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Chapter 1001 Overcoming The Floor 60 Raid

Emeraldine continued shooting down Vampiric Beasts as they came. Utilizing her masterful bow and arrow techniques, she shot down countless monsters before any could ever reach her. And when a flock of bats finally arrived at her vicinity, she simply leaped away from their range and shoot them down with a barrage of explosive, fiery arrows.

The upgraded bow that Maria made for her, coupled with her many specialized magic archer skills and her two Divine Spirits made her someone frighteningly powerful and fast. She was no longer a "frail archer" nor a "frail healer" at all. She was a force to be reckoned with, so much that Christine told her vampires to prioritize her death.

"There it is! The elven archer!"

"Catch her! Kill her!"

"Behead her at once!"

Emeraldine's bright eyes shone with spiritual brilliance. The moment the vampires attacked her with their powerful weapons, she leaped off the ground and then started flying using her big fairy wings, taking speeds the vampires themselves were barely able to catch up while in midair.

FLASH!

"She's so damn fast!"

"Catch her!"

"Cast your barriers or-"

"Your barriers have no power here." Emeraldine said with a confident smile. She pointed an arrow made of pure magical spiritual essence and fired it towards the vampire.

In a single second, one of them was engulfed on an explosion of pure light. Their barrier shattered without a second of delay, and the vampire inside of such barrier was quickly burned to ashes, only giving out a last scream of pain.

"Gryyyaagh!"

BOOOM!

The other Vampires weren't left unscathed, the explosion of light shattering their barriers and slightly burning their skin. They attacked Emeraldine furiously, countless rains of Blood Magic chasing her down. Blood Projectiles, Crimson Stars, Explosive Blood Flames, and more spells were conjured against her.

However, Emeraldine seemed unscathed, her wings were incredibly tough, acting as some sort of shield for her. All while her armor and dress, made by Maria, further boosted her stats and reduced the damage she took.

Her Yggdrasil Wood protected her with another additional barrier of defenses, creating floating wooden shields that intercepted many attacks for her.

"Dammit!"

CRASH!

"Stop!"

CLASH!

"Her defenses are too good!"

BAAAM!

Emeraldine was being constantly attacked from all sides. But had received no assistance from allies. If she just asked for it, Maria would appear immediately to her side and fend off these vampires. But the half-elf didn't want to bother her, even less when Maria was busy fighting Christine in this moment.

And it wasn't as if Emeraldine even needed assistance. As the Vampires constantly flocked around her with their Vampiric Beasts, she blasted them with an endless barrage of hundreds of arrow projectiles.

Explosions of light constantly covered her surroundings, the Vampires unable to even touch her, died one after another, falling like flies!

"Come, as many as you can! I will gladly burn you all to ashes, if that's what you truly want!" Emeraldine said with a ruthless voice, creating a gigantic arrow of Yggdrasil Wood and enchanting it with her spirit's powers. "[Yggdrasil's Cannon]!"

FLAAASH!

A cannon of pure green and golden colored spiritual energy was blasted out of her bow, disintegrating three more Vampires and over a hundred Vampiric Beasts at once. It didn't even matter that they transformed into their giant, aberrant forms, the Vampires died anyways.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

The battles continued and the Vampires were constantly cornered, until the very last of them was slain, beheaded by Nyx's powerful axe and then eaten whole with her giant dragon jaws. The rest of the Vampiric Beasts were quickly slaughtered by Maria's many Undead.

The Raid from the World of Umbralheim was a complete failure, their attempt at trying to reap some nice rewards and blood out of this innocent and small city in the middle of the desert was futile!

And with the death of Christine by the hands of Maria's almighty prowess, and the prompt destruction of her soul, origin, and divine ember as Maria made sure to eat her completely, the Raid ended.

And a message for everyone to see across the entirety of Yggdrasil appeared, created by the Tower's System itself.

[Congratulations, inhabitants of [Floor 50: Yggdrasil]! You have successfully fended off the Raid from [Floor 60: Umbralheim]!]

[It has been confirmed that the inhabitants of [Floor 50: Yggdrasil] have successfully slain every single invader.]

[It has been confirmed that no casualties provoked by the Raid have been registered, bonus rewards will be administrated as a celebratory compensation.]

[The Raid Points Distribution has begun; Raid Points Ranking has been created.]

[Showcasing [Floor 60: Umbralheim] Raid Rankings...]

[Rank 1: Maria] [Reward: 100.000]

[Rank 2: Emeraldine] [Reward: 80.000]

[Rank 3: Partner] [Reward: 60.000]

[Rank 4: Lucifer] [Reward: 50.000]

[Rank 5: Nyx] [Reward: 40.000]

[Rank 6...]

[...]

Maria was shocked to see the whole messages appear, as she multitasked, turning the Vampiric Beasts and Vampire Corpses into new and powerful Undead. She smiled, seeing the new Points being distributed to her.

Ding!

[Congratulations, you've slain the [Raid Boss: Vampire Countess Christine (SS+++ Rank)], you earned +25.000 Raid Points.]

[For having slain her by yourself and without help, you received a bonus +10.000 Raid Points.]

[Because you hunted down a Raid Boss a whole Realm above yours, you have received a bonus of +10.000 Raid Points.]

[You have slain 247 Vampiric Beasts, you earned +24.700 Raid Points.]

[Total Raid Points Earned: 169.700]

[You have unlocked the Raid Shop! You can access the Raid Shop at any time, and as long as you have Raid Points.]

[However, once your Floor begins a new Raid, the previous Raid Shop will be overwritten, and the Raid Points earned previously will also be lost.]

[Please make sure to spend your Raid Points as quickly as possible.]

"So there's a whole Raid Shop I can benefit of now, huh?" Maria licked her lips after she finished swallowing the soul fragments of Christine. "Oh well, we better get done with something else first..."

The Shadow Realm slowly dissipated, revealing the beautiful moonlight above the night, starry skies. The church of the goddess of water was in a huge commotion and so the rest of the population that hadn't been inside the Shadow Realm.

"YOU! What have you done?! What is the meaning of THIS?!"

The Saintess was raging atop the church, her Divine Powers surging from within her body and soul.

"Ah, you're out already! Nice, let's end this quickly."

Chapter 1002 Fighting The Saintess Of Springs!

As the Shadow Realm dissipated and the people were freed from the darkness, the Saintess glared at Maria and her allies with frustration and rage. She was caught off-guard as everything happened. Mostly meditating while living in luxury as always. She had imagined that Maleficus would do everything for her, and that Maria and her allies would simply not dare to confront her directly, fully knowing she held the power of a Goddess as their Saintess.

However, she was wrong, from one moment to another, the entire world changed. The sky turned deep red, and invaders from another world appeared. As someone that was always fed on lies, she also had no idea what this whole Tower thing was, and why were messages from the Soul Book everyone thought was a personal thing, was now appearing everywhere and could be seen by everyone.

Things only got more confusing and chaotic when half her city was engulfed by shadows, it didn't last too long though, and it also got rid of the invading vampires too. But her anger, frustration, and confusion were not fading away.

"So you dare to finally show your faces in front of the entire population, you monsters?" The Saintess decided to take this opportunity to twist the entire perception of the citizens. "My people! Do you see the shadows that engulfed everyone before? What happened just moments ago? And the invading creatures from hell? It was all their fault! These monsters have been hiding inside of our city, tormenting our people, making everyone suffer!"

The Saintess was trying her best to twist this entire situation towards her favor. She always believed the passive people of this city would believe any easy to digest lies. If she could turn their hatred against Maria and her friends, who were clearly trying to liberate them from the church, she could quite possibly force them to retreat or to lower their guard, giving her a time to strike them down.

"These horrendous people! They're at fault for everything that has happened to you! It is because of them that the water has become limited! They have been draining it away and-"

"Uuggh, just SHUT UP!"

Suddenly, a little girl in the crowd cried out loud. Over thirty Paladins obeying the Saintess swiftly pointed their eyes at the girl, gripping their weapons tightly. Daring to talk back to the Saintess as a sin worth death penalty.

"W-What? Who dares?!"

"SHUT UP! You big bully! You're the one stealing the water! I saw it! I saw them! These people, even if some look weird, they were helping us! Without them mama and I would have died!" The girl that spoke was in fact the one that was almost eaten by a Giant Vampiric Bat minutes ago.

"T-That's... That's right!" Her mother nodded, standing up with her daughter. "Are you going to ignore what we saw?! Those messages about a Tower, about other worlds!"

"Yeah! That's right! The church is lying to us!"

"They said our world was protected by the Gods, but those monsters came out of nowhere and attacked us!"

"Have we been feed a lie by the church this entire time?!"

"You're not a Saintess, just a con artist!"

"You came here and stole all our water, you made so many people die of thirst, you fucking monster!"

"We don't care about your damn church! GIVE US BACK THE WATER!"

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The people started rising and screaming, the Paladins were forced to step back as a flood of thousands of people rushed towards them. They were trying to climb the walls surrounding the Oasis, aiming for the water.

"W-What?! You bastards, you inhumane little insects! HOW... HOW DARE YOU?!"

As the Saintess face distorted in utter disbelief of the mob rising against her and the church, Maria stood there, atop a roof, she had said nothing, and she had done nothing either. She simply stood there, smiling.

"Saintess or not, you never had these people's hearts, Emilia!" She said with a confident smile. "These people are strong hearted, they would have eventually rioted back, even if that meant risking their own lives. You were already pushing them this far! Did you ever thought that negating them something as vital as water would ever work?! You were completely swallowed by your own greed."

"S-SHUT UP! There is no such thing as greed in my actions, people!" Cried Emilia, trying to act innocent. "These were trials! Trials set by the Goddess of Water! She wanted to see how far your faith would carry you! You would have been rewarded by her divine grace and-"

Before she could speak another word, someone launched a rotten tomato into her face, making her gasp and choke with its contents. She fell to her knees, groaning and vomiting.

"FUCK YOU! Get the hell out of our town, you fake Saintess!"

"GET OUT!"

"GIVE US BACK THE WATER!"

Emilia gritted her teeth, azure light surging from her eyes as the whole church suddenly started to tremble. Her Divine Aura surged almost endlessly from her body. Several magic circles activated surrounding the entire temple, as a gigantic barrier of azure divine light materialized itself.

FLAAASH!

The barrier released a powerful shockwave, as Maria noticed the people that were trying to climb the walls were all sent flying. With her powers, she swiftly caught everyone that would have been seriously hurt, as phantasmal hands carried them away to safety.

"You'll pay for saying that... I was already planning on moving somewhere else. I've gathered enough wealth and divinity here anyways!" Smiled Emilia, showing a wicked expression on her face. "You can all go rot in Helheim for all I care, you filthy cockroaches!"

She smashed the floor with her divine staff, the entire Domain expanded into a gigantic temple made of divine water, shocking everyone. The Paladins surrounding her all started transforming at the same time, becoming monstrous marine-

like chimeric creatures. None of them had a will of their own, already having been modified into obedient slaves by the Warlocks.

"Hahahah! You want your damn water? You can have it! I'll drown you with it!"

The wicked Saintess manipulated the waters of the Oasis, as a gigantic wave was about to crush and drown everything.

SPLAAASH!

Chapter 1003 The Privileged Life Of The Saintess

Emilia was born as the Saintess of Springs and Fountains, given the Divine Blessing of the Goddess of Water, Oceania, daughter of Odin, the God of Light. Since early in her age that she was surrounded by luxuries, as a member of the highest noble families within the Empire of Light, she had everything she could ever hope for or ask for.

Her parents conceited her every need, treating her like a miraculous child that needed to be spoiled with absolute everything she ever asked for. She was never denied a single thing, and was always given everything she ever needed, and more.

Saints and Heroes in the Empire of Light held great authority over the population and even Nobles. Therefore, even the Nobles had to treat them with utmost respect, as if they were members of royalty themselves.

Surrounded by luxury and never facing struggles or pain, Emilia grew increasingly selfish, with a complete lack of empathy even towards her parents. As her powers developed, she was brought to the church and taught many new magic spells and skills, they introduced her to the powers of the Soul Book's Status and allowed her strength to blossom by helping her gain easy EXP by bringing her captured monsters and people to slay and level up.

It was a rather annoying thing when she was ordered by the Emperor that she needed to go into a "crusade" towards the pagan lands of the Gold Sand Confederation to spread the church of Light's teachings, especially that of the Water Goddess. She was reluctant, but she knew she couldn't disobey the orders of the Divine Emperor, the Saint of Light and the one that harbored the Divine Protection of Odin himself, the father of the Water Goddess.

Ultimately, she did as she was told, bringing with herself over thirty Water Church Paladins to protect her, she made her way into the Goldsand Confederation, setting down in the Sapphire Temple City, which was called like this after their former guardian, a Divine Oasis Spirit.

As Emilia took over their church with her men and her authority, she discovered the true identity of the Divine Oasis Spirit through a special Oracle sent to her by her Goddess. She was told this Divine Oasis Spirit's true name was Naiad, a Divine Spirit that betrayed the Goddess of Water and abandoned her, deciding to live her own life instead of serving her.

And she also told her that her Soul was still there, lingering somewhere. She had reincarnated within the body of a human. And she gave Emilia the task of finding this person and sacrifice them on the name of the Water Goddess, offering their soul to her so the Goddess could absorb their powers.

However, with what she had, she would be unable to locate him quickly. And she decided to cooperate with an organization hiding in the shadows, who approached her first, offering her to give her Paladins all the power they could get. The Warlocks.

Emilia had considered slaying them for being filthy vampires, but after an oracle from her goddess, she decided to cooperate with them. It seemed Oceania desired to use these Vampires for her own goals, unaware of what Maleficus and the Warlocks planned themselves.

Using the Vampires, she was able to transform her Paladins, turning them into even more loyal puppets for her, and she was even given a special artifact by the Vampires, something that could boost her powers even more.

Slowly, she was beginning to realize where that child could be, while oppressing the people of the city by limiting their water reserves, earning an incredible amount of money from their taxes and from them buying water out of her. She couldn't believe how rich she was getting with this. And even her own goddess seemed to praise her smarts, asking her to donate at least a part of her earnings to her father's church later.

Her actions couldn't simply belong to what a Saintess represented, she never guided someone, she never helped anybody, and only abused her powers and authority for her own benefit. If anything, she was just another monster.

And right now, as everything seemed to be falling apart in front of her, she bared her fangs, showing how much of a wicked woman she truly was.

"Drown! I'll drown you all, you ungrateful cockroaches! Pitiful pagans like you, with no authority whatsoever, dare to talk back to me?! To insult me?! Drown in the water you wanted so much! I'll give it all to you!" She laughed maliciously.

The Oasis waters shook, she used her powerful control over water masses to easily lift half the Oasis water and unleash it as a tsunami, attempting to drown the entire city. Her powers were naturally equal or higher than an S Rank threat.

SPLAAASH!

The people panicked, screaming in horror as they ran away from the incoming waves. Their eyes widened as they saw the water they desired so much, coming towards them to drown them to death.

"Mamaaa!" The girl cried, hugging her mother.

"That wicked Saintess...! Damn you, you bitch!" The girl's mother screamed as she held her mother tightly. "DAMN YOU!!"

As everyone despaired, a sudden wave of azure light and darkness clashed against the incoming waves. A third of the water was instantly frozen into a giant wave of ice, which then shattered into incredibly small ice particles, snowing over the town. The second third of the water was instantly swallowed by a mass of pure black void. And the last third of it was controlled by another force, shaped into a giant sea snake, and sent back to Emilia.

"Wha...?!"

The Saintess gasped in disbelief as a gigantic sea snake clashed against her Church's Divine Barrier, the explosion was so powerful it sent several cracks through the barrier, weakening it severely!

CRAAASH!

Crack, crack...!

"Impossible! What... How could they control water?! That's only a thing I can do! Unless..." She muttered, her eyes furiously looking down to notice the culprit.

The person she had been looking all this time, the reincarnation of Naiad, the traitorous Divine Spirit that left Goddess Oceania!

"That damned child is here..." Emilia smiled wickedly, her eyes full of fascination. "Good, rejoice, my goddess. I shall finally offer you the soul of the traitor!"

Chapter 1004 The Saintess Of Springs Versus The Saintess Of Death

Celes and his mother, Nia, were standing atop the tallest rooftops of the city. Accompanied by Takeshi, Laura, and Tear as their bodyguards. Naturally, Eustace was also manifesting himself behind Celes, protecting the child's back. At the same time, Nyx was watching over them from the skies. The Saintess was already beginning to conjure more of her powerful magic.

"Her barrier is really tough; I wasn't able to break it!" Said Celes. "It is fueled by a lot of divine power... M-Maybe from the Goddess of Water?"

"Most likely." Tear nodded. "You did well, little Celes. Don't overexert yourself and let us also take some of the burden. We've been tasked with stopping her attacks while Maria and the rest take care of her."

"You've got your mom here as well!" Nia said, wielding her spear. Her wind aura erupting from her body. "We're ready for anything!"

"That's right..." Eustace nodded, wielding his phantasmal sword.

"I am not as good as you in controlling large quantities of water, but I can complement your abilities, Celes. Just rely on me!" Takeshi said cheerfully.

"I'll blow away anything that gets closer... Don't worry." Laura winked at the boy.

"I'll stay here and protect you all too!" Nyx roared in her giant, draconic form. "Nobody is hurting my cute friend Celes!"

"Nyx... Everyone..." Celes felt slightly moved by everyone protecting and at the same time, relying on him. His Divine Spiritual Powers surged more and more from his soul, as if growing stronger based on the emotions he felt. "Thank you! I-I'll do my best too!"

Maria nodded as she saw the boy gain more of his resolve. Her eyes quickly set on Emilia. As her Shadow Realm spread across the entire city. Undead swiftly grabbed every person back into her shadows. She couldn't risk them dying here, so she'll have to "kidnap" them for a bit.

"What are you waiting for, you useless beasts?! Attack them!" Emilia ordered her Paladins.

"Yes, Saintess Emilia..."

"We will... FIGHT!"

"For... the... goddess... RAAARRGH!"

The Paladins, once normal humans with their own dreams and futures, transformed into aberrant chimeric monsters, mostly all resembling sea critters. Some looked like water hydras, other like sea snakes, some like river wyverns, and many like giant crabs and octopus hybrids.

The Corrupted Water Spirit Crystal Hearts placed inside of them changed their appearance into these forms instead of the more demonic appearances of the Demonite Hearts, and their stats were further boosted as Emilia released her Aura of Water Divinity.

"I learned from the memories of Maleficus that you forced upon these Paladins to become these monsters." Maria commented above the skies. Saintess Emilia swiftly directed her gaze towards her. "You're really fucked in the head, aren't you? I'm going to enjoy killing you."

"Tch! They're nothing but my loyal puppets! I can do as I please with them!" Emilia roared furiously.
"And you say you're going to kill me, you filthy ghost?! Hah! I doubt it! I have the power of a Goddess at my side! [Holy Azure Spiraling Vortexes]!"

Emilia didn't waste a second, conjuring a hundred azure-colored magic circles and directing them all towards Maria while the waters of the Oasis prepared yet another destructive tsunami. Maria saw the hundred of attacks, charged with deadly divinity and made of Holy Water, they impacted her body, leaving holes that disintegrated her phantasmal body with ease.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"Oh?"

"Hahahah!"

Emilia laughed as she saw Maria's barrier break easily and her body beginning to disintegrate as the Holy Water magic easily destroyed her phantasmal body. She looked at Maria with eyes full of cockiness.

"What? Did you thought that water was weak, you ghost?! If you're an Undead, then Holy Water will indeed easily destroy your very existence! My magic is a terrible match against you, fool! [Holy Azure Whale's Maws]!"

As Emilia celebrated, she conjured a larger magic circle, summoning a gigantic whale-shaped mass of divine azure holy water, which opened its jaws, swimming directly towards Maria and swallowing her completely.

CRUNCH!

Maria's entire body dissipated into nothingness as she was engulfed by a never-ending stream of water, before the huge whale was to fall into the city below like a rain of acid, her Shadow Realm spreading everywhere was also beginning to be slightly effected.

"Wait, I killed her already? Well, that was easy!" She laughed. "Now I just have to dispose of the rest of you filthy maggots. And then I'll go back home, be rewarded for my great feats, and live peacefully while my parents spoil me! Gyahahaha!" Emilia was so full of herself she was already planning her next vacations.

It was clear that she and the people of the Empire of Light were living completely different lives than the rest of the people of Yggdrasil, so devoid of any sense of responsibility, with so much luxury! While the rest of the people here were only thinking what they'll be able to provide for their families tomorrow, she had everything for granted, imagining herself relaxing in some sort of resort.

"All of you will perish!" She smiled, the waves of the Oasis' water already rushing down!

SPLASH!

However, yet again to her surprise, the water was stopped! Half of it was frozen, the other half was controlled by Celes, Eustace, Nia, and Takeshi's combined magical powers. Nia's winds spiraling around the water to keep it stable in midair, while the rest controlled it.

"Take it back!" Celes roared, his eyes flashing with azure light, a giant dragon made of water impacted the Divine Barrier protecting the church once more.

CRAAASH!

Crack, crack...!

More cracks spread across the barrier, but Emilia couldn't care less. After she killed Maria, she thought everything else would be a piece of cake. She waved her hands, completely unaware of the creeping darkness and phantasmal energies gathering and piercing through the cracks of her Divine Barrier.

"You're all so pathetic! Your struggles will only make this more enjoyable! Let's see how hard you struggle, you- Ugh?!"

Before she could speak another word, Maria materialized behind her, her hands grasping her tender neck...

"Emilia, you shouldn't lower your guard in front of a ghost!"

Chapter 1005 The Attack Of The Paladin Chimeras

The Paladin Chimeras leaped into the city, crushing the buildings as they monstrosly destroyed everything. The smallest of them was at least seventy meters of height, true titans commanded with the very task of crushing the entire city to the ground and eat everyone. The aura of the Saintess further boosting their power. They were all already within the realm of S- Rank Monsters, but with this, they could even reach the Realm of S Rank Monsters.

"Destroy everything... Drown it all!" A gigantic octopus and crab hybrid-like chimera roared, its tentacles spreading everywhere, trying to find people to crush, although the shadows had already taken them away, he was still trying to destroy any building on his path.

"Oh, this guy got a lot of meaty tentacles, he's going to be a tasty Takoyaki!" Partner appeared above the monster, her two spears descending towards it in a split of a second. "[Blood Spear Rend]!"

Two slashes of pure crimson blood energy were unleashed, piercing through the tentacled abomination. It attempted to resist with its many limbs, and by vomiting miasmic breath, but Partner easily tanked all hits with her natural and incredible vitality.

"Die! [Blood Flare]!"

She detonated all the blood energy left behind within the monster's wounds, as an explosion of crimson fire engulfed the creature, blowing it up into pieces. She smiled as she stood above the burnt corpse, taking out a piece of the roasted tentacles and eating it.

"Hmm, bleh, this tastes awful actually."

As she threw away the tentacle, she looked into the skies. Two gigantic shark-headed, wyvern-winged chimeras were trying to break through Maria's Shadow Realm, trying to seek the people she was protecting.

"Nuh-huh, you're not doing that!"

With a leap into the skies, she resembled a crimson blur, appearing right above the two chimeras. A predatory smile in her beautiful, flawless face, as her crimson eyes shone brightly. Chains made of her own blood, darkness, and her demonic energy were unleashed, wrapping around the wings of the monsters and making them immediately fall.

"ROOAR!"

"SHAAH!"

Both monstrosities roared back at her, unleashing a double breath attack of azure holy water. Deadly against Undead and Vampires, which she was both! However, Partner simply started spinning both of her spears as she encompassed her body on her Aura.

BOOOM!

The two breath attacks impacted her, as she sliced them through the air using her powerful spears and her Aura. Her techniques were constantly evolving and becoming stronger. She descended, attacking both beasts with a barrage of piercing strikes, her Aura shaping into the form of a ferocious viper biting their foe.

"[Blood Viper's Fangs]"

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

The monstrosities were unable to react in time, their bodies covered on countless holes, reduced to piles of minced flesh before they were to even be able to fight back.

"Heh, well this was easier than I thought... Master better gets this done with quickly, I want to take a break~" She yawned.

At the same time, similar battles happened across the entire city. Now devoid of any citizens, everyone was allowed to go all-out without worrying. Maria even said she'll help the citizens repair the houses later anyways.

"ROOOAAR!"

Lucifer roared mightily, unleashing a devastating breath attack of Abyssal Death Flames, piercing through the scaled armor of a Water Dragon-like Chimera, with seven sea snake-like heads. It was one of the largest chimeras around, almost at the same size as his dragon form.

BOOOM!

The explosion of black flames consumed the monster's left shoulder, making it decay and fall down while slowly dissolving. The creature groaned in agony, red tentacles popping out of the wounds, trying to overwhelm Lucifer by sucking away his Mana by attempting to pierce his scales.

"Hah, fool."

However, the tentacles were too weak, his pristine black scales couldn't even be pierced. Lucifer charged his claws with his flames, quickly slicing through the fake draconic chimera's heads, and beheading it completely.

"GRAAARGH!"

The monster wasn't dead yet, from where the heads were, a mass of endless sharp teeth and eyes popped out, like the head of a hagfish, it attempted to devour Lucifer's whole face. However, the dragon smiled, quickly piercing the open mouth with his claws and then releasing all his power inside of the aberration's stomach.

"If you're so hungry, eat as much as you want! [Chaotic Catastrophe]!"

An explosion of pure chaos materialized inside of the monster's stomach as Lucifer channeled his strongest explosive spell. The monster's body grew swollen like a balloon, before blowing up into countless pieces.

BOOOM!

"Hmph..." He glared at the dozen more chimeras appearing around him. "I guess my job here is not done yet... Just how many of you did that bitch had stashed somewhere?"

There weren't as many Paladins as chimeras, in fact. This was because the Paladins themselves were so monstrous they were transformed to "give birth" to more of their own. Only thirty or so Paladins ended becoming hundreds of smaller chimeras spread everywhere. Self-dividing to spread chaos and destruction.

"Die, you little bugs."

Lucifer had already lost most of his patience, crushing the smaller chimeras with his claws and foot, while persecuting the larger ones and quickly taking them down.

At the same time, Emeraldine aimed into the skies with her arrow. Her sharp emerald-colored eyes focusing on the flock of a hundred flying shark-headed wyvern-winged chimeras, all born from a single paladin chimera flying with them, which was around ten times as large as them.

"I can't possibly let those escape Maria's Shadow Realm!"

Focusing and channeling all her Mana and Spiritual Essence into her bow, she unleashed a single, gigantic arrow made of rainbow colors. Which then split into a hundred more. The skies were covered by the colors of the rainbow, as the wyvern-like shark-headed chimeras were completely massacred by a shower of explosions.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! Naturally, their titanic leader's heart was swiftly pierced as it was distracted by the attacks, a huge arrow made of Yggdrasil Wood spread its roots through its internal body, until its entire body blew up.

CRASH!

"As long as I am here, nobody will disrupt the skies."

As everyone fought to defend the city and kill the chimeras, Emilia felt Maria's cold hands grasp her tender neck tightly.

"Emilia, are you prepared to die?"

"G-Get away from meeee!"

FLASH!

Chapter 1006 Kill The Saintess!

"How did you get inside the Divine Barrier?!" Emilia was filled with disbelief as she felt Maria's hands touch her tender white neck. "Get away from meeee!"

With a scream full of horror and panic, the Saintess released her Divine Powers. Maria was instantly forced to step back as a shockwave of pure Divine Azure Holy Water Aura erupted from Emilia, resembling a ring of pure blue radiance.

FLAAASH!

"Oh, not too shabby I see. So you do have some close combat protection too, huh? Your goddess must really love you." Maria teased her. The phantasmal body she possessed swiftly reformed as if nothing, even as it was burning by the Holy Water. Her equipment was reducing the damage taken greatly. "You thought Holy Water would be of some effect against me? I might be a ghost and an undead, but I do have my equipment."

"A ghost using equipment... What sort of ridiculous being are you?!" Emilia asked with a disgusted face. "How did you survive that attack?! I thought you died! ...Just how?!"

"I died? I am much more than you imagine, Emilia. I am not just a tiny little ghost woman." Laughed Maria. "I've long ago stopped being just that! [Poisonous Calamity Swarm Form]! [Army of Dread]!"

As Maria laughed, she spread out her entire body into a mass of purple sludge, poison spread everywhere, shaping into countless, monstrous bugs of all shapes and sizes, completely overwhelming the Saintess from left and right!

"Gyaaaggh! Disgusting! You're so gross!"

She used her Divine Protection Aura to defend from the deadly poison, but her Divine Barrier grew weaker as Maria kept weakening it with her very body. At the same time, Emilia was constantly killing Maria's Swarm Body, which kept multiplying into all matter of critters.

This was Maria's [Poisonous Calamity Swarm Form]'s special power, by combining her Swarm and Poison Forms, she was able to activate the [Army of Dread] Ability, which transforms half her body into an endless army of Poison-made Insects that inherit 30% of her total stats.

And there were hundreds of them endlessly surging!

"Go away! You disgusting critters! Noooo!"

The Saintess kept weeping in horror as beams of azure spiraling water were released from her staff and her divine aura, blowing away the critters, only for more and more to come.

"It's useless, Saintess. The moment I made up my mind, your death was inevitable." Maria's voice reverberated around Emilia, her entire body resembling an endless eldritch mass of pulsating purple sludge and crimson eyes, where the insects kept coming from endlessly.

"Who are you to say such things?! You're nothing but a dead woman! A damned witch we executed because you were distracting our Hero of Light!" She cried. "If it wasn't for you, I could have gotten closer to Jonathan! Uuggghhh!"

"Huh? What are you... Hahaha! HAHAAAAHA!" Maria laughed. "So you knew about me! Now this is rich! Why is every dumb bitch from the Empire of Light so angry I conquered Jonathan's heart? Can't comprehend that I'm hotter and cooler than all of you lame ass bitches?! GET A LIFE, WHORE!"

Maria became increasingly angry it was always some stupid bullshit like this. Her entire monstrous body shapeshifted, as her two weapons descended towards Emilia. The Saintess shields defended her barely from a barrage of devastating attacks.

CLASH! CLASH! CRASH!

"You damn... You're the whore hereeeee!" Emilia cried like a stupid little girl. Her shields beginning to weaken with every strike they tanked. "Stop it! You damn...! STOP IT, I SAY!"

"It's always the same with you fools, you've grown too accustomed to a life of luxury. You know very well those Gods are not real Gods, right? It's all a damned fabrication!" Maria roared. "While the rest of the world has been struggling to survive after their arrival, you all have been living your best lives, spoiled by those damned bastards. But that's about to change now! And it will begin with your death, Saintess!"

Maria's halberd and sword impacted Emilia's divine shield one last time, at the same time as the rest of her body managed to destroy the Divine Domain surrounding her church. Her weapons hacked and slashed through the Saintess body, cutting one of her arms with the shoulder, and slicing her left leg.

SLAAASH!

"Gyyyaarrggh! AAAGGH!"

The Saintess had never felt in her entire life as much pain as now. It was something almost life changing, and well, naturally, life threatening. Her eyes were filled with despair as she saw Maria's monstrous body creeping in towards her, tentacles and jaws open, ready to devour her whole.

"You're nothing but a meal to me. Just die already."

"Nooo! Goddess, please save me!"

Emilia cried like a spoiled brat even as she was dying of bleeding and missing two limbs. And to Maria's surprise, the fool of a Goddess that choose her responded to her calling. The skies above broke open, as the clouds dissipated to reveal a ray of blue light descending towards Emilia's dying body.

"What the...?!"

FLAAASH!

Maria was instantly blown away by the azure divinity that descended, completely fusing into Emilia's dying body and transforming her completely. The woman rose into the skies, resembling the very embodiment of the Goddess of Water now.

Her hair turned into flowing azure light, resembling water itself. Her eyes shone like sapphires, her clothes resembled flowing waves of azure light, and her lost arm and legs were replaced by new ones, made of divine water essence.

Her staff transformed too, becoming a long and mighty blue trident, overflowing with divinity!

"I can't believe you would dare go so far, you monster!" She roared. It wasn't Emilia talking anymore. "You dare touch my little Saintess?!"

"Oh? Is that the Goddess herself? Not just a lame divine spirit I could eat in one bite?" Maria asked with excitement, her monstrous body quickly reforming together into a mass of countless insects and purple

sludge. "What a surprise to see you here, Goddess of Water, daughter of Odin, Oceania! Probably the most golden spooned woman in this entire world!"

"Saintess of Death... If you wanted me to finish you off so badly, here I am..." The Goddess of Water fiercely roared, pointing her trident at Maria!

Chapter 1007 The Goddess Of Water Descends!

Why was Maria referring to the Goddess of Water as the most golden spooned woman in the entire world of Yggdrasil? Well, it was quite simple. She was someone born from a Ranker that ascended into a God inside of Yggdrasil, naturally. Despite her parents having perhaps humbler origins, she was born a Ranker and a Goddess, given everything from the get-go.

Her similarities to Emilia were many, and perhaps this was the reason why she was so overprotective of the annoying cocky little Saintess. Emilia used her [Divine Descent] Skill in the very last moment, allowing the Goddess to turn into an Ethereal form and descend into her body, temporarily fusing with her and turning her into an Avatar of herself.

Within the Laws of this world set by Yggdrasil herself, Gods were not allowed to descend physically without many penalties. This was something the Rankers that usurped the throne of the original gods had to accept to gain the Authority of Gods of a World they conquered, giving them immense authority over everything else.

However, naturally, there were many loopholes such as these! Saints and Heroes were modeled and cultivated by the Gods, as they imbued part of their souls and divinities into their bodies from a young age, turning them into perfect vessels for their descents.

Maria was well aware Hel was doing something similar with her, but their relationship was much more of equals than of master and servant, completely different to the relationship between Oceania and Emilia, where it was rather obvious that the goddess saw the Saintess as nothing but a little doll that she didn't want to break.

"Saintess of Death... If you wanted me to finish you off so badly, here I am..." The Goddess of Water fiercely roared, pointing her trident at Maria. But to her surprise, the ghost wasn't scared.

She was brimming with happiness! In fact, this was what she wanted this whole time she fought Emilia! The truth was, she could have killed her much sooner. But was purposely delaying her death, making her suffer, so she would be forced to bring a goddess into her body.

"Hahaha! You're so hilarious, love." Maria smiled, her powerful skills activating one after another in quick succession.

Her Mind expanded as a Domain; her Shadow Realm fused into her body. Her many Body Skills activated at once. A mass of poison, insects, snakes, black thunder, death, phantasmal hands, moonlight, void, shadows, and even frost gathered within her, and then combined into a Titaness.

Maria's stats skyrocketed as her appearance changed, becoming a dark yet beautiful Titaness of Moonlight, with an armor of divine black thunder and demonic insects, poison and shadows composed her very being, and her aura of death only became even stronger.

"Do you truly believe I am afraid of you?"

"Tch... You might have been given the power to somehow evolve into a Titan, the original gods of this world! But that means NOTHING! You have even yet to develop a Divine Ember, have you?! Hahahaha!"

Oceania mocked Maria as she flew towards her, resembling a blur of azure light. Her Divinity erupted, transforming her very surroundings. Maria found herself trapped within a Divinity Domain where she could only see water, drowning her deeper and deeper.

SPLAAASH!

"Drown to death, into the deepest parts of the sea!"

Oceania's trident attempted to pierce Maria's chest, the Goddess swiftly aiming towards the ghost's soul and her Origin. She knew that as long as she could shatter that, Maria would die for real and nothing of her would remain behind.

The Goddess smiled as she saw Maria struggle, the seas encompassing her Titanic body. Her two weapons unable to reach the much smaller avatar of the Goddess of Water. This was it! This was her time to shine!

"I'll slay another of you filthy Titans, just like father once did! I'll free this world of you horribly and ugly barbarians! Gyahahaha!" The spoiled goddess couldn't stop laughing.

CLAAASH!

Her trident pierced Maria's chest, managing to even pierce Hecate's clothing armor with ease and reaching Maria's deepest soul. Azure Divine Light erupted, spreading through all of Maria's soul at once, burning through it all!

"Die! Die! DIE!"

The "angelic" goddess couldn't stop laughing and screaming, telling Maria to die like the dog she thought she was. But darkness kept creeping out of Maria's wound, slowly spiraling around the trident...

And then forming a wide, black hole.

"[Ultimate Skill: Yog-Sothoth]"

TRUUUM!

A wave of void and chaos encompassed Oceania's arms and her trident. In a split of a second, the void within Maria consumed it all, as she constantly absorbed the goddess Divine Energy and Mana, while devouring her arms, pieces of her soul, and her Divine Weapon all at once!

CRUUUNCH!

"Gryyyaaaggh! YOU MONSTER! LET ME GOOOO!"

The Goddess cocky face distorted in utter horror as Maria started to embrace her in a deadly hug. Her gigantic six muscular arms belonging to her titaness form grabbed her tightly without letting her go as the two fell deeper into the Domain of Oceans.

"Delicious, I've never tasted such a tender and tasty meal before." Maria felt overflowing with divine power. One of her hands suddenly materialized a giant trident, the same one that Oceania was wielding, but corrupted, it was black, overflowing with Chaos and Void.

"My Divine Relic! W-What did you do to my Trident?!" Oceania screamed, exerting her Divine Force and managing to cut through Maria's bulky arms, swimming away. "Give it back!!! [Divine Familiar Summon: Oceanic Whale King]!"

The Goddess roared, her Domain still keeping Maria slightly restrained, as she summoned a titanic whale out of nowhere, its gigantic azure-colored eyes glaring down at her.

"Oh, a pet?" Maria wondered. "How cute!"

"SHUT UP! Kill her, Bluey!" The Goddess ordered.

"GROOOOHHHH!"

The Divine Oceanic Whale King, a Divine Beast that surpassed SS Rank rushed towards Maria, opening its massive, gaping maws. Maria felt a powerful suction force activate, attempting to absorb her very soul and everything else.

Yet...

"I've got a pet myself too."

TRUUUM!

In front of Oceania and her pet, a titanic black star materialized out of nowhere.

"Void Star!"

Chapter 1008 God-Slaying Spear Trident Of Chaotic Void

The Void Star, Maria's "trump card" and also something that belonged to her Soul Scape. It was a mysterious and incredibly strong Spiritual Treasure with a mind of its own, equal in power to Divine Beasts if taken into consideration its high Spiritual Treasure Rank. However, it was quite the tricky entity to call help for, it would never obey her.

And it would only appear when it pleased... However, usually, that would happen whenever Maria was in great danger, or facing a foe the Void Star could actually have some fun fighting. This entity which she couldn't understand too well, still desired to prioritize their master's safety!

"You're finally here! Will you help me?"

"..."

The Void Star glared at Maria with its single crimson eye, without saying a word, without expressing any emotion. It was simply there, existing. Yet its presence alone distorted the Goddess Domain, countless cracks spreading everywhere.

"What is that thing?!" Oceania cried. "Just how many damn tricks do you have?! Give me back my Relic!!! DIE!"

The Goddess gave a tantrum as Maria saw thousands of hands made of water rush towards her, attempting to grab her and tear her to shreds. She blocked them with her many phantasmal arms that kept regrowing, bulkier and muscular looking through her Titaness transformation. The ocean water hands kept being destroyed, but more came after those.

The Void Star stared at the whale approaching, the Divine Beast attempted to swallow the Void Star and Maria in a single bite!

"GROOOHHH...!"

"..."

CHOOMP!

And they were devoured! The Goddess laughed as she saw her adorable pet finish off her foe faster than she imagined. But her laughter lasted a split of a second only before the screams of agony of her whale echoed across her Domain.

"GRUOOGGGHH... GRAAAGHH...!"

It started vomiting blood, as countless beams of pure void pierced its entire body, holes opening one after another. The monster's innards splattered across the Oceanic Domain, turning the water deep red. Oceania watched in utter horror as the pet she raised when she was a little girl died so gruesomely.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

It blew up into pieces, the Void Star surging from within its open, bleeding maws, as Maria stood right above it, patting her much superior "pet". A second later, she whisked her fingers, the entire whale was engulfed by a wave of Phantasmal and Death Energies, transforming into a gigantic Undead!

"[Rise]"

FLUOSH!

"NOOO! Don't you dare make him an Undead! Y-YOU MONSTERRRRR!"

As Maria traumatized the goddess, the Domain continued to gain more and more cracks. The goddess started losing her mind. A gigantic vortex of pure water started coming from within her hair, which fused with her Domain.

"RAAAHHH!"

Her graceful appearance dissolved completely as Maria and her Void Star were expelled from the Domain, a second later, they found the Goddess Avatar and the Domain fused together, into a gigantic chimeric titan made of Azure Divinity. Resembling a fusion of every sea lifeform imaginable.

"You've forced my hand, you monster! This is the [Embodiment of my Divinity]! My ultimate form! I will drown not only this city, but the whole desert!" Laughed Oceania, her monstrous form quickly rushing towards Maria, clashing against her. "Hahahaha! Isn't this what you wanted?! HUH?!"

Her gigantic tentacles clashed against Maria one after another, each impact was like a tsunami that came down, torrentially drowning it all. Maria's entire body was taking enormous damage as she kept regenerating to fight her off. But the pressure of the water was overwhelming, she couldn't even swim through it.

SPLASH! SPLASH! SPLASH! SPLASH!

However, she wasn't alone. The moment she was expelled of the Domain, the rest of her party acted! Celes' group instantly got to work, controlling the incoming oceanic attacks and pushing them back to Oceania.

At the same time, Tear froze the waters around her by channeling all her powers and Mana, and then transformed them into a giant hand, punching the goddess enormous body. Each punch with these Frozen Fists froze through her own water-made body.

"Don't give up, Maria!" Tear roared.

"We're here to support you, auntie!" Celes cried.

"You can do this!" Nia said.

"Mom, do it!" Laura roared.

"You can do it!" Takeshi cried.

As Maria heard the cheers of her friends, she smiled, her eyes flashing with bright red light. Her entire body continued growing larger, and larger, and larger. The Void Star continued firing beams of void, weakening and distracting Oceania, while Maria's body matched her size.

"Oceania, your end is NOW!"

Her two weapons fused with her soul and then with the trident she stole from Oceania. Her Poison Spirit also flew into the fusion of weapons and divine powers, converging together into a brand-new weapon, a gigantic spear with three tips of a metallic purple, black, and crimson color. Big enough to pierce the heavens and kill the gods.

[The Powers of your Skills, Divinities, and Mana have temporarily fused all your weapons and your Divine Spirit into the Legendary Divine Spirit Relic: [God-Slaying Spear Trident Of Chaotic Void: Ginnungagap]!]

[The power of the [God-Slaying Spear Trident Of Chaotic Void: Ginnungagap] has been activated! The [Sea of Eternal Void] encompasses you and your foe! All of your foe's stats and divine powers have been reduced by -50%! Whenever they touch the Sea of Eternal Void, their Divine Energy is drained constantly.]

[Duration: 5 Minutes.]

Maria's powers combined together to create an ultimate temporary divine relic! Even her Divine Spirit was within it, fusing their very soul into her weapon. The Void Star itself fueled the weapon's power, as she noticed threads of darkness rushing into it.

"You should have never descended, you dumb bitch."

Maria appeared above the Goddess monstrous form as she struggled against her allies. Her gigantic spear trident piercing through her countless heads as explosions of chaos and void echoed across the skies and the ground below.

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!

"AAARRGGHH!"

Oceania struggled, her Divine Embodiment Body constantly regenerating more and more, while Maria kept slicing through her! For a moment, it seemed as if both were on a stalemate.

However, that didn't last long.

Maria noticed five powerful presences arriving from the skies!

Chapter 1009 The Death Of The Goddess Of Water

"It's you guys! You're finally here! Took you long enough!" Maria smiled confidently.

"So we're killing a goddess now?! Dammit Maria, you're getting way too ahead of yourself!" Lucifer roared. His Draconic Aura spread out towards all directions, encompassing a part of Oceania with his Abyssal Death Flames.

"She's almost at her limit! Restrain her!" Partner said. Her entire Blood and Demonic Aura converged together, further boosting her prowess. Gigantic, crimson-colored skeletal arms surged from her back, attacking the goddess while her spears constantly pierced her divine body.

"You bastards are part of the consOriginal that killed my beloved Maria, and you're also the ones that have killed so many! I won't have mercy even against a goddess!" Jonathan's divine sword shone brightly. He swung it against her a hundred times in mere seconds, a spectacle of light was unleashed, each attack resembling a small, detonating star.

"Maria! Finish her! We'll hold her own! Target her soul, shatter her to pieces!" Emeraldine was the most ferocious of them all, unexpectedly. "I am tired of them, of all their whims, of all the suffering they've brought to us! SLAY A GOD!" Her rain of spiritual divine arrows continuously bombarded Oceania, her divine body was overwhelmed from all sides.

"You don't need to say anymore!"

Maria dived into the sea of divine water that encompassed Oceania's outer body, quickly finding Emilia's body still floating on its deepest depths. Encompassed by a divine crystal of spiritual divine energy, she was being protected, like a core for the goddess to use as she pleased.

"BEGONE!"

Oceania roared with utmost fury, no longer resembling the clueless woman she was before, but a monstrous beast. Maria resisted the assault of soul attacks as her body was drilled countless times, only for her to regenerate it back with her large quantities of accumulated souls, which she consumed as she regenerated.

"Your time is now, Goddess of Water!"

Maria's spear easily pierced through all of Oceania's attacks and tricks, the Sea of Eternal Void protecting her like a veil while at the same time blocking the goddess divine attacks. She barely had a few minutes left for her spear to disappear, it was now or never!

"DIE!"

With a roar full of fury while carrying the feelings of hatred, frustration, and resentment of all mortals against the gods oppressing their lives, Maria's divine spear pierced the crystal, massacring Emilia's body inside as she was splattered into a pile of flesh and innards in a single second.

CRAAASH!

However, that wasn't all, Oceania swiftly attempted to flee the moment her Saintess died, but Maria's claws extended towards her. The entire Shadow Realm encompassed the surroundings, blocking the skies for her to return! And without a proper vessel, Oceania felt the pressure of Yggdrasil's Laws weighing her down, the penalties of someone that took a Throne from a God of this world that dared to descend into the Mortal World was no laughing matter!

"You're not going anywhere, COME HERE!"

Maria grasped the Goddess with her monstrous claws, hundreds of phantasmal claws resembling the fingers of skeletons, dragging her down into the depths of her dark soul. Oceania screamed in utter horror as she felt thousands of sharp fangs piercing her divine soul, tearing her down piece by piece.

"GYAAAAAH! F-FATHER! FATHEEERRR HEEEEELP!"

She screamed like a little girl, despite having lived for thousands of years killing countless innocents, manipulating mortals for eons, making everyone's life a fucking hell! Maria wasn't going to let her screams even get to her. Her manipulation on Emilia had caused the death of hundreds of people in this city after the water was gated behind taxes and money. She deserved absolutely no mercy.

Only an agonizing, monstrous death! That was the only thing she deserved! To agonize until the very last spark of existence faded from her very mind!

"There is no mercy for a bitch like you! SUFFER! SUFFER THE PAIN AND AGONY YOU'VE PUT THROUGH ALL THESE PEOPLE! DIE PAINFULLY! ENGRAVE INTO YOUR MIND AS YOU DIE, AS YOUR VERY EXISTENCE FADES AWAY!"

As Oceania screamed in utter agony and pain, her soul was slowly being devoured, digested by Maria's own soul. A surge of endless power continuously overflowing through her. Her divine body was now barely half a face, and even her pretty face was now being bitten, piece by piece, tears endlessly flowing from her eyes.

"FATHEEERRRR... HEEELP!"

But nobody answered her call, heaven was blocked by an endless night made by Maria's Shadow Realm. And Maria herself only tormented her more, knowing that her father will eventually hear these words.

"You're only the first of many. We will kill all of you damned Gods, all of you that took away this world from them! We will not stop until your siblings and your father are dead! And I will make sure to devour your damned father, PIECE BY PIECE!"

"NOOOOO!!!"

Oceania's last scream reverberated across the entire desert, before her existence was completely deleted, alongside the soul of her Saintess as well, still stuck to her. Maria voraciously devoured every single piece of her, without leaving nothing behind. She was a precious resource of power, and she wasn't going to waste it.

An explosion of blinding azure light erupted from Maria as she killed Oceania's very last spark of life. The Shadow Realm cleared up, revealing the skies above. Her scream definitely reached Asgard, the Realm above Heaven where Odin and the Gods existed.

This wasn't just the first slaying of a God, but also a declaration of war against Odin and his Aesir, the monsters that conquered this once peaceful world and killed their original, gentlehearted gods, brutalizing them, enslaving them, and torturing them for thousands of years.

Retribution was finally coming after them, and Maria was not going to stop until they were all dead!

She stood above the skies, floating as her entire soul and existence started to evolve. Her Divine Ember finally blazed with full power, encompassing her entire being. She was Ascending, she was Evolving!

"Odin! You're next."

She looked directly into the skies, fully knowing the Asgardian King was watching her with his divine golden eyes.

Chapter 1010 The Gods Desire Revenge

The Heavenly Realm of Asgard, once created by the Ancient Titans and Dragons God as their home, and which was usurped by Odin and his "Gods" as their new home, reverberated with the furious Divine Aura of Odin, the King of the Aesir and all the Gods of Yggdrasil. His rage knew bounds as he learned that his daughter, Oceania, was felled by nobody else than a filthy ghost such as Maria, whom he deeply hated.

He actually never loved Oceania; he doesn't love any of his children. Emotions such as love are not within this ruthless monarch's mind. But his daughter's death meant something to him, it was humiliation, to have one of his family members he made sure to raise to grow powerful and mighty, to be felled like this!

It was, without a doubt, a great insult to the Aesir King.

"I can't believe it! Did Oceania... die?!"

"She was slain... impossible!"

"That ghost woman that Hel raised, was she hiding this much power?"

"She triggered a Tower Raid event already... Could she have become a Ranker?"

"But this world has been sealed of such things, it shouldn't be possible for a mere inhabitant, even less a monster, to get this powerful. Don't they all have Level Caps?"

"Level Caps can be taken away when Monsters evolve though, and she's... blessed by Hel as well, one of the Original Gods, with powers unique to them."

"Tch...! How dare that ghost! That aberrant, disgusting undead kill my daughter?! I spent so many resources in raising that damned brat, and she dies on me by descending into that pitiful saint?!" Roared Odin. "Years of raising her all wasted! And how... How dare she kill her! This world which I govern, for a mere mortal to dare go against my authority and will?!"

He had only been trying to do things indirectly because of Hel and the other surviving Gods that controlled the Underworld being a slight threat to him. And because Maria and her family and friends were all protected by Hel herself. However, once Oceania was killed, there was no longer any more doubt left within Odin's eyes.

"I will not lower myself to her level, but I will not allow you to live anymore." He roared. "Baldr, avenge your sister! Kill them all! Destroy that city, finish the job you didn't thousands of years ago!"

A tall, muscular and bulky God of Sunlight appeared, covered in golden armor. He bowed before Odin, his father, while nodding obediently, holding in his right hand a huge golden axe.

"Yes, father. I shall avenge Oceania and make sure that the ghost and her entire group is slain..." His eyes flashed with ruthlessness. "But the restraints that the World Tree puts over our souls..."

"It is strong, but you'll go with an army. It should be more than enough for you to slay her even with some of your powers sealed and weakened, isn't it?" Odin smiled, stroking his beard. "Once she's slain, bring me her shattered soul. She must be made of premium materials. I'll restore what she took from eating my daughter."

Odin waved his hand, his powerful Divine Aura expanded. The other Gods remained in awe as he unleashed more of his powers. A tremendous mass of Divinity and Spiritual Energy combined together, as over twenty Divine Spirits, all of them comparable to SS+ Rank monsters were born.

"Kill them all, don't leave a single one alive."

"Thank you, father. I will bring you her head."

Baldr swiftly stepped forwards, his golden eyes glowing with malice. Leading an army of powerful Divine Spirit Soldiers, he descended from heaven at a rapid speed, resembling shining, falling stars above the blue skies. A threat Maria didn't expect was soon arriving.

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Silence finally encompassed the entire city once Oceania was finally dealt with. That bitch was sure a tough nut to crack. From a Divine Domain to transforming into a gigantic, monstrous appearance. Was that her true form, I wonder? Well, whatever the case, we're finally done here. We can finally catch a breath and relax for once.

"Hahh... Ugh, my body's overflowing with power too. I can finally evolve." I looked at my own body twist and transform slowly, it was ready to evolve. I finally had all materials to evolve too. Plus some extra as well.

Ding!

[You have met with all your evolution requirements, plus some extra, hidden evolution requirements for an even stronger evolution!]

[Absorb the Essence of the Void: 10/10]

[Absorb the Essence of the Spirits: 5/5]

[Devour S Rank Monster Cores: 10/10]

[Devour a Dimensional Artifact: 1/1]

[Devour a Divinity: 1/1]

[Comprehend a Divine Concept: 1/1] [Progress: 100%]

[Absorb two Divine Embers: 2/2]

[Kill a powerful SS Ranked otherworldly Invader: 1/1]

Hoh, so eating the Divine Embers did help! And also slaying those Vampires, well, that Vampire woman whose name I already forgot. Yeah, that woman was pretty strong, I have to admit it. Now, before that, I should first see if everyone's alright. There are people waiting inside my Shadow Realm so it would be better to quickly free them once I'm sure everything is okay.

"Is everyone alright?" I asked, as all my family and friends seemed to nod.

"Hahhh... That fight was too much." Lucifer sighed. "I can't believe we slain a Goddess too! And we aren't even Gods ourselves."

"Without Maria this would have been never possible, she's that strong." Emeraldine smiled. "And I'm sure she's only the first one of many to come, right? If we want to find the truth about this world and free it from them..."

"Yeah, I suppose she was just the beginning." I nodded. "Partner, you okay?"

"Yes... Just a bit too spent, I'm so thirsty for some blood right now." Partner looked more pale than usual. I quickly extracted the blood of the Vampires we killed and gave it to her. "Here."

"Aaaah~ Looks good!" She drank it in a second. "Hmmm, so fresh! Oh, those Vampires really have a tasty blood."

"They really do, I also drank some myself. We might go to their world and feast a bit sometime in the future." I smiled. "Now that the tower is open to us... There's no way we're staying stuck in Yggdrasil while these crazy gods look us from the sky."

FLASH!

However, our peaceful conversation was interrupted, as the gods in question decided to descend.