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### Chapter 311 My Dragon Husband Is Way Too Handsome

After waiting for a little while, Julia came back from her bath. She looked quite radiant this morning, and many of the knights and soldiers training in the backyard stopped what they were doing to admire the princess-like beauty of their young duchess. She ran gracefully towards the chair and sat down, sighing in relief.

"I told you that we should meet in another room but you came all the way here, Marie!" She said while pouting. "Well, we might as well enjoy some tea with biscuits. Hector, can you bring the things?"

"I've already called the butlers for that very reason, young lady. They shall promptly arrive with everything." Said Hector, he was always several steps ahead and even predicted what his miss would ask for. He was truly an amazing butler; I want one like that too!

"Ooh, very well then!" Said Julia while crossing her arms. "Anyways, you've been eyeing my soldiers here. Have you checked them out?" She wondered.

"Yeah, I have an Appraisal Skill so I've been looking into their Levels and Skills. I can see a big difference between the Noble Knights and the Commoner Soldiers... Bloodline means a lot, huh?" I sighed..

"Well yes, oftentimes, but there are cases of commoners such as you guys being pretty strong as well. It is all about commitment and hard work as well! And it is not as if I am strong despite being a noble, right? My Level is fairly mid if not low... And I've not polished many Skills either, I am not that untalented, but I am always busy doing my job so I never have the opportunity to develop my Stats, Levels, and Skills and Magic." She sighed. "Sometimes I wish I could take another identity and become an Adventurer or something!" Julia said while she seemed to be daydreaming. Hector quickly brought the butlers and we were served some delicious black tea with colorful and tasty biscuits alongside all sorts of shortcakes.

"Ooh! Banana cheesecake!" She said, quickly taking a little bit and eating it happily.

"Haha, I don't know about that, you seem very spoiled by being of nobility. If you were to go into becoming an Adventurer, you would have to endure many things..." I said.

"Indeed, Lady Julia seems to be happy in her position despite her complains." Said Emeraldine.

"Strawberry Cheesecake is so tasty!" Said Partner, completely ignoring the conversation and voicing her love for Strawberry Cheesecake.

"These cream cookies are great." Said Lucifer, eating cream-filled sandwich cookies while sipping some black tea, he even relaxedly inhaled the delicious aroma of the tea before drinking it. I guess these two were already growing spoiled by the tasty food of nobility. Compared to our lives back in our own village this is way better yeah... We always had rat stew there.

"Hahah... W-Well, I-I... Of course not! I would surely be able to bear with it! You've been doing it for a while, right?" She asked.

"We were born in poorer conditions so anything goes for us." Said Emeraldine with an apologetic smile.

"Indeed, sometimes we eat Giant Rat Stew with a few potatoes and carrots and call it a tasty lunch... Well to be honest the meat is rich in flavor and fat, very good for colder regions." I said.

"R-Rat soup?! " Asked Julia.

"It is pretty tasty! We raise them as cattle because they eat pretty much anything and multiply very quickly. Once tamed they become docile creatures as well, and are brave when a wild monster show up, squeaking very loudly, so we can easily tell if something is happening." I said.

"Rat Stew is good too!" Said Partner. "But I like beef stew too..."

"I-I can prepare that if you want to... Hector, may we have this for lunch?" Asked Julia.

"Ah! A beef stew! We haven't had that in a long while, haven't we?" Asked Hector. "I'll make a tasty one then."

"Thanks... And... W-Well, I guess rat meat might be good for you..." Said Julia. "But I can't imagine myself eating it!"

"Hahaa, when you're an adventurer you eat just about anything." I said. "You'll just eat what you hunt and that's about it. You can't really be picky or you'll starve."

"Huh... I-I see... Well, I guess I... I could prepare a lot of food before going into an Adventurer... H-Hypothetically!" Said Julia, noticing Hector looking at her intensively, he really didn't wanted her to go into some stupid adventure or something as an escapade from her duties as a duchess. "Don't look at me like that, Hector!"

"Yeah, we often get happy if we get to eat something sweet." Said Lucifer. "I am quite grateful you're allowing us to enjoy all these great assortment of sweets... It really does calms the heart and puts a smile on my face." Lucifer's charming smile seemed to pierce Julia's heart. He really looked like a handsome lord, something like a Vampire but alive. I was imagining him as Alucard from Castlevania's Anime, or something even more handsome! I can tell why every girl that looks at him suddenly has a crush. Even the female knights and soldiers were eyeing him a lot.

"Haha, t-there's nothing to worry for!" said Julia happily. "I would gladly give you as many sweets and tasty food, you've saved my duchy from such a big menace... It is the least I could do!"

Julia looked like she was melting away over the chair little by little... Should I make it obvious he's my husband so she stops this? Ugh... Well, we are not really official husbands, not even boyfriends yet, but his Title... it says he's my husband so... W-Well, we haven't even done THAT yet... I've only done something intimidate with Partner as of now.

But I am really getting jealous of other girls eyeing him! Ugh, I am even pouting, what's wrong with me? I never thought I would get so jealous...

"...What's wrong?" Asked Lucifer, noticing my cheeks all red.

"N-Nothing, idiot!" I said, crossing my arms.

"What's gotten into you..." Sighed Lucifer.

## Chapter 312 The Culprits

After I calmed myself down a little bit, we quickly began to talk about what we should do today. Julia was giving out ideas about the Soldiers and the Knights, and I also kind of wanted to bring them with me so they could leech out some EXP. Today we were not resting after all, we were moving immediately towards the Dungeon that has been infested with beasts lately.

If we bring a lot of soldiers with us, they'll be able to easily get a lot of EXP from killing monsters we weaken for them, maximizing results greatly. However, it seemed that this wasn't something that I had to talk with Julia yet, as I quickly remembered something after I realized a giant skeleton was inside of my shadow, Darkbound. Right, I had to tell her how he even came to be and everything going on in the Dungeon.

"Before anything else, we should quickly go to your office to talk about something important with you, Julia. Bring Emiliano and Hector if you want to, I know you trust those two guys a lot." I said.

"A-Alright, immediately!" Said Julia rather obediently, as we all quickly moved upstairs. When we reached the room, we all sat down around a table. Emiliano was present, gasping for air. It seems he was busy doing something else but then was hurriedly called here..

"I was in the Noble's Academy teaching something... I hurriedly ran here, is something important happening?" He wondered. "I hope it is worth me interrupting my classed midway through..."

"Yes it is better than what you think, sit down..." I said. Julia and Emilia sat down in front of me as I quickly decided to bring a certain someone. "Summon: Darkbound." I pointed my left-hand index finger into the floor and a shadow emerged over the floor, spreading out as a giant made of bones and covered in black armor emerged, Darkbound.

"UWAAAAAH!" Emiliano quickly cried out like a little girl, pointing his staff at the giant Undead who was emanating a strong aura of death and darkness. I quickly contained his aura with my magic so he wouldn't scare everyone.

"Calm down, Emiliano. Yesterday Marie defeated this Undead and then apparently remade him with her own Necromancy into her servant." Said Julia.

“O-Oh...” Said Emiliano. “Right... She’s a necromancer... They’re so rare that it is simply not something you assume a person to be.”

“Anyways, as I said earlier... The origin of Darkbound is not just a random Undead that got stronger.” I said. “He was created by another Necromancer before me.”

“Another... so a Vampire or someone working with them?” Wondered Julia.

“Something like that... [Soul Projection].” I said, quickly conjuring a spell that allows one to project what’s inside the soul of a person. This also includes memories and even emotions. It is one of the many Death Attribute Magic Spells I can conjure, but I had yet to gain enough proficiency on it to become a Skill, or maybe it can’t, whatever’s the case, an projection made of phantasmal essence came out of Darkbound’s soul.

FLASH!

“A-A projection out of the soul of an Undead?!” Asked Emiliano. “T-That’s... advanced Death Magic, isn’t it? Incredible! Death Magic is so rare! H-How many spells do you know?”

“Too many, every time I think about a spell it just comes out. I mostly use spells to preserve food or make jerky though.” I said.

“Beef jerky out of... death magic? I had never thought it could be used in such simplistic ways... Is it possible for death magic to cause instant death as it is rumored?” Asked Emiliano.

“Ah, well, maybe. There is no spell that simply causes Instant Death, even Death Magic is ruled by the same concepts as the other Elements of magic, it requires Magic output to deal damage. But I could probably drag out your soul from your body pretty easily, if you consider that instant death, yeah.” I said.

“I-I-I-I see...” Said Emiliano, stuttering a lot as he got too scared to continue asking questions.

“Hahaha... D-Don’t scare my Court Magician, please...” Said Julia with a nervous smile.

“Sorry about that. Anyways, look.” I said, showing everybody several projections and images in the [Soul Projection] of Darkbound. It first showed several people being dragged by a group of pale human-like people wearing black clothes in the middle of the night, and how they were all forcefully gathered in front of the dungeon...

“T-This is... pale skin and white hair... Vampires?” Asked Julia. “Their eyes are red... Those are slaves?! W-When did this happen?!”

“Sssh, just look.” I said.

The Vampires quickly began to conjure Dark Magic of some sort, or Ritual Magic which requires specific materials and skills to use, and then the slaves, who were almost a hundred people were all suddenly killed inside the first floor of the dungeon. Their souls were dragged out of their bodies and the people were screaming in agony as this process is very painful. It only lasted a few seconds, but the screams of the slaves were ear-wrenching, especially because there were many... many children as well in there, some no older than 5 years of age.

“By the gods...” Julia covered her mouth as her eyes were filled with horror and sorrow.

“D-Damn Vampires!!!” Cried Emiliano, hitting the table strongly and furiously gritting his teeth. Even Hector changed his often-expressionless face, showing utter disbelief.

After that, the bodies of the people were risen as Undead, and a group of them were all merged grotesquely and gave birth to Darkbound. Meanwhile, there was a gigantic quantity of dark miasma that came out of this sacrifice through the Ritual Magic Circle, which was instantly absorbed by the Dungeon.

It wasn't quick, but the dungeon slowly began to change after having absorbed all that Miasma and even several dozens of human souls, gaining enough energy, the Dungeon Core quickly began to produce new monsters in enormous quantities, and began to kill adventurers indiscriminately, even soldiers.

Chapter 313 Of Course, It's The Vampires

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We continued seeing the [Soul Projection] of Darkbound's soul, it was like a movie because it merged the many perspectives of all the souls he was made out and created a perfect view of many points of view.

After they filled the dungeon with miasma, the Undead raised alongside Darkbound were left inside the graveyard by the Vampires while the blood suckers made sure to throw as much miasma inside the graveyard.

"This should get them distracted for a while. That annoying duchess will have a lot of headaches, haha..."

"Darkbound alone could destroy the entire city of these pesky humans... But I guess our lord has other plans for them."

"The assassination of the duchess should happen soon as well. She's too annoying, we need to get her out of the way."

"We cannot halt the experimentations using the new drug... This new drug could mean a new beginning after all."

"Yes... a new beginning..."

The Vampires quickly flew off into the shadows, disappearing from the scene as the [Soul Projection] quickly ended right there. I quickly decided to explain things in detail. I had learned this the moment I touched Darkbound's composite soul after remaking him into my Undead. I had since then waiting for the moment to reveal this info, and the best way was through these movie-like projections I learned to make using my magic.

"As you can see... That's how it went." I said. "The sudden monster waves in the dungeon, and how it became active out of nowhere... And also the graveyard... everything is connected. The bad thing is that the dungeon is awfully close to the graveyard so it's even worse."

"I see... So the origin was the sacrifice of so many slaves right below our noses..." Sighed Julia. "This is... it's horrible... These people... Why are they so obsessed with making everyone suffer?"

"Don't get like that, Julia. Those people have their own nonsensical reasons for doing their things. We can't really try to comprehend them; it won't get us anywhere. I've already spread out through the entire city several tamed Ghosts and my own Phantasmal Familiars. We'll learn about them very soon as they look through every corner without resting." I said confidently.

"Marie!" Said Julia rather happily. "You're so dependable..."

"For now we should move immediately to the dungeon, it is a dangerous place after all. I don't want to leave you without personnel, so I decided we won't take knights for now. There will be better ways to help them level up, for now, we'll go on in our way." I said.

"S-So sudden?" Asked Julia.

"I'll leave Kuro and Raven with you, alongside Darkbound and a few other Undead I trust. They should be more than enough to protect you even against Vampires." I said.

"I-I see..." Said Julia, looking at my Undead a bit frighteningly.

"Don't worry, I'll save them inside your soul for now so they don't scare off the people." I said. "Shadow Storage." I touched Julia's soul and shared my Shadow Storage with her shadow. With that, I was able to save the Undead there. They'll emerge whenever she's threatened. I also silently spread out strong Phantasmal Familiars around here as well, just in case anything weird happens.

"Can I join? I also want to help in defeating the monsters of that Dungeon. It might be quite hard for just you all." Said Emiliano. "I am not known as the strongest mage of this fiefdom for nothing! I am a master of wind and fire magic, with some lightning magic and water magic as well."

"Emiliano is very dependable as well!" Said Julia. "I am sure he'll be a great asset."

"No, I prefer him to stay with you and protect you. I fear that whenever we are gone from here, the Vampires might try to strike... or something. If that happens we'll hurry back, but the backup I left for you should be more than enough to hold them for a bit."



"Y-You're talking as if it's a fact its going to happen..." Said Julia.

"Well, I hope it doesn't... but Julia, you have to know that you're perhaps the greatest threat to the Vampires right now." I said.

"M-Me? But I am weak..." She said.

"Yeah, you are, but you are not a corrupted noble that would sell her soul to them in exchange for profits and other things. You're someone that genuinely cares for the people and even abolished things such as slavery... You're unusual and someone that, due to her position, could change the entire structure of this Kingdom's society with enough backing and support... For them, you're one of their greatest threats as they specialize in disrupting corrupt societies from the inside out... Think about it carefully...." I said, as I looked at her eyes. Julia's eyebrows raised as she blushed a bit.

"Y-You're praising me way too much... I am merely an inept and untalented girl..." She sighed. However, she gripped her fists tightly as she looked at me with conviction clear in her shiny eyes. "But if you trust me so much... I can't really help it! I'll have to do my best and try to become the person you think I truly am... Thanks, Marie."

"No worries! Now, let's go guys, we got some dungeoning to do. This is our rematch!" I said, leading Lucifer, Emeraldine, and Partner out of the manor through the window. We all jumped out and I grabbed them with my Shadows, flying into the skies and reaching out. Julia, Emiliano, and Hector looked at us as we flew away with mouths wide open.

"T-They can fly so easily!" Said Julia.

"I-Incredible, I never thought Shadow Magic could help others fly..." Said Emiliano.

"Lady Marie is someone truly incredible... Young Lady, you're really lucky to have found someone like her. She seems to be indebted to you for the favor you gave to her, and she seems willing to pay for it with more than we'll ever be able to repay her for..." Said Hector.

"You're right... I guess we have to work hard to meet her expectations." Said Julia.

## Chapter 314 Moving To The First Dungeon I Explored

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We flew quickly after leaving the manor. I decided to go as fast as possible by using Shadow Traveling, which consumes a nice amount of Mana but allows for an insanely fast traveling even in midair. Anywhere where there is shadows I can teleport to, so we reached the front of the dungeon in less than twenty seconds.

FLASH!

“U-Ugh... I think I am going to throw up all I ate...” Cried Emeraldine. “M-Maria, please don’t do that again without warning! Also did you had to drop me out of the window, Partner?!”

“But we were all jumping, you were the only party pooper that wasn’t jumping!” Said Partner.

“W-Well, excuse me! But I am not a supernatural muscle-filled monster like you guys! I-I am not sure I could survive such a big fall!” Said Emeraldine.

“Who are you calling muscle-filled monster? I am bone-filled!” Said Partner while angrily discussing with Emeraldine..

“Okay, okay, sorry...” I sighed. “Partner, apologize.”

“Uuugghh...” Partner looked angered, but then apologized at the end. “Sorry... I shouldn’t had dropped you off the window...”

Emeraldine looked at her boringly, Partner didn’t even seem to mean it, but an apology was better than no apology at all. These two girls were weird, sometimes they were besties and other times they were discussing and acting like rivals or just straight-out enemies... I do admit that Partner did something pretty bad.

“Don’t do that again!” I said to Partner, as she nodded timidly.

"I'm sowyyyy!" She cried, hugging my chest, and rubbing her face over my chest.

"Alright, calm down... D-Don't get sad out of the sudden... Was I too rough? I'm so sorry dear..." I said, quickly feeling like my heart broke apart as I saw my beloved crying.

"Maria she's manipulating you again with her crocodile tears!" Said Emeraldine, as Partner suddenly let out a strange sound.

"Guh!" She muttered, as I looked at her, she seemed to be actually fine.

"She's really good at emotionally manipulating." Said Lucifer.

"Okay don't make this up into some drama, let's get inside." I said.

I quickly decided to ignore the hijinks of my party of insane lovers as I walked straight into the dungeon's area, the first thing we found was a large group of priests, adventurers, mercenaries, soldiers, and knights camping around it. They seem to have been keeping the monsters inside the dungeon rather well, and the priests alongside various magicians had raised a large stone made out of magic which they used to seal the dungeon shut. Of course, that'll only stop low-ranked monsters, if a big guy decides to get out he'll get through it with ease.

We were quickly greeted by a blonde knight who seemed to be a noble-born man. He was rather dignified-looking, and looked at us while raising an eyebrow. He was sure he didn't see us some moments ago and we popped out of existence right behind him.

"W-Who might you be? Are you adventurers? We have sealed the dungeon for now so there is no need for you guys to come pester us any longer." He said.

"We came from Young Lady Julia's Orders, we are a group of Mercenaries paid to clear the dungeon." I said.

“W-What? You lot?!” He asked. “You just look like a group of thieves to me! Lying about something like this is punished with the law.”

“I am not lying, dumbass.” I said, showing him a paper showing Julia’s sign, it was magically enchanted as well.

“You dare call me dumbass- Ahhhh?!” He asked in shock. T-This is authentic?! Wait a moment... Marie?! Y-You’re... the one that... defeated the B-Ranked Undead in the Graveyard and that enormous undead army!” He said in shock. He quickly lowered his head and asked for forgiveness. “I am so sorry! I-I wasn’t aware! Please forgive my rudeness!!!”

“It’s fine, it’s fine, let us go for now. We came here to slay the monsters but if some leak out you’re killing them, prepare everybody here to open the dungeon for us.” I said.

The man grew paler as I spoke, he seemed to have been here for days now and he had surely not taken a bath in a while as well. He was nervous and most likely battled the horrors inside of this dungeon so he was too nervous to do as I said immediately.

“B-But the monsters inside are so powerful... A-Are you sure about this?!” He asked.

“Geez you’re such a coward.” Said Partner, pointing her spear at his neck. “Do as Marie says!”

“Partner calm down...” Said Emeraldine.

“Just to make you feel safe I’ll bring out some Undead. I am a Necromancer.” I said.

I summoned a few dozens of Undead, mostly soldiers and giant spiders, the people around us quickly got shocked out of the sudden appearance of Undead and many were readying to fight, some even began running away in horror. The blondie quickly convinced them that these undead were mine, and that I was the famous Marie. It seems that in just a single day I became a famous figure in this fiefdom.

"I'll leave these Undead to guard your backs, guys. Don't worry they're below my command. If any monsters show up they'll fight them. You can assist them in killing them too and gain some EXP in the way. Easy peasy, right?" I asked. "Now... Lucifer?"

"Understood." Lucifer said, as his two hands suddenly grew disproportionally into giant dragon claws, and he grabbed the entire boulder blocking the way into the dungeon, destroying all seals put over it in a second and then throwing it away into the skies.

BOOOM!

The giant boulder hit the forest faraway from here. Probably killing some random animal or something because we suddenly gained like 20 EXP. Anyways, the entrance to the dungeon immediately exuded a blackish and miasmic aura that would be toxic for most people.

"The miasma is leaking! Cough... cough!"

"Get away from it!"

"Walk back!"

"Don't worry, I'll create a light barrier this so the miasma doesn't get out." Said Emeraldine, as she conjured wondrous magic.

FLASH!

Chapter 315 Exploring The Dungeon Once More, Now It's Buffed Up!

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Emeraldine conjured a powerful seal magic. She was able to do that thanks to her amazing affinity with Holy Magic and the help of her Light-Attribute Spirit (Damn, I really want a Spirit for myself as well!). She conjured a ray of light into the Dungeons' entrance which spread out like a white and gold membrane of light, covering the entrance. The toxic miasma stopped coming out of it just like that. After that, she put several seeds around the entrance and with her Nature-Attribute Spirit she made them grow into many

roots that began to surround the entrance, reinforcing her seal even more, and creating a wooden door as well.

I had asked her before if she could do the same to let us easily grow plants back in our village, but just as she told me, the cold temperatures will make the plants die very quick. Also plants that are grown instantly like she did often die after 24 hours, withering and then dissipating into ashes. So it is also not really possible for her to create a sustainable source of wood... unless she uses her powers partially, helping the plant grow instead of forcing its metabolism to grow instantly. Of course, her powers had been enhanced several times now that she leveled up a lot from yesterday's fight, so maybe she can still do some incredible things.

"A-Amazing, a barrier!"

"She's... an elf?"

"Indeed, she is!"

"She's such a radiant beauty, and she radiates such a holy light, like a Saint!"

"Hahah... Y-You don't have to praise me so much, I am more of a hunter than a magician." Said Emeraldine rather embarrassed. She was indeed good at the bow, and combining it with her magic for great effects..

"Come on, let's get in." I said, ignoring the soldiers as we walked inside the dungeon. The wooden door quickly closed almost automatically behind us, as we were greeted by the darkness of the dungeon we once visited in the past with Partner.

"Damn, this bring back some memories..." I sighed.

"This is where we meet Lucifer... And also Kuro!" Said Partner.

"Kuro is protecting Julia right now, but I bet he would be happy to be here with us." I said.

“Hm... It has expanded.” Said Lucifer. “I don’t remember the dungeon being so big before. Even the stairs were very stretchy and big groups of adventurers had a hard time walking down the stairs, but now it has become a rather big dungeon... the first floor is also massive.”

We reached the first floor to find absolutely nothing... For now. However, within my Mental Map, I was seeing dozens of red dots slowly approaching towards us from all three corridors surrounding the big first floor. Monsters were coming rapidly to confront us!

“The Dungeon mutated after absorbing all of that miasma and the souls of the innocent slaves alongside the negative dark energy...” Sighed Emeraldine. “I never thought that dungeons could be manipulated to grow stronger in such a wicked way...”

“Well, there’s no point in lamenting it now that it happened. We better work hard and hurry to complete this place!” I said.

“Yeah!” Said Partner.

“I am with you.” Said Lucifer.

I quickly summoned a band of Undead to support and cover our backs. They were mostly high-leveled Skeleton Knights, alongside Pyro and a band of the five strongest Zombie Giant Spiders I had.

“You summoned Undead- Ah, there’s a lot of monsters coming!” Said Lucifer, quickly realizing the presences of monsters were approaching!

From all three directions that the first floor branched into, monsters emerged. They were all slimy and colorful... Slimes! I do remember that the first floors had a few handful of slimes... but aren’t these way too many? Dozens of high-level slimes at that!

[Darkness High Slime: Lv23] [Rank: C+]

[Holy White Slime: Lv28] [Rank: C+]

[Great River Slime: Lv25] [Rank: C+]

[Acidic Poisonous Slime: Lv19] [Rank: C]

[Blazing Fire Slime: Lv29] [Rank: C+]

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There were many of them! And they were of almost every color of the rainbow. Seeing them all together really was cute, as if a sea of rainbow was running our way. But when you realize they're acidic creatures that dissolve things to digest, you quickly grow scared of getting caught up in that sea of dangerous slime, especially because they can even dissolve phantasmal essence!

"So many slimes!!!" Cried Partner.

"Let's form a barrier to stop them from charging, they're too many!" Said Emeraldine.

"Alright, let's work together!" I said.

With Emeraldine behind me, we quickly formed a large barrier of darkness and light, materializing it into a solid point and then generating and replicating more barriers over it, making several layers of it.

FLAAASH!

The slimes quickly reached us at long last, hitting the barrier strongly and making a few layers crack instantly. However, Emeraldine kept making more layers with me, as I used this opportunity to refill my Mana by absorbing the Mana from the slimes surrounding us, weakening them in the process.

This was the best way to deal with waves of so many monsters at once, just sit inside a barrier and absorb their mana all while the others fight them! We made the barrier so our attacks can easily trespass it and reach the slimes outside.



“RAAAAAH!”

Lucifer roared, as he opened his mouth and unleashed a powerful blazing phantom flames breath attack, flaring through the slimes surrounding us and dealing direct damage to their souls. Several of them suddenly began to explode and splatter over the ground one after the other, as Lucifer broke through their Slime Cores, their weak point.

SPLAT! SPLAT! SPLAT!

They made the sound of balloons exploding each time they died, and splattered over the ground. However, more swarming slimes came one after the other, working together like a giant hivemind while trying to dissolve our barrier.

“Thousand Scarlet Spikes!”

Partner also attacked, as she used her spear to fight. She unleashed the power of her Spear Techniques combined with her Blood Magic, unleashing constant piercing attacks that created after images that also dealt damage made out of Blood Aura, a new power she had developed as a Lesser Vampire!

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

Chapter 316 Fighting Against An Army Of Slimes!

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As Lucifer and Partner were taking down dozens of slimes, more continued to come here. As if there were hundreds if not thousands of them! What did this Dungeon even do to make so many god damn slimes? I do remember fighting like four or five back then, but there are dozens now, hundreds! Maintaining the barrier is already quite taxing, especially because they constantly deal damage to it through their dissolving juices.

I have to constantly spend Mana, so my Mana is constantly going down with that of Emeraldine, all while I have to absorb the Mana from the surrounding slimes. They were many so it was still a sustainable strategy. The Mana from the Slimes constantly flowed towards me, and then I shared it with Emeraldine, so we continued to spend Mana together from a shared MP Pool, reinforcing the barrier with several layers at once.

The dozens of Skeleton Soldiers I summoned, Pyro and his spiders all fought as well. They would be easily eaten by the wave of slimes if it wasn't for the barrier, so they were attacking from behind the barrier using weapons, claws, and magic and spiderwebs. The Skeleton Soldiers were not bad, as they had inherited the techniques and most skills from when they were alive, and had strengthened them a lot, so they were able to unleash strong weapon techniques. When all of them together fought, they created shockwaves that spread out into the slimes, throwing them away from the barrier and minimizing the damage they caused to it.

Meanwhile, Pyro unleashed a storm of blazing fire from his mouth, as his entire body was unleashing a storming fire from within. It was a big hot in here as it was a closed barrier, but we had to bear with it for now. His spider companions also fought quite well. A few of them knew basic Darkness Magic so they were firing Dark Bullets at the slimes from inside the barrier, breaking through their ranks..

I had also conjured Death and Shadow Domain, so the strength of all of us except Emeraldine had increased, including the damage dealt and endurance of death and darkness magic. This reinforced the barrier as well as enhanced the damage dealt using death and darkness magic, helping the spiders deal more damage.

However, I also wanted to fight, and Emeraldine as well, just sitting here and slowly chip away at the slimes was not my style, and I don't know if we can hold on for too long if we don't go fully into an explosive offensive... So I decided to act, using part of my Mana to unleash a destructive storm of dark winds!

“[Dark Storm]!!!”

FLUOOOOSSSSHHHH!!!

This Skill was once a lesser Skill that let me unleash cutting dark winds at foes, but now that it evolved when it hit Level 10, it had become Dark Storm, and quite literally, it unleashed a storm of dark winds towards our foes. The storms were special as they carried poison and other status ailments too, and I began spreading the storming winds all around our barriers, breaking through the foe slimes and splattering them as their slime cores shattered into pieces one by one!

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!

Dark Storm was way better for closed areas like Dungeons. If I used Dark Sun, even my friends would be affected by the powerful explosive shockwave it would release, the same for Pandora's Box. Unless I am targeting a single foe and my friends are far from me, it is not really recommendable to abuse these two Skills. However, I wasn't done yet!

"[Phantasmal Grasp]!!!"

I used the amazing [Phantasmal Grasp] Skill which had evolved from Ghost Touch, which had now evolved after hitting Level 10 into Phantasmal Grasp. This amazing Skill allowed me to stretch out my hands like phantasmal hands, which were way easier to use and stronger than the weak Phantasmal Clones I could make. If I made too many of those I would grow weaker too, and I made many back in the fiefdom, so for now, Phantasmal Grasp was better.

It could easily pierce through foes souls and deal a nice amount of damage to them, so I quickly began to create many Phantasmal Hands and began to attack the slimes with them, hitting their souls directly! However, that wasn't all, I also grabbed my Axe and my Cursed Blade with two big Phantom Hands, and started swinging both powerful weapons by unleashing their Skills [Blade Slash] and [Strong Axe Strike] devastating a large side of the slime swarm with my combination of weapons and magic!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"I shall also assist a bit! Spirits, shine as bright as you can!" Emeraldine ordered her spirits, as both of them began to float around her, spiraling through and then unleashing flashes of bright light! They were simply put beams, but they were hitting the slimes quite precisely, and right into their slime cores! One by one the slimes began to fall to their demise. With our combination of attacks from all sides, the slimes finally began to drop in numbers, as I detected that they finally stopped coming here, we had already slain hundreds of these little goobers and it seems they were finally beginning to grow lower in numbers.

However... right after I thought we would get the first floor done, something strange began to quickly approach us. It was coming from the third floor and it was moving at an insanely fast speed upstairs!

BOOOM!!!

What emerged from the stairs leading down was a sea of liquid metal... it had a small golden crown atop its mass of liquid metal, and a large core inside of its metallic body. This was a...!

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[Metal Slime King: Lv55] [Rank: B]

[Description]: A powerful Slime from the Metal Slime family, whose body is mostly composed of incredibly heavy and resistant liquid metal compounds. Its core is harder than Mithril itself and it can grow stronger by ingesting ores and other materials to increase the variety of metallic compounds on its body. It can predate anything that moves and has incredible Physical Defense, although it is fairly slow and has almost zero magical power.

[Skills]: [Automatic Self-Regeneration], [Metal Body], [Body Shapeshifting], [Metallic Solidification], [Grand Elemental Resistance], [Grand Magic Damage Resistance], [Magic Damage Reduction], [Crushing Charge] [...]

Shit, this guy is bad news.

Chapter 317 The Metal Slime King!

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In front of us a final boss already showed up! Well, it came from the third floor, and calculating based in my auto mapping, I can tell this dungeon has at least ten more floors. So it is probably fair to call this Metal Slime King has a "Mini Boss" although it is enormous and powerful. Lucifer, Partner, and Emeraldine looked at the creature emerge when the last few slimes died as their eyes sunk into their skulls. It was just that terrible! The thing was emanating a strong aura of intimidation as well, and it was as clear as water that this thing was controlling all the Slime Swarm we had been fighting so far!

"A Metal Slime King!" Said Lucifer. "I had once battled one of these monsters when I was alive... They're incredibly resistant to physical damage! I smacked it so many times and even hit its core countless times but the thing continued being just as fine... These things are near-invincible." Said Lucifer in shock. He seems to have had a bad time with them. "I never managed to kill one of them before..."

“Well shit.” I said, looking at the creature, I began to quickly think about ways to kill it. It was invincible to physical damage? Well it said it could resist it a lot but we might as well try, right? However, when I checked the creature’s status, I got spooked.

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[HP]: [99999/99999]

[MP]: [1000/1000].

[Attack]: [7000]

[Defense]: [99999]

[Magic]: [1000]

[Agility]: [1000]

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What the... what the fuck is this?! 99999 HP and Defense?! That’s almost... a hundred thousand! But his Magic and MP are only 1000! Maybe it can really be weak to magical damage? Magical defense is calculated using Magic Stat, half of it! However... this bastard got a few tricky skills to help him tank Magic, [Grand Elemental Resistance], [Grand Magic Damage Resistance], [Magic Damage Reduction]! The first Skill grants a +50% resistance to all elemental damage, the second Skill grants +50% resistance to all magical damage, and the last Skill decreases Magic damage by -50%! With that and the insane amount of HP it has, alongside almost zero MP for me to drain and sustain myself in this battle... he’s a strong bastard.

“Thousand Piercing Roses!” Partner roared, pushing forward to fight. “Let’s see how strong it is!!!”

Her spear moved swiftly as Blood Magic danced around her, the piercing blows of her spear hit the Metal Slime all around its body, dealing enormous holes one after the other. The giant Metal Slime King was too slow for the flashy Partner, who easily began to evade the attacks from the powerful creature. The slime could shape its body into many tentacles which the solidified into deadly spears that hit the ground, shaking it.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

“It is powerful even though its slow...!” Said Partner. “And my attacks dealt... no damage at all to begin with! Its HP is constantly regenerating and it has insane HP and Defense...”

“I told you so!” I said, as we began retreating back a little bit. The Metal Slime began to spread out through the floor as it sought us. It was incredibly slow compared to us, but it easily broke through our barrier with its weight alone.

CRASH!

“Run!” I said, grabbing everybody with my shadows and pushing them away from the range of the Metal Slime, who seemed to be constantly growing bigger as it spread through the entire room.

“DRAGON METEOR!” Lucifer roared, flying up into the ceiling and transforming into a giant Death Dragon, and then infusing Mana all over his body and falling over the Metal Slime King with a single and powerful blow, like a true meteor!

CLAAAAAASSSSSHHH!!!

He hit the core of the Metal Slime King directly as well, but it was so hard that he barely did any damage to it! The Core itself was incredibly durable, and no normal person could easily break through it, not even Lucifer after growing this strong...

“I have grown so strong yet I still can’t even damage this thing!” Roared Lucifer in frustration, escaping the Metal Slime King’s deadly embrace as it was trying to entangle his body and consume him.

“What do we do then?” He wondered.

“I checked his status, he got three Skills that lower magical damage, but even then, we can still deal a great amount of damage based solely in how low its Magic Stat is.” I said. “We have to unleash all the magic power we got! Take these Mana Potions!” I quickly took out the Mana Potions I had bought from Julia. She had given me a lot of them when I requested it last night as a part of the payment. So we were stacked with refills!

Everybody quickly drank potions while we were evading the attacks from the slow Metal Slime King until we were refilled with Mana! After I saw my Mana being all the way up, I pointed my hands at the Slime and decided to go for a banger.

“Everyone, go after me!” I roared. “I’ll combine my strongest spells into one!”

Supreme Magic, don’t disappoint me now!

I quickly began to conjure Dark Sun, Dark Storm, Shadow Spear Arrow, Shadow Materialization, and Pandora’s Box! By conjuring all of them at the same time and merging their capabilities, an enormous mass of darkness began to emerge within my hands, building up bigger and bigger as I covered it in a materialized coverture as hard as metal!

“I’ll call this... Dark Meteor!”

FLAAAAASH!

The enormous mass of darkness flew down, covered in black flames and dark winds, and even pestilence and everything else I could load into it, falling down into the Metal Slime, unlike his Dragon Quest counterparts, he wasn’t speedy at all and couldn’t evade such a giant attack, it had to take it head on!

BOOOOMMM!!!

The enormous Dark Meteor hit the giant Metal Slime King, shaking its entire body and even its core. Several parts of its liquid metal body began to quickly evaporate and explode, as dark smoke spread out everywhere...!

However, the bastard was still there, standing. I had... barely done -20% of its HP?! Well, that was something still but I just wasted all my MP! And to make it worse, its HP was already regenerating back!

Nai wa...

Chapter 318 Intense Battle!

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The Giant Metal Slime King was no joke! I spent all my MP into blasting a Dark Meteor into it, my strongest attack ever, and the bastard takes it like nobody's business and still has 80% HP left, all while recovering the HP over time. If we don't hit it constantly, it is just going to regenerate the HP and go back to full, which is a fucking nightmare, we don't got unlimited Mana Potions, and now that there's no targets to draw Mana from (because this guy only has 1000 MP which I already drained from him), it's going to be painful.

I had already saved my Undead inside my Shadows except Pyro, who was a good magical fighter, the strongest of my Undead so far. He can unleash a lot of fiery flames and if that doesn't end up dealing enough damage either... then I don't know what I'll do. There's... well, the option of draining out the Mana from the Undead I brought with me as the last resort, but I want to leave that for the last resort because Undead use Mana as if it were their life source! Without it, they grow weaker and might even die for real. So I don't want to weaken my buddies just because of that.

However, my friends were not useless at all, they were already charging their strongest magical attacks, and Emeraldine was first! She combined the power of her two Spirits, the Spirit of Light and the Spirit of Nature, and also took out a special arrow she had created. These arrows were named Yggdrasil Arrows, and were made with a special wood she cultivated back in our village using small seeds created by the Spirit of Nature, it is a small arrow made of a small tree she grew, but this arrow has incredible potential.

She pointed the arrow into the Metal Slime and infused it with all the Mana she had while at the same time drinking another Mana Potion to add even more Mana, her Spirits suddenly flew into the arrow and directly merged with it, something they could only do with the special Yggdrasil Arrow!



“Yggdrasil’s Judgement!”

FLASH!.

The arrow flew out of Emeraldine’s bow with ease, flying towards the Metal Slime King as if it were nothing. The creature, too slow to realize a tiny arrow was going to hit it, continued moving forward towards it and tanked the hit.

CLASH!

The arrow, however, when it hit, created a gigantic shockwave, as if the weight of an entire mountain hit the Metal Slime King, stopping him from moving forward so easily and pushing him all the way back! The arrow then exploded into a gigantic bright star of light, spreading across almost the entire room, the light engulfed the Metal Slime King completely, its light was so radiant that it began to melt through the entire creature, even its core!

BOOOOOOOMMM!!!

A giant explosion ensued right after. And then, countless branches and roots started to sprout out of the slime, all over its body. They suddenly reached the core and grabbed it, entangling it with the wooden branches and roots and moving it upwards! The rest of the metallic slime body was trying to get back to its main core, attempting to break and devour the branches, but they were incredibly resilient and were taking time!

“Now, attack the core with everything you’ve got!” Said Emeraldine, infusing her Mana into the Spirits who were controlling the branches tightly grasping the core and lifting it away from the rest of the Metal Slime King! Amazing work, Emeraldine!

“Alright, it is ready!” Said Lucifer.

“Me too! I am ready!” Said Partner.

“Leave this to us!” I said.

I quickly drank three mana potions in an instant and refilled my Mana, readying a new Dark Meteor in an instant. Lucifer and Partner were also preparing and were ready to unleash their strongest magic attacks. Lucifer had combined the power of his Phantasmal Flames, his Darkness, and his Fire elements all together into a gigantic spear floating above his head, and Partner had created thousands of spears made of Blood Aura! All of us quickly unleashed our three magical attacks over the Metal Slime King, showering him with the power of our magic all at once!

“GROOOARRR!!!”

The giant spear of flames that Lucifer unleashed suddenly shapeshifted into an enormous and roaring dragon moving down towards the Metal Slime King, engulfing it into fiery flames that even burned through into the soul of the metal slime! Meanwhile, Partner’s attack was small individually, but the thousands of blades combined together became a storming and devastating blow of attacks, all of them combined dealt insane amounts of damage. And to boot, my own Dark Meteor hit right after the others, bursting through the Metal Slime’s core like all other attacks.

The pressure of all the attacks combined finally began to make the core crack down slowly, as it gained many cracks and the HP of the Metal Slime King suddenly began to pummel down! However, it didn’t seemed to be enough... until Emeraldine charged her second attack, it was an arrow made of pure light!

“Holy Light Arrow!”

FLAAAAASH!

The arrow traveled across the air and in an instant, it pierced through the Metal Slime King’s core, breaking through and shattering it in half!

Crack... crack...!

CRASH!

The Metal Slime King’s entire body began to tremble in agony as it suddenly stopped moving, falling into the ground without moving at all. It had completely died now; its HP was zero!

SPLASH!

The sea of liquid metal ended falling over the slime from the smaller slimes we killed, leaving the entire dungeon like a mess... But hey, we won! And... what are all these shiny items that showed up around out of nowhere?

“Phew, it’s done... I never thought we would have so much difficulty with just a giant slime.” Said Partner.

“Me too...” Said Emeraldine.

“W-We actually defeated a Metal Slime King...” Said Lucifer. “Amazing! I finally did it!”

“Yeah, but look... aren’t those dropped items?” I asked, pointing into the shiny items that had appeared all over the floor.

There were hundreds of items, in fact...

“Right, now that I remember... Dungeons drop items and equipment when monsters are defeated occasionally...” Said Emeraldine.

“Uooooohh! Loot!” I cried, running into the sea of treasures.

Chapter 319 A Metal Slime's EXP Is Surely High

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[Calculating Earned EXP...]

[You have defeated [Various Slime Species (C ~ C+ Rank)] x1833, you earned: [1833000 EXP]

[You have defeated [Giant Metal Slime King (B Rank)], you earned]: [3000000 EXP (BONUS Metal Slime EXP!)]

[Total EXP earned]: [4833000 EXP]

[Your Level has increased from Level 38 to Level 39!]

[Your Level has increased from Level 39 to Level 40!]

[Your Level has increased from Level 40 to Level 41!]

[Your Level has increased from Level 41 to Level 42!]

[Your Level has increased from Level 42 to Level 43!].

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[Your Level has increased from Level 50 to Level 51!]

[All your stats have increased!]

[The Levels of several Skills have increased]

[You learned the [Phantasmal Limbs: Lv1] Physical Skill!]

[You learned the [Chaotic Dark Meteor: Lv1] Magic Skill!]

[You acquired the [Slime Slayer: Lv1] Title Skill!]

[You acquired the [King Slayer: Lv1] Title Skill!]

[New Undead are available for [Creation] in the Soul Grimoire!]

[Slime]-type Undead had been unlocked]

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[Phantasmal Limbs: Lv1]

A Skill developed by advanced Phantasmal-type Undead Monsters. It grants the ability to generate Limbs made out of phantasmal essence which can hold into many things, attack, and use all sorts of weapon and fist techniques. Phantasmal Limbs can shapeshift into many other forms and shapes. Their damage dealt is based in Strength and Magic Stats. With each level, they gain a more solid form and become stronger.

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[Chaotic Dark Meteor: Lv1]

A powerful Dark, Poison, and Death Attribute Magic Spell, a combination of three deadly elements that give birth to the mythical element of Chaos. This powerful spell concentrates all of the magicians' MP into a deadly and devastating attack that can spread out toxic Miasma that can curse, corrode, and intoxicate anything within a 100-meter radius from the area of impact. The power of this Spell increases with each level.

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I had gained two incredible Skills and I even went all the way to Level 51! All my stats increased quite nicely, and I felt like I was a new woman altogether. I never expected the Slimes to be that many! Each one only gave a measly 1000 EXP, but when we killed thousands of them, we ended getting millions of EXP?! And to boot, the Slime King... the Giant Metal Slime King was just like the Metal Slimes in Dragon

Quest, giving a super gigantic amount of EXP upon defeat... three million, to be exact! I leveled like... a dozen of times in one shot!

Also, the other two Title Skills I got are like all other Slayer Title Skills, increasing damage dealt against certain groups of beings by a fixed percentage with each level. Now I can deal extra damage to all Slime-type and King-type monsters. Most King-type monsters are often Bosses that have the power to lead and control lesser beings of their own races, so this is pretty sweet. It means I can deal extra damage to boss monsters.

And the other two Skills were acquired by doing certain actions, apparently. Phantasmal Limbs really look like Phantasmal Grasp's evolution, but I guess it can become a separate Skill as well. Meanwhile, I never expected Dark Meteor would show up and would even be renamed to Chaotic Dark Meteor to boot! This is like a nuke at this point... if I shoot it towards the Kingdom's Capital, I wonder what would happen.

...Probably everybody would die, yeah. I guess that would resolve my problems pretty quickly. Or would it? Well, there's no time to think about these insane ideas. I quickly decided to check my own status and how much I've progressed so far. Level 51 is amazing; I just need 9 more levels to become Level 60 and then... evolve! Everybody else also leveled up a lot, so Emeraldine and Partner might be closer to evolution as well.

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[Name]: [Maria Fuentes Belles]

[Status]: [Strengthened, Cursed]

[Race]: [Gorgon]

[Job]: [Dark Shadow Spectral Death Spirit Queen]

[Level]: [34/60 -> 51/60]

[EXP]: [573000/720000]

[Rank]: [B+]

[HP]: [17500/17500 -> 26000/26000]

[MP]: [36000/36000 -> 53000/53000]

[Attack]: [5700 -> 8250]

[Defense]: [5800 -> 8350]

[Magic]: [38000 -> 55000]

[Agility]: [16000 -> 24500]

[Soul Grimoire Abilities]: [Creation], [Deletion], [Transfer], [Enhance]

[Characteristic Skills]: [Unique Skill: Supreme Magic] [Unique Skill: Mana Siphon] [Unique Skill: System]  
[Unique Skill: Goddess] (Sealed) [Undead: Lv-] [Dark Element: Lv-] [Death Element: Lv-] [Poison  
Element: Lv-] [Elemental Spirit: Lv-] [Fiend Language: Lv9] [Shadow Transportation: Lv4] [Abyssal Body:  
Lv9] [Supernatural Senses: Lv7] [Poison Body: Lv5]

[Resistance Skills]: [Status Effect Immunity: Lv-] [Greater Magic Damage Resistance: Lv4] [Darkness  
Resistance: Lv9] [Fear Resistance: Lv8] [Elemental Resistance: Lv7] [Poison/Toxin/Venom Absorption: Lv-  
]

[Physical Skills]: [Phantasmal Grasp: Lv4] [Masterful Stealth: Lv3] [Blade Slash: Lv7] [Strong Axe Strike:  
Lv6] [Phantasmal Limbs: Lv1] (NEW)

[Magical Skills]: [Greater Curse: Lv3] [Life Absorption: Lv3] [Possession: Lv9] [Dark Sun: Lv2] [Dark Storm: Lv2] [Shadow Spear Arrow: Lv9] [Materialized Shadow Barrier: Lv6] [Shadow Manipulation: Lv9] [Fake Life: Lv9] [Soul Eater: Lv7] [Undead Detonation: Lv5] [Shadow Thread: Lv3] [Disease and Poison Creation: Lv5] [Pandora's Box: Lv6] [Shadow and Death Domain: Lv5] [Gorgon's Five Cursed Eyes: Lv3] [Gorgon's Transformation: Lv3] [Chaotic Dark Meteor: Lv1] (NEW)

[Support Skills]: [Shadow Storage: Lv8] [Undead Healing: Lv8] [Erase Presence: Lv8] [Summon: Lv7] [Spirit Summon: Lv4] [Aura of Famine: Lv7] [Materialization: Lv8] [Cooking: Lv4] [Hunting: Lv4] [Split Thinking: Lv4] [Mental Mapping: Lv4] [Phantasmal Stomach: Lv4]

[Title Skills]: [The Dark Witch: Lv5] [Dungeon Conqueror: Lv2] [Big Game Slayer: Lv6] [Taboo Mark: Lv5] [Bringer of Misfortune: Lv9] [Undead Queen: Lv8] [Evil of the World: Lv6] [Pickpocket: Lv7] [Apprentice Swordsman: Lv6] [Apprentice Axe Warrior: Lv3] [Apprentice Thread User: Lv3] [Spirit Queen: Lv4] [Spirit Mediator: Lv4] [Poison Queen: Lv3] [Merciless Assassin: Lv3] [God of Light Nemesis: Lv2] [Shameless Degenerate: Lv2] [Opportunistic Buyer: Lv3] [Plague Slayer: Lv3] [Gluttonous Eater: Lv2] [Saint of Death: Lv2] [Deceiver: Lv2] [Undead Slayer: Lv1] [Slime Slayer: Lv1] (NEW) [King Slayer: Lv1] (NEW)

[Divine Protections]: [Hel's Divine Protection]

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Oh, they raised by quite a lot... It has been a long while since I checked all of my full Status. And indeed, it has been rearranged by the System so the Skills are better sorted through categories. Now it is less of a mess!

Chapter 320 A Mountain Of Treasure!

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After looking into my Stats I realized my Mana had ramped all the way to 53k. Is this why I suddenly felt like I had gained a lot more of energy inside of me? It is amazing how leveling up works. The instant enhancement to everything really feels surreal even when I am a ghost right now, which should be plenty of surreal. My other stats had also increased, with my Magic going to 55k, meaning I got my magic to deal even more damage, while 50% of it will reduce damage from magic attacks directed towards me. I am slowly building myself to become even more of a Magic Tank, it seems!



And well, the other stats...? Well, my Agility went up nicely, it is my third biggest stat after Magic and MP. And then there is HP which is pretty okay. Though if I ever receive too much direct damage I can die very quickly and easily, especially physical damage. Thankfully I am immune to it unless it is enhanced with some magic, which in such case can be slightly reduced with my own Magic Stat, but it will still deal tons of damage to me...

Ah, well, I am way better than in those times I began my adventure as a Ghost girl though. And lastly, there is my Attack and Defense, both are almost equally the same, and they're pretty low seeing my current Rank, which means they're my lowest stats and also my weakness. Nonetheless I am still strong enough to punch anything below C Rank to death, I guess. This is why I still use my Cursed Sword and the Axe I have. It is nice that they've been leveling up individually as well, both are incredible weapons for now..

However, things are changing now! Why? Because there is a sea of loot right in front of us. There are hundreds of items floating a few centimeters over the floor, shining brightly and dazingly. It was just like a dream come true. I've always dreamed of seeing such a beautiful scenery in my entire life, and my previous one in Earth as well!

This is way too joyful! Without realizing it, I screamed and jumped straight towards the loot, pushing it all into my Inventory until I ended cleaning the entire floor from both slime and dropped items. The wonderfulness of Dungeons is that they drop items! I have forgotten that because it has been AGES since I visited one.

"Gaaah! So many items... This is getting hard to sort out..." I sighed.

"Indeed, maybe we should leave it for later. Remember that we are in a hurry. We should complete this dungeon as fast as possible. The other items that we get can be sorted out and analyzed after everything is done." Said Lucifer.

"Though I would like to see if there's a new bow there..." Said Emeraldine. "Maria, did you had to just take everything for you?"

"S-Sorry... I lose control of myself." I said. I quickly began to look through the inventory and saw three new bows in there. One was Fire Slime Bow, Lightning Slime Bow, and Metal Slime King Bow, they all looked strong and had elemental effects Emeraldine lacked. It was going to be hard for her to choose between the three. I showed them to her and her eyes began to shine brightly quickly after.

"You may pick any of you want... Actually all three are yours, love." I said.

"Oooh! So many..." Said Emeraldine. "T-Three Bows... Erm, what should I even pick though?! One can conjure fire, another lightning, and this one is a Metal Slime King Bow, it can... create metallic arrows! But my spirits have a hard time merging with metals, so that's not a good idea."

"It's a good arrow for more traditional bowmen that don't use magic but Bow Techniques..." I said. "But it has a lot of attack power compared to the other two... Nonetheless, you're mostly a magic damage dealer, so probably pick the lightning bow. It is strong, fast, and burns just as much as the fire bow."

"Yeah, I thought the same... I'll pick this one, it seems the Spirits find it acceptable. Fire is not that good with the Nature Spirit, but it seems that Lightning is okay." Said Emeraldine. Her powers were based in the help of her spirits, so she had to take into consideration their opinion at the time of choosing equipment and so on. There were sometimes items that didn't had compatibility with them, and she wouldn't be able to bring out all their power through them.

At the end, she told me to save the fire and the metal bow for later. It was possible to either sell them off for a nice sum of money or dismantle them into raw materials that can be used to upgrade the Lightning Bow if we find a good blacksmith, and we got a pair of talented ones back in the village.

"I really don't want to annoy you girls but... we should hurry." Said Lucifer, he was very impatient despite being alive now. Shouldn't he be a bit tired now that he's not an Undead anymore? Well, whatever's the case, he was right, we had to hurry.

"B-But I want something too!" Said Partner, moving to my side.

"A-Alright, what is it?" I asked.

"My spear... I don't want to replace it but is there a small shield? Or some light armor? Maybe some accessories!" She said.

"Yeah there's a lot! Well... Let's see..." I said.

“You cut it out! Putting a few pieces of scrap over your body won’t make that much of a difference against high-rank monsters, let’s go for now!” Said Lucifer. “There’s an incredibly strong presence coming from the bottom of the dungeon, which is oddly similar to mine... I don’t know what’s there, but the Dungeon might had used my remains to create a new and strong dragon monster... We have to quickly slay it before it grows any stronger.”