complained since it turned out they were not as lucky as the Elder Pandaren Trio. After rescuing the village, it appeared it would potentially take longer than expected with all the side quests. While it was necessary to do all of them, Bu Dong believed there would be a suitable reward as compensation.

When she agreed to help out since Bu Dong 'sponsored' the run, Yue Wen had not realised that this would include a slew of side quests though the Pandamonium App guaranteed that they could return anytime with their progress saved so long as they were out of battle. This new save and load feature had people very excited.

This meant that cultivators can try, try and try again until they completed the dungeon and despite the need to pay per every entry, it at least showed that they could save their progress. Also, Jin was not going to eat their money outright. By reaching a certain checkpoint as determined by the System, the price needed to enter would be reduced. However, the maximum reduction of price would only be 50%. (After all, he was providing a service, not charity.)

"Yeah, we better get back before Mom notices that we have snuck out. She explicitly told us that we had to prepare to receive visitors and relatives by 8am." Yue Han yawned as he stared back at their mercenaries. Their Tanke was surprisingly well armoured mainly because Bu Dong did not spare any change, upgrading him to at least medium armour proficiency.

This allowed Tanke to wear heavier armour and carry a larger shield compared to the one currently accompanying Jing Yu and her Elder Pandarens, who only carried a buckler and wore essential armour plates to cover vital areas. Of course, there would be a decrease in mobility, but Bu Dong's Tanke's defence rating was not to be scoffed at.

Unlike the Elder Pandarens, they did not hire Heala since they had Yue Wen in their party. Instead, they decided to go for a ranged mercenary, and their fifth member went by the name of Archy.

To their surprise, there was a slight attitude to Archy who, unlike Tanke, was extremely lazy. Whenever they were not moving, he would already be sitting on the floor yawning widely as if he was preparing to go to sleep at any moment.

"Our mission is to search and if possible rescue the villagers captured by Nian's underlings. They might be hurt from the attacks since the villagers saw a number of them getting dragged off into the forest of the island before we arrived. So we should stock up on a few more potions at least."

"Urgh, with my sister here I don't think we have that many potions with us. We need more than recommended." Yue Han grumbled at his friend. "I've read some posts that Heala was especially effective on this particular side quest because of her continuous healing capabilities and her wide AOE heals."

"But look at it this way, we have a healer and sub attacker at the same time. It might be useful for this particular quest, but we could possibly rush through the entire dungeon faster because of an extra attacker. It can't hurt to have extra potions so that your sister can help us fight and she won't have to overtax herself." Bu Dong replied.

"Heh, I do not know how you can continue to be so optimistic when we experienced all the unimaginable pitfalls that Boss Jin always set up in a dungeon instance. How long has it been since he added that Escape City Dungeon? You know the one nobody was able to beat yet?" Yue Han sniggered as they waited for Yue Wen to check her potion stocks. After which, they went to the village shop which was ironically handled by a Panda with a straw hat biting on a bamboo made pipe.

Being a frugal person in nature, Yue Han noticed that the items sold in the shop were the same as outside, and the only difference was the amount they could buy because of limited stocks. The Panda Shopkeeper had a small, varied stock compared to the Panda Street Instance. "It really is just the essentials and nothing more." Yue Han sighed as she regretted, not getting a little more supplies beforehand.

He could have gotten more via the online Panda Store, but almost everyone knew that on the spot shopping was a sort of scam unless they really needed the item badly. (Fortunately for Jin, there were indeed people who fell for it either because they really needed the items or they just had the extra money to spend.)

"Alright, let's get going otherwise Archy will fall asleep in the middle of the streets." Bu Dong urged Yue Han to be faster so he could smack some monsters.

Soon, they left the village and followed the compass that had been enchanted by Chief Hunter Yiming. (As for the Elder Pandarens in a separate instance, they were given a new compass since theirs got destroyed during their first encounter with Nian.)

"The compass is pointing into the cave. Should we rush in or lure the Nian's underlings out?" Yue Han asked.

"I have no idea. They could be sentient and might not take out bait. I mean the villagers told us that those captured by them were dragged and not killed. Doesn't that mean they are smart enough to not eat them immediately and collect food for long term survival." Bu Dong judged the situation, but suddenly the always tired Panda raised his nose and requested the Pandawans to be quiet for a moment.

The rest immediately squatted and went to hide among the flora where they saw a Nian Underling walking out of the cave for a breather. Unlike the ones the Elder Pandarens fought, this particular one looked more like a Lion mainly due to the lack of the dragon scales.

"I suggest we grab one of these and when it cries for help, more should appear to aid it. At the very least that might reduce the number of monsters we have to fight in the cave. Besides, we do not know how wide or narrow the cave is. We might be restricted." Yue Wen analysed, and the other two agreed.

"If that is the case, I will go into the cave when I see an opening." Yue Han volunteered since he had the cultivation of a Blind Bat, allowing him to walk in the dark without too much of a hassle.

"Fine, then I will-" Before Bu Dong could continue, he heard the sound of a bow being nocked and released instantly. An arrow lodged into one of Nian's Underling, and surprisingly there was a rope attached to it.

"Less talk, more fight!" Archy demanded as and pulled on the rope stuck in Nian's underling.

Chapter 927 Sui Lions

Archy's arrows were coated with a layer of his chi which not only sharpened his projectiles but also had the effect of slightly paralysing the target. Furthermore, the rope arrow had a mechanism which opened up the moment it lodged into the flesh, causing more pain for the underling since its spikes were entrenched into the muscles.

Compared to the Nian itself, the underling did not have dragon scales, thus allowing the Panda Archer to easily penetrate its flesh. Once hit, Bu Dong and Yue Han quickly tried to pull the 'Sui Lion' as it was called on their interface towards themselves while it cried out for help.

While most animals would naturally lie on the ground after being shot with such a sharp piercing arrow, the Sui Lion did not. It tried to move run away from while shouting for help. However, it did not realise that the arrow was attached to a rope and eventually, it got strung like a fish when the line tightened. And thus, its howls were getting louder and harsher when he saw movement from a distance near the trees.

"Gosh, my ears hurt, and it feels like someone's hitting my brain! How can the cries of that stupid thing have such an annoying effect!" Yue Wen complained as she tried her best to ignore the persistent roaring from the Sui Lion. Its resistance was commendable as it not only continued to struggle against

the rope arrow and even attempted to pull it out. Only when it found out that it was useless, it tried to gnarl on the rope and pull it instead so that the tension would not be present and caused it pain.

However, Archy seemed confident that it would not be able to do so. Still, he pulled out another arrow to make sure of it. The stun arrow was supposed to completely paralyse the lion monster by sending a shockwave of electricity through it.

As the arrow flew towards Sui Lion, it immediately tried to evade it, but Bu Dong and Yue Han were not going to let Archy waste his ammunition. They pulled the rope arrow as hard as they could, causing it to trip sideways and the stun arrow barely impacted on its hind legs. It immediately released a loud electrical clap as if a thousand birds were chirping simultaneously forcing the Sui Lion to stay down on the ground.

Fortunately, the rope was insulated, which allowed the Pandawans to continue to pull the Sui Lion towards them. However, to the Pandawan's dismay, the captured Sui Lion only got further enraged by it despite the brief paralysation, indicating that it actually possessed a resistance against stun effects or electricity in general.

In the meantime, Tanke had positioned himself to intercept any reinforcement which might come from the cave. True enough, more of those Sui Lions ran out in a pack to save their brethren in pain. Perhaps it was the environment and the light setting, but Yue Han could see the multitude of eyes emanating through the dark cave and out into the open.

While individually, they might seem like a prideful group of creatures, the Sui Lions possessed better teamwork than expected and those who tried methods of luring similar to Bu Dong's party had already been bested by these beasts. Some of the Pandarens were even quick to complain about it on the forums with regards to this, hoping others will take it as a warning.

True enough, it only took a moment for Tanke to get surrounded by the pack of Lion Monsters, all eager to add the Panda Guardian to their next meal.

"Hah! If you think you have what it takes to eat me, fine! Go and take a bite! Fortress of Stone!" Tanke taunted them with his combat skill as his body slowly turned rock solid while fending off the first few strikes. This particular skill significantly increased the threat meter and caused all the Sui Lions to rush him first.

Bu Dong and Yue Han went into action the moment they heard Tanke announcing his skill. They might not have learned about all the Panda Guardian's skills, but they had sufficient time to learn about the ones he most commonly used during the motorboat trip towards the village's harbour.

This was because they believed it was best to learn how their Panda Mercenaries worked in order to make full use of them (And get their money's worth). In the case of the Fortress of Stone, it allowed Tanke to enter an invulnerable statue in which he would receive no damage, allowing his companion to proceed to kill off the distracted enemies. The downside of the skill was that it lasted for about 30 seconds in which he was unable to do anything else, and it had a very long cooldown before he could use it again.

As the two Pandawans jumped into the fray, the first Sui Lion they tried to slaughter was no doubt the one closest to them who had called for reinforcements. With it visibly wounded from the initial attacks,

they sent their blades flying into its chest. However, they had forgotten that Yue Wen was also around and the university student stole their kill by sending an arrow towards the head of the struggling Sui Lion.

Obviously, even a chi enhanced arrow was not enough to defeat it, but Yue Wen had something better. An arrow with a stick of dynamite attached to it. "Holy shit! TELL US EARLIER!" Bu Dong said as he quickly retracted his step and turned around, pulling his friend away with him.

The two close combat Pandawans immediately fled from the lion by desperately dashing ahead towards the Archy and Yue Wen, understanding that if they stayed around, they would be taken out along with the captured Sui Lion.

The fuse went off a little late because Yue Wen purposely pulled the fuse wire out a bit further to buy some time for the Pandawans to get out promptly. One could say she trusted their ability to stay away from the blast radius, but the two Pandawans could not help but wonder if it was some sort of revenge for all the little things they had done to annoy her in recent times. (Only Yue Wen knew and she found it rather pleasing.)

A Sui Lion somehow noticed that the arrow its brethren had been pierced with was different than usual and tried to remove it. Unfortunately, it was too late as the captured Sui Lion's head exploded the same way the dynamite did, sending all its brain matter into various directions.

Archy let go of the rope and took out the crossbow from his back and laid down on his stomach. While he supposedly was advertised to use a longbow, Yue Wen had borrowed the weapon for a moment to fire off that dynamite attack.

Archy didn't mind the opportunity to use his favourite crossbow since he could place it on his stomach and shoot, showing off the epitome of the laziness of a panda. Despite his posture, the Panda Archer was able to shoot accurately against the targets, providing support fire for Bu Dong and Yue Han while Yue Wen shoo off the Lions that came too close with more of Archy's dynamite arrows. Some went off a little too close for comfort, but the Panda Archer did not seem to have any care, as if it knew whether the blasts would hurt them.

Meanwhile, the two Pandawans simultaneously launched their offensive techniques against the distracted Sui Lions, allowing them to ambush them from the back. But like every other new monster the Pandawans had encountered, it did not take long for the Sui Lions to move away and refocus their attention on the attackers.

The threat meter had shifted towards the Pandawans, but thankfully, it coincided with Tanke's Fortress of Stone skill duration. Now that the Sui Lions had been ignoring him, the Guardian was free to act how he wanted.

Ten seconds after breaking out of its stone skin status, Tanke unleashed a wide area of effect skill by bashing the ground and causing rocks to erupt out of it. (The Pandawans would agree that it was frighteningly similar to Xiong Da' Hungry Hippo techniques.) The ground shook because of the Quake Wave skill and in response, the Sui Lions were scattered around the place allowing the Pandawan group of fighters to pick them off one by one.

Oh the look on the Pandawan faces, they were simply ecstatic from this succession of skills.

Chapter 928 Shadow Panda Medal

"Using an emergency defence skill and subsequently an area of effect skill to scatter their group into individuals? That is actually one way of doing the side questlines, which I never considered the cultivators could think of." Jin chuckled to himself as he knew how tough those monsters he created were.

By breaking the Sui Lions up with Panda Guardian's Quake Technique, it gave the Pandawans a bit more breathing space, allowing them to fight one on one for each of them. This also unintentionally broke one of the hidden trait bonuses that Jin had for the pack of Lions. By splitting the pack apart, they lost a secondary trait which actually empowered their strength by 5%. The trait, Number In Packs, could not be shown on the Pandawan's visor unless they have a Panda Explorer in their party. It was a mercenary class that focused less on combat monsters but searching for treasures.

However, the Sui Lions themselves were not something easy to be dealt on a one to one basis, but the party currently have two ranged supports that would aid them in their offence too. Archy kept shooting a variety of arrows like stun arrows, sticky arrows and even poison arrows to keep the other Sui Lions at bay while the other melee focused Pandawans fought by releasing their intermediate or advanced techniques.

Yet, the 'proper' way to win this particular side quest: 'Rescue the Kidnapped Villagers of Song Chew' was to enter the caves and fight them in their respective 'sections' within the cave. The first Sui Lion was meant to give a warning to the rest as all of them were sleeping after their afternoon 'snack'.

Jin tried to create an experience that would allow for a chaotic battle or alternatively a sort of silent gameplay. If the cultivators had managed to sneak past the first Sui Lion, which was very unlikely unless they killed it in time, they would still have to find a way past the enhanced smelling senses of the lion.

And even the wording, 'in time' was a difficult thing to achieve as the cultivators had to utilise the environment such as ambushing it from top of the caves and support from ranged cultivators to kill it in one single stroke.

Naturally, Jin had purposely adjusted the data to the Sui Lions that they would be more prone to Beast Slaying inscribed weapons just as how Xia Mao utilised his Dragon Slaying Scimitar against the Dragon Headed Nians. (Which had been named as Sui Dragons).

That way, the cultivators would have an easier time to complete the side quests despite their styles of playing. Jin did, however, rewarded the silent gameplay a little more since it was harder to achieve, and he also knew that the cultivators had a tendency to be impatient and always rush forth. If they managed to kill approximately half of the monsters within a particular side quest line with stealth, they would earn the hidden stealth bonus added to the end of their rewards.

The Pandarens who first failed the dungeon instances noticed that their progress statistic stated the amount of stealth gameplay achieved. They were rewarded with a different sort of currency which showed a Panda with its mouth and head wrapped like a ninja.

When some of the cultivators queried via the Pandamonium support section, on where to redeem the Shadow Panda Medals, the support only stated that the redemption shop was within the Panda Street Instance. Thus, this was the way Jin chose to include the Bamboozled Bar Service Instance into the gameplay.

When found, the Bamboozled Bar Service Instance would require 1 Shadow Panda Medal to go in (or ten Bronze Panda Medals as the current exchange rate). That was also partially the reason why Jin introduced the Bar earlier to Kong Rong so he could talk about it even though it was meant to be an 'open secret'.

Jin only asked Kong Rong that he wouldn't talk about the Bamboozled Bar Service Instance for a day, as it would actually change its location every single day and it would not stay in the same spot unless the rotation was done. As its name had suggested, it was meant to bamboozle the cultivators from finding it.

Surely, things within the Bar Service Instance could be bought with the normal Panda Medals because Jin felt it was still too early to lock out certain features within his shop, but the Shadow Panda Medals provided a higher value compared to the normal Panda Medals.

While Jin did emphasise that he did not wish to create too many different currencies, he realised why various games had purposely made different currencies to incentivise and reward players who played differently or challenged themselves further.

For this reason, he had maintained the main currency of Panda Medals while quietly increasing the amount given to the cultivators. With a currency exchange in mind, he could slowly gear his customers towards various challenges and reward them with different types of Panda Medals so that they could still at least attain his future prizes.

In the meantime, Jin was also considering creating a sort of currency exchange with a basic stock market function by utilising said Panda Medals and real-life money. This was one of the ways Jin had thought of allowing people to use their in-game currency to exchange for real money and vice versa.

However, the dungeon supplier believed that the rates would be abysmally low because of supply and demand. The more people exchanged for real money, the more Panda Medals would be infinitely useless to exchange. Nevertheless, it would provide the cultivators with an avenue to earn some cashback, but the main purpose of the currency exchange would be for the medals. People could exchange the main Panda medals currency for other exclusive Panda medals.

Jin wanted his stock market to work to allow customers to have access to exclusive items and medals in the future even if they did not have the time to get it. As long as they had money, they could exchange for the normal Panda Medals in order to get the exclusive Panda Medals as Jin would mandate that the exclusive medals could only be exchanged via the Panda Medals.

For example, if one would like to have a Shadow Panda Medal in the future and had nothing on hand, they could either earn some Panda Medals via the Dungeon Instances to exchange them in the stock market. Else, they could directly exchange for Panda Medals with real cash money and subsequently use that amount of Panda Medals to get the Shadow Panda Medal. In return, Jin would earn more from

doing this, and it would also be lowering the market rates slightly for people wanting to exchange Panda Medals into real cash for that period of time.

Yet, in some cases, Jin was also a little afraid of the backlash that could occur since history had already shown how greedy some people were in manipulating the stock market of their world. But no venture, no gain. He had no idea how this stock market feature would play out until he gave it a try. As for now, he was testing the waters by accumulating feedback on the reception of the Shadow Panda Medals first before dishing out the stock market feature.

Who knows? If the stock market works out, Jin could also subsequently introduce it to the other worlds when he provided the Virtual Reality Network. That way, he would not only provide his dungeon supplying services to his own world but to the other worlds and subtly connect different worlds and bring them together. At the very worst, Jin could intervene in the stock market with Claire's knowledge and get it stabilised.

However, despite all the talk about stealth, Jin did not forsake the chaos and beautiful dungeon play. The System was always monitoring the fights and checked if there were any creative methods that could be utilised and taught to Jin's monsters.

Since there were many monsters not featured in Jin's dungeons yet, it was impertinent to keep them training for future fights. While Jin had been lucky to be involved in fights that had up to this point been medieval based, he could not say the same for fights in the Mecha World. (And who knew how often he would have to interfere with such advanced worlds?)

The dungeon supplier was glad that he had allowed Hou Fei and his Royal Snakes to have their 'training exercise' as the System took records of their tactics and the way they handled monsters.

This data would be used to show the monsters how modern combat worked. All these recordings had also benefited Jin in mimicking certain moves like how Tanke managed to copy Xiong Da's Seismic Quake technique.

So for brilliant moves and certain exemplary team tactics which the System never saw before, it will give the players a high Chaos score and rewards them more Panda Medals.

Jin wanted to create one more type of medals to complement the Shadow Panda Medal, which was more in line with the Chaos portion but he guessed holding that thought could be ideal. Only when he felt that the Shadow Panda Medals had been revised and hotfixed, then he would create the next medal type if the customers didn't mind the first one.

If the Shadow Panda Medals were well received, Jin could also create specific weapon skins that can only be bought with such medals. And if customers could not obtain such medals, that would be where the currency market is as explained.

And if anything, Claire also believed that employing this medal exchange market would be a bold move and gave him some tips on how to maintain it. (The System nearly wanted the Intern to take it over, but Jin prevented the System from doing so until she became a full official member for the team.)

Aside from that, Jin continued to watch how Bu Dong fought with each and every Sui Lions with skill. For the first time, the dungeon supplier noticed that he was not using any fanciful skills and used basic and

intermediate techniques to relinquish his foes. Compared to Yue Han, who was trying his best to eliminate the Sui Lions as fast as he could, Bu Dong had been eyeing for weak points instead.

"It seems he has learned to control himself rather than brandishing his high-grade techniques all the time." Jin thought as he previously had time to review the Pandawan's performance during the Pandapolis Defence Raid. The records revealed how he nearly lost his life because the young Pandawan had overexerted his chi fighting minions leaving him with barely any chi to fight off the elite mobs.

"System believes that is the whole point of dungeon fighting. If one does not improve himself and learn from his mistakes, Angry Ape Cultivator Bu Dong would be forever stuck in his current grade."

"But if they improve, doesn't that mean I have to create even harder dungeons?" Jin moaned.

"That is your problem User." The System replied with a ':p' emoji, causing Jin to scratch his head and sigh.

Chapter 929 Extra - Life Potion

After defeating the last of the Sui Lions, Bu Dong and his team agreed to take a short break. Even though they defeated quite a number of Nian underlings that appeared to strike them, Yue Wen believed that there should still be a few more inside guarding the villagers.

Thus, the entire party did their best to recover their stamina and drank chi potions to heal themselves up. As advertised by the Pandamonium App, the Pandawans had opted to try the new potions concocted by Yu Xiang, the new local Alchemist of Jin's service instances as the opening week discount had been a great incentive to do so.

Just like all the customers before them, they were instantly surprised that the effects of the new potion were more soothing to the mind and body compared to the chi potions they had used previously. Ignoring the fact that the Pandawans would never buy and consume any potions from outside of Jin's store ever again, Yue Wen had the most experience in regards to healing and even compared this version of the potion with the ones they used to buy at Octofussy's General Store.

She ultimately liked Yu Xiang's chi new concoction not because it was advertised to have a 33% increased efficiency compared the other chi potions, but because she could feel that the effects of the potion rejuvenated her entire body. This was an effect not found in the ones the System bought from the black market at absurdly low prices, and it was a result of Yu Xiang incorporating her parent's knowledge about Chinese herbs into her potion recipe.

Add that with the list which the System gave after vaguely identifying similar components used in the chi potions, Yu Xiang and her team of researchers had managed to crack the recipe and enhanced it further.

Initially, the prodigal alchemist was bewildered as to why Jin did not give her the full recipe list, but she later assumed that it was because he wanted to challenge her further and create her very own concoction instead of merely improving on the original.

The result was groundbreaking to the researchers themselves to the point that some of them desperately wished to publish the work and receive international recognition for it. However, all of them knew how Yu Xiang, who was their leader despite the difference in age, felt about it. They had promised to follow her because of the allure of freedom to work, and the reasonably good money Jin paid them. Not many places would grant them as much freedom to pursue their very own projects as long they managed to create something for the shop.

However, the researchers were also baffled as to how a mere shopkeeper had been able to purchase such expensive high-grade processing machines for them to perform their research. That equipment alone would need millions of yuan to acquire, and some of them could only be bought with a special licence from the manufacturer.

Even Yu Xiang had her suspicions and attempted to search Jin up on the internet, only to be disappointed as she had found nothing about but apart from being a young aspiring dungeon supplier. He was not some millionaire's son or whatsoever.

But despite always being inside the lab, she too had heard of rumours of Jin being associated with high-level Royal Zodiac Members, and she knew about him defeating the Rat Triad Boss who would be impossible as a normal person. His miracles were not short of being surprising, and that was why even the level headed young researcher had decided to gamble on Jin.

Initially, she was just lazing around in her bed, getting some well-earned rest from the Chinese New Year holiday, but her research team had been telling her to look at the forums.

She did and was baffled by it.

People were commenting in the forums about how this new life potion had been so effective in battle they would not hesitate to stock up a lot more since the discount only lasted for a week. It was to the point, Yu Xiang decided to take a trip in the middle of the night to see the crowd herself.

Lo and behold, her assigned shophouse had a long queue with people standing outside wanting to buy just that specific potion. Her mind could not process such a thought because it was just one particular potion that she was selling and according to the Pandamonium Store App statistics, her potions were already out of stock and people were waiting for the next batch of stocks to arrive in the shop.

Indeed, because of Pandarens had been pre-ordering online, most of the physical stock had already been allocated to them, and those who were on scene had to wait for the shop to replenish properly first. It was one thing Jin had not foreseen with regards to this significant demand.

Thankfully, being the overcautious System, it at least kept batches of the potion ingredients in one of the Pandapolis warehouse. The only unfortunate thing was that the Goblins and Orcs responsible for the production had to be activated even though Jin did declare a rest day.

However, the minions were willing to work because they knew more money for Jin also meant more points for them and they all had already experienced what those precious points could do to their quality of living for themselves. (Not to mention they were able to be paid with 2.5 times the System points during declared holidays within their contract, making it enticing for them to work.)

Hence, instead of the minimum amount of workers going to work, the System was moderately astonished that the factory was in full force and some other minions not within that factory's allocation came to aid them too. (Luckily, the System was not so stingy that it would not pay those extra hands as long as they were productive enough.)

This enabled a fairly quick turnover for the supplies, allowing them to meet the demand in a reasonable amount of time, yet, the System did not stop upon meeting the hour's demand and had already produced more.

With such an overwhelming demand in the first few hours, its predictive analysis had already determined it would only get worse in the next few days after word of mouth spread about the effectiveness.

And even if they have extra left, the System had sufficiently well-equipped storage to handle the extra products.

Chapter 930 Sidearm

"Let's enter the cave now!" Bu Dong said after he checked his weapons a final time. Apart from the sword he usually used, the Angry Ape Cultivator had added a Glock automatic pistol to his repertoire of weapons. While he still needed more practice to get the hang of it, Bu Dong carried it in case of an emergency.

He had learned the painful lesson that having a secondary weapon might prove very useful in Jin's dungeons. There had been times when his sword was being flunked out of the way, leaving him with nothing but his fists to fight his way out.

He naturally had other swords in his storage ring, but there would always be a delay activating the storage and removing said item out of it. And also, putting them out as a secondary sword hindered his movement. Having two scabbards usually would interrupt his footwork if he placed it on the waist and if he put it behind his back, there were sometimes trouble drawing it out in time. Unsurprisingly none of Jin's monsters was nice enough to wait that long in the midst of battle.

Other customers had opted to use quick storage rings to solve that problem, but they were hella expensive. Even though Bu Dong had the money to get it, the durability of these rings was a problem too. Also, as a long time customer who wholeheartedly believed in Jin's items, the Pandawan had decided to wait for the dungeon supplier to release his own version of quick activation storage rings.

The most prominent reason for the change in this Pandawan's behaviour was the Pandapolis Defence Raid. After King Baal had used his magic, everyone had been transported to various parts of the city. So, Bu Dong, as well as the others, had been stranded to fend on their own. Even though reinforcements eventually came in to help them, many of them by that point in time had been barely holding on to their teeth and knuckles. (Well, figuratively.)

Their weapons broke from the constant clashing, due to the wear and tear to set in even faster. The blood from killing the demons made their grip on their weapons to slip, causing them to lose possession

of their weapons at times too. Some of the Pandawans were agile enough to steal weapons from the fallen demons to continue with their fight, but to Bu Dong, the biggest issue had been the ranged fighters.

Most if not all the Pandawans suffered near-death experiences because the ranged fighters had a clear shot on them. Bu Dong had a very close shave when an arrow zipped past the crowd in front of the Demon Archers and shot him in the back. At that point of time, he was too tired to even throw a melee weapon towards the Demon Archer and could only be wary for the next shot.

The other Pandawans had found themselves in similar situations, and all of them shared one thought: 'If only I had a gun with me.' They all wished for a quick way to retaliate since those single arrows from the archers would have killed them instantly as long as they hit their heads.

Surely if it had been a one-on-one fight, the Pandawans would win hands down, but the demons had suffered too many losses to care about the opinion of Jin's customers. Afterwards, all of the Pandawans reviewed their fights during dinner and collectively requested Jing Ru to give them some lessons on gun handling.

The Gunning Giraffe Pandawan didn't mind, but after two weeks of training, she all found them to be sorely lacking in every aspect. While it was to be expected, that did not stop any of them from carrying their pistol into battle.

"You think we can ever one-shot these Sui Lions?" Bu Dong asked as he touched the sidearm and ensured the safety was off so he could fire away at a moment's notice.

"I remember Jing Ru telling me that so far Boss Jin had always secretly placed a sure kill spot on all his monsters. If we manage to find such a spot, they could theoretically be killed instantly. Apparently, it isn't always the head, and those sure kill spots can vary with each and every monster we encounter despite being the 'same species.' But if we are repeating the dungeons and memorising the monsters' sure kill spots, it would be easy as cake." Yue Wen answered as she too checked her pistol.

Xiong Da had graciously sponsored the whole group after their dinner discussion and made a bulk purchase of the same Glock pistol (to not make it too obvious that they were not for him) and even got them gun belts and holsters as part of his welfare package to the group. (He was really utilising the free credit that Jin had bestowed him.)

"Well that sounds good in theory, but that means we would have to repeat the dungeons by always making the very same decision and moved to the very same places like clockwork." Yue Han complained that it was impossible to search for a sure kill point for each and every monster, especially when it was not visible.

"Chances are that at our skill level the only way to hit it, would be from a lucky shot and even then we won't be able to necessarily pinpoint exactly where we hit it since the monster splatters. " Yue Wen explained how Jing Ru had found out about the sure kill points and identified it by the monsters spitting its guts out instantly as if the shot had turned explosive in nature.

Soon after she had made a post on the forum and someone had gone through other similar posts to make a guide of known sure kill spots for cultivators who used ranged weapons.

"So what about bosses? Can bosses also die from those sure kill points yet?" Bu Dong asked as their group carefully entered into the cave.

"She managed to get a lucky hit once, and it dropped the boss' health by a third at the time. Jing Ru tried hitting the very same spot, but after the first time, it did not activate. Her theory is that either there are other sure kill points on the boss or the sure kill point change after one has been activated. Of course, it could also be the case, that Boss Jin made it so that you only get the damage once and it's up to the cultivator to use it early or later."

"Sounds like being a gunner has its perks." Yue Han commented as he actively concentrated his chi into his eyes and ears. Being a Blind Bat Cultivator, he had better senses in searching for monsters within a cave.

"True, but you saw how Jing Ru has to cover herself with various traps and tricks when fighting whenever she can't get a shot in. Unlike us who have defensive and offensive skills, her only advantage is sniping from afar. Other than that, she's a normal gunman against a slew of monsters with various defences and armour." His sister replied since she had seen her friend in battle quite a number of times.

"Shhh." Yue Han immediately halted the group and stopped them from talking any further as he detected movement within the cave. "I sense two coming from the front and one lurking at the side over there. Prepare for battle." He whispered as Tanke who had been quiet the whole time paced himself forward while the others retreated a few steps back.

If possible, the group wanted to ambush the remaining monster.