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Chapter 341 Intense Fight Between Mighty Foes

“GROAR!”

The Werewolf roared loudly, clashing against Darkbound, his body, coated in blood, was turning his fur crimson. All while his eyes were already deep red, filled with wrath and hatred. His furious roars echoed across the entire room as his enormous jaws attempted to tear apart Darkbound’s armor and bones, seeking his Magic Core to break.

CRASH! CLASH!

His jaws once more tore apart a piece of Darkbound’s armor from his left arm, while the skeleton kicked the werewolf in the guts and then summoned a dozen of phantasmal swords, firing them as projectiles against the werewolf!

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

“GRAAAH...!”

The werewolf was put into the ground, as the blades pierced each of his limbs, leaving him stuck in the wooden floor... Darkbound hurriedly moved towards his way, summoning another phantom blade, this time stronger and larger, and materialized.

“OOOOHHH...!”

CLASH!

With a loud and phantasmal groan, Darkbound pierced the werewolf’s chest, reaching his heart and soul and damaging both at the same time repeatedly. The werewolf had insane regeneration capabilities, but the soul was not part of the regeneration abilities of a vampire, as it received more damage, the dog barked and roared in agony.

“GRAAAHH! GRAAARRGH...!”

The Masked Vampiress looked at her servant with disappointment, she had trained him this long to be the perfect lap dog to her service and now was losing to a pile of old bones? It was disgraceful. She didn't even attempted to help him, but merely insulted him and tried to motivate him to put more effort into his attacks.

“Are you truly my servant, you pathetic dog?! Has all this time I've spent teaching you to be obedient for naught? I guess I will have to find another dog...” Sighed the masked woman, as the Werewolf's eyes turned even more redder, his Blood Aura suddenly exploded out of his body through his wrath, hitting Darkbound head-first!

FLUOOOOSSH!

“OOOOH...!”

Darkbound let out a phantasmal groan, as it resisted the enormous shockwave coming from the werewolf. The phantom sword trapping him in place were quickly destroyed by this all-consuming energy, as the furious dog broke his shackles and barked.

“Lady Agatha...! I will... FIGHT... KILL! FOR YOU... LADY AGATHA! GRAAOOO!”

The werewolf wasn't capable of talking straight, but he was incredibly strong, and such strength was flowing through his body, giving him a supernatural burst of strength out of nowhere. Such strength was so big that his mind was constantly clouding, his words were getting harder and harder to come out of him, and he was going through a lot of agony as the wounds over his body slowly regenerated.

“Good! My little lap dog! Bark for me! Gyahahaha!” The woman, named Agatha, walked towards her werewolf as her servant kneeled down and began to lick her boots, while barking, as she petted her head as if he were a real dog.

“W-What sort of insanity is this?! Did you brainwashed him into becoming your pet?!” Asked Julia in disgust.

“Fufu, it was just a little bit of correction. He used to be a strong warrior from a tribe of dogs like him but I corrected him and made him into the servant he always wanted to be, right? Riiiiight~?” Laughed Agatha, as her heels to pierce through the werewolf’s face and eyes, she smiled below that mask, licking her red lips while seeing him suffer while moving his tail and lick her...

“Darkbound, don’t stay still, kill it!” Said Julia.

“OOOOHH...!”

Darkbound attempted to move, but quickly noticed that his body was cracking. His bones were slowly shattering and so did his armor. He had no magic crystal as Maria designed him to be without a weakness in that regard, but his bones and armor weren’t invincible, once he found someone mighty enough to shatter through it, they would slowly break. If his entire body breaks, it will be the end of him.

“H-He doesn’t seem to be able to move properly, his body must be damaged...” Said Faerie.

“Perhaps her master has a way to heal Undead, but we don’t...” Said Faerie.

“Marie Familiars! Can you do it?” Wondered Julia, but the familiars were specifically made to fight and defend, they didn’t had any Undead Healing with them, they ended waving their heads while fighting.

However, Darkbound slowly stood up, even with the cracks on his body, his phantasmal soul was powerful, and he used it to wrap it around his body like bandages, quickly summoning a pair of giant phantasmal words for each of his skeletal hands, and looking at the werewolf, who quickly stopped being spoiled by his master.

“OOOOH...!”

FLASH!

Darkbound moved forward with great strength and the destructive might of a B Rank Undead, as he swung his enormous blades and unleashed a x-shaped phantasmal attack! Agatha stepped back a bit,

slightly afraid of taking an attack head-on. Julia quickly realized that this woman didn't really wanted to fight at all.

"GAOOOO!"

The werewolf greeted Darkbound's x-shaped phantasmal sword attack with his own, as he unleashed a similarly shaped attack made out of his Blood Aura by coating his claws with this energy and unleashing it like a furious beast.

CLAAAASH!

Both energies clashed against one another as Darkbound and the Werewolf quickly engaged in a fight once more. The skeleton held the upper hand in strength and resilience, but the wolf was quick, more intelligent, and had regeneration abilities to back him up. Their claws and phantasmal swords clashed against one another, generating all sorts of explosions and shockwaves, destroying most of their surroundings. Julia was screaming deep down that her beautiful home was being destroyed, but she had no time to complain. They were being surrounded by all sides, and the thick amount of vampire subordinates made it hard for them to find an escape route.

"CRAAAAA!"

However, just in that moment, Raven unleashed his fury as phantasmal blue flames covered his wings, and a storm of black feathers and phantasmal flames was unleashed against the dozens of vampires in front of their escape route!

BOOOOMMM!!!

Chapter 342 Escaping The Crumbling Manor!

Raven was a small bird monsters that Maria raised into an undead crow, it was a very intelligent creature even after death, and served as recon most of the time. But over the months, Raven managed to slay many monsters and level up, evolving and growing as large as a person. His flying style was rather normal, but once he learned how to conjure phantasmal flames through the [Phantom Fire] Skill, he managed to create a new fighting style. Most birds that hunt prey usually fly up into the skies and then

fall down to catch what they had seen. Raven was one of such birds. He covered himself in phantom flames and practiced hunting prey for a long time, many times failing. However, Kuro and the other Undead were there to cheer him up, alongside Maria.

Now it was the time to unleash all of this hard work, Raven unleashed his fury as phantasmal blue flames covered his wings, and a storm of black feathers and phantasmal flames was unleashed against the dozens of vampires in front of the escape route! Raven knew very well that Julia and her maids were the priority of Maria, and her phantom clones were fighting to try to get through, this was the time of truth!

BOOOOMMM!!!

Raven's powerful attack was successful right away, as his phantasmal flames covered the vampires entire bodies and began to burn through all of them. The Vampires despite being half-undead were very affected by such phantasmal flames, which not only burned flesh but also their souls! Being hit directly into their deepest selves, the vampires groaned in agony, the majority of them were weak fodder recently raised into Vampires, so they quickly fell down into the floor, opening the path for Julia and her maids to go through as Raven unleashed his storm of flames and sharp projectile feathers.

"Let's go through Raven's path!" Julia commanded her maids, as the two half-elves attacked the furious bloodsuckers while running through the corridors, finally, they saw the door.

"T-The door's there!" Cried Faire.

"Let's go then!" Faerie shouted, running straight, but the vampires were faster and although many were defeated or wounded, they simply stood up again and chased them down while regenerating!

However, the smaller phantom clones of Maria quickly unified together, forming a gigantic six-meter big phantom snake that quickly caught the three girls and jumped out of the door thanks to Raven breaking it beforehand!

FLAAASH!

"Uwaaaaah!" Faire cried in surprise, as they were high up in the skies!

“T-This is too high!” Cried Julia.

“But this is good, let’s escape through the sky and then let’s regroup with Lady Maria!” Said Faerie.

The phantom snake clone nodded, flying upwards and happily imagining a successful and perfect escape. However, in a mere instant, they hit something invisible, the barrier!

BAAAM!

“Ouch!” Julia cried, as the girls suddenly realized they were trapped within the barrier, which always let them walk in and out... but now it was caging them inside!

“T-This is impossible! Not only the traitor let them in, but he also trapped us inside?!” Asked Faerie, as she suddenly noticed the snake getting tired, the barrier had some strange ability that was draining the mana of those close by!

“Q-Quickly move down, we can’t stay too close to the barrier or our mana is going to get drained!” Cried Faerie, as the snake nodded and flew down, flying around as she saw the vampires running out of the manor. The snake suddenly began to grow even weaker, without mana, it was losing its own phantasmal mass, slowly falling into the floor.

BAAAM!

“A-Ah, Familiar! Are you okay?” Asked Julia, as the snake suddenly dissipated into particles of light without being able to speak, it had all its mana drained and dissipated just like that! the barrier was hit head-first by the unsuspecting phantom clone, so she ended receiving a lot of the drain damage.

“It’s gone...” Sighed Faerie. “And the damn bloodsuckers are getting close again... Lady Julia, prepare yourself for battle- Ah!” Faerie suddenly noticed Julia falling into the floor, kneeling and barely being able to stand, the phantom clones inside her body ended dissipate as well, and all the burden she had been resisting quickly hit her, weakening her severely. Thanks to the phantom clones possessing her, she had been able to go all out, but now all of that exhaustion hit her like a truck.

“Lady Julia!” Faire and Faerie both yelled at the same time, reaching their lady as she was gasping for air over the grassy backyard, the vampires had yet to reach them but their presences were quickly approaching, it was a matter of minutes before they came here and caught them.

“Ugh... The phantom familiar of Maria possessed me like a ghost, helping me go all out, but now that it is gone as well, I was hit with all the exhaustion... You two, escape... T-There’s an underground route where we can escape directly out of the fiefdom... I don’t know what’s happening with Maria and her crew, but if you find them, tell them to come quickly...”

“W-We can’t possibly leave you behind, that’s never going to happen!” Faire cried.

“M-My lady, I prefer to die at your side than live knowing you died due to my weakness...” Cried Faerie.

“Y-You two are so stubborn...” Sighed Julia while smirking a little bit, holding onto her rapier and using it as a staff to slowly stand up. Dozens of black-robed vampires quickly reached them, circling the manor, and reaching the backyard, led by Agatha and the Werewolf... who was holding a large femur with his jaws, Darkbound was nowhere to be seen.

“D-Darkbound... Was he defeated?” Muttered Faire in between tears.

“H-He fought well... but that werewolf... just what sort of monster is he?!” Asked Faerie while gritting her teeth, her Mana was low, and so was her sister’s, but the two would fight to the death no matter what.

Agatha came sitting over her werewolf servant, as she laughed at the three girls.

“Fufu, I am surprised you’ve not noticed something...” She laughed.

“W-What?!” Asked Julia.

“Look behind you, into the city.” Agatha said mockingly.

When Julia directed her gaze to the city, she saw something that left her speechless...

People screaming, houses burning, and pale, ghoulish creatures in the shape of humans hunting down the citizens...

“N-No... W-What is happening?!”

Chapter 343 The Traitor

Julia's eyes lost their light, as she felt filled with despair. As she looked into the city, she found utter chaos. Several buildings were on flames, and several civilians had suddenly turned into weird ghoulish creatures, attacking those that had yet to convert. Adventurers were fighting for their lives and to protect the innocents, while powerless people was running away or hiding. Julia hit the barrier several times, crying desperately while trying to get out. Her Mana was being fully drained away, and she felt weakened, falling to her knees.

Agatha and the other Vampires simply stared at her while they laughed. Although many of their kin died in the battle, they were relaxed and as if nothing had happened. Vampires held little regards to their own kin, their deaths were of no problem to them, those that lived got to see this sight after all...

“How... Why?!” Asked Julia in shock, as she looked at the masked woman.

“Fufu... You want to know how? Well, why don't we humor her a bit, my children?” Laughed Agatha, as she stood up and slowly walked towards Julia.

Julia's maids tried to protect her, but Agatha released a strange string made out of blood, capturing the two of them easily, their Mana was already near zero, so they couldn't resist with their magic capabilities.

“Hm, half-elves as strong as you two will net a good price in the slave market... Or maybe I can just turn you into my loyal vampire subordinates?” Wondered Agatha. “Sadly, your little lady can't join you.”

Julia tried to step back while the half-elves told her to run away, but she had no strength with her to do anything and was left hopeless to the hands of the woman. Agatha stretched her arms, grabbing Julia's face with her hands, and then slowly moving her fingers into her neck, lifting her up.

"Uugh....!" Julia groaned in pain, as she was trying to free herself, resisting, but without any sort of way to even hurt someone as powerful as Agatha.

"Hahh~ Such a tender skin, I bet your blood will be so sweet and tasty... I can't help myself... I want to take a bite on you, dearie~" Said Agatha. "But first, how about we give you a shocker? After all, when they make those faces filled with despair is when the blood tastes the richest!"

"Nggh... Guhh...!" Julia was feeling like she wasn't able to breathe properly, Agatha's hands were tightly grabbing her neck.

"So you want to know, yeah? Well... It is pretty simple! Remember all those drug addicts you've been ignoring? Well they're all my minions now! Hahaha!" Agatha laughed carefreely, as Julia's eyes opened wide.

"T-The drugs...?!" She muttered.

"They were our plan all along! Well, you already know anyways, right, little princess? The drugs are not made simply out of special narcotics, but it has something very, very special...! Guess what it is, my dearest Julia!" Laughed Agatha, as her face beneath her mask smiled.

"Huh...?!"

"Well, you can't even speak so I guess I'll tell you... It's made of those Evil God Fragments thingies...! Hahaha! Your entire fiefdom has been our testing place for a while, even before you came here, your stupid uncle allowed us to do everything we wanted, we tested the Black Potions with him, and we even had a lab to make chimeras... But since you appeared, things had become too hard, so the boss said that I had to just kill you and destroy the entire fiefdom to not leave any trails of us working in here! Pretty handy, yeah?" Laughed Agatha. "So we are allowed to let loose!"

“Uugh...! No...!” Muttered Julia, as she began to cry, feeling filled with despair to the deepest part of her heart. She felt hopeless... And even more after what Agatha said now.

“But you know... We wouldn’t had been able to do it if it wasn’t for someone very special that helped us, the traitor that you were asking for! Wanna guess who it was?” Laughed Agatha. “Come here, boy!”

“Eh?!”

Julia and her maids suddenly looked at the figure of a robbed man walking outside of the manor, his long green hair, sharp eyes, and light robes quickly gave away who he was... it was nobody else than the Court Magician himself.

“Dan-dan! Yes! It is him! You know him, right?! He’s like your left hand, you’ve trusted him for so long... Bohohoh! What a shocker!” Laughed Agatha, laughing maniacally as she saw Julia’s eyes filled with disbelief.

“E... Emiliano?!” Julia mustered words however she could, looking at the man slowly approaching.

Emiliano’s face was completely expressionless, and he even saw Julia as something... disgusting. His gentle and calm expression quickly changed into one of disgust against her.

“Duchess Julia, I’ve always hated you...!”

“E-Eh?!”

“Since the moment that you replaced your uncle that everything started going downhill!”

“That man was very easy to manipulate, he became a good puppet of mine... But it seems that you never lowered your guard, with your stupid maids and your useless butler, you never allowed me to stay alone with you...”

“W-Wha...? You bastard!”

“You know? Humans are weak compared to other races. We won wars because we use cunningness and tactics, or sheer numbers. Or somethings we pathetically summon people from another worlds... Since I reached my level cap that I felt hopeless. Demi-humans and monsters have the power to evolve and break their level cap! While I had already hit my maximum potential so early... These people still had room to grow! Since the moment I learned that humans could turn into Vampires and break their level cap was when I was convinced that leaving aside my humanity was the true path towards reaching new heights in magic...!”

“Y-You cold-hearted bastard! Traitor!”

Emiliano smiled, he had even lied about his level to Julia for years, he was in fact a capped Level 50 Magician, but after so many years of research, he only found that the single solution to his problems was to leave his humanity and become something else.

And so, he decided to collude with the Vampires, as he was promised such a power.

Chapter 344 The Dreams Of A Traitor

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The absolute power to master magic. Since the moment that Emiliano learned about magic, it has been his passion to learn about it and continue mastering it above all. Other people were merely NPC to him, they were background characters aside from his ultimate research for the pinnacle of magic. For someone born with various elements of magic, he had always felt that he was someone incredibly prodigious and amazingly talented. As someone born in a noble family without parents, as both of them had died before he could make any memories with them, he grew immersing himself on his studies, without forming any sort of connection with other people.

Ultimately, although he pretended to be a decent man, deep inside, he saw others that were as powerless as Julia was disgusting, even more, civilians were simply just as despicable. He only respected those with strength and magic power, and sought after them countless times, even going as far as experimenting with slaves born with magical affinities of elements he lacked, and more, all for his purposeful research, which he thought was like the meaning of his life.

When he reached level cap, he felt hopeless though, his magical power suddenly stopped increasing, and his skill levels were becoming harder to increase as well, his magic research had taken an abrupt end. In that moment, he desperately started to research about other races. Monsters first came to his

mind, who had the ability to evolve after reaching level cap and increase their level cap automatically... he felt like that was unfair. Why were monsters given such an incredible power but humans were destined to grow up to a certain degree? Why couldn't humans evolve?

This is when he realized that it was still possible... humanity by itself was his limiter, he simply had to stop being one. The first thing that came to his mind in that instant were the infamous race of bloodsuckers, vampires. They had the power to convert others into their lesser kin, and Vampires were able to evolve and increase their level cap through each evolution, gaining new skills, new power, and amazing magical affinity... All in exchange for something he considered a slight detail, an undying thirst for blood and a weakness to sunlight and related elemental magic affinities.

But as long as there was magic, he could easily make up for the elemental weaknesses, and blood wasn't a problem. He could merely buy slaves to drain dry! As a man that simply never held any regards to human lives, this was ideal. He sought to become a Vampire, but they didn't allowed him to become one so easily, the leader of the Vampires decided to use him and expand his business and control over humans through him. Due to this, Emiliano became his servant in the shadows, manipulating the government of this fiefdom and the uncle of Julia, the previous Duke, to do atrocities and even inciting him to kill the Dark Witch, the last member of the family that was protecting the Fragment of Evil.

With her out of the picture and the rest of the family slaughtered in an "accident", the Fragment of Evil ended falling into the hands of the government... And part of such government members were already working with the Vampires. Their goal was mutual, use the fragment to attain new heights of power, create new magic weapons and use them to have an upper hand over the stronger Human Kingdoms and Empires of the Continent... this way, the Albraun Kingdom would be able to expand and attain more territory. This was always the dream of any ruler, the means to attain such a goal were the problem.

Emiliano did as he could and slowly managed to please his lords, the possibility of becoming a Vampire were quickly approaching him, as he could already taste the power of breaking his level cap and reach new heights!

...But things were abruptly stopped by the one he called "an annoying little bitch", Julia. She came as the new Duchess. At first he thought that, as a child, she would be very easy to manipulate. But somehow, she was incredibly righteous, and her only goal was to improve the living of her people and lift up the fiefdom from the horrendous state it was left by her uncle. The ideal nest for the vampires experiments quickly started to fall apart as she began to destroy all the secret underground organizations, and even abolishing slavery in the entire fiefdom!

Emilia quickly decided that there was no point in holding back anymore, plotting to kill Julia with the Vampires' help, and he had attempted a few times, but they were all futile. Until now... when he finally decided to go all out as the Vampire's leader decided that this fiefdom was of no use anymore, deciding to discard it. Without any reasons to hold back his façade any longer, he merely decided to show who he truly was... a despicable snake.

And with the help of Agatha, an incredibly strong Pure Blood Vampire who was of high level and with a power comparable to A-Rank Adventurers, or even higher than that. He was sure of his victory, plotting to send Marie and her group to the dungeon, distracting them so he would have time to easily manipulate the barrier protecting the manor and trap everyone inside, and it was a total success!

Julia couldn't believe it... She had entrusted him everything for so long, she really didn't wanted to suspect someone like him! But at the end, this man ended being a two-faced bastard that only cared about himself selfishly.

"Now, as you promised, I can become a Pure Blood Vampire, right?" Asked Emiliano, ignoring Julia's face filled with despair, as Agatha nodded, taking out a small bottle with red blood inside.

"Drink this... This is the blood of our Lord. Anybody that drinks it can become a Pure Blood! I was given such a blood and I've become as strong as I am thanks to that." Said Agatha with a coquettish voice.

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"Drink this... This is the blood of our Lord. Anybody that drinks it can become a Pure Blood! I was given such a blood and I've become as strong as I am thanks to that." Said Agatha with a coquettish voice.

"Finally!" Laughed Emiliano, quickly drinking the blood.

However, instead of feeling stronger, he only felt utter agony over this entire body!

"Uughh...! AAAGGH! W-What is this?!"

“Hahhaha! The problem is if you’re actually compatible with it! If you can’t bear the agony... You’ll die, little human!”

“Y-You tricked me!”

“No? I’ve simply given you what you wanted!”

Emiliano suddenly felt tricked! He always thought that becoming a Vampire would be painful, but not as agonizing as this was, even more, it felt as if his entire body was burning and melting at the same time, his strength was fading away, and his magical power didn’t respond to his commands, he couldn’t use healing magic to calm the pain!

“AAGGGH...!”

“The transformation might take a few minutes, if you somehow survive, you’ll thirst for blood and become a little crazy... Hehe, you can go feast in the humans of your city.” Laughed Agatha, ignoring Emiliano’s despairing agony, as she directed her gaze back to the small Julia, who was within her grasp. She was like a tiny doll that she could crush at any moment.

“Mufufu... Now what I do with you? Hm~? Ah, you look so tender... Maybe I can drink your blood while you’re alive? Ohoho~” Giggled Agatha, as she suddenly dropped Julia in the floor. Powerless, the girl began to cough.

“Cough... Ugh...! Y-You damn bloodsuckers... You’re all going to Helheim!” Julia cried. Agatha seemed to enjoy her screams, quickly kneeling in the floor and putting her body over the smaller Julia, her hands quickly began to caress Julia’s thighs, reaching her crotch, one remained there, while the other began to move upwards, massaging her chest and grasping her puffy breasts.

“Hmm~ So young and beautiful! Aren’t you? You’re so cute and delicious! I want to chomp you down! Ahhh~ You must have such a good life, didn’t you? Filled with luxury and the love of your parents! And with such a deliciously tasty body to boot!” Laughed Agatha, making Julia sick as she touched her intimate parts.

“You’re sick! Let me go! Kill me quickly if you want that!!!” Cried Julia, as tears began to flow from her eyes.

“Where’s the fun in that? I am going to enjoy slurping every part of your body... And biting too! Bwahaha!” Agatha couldn’t help but feel excited about touching a little girl’s body, especially one as beautiful and privileged as Julia.

“Nooo!” Julia cried, feeling frightened of something even worse than a quick death, kicking with all her strength at Agatha’s face, moving away her mask!

Crack!

“Agh?!”

Agatha suddenly felt surprised as her mask fell to the floor, Julia’s eyes were fixated into the Vampiress face, suddenly finding something truly frightening, her real appearance was...!

“W-Wha...?!”

“You little bitch... I offered you all my love before you were to die and you kick me in the face?!”

Agatha spoke, as her face was revealed while the long hair covering it moved away, a face full of horrid scars, patches of skin, and mismatched colored eyes emerged, with her jaws oddly long and with sharp fangs like those of an angler fish. It was now quite clear why she hid her face from anyone with her mask... Her true appearance was hideous.

“How is your face like this?! C-Can’t Vampires regenerate?!” Asked Julia.

“My face is not a problem! You don’t have any saying on it! My lord says I am the most beautiful! You little bitch born with a cute face... I’ll wear your face next! I’ll wear your face and become you, the little lady with everything in her life, the one privileged with everything!!!” Agatha suddenly lost her sanity completely, pushing down Julia into the floor. Her nails suddenly grew as long and sharp as knives, reaching up to Julia’s face and piercing through her skin slowly!

“AAAGGH...! L-Let me go! Noooo!”

“Hehehehe... I’ll take away your face! I’ll wear it!!!”

“I love to take away the faces of cute girls! I’ll take yours and wear it!”

Julia realized that Agatha was even more batshit crazy than she thought. Facing such a powerful and insane being as her, Julia felt utter despair, she felt small and hopeless. Remembering Maria and her party, only to get even more despair by thinking that the reason behind them not coming was perhaps... because they ran away when they saw the chaos of the city.

“M-Marie...”

Julia cried, whispering her name.

“She’s not coming, she’ll die in the dungeon, give it up!”

Crack...!

“Or maybe she just ran away? Hahaha!”

Crack... crack!

“You should had never trusted mercenaries! Wherever something goes out of the ordinary, they have no disregards with abandoning their patrons! It has happened countless times...!”

Crack!

“Over ninety percent of mercenaries will abandon their patrons when they’re attacked by bandits or monsters, you know? Hiring mercenaries for transport works is suicide! Hahaha! Stupid child!”

CRACK!

“Ugh! Who the hell is breaking glass?! Cut it out- Eh?”

Crack... crack... CRACK!

BBBZZZZZZ...!

A thunderous sound. It felt as if countless little wings were flapping together, the sound that insects made when they flew, but in a gigantic swarm, this disgusting and ear-piercing sound suddenly began to resonate within the entire interior of the barrier of magic, as everyone suddenly realized a mass of blackness was attempting to break through the magic barrier, the barrier was already cracking and shattering!

“W-Wha... what is that?!” Agatha couldn’t help but ask in disbelief, without even having any idea what the heck that was!

But it felt as a powerful and incredibly domineering presence that she had never felt like this before, it was so frightening and all-encompassing that she couldn’t help but tremble in fear, and even feel chills down her spine...

Julia also looked in disbelief at this swarm of wiggling insects and darkness, as they suddenly broke through the barrier!

BBBBZZZZZZ...!

Crack... crack...!

CRASH!

Chapter 346 The Queen Of Flies

(A few minutes ago...)

Ding!

[You have evolved into [Beelzebub]!]

[All your stats have increased!]

[Your Rank has increased into Rank A++]

[You learned the [Illusion Element: Lv-] Skill]

[You learned the [Plague Body: Lv1] Skill]

[You learned the [Insect Manipulation: Lv1] Skill]

[You learned the [Abyssal Demon Transformation: Beelzebub: Lv1] Skill]

[You learned the [Illusory Delusion: Lv1] Skill]

[You acquired the [Queen of Flies: Lv1] Title Skill]

[You acquired the [Sin of Gluttony: Lv1] Title Skill]

The moment Maria evolved; she saw a large amount of new System notifications. She had decided to evolve into the rather obvious choice, Beelzebub! And just as she had thought, she got a big assortment

of incredibly weird and odd Skills to look at. However, there were more important things such as her body!

It had once more changed, her long and white hair with the purple-colored tips changed of color and turned completely white once more, while she suddenly gained quite a large pair of demon-like horns spiraling upwards from her head. Despite being a ghost, she had horns!

Her dress had suddenly turned into one of high regality, she looked like a demon princess... or queen. And to make things more impactful, she suddenly got a third eye in the middle of her forehead?! Well, through shapeshifting she could hide it, but it was there now. Her previous form could also be meddled with this new one, as her hair could still turn into snakes.

But there was something more to her now...

She felt strange, as if she had an even stronger power within her, more than anything, she felt incredibly hungry! She felt as if she had a big stomach now and had to fill it quickly. She had never felt hunger since she became a ghost, and only ate for enjoyment. But now... it felt as if she was more alive than dead and had a great hunger for anything.

But that wasn't all, aside from this annoying hunger she felt, whenever she moved her hands, sometimes small particles of her phantom will divide and turn into little bugs? They looked like flies, and she could easily order them around, it was quite intriguing.

And it was most likely because of her new skills, which she decided to quickly check while moving out of the dungeon with everybody else.

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[Plague Body: Lv1]

Your strange body has mutated once more, and you're a being that seems to be strangely made out of countless tiny insects. Your entire body is a plague by itself. You're free to self-divide your body or expand it near endlessly as long as you have the Mana for it, becoming a monstrous plague of insects

that you can shape to your liking. The power of your plague in all parameters increases by +10% with each Skill Level.

[Insect Manipulation: Lv1]

As the Queen of Flies, you're naturally adept at controlling insects, your entire body is a plague, and you can tame and add more insects to your body, strengthening your plague body and making their strength yours. The more insects you add to your own body, the stronger you grow. Insect Monsters can also be added to the plague, as long as they're of lesser Rank than the user. Each Level of this Skill enhances your control over tamed Insects and also their total stats by +20% with each Level, while also enhancing their HP and MP natural regeneration by +20% with each Skill Level.

[Abyssal Demon Transformation: Beelzebub: Lv1]

You're an almost unique existence, catalogued as the Queen of Flies, you're the embodiment of a Demon that lurks within the depths of the Realm of Hell, Beelzebub. Your hunger is insatiable and your army of insects that devour everything spreads out like a plague, without leaving nothing behind. By using this Skill, you can take into your truest and strongest form, increasing all your stats by +50%, doubling your HP regeneration, and increasing your Resistance to all Damage by +20% with each Skill Level. The more the Skill is used, the more it can level up. However, it takes a heavy burden into the soul, and it constantly drains Mana each second.

[Illusory Delusion: Lv1]

Now that you've attained the Element of Illusion, you're able to shape and transform the very essence of this element and create illusions and delusions to foes, making their own minds confused, and turning their thought processes into shambles. This Spell/Skill directly affects a single target's mind, confusing

them about your true position, and putting their thoughts into a chaotic state. The potency of this Spell/Skill increases with each Level.

[Queen of Flies: Lv1]

As Title Skill bestowed upon someone that has been deemed as the Queen of Flies after evolving into a Beelzebub. Your power raises as your plague increases. You're the Queen of Flies and all Insect Monsters can easily obey you and be tamed. All your stats increase by +5% with each Skill Level (Invisible Stat Boost), and you're able to generate an "Aura of Domination" that can inflict status ailments, curses, and fear into targets near you, while protecting allies and your plague. You're an existence despised by light-aligned entities.

[Sin of Gluttony: Lv1]

A Unique Title Skill only given to those that met certain requirements through evolution. As the Sin of Gluttony your ability to devour is enhanced. You're capable of digesting and absorbing any sort of material and if the material devoured possesses a certain grade of energy or power, you can gain a small part of it, sometimes even receiving new Skills. Your stats can grow by eating, and you can also gain EXP by eating big and powerful creatures or high-quality materials. Your hunger, however, is very hard to appease, and you need to eat dozens of times what you once used to eat. Your hunger, quite literally, is bottomless. Each Title Skill Level increases your Stats by +10% (Invisible Boost).

"Queen of Flies and Sin of Gluttony, huh?" Maria couldn't help but smile a bit. Although she was quite frightened about becoming an even more monstrous being, she had already begun to embrace her current self.

"Maria... Look!"

Lucifer suddenly pointed something at the distance, as the group finally managed to reach the outside of the dungeon, only to find the city in the distance set ablaze, and with many ghoulish creatures taking over!

Chapter 347 A Ghoulish Menace

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As Maria flew outside the dungeon, she took a look at her Skills and also her Status, which has changed:

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[Name]: [Maria Fuentes Belles]

[Status]: [Strengthened, Cursed]

[Race]: [Beelzebub]

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

[Level]: [1/80]

[EXP]: [0/100000]

[Rank]: [A++]

[HP]: [33800/33800] -> [40000/40000]

[MP]: [92000/92000] -> [100000/100000]

[Attack]: [10850] -> [12000]

[Defense]: [10950] -> [14000]

[Magic]: [94000] -> [100000]

[Agility]: [34900] -> [40000]

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

[Characteristic Skills]: [Ultimate Skill: Yog-Sothoth] (NEW) [Unique Skill: Supreme Magic] [Unique Skill: System] [Unique Skill: Goddess] (Sealed) [Undead: Lv-] [Dark Element: Lv-] [Death Element: Lv-] [Poison Element: Lv-] [Illusion Element: Lv-] (NEW) [Elemental Spirit: Lv-] [Fiend Language: Lv10] [Shadow Transportation: Lv6] [Abyssal Body: Lv10] [Supernatural Senses: Lv9] [Poison Body: Lv6] [Plague Body: Lv1] (NEW)

[Resistance Skills]: [Status Effect Immunity: Lv-] [Greater Magic Damage Resistance: Lv5] [Darkness Resistance: Lv10] [Fear Resistance: Lv10] [Elemental Resistance: Lv9] [Poison/Toxin/Venom Absorption: Lv-]

[Physical Skills]: [Phantasmal Grasp: Lv6] [Masterful Stealth: Lv5] [Blade Slash: Lv9] [Strong Axe Strike: Lv8] [Phantasmal Limbs: Lv4] [Fist Strike: Lv3]

[Magical Skills]: [Greater Curse: Lv5] [Life Absorption: Lv5] [Possession: Lv10] [Dark Sun: Lv4] [Dark Storm: Lv4] [Shadow Spear Arrow: Lv10] [Materialized Shadow Barrier: Lv8] [Shadow Manipulation: Lv10] [Fake Life: Lv10] [Soul Eater: Lv9] [Undead Detonation: Lv7] [Shadow Thread: Lv5] [Disease and Poison Creation: Lv6] [Pandora's Box: Lv8] [Shadow and Death Domain: Lv7] [Gorgon's Five Cursed Eyes: Lv5] [Gorgon's Transformation: Lv5] [Chaotic Dark Meteor: Lv3] [Dungeon Manipulation: Lv1] [Abyssal Demon Transformation: Lv1] (NEW) [Illusory Delusion: Lv1] (NEW) [Insect Manipulation: Lv1] (NEW)

[Support Skills]: [Shadow Storage: Lv9] [Undead Healing: Lv9] [Erase Presence: Lv9] [Summon: Lv7] [Spirit Summon: Lv4] [Aura of Famine: Lv9] [Materialization: Lv9] [Cooking: Lv4] [Hunting: Lv4] [Split Thinking: Lv6] [Mental Mapping: Lv5] [Phantasmal Stomach: Lv6]

[Title Skills]: [The Dark Witch: Lv6] [Dungeon Conqueror: Lv4] [Big Game Slayer: Lv8] [Taboo Mark: Lv7] [Bringer of Misfortune: Lv10] [Undead Queen: Lv9] [Evil of the World: Lv7] [Pickpocket: Lv7] [Apprentice Swordsman: Lv7] [Apprentice Axe Warrior: Lv5] [Apprentice Thread User: Lv4] [Spirit Queen: Lv4] [Spirit Mediator: Lv4] [Poison Queen: Lv4] [Merciless Assassin: Lv3] [God of Light Nemesis: Lv4] [Shameless Degenerate: Lv2] [Opportunistic Buyer: Lv3] [Plague Slayer: Lv4] [Gluttonous Eater: Lv4] [Saint of Death: Lv4] [Deceiver: Lv2] [Undead Slayer: Lv2] [Slime Slayer: Lv2] [King Slayer: Lv2] [Dungeon Master: Lv1] [Dungeon Destroyer: Lv1] [Queen of Flies: Lv1] (NEW) [Sin of Gluttony: Lv1] (NEW)

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

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“Damn, this is really good...” She thought to herself, but didn’t had much time to appreciate her Status fully.

The first thing that Maria noticed when she ran outside of the dungeon was that the group of soldiers, knights, and adventurers around the dungeon was gone, all of them had ran away into the city, because in the middle of it, there was an enormous chaos going on! Civilians suddenly turned into monstrous creature resembling ghouls, and they were attacking those that had not transformed. They had suddenly attained great physical strength, but completely lost their minds. Meanwhile, the surviving knights and adventurers that were stationed here some time ago ran into the city to help.

“W-What the fuck is going on?!” Asked Maria in surprise, as she analyzed her surroundings with her Analysis ability within her System, quickly analysis the strange creatures crawling around, they seemed to be truly people some minutes ago.

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[Ghoulis Wight (Human): Lv8] [Rank: C+]

A monstrous creature born from a normal human who transformed after consuming large quantities of miasma and other substances that mutated their body into a ghoulish being, low-quality vampire blood was also mixed within their narcotics, turning them into vampiric creatures. Their power can only awaken by the command of a high-ranking Vampire. And because they have gone berserk and lack intelligence, they can be easily controlled by them, indiscriminately attacking one another.

Some of their Skills include: [Insane Charge], [Berserk Mode], [Blood Edge], [Crazed Consumption]...

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"This is bad!"

Maria quickly realized this was a terrible thing to be happening, and her mind moved faster than anyone else as she realized that this wasn't something that happened out of nowhere, or a strange disease. These people ended turning like this through the drugs being given to certain citizens... all those drug addicts asking for money, or that sometimes lost their minds on the streets, which Julia was having such a hard time dealing with... all of them had suddenly turned into this!

The drugs were not just made of strange herbs or something, but made out of most likely the Fragments of Evil stolen from her family, and even vampire blood was mixed into it, making anyone that consumed these drugs into crazed monsters at the command of their superior vampire lords orders! Can they even be turned back?

"System, can they turn back?!" Maria asked her System, as it promptly answered.

[If another hour passes they won't be able to turn back into normal humans, but as long as the culprit controlling them is defeated in time, they might be able to revert. I recommend using your Auras to inflict fear into their hearts, although they're insane, if they detect you, they might black out of fear. Other alternative is using your Gorgon Eyes of Paralysis, or the Gorgon Eyes of Confusion, or using Phantasmal Clones to possess them and control them forcefully.]

"I get it, thanks!"

Maria quickly knew what to do now, as she quickly communicated everything to her friends, they were shocked to hear this as they flew back to the city, and immediately devised a plan. They decided to use Maria's powers to incapacitate the crazed ghoulish people while Emeraldine healed the wounded and Lucifer and Partner aided them in anything they needed.

When they finally reached the city, the people was completely flabbergasted by an enormous mass of darkness emerging from the skies! Maria had decided to not show her true appearance to the people, instead using her [Plague Body] Skill to its fullest potential and turn herself into an enormous plague of phantasmal bugs!

Those that still had a bit of sanity in them quickly lost their minds as they saw the horror of her appearance...

Chapter 348 Chaos In The City

BBBZZZZ....!

An ear-piercing sound thundered across the night sky, the people didn't realized what brought it until it was already floating above their heads, an enormous mass of dozens of meters composed of countless flies! Nobody could realize they were not true flies but small phantoms, all composing a single organism, an Undead! And that Undead as Maria herself.

"Just what... what is that?!"

"A-Another monster?!"

"Why is this night so endless?!"

"Gyyaaaah! Run!"

The people trying to fend off the ghouls quickly ran away from the enormous mass of flies, as Maria nodded to herself and flew down, some people ended being caught up in the swarm of flies, thinking they would get devoured alive, but they only realized they were... well clean. The dirt and blood over their bodies was completely cleansed, but they were not devoured.

The ghouls, however, weren't treated so nicely, as Maria flew around the city, she unleashed her powerful Aura against the ghouls, and also the power of her Gorgon Eyes combined together! The Ghouls were shocked with Fear and then paralyzed through her Eye of Paralysis, they were too weak to

even resist her might, but she made sure to inflict fear on them so Paralysis would be more easy to be inflicted on targets.

“Gryyaaeeh...!”

“Gruuaakh...!”

“Guuoh...”

The ghouls began dropping in the floor one after the other, the people that stood watching at the scene were left in disbelief, they were completely paralyzed and some even fell unconscious! The mass of flies wasn't hurting anybody, in fact, merely putting them down so they wouldn't hurt anybody else. And that wasn't everything at all, as a trio of demi-humans ran into the city and began to reassure the people that everything was alright.

“Don't worry, that mass of insects is tamed by our leader, the Mercenary Marie! You know her, right? She's the one that killed the undead at the graveyard!” Said Partner.

“Are you alright? Do you feel unwell?” Emeraldine wondered, as she began bathing everyone with holy light to heal minor wounds and close larger wounds, her aura spread out into a domain of light and life as well, making for an amazing healer.

“Don't worry, everything is alright!” Lucifer began helping people trapped below rubble, moving out large pieces of rubble, and letting Emeraldine heal them, all while Partner moved them away and gave them to the people refuging at the gates of the city. Maria had even left an army of Undead there, and a clone of herself made of phantom to guide the people and reassure them the undead were there to protect them.

Maria's clone was using this opportunity to ask the people what exactly had happened. She felt intrigued about this and wanted some answers from those that saw everything firsthand.

“It was too sudden, out of nowhere people began turning into zombies!”

“Yeah, we heard someone before though...”

“Someone?” Asked Maria.

“It was like the weird voice of a woman...”

The people refuging in the gates of the city began to speak, many had a different version of what had happened, but it was all quite similar, a woman had suddenly screamed “Awaken!”, and the people suddenly turned into ghouls or “zombies” as the people called them. These zombies immediately attacked everyone on sight, but not one another... the chaos began from there.

“That woman might had been a vampire then... I have the Appraisal Skill, so I was able to appraise the infected people, they’re the victims of the drugs... these drugs that some people had been consuming, it turned them into monsters when this vampire woman said the special word!” Said Maria, revealing the truth to the people, as she felt no obligation to keep it a secret.

With this, she could feel reassured the people would know what’s happening and simply not try to kill the ghoulish zombies, although there were already some that had been killed, and well, normal people was also slaughtered by them, there were dozens of casualties, and many souls were floating around. Maria asked these souls about their anecdotes as well, gathering a lot of information about what they had experienced.

“S-So are we being attacked by Vampires?!”

“Should we go fight as well?”

“We are adventurers, we can’t simply hide in here!”

A group of a few dozen people, Adventurers, felt motivated to fight, but as there were no Vampires on sight, Maria began to think that they might be somewhere else entirely. Not in the city at plain sight, or perhaps, they had been targeting someone else this entire time? The moment she realized this, she suddenly remembered that she lost her connection with the clones she left with Julia!

A strange barrier was cutting her mental connection with them, so she was incapable of seeing what they were seeing, nor feel what they were feeling, even less know the current situation of her Undead and how they could currently be doing. She had left Darkbound, Kuro, and Raven with her, but perhaps that wasn't enough for whatever was attacking Julia and her servants.

"No, you have to stay in here for the moment, I know you want to fight but this is too dangerous for you!" Said Maria, as she quickly moved through her other body across the city.

After Maria incapacitated most of the ghouls, she felt a dangerous presence within Julia's residence, feeling concerned, she decided to leave the rest to her party.

"Guys, there's something in Julia's place! There's no way this just happened out of nowhere, and if it did, Julia would be here dealing with it! I'll go search for her, you guys stay here and help the people for the moment!" Maria said without even hearing her party's answers, as she flew off into the skies.

When she finally reached the area where Julia's manor was, she quickly found a weird barrier that was absorbing Mana from anyone that touched it. Maria quickly realized this was the same barrier protecting this place, but somehow it had been changed and it was now trapping everyone inside!

"You think this is going to stop me...?! Yog-Sothoth!"

FLUOOOSSHH!

Chapter 349 A Swarm Of Flies Saves The Day!

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Maria suddenly activated her Ultimate Skill, the evolution of her Mana Syphon, it had an amazing power, as it could absorb energies and this even included being able to destroy magical constructions by merely absorbing their basic components! It was also an amazing Uno Reverse Card against anything that absorbed energies, as it easily negated their ability and absorbed back all the energies they had absorbed before.

Within the depths of her soul, a large black hole emerged, and from within, a small, red-shot eye glanced into the barrier, the darkness within Maria's black hole turned into an all-absorbing void force,

quickly beginning to tear apart the runes and components of the magic barrier, which quickly started to crack and shatter.

Maria quickly looked into the interior of the barrier, realizing Julia was right there, being assaulted by Vampires! All her Undead either destroyed or incapacitated! Kuro and Raven quickly came to her mind, if something happened to those two, her beloved pets, Maria would easily have her heart broken! Filled with fury and rage over what these bastards had done in just a few minute when she was gone from here, Maria put all her energy into breaking the barrier, as the sound of her plague body began to resonate, as if millions of flies flapped their wings viciously and rapidly, the thundering sound was quickly noticed by the Vampires down below, as she saw their flabbergasted expressions, cracking and shattering the barrier!

CRACK!

“Ugh! Who the hell is breaking glass?! Cut it out- Eh?” Agatha cried, as she suddenly noticed the enormous mass of flies trying to break through the barrier, until...!

Crack... crack... CRACK!

BBBZZZZZZ...!

“W-Wha... what is that?!” Agatha couldn’t help but ask in disbelief, without even having any idea what the heck that was! But it felt as a powerful and incredibly domineering presence that she had never felt like this before, it was so frightening and all-encompassing that she couldn’t help but tremble in fear, and even feel chills down her spine. Julia also looked into what looked like a mass of wiggling insects and darkness, as they suddenly broke through the barrier!

BBBBZZZZZZ...!

Crack... crack...!

CRASH!

“YOU BASTARDSSSS...!”

The fury of Maria knew no bounds! The moment she broke through the barrier, the entire barrier broke apart and was devoured by her black hole, boosting her strength and giving her a lot of bonus Mana to use to her heart’s contents! She even felt as if her stats permanently increased by a tiny bit, and she even learned a new Skill?!

Ding!

[You have absorbed a powerful mass of runes and magic, you acquired the [Mold Breaker: Lv1] Title Skill!]

[Mold Breaker: Lv1]

A Title Skill given to someone who has used brute force to break through an incredible and almost indestructible wall, barrier, or a person. It grants the user the ability to break through molds and reach new heights, increasing damage dealt against Barriers and Shields of all types by +10% with each level, alongside ignoring 5% of the foe’s defensive stats with each level.

“Oho, this is going to be useful!” Thought Maria, rushing down and quickly spreading out her body while also multiplying it through sheer quantities of Mana!

“W-What is that?!”

“A mass of insects?!”

“A swarm?!”

“What is the meaning of this?!”

“A monster appeared capable of breaking the barrier!”

Maria quickly began to fight while everyone wondered what was happening! Her plague body infiltrated into the Vampire’s group in mere seconds, using her abilities to inflict constant damage against the Vampires, the flies began to devour them slowly bit by bit, while using Maria’s Ultimate Skill to drain away their mana and vitality!

“AAAAGGGGHH...!”

“H-Help!”

“W-We can’t fight this...!”

“Anything I do, it doesn’t work!”

The flies entered the Vampire’s mouths and eyes, devouring them from the inside out, dozens of them quickly began dropping in the floor, completely dead and dried out like raisins. Their souls were promptly eaten by Maria as well, mercilessly so!

Agatha’s eyes were filled with despair and fear as she didn’t know what was happening, the mass of flies flew towards her as she instinctively stepped back, generating a force field made out of Blood Magic around her, and jumping at the side of her Werewolf, who could use a similar ability to fend off the vicious flies.

“What sort of attack is this?! Is this the doing of a magician that can control insects?!” Asked Agatha.

“Gyyyaaaaah!” Julia cried, as she was suddenly engulfed in flies!

Agatha gritted her teeth as she seemed to feel a bit frustrated, just when things were getting good she was suddenly interrupted by something utterly strange! Most if not all her subordinates were dead by now, and Julia and her maids were gone, swallowed by the swarm of flies!

Julia herself was also scared, when she was suddenly swallowed by the flies she thought she was a goner, and the disgusting insects' bodies covering her entire body was truly the thing of nightmares, but amidst this darkness, she heard a very familiar voice!

"Julia, it is me, Marie!"

"M-Marie?!"

"These flies are part of my magic; I've finally finished the dungeon and saw all of this... Don't worry, I'll keep you safe, I'll put you inside my shadows with your maids, can you wait there?"

"O-Okay! I never thought you would actually come, I thought you ran away or died...!"

"I would never run away from my job! After all, you're helping my little village, if I leave you, who else is going to extend a hand to us?"

"M-Marie...!"

"Now wait there while I deal with this, I won't let them escape!"

"O-Okay! Good luck! Please... kill that bitch and Emiliano, he's a traitor!"

"Emiliano? The dude in the floor? Bastard...! Don't worry, I'll make him pay."

Maria left Julia and her maids inside of her Shadows through the [Shadow Storage] Skill, finally left alone to deal with the Vampiress in front of her.

Chapter 350 Confronting The Vampires!

Agatha and her dog were a good pair. When Agatha was pushed down, the werewolf acted immediately, attempted to attack Maria to push her away from his master. Although their strength was not the same, the werewolf was vastly strong, and could quite possibly belong in the Realm of A Ranks as well.

His Lykan Transformation Skill was the key to this power, as he was probably someone not far from B-Rank, but due to the Skill that transformed him and gave him a large boost to his powers, he grew to the point he could even be a threat to A Ranks. Maria didn't attack immediately, changing her mind, and deciding to talk a small bit, although the intentions of this was buying time, as the cavalry was getting closer.

"Who exactly are you guys? You're too strong to be a mere Vampire. I remember fighting Katarina and her other two Vampires... Those were certainly powerful, but who exactly are you? In what Rank do you belong within the Vampire Family?" Asked Maria.

"Fufu, because you've given away your identity so easily, ghost, I guess I can tell you as much... I am Agatha, one of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, the four strongest retainers that our Lord almighty has! I am named the Horseman of Famine, but it is just a Title, don't worry, I cannot easily create famine by myself... although my actions alone are often thought to be! You see, I love to make things through Alchemy, those drugs that all of you foolish humans ate so happily was made by yours truly!" Laughed Agatha.

"What?!" Maria couldn't help but ask, although she was simply pretending to be shocked to make Agatha happier, and therefore, making her play some more with her.

"I am an expert in making all sorts of concoctions, drugs, and so on that can enhance someone and even bring their truest potential... Or make them obey me. This little doggie here... Well, he used to be a prideful warrior, but over time, he couldn't get enough of my drugs!" Laughed Agatha. Maria quickly realized she was the one that had made the drugs and was known as "Famine" most likely because she brought it through her way of attacking, inflicting damage to society slowly, provoking famine and hunger while making people grow addicted to her creations.

"You're batshit crazy!" Said Maria. "Do you guys only just go around doing this all the time? Can't you chillax for a while and just stop being such murder hobos? What's the intentions of your boss? Ah, you know what? Tell me where he is!" Maria asked something ridiculous, as Agatha's face quickly grew serious.

“You think I am going to just tell you where he is?! And why are you talking so much now out of nowhere, didn’t you said you didn’t wanted to talk- Ah! You’re buying time! Damn it! Dog, attack her!” Agatha roared, whipping the werewolf who quickly jumped straight towards Maria. Maria gritted her teeth as she was found out rather quickly, but didn’t seem to be too worried!

“Abyssal Barrier!”

TRUUUMMM!”

“GRAAHH!”

CLASH!

The werewolf suddenly hit a barrier made of shadows and darkness, but this time it wasn’t merely that, as the skill [Materialized Shadow Barrier] had actually evolved after hitting max Level when Maria evolved, evolving into the [Abyssal Barrier] Skill, an even stronger and more resistant Barrier, and also resetting its level back to one!

The werewolf was surprised as his face hit the barrier with all his strength, breaking his nose. He quickly healed it through his natural regeneration though, and swung his giant claws against the Abyssal Barrier, cracking and shattering it apart viciously.

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!

It took the werewolf merely three powerful hits with his enormous claws to destroy Maria’s barrier, he seemed to have an amazing amount of Attack Stat, and even had the Mold Breaker Title at Level 5, way higher than Maria could ever hope to have it, he was amazing at breaking through the defense of his foes!

However...

“Let’s see if you’re a match for Mercury.”

“GUUU!”

Suddenly, Maria’s shadow expanded, as a mass of liquid metal emerged, spreading out and completely wrapping itself around the werewolf’s body, capturing him and then pushing him down into the ground! The gigantic Mercury had been waiting for the moment to act, his amazing defenses, weight, and size made him the perfect match against a battle junkie with high amounts of damage such as the nameless Werewolf Vampire!

“GRAAWWRR...! GRAAARRR...!”

The Werewolf groaned loudly, attacking with all his powerful claws and enhanced physique, but Mercury had insane levels of physical defense and even more HP! Alongside this, he had regeneration at an amazing speed, and magic to support him, something the original Metal Slime King lacked as Mercury is a chimera between him and the various other colorful slimes that Maria and her group defeated.

“GUUUUU!”

Mercury wrapped dozens of liquid metal tentacles around the nameless werewolf, while the beast loudly groaned and roared, attempting to slash him and attacking him constantly, Mercury was easily receiving the attacks while firing magic at the wolf, although the wolf’s body was incredibly resilient as well, no matter how hard Mercury tightened his grip with his metallic tentacles, his bones didn’t break at all.

“I am leaving him to you!” Said Maria.

She knew that Mercury was reliable for that, although seeing how that wolf had several defense-ignoring skills and even Mold Breaker, it was quite possible Mercury would be defeated eventually, but it would surely buy enough time! And another pro was that Mercury lacked a core, so there was no weakness, if the werewolf wanted to win, he had to go all out and try to kill him conventionally by accumulating damage into the enormous HP pool of Mercury, all while taking into consideration his fast HP regeneration and his insane physical and magical defense.

“A giant metal slime?! How come you can control and tame such a monstrosity?!” Asked Agatha in shock.

“Well, a Necromancer can do more than you think.” Laughed Maria, clashing against Agatha once more!

CLASH!