

MMORPG: The Almighty Ring

Chapter 36: Fighting the Demonic Bear

“Roar!”

The Bearman boss saw the little man heading towards him and roared in welcome. It swung its massive pair of paws about before bounding towards Jiang Fei!

Iron Fist!

-300!

Just as Jiang Fei mustered up a blow of his own, the boss had promptly replied!

“Bang!” A massive bear paw slammed into Jiang Fei’s body!

-382!

“Holy shit! F*ck me! That was a normal attack — and it felt like the Tigerman boss’ offensive skill!”

Jiang Fei almost jumped out of his skin. This Bearman struck like a Mack Truck!

+274!

+203!

Fortunately, the two Priests had just caught up to him. They immediately started healing him up.

Blazing Hammer!

-278!

Jiang Fei’s Blacksmith Hammer crunched into the boss’ flesh. The gang of girls had finally caught up and formed up behind him. Blades, magic, and arrows plonked off its head, one after another!

Jiang Fei could sense a significant drop in the party’s total damage output. This large, black mass of fur was most certainly tougher than the Tigermen’s boss.

“Bang!”

The Bearman delivered a particularly ruthless bash, forcing Jiang Fei a half-step back!

-887!

“F*cking hell! This guy is tough”

Jiang Fei hurriedly chugged a potion down his throat. The two Priests would start falling back at this rate!

Slowly but surely, they whittled down the boss' Health Points. It was closing upon the 80% mark!

“Roar!” The Bearmen's boss suddenly stopped attacking. It flung its head up to the sky and let out an earth-shattering roar!

“Swish! Swish!” Two white flashes of light momentarily blinded them. Two Elite Bearmen were summoned!

“Guildmaster, I need you and Dazzledance to keep those guys busy!” Jiang Fei shouted!

“Okay!”

Rosette Rose and Rosette Dazzledance knew what to do; Jiang Fei had told them everything in advance.

Those two minions were not yet even done with their spawn animations. They were just standing up, as Rosette Dazzledance pounced on the opportunity. With a Charge, followed by a Taunt, she gave them a rude welcome.

-347!

-321!

The two Elite Bearmen were no slouches either. Although they lumbered and floundered about with relative slowness, they still packed quite the punch!

“Brother Glider! I won't last long!”

Rosette Rose was not a specialized healer. Her Health Points were quickly dropping!

“Dazzledance, drink your potions! Everyone, focus fire on the two monsters!” Jiang Fei had expected just as much.

Altogether, the girls spun around and saved Rosette Dazzledance from certain death. They may hit hard, but they did not take punishment just as well. Within 10 seconds, one of them was buried under a slew of attacks from half a dozen girls. Moreover, they only struck once per three seconds. Rosette Dazzeldance had barely gotten away, but nevertheless, she had lived!

“Guildmaster, get Dazzledance back to full health. The rest of you, pile up on the boss!”

Jiang Fei swallowed the knot in his throat. They had just barely managed through the first obstacle, the 80% mark!

At 60%, the boss summoned more Bearmen, but the party was far better prepared. They fell down far sooner than before!

“Melee attackers, get out of the way!” At 50%, Jiang Fei shouted a warning.

“Roar!” Right after the melee attackers got out of the way, the boss let loose. With a furious roar, Jiang Fei’s attack power was reduced by 80%. His normal attacks came nowhere close to piercing through the boss’ Defense!

“Alright, all clear, get back in!” Jiang Fei breathed a sigh of relief. It was fine for the tank to lose attacking power. But losing power from one of the main damage outputs would have been devastating. They might not even be able to handle the upcoming summoned minions! If they failed to save Rosette Dazzledance, the Priests would be taken out, and soon after that, a full team wipeout!

As expected, at 40% Health Points, the boss summoned more minions. Thanks to Jiang Fei’s early warning, the melee attacking girls had remained unaffected by the boss’ Roar. Their attack power had not been compromised. The minions quickly fell to their full, unabridged power.

“Roar!” At 30%, the Bearman rose up on its hindquarters!

“Wah! Spread out! Quickly now!”

Try as his best, the warning was still too late!

“Bang!” The boss threw itself on the ground. A shockwave rushed out to the surroundings!

-1,700!

-1,700!

-1,700!

-1,700!

-1,700!

All five melee attackers were struck by the boss' War Stomp!

As the boss in the Normal Mode had never demonstrated this skill, not even Jiang Fei could have seen this coming. This was where he lost his edge. The party could only take it like any other first-time party. Take whatever skill that is thrown at you!

“Ding! Your party member, Rosette Phantom has fallen in battle!”

The five melee attackers were Jiang Fei and the four Heavy Armored party members. Even the Strength and Agility-based Warrior, Rosette Dragoness had more than 1,700 Health Points. The blow had almost taken her out, but she was still standing. Rosette Phantom the Bandit had not been as fortunate. She only had 1,300 Health Points and was taken out on the spot!

“Healers, I still need your help! The others would have to depend on their potions! Guildmaster, heal Dazzledance up!” Jiang Fei shouted between the gulps of a red potion. It had been a merciless blow, but the bulk of the party's attack power still remained. They still had the fighting chance!

“Prioritize survival first! Don't be in such a hurry to get it down to 20%!” reminded Jiang Fei. If they triggered the boss' ultimate at that moment, it would be certain death!

Slightly over 10 seconds later, and the party had recovered. The boss' Health Bar was swiftly approaching 20%!

Jiang Fei cried, “Healers, go full ham! Don't worry about over-healing! Just keep piling the heals on me even if I'm full! I need everyone else to keep an eye out for the minions — don't even let them exist!”

20% was when the Normal Mode boss went into a frenzy. Not only was this boss significantly tougher — it was also capable of summoning minions!

“Roar!” Along with a furious roar, the boss summoned the monsters!

“I've got the mobs. Don't mind me!”

Rosette Dazzledance was quite the veteran. She had proficiently grabbed hold of the entire bunch!

“Ow!” A red glow appeared on the boss' body. Frenzy! Jiang Fei's Health Points started plummeting. The two Priests were working overtime, unable to afford any distractions!

“Buzz!” The red glow on the boss’ body spread outwardly. The Frenzy had driven the two minions mad as well!

-485!

-478!

“Whoa! I do not got this! Do mind me please!” shouted Rosette Dazzledance, her eyes widening in alarm, as the monsters facing her started foaming at the mouth furiously.

“Sh*t!” Jiang Fei cursed. If he had known earlier, he would have had Rosette Dazzledance drag the monsters away from the boss. No one would have expected a virulent form of frenzy!

Chapter 37: Taking down the Boss

“Full power, focus fire on the mob!” Jiang Fei roared. The only option left was to swing to victory, or go down swinging!

“No way! My healing can’t keep up!” shouted Rosette Rose.

“Ding! Your party member Rosette Dazzledance has fallen in battle!”

“Dragoness! Take her place!” shouted Jiang Fei while running circles around the frenzied boss.

“Okay!” Rosette Dragoness knew better than to protest. With a Taunt, all the minions were sent running towards her!

Fortunately, one beast had already fallen to the focused fire. The other one was left reeling with half a bar!

“Ahhh! Dragoness is dying fast! I can’t keep her alive!” Rosette Rose shouted.

After all, Rosette Dragoness was an Attack-type Warrior who had not invested anything into her Vitality stat. Despite her Heavy Armor, one hit from the Elite Bearman still took off 500 Health Points. Moreover, Rosette Rose was not a specialized healer. The two Priests were too preoccupied on healing Jiang Fei. They could spare nothing. Two hits had almost sent Rosette Dragoness to the graveyard!

“Kill it quickly!” Jiang Fei was out of options.

“Ding! Your party member Rosette Dragoness has fallen in battle!”

Before Rosette Dragoness even hit the ground, Rosette Rose had decisively dashed forward. With a cast of Conviction, she grabbed hold of the monster. As a Knight, she was undoubtedly tougher than Priests and Magicians. She was the best option at the moment!

“Ow!” Fortunately, Rosette Rose had only received one strike from the massive paw. The Magicians have managed to blast it to death!

“Full damage output on the boss. Healers, don’t let up now. I need to remain at full Health Points if possible! Clan master, if I die, take over!” Jiang Fei called out. As the boss’ Health Points was quickly approaching 10%, it also meant an impending Slam. Even Jiang Fei could not be certain of his survival!

“Roar!” The boss took a breathtaking leap to the ceiling!

“Bang!” ... And came down on Jiang Fei’s head like a sledgehammer!

-2,578!

Stunned!

Fortunately, Jiang Fei had a maximum of 2,900 Health Points. Any other tank would have been squashed to death, even if they were at full health!

+332

+271

Although Jiang Fei had been momentarily incapacitated, the Priests were able to keep healing him. It did not take long for his Health Points to find themselves in the 4-digit mark again!

-812! (Bash!)

The boss knew that its end was near. Instead of laying back, it seemed to swing even more wildly than ever.

+302

+284

+50

The moment he recovered, Jiang Fei quickly uncorked another Health Potion between his teeth. His Health Points had dropped below 200. A gust of wind would put him down!

-575!

+284

+278

+50

+50

+50

+50

Fortunately, the boss' attack speed was relatively slow. It almost took three seconds for it to muster out a blow. Such sluggishness allowed Jiang Fei's potion to tick thrice.

It also gave the Priests time to cast their major spells!

"We're good, go for it now!"

The Slam and Bash was the final hard bracket. Having survived that, the battle was as good as done!

"Ow..." The Bearmen's boss was at the end of its rope. With a mournful wail, its Health Points was finally emptied!

"Ding! You have killed Clomiir the Demonic Bear. Obtained 22,000 Experience Points!"

"Ding! Congratulations to player Verdure Glider for reaching Level 16. All Attribute +1. Obtained 5 Attribute Points !"

Along the way, the waves of monsters had almost filled Jiang Fei's Experience bar to the brim. The boss was all he needed to push him over the edge!

"I'll wait for the three of you[1]. We'll open the treasure chest later!" said Jiang Fei to the three fallen party members. As the Priests had not yet learned Resurrection, they could only run all the way back from the Graveyard!

"So many Linens!"

It was Rosette Miaomiao's turn to use Gathering again. As a result, they had abruptly received more than 30 Linens.

"Uh huh! When we get back this time round, Tinkerbell would be delighted!" said Rosette Rose with a big smile on her face. As the game's drop rate was merciless, it

was incredibly difficult to procure materials for Tailors to work on. Even if one was filthy rich, there would be nothing to purchase! Therefore, Jade Tinkerbell was in even more of a predicament than Jiang Fei. However, Rosette Knighthood had walked away from this excursion with a huge yield. Thanks to Jiang Fei, the dungeon was dropping loot to the left and right. Almost every monster had dropped some Linen. The boss even dropped dozens of it at a time. By the end of it all, they probably had enough Linen for Yi Ling Long to sprint her way to Level 2 Tailorship!

When Rosette Phantom and the others returned, the four big guilds were once again gathered around the entrance. They took no notice of Rosette Phantom and the others jogging past them from the graveyard. After all, many others were attempting the Normal Mode. It was common enough to see people running from the graveyard. Even the four big groups had been repeatedly wiped out. Therefore, there was an endless stream of the recently deceased coming from the graveyard!

“Son of a b*itch! How do we even get through that Frenzy?!”

Southern Azuresword was beyond approach. The Ferocious Tiger boss had one-shotted their main tank. The entire team had been eliminated for the third time!

“LOL...” Happy Drunk had the same smile on his face.

“Kid, you guys took the first boss down, didn’t you?” asked Lady Casanova, glaring menacingly.

“By luck! By luck!” Happy Drunk seemed to have given a modest, unassuming reply, but his eyes betrayed a twinkle of pride. After all, the masters of the other three big guilds were stuck at the first boss. He was the only leader to have successfully taken down the first boss. Although they had not cleared the dungeon, no announcements had claimed any other party to have done so. If even the three big guilds could not take down the first boss, no one else could! He was currently in the lead, and he could very possibly be the first to clear it!

Besides, the treasure chest from the Tigermen’s boss had produced two pieces of equipment. One of them was even a Blue tier. This gave Happy Drunk all the reason to believe that the First Kill was as good as his, without the shadow of a doubt!

Little did Happy Drunk know that the First Kill for the first boss had already been snagged by Jiang Fei, long before they even entered the dungeon. By the time he took down the first boss, Jiang Fei had already put the second boss through the other side of the universe. The Blue tier equipment that Happy Drunk was so proud of was actually a mediocre sample. The double Ascended Blue tier equipment as the First Kill reward had already been bagged by the Rosette Knighthood!

“What? You guys actually did it?”

It had gained Southern Azuresword's full attention!

"LOL..." Happy Drunk smiled. Not a word needed to be said. His body language demonstrated his arrogance in its fullest extent!

"If you won't tell us how you did it, at least show us what you got from it!" Daemon's Grimace barked.

"Okay!" Happy Drunk had no reason to hide. If anything, he was happy to show them his spoils!

Happy Drunk's party had truly walked away from the boss fight with full pockets. Among it was a Ascended Green tiered ring and Blue tiered Chainmail bottoms. One need not look at the ring. These early stages of the game gave no room for Jewellers to shine — yet. Any accessory was considered a rare piece of equipment. Level 15 Blue tiered Chainmail Bottoms would truly enhance a main tank's capability. This guaranteed far smoother sails in future dungeon runs!

Therefore, Happy Drunk was glad to flaunt those two prime samples. He was out to make a clear statement to the other three parties — "See this? We've obtained some awesome gear. Our party just went through a major upgrade. This "first clear" honor belongs to us. You guys don't stand a chance!"

As expected, the other three masters were envious. After all, at this stage of the game, any equipment was extremely valuable. Blue tiered equipment would be priceless.

These big shots would never see the diminutive Jiang Fei scurrying about ahead them, with the head of the second boss behind him!

Translation Note:

Corpse Run – Corpse running means to run your character's ghost or wisp to the site of your fallen body to resurrect there.

Chapter 38: A Blue Tier Recipe!

After leveling up, Jiang Fei squeezed all of his Attribute Points into Vitality. His Health Points shot over 3,000. He got involved with some small talk with Rosette Rose and the others. Soon, the three corpses returned, fresh from the grave.

"Treasure chest! Open the treasure chest!"

When Rosette Miaomiao saw Rosette Phantom and the others returning, she practically leaped off her feet.

“Yup! Brother Glider, you go!”

Jiang Fei’s Luck was ridiculously high. He had to be the only person opening the treasure chest!

“Swish!” In a flash of blue light, the golden treasure chest swung open!

“Yay!”

Jiang Fei clenched his fists. The blue light disappeared. A Recipe laid within the treasure chest. It illustrated the design and construction of an equipment of impeccable quality. It was precisely what Jiang Fei had been longing for!

Recipe: Furious Bear Roar (Smithing Recipe: Shoulder, Excellent)

Requirement: Beginner Blacksmith Level 2!

Wild Force (Two-handed Sword, Excellent)

Attack +127

Strength: +9

Vitality: +3

Equipped: Grants you a skill —— Wild Force. Instantly increases your attack speed by 50%. Lasts for 10 seconds. Cooldown: 5 minutes!

Level Requirement: 15

“Nice sword!”

It was love at first sight for Rosette Dragoness!

The sword had almost three times the Attack of the White tier weapon she had obtained for free from her class advancement. After all, there was a considerable gap between a Level 15 Ascended Blue tier equipment and a trash White tier equipment that the system handed out for free!

Besides, the 9 points of Strength was a world-changer. This was the ultimate, offensive weapon. Be it the Warriors or the Knights, this was good stuff!

“You guys, decide it yourself! The Recipe is mine!”

Jiang Fei threw the Two-handed Sword over to Rosette Rose. It was only in the way of his smithing Recipe!

The Recipe was absolutely not up for debate. Jiang Fei was the only person who could use it. But who to give the Two-handed Sword to? This became a problem. Three members here could wield a Two-handed Sword. The two warriors, Rosette Dragoness and Rosette Dazzledance, followed by Rosette Rose the knight...

Even if Rosette Dazzledance had chosen to be some sort of hybrid tank-healer, Rosette Dragoness and Rosette Rose were utterly competent wielders of the weapon class!

“Forget it. Dragoness, you have the sword!” Rosette Rose was actually conceding for once.

“Huh? Ladyboss, you don’t want it?”

Rosette Dragoness was dumbfounded. She had been prepared to leave it to her Guildmaster, Rosette Rose. Moreover, was she not the lady boss of the sisterhood? Rosette Dragoness could not hold a candle to her.

“Nope! I’ve decided to go back and reset my Ability Points. In the future, I’ll be a full-blown healer!” said Rosette Rose.

“Huh?” After listening to what Rosette Rose said, all the girls were dumbfounded. She was such a bold, brash woman — how could she possibly end up as a healer?!

“You guys didn’t hear me wrong. I’ve made up my mind. You may have the sword!” said Rosette Rose, handing the Wild Force over to Rosette Dragoness!

If it was in the past, the old Rosette Rose would never take the healer’s path. But things have changed. Jiang Fei had been far too dazzling! The rest of the girls might not have seen the depths of this dungeon, but Rosette Rose was not stupid. The girls who had challenged the Normal Mode dungeon had been whining and crying about the absolute torture. Very few parties had been able to defeat the first boss.

Rosette Phantom had updated Rosette Rose about the situation via private message. As she was making her run from the graveyard, she overheard the four big guilds’ conversing at the dungeon entrance. A top master player like Happy Drunk was actually pleased with himself for being able to defeat the first boss of the Elite Mode dungeon. But a crowd of crows like themselves had actually put down the second boss. How did that even happen? Well, there was this certain Blacksmith called Verdure Glider!

This teenager was one year her junior. He was truly an amazing person. Not only he was extraordinarily talented in smithing equipment, but he had also actually broken through the limitation of crafting classes on the battle aspect. He had also become a master player. After all, Rosette Knighthood was just an entertainment organization by a group of rich ladies. It was impossible for her to realize her own ambition by relying on the current power. But after this amazing guy came in, Rosette Rose’s heart was suddenly steady and sure!

Women were so. No matter how strong their character was on appearance, no matter how versatile their capability, they still hoped to be able to search for a solid backing deep within their heart, enabling them to rely on! Although this guy Verdure Glider was one year old younger than herself, Rosette Rose knew that she could count on him!

Rosette Rose knew that her power could only take her so far. That was why she had decisively decided to place her faith in Jiang Fei. Within any party, the two most important footstones were the tanks and the healers. Now that she already had a formidable Tank called Jiang Fei, she needed to bolster the Healing division. If no one else was willing to offer themselves up, she would roll the first stone!

Fortunately, "Dawn Break" was not all that ruthless. Players were given a free opportunity to reset their Ability Points before Level 20. This allowed players to have a taste of the game and determine their palate. Otherwise, status reset points would be a major pain in the neck!

After Rosette Dragoness took the Wild Force in her hands, Jiang Fei had added the Recipe to his skill tree!

Furious Bear Roar (Chainmail Shoulder, Excellent)

Physical Defense +55

Magical Defense +20

Random Enchantment

Level Requirement: 15

That Recipe was the cherry on the icing. It made Jiang Fei's journey to the dungeon worth every drop of blood. But, the Elite Mode dungeon did not end just like that!

"Come on, everyone! Our reinforcements are arriving soon!"

Just as Jiang Fei and the rest were finished distributing the equipment, not far off, they heard a voice shouting!

"Captain Moliere, we can't hold on any longer!"

"Stand fast, men! The reinforcements are right behind us!"

"Hmm? Moliere?"

When Jiang Fei heard the name, he suddenly became energetic. This was the target of his quest!

“Onward!” Jiang Fei quickly ran for the voice!

“Everyone, look! Our reinforcements have arrived! Let’s bury these dung beetles in the ground!”

Jiang Fei and the others rounded the corner just in time to see an NPC in shining, silver armor giving out a great shout. He quickly rallied his NPC soldiers and gave a decisive charge!

“Holy f*ck. It’s actually in story mode?”

Jiang Fei looked at the situation. This won’t be easy. If this bunch were to fall to the enemies, his quest would be at a fatal end!

“Healers, catch up. Attackers, look for my mark!” Jiang Fei shouted over his shoulder to the girls behind.

The Corruptor (Humanoid, Elite)

Level: 18

Health Points: 2,300

Attack Power: 200

Skill: Contagion. If the wound is not taken care of after being attacked by the Corruptor, corruption would take hold of you, and you would be more demon than human!

Remark: Contagion is ineffective on players, but effective on players’ pets. Corrupted pets would betray their masters. At the same time, it would have highly elevated attributes!

“Phew!” Jiang Fei quickly calmed down. The only class within his party to command a pet was the Hunter. Even so, Rosette Bubbles intended to advance to the second class as a Hunter. Therefore, she had not yet captured any pets of her own. That nasty-sounding Contagion would hold no power over his party!

Chapter 39: Demon Lord

The enemies were numerous, but the soldiers were better-trained. Both parties were more or less equal in power. Jiang Fei’s party had broken that fragile balance. It would only be a matter of time before the threat was annihilated!

“Excellent! Are you guys our reinforcements?”

Moliere turned towards Jiang Fei and the others, tugging his blade out of a monster.

“Nope. We’re just some adventurers passing by. We’ve been sent by your subordinate to search for you!” said Jiang Fei.

“Ah. You’re here now, that’s all that matters. As you can see, we’re caught up in something here. Adventurers, I am hereby invoking my right as a Lieutenant of the Empire and recruiting your services. Please. help us exterminate the remaining Demons!” Moliere said.

“Ding! Obtained 15,000 Experience Points. Obtained 5 Silver Coins. Quest updated!”

Quest: The variant forest (Dungeon). The First phase has been completed!

Second phase: Assist patrol captain Moliere!

“Sure thing!” This may have started off as Jiang Fei’s quest, but it had been upgraded into a Dungeon Quest, so the entire party was eligible to take part!

“Captain! We’ve... We’ve got a situation!” Just as Jiang Fei and the others were prepared to take a step forward, one of the soldiers called out!

“What happened?” Moliere turned and asked, concerned.

“Captain, look!”

“Huh?” Moliere followed the soldier’s finger and looked. His face betrayed the alarm and shock.

“Oh, sh*t!” Jiang Fei was just as alarmed. His party had gotten away relatively unscathed, but some NPC soldiers had fallen during the fight. Now, those very soldiers were actually staggering to their feet!

“Contagion!”

Jiang Fei instantly surmised the situation. His party members were not as calm. They had no mysterious cheat rings, and were thus unaware of The Corruptors possessing such a skill.

“Rip...Crack...”

These NPC soldiers stood up once again. Their muscles and tendons ripped and tore. Their bones crackled. And then, their bodies started swelling rapidly. Pieces of fabric and armor flew off. In the blink of an eye, they had turned into 2-meter tall abomination, their bodies covered with disgusting sarcomas!

“Eliminate them!”

Moliere was quick to regain his bearings. Although still visibly unnerved, he took action!

“But Captain! They’re actually...”

His soldiers were still hesitant, despite the direct order from their superior. After all, these were their former comrades!

“Those men are dead. Do not let these monsters sully their flesh any longer!” Moliere roared, charging into the fray alone.

“Let’s help him!”

Jiang Fei called out to the girls and quickly joined the captain!

Bloody Humanoid Demon (Humanoid, Elite)

Level: 19

Health Points: 3,000

Attack Power: 275

Skill: Contagion. If the wound is not handled promptly, corruption would take hold of you and you would join their ranks!

Remark: When regular human soldiers are infected, their attacks are enhanced drastically, and they would gain the ability to infect others! Medium threat level.

Although Jiang Fei and gang were significantly stronger than other players of their levels, these monsters hit quite hard — like the Elite Tigermen at the beginning of the dungeon. To the NPC soldiers, they were downright terrifying!

“Argh!”

“My God! Are you okay?”

A soldier had let out a blood-curdling scream, clutching his wound that did not seem life-threatening. It was not the scream that frightened his comrades, but the fact that he was transforming into another one of those monsters.

“Everyone, be careful. Do not let them touch you! You’ll join their ranks!” Jiang Fei called out.

It was sound advice, but much easier said than done. These soldiers were no match to the monsters. Asking them to not take any hits was like asking them to stand still yet remain dry in a rainshower.

“Argh...”

More and more soldiers became new victims. A little nick here, a little graze there. It was enough to infect and turn them into screaming demons. Soon, the Bloody Humanoid Demons were seen swarming about the place!

“Kill!” The soldiers took their last stand. It was heartbreaking enough to watch their comrades fall to the corruption, one after another.

Ten long minutes later, the demons lay motionless. However, aside from Jiang Fei and the other players, only Moliere the patrol captain remained standing.

“Phew...” Jiang Fei breathed a sigh of relief, but he did not dare take his eyes off the corpses just yet.

“Adventurer, it appears that we’ll have to part here!” Moliere strode towards, his steps heavy, his face gaunt.

“What do you mean, Captain?” asked Jiang Fei.

“This is the report on the Night Forest. Please deliver it to Bishop Phillip in Dawnlight City. May he end the Demons once and for all!” Moliere solemnly extracted a scroll from his cloak and handed it to Jiang Fei.

“Ding! Quest updated!”

Goal: Deliver the investigation report to Bishop Phillip!

Reward: 50,000 Experience Points, 10 Silver Coins.

“What about you, Captain?” Jiang Fei asked, stowing the scroll away with great care.

“Me? Hahah...” Moliere managed a weak smile, laughing bitterly. He pointedly gazed down at his side.

“What?!” Jiang Fei had followed the captain’s sight. Three visible scratches could be seen on the captain’s left rib. His shining armor had been torn open, and dark red blood was welling up.

It could not be considered life-threatening. It would barely even faze a seasoned warrior like the captain! But the Contagion skill was what’s killing him!

“Hurry on now. I can’t hold it back any longer!” As Moliere’s voice rose, his facial features started morphing before their eyes.

“It...it’s too late! Hurry! Kill me! Now!” Moliere’s eyes started turning red.

“Argh!” The girls behind Jiang Fei had let out screams of grief and terror. They sympathetically gazed at the captain.

“Ow!” At that moment, Moliere had completed his transformation!

Moliere, the Humanoid Demon Lord (Humanoid, Advanced Elite)

Level: 22

Health Points: 8,800

Attack Power: 585

Skill: Great Smash, Great Swipe, Flesh Phagocytosis, Flesh Rip, Death Gaze!

Remark: A demonized, human low-ranking officer. His attack has been enhanced drastically. Extremely high threat level.

After the transformation was complete, the boss towered over them, standing over three meters. Disgusting sarcomas grew all over its body. It looked like a bloated, skinless giant. Its muscles were visible from head to toe!

“This must be the third f*cking boss, I suppose?” Jiang Fei stared up at the giant, muttering to himself.

Chapter 40: A Desperate fight against the Demon Lord

“Ouw!”

The boss did not remain standing idly for long. With two huge steps, it quickly approached Jiang Fei and gang, introducing itself with a–

“Bang!”

It lifted one massive leg and stomped down. Jiang Fei reflexively lifted his shield up.

-521!

-521!

“Holy f*cking hell! That’s just bloody outrageous!” Jiang Fei coughed. The boss’ normal attack was already this ridiculous. Would its skills actually tear the ground open?!

Jiang Fei hurriedly gulped down a Red Potion. The two Priests quickly got to work!

Iron Fist!

Blazing Hammer!

-300!

-628! (Critical hit!)

“Bring it on! Melee classes, flank him! Watch out for his Great Swipe!” This boss struck like a Mack truck. But it was basically a walking glass cannon. At best, its Defense might be equivalent to that of the Tigermen’s boss.

“Roar!” After delivering two more punches, the boss suddenly put its hands together, crossing its fingers to form a double-handed fist before bringing it down.

-1280! (Great Smash!)

“What the!”

Jiang Fei was forced back by almost eight steps!

Charge!

-50!

The last thing Jiang Fei wanted was to have the boss turn around and start laying those heavy blows on the melee attackers. He hurriedly returned to the fray with a dash, stunning the boss for two seconds. That should get his attention!

“Roar!”

The moment the boss recovered, it swung a huge arm in a wide arc. A blood red light swept past its front. Fortunately, Jiang Fei had already ensured that the boss was facing its back to the others. He would be its only target, AoE or otherwise. Even the ranged attackers and Healers were all behind the boss.

-725!

“Cutie! We can’t keep this up!”

The boss might as well be trying to remold a mountain. Despite their continuous Greater Heals, Jiang Fei's Health was quickly fading!

"Guildmaster, I need your healing too!"

While gulping down another potion, Jiang Fei had Rosette Rose jump over to the healing division.

They were making progress. The boss' Health Bar was soon reaching the 80% mark.

"Ding! Moliere the Humanoid Demon Lord is gazing at Rosette Bubbles!"

"What's that supposed to mean?!" asked Rosette Rose. The target of the boss' apparent affection, Rosette Bubbles was also staring at Jiang Fei in a mixture of confusion, disgust, and horror.

"I don't know. Just stay on your toes!" Jiang Fei barely knew any more about the boss than they did. The mysterious ring dropped a hint or two, but other than just "Death Gaze" listed as one of its skills, Jiang Fei could not tell what that actually did!

At that moment, the boss had stopped attacking. Both its eyes were firmly fixed on Rosette Bubbles!

"Splat... Splat..."

All of a sudden, the sarcomas on the boss started blowing up. Clusters of Rotten Meat splattered on the ground before crawling towards Rosette Bubbles like adorable Slimes!

"Whoa! I'm cornered!" shouted Rosette Bubbles.

"Butcher that Rotten Meat!" Jiang Fei roared, dashing towards a cluster of Rotten Meat!

Blazing Hammer!

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"Pile up on them, Priests, you too!" Jiang Fei called out.

A total of seven pieces of Rotten Meat had parted from the boss. Each Rotten Meat had 1,000 Health Points. And they were all creeping towards Rosette Bubbles!

"Poof!" A piece of rotten meat was smashed into pieces!

"Ding! You have obtained Life Nourishment effect. Your attack speed has increased by 5%! Lasts for 60 seconds!"

“Kill them quickly!” Jiang Fei was delighted. The boss was basically throwing them a bone. Or in this case, rotten meat!

“Bang!”

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Although Jiang Fei and gang had worked rather efficiently, one piece of Rotten Meat had still made it to Rosette Bubbles, where it dramatically blew up.

“Phew! Not so bad!” Jiang Fei exhaled in relief. Also, he had learned much about the skill!

Death Gaze would prevent a player from attacking and moving. At the same time, the boss would activate the skill, Flesh Phagocytosis. Rotten Meat would creep towards the paralyzed player and blow themselves up, dealing 1,000 damage each. On the other hand, other players would receive an Attack Speed buff upon a successful kill.

Having completed that skill combination, the boss was free to pummel Jiang Fei once again.

“Bubbles, drink those potions! Lay it on the boss when you’re ready!”

That was one less mystery about the boss.

It had not seemed like much, but that was only because of Jiang Fei’s timely judgment. Any later, two chunks of Rotten Meat would have blown anyone else up, save him and Rosette Dazzledance.

Also, the boss had targeted a ranged attacker. If it had targeted a melee attacker, it would have been near point-blank. An instant kill!

“Bang!”

There came another Great Smash. This skill was not triggered by the boss’ current Health Points, but by fixed intervals. It was a general skill, but it almost struck like a full-fledged Ultimate!

Up to this point, only the boss’ Great Swipe had quickly been removed from its repertoire of potential party wipeouts, as Jiang Fei had quickly figured it out. With its back facing the party, that skill had been neutralized. However, the Super Smash and Death Gaze and Flesh Phagocytosis combination was insane. One put healers and tanks to the test. The other challenged the party’s combined damage output and reaction time!

“Ding! Moliere the Humanoid Demon Lord is gazing at Rosette Dragoness!”

At 60% of its Health Points, the boss activated Death Gaze once again!

“Dragoness, make some distance between yourself and the boss!” Jiang Fei shouted. At the same time, he dragged the boss away from her.

The targeted player would only be rooted on the spot, two seconds after the boss activates the skill. That was also when those chunks of Rotten Meat would show up. That was the window of opportunity for a player. But two seconds was a very small window. Anyone who failed to capitalize on those two seconds would be doomed!

“Oh God!”

Rosette Dragoness had been caught off-guard. Fortunately, her legs had subconsciously obeyed Jiang Fei, and she had scurried off.

“Splat... Splat...”

Two seconds later, she stopped moving. Rotten Meat fell off the boss’ body and started squelching their way towards her.

“Everyone, focus fire!” Everyone had already started firing away before he could finish his sentence.

“Bang!”

-1,000!

Again, they killed all but one, but one was never enough to take anyone out.

“Dragoness, drink your potions. The rest, as you were!” Jiang Fei brought the battle back on track.

At the 40% Health Points, the boss attempted the same stunt. This time, it targeted Rosette Peach. As she was a ranged Priest, the party did not lose any damage output and quickly wiped out all seven chunks of Rotten Meat!

“Roar!”

At the 30% Health Points, the boss finally activated the last skill — Flesh Phagocytosis!

The boss scooped up a Bloody Humanoid Demon’s corpse and swallowed it whole. Its Health Bar rose by 5%. At the same time, there was an additional status over its head!

Flesh Phagocytosis (1 stack): Attack increased by 10%!

