

## **A Ghost 431**

Chapter 431 A Big Assortment Of Magical Ores

431 A Big Assortment Of Magical Ores

-----

CRAAASH!

The walls in front of me crumbled, alongside a bit of the ceiling, oh right, and below me the earth shattered by a tiny bit, nothing too lethal as to fall down somewhere else, but it was still rather crazy!

When things ended, I found all the dwarves looking at me with eyes and mouths wide open, while Lucifer and Emeraldine were facepalming. Partner was the only one cheering for me.

"W-What the heck?!"

"Missy you might be a tad bit too strong!"

"Wow, that's nuts! Did you guys just saw what she just did there?!"

"Yeah, insane shit..."

"She's stronger than us?!"

"What's your Attack Stat?" Wondered Helga, sighing a bit.

"My Attack Stat? Erm... well, it is 17000 when I equip the Pickaxe." I said.

"17000?!" Helga and everybody else was, once more, completely shocked.

"I am the one with the highest Attack Stat here and I only have 4500!" Cried Helga. "By the Gods, girl! You're STRONG!"

Stats in this world make a big difference in a person's performance. Apparently someone with just 15000 Attack Stat is not just three times as strong as someone with 5000 Attack, usually Stats are multiplicative, so the more you have, the more immense a difference is. Someone already with just 1k Attack higher than you can do way more, difference in stats sometimes are quite... well, devastating.

"W-Well, I guess I am quite strong physically now... I used to be very weak, and compared to Lucifer, Emeraldine, and Partner, I am still weaker I believe." I said.

"I only have 12000 Attack as of now, so you're strong, Maria." Emeraldine said with a gentle smile.

"This thin elf has 12k ATTACK?!" Helga cried in shock. "You said you didn't had the physique for this but you sure do!"

"A-Ahahaha... I just don't want to mine." Emeraldine crossed her arms and seemed to not be interested at all on mining.

"How much attack does the dragon have?" Asked one of the dwarves.

"Oof, certainly over 40k." I said.

"PFFFF...!"

All the dwarves suddenly threw off saliva from their mouths in utter disbelief, looking at the simple and slender figure of Lucifer.

"I am more of an attack specialist while Maria is a magic specialist, so my magic is quite low like her attack. Maria, tell them how much Magic power you have." He said.

"Eh? Why?" I asked.

"Just do it." He said.

"Errr.... Well, I have 132000 Magic." I said while seemingly feeling a bit shy about it.

"132000?!"

"T-This is insane...!"

"What the heck?!"

"Are you S Class Adventurers, missy?!"

"Damn, we got the powerhouses in our team..."

"Are we going to get famous soon?"

"You guys calm down! I already kind of knew they were this powerful, after all the old hag gave them the request of exploring the old Dungeon that was sealed some time ago, they're very, very strong! Hehe, they even said they defeated multiple Vampires." Helga said, as if she were prideful of our accomplishments.

"Vampires...?!"

"Those scrawny guys that are overpowered?"

"The bloodsuckers?!"

"Yep!" Helga said.

"Okay, okay, let's not reveal anything else, Helga, this information is not yours..." I sighed, petting her head.

"R-Right, sorry..." She apologized.

After the dwarves calmed down, they quickly resumed what they were doing, Helga included, after all whatever I mined was considered my part, so they were not going to take it away. I decided to clean everything using my Inventory space, storing the rocks that crumbled apart and then through the power of the Inventory, I dismantled the rocks and separated them from mere stone to the ores. I ended getting a good harvest by a single swipe of my pickaxe!

-----

[Common Black Stone (F Grade)]

A hard stone containing a lot of nutrients and salt within it. It can be broken down and washed to create Black Salt, which is often used in Dwarven cuisine. It is an incredibly hard stone, harder than normal stone. And it is often used for making bricks and even stone golems.

-----

Wow, even these black stones are valuable! What the heck?

-----

[Gray Iron Ore (E Grade)]

A common mineral that grows within the interior of mountains, its gray color is indicative of its greater defensive power compared to normal Iron Ore. It possess a good affinity with magic, and it is often used as the base for creating Magic Items, Weapons, Accessories, or Armor.

-----

#### [Yellow Bronze (E Grade)]

Often called "false gold", it is a strong and resilient ore that doesn't bend as easily as other ores of more precious values such as gold and silver. It has a golden color that is often used as decoration for weapons, armor, or even jewelry. It has a good affinity with magic and the element of lightning and light.

-----

#### [Flare Ruby (D Grade)]

A low-quality Magic Jewel possessing the element of Fire within itself. Its bright color is already a good indication that this jewel possess such a strong, blazing element. Often used to craft special Magic Items that can enhance Fire Magicians power or used for Magic Items that can give better convenience, such as starting fires or warming up food. It is a cheaper version of the more expensive Fire Spirit Stones, it gets most of the simple jobs done, but once its power runs out, it turns gray colored and shatters easily.

-----

#### [Gumstone (E Grade)]

A mud-like stone that once covered in water quickly turns into a gum-like material that can be easily used to stick things together, often used to construct houses and stick bricks together. Despite its low grade of rarity, it is a precious stone that is widely used for construction.

-----

"Oooh! Look at this! Gray Iron Ore, Yellow Bronze, Flare Ruby, and Gumstone!" I said. "They're not the craziest ones but they're certainly interesting. Maybe I can use them to make stuff..."

"Oh, Gumstone is a primary material to create Alchemic Clay!" Said Emeraldine.

"Alchemic Clay?" I asked.

"It is a special material that can only be created through Alchemy, with it, you can craft amazing weapons and armor!"

Chapter 432 Mining Magic Ores Like There's No Tomorrow

432 Mining Magic Ores Like There's No Tomorrow

-----

"Alchemic Clay?" I wondered. "Did your uncle taught you how to make it?"

"Yes, where I live, Gumstone is very rare so it was always expensive... Alchemic Clay can be used as an amazing component for not only weapons and armor but also even potions of high quality." Sighed Emeraldine. "Many magic items use this!"

She quickly held the Gumstone in her hand, looking at it with fascination.

"Then I'll mine some more!" I said.

"Sure thing! I'll be inspecting things out!" She said, looking from afar.

"Alright then!"

While feeling pumped up about being able to make interesting items through alchemy, I began smacking the walls in front of me while trying to contain myself. The power was still devastating, but not enough to make the ceiling fall apart.

CLASH!

CLASH!

CLASH!

RUMBLE!

After three hits, an enormous opening appeared in the walls, as rocks and ores began falling to the ground, shining brightly with many colors. Wow, this really is relaxing! I can jut smack away all my problems away! All the pent-up stress, everything! I'm gonna just smack and smack some more!

"Inventory!"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

[Items have been dismantled]

[You acquired]:

[Common Black Stone (F Grade)] x83

[Gray Iron Ore (E Grade)] x15

[Yellow Bronze (E Grade)] x19

[Flare Ruby (D Grade)] x6

[Gumstone (E Grade)] x8

[White Glowing Stone (F Grade)] x3

...

I quickly gathered all items into my inventory and quickly dismantled them while I continued smacking the walls in front of me. I heard that Dwarves simply broke through the mountains until they found "veins" as they call these big caves with many ores at clean sight, so I just had to do the same anyways.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

RUMBLE!

More stones fell apart by the hit of my pickaxe shattering everything within my sight, as I quickly began delving into the depths of the mountains, whenever there was too many stones and ores lying around, I used Inventory!

"Inventory!"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

All items teleported inside my Inventory, and quickly were automatically dismantled.

[Items have been dismantled]

[You acquired]:

[Common Black Stone (F Grade)] x174

[Gray Iron Ore (E Grade)] x22



[Yellow Bronze (E Grade)] x12

[Flare Ruby (D Grade)] x8

[Gumstone (E Grade)] x6

[White Glowing Stone (F Grade)] x2

[Wind Emerald (D Grade)] x4

...

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

RUMBLE!

"Inventory!"

[Items have been dismantled]

[You acquired]:

[Common Black Stone (F Grade)] x126

[Gray Iron Ore (E Grade)] x23F

[Yellow Bronze (E Grade)] x27

[Flare Ruby (D Grade)] x5

[Gumstone (E Grade)] x16

[White Glowing Stone (F Grade)] x7

[Wind Emerald (D Grade)] x6

[Earth Topaz (D Grade)] x5

...

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

RUMBLE!

Like that, I continued mining and mining for roughly three hours consecutively. I had a lot of pent-up stress over all the things that had been going on lately, so I really felt like just mining away anything I could find, I ended using almost my full power as I began to descend through the mountain once I ended breaking through its wall and appearing outside of it. If I wasn't a ghost I would have fallen to my death, oops!

When I regained my consciousness from my crazed mining frenzy, I found myself inside a deep cave, it seems I had dug roughly 100 meters down and ended falling over a large cave that was being illuminated by big, five-meter-long mushrooms. There was the soothing sound of water flowing and I found a big lake inside the mountain.

"Phew... Just how much did I end up mining?" I wondered, as I quickly saw my Inventory, it was now filled with an amazing amount of Ores!

-----

[Category: Ores/Stones/Jewels]

[Common Black Stone (F Grade)] x723

[Gray Iron Ore (E Grade)] x128

[Yellow Bronze (E Grade)] x132

[Flare Ruby (D Grade)] x33

[Gumstone (E Grade)] x82

[White Glowing Stone (F Grade)] x21

[Wind Emerald (D Grade)] x29

[Earth Topaz (D Grade)] x25

[Furnace Stone (E Grade)] x11

[Turtle Shell Stone (D Grade)] x16

[White Silver Ore (A Grade)] x5

[Magical Gold Ore (B Grade)] x3

[Rainbow Crystal (C Grade)] x1

-----

"Woow! I got a bunch of new stuff as well! What the heck are these ones? I recognize Silver and Gold but the rest?"

-----

[White Glowing Stone (F Grade)]

A special stone often used as a cheap illuminating device. It can also be used to craft lesser magic items to imbue them with the light element. It can absorb Mana to keep itself glowing.

-----

[Wind Emerald (D Grade)]

A precious magical jewel imbued with the element of wind, when infused with mana, it will generate a variety of wind gusts which can be manipulated by the one infusing Mana. Often used for flying vehicles and popular for magic accessories for Wind Magicians, but it can also be used to enchant boots for faster travel.

-----

[Earth Topaz (D Grade)]

A precious magical jewel infused with the element of earth, it is incredibly resilient and once infused with Mana, it generates a magical shield over the surface of what it is touching, increasing their defense. A popular jewel used in equipment such as armor and accessories.

-----

[Furnace Stone (E Grade)]

A blazing stone imbued with the element of fire, when touched, it will quickly absorb mana from the one touching it and begin flaring with a lot of heat. It is often used in furnaces to warm them up and generate enough heat to melt ores. It has a high value between Smiths.

-----

Huh, I see, so the first one is like an illumination devise? But it seems quite rare, I didn't got as many. And the other two after that are like the Rubies I have, imbued with wind and earth, those must be godly for equipment, isn't it? And lastly, Furnace Stone! It is rather self-explanatory, but I feel like I am getting drawn into the world of mining, how many magical ores are out there? Too many... Well, there's four other Ores in here, and these seem even more valuable.

Chapter 433 New Mining-Related Skills

433 New Mining-Related Skills

-----

In my hands there was a big, green-colored stone in the shape of the shell of a turtle. It emanated a strong aura of life attribute, and seemed ancient and rather beautiful in appearance. This was a Turtle Shell Stone, it was very weird, but somehow it was as high as D Grade in quality?!

-----

[Turtle Shell Stone (D Grade)]

A special turtle shell-shaped stone imbued with the power of life. Those that touch it and use mana into it are able to absorb its power. Once "consumed", it can increase the total Lifespan of a person by 10 Days. Additionally, it can heal 50% of total HP.

-----

"Huh?! Is this really a stone? Wow, I gotta be careful with this..." I sighed. If I end up infusing Mana into it, I might activate it without wanting to. I am a ghost so I have no lifespan, it would be a real waste.

I quickly saved the item inside my Inventory, I had 16 of them, so that's an increase of 160 Days of Lifespan, almost a year! Wow, if I collect more, I could rejuvenate old people, I guess? Maybe these stones are very precious despite their total grade being lower. I suppose quality and rarity don't come together with usefulness most of the time, huh...

-----

#### [White Silver Ore (A Grade)]

A precious metal, white silver is several times more powerful than normal silver, capable of absorbing mana and reinforce itself, shape around easily, and turn into beautiful jewelry that can enchant somebody's magic power greatly if handled correctly. In most societies, it is more valuable than gold.

-----

#### [Magical Gold Ore (B Grade)]

A precious metal, magical gold is a special variant of gold that has a grater affinity with magic of all sorts. It can meld its shape easily and reinforce itself. Alongside this, it is good for all kinds of magic items and accessories due to its incredible amount of magic conductivity of most common elements, fire, wind, light, and lightning.

-----

#### [Rainbow Crystal (C Grade)]

A precious crystal of rainbow color, it shines with various colors and is highly valued in most societies, it is so beautiful that its mesmerizing appearance can leave people enchanted by its brilliance. It is a precious magical jewel that can be used for a variety of purposes, infusing mana might bring many elements at the same time depending on its color, so it must be first cut into pieces and separated to be used properly. It can replace Spirit Stones and is often better and more durable.

-----

"Oooh! I am rich with this, aren't I?!" I laughed.

Of course, I wasn't rich yet... But it was certainly a nice bounty. Silver and Gold can be sold or simply kept it to craft some amazing accessories, although they're not that good with armor or weapons as those metals are softer than others, the crystal seems good enough for a multi-elemental boost magic accessory perhaps.

Ding!

[You learned the [Mining: Lv1] Skill]

[You acquired the [Greedy Miner: Lv1] Title Skill!]

"Eh?! Greedy Miner?!" I asked in annoyance. "Well... whatever, they're both good, I believe."

I finally got the Skills I wanted anyways, after mining over 100 meters deep into the ground, I was bound to acquire them anyways! Although now I am beginning to get worried I might have strived a bit too far from my original group, I should get back there... But of course, let's check the Skills first.

-----

[Mining: Lv1]

A Skill learned after Mining a ton of Ores and Stones, and anything related with Mining with a Pickaxe. This Skill can only be activated while using Mining Tools. Enhances Mining Speed and Attack Power while using Mining Tools by +20% with each Skill Level. Additionally, there's a small chance (5%) to find high rarity ores while mining.

-----

[Greedy Miner: Lv1]

You're an insanely greedy miner that has mined hundreds of ores in less than a day, due to your greediness, your ability to mine has increased. You can naturally guide yourself better within mines and caves, and you might be able to spot special ores with your senses. Additionally, your Mining Efficiency is increased by +20% with each Title Skill Level, and there's a small chance (5%) to find high rarity ores while mining.

-----

Oh well, this is indeed nice. With these two Skills, I got a 10% chance to find rare ores, huh? When did I get these Skills? Maybe it activated beforehand... Wait, this world isn't a game though, how is it possible it increases the chances to find rare ores? Does it simply guide me towards the rare ones or something manipulates reality and creates them by a small chance? ...Ah, I shouldn't overthink this to be honest.

"Well now, where the heck am I?" I wondered, looking around and finding myself within this vast cave. I looked up to hear the voice of those I left behind above.

For now, I just created a Phantom Familiar and sent it up, as I wanted to explore this place for a tiny bit before departing. The entire structure of this place seemed rather immense and also quite beautiful... But what am I supposed to do here though?

Maybe I should try to mine some more...

I walked into the lake and suddenly felt rather relaxed by the cold water flowing through it, only to find two enormous eyes glaring me through the water.

"Huh?"

SPLAAASH!

"GLUOOP!"



Suddenly, an enormous creature emerged. It resembled a giant salamander, an amphibian creature with a soft and slimy skin, large gills, and a long tail with a sharp hook. It had sharp teeth and a long and slimy tongue.

-----

[Giant Venomous Cave Salamander: Lv55] [Rank: B] [Status: Hungry]

-----

"Level 55?!" I asked in shock, as an enormous tail suddenly sweep through the floor, hitting me strongly.

BAAAM!

However, instead of being thrown away, the tail easily slip through my body, as I saw the floor below me crack away.

"Oh, I guess as long as you don't imbue mana into your physical attacks, you can't really damage me... Hehehe..."

BBZZZZZ...!

And then, I turned into a swarm of flies and attacked the salamander.

Chapter 434 A New Undead!

434 A New Undead!

-----

"GLUOOOP!"

The enormous salamander was consumed by my flies!

BBBBZZZZ...!

After I evolved into a Beelzebub, I can turn my body into a swarm of flies, divide it even easily than before, and also use Gluttony's powers to devour stuff even better than before. Practically, this little guy poses no threat to me. In fact, I could eat him alive if I wanted, but he might be more useful as a new Undead.

I already got Mercury as a powerful Slime after I re-revived him, then Darkbound as an OP Skeleton Knight, Pyro as my Blazing Spider of Hell, the pair of Fire Ghosts as the phantoms of inferno, the chill ghost as the freezing refrigerator of the underworld, and Kuro and Raven merged together as the strongest winged chimera undead. And now, I could have a cute and big salamander.

Let's just fill his stomach with flies until he dies I guess.

"GUOOOGGGHH...!"

The Salamander suddenly tried to bring out poison, an enormous downpour of corrosive acids made out of its own secretions, but I easily tanked it because my element was literally Poison.

SPLASH!

"Yeah, that won't work dear." I sighed. "Now die so you can come back quickly after."

BBBZZZZ...!

"GRUEGH..."

The Salamander breathed its last as it dropped into the lake, I had filled its entire body with my flies, which I quickly retrieved to my side.

Ding!

[You have defeated [Giant Venomous Cave Salamander: Lv55 (Rank B)] x1!]

[You earned 150000 EXP]

[Your Level has increased from Level 9 to Level 10!]

[All Your Stats have increased]

[System Point Count has been created]

Wow, 150k EXP?! Was this guy someone important? Well he was probably some sort of Apex Predator in here slurping anything it wanted and killing anything else with its venom... He just gave me enough EXP to Level Up, so that's nice overall.

Wait, there was something else... [System Point Count has been created]?!

[Current System Points]: [112000]

[You can earn System Points by merely leveling up or leveling skills as well, and also by doing impressive feats or creating items, System points are rewarded by doing many tasks, and can be spent to buy Skills, boost status temporarily, create Undead, and more]

Oh, well, I already had them but it is nice that I can see them. I haven't spent my System Points lately because I feel like it's a waste to use them on Skills I could learn on my own, but it is nice that I can see the Skill Shop so I can see what I can learn by doing this and that. However, there are some crazy expensive Skills and other things that can be acquired, or there's even the power to enhance already existing skills or level them up too, like when I evolved my Unique Skill.

"Anyways, what can I do with this corpse?" I wondered, looking at my Soul Grimoire emerge, its pages began moving quickly.

[A new type of Undead has been unlocked: [Amphibious Beasts], [Golems]

"Oooh! I can make golems now?! Maybe because I mined a ton of ores! Let me see..."

-----

[Creation Summary]

[Aberrant Giant Venomous Death Salamander] [Rank: B+]

[Required List of Ingredients to Create]:

[System Points] x10000

[Mana] x30000

[Bones Filled with Negative Emotions (Amphibian Beast-type)] x600

[Flesh of the Amphibian King] x600

[Furious Prideful Soul of the Amphibian King] x1

[Crystalized Phantasmal Essence] x40

[Magic Crystals (Any Rank)] x100

-----

[Creation Summary]

[Giant Ore Golem] [Rank: B-]

[Required List of Ingredients to Create]:

[System Points] x8000

[Mana] x35000

[Stones (Any Type)] x500

[Ores (Any Type)] x50

[Obedient Soul] x10

[Crystalized Phantasmal Essence] x50

[Magic Crystals (Any Rank)] x60

[Golem Core Catalyzer] x1

-----

I see, I see. The Salamander is way stronger at B+ while Golems are B- and are more generalized Undead that can be created in large quantities unlike the Salamander, which seems more unique due to the required materials. The Salamander looks easy to make but 10k System Points seems like you're taking away everything I just earned!

[You can also revive the Salamander without using the Soul Grimoire, but its total power will be subpar in comparison to using the specific materials]

I know, I know. I have already experienced that Undead created through the Soul Grimoire are a completely different world in terms of strength, intelligence, potential, and skills compared to normal ones. I discovered that after creating Darkbound again and when I made Mercury again but through the Soul Grimoire, the slime ended being way stronger through such a method.

And golems, huh... I need an item I don't have. What is a [Golem Core Catalyzer]?

[A special type of stone, or item that can catalyze the souls of a golem and boost its entire material-made body into life. There are special magical ores with such power, but also they can be made in the Dwarven Country, according to what I've researched]

Huh, interesting! Alright, I guess we can leave these guys for later then. I do wonder how strong a Golem made through Necromancy is compared to another made through Magic Technology though...

"Well, Rise."

FLUOSH!

I quickly spent all the materials for the creation of the [Aberrant Giant Venomous Death Salamander], I already had a stockpile of a thousand Phantom Crystals I had created and saved beforehand too.

[You exchanged 10000 System Points and the required materials]

The enormous beast suddenly began to emerge from within the lake, jumping outside. It didn't look dead at all now, but it was overflowing with a dark aura of power and also a strong venomous stench.

"GRUOOOOHHH!"

It roared furiously, as I noticed that its body was now covered in black skin and spikes, and it even had horns atop its head.

[Aberrant Giant Venomous Death Salamander] [Rank: B+] has been risen!]

"I'll name you... Sticky for short."

"GRUOH?!"

Sticky suddenly looked at me in shock, feeling rather disgusted with my naming sense.

"What?! You're sticky so it fits! I'm not giving you a weeb name! I ran out of those." I sighed. "I was never good at naming..."

Chapter 435 Finding A Mysterious New Dungeon

-----

[You have named [Aberrant Giant Venomous Death Salamander] [Rank: B+] as [Gero]!]

At the end I gave him a better name "Gero", which is the sound frogs make in... anime, I guess. Yeah, I guessed it would be fitting somehow.

Ding!

[Gero] has accepted your name]

[Gero] Stats have been risen after being named by a powerful entity]

[Gero] has acquired the [Named Undead Familiar], [King of Amphibians], and [King of Venom] Title Skills]

[Gero] learned the [Deadly Necrotic Venom Secretion], [Jaws of Death], [Aura of Venomous Death], and [Venomous Domain] Skills!]

"Huh? This is new!" I said with surprise.

[After having evolved into a Beelzebub, your ability to influence others has been enhanced, granting them names to unnamed beings enhances their power, giving them bonus stats, titles, and skills]

"Wow, so this is a new thing... Damn it, it didn't work on Mercury or Darkbound because they were already named beforehand?"

[Indeed, this only works in completely new creatures]

"Alright... Anyways, what is this though?"

After I had defeated Gero and then risen him as an Undead I mounted over him and walked across the caves, after a quick stroll around while Gero left the floor all slimy, we found something strange, it looked like an abandoned temple. It emanated a strong miasmic aura from within.

"Is this a Dungeon?" I wondered.

"GRUOH!"

Gero began wagging his big and slimy tail, he seemed to know about this place.

"What is it? You know something dear?"

"Gruoh! Grah! Gluop!"

The adorable Gero tried to speak to me and tell what this was, but he couldn't really tell me anything, the only thing he did was make sounds similar to when fishes are asphyxiating outside of water.



"I can't understand you... Wait, I think there was a Spell that allows me to speak with Undead, even those that can't talk properly..."

I quickly formed a magic circle and tried it out by fusing it with my own [Supreme Magic] Unique Skill.

FLASH!

Quickly after, Gero was enveloped in a veil of phantasmal essence.

"Gruoh! Gero!"

He was still talking the same, but I was able to somehow understand what he was saying. Gero said that this place was a dangerous "Lair" as he calls the Dungeon, where powerful monsters sometimes comes out. He said he hunts the smaller ones, but the big ones are too strong so he hid in the Lake until they go away, usually deeper into this cave.

"Wait, monsters stronger than you?!" I asked. "But you were a B Rank monster! I thought you were the King of the place!"

"Gerooo..." Gero sighed a bit, as he seemed to feel like he was disappointing me. Well, to be honest, he was.

"Don't worry, you'll level up and grow stronger after we get inside."

"GEH?!"

He seemed slightly scared.

"Come on, let's go in!"

"Gerororoo..."

"Hey, are you hesitating? I didn't waste 10k System Points to raise a coward! Come on, onwards!"

"Geroooo..."

Gero was trembling while walking, making his already sluggish movements even slower!

"What? You're not going anywhere!"

However, we were caught just while we were about to enter the Dungeon as Lucifer appeared with Emeraldine and Partner over his big dragon body. His figure was enough to scare Gero even more, as he covered himself with his front limbs.

"GEEEH?!"

"Agh, don't scare my new undead!" I complained.

Lucifer quickly flew to my side and allowed Emeraldine to give me a karate chop in the head.

"You dummy!"

SMACK!

"Ouch! What was that for?!"

"We were worried!" Emeraldine said angrily.

"Master, you mined so much you caused an earthquake up there and everyone was worried you got crushed by rocks..." Partner said.

"I can't be crushed by rocks, after all I am an Undead, you know?" I sighed.

"Y-Yeah but still... not everyone there knows this." Sighed Lucifer. "If we want to keep the façade that you're not a ghost, be more mindful of what you do."

"S-Sure... I get it. Though, look my Inventory! I got a bunch of new Ores!"

I showed everybody my Inventory, which appeared like a game-like window whenever I wished to showcase it to someone. Emeraldine seemed rather interested, but Partner was rather clueless and Lucifer continued being angry.

"Yeah, yeah, that's nice and all, but let's go back for now." He said.

"But there's a Dungeon! I want to go dungeon diving!" I complained.

"Right now?! Weren't we going to just mine today and help Helga? She's waiting for you up there." Sighed Lucifer.

"Ah, right... Are they going back home already?" I wondered.

"Due to the tremors you caused, a lot of rocks with ores and crystals fell so they just picked those up for today's bounty and shared them between one another. Well, they still mined for four hours." Said Emeraldine.

"I guess that's fair, let's go then. We can come back later, this is a new Dungeon in this Mountain, so maybe we could report it." I said.

"Yeah, that's what I had in mind as well." Lucifer said.

"Wow, that Dungeon looks strong- Ah, that's a giant frog!" Partner said.

"Salamander! Not frog. Although yeah, it looks like one a little bit..." I laughed.

"Gerooo...." Gero timidly uncovered his face as the girls immediately found him adorable.

"Uwah, he's kind of cute though..." Partner said.

"Although the sliminess is disgusting, it has a very cute and round face..." Emeraldine added.

"That thing is... a new Undead?" Lucifer wondered, as we decided to fly back where we originally were.

"Yeah, he was a guardian of that Lake. Apparently he has been living his entire life there until he attacked me, perished, and quickly was brought back as a powerful Undead." I said proudly.

"I guess that could be the summary of most characters at your side, me including." Sighed Lucifer.

"Ahahahah! Come on, it's not that bad!" I continued laughing to make the mood a bit more relaxed.

When we meet once more with Helga and the rest, we explained them what I saw and what happened. Gero was revealed to them as I told them I was also a Necromancer.

"A Dungeon?!" Helga asked. "This is actually... Better than I thought!"

I was surprised, I thought she was going to be scared of it.

Chapter 436 The Potential Profit Of Dungeons

-----

"Huh? I thought dungeons were a bad thing?" I wondered.

"Well they're only a bad thing if they go out of control and attack people, but in this place there's nobody living, right? And if there's a monster break, nobody is going to get affected either as it is a completely different mountain altogether." Helga said. "Dungeons generate a lot of profit, and they're often owned by the ones that first find it and then conquer them, which usually happens after defeating the Dungeon Boss and acquiring a special Title."

"Huh, I didn't know you had such a rule, in the human Kingdom they just took them over with the state." I sighed.

"Well, that's not really the case here." Helga said. "If we get this dungeon for our own guild, then we could increase our profits a lot by hunting the monsters inside, or we could even hire fighters to hunt for ourselves too! Our profits could easily skyrocket!"

"I see! So that's a thing, huh?" I said. "Now what do we do then? Should we go back?"

"Yeah, we should first go back and report the dungeon you found, after that, we set a Subjugation Quest for our guild, this way we have priority over the guild for a week, if we can subjugate the guild and conquer it over a week, it's ours, if the week passes and nobody does anything, it becomes of anybody and anyone that goes there and conquers it takes it." Said Helga.

"Taking over dungeons is a very big challenge, large group of warriors is needed, B Rank monsters or above are impossible to beat if we are not prepared with several magic weapons, bombs if possible, smoke bombs, poisons, and golems, a lot of golems, oh, and magic items... If we were a common party, we would need to invest a lot of money to clear it... And even then, if there's anything beyond B Rank, it might be a bit too impossible." She added

"Huh, you guys are pretty well organized. What's the strongest dungeon you've completed?" I wondered.

"Our country? Well, the strongest is the A- Rank Dungeon, Wicked Labyrinth, it was cleared long ago by a powerful Dwarf that had the Blacksmith Hero Class, he was able to create amazing items, but that was a lot of years ago, now that dwarf is an old grandpa and doesn't fight anymore." Said Helga.

"Huh... I guess we can do it then, this dungeon is probably around that Rank as well. This boy is a B Rank Undead." I said. "He said he hunted monsters from that dungeon, but some big ones were too strong, so we can assume there are monsters stronger than B Rank monsters inside."

"T-That thing is B Rank?" Asked Helga, the other dwarves once more were shocked. They quickly began to feel the deadly presence Gero was able to exude, as his aura of poison and venom was being held back, but even then, his mere presence was overwhelming once they noticed his truest power.

"Ah, you're scaring them too much Gero, come back to my shadows for now." I sighed.

"Geroro?" Gero was as innocent as ever, without realizing he was quite scary sometimes.

After he went into my shadows, we decided to quickly move back to the city, and while we walked towards the Guild Building, we discussed some more.

"Also, Maria, you mined way too much! Are you crazy or something?!" Helga asked.

"Yeah, you're insane. I've never seen someone mine so much." Said Blackard.

"She looked like a demon..."

"The times she was screaming "Inventory!" all the time were quite creepy..."

"Excuse me but how many ores did you collected?"

"Ah, well..."

I showed them my Inventory, showing them the section where my stuff was, their eyes almost popped out of their sockets.

"WHAAA?!"

"So many ores in a single day?!"

"T-That's White Silver, isn't it?!"

"Turtle Shell Stones!"

"Rainbow Crystal..."

Suddenly, all the dwarves looked at me with jealously clear in their eyes.

"Hahaha... I-I didn't collected them willingly, they just got in the way of my attempt at acquiring the skill." I sighed.

"W-Well, you've already gotten a small fortune. Do you plan to sell this?" Wondered Helga.

"Not for now, we'll keep it for our own material creation." I said.

"I see, makes sense. If you need a Crafter that is good at accessories, something those old men aren't good at, call my husband, he's amazing at his job! Pretty please~!" Helga said, she really wanted to make me her husband's client.

"Err... Well, I'll see about it." I said. "But no promises!"

"Okay, that's enough!" Helga giggled. "And well, about the Mining Skill, you'll probably get it after a week, it took us a month to get it when we began mining. But after getting it we became way faster."

"A week?" I wondered. "I got it just today..."

"EH?!"

The dwarves once more were shocked. It seems that acquiring skills wasn't as easy as I did it. Well, getting the Bookworm Skill wasn't easy for me! Nor getting Alchemy... Although Farming wasn't hard, I got it after just a day.

"How much did you dig...?" Asked Blackard.

"Around... over 100 meters deep?" I wondered.

"That's insane..."

"Lady, you're a literal mole."

"Monster..."

"Man, we are getting out played..."

"I hope she doesn't exhaust the mountain before we can make any profits from it..."

"Hahaha... I'll make sure to take it easy next time, sorry about going overboard. I know this mountains' resources are also yours and you need them to maintain your daily lives." I had to apologize to them, if I did this every day, the mountain resources would be easily emptied in a few months, which wasn't what I really wanted.

After we got into the Guild Building, we quickly reported the Dungeon and everything else. And just as Helga said, they gave us a deadline of 7 Days to complete it and conquer it on our own before it becomes publicly known by the masses.

I guess it was finally time to do my specialty, smacking monsters (and sometimes non-monsters) to death.

Chapter 437 The Possibility Of Upgrading The Weapons

-----



After reporting the dungeon, which I found was honestly unnecessary but whatever, we decided to spend the rest of the night in the Dwarf Country. We moved back to Aquamarine's home where we meet once more with my beloved twins- not the dwarf twins those old men aren't my beloved children.

"Big sis! Aunties! Uncle!" Takeshi ran towards us the moment he spotted us, as he quickly hugged me tightly. I petted his head happily.

"How have you been, Takeshi? Did you behave well today?" I wondered.

"I did! We went to a plaza with Grandma Aquamarine... It was really fun; we ate ice cream and other sweets!" Takeshi waved his tail around happily.

"Yeah it was pretty fun." Laura added. "But I would prefer if you could bring us with you next time, Auntie... We want to help too! We have not grown stronger nor trained this entire time for nothing."

"I guess you guys really want to come... But there's a policy against children working in this country, so it would look weird if we brought you with us. Also Helga and the other dwarfs would disapprove of it." I said.

"Eeeeh? But that's boring!" Takeshi angrily said.

"Is there no way for us to join in the dungeon? We are strong!" Laura said.

Helga and the other dwarves were currently with us as they were invited by me to have dinner in here with Aquamarine and the other three old dwarves. They were talking with one another about it.

"Well, it is not like younglings can't go fight monsters or train to grow stronger, usually they join special schools for children." Said Helga. "If you register them in one, you can get a provisional pass to let them explore a dungeon with their parents."

"Oh, so that's a thing... Ugh, what a pain. Can't I just put them inside my shadows and infiltrate them with us?" I wondered.

"W-Well, I guess that's a thing you can do." Helga said. "But I feel weird if we don't do this legally... I guess you guys are not accustomed to following rules and other things as you got your own town and all... But it wouldn't sit right for the rest of us."

"I guess that you have a point there. As the guild master of our guild, I should take your word of advice." I said half-jokingly.

"Hmm, it's not like its hard to register them in a school, we can get that done easily tomorrow morning. With my help we can get them some provisional Dungeon and Minin Passes." Said Aquamarine.

"Thanks, we'll do that then." I said.

"Hmm, we are getting more and more involved in this country. I suppose it is quite complex in structure compared to other parts." Said Lucifer.

"You're damn right, I kind of like it though." I said with a nod.

"I wonder if they'll have to attend the school as well..." Emeraldine said.

"School... Can I go to school too? Is it fun?" Wondered Partner.

"I am fairly sure it is not fun!" I sighed. "Also no, there's no point in wasting time going to a school for no reason."

"Will the kids have to go to classes?" Wondered Lucifer.

"Nah, it is optional." Said Aquamarine. "There might be a strength test if they want a pass earlier too, so they better be prepared."

"Okay, we will!" Takeshi cheered.

"Me too!" Laura agreed.

After that, we had a very fancy dinner. When things finished, Helga and the dwarves took everything I had saved in my Inventory that they mined and went back home. However, with Emeraldine we decided to stay up until late, as we wanted to inspect everything I mined in detail. I had put most things over a large table in our room, and Emeraldine was having a field day inspecting every ore.

Once again, this was everything I mined:

-----

[Category: Ores/Stones/Jewels]

[Common Black Stone (F Grade)] x723

[Gray Iron Ore (E Grade)] x128

[Yellow Bronze (E Grade)] x132

[Flare Ruby (D Grade)] x33

[Gumstone (E Grade)] x82

[White Glowing Stone (F Grade)] x21

[Wind Emerald (D Grade)] x29

[Earth Topaz (D Grade)] x25

[Furnace Stone (E Grade)] x11

[Turtle Shell Stone (D Grade)] x16

[White Silver Ore (A Grade)] x5

[Magical Gold Ore (B Grade)] x3

[Rainbow Crystal (C Grade)] x1

-----

"Gray Iron Ore and Yellow Bronze can be used as good materials for weapons! But if you want something of higher quality, Magical Gold and White Silver are much better." Emeraldine said, grabbing both ores. Partner and Lucifer were looking at the ores as well.

"Wow, so many shiny jewels!" Partner suddenly grabbed a Flare Ruby, as she mistakenly infused Mana into it, making flames emerge out of the jewel.

FLUOSH!

"Uwah!"

Partner almost fell over her own butt but I caught her in time with my shadows, grabbing the Ruby before it were to create a fire in the entire house.

"Be more careful, these jewels are all magical, if you put mana into them, they'll unleash an element." I told her, petting her head.

"Wow, so that's how it is! I wonder if they could be useful at making weapons too... Wait, can we use them to upgrade my spear?" She wondered.

"Well yeah that's the original plan." I said. "I also want to upgrade my own weapons, the dropped weapons we got in the last dungeon were not near as strong as my Cursed Sword or the Axe I have. Although the spear I have is fairly strong."

"What do you think would be good materials to upgrade Partner's spear, Emeraldine?" I wondered.

"Huh..." Emeraldine looked at the ores. "I am not really an expert when it comes to ores, as I am better as an alchemist, but as I said, the most expensive ones seem to work well. The rest might depend on her preferences."

"Forging and Smithing is certainly a complicated affair, none of us is good at it." Lucifer sighed.

"Well, that'll only be for a little while, I'll learn all those Skills as well!" I proclaimed.

-----

#### Chapter 438 Learning About Alchemy

-----

"Wouldn't it be better to just ask the dwarves to do it for us instead of trying to learn the skill?" Wondered Emeraldine. "You could also create an Undead for the task."

"Ugh... I know, but I like collecting Skills, it is pretty fun." I said. "So I'll try my best anyways."

"Sure... Well, whatever's the case, these elemental jewels could also be used for making other things." Emeraldine said. "Such as special accessories, clothes, and more. Alchemy is not that good at making weapons or armor but accessories or other smaller things seem pretty easy enough. Although Helga really wanted us to ask Myriad for help if we wanted accessories."

"Don't worry, we don't really have to tell her about this, hehe." I giggled.

"I guess so..." Emeraldine said. "Alchemy Clay in specific is a very good component for accessories and other magic items, so I'll make some right away. Can you bring me the Magic Cauldron, Maria? I can teach you how to make as well.

"Oooh! Sure!"

I quickly took out the Magic Cauldron I brought inside my Inventory, which belonged to Emeraldine now, and by infusing some magic into it, it quickly began to boil, as the magic essence within the cauldron turned into a sparkly and colorful liquid.

Alchemy in this world was very game-like, you first needed to learn the basics which always required Magic and Mana to utilize, if you learn the Alchemy Skill things can become easier, and if you learn Brewing and Mixing, things become even better, the strongest of these skills would be Synthesis, which is a crucial magic used for synthesizing the magical components of various materials.

Like how we did potions before, the herbs need to be processed using the Alchemy Skill and magic, and then mixed together into the cauldron alongside other materials, and sometimes special ways of brewing which are called Alchemy Techniques.

"Gumstone is very valuable, this is the first time I am making Alchemy Clay... This is a pillar component material for a bunch of cool stuff!" Emeraldine seemed very happy. In fact, I had never seen her so excited before.

"Do we just put the Gumstones inside?" I wondered.

"Yeah, yeah, that'll do it!" Said Emeraldine. "After that... We must add some Neutralizer!"

"Neutralizer? Wait, those are the white and green potions you did the other day?" I wondered.

"Yep! Neutralizers are a very important part of alchemy. They're special components that help bind materials together. Each color has a special element. We'll use the white one which is element-less for Alchemy Clay." Said Emeraldine. "Also, we'll add some more ores... These Black Stones are enough, pour twenty of them there."

"Twenty?! Well, they're just stones at the end of the day..."

As I poured all the ingredients inside the cauldron, Emeraldine took a few small seeds and put them inside.

"These are Fire Cracker seeds remember them? They're imbued with Fire Element and are good enough for this." She said. "According to my uncle, to make Alchemy Clay we need Earth and Fire Element, White Neutralizer, and Gumstone, and a ton of Mana, more than I can muster myself..."

"Then I'll help in that regard!" I said, quickly infusing my Mana into Emeraldine. She regulated the mana and slowly infused it into the Magic Cauldron.

Partner and Lucifer were watching as if this were some sort of show, in silence and with awe and expectation of what might come out.

"Now... Synthesis!" We said in unison. The power of two Alchemists merged together as the elements and components of all the materials we poured inside began to merge together, as if it were a work of the gods themselves.

FLASH!

A bright flash of light completely consumed the entire room for a little while, and then, white smoke began coming out of the cauldron. Partner and Lucifer ran to the windows and opened them for the smoke to come out.

"I-Is it done?! Did it fail?" I asked in fear. Alchemy has a chance of failure, where all items end up being wasted and the resulting item is something often useless.

Emeraldine ran back to the cauldron putting her hand inside and then...

"It's done!"

What was in her hand was a large white cube resembling clay, it was shining bright white, and had a strong magical essence within it.

"Wow... it actually worked at the first trial." I said in surprise.

"It did, right?" Emeraldine happily said. "With this, we can now make some rings and... give you one to... ahhh..."

Emeraldine suddenly feel lethargic, almost falling into the floor as I caught her with my arms and ended storing the Alchemy Clay inside my Inventory, I found another three more of these watermelon-sized cubes inside the cauldron, so it created a ton, not only one.

"She fell asleep." I sighed, looking at the sleepy Emeraldine.

"I guess she exceeded herself, Alchemy Clay seems like a very advanced alchemy item. If it wasn't for your Mana, she wouldn't had been able to do it." Lucifer analyzed, as I carried Emeraldine to my bed and covered her in blankets.

"For now let's leave her sleeping." I said.

"She looks cute while sleeping..." Partner said. "Ah! Right, we need to wake up early tomorrow, right?!"

"R-Right! Let's sleep now!" I jumped on bed.

"Wait you two! We have to clean this mess!" Lucifer pointed at the magic liquid and all the ores thrown over the floor.

"Ehhh... I can always just store any mess with Inventory!" I said, waving my hand as all the mess disappeared in an instant and reappeared inside my Inventory.



"...Well, that's sure convenient." Lucifer quickly went to sleep on his own bed, as we quickly decided to sleep without doing any night activities, as we were all quite exhausted, me included. Using tons of magic for Alchemy Clay was exhausting to the bone, which I lack.

But I really wonder what Emeraldine meant to say... She was too excited about the Alchemy Clay.

I think she said something about... making a magic ring?

-----

#### Chapter 439 Making Alchemy Clay And Registering The Twins As Guild Members

-----

When I woke up, it was already 7 AM in the morning, and Takeshi and Laura barged inside the room and began jumping over my bed. They seemed excited about going to the dungeon with us so they wanted us to wake up as early as possible.

"Wakie, wakie, Bis sis!" Takeshi began jumping over my belly. His fluffy appearance melted my heart but he was exceeding himself now!

"Wake up! We want to go dungeon diving already!" Laura said, jumping in between Partner and Emeraldine.

"Mmggh..." Partner groaned like a skeleton waking up from her coffin.

"Uggh... Ahh... My head hurts a bit..." Emeraldine said.

"Okay you two, stop!" I roared, quickly grabbing them with my phantasmal arms and attacking them with my phantasmal fingers, giving them tickles all over their bellies.

"Take this! And this!"

"Uwawaahhh! Hahaha!"

"S-Shtoop!"

As the two were attacked by the gigantic urge of giggling, everyone else ended waking up early as a result. Well, not like we didn't planned to wake up early anyways.

"What's all this commotion about?" Wondered Lucifer.

"Ugh, I crave blood..." Partner said. "Hmm... fresh elven blood..."

Partner slowly approached Emeraldine's neck, as Emeraldine flew away in an instant.

"Uwaaah! P-Partner don't scare me like that!" She said while looking at everyone. "Huh? What happened? Did I fall asleep from yesterday?"

As I finished tickling the twins, who looked completely defeated over the bed, I nodded.

"Precisely! You passed out." I said. "Anyways, the clay's ready. You managed to make four pieces.

"W-Wait, not only one?!" Emeraldine asked in shock. "T-This is amazing!" She happily said. "Can I see it? Can I?!" Emeraldine seemed to be growing more and more insane as she asked me to see her own creations.

At the end, we calmed down and then I placed the clay over the table.

"Woow... And it just as smooth as I remember it." She said, touching the clay and molding it.

"So how do you use these to make accessories?" I wondered.

"They are a wonderful adherent to materials and can even replace some missing parts on broken ones." She said. "They're perfect for both creating and repairing magic items."

"Wait what?! Is Gumstone that convenient?" I wondered.

"It is! But only very strong alchemists with amazing quantities of Mana and a lot of talent can make them. I guess we have reached such a height!" She said.

"Ooohh... That's cool." I said with a nod.

-----

[Alchemy Clay (B Grade)]

A special clay imbued with pure magic, usually made out of Fire and Earth Element Materials. It is capable of molding easily to the user's imagination through touch or by infusing magic into it. It is usually white-colored, but there are other colorful varieties imbued with stronger elements. Perfect for repairing broken magic items, armor, and even magic weapons, and can also be used as a potential pillar material for the crafting of an enormously wide variety of magic items and accessories. Alchemy Clay can only be made by Advanced Alchemists.

-----

"Woah, it really looks like it's amazing." I said as I looked into the item's description.

"Right? So let's begin making some equipment with what you've gotten recently!" Said Emeraldine.

"E-Eh? So soon? I want to mine some more to decide..." I said.

"Ah... Right..." Emeraldine said. "I guess I am rushing this a bit too much, sorry."

"Eh, it's fine. For now let's eat and then move to the dungeon." I said. "I know you're excited about alchemy and I share the sentiment, but there are other priorities, but maybe we can try it out tonight."

"Alright!" Emeraldine was pumped up the moment I told her we could try making something tonight. It seems that making accessories and magic items through alchemy is something incredibly rare or something, so she might be excited about surpassing her own limits.

Though I really wouldn't want her to end up wasted again like last night...

After we had a breakfast, we moved to the school that Aquamarine recommended for the children. It was a large academy for children that trained them in mining, forging, crafting, and even magic and skill acquisition and usage, alongside fighting and leveling up.

Any children of any social class could enter as long as they passed the test, and there was no fee for the children's studies, as it was all paid by the government. I guess that's where a part of their taxes go, huh.

"Wow! It's so big!" Takeshi said, looking into the enormous building with bright eyes filled with expectation.

"It is, isn't it?" Laura said.

We saw several children of various shapes and sizes entering and walking out of the academy, sometimes with their parents and others just alone. The security of this city was sure good for kids to go around streets without many worries of getting assaulted or something.

As we entered we were led by Aquamarine into the director's office. A stout and muscular, gray-bearded dwarf man with an eyepatch on his left eye greeted us. He seemed to be inspecting my two kids a lot.

"You're halflings?" He wondered while wondering what they were.

"My kids are... well, they're halflings, yes." I sighed. "Majin and Beast-kin, I believe. I don't know the specified races."

"Hm, halflings got tons of potential, so sure. Let's move to the practical strength test right away. Old hag, you want them to just get the passes to go to the newly discovered dungeon, right?" the director wondered, his name was Rock.

"Yeah Rock, can you give me this favor?" She wondered. "They are just visiting this place for now so keeping them as permanent students wouldn't be good."

"Hm, I get it, I get it. But it won't be easy to get your passes, kids." Rock said. "Follow me..."

Rock quickly led us to a small arena-like building, mostly empty by this hour.

"The test is easy, both of you will have to kill a D+ Rank Monster by yourselves."

Wait, D+ Rank?!

Can they handle this?

-----

Chapter 440 A Ruthless Test

-----

"We can take it!" Said Takeshi.

"Don't worry about us and trust us a bit." Laura added.

"Huhhh... Okay then." I sighed. I felt rather defeated, the two kids really didn't wanted to give up on it just because it was a strong monsters.

D+ Rank monsters are almost as strong as C Rank Monsters; those monsters would be strong enough to destroy a whole city if they are let loose. D+ Rank monsters are in the level of Wyverns, even, so it is very, very troublesome!

...Well, if something happens, I'll intervene and help them, I suppose.

After the small conversation where I ended giving them the permission to fight, Rock nodded as he smiled rather devilishly.

"Hehe, these kids are really something! To think they're willing to go against D+ Rank monsters at their age..." He laughed. "You wouldn't need to fight something so strong if you wanted to be regular students, but for those that want special privileges, they'll have to demonstrate they're deserving of them!"

Rock quickly called out a dwarf as he suddenly began opening the gates leading to another room in the small arena-like building. Laura decided to be the first one to fight, calling it "a big sister's responsibility", while the rest of us sat down surrounding the arena battlefield.

The monster quickly began to make its way into the battlefield, its size surpassing four meters of height, with a pair of enormous pincer claws, six legs, and its back covered by sharp ore-like growths. It was a gigantic crab.

"Here comes the first beast! A Giant Mithril Crab! This is a Peak D+ Rank Monster we caught some time ago thanks to a friend with the Tamer Class! Its Mithril is really expensive, but it is hard to slay it due to its incredible durability! Do you think you can defeat this monster?"

CLANK! CLANK!

The large crab clicked its enormous metallic pincer claws, the moment it spotted Laura, it began running towards her at a surprising speed! It looked like a tank going at the speed of a motorcycle, if Laura receives the impact directly, she'll get crushed!

"LAURA!!!" I cried, trying to make her move away from her position to evade.

However, she remained calm as she looked at the monster approach, suddenly grabbing a Black Stone from her pocket.

"Detonation."

FLASH!

She suddenly threw the stone directly towards the crab. The stone was so small and inoffensive that the crab paid no mind at evading it or intercepting it with its claws, the stone easily hit its head.

And in mere seconds, the stone suddenly shone bright red.

BOOOOOMMMM!!!

"EH?!"

Rock fell out of his own seat as he saw what just happened.

"CRAAHH..."

The crab gave out a groan of agony as the smoke covering the battlefield slowly dissipated, there were several cracks over its carapace, and one of its pincers just fell off its body easily, the monster was bleeding some blue liquid from its interior, and its mouth was bubbling stressfully.

"A-Amazing... That's Laura's Unique Skill, right?" Wondered Partner.

"Yeah..." Emeraldine said. "But I remember that it wasn't this powerful before..."

"It is because of her growth." Lucifer pointed out. "Her Unique Skill [Detonation] increases in power the more her Magic Stat increases, the more she leveled up back then and trained her magic, the stronger her Detonation became... even a black stone can be this deadly."

"So anything that is not alive that she touches ends up becoming a deadly bomb now...!" I said in excitement.

"CRAH... CRAAH!"

The crab furiously raged, quickly getting up once more as the earth below it trembled, it conjured Earth Magic! Was this spell [Seismic Wave]?!

TRUUUUMMM...!

The floor quickly began to crumble, as Laura's body was suddenly enchanted by a black aura generated from within her Demonite Heart Core! Has she learned how to control this power already?!

CLASH!

CLASH!

CLASH!

The crab's claws hit the ground constantly, trying to chase her down, but Laura easily avoided the attacks nimbly, as her Black Aura seemed to enhance her speed and swiftness.

In a second, she grabbed another stone from her pocket- no, several of them, and lunged them at the crab together!

The crab, knowing that these stones were deadly, attempted to intercept them with its other claw.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOOOM!

"CRAAAHHHH...!"



The crab gave out another pitiful groan of agony as its entire pincer claw blew up into pieces by shielding him from most of the explosions. However, it somehow managed to survive.

"CRRRRRAAH!"

A second after, the first claw that was destroyed suddenly regrew anew! Wait, these beasts got amazing regeneration! It only had to wait like a minute... Will the other claw also regenerate easily?

"Huh, you're quite tough..."

However, Laura moved at an incredible speed, imitating my [Shadow Travel] using her own Black Aura, and suddenly emerging behind the enormous Mithril Crab. Rock was once more shocked by the girl's amazing abilities.

"W-What sort of magic is she using?!" He wondered.

However, everyone was too concentrated in the fight to pay any attention to the old man, as Laura quickly made her claws grow by infusing more Black Energy into them. This energy came directly out of a Crystal Core in her heart made out of the secretions of a Fragment of the Evil God, this energy was something we called Miasma or even Demonic Energy.

FLASH!

Her claws grew three times their original size, resembling monstrous claws made of darkness, as she quickly began using them to crush through the crab's back, destroying the mithril and other ores growing on its back and then...!

"Detonation."

She threw an ore she grabbed on the way inside the wound and jumped away just before the explosion!

BOOOOOMMM!!!

The entire body of the crab exploded into pieces, crumbling apart into the entire floor...

Everyone was left flabbergasted, me included.

"W-Wait a second, Laura, you're way too strong!" I cried in surprise.

"It's nothing much..." Laura said gently. "I am just tired of being a helpless child, so I trained every day since you rescued us, Auntie!"