

## **A Ghost 461**

### Chapter 461 Going All Out!

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The newly awakened Phoenix fought against the darkness of the outside world, this woman-shaped evil that was entirely made of obscurity. His flames were powerful and could burn through her darkness, yet she had several aces below her sleeve, and used them all in succession, debilitating the Phoenix in the process.

However, ultimately, the Phoenix came on top, unleashing the power given to him by the dungeon, it destroyed the evil darkness... however, it paid a big price, weakening itself enough that it felt like it would require several hours to recover his health completely.

The Phoenix required rest, but the underlings of this darkness remained, hiding beneath his eyes within the dense woods below. The Phoenix watched down, seeking them to quickly take them down and be done with this ordeal... It had done enough, and required to rest or it would simply end up in the same situation as before.

Although it couldn't talk, there was always a personality and thoughts within his mind.

"Where is the darkness' underlings...?"

The enormous Phoenix thought, as he flapped his blazing wings, seeking them viciously.

However, it suddenly came in front of something, a small wyvern that had fled behind him without him even realizing the creature's presence until now.

"Huh?"

"GRAWR!"

Suddenly, the small Wyvern's eyes shone with a bright red light, reaching the Phoenix!

FLASH!

"CRAH!"

The Phoenix felt surprised, as his own Stats began to go down by a bit!

The furious blazing bird attempted to catch the small wyvern and defeat him, but the winged lizard flew down, hiding in the woods.

Although his flames went through the trees, he could not find the culprit behind the strange curse it was inflicted upon him.

FLASH!

And then, as it sought such a creature and ended distracting himself from his original plan, another similar sensation encompassed his body and soul!

"Ungh?! Again?"

His entire strength, magical power, defense, and more, suddenly began to go down even more, as his stats lowered temporarily. A sudden feeling of weakness and exhaustion took over the wyvern's entire body and soul.

"Enough!"

He unleashed his flames, forming an enormous storm of holy fire.

FLUOOSH!

The enormous explosion of flames surged from the ground, taking over the entire forest and burning it. The figure of an underling of the darkness, or Partner, showed up, shrouding herself in shadows and suddenly running away by jumping over the trees that had yet to burn.

"You can't escape from my fury!"

The Phoenix furiously flew towards Partner as his wings were completely encompassed on holy flames, burning through everything, and devastating anything in his path!

However, Partner suddenly smiled as she reached a certain place, a strange clear and calm area of the forest, where the Phoenix unleashed his flames, taking over everything furiously.

FLUOOOOOSH!

"Burn! Burn you all- Eh?!"

FLASH!

However, as the monster found himself unleashing all of his blazing powers, a sudden magic circle emerged before his very eyes! And it was indeed Maria who had activated it, to boot!

"What?!"

The Phoenix couldn't speak, but it was surely surprised about what had happened! Not only the presence of the "Darkness" as he referred Maria was not gone yet, but she had intensified in strength!

The truth was... Maria was far from dead, but she was still too weakened to even fight. Nonetheless, that didn't mean she couldn't bring out some sort of strategy! By using all the fragments spread over the forest, she devised a very simple yet risky one.

Each fragment of herself used their magic in unison, forming a magic circle of an enormous size, and by absorbing the Mana from the environment such as the trees and anything else alive nearby, a special magic circle was created!

And this magic was not something within Maria's Skill repertoire, but something she had created herself, True Genuine Magic!

"Abyssal Darkness Magic: Gate of the Underworld!"

TRUUUUUMMM...!

A tremor reverberated across the surroundings of the Phoenix, as he felt his entire body being wrapped around by countless hands made of darkness. All of them quickly wrapping around his entire body, and trapping him on the spot!

"CRAAAAH! (What is this?!)"

The Phoenix cried in pain. Although his Holy Flames were powerful enough to devour the darkness of Maria's magic, now that he was so weakened, he wasn't able to do it in time for him to free himself completely.

And that wasn't all, right in front of him, he noticed something! It was Maria's allies, a gigantic dragon who held on top of him a boy holding a... fishing rod?!

Mana and magic flowed towards the boy from the little girl at his side, alongside the Elf with him too. The Light Spirit of the Elf blessed the boy with Spiritual Essence, as his Fishing Rod suddenly took a golden color, suddenly turning completely into water, merging with the boy's Water Magic.

This boy was... of course, Takeshi!

The boy was young and had gone through his fair share of many hardships. Now that he was finally able to find people that cared for him and a family with him and had the opportunity to go on an adventure with his new mother, there was no way he was going to disappoint her!

After all, as he leveled up, his Unique Skill [Fisher] new ability included something that has yet once more enhanced his power... the ability to merge with Magic! And the boy's special element was, of course, Water Magic.

Even at Level 2 as it was right now, thanks to all the Mana being given to him, and the power of his own imagination, the thread of his Fishing Rod suddenly shapeshifted, changing into the shape of an enormous and menacing creature.

"GROOOAARRRRR...!"

The eyes of the Phoenix were filled with despair, his health bar was too low, his body was incredibly exhausted, and his stats were lowered through the curses of two mischievous allies of Maria... and in front of him, an enormous dragon made of water emerged out of Takeshi's Fishing Rod thread, roaring furiously with an otherworldly power that only Unique Skills could possess! And it wasn't just Takeshi, but Laura had imbued the power of her [Detonation] into Takeshi's fishing rod, turning it into a truly deadly Spell!

"CRAAAAH! CRAAAHHHH!!! (God...! GOD, HELP ME!)"

The Phoenix cried while despairing, asking for the aid of his god.

But he heard nothing on response.

He was abandoned!

BOOOOOMMMM!!!

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Chapter 462 The Phoenix's Defeat And... Rebirth?

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Within the depths of the Dungeon that Maria had discovered, the Dungeon Core rested within a completely black and empty room, protected from everything it could ever touch it... except the darkness itself that had been slowly taking over the dungeon itself, which had, as a result, infected it as well.

"Useless..."

With a faint and annoyed voice, the Dungeon Core discarded the monster it had thought could have some sort of advantage in defeating these sudden invaders. However, at the end, it was defeated by a child.

The Dungeon Core looked into the second floor of the dungeon, narrowing her eyes. A smile surged in her body, as she was no longer merely a sphere of course.

"Hmph... This is the first time a path towards the outside world has finally been opened... I won't let these invaders do as they please and come conquer me. I shall exterminate them and conquer the outside world... With this new power I've cultivated over eons since my creation, I will become the strongest Dungeon."

Her mentality was simplistic, and her ambitions endless. Yet... with such a power as the one that Dungeon Cores possessed, even her simplistic mind and her over ambitious goals seemed possible, as long as she mercilessly defeated her invaders first.

"I can feel it... The presence of my other half, is calling me! Memories of something else... a Fragment of the Past..." She muttered words which held little meaning together, but which were all related to a single power dwelling within her.

And as she said that the sound of countless insectoid creatures marching forward and gathering resources could be heard, preparing themselves for something...

"After so long, I've finally been given the chance to go to the surface, take what I desire, and reunite with my other half! There is no way I will let these invaders remain here... You may have defeated this useless bird, but it won't be the same in the next floor... I will make sure you all become my food. With such delicious amount of Mana, I can do even more things!"

She looked with her crimson eyes at the projection of a certain ghost, Maria. Even after having been almost destroyed, she held an impressive amount of Mana and power... Dungeon Cores were simple minded entities that desired to absorb everything into Mana and expand, and Maria herself was like the most delicious buffet a Dungeon Core could imagine.

The Dungeon Core's Avatar licked her red lips, as she couldn't help but feel like she could even lick Maria by how delicious she looked... her monstrous intent quickly was revealed. Dungeon Cores were not people after all, even with all their intelligence, they were nothing more than monsters with intelligence. And perhaps, they were even more brutal than monsters themselves.

Especially when a piece of darkness itself dwelled within them...

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(Back to Maria's POV)

BOOOOMMM!!!

Takeshi's amazing attack completely blasted the Phoenix into pieces, turning off his flames and crushing him into the ground. His entire body was left almost indistinguishable from his original shape, and his HP bar was obviously at zero, we won!

"Phew... Oh man... I used everything I had..."

I couldn't help but sigh as my little fragments all with the shape of a tiny version of myself sighed in unison, I had reduced my size even more now that I had spent all the energy I had left in that amazing Spell I designed.

If it wasn't thanks to the teachings of Emeraldine and the books I read about True Magic incantation, I would have never been able to fully comprehend and visualize such an amazing magic myself! Even [Supreme Magic] requires Mana and visualization to activate properly, and the thing I had been learning all of that time back in my village was visualization.

With that finally done, I believe I can call myself a great sorcerer!

No, a witch!

"Groar!"

Suddenly, the little Wyvern from earlier appeared before my eyes.

"Oh, but if it isn't you! I saw you help as well, you seem to have some sort of Draconic Eye Skill, huh? I can't really see your Status at all for some reason, do you have a status hiding skill? You're not really a normal wyvern, aren't you?"

I looked at the wyvern's gray and old-looking eyes, as he began to panic a bit and stepped back fearful of my questions.

"Well! Whatever's the case, I am tired! Can you carry me back?"

"Groar!"

The wyvern quickly gathered each of my fragments and then helped me get myself back up together. I barely looked like my own former self, but I looked very, very translucent. I needed not to just use Undead Healing on myself, I required food, and tons of it!

As I was finally back with the rest of my party, I found everyone looking at the corpse of the Phoenix lying over the ground, it was shining with a strange and holy flame... which began to encompass its entire body, suddenly turning it all into a pile of ashes! Agh! No, the chicken!



"My chicken!" I cried, flying back with everybody else as the wyvern joined us.

"Maria, something weird is happening!" Emeraldine said.

"I don't know what's going on..." Partner said.

"It is turning into ashes? Why?" Lucifer wondered.

"Oh this is... If I remember correctly, this bastard had a Skill named [Rebirth from the Ashes]!" I said with surprise. "Is he trying to revive?!"

FLASH!

And as the ashes began to dissipate, what remained of him was... a big egg, a red egg at that.

"Wait a second this is not even the full fledged Phoenix!" Said Partner crossing her arms. "I feel like I got scammed."

"Yeah, I was also terrified we would need to fight that thing again..." Said Emeraldine.

"Interesting, so Phoenixes are really real like the legends say... They can revive by going back into an egg infant form after dying. So it turned into ashes as a part of its own Skill?" Wondered Lucifer.

"Well, we could make a tasty omelet out of that big egg." I pointed out.

"No eating!" Suddenly, everyone stopped me from doing something that would have pleased my Phantasmal Stomach.

"Eh?! But we earned it!" I sighed.

However, Takeshi and Laura ran towards the egg, and wrapped it around some cloths, carrying it with themselves.

"Can we keep it?" Asked Takeshi.

"Please!" Laura asked.

"Ugh... Fineeeee... " I sighed.

I really couldn't fight against their cuteness, and they earned it, I suppose.

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Chapter 463 A Phoenix Pet

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"I wonder if this egg counts as a dropped item..."

Before even looking at my own earned EXP and other things, I looked into the egg, quickly realizing it had its own Item Status!

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[Holy Flames Phoenix Egg (A Grade)]

The egg of a Holy Flames Phoenix which had been defeated or died, turning into ashes and then into an egg. Unlike a Phoenix authentic chick form, which is usually called Rainbow Crested Brawler Birds, this is a small version of the Phoenix which will slowly grow up through evolution. It is capable of recognizing a pure-hearted master and upon infusing enough Mana into the egg, it might gain inherit part of the power of its master and become a different type of Phoenix altogether.

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"Huh, interesting!" I said with surprise. "Let's see... recognize me as your master then, heh!"

I touched the egg, but I suddenly felt a tremendously painful shock, which made me quickly step back. It felt as if that holy light from before burned my hand... By merely touching this thing?!

"Ouch!" I cried, stepping back. "So I am not pure hearted then?!"

I was in shock.

How come someone like me is not pure-hearted?!

I've done so many good deeds and helped so many people, I am literally the second coming of Jesus!

...Kidding.

I know why I can't be considered pure-hearted, I won't beat around it.

"Pure hearted?" Wondered Partner.

"You see..." I decided to explain to everyone what I saw in the egg's description.

And then, everyone tried out their hand at touching the egg to see if it could recognize them. Lucifer, Partner, and Emeraldine apparently failed. Although Emeraldine had the faintest reaction, she seemed to have good affinity but didn't seem enough.

However, when Laura and Takeshi tried to touch the egg by removing the blankets they wrapped it around, none of the two received any bad reaction. I see, this is like those predestined events in videogames where only certain characters can do certain things, right? I guess they wanted the egg and they were chosen by it.

I am totally not jealous or something!

It's not like... I wanted a pet phoenix... or something...

"It's very warm, but it doesn't hurt to touch..." Laura said.

"I think we were chosen by the egg!" Takeshi added.

"How come? Didn't you two killed him? Why did he choose you?" Sighed Partner.

"Perhaps it simply doesn't recognize them." Said Lucifer.

"Well if the chick retains memories then it is about to get a big surprise..." Said Partner.

"Let's just not think about it." I said with a nod.

FLASH!

The two children imbued their Mana into the egg, as it suddenly began changing colors... Its red color almost completely disappeared, and the color that remained was purple, black, and pale blue. Wow, did they just infused miasma into it? Whatever is coming out will be quite wacky.

Crack... crack...!

Crash!

Suddenly, the eggshell broke as a small black beak broke it, red eyes shone brightly from within the egg, as the beak quickly broke the rest of the eggshell almost completely, revealing from within a small and adorable bird with black and blue feathers, and a crown of small feathers atop its head with the color of purple and black... It had indeed changed, and has been imbued with the element of... darkness and water?

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[Abyssal Sea Phoenix Chick: Lv0] [Rank: F] [Status: Curious, Confused, Hungry]

The egg of a Holy Flame Phoenix has mutated after receiving the elemental Mana of both of his new masters, gaining the attribute of Miasma, Darkness, and Water, merging them together into a completely new species of Phoenix capable of wielding the power of darkness and water. It seems to have retained the memories of when it was alive before, and seems to be slowly panicking as it recognizes the faces of his new masters...

Skills: [Water Splash] [Underwater Adaptability] [Flight] [Dark Bullet] [Rapid Peek] [Shadow Sneak]

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Oh wow, it really turned into water and darkness?! Insane... I never thought a Phoenix could ever have such elements. Well, I remember seeing an Ice Phoenix in some story or game before, but a Water one? I think there was a Dark Phoenix somewhere... but never a water one!

Or was there and I simply didn't saw it when I was back on Earth?

Oh well, whatever's the case, this is pretty rad.

"Piii... Pipiii...!"

The Phoenix seemed to be scared of everyone here, the children included, especially Takeshi. But it was so small and frail it couldn't possibly escape from us, so it ended being held by the kids and smothered by them.

"Uwah, it is so cute!" Laura was enchanted.

"Yeah... It doesn't look at all like the previous one either...!" Takeshi added.

"Well, what name are you giving to it?" I wondered.

Laura and Takeshi began thinking about names, until they settled on calling him "Onyx". I guess it is because his feathers are black like the Onyx jewels or something? I only remember a pocket monster named like that, but I am fairly sure there's a jewel that has nothing to do with the pocket monster.

Anyways, now that things finally were settled, we were exhausted, so we decided to take yet another break. If the next floor wasn't the last one, we'll probably end up camping here, or maybe we'll go back to the dwarf country and take a break there instead of sleeping inside a monster infested place.

And as we gathered all the dropped items, which this time were also a lot of colorful ores which I could easily sell or use for my own creations, alongside saving the carcasses of the monsters, I quickly decided to check my Status, finding the EXP was distributed some time ago already.

Ding!

[You defeated [Various Bird-type Monsters (Rank B- ~ B)] x633, you earned 1266000 EXP]

[You defeated [Giant Metallic Steel Feathered Bird King (Rank B++)] x1, you earned 500000 EXP]

[You defeated [Emerald Storm Falcon King (Rank B++)] x1, you earned 500000 EXP]

[You defeated [Rainbow Crowned Holy Flames Phoenix (Rank A+)] x1, you earned 1500000 EXP]

[Calculating EXP earned...]

[You earned a Total EXP of: 3766000 EXP!]

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Chapter 464 Level Up Frenzy And Brand New Skills

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[Your Level has increased from Level 15 to Level 16!]

[Your Level has increased from Level 16 to Level 17!]

[Your Level has increased from Level 17 to Level 18!]

[Your Level has increased from Level 18 to Level 19!]

[All your stats have increased!]

[You earned bonus System Points]

[You learned the [Gate of the Underworld: Lv1] Magic Skill!]

[You acquired the [Mythical Beast Slayer: Lv1] Title Skill!]

[Several Skill's Levels have increased]

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[Gate of the Underworld: Lv1]

An incredibly strong and complex spell that gathers the power of Darkness to its very complexity and adds the power of death to create an utterly aberrant spell that shouldn't even exist. By conjuring it through the expenditure of insane amounts of MP, a gigantic Gate to the Underworld is opened, where hundreds of Abyssal Hands will try to take away your foe directly into the Underworld.

Each time the Abyssal Hands touch a foe, their HP and MP is drained constantly, where 50% of it is given to the user. Only those that dwell in complete darkness are capable of conjuring this Spell. Each Skill level enhances the Spell's power by +30%, while also increasing MP consumption by +10%.

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[Mythical Beast Slayer: Lv1]

A Title Skill only given to those who had slain mythical beasts such as Phoenixes, Titans, and Ancient Dragons. It enhances the damage dealt to all Beasts (even non mythical) by +50% with an additional +10% with each Skill level. Additionally, damage dealt against Mythical Beasts is increased by +100%.

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Not only did my level increase to Level 19, but I even acquired two new and quite badass sounding Skills to boot! Gate of the Underworld and Mythical Beast Slayer will surely come in handy as I fight more foes. It seems that I have once more acquired an overpowered Spell in the form of a Skill!



I wonder what triggered the Spell to turn into a Skill though... Is it because I put everything I had, even my soul? So it ended getting engraved in my soul pretty easily? Hm... Well, its just a wonder for now though, I can't really say any concrete for now about it...

But for now, I should check my Status:

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[Name]: [Maria Fuentes Belles]

[Status]: [Strengthened, Cursed]

[Race]: [Beelzebub]

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

[Level]: [15/80] -> [19/80]

[EXP]: [316000/1000000]

[Rank]: [A++]

[HP]: [60000/60000] -> [68000/68000]

[MP]: [166000/166000] -> [182000/182000]

[Attack]: [25500] -> [31500]

[Defense]: [27500] -> [33500]

[Magic]: [156000] -> [172000]

[Agility]: [60000] -> [68000]

[Aether]: [100]

[System Points]: [262000]

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

[Characteristic Skills]: [Ultimate Skill: Yog-Sothoth] [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--] [Elemental Spirit: Lv--] [Fiend Language: Lv10] [Shadow Transportation: Lv7] [Abyssal Body: Lv10] [Supernatural Senses: Lv10] [Poison Body: Lv9] [Plague Body: Lv4] [Abyss Eater: Lv3]

[Resistance Skills]: [Status Effect Immunity: Lv--] [Greater Magic Damage Resistance: Lv6] [Darkness Resistance: Lv10] [Fear Resistance: Lv10] [Elemental Resistance: Lv9] [Poison/Toxin/Venom Absorption: Lv-] [Erosion Resistance: Lv4] [Holy Light Resistance: Lv1]

[Physical Skills]: [Phantasmal Grasp: Lv7] [Masterful Stealth: Lv5] [Cursed Abyssal Blade Arts: Lv2] [Barbaric Dark Axe Arts: Lv2] [Phantasmal Limbs: Lv6] [Fist Strike: Lv6] [Piercing Spear Attack: Lv3]

[Magical Skills]: [Greater Curse: Lv6] [Life Absorption: Lv7] [Phantasmal Puppeteer: Lv2] [Dark Sun: Lv5] [Dark Storm: Lv5] [Abyssal Spear Arrow: Lv3] [Abyssal Barrier: Lv3] [Abyss Manipulation: Lv3] [Black Lightning Strike: Lv3] [Transfiguration of Death: Lv2] [Soul Devourer: Lv2] [Undead Detonation: Lv8] [Shadow Thread: Lv7] [Disease and Poison Creation: Lv7] [Pandora's Box: Lv9] [Shadow and Death Domain: Lv9] [Gorgon's Five Cursed Eyes: Lv7] [Gorgon's Transformation: Lv7] [Chaotic Dark Meteor: Lv4] [Dungeon Manipulation: Lv1] [Abyssal Demon Transformation: Lv2] [Illusory Delusion: Lv3] [Mind Bending: Lv3] [Insect Manipulation: Lv3] [Miasmic Essence Manipulation: Lv3] [Gate of the Underworld: Lv1]

[Support Skills]: [Shadow Storage: Lv10] [Death Restoration: Lv1] [Erase Presence: Lv10] [Summon: Lv7]  
[Spirit Summon: Lv4] [Aura of Famine: Lv9] [Embodiment: Lv2] [Cooking: Lv4] [Hunting: Lv4] [Split  
Thinking: Lv7] [Mental Mapping: Lv5] [Phantasmal Stomach: Lv7] [Farming: Lv3] [Alchemy: Lv2] [Mining:  
Lv1] [Dismantle: Lv1] [Taming: Lv1]

[Title Skills]: [The Dark Witch: Lv7] [Dungeon Conqueror: Lv4] [Big Game Slayer: Lv9] [Taboo Mark: Lv8]  
[Bringer of Misfortune: Lv10] [Undead Queen: Lv9] [Evil of the World: Lv7] [Pickpocket: Lv7] [Apprentice  
Swordsman: Lv8] [Apprentice Axe Warrior: Lv6] [Apprentice Spear User: Lv1] [Apprentice Thread User:  
Lv5 ] [Spirit Queen: Lv4] [Spirit Mediator: Lv4] [Poison Queen: Lv5] [Merciless Assassin: Lv4] [God of  
Light Nemesis: Lv4] [Shameless Degenerate: Lv3] [Opportunistic Buyer: Lv4] [Plague Slayer: Lv5]  
[Gluttonous Eater: Lv5] [Saint of Death: Lv4] [Deceiver: Lv2] [Undead Slayer: Lv3] [Slime Slayer: Lv2]  
[King Slayer: Lv3] [Dungeon Master: Lv1] [Dungeon Destroyer: Lv1] [Queen of Flies: Lv2] [Sin of Gluttony:  
Lv2] [Mold Breaker: Lv2] [Sacrilegious Existence: Lv1] [Vampire Slayer: Lv1] [Little Farmer: Lv3]  
[Bookworm: Lv2] [Clandestine Brewer: Lv2] [Greedy Miner: Lv1] [Butcherer: Lv1] [Gotta Catch Them All!:  
Lv1] [Mythical Beast Slayer: Lv1]

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

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Ohooo! It really increased quite nicely! Nice~!

However, there's something else! I saw it!

System, how dare you not tell me about this?!

This!

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[Holy Light Resistance: Lv1]

A Resistance Skill learned by those who are damaged by Holy Light but that had resisted its damage for several times and survived them all. It decreases damage dealt by Holy Light/Light Attribute Damage by - 7% with each Skill Level. Additionally, it resists Fire by reducing -4% of damage with each Skill Level.

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"Ooooh! This is amazing!!! Hahahaha! Emeraldine! Come here! Bathe me in your light! I will take it on! Come! Do your worst!" I laughed, as Emeraldine and everyone else seemed completely confused about what I was even talking about.

Chapter 465 A Ghost With Holy Light Resistance

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Not only did I get some awesome stat boosts and level ups, and even a Skill as powerful as Gates of the Underworld, but I also acquired something completely insane, the amazing new Skill...!

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This is it! This is the damn Skill I've been waiting to get for so long! But because I have such a terrible affinity with the light element, it was taking literal millions of years to get this, but at long last, after being hit by holy light and holy flames against this damn Phoenix, we did it, boys!

"LET'S FUCKING GOOOOOO!"

I screamed my lungs out as I started to laugh like a total nutjob. Everybody looked at me while raising an eyebrow, but I couldn't care less about how they were looking at me right now! I was so happy I could literally kiss everyone here!

"Ooooh! This is amazing!!! Hahahaha! Emeraldine! Come here! Bathe me in your light! I will take it on! Come! Do your worst!" I laughed, as Emeraldine and everyone else seemed completely confused about what I was even talking about.

"W-What are you talking about, Maria?!" Emeraldine felt slightly confused, until I happily hugged her and then embraced her with my arms, giving her a deep kiss.

"Bwah! W-What with that out of the blue?!" She cried while feeling embarrassed.

"I have to celebrate somehow, nothing better than kissing this cutie right in front of me!" I laughed.

"C-Cutie?" Emeraldine felt embarrassed, but I could only give her head pats because she was too adorable.

"H-Hey, what's going on?" Lucifer asked. "I am taking my time here to prepare some food and you're screaming and kissing Emeraldine..."

"Master give me a kiss too! I want one with tongue!" Partner began to crawl over my back, asking to be kissed because she was too jealous.

"Well come here dear." I quickly held her with my arms and gave her a rather lewd kiss.

"Y-You lewd woman! Stop kissing them out of the blue! There are children here!" Lucifer said.

Takeshi and Laura were watching at us while blushing a bit.

"Is mama married with Aunt Emeraldine and Aunt Partner?" Asked Takeshi.

"Yeah, we have three mamas." Said Laura.

"Oooh!" Takeshi got happy out of the blue.

"T-Then I am your papa!" Said Lucifer while blushing a bit and crossing his arms.

He had recently grown to be quite a dependable husband and was now cooking for all of us. Recently he even learned the [Cooking: Lv1] Skill after he asked me to teach him how to cook "human food". It seems dragons just eat either raw meat or roasted meat using their fire breath.

"Three mamas and one papa..." Said Takeshi. "So cool! And I've got a sister and a pet now! Ah, three pets!" Said Takeshi, as the Phantom Familiar in the shape of a snake I gifted to him emerged out of thin air, resting over his head. This little thing had already gained some sort of consciousness of its own as it slowly divided from my main mind, although I can still connect to it, I left it on its own.

The other pets he was referring were Onyx and quite probably the Wyvern Baby we found here, who was resting over a log over the grassy forest floor of the dungeon's second floor.

"Now explain to us what's going on." Lucifer approached me as I let go of Partner.

"Come here!" I said, giving him a kiss as well.

"Why are you so happy out of nowhere?" Lucifer asked while feeling embarrassed, his pale white face was growing as red as a tomato.

"I got an amazing new Resistance Skill! [Holy Light Resistance]!" I celebrated.

"Eh?!"

"What?!"

"Really?"

All three of my lovers reacted with shock. Lucifer and Partner the most, as they were half-undead and understood the pain of being so weak against this element. Emeraldine didn't really understand it that much but she was trying to act surprised anyways.

"So you got it at the end... Amazing. I guess you're really talented at learning Skills." Said Lucifer.

"Huh... I even got Sunlight and Fire Resistance, but there's no luck with Holy Light, it hurts so much I might turn into ashes if I try it too much." Sighed Partner. "Maybe when I was a skeleton and I didn't have any pain receptors, but now it just hurt too much!" She said, while bathing in the artificial sunlight of this dungeon without feeling hurt.

"Hmm, I don't know why but I learned it..." I said.

I felt like it wasn't good to tell them my Soul Grimoire was just awesome enough to let me learn skills that were previously impossible for me... I better just not make them mad for showing something so unfair to them. Although, nonetheless, there might be a way for them to eventually learn the Skill as well, as long as I can keep healing them and bathing them on holy light magic. But as previously mentioned, it hurts a lot and could even turn them into ashes...

My Undead Healing Skill is pretty strong now that it is so High Level, but even now it might not do the trick just yet. Perhaps if we could invent some sort of accessory that granted Resistance to Holy Light, it would be better. This is one of the reasons why I am trying to learn Alchemy as much as possible. And that Alchemy Clay we made the other day might be the pillar for future creations as well.

Even if I finish this dungeon and the other one I might continue my side job as a Miner to get more goodies to craft stuff.

Chapter 466 Everyone Is Willing To Learn New Things

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Currently Lucifer had finished cooking his stew and grilled meat skewers from some of the birds we hunted recently. The meat of the Brawler Birds was especially tender and incredibly tasty. Was this because they were actually Phoenix Chicks? Their meat might be incredibly valuable and we are just eating it like nothing.

"Uoooh! This meat is so tasty!"

"Yeah, I've never eaten a chicken this delicious before... Thanks a lot papa!"

Takeshi and Laura were happy of the meal, and Lucifer for the first time was able to feel what it felt to cook for those he cared for and seeing their happy faces as they enjoyed the food he put so much time and effort into cooking.

"Ahh... I-It is nothing, the meat is just very high quality. I... I am not as good as Maria, but I am slowly learning." Lucifer said while averting his gaze from the kids, feeling flustered. He was just very cute for an old and grumpy dragon sometimes.

However, aside from that small interaction, we were discussing something else entirely right now. Something quite important and an idea I had gotten while thinking about how I acquired the Resistance Skill, and if there was a way to get an accessory with Resistance to elements, or perhaps armor which might be more effective.

"Oh, an accessory that grants resistance to Holy Light...?" Asked Emeraldine. "I guess it might be possible. Armor as well. Most Magic Items come with special magic powers which are imbued into the wearer right away. Sometimes a mere necklace can give amazing resistance to Fire Element even when it is not even shielding the skin of a person. Or a Ring that grants incredible physical damage resistance but it is not armor covering the body."

I guess this world's magic equipment is the equivalent to game-like items I've seen in MMO and literally any other RPG with equipment items systems. There is of course normal clothes and armor too, like just crafted out of non-magic items that just serve the most basic of purposes.

However, advanced crafters, alchemists, blacksmiths, and so on, using the right materials, are capable of creating these magic equipment. And of course, dungeons as well, which drop them sometimes. Of



course, dungeon equipment seem to often be seen as "the bottom of the barrel" as their stats and effects are often subpar compared to crafted items made by talented people.

But some high ranked dungeons might give awesome equipment when defeating a boss, so it is often debatable. Some even say that it is just the crafters not wanting people to devalue their job just because they can sometimes get a dropped item. I guess I can understand that though.

"Hm, armor wouldn't suit me as I tend to transform." Said Lucifer.

"I can merge my dress with my phantom body mostly because I ended cursing it into some sort of Cursed Dress, but it still quite low quality. I can wear other stuff sometimes but when I shapeshift, it ends up either braking or I am forced to get naked and store it in my inventory." I sighed.

"I guess I and Emeraldine are the only ones that can wear normal armor, but armor that's too heavy gets in the way." Partner pointed out. "That's why I just wear some chest armor and shoulder pads."

Partner was currently wearing a tight black jeans with black boots made all out of monster materials we had bought back on the duchy of Affnaria. We still got tons of scales from monsters we hunted there in that dungeon, but we had yet to use them properly.

Her equipment wasn't bad per say, it enhanced her speed and agility the most, and she had a white blouse with red and gray armor over her chest and shoulders, protecting her weak point which is her heart. If Vampires get their heart pierced by something strong they often become paralyzed and can die on the spot if their HP is not high enough.

"Hm, I see, I see..." Emeraldine said. Meanwhile, she was wearing more lighter clothes, with a similar armor than Partner but lighter to protect the area where her heart was as well as one of her shoulders. It seems that archers often put armor in only one shoulder to protect them from the string and the arrow, or something...

She had brown boots, tight leather pants and a white blouse with green and brown decorations of trees, a theme she seemed to love naturally as an Elf. She also often wore something for the cold, but this place was very warm so there was no need. She often had gloves as well, specially imbued with magic that enhance her accuracy and finger's dexterity.

Meanwhile, Lucifer was using his classic butler-like suit which he liked. We often bought him a few other pairs for him to wear because whenever he transformed he end up breaking them. This time he was wearing a special one we found out, which had magic thread, whenever he transformed the clothes would turn into magic essence and seemingly disappear, only to reappear again after he went back to his humanoid form, pretty convenient.

"I suppose I'll need the aid of more crafters. I'll ask Darfu and the other two dwarves, and probably Helga's husband, Myriad, who is also quite talented. If we want to give you all some sweet new equipment, we need to prepare well for that." Said Emeraldine. She seemed completely ready to take on the task though.

"I can also help! I am getting better at Alchemy and I'll eventually learn Crafting and Blacksmith as well as Accessory Crafting even, I want to learn everything I can so I will help and make our own equipment too." I said with a nod. I wasn't going to give up.

"Hmph... I guess a dragon as strong as me can learn some Blacksmith, I may have some talent for it." Said Lucifer "I just have the hunch."

"Well I... I might learn Alchemy!" Said Partner. "And fail miserably..."

We might have to help Partner to learn Alchemy a bit more, she was getting there... eventually.

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Chapter 467 Partner's A Big Glutton!

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At the end, it seemed that Emeraldine settled down bout everything and quickly took several notes in her notebook. She was seemingly drawing while taking notes, as if she was getting inspirations. Wow, is she that talented at making things? Maybe she's really someone amazing.

"Hmm... I guess a suit similar to that one for Lucifer... But let's add Holy Light Resistance... Life Resistance as well." Emeraldine murmured, as she sometimes spoke her own thoughts. "For Partner I suppose that and that would do... Let's not forget about this other thing... Ah, and for Maria! Well... a dress suits her,

right? A beautiful hat maybe... a black hat? A widow-like hat! It would... Oh my, she has so many styles..."

"E-Emeraldine, your food is getting a bit cold." I said.

"R-Right!" Emeraldine snapped out of her thoughts and quickly began to dig-in the food. "Ah, wow, this is really good."

"Stop praising the food, it wasn't even made that well..." Lucifer sighed. He was feeling extremely flustered by our praises, I assume.

"Hehe, but it is pretty well made! You're a good chef." I said with a smile.

"We want seconds!" Takeshi and Laura said, giving Lucifer their plates.

"Ah... Sigh, fine." Lucifer said, serving the kids some more.

Meanwhile, the little Wyvern was devouring a large bowl of stew and skewered meat served to him at the side, over a big tree leaf we found. He seemed to have never eaten anything at all for a while, so he was extremely happy the more food he ate.

"Piii, piii...!"

Even Onyx, the Phoenix was enjoying the food. Although he was slightly annoyed that it was made out of the birds, it simply tried it out anyways and found it all too delicious to pass on. It still looked slightly sad that it was eating other birds but it quickly got over it and asked for seconds. I suppose the Phoenix was quite simple minded.

It was an overall... relaxing break.

For a moment I couldn't help but smile and enjoy this little moment with everybody. I smiled lightly as I felt like I wanted this time to last forever. All of us together, eating food, enjoying our lives, smiling,

laughing... Adventuring with them across the world, discovering new cities, new people, and hunting monsters. I wouldn't mind spending the rest of eternity like this with them.

...But I guess that deep down, I know there's still things left to do. The Vampires, the whole Albraun Kingdom Conspiracy, my family's death, my little brother's whereabouts... There's a lot I want to find out. And also not only for me but for Emeraldine and Lucifer. We have yet to find that mysterious dragon Aquamarine talked about. I really hope it might be someone related to my Lucifer so he can be happy someone at least survived the war back then.

Then there's the whole issue with the ice back in our town, and if the culprit behind might really be the Frost Queen from the damn Ice Giants, then we'll end up getting into a lot of fighting... Ah, it is both annoying and also concerning, but I know I can't do much about it myself other than eventually get to it.

And well, I also want to visit Emeraldine's hometown and meet her uncle which she always talks so much about all the time... It would be nice. We might end up going after we get our Dwarf business done.

"Hey Lucifer make more skewered meat; I want more chicken! Add that spice that we got from the dwarves, it is very tasty!" Said Partner.

"Eh? I already cooked three whole birds; you know how big they are? You've stuffed yourself enough if you eat any more you're going to explode like a balloon!" Lucifer angrily replied.

"Eeeeh? The only one that's going to explode like a balloon is you!" Partner said furiously. "I am not yet full either!"

"Your belly is already big." I sighed. "Partner just wait for dinner."

"Ugh... Okay." Partner sighed. Despite being a Vampire that mostly enjoyed drinking blood, she also enjoyed eating normal food, and a lot of it. Whenever she didn't had enough humanoid blood she compensated by eating tons of food.

It is rather hard to come by with blood for her, after all she can only satiate herself with blood made out of humans and other humanoid races but going around asking for people's blood is a bit weird, even more without proper blood banks.

For now I've got her a ton of Vampire Blood, her favorite, which we got from our previous battle against all those guys. I might go collect her some bandit blood from some nearby bandits that could be threatening the dwarf country or the other country near our own village. At least with the blood we got she should be able to be alright for the next months.

"Here dear." I quickly gave her a small bottle with Vampire Blood diluted with a mix of heal and stamina potion, this way the blood can last longer and she gets almost the same satiation.

"Ahh!" Partner quickly got happy, drinking it all in one go. "Phew... Ahhh... I feel better now."

Sigh... It is my own fault she's a Vampire now. It was due to me raising her like this that she evolved this way. I guess I just have to take responsibility. I just hope there's enough human trash out there for her to drink their blood from. The Vampires get their blood from innocent slaves, but I am not going to let her feed herself this way.

"Lucifer, how did Vampires got blood back then when the Demon Kingdom was still alive?" I asked.

"Hmm, that's a good question." Lucifer said with a smile. "Vampires were our strongest warriors and they were known as the Knights of the Demon King. The Demon King got them a stable supply of blood by asking for donations and paying his citizens for their donations of blood. Often done annually."

"Eh? I see... I guess there were a lot of citizens back then, so it was doable." I sighed.

"Hmm, I suppose you could do the same with our village, although Partner seems odd to me." Said Lucifer.

"How so?"

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## Chapter 468 An Unique Vampire And Vicious Ants!

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"You see, Vampires simply can't eat normal food, but she can, and even digest and enjoy its flavor." Said Lucifer.

"They can't?!" Asked Partner.

"Yeah, this is probably something you acquired by begin a former Undead risen by Maria, who has special Titles that enhance undead raised by her." Said Lucifer. "The same way I evolved into my own type of dragon as well. It could be possible that in the future the necessity to drink Humanoid's blood would be gone as she ascends into a higher being."

"Oohh..." I said in surprise. "That would certainly be nice to be honest..."

"I'm sorry for being such a big burden." Partner sighed, apologizing.

"Ah... No, you're not a burden." I said, head patting her. "You've been my partner all this time, right? Without you I don't know what would had happened to me when I just became a Ghost. You're not a burden, I am just worried but... I know we'll eventually be able to get through this."

"Master..." Partner felt slightly embarrassed. "Thanks... I might be a bit annoying at times, I apologize... I am still learning..."

"It's fine, it's fine, you're a good girl-"

As I head patted Partner, I suddenly heard the bushes nearby moving intensively. There were nobody out of our camp right now. And the presence behind the bushes got suddenly so strong a dark aura emerged from within it.

"SHAAA!"

Suddenly, an enormous one-meter big ant with black, metallic exoskeleton and red eyes jumped from the bushes, pointing its sharp jaws at Partner. The creature exuded an enormous aura of Miasma, could this thing be related to the other we fought some time ago?!

However, Partner's reflexes were in another level completely. In a split of a second, she grabbed a spear and swung it horizontally, parrying the Ant's attack and generating a shockwave generated out by pure force, throwing the ant away with great dexterity.

BAAAM!

"SHAAA...."

The creature hit the ground as one of its jaws shattered, leaking a blue liquid from within. The rest of its exoskeleton gained several cracks as well. Partner's Parry Attack was surprisingly powerful!

CLANK! CLANK!

The jaws of the ant resonated like clapping metal, it was a deadly beast, but the Parry Attack really left it half dead right now. It was certainly not strong like the one I fought, and that one was humanoid-shaped, while this one looks like just an oversized ant.

Maybe I can check its status now?

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[Abyssal Parasite Legion Ant Worker: Lv34] [Rank: B-] [Status: Bleeding, Desperate]

A Worker-type Ant member of the Abyssal Parasite Legion Ant Colony. These monstrous creatures lay their eggs inside powerful monsters, where they devour them from the inside and then hatch by absorbing their hosts strength.

They naturally wield and possess the power of miasma and chaos, which they absorb from the environment where these elements are incredibly rich. Such monsters cannot exist without it, and often protect the source of Miasma with enormous colonies built out of the crystallization of Miasma. Even Worker Ants are ferocious fighters.

Skills: [Miasmic Aura] [Crushing Jaws] [Black Steel Exoskeleton] [Ant Worker] [Venomous Acid Spray] [Pheromone Call] [Dark Bullet] [Red Eyes of Intimidation] [Shadow Sneak]

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It was really those damn ants! Without thinking it twice, I swung my hand and unleashed a blast of darkness, hitting the creature on the spot.

BOOOOMMM!!!

Of course, I also erected barriers to protect everyone else. The explosion was rather loud and powerful, leaving a hole in the ground.

"Is that thing dead?" Asked Partner, slowly getting closer to the Ant.

When the smoke dissipated, the charred body of an Ant with most of its body splattered in the floor appeared. That thing was more than dead, it was decimated.

"It's deader than dead." I said with a nod. I double checked the HP, which was down to zero.

Ding!

[You earned 40000 EXP]

"Oh, I guess it grants 40k EXP... It is not bad at all for a small Worker Ant." I said with a smile, quickly walking towards it.



Seconds after, I suddenly noticed it was beginning to rot. As if it was slowly melting into a pond made out of Miasma. I quickly decided to store the entire thing inside of my Inventory, fearing that it might hurt somebody in our party due to its mutagenic toxicity.

"Just what... was that?" Asked Lucifer while feeling strangely nervous.

"Well..."

At the end, we sat down and I explained things.

"Another Ant? It showed out of nowhere this time!" Said Lucifer.

"According to what I read from the description of the monster; they form colonies near sources of Miasma. Without it they cannot live." I said with an intriguing tone of voice. "To be honest I am rather concerned, but we might end up finding a colony if we move forward. Also that thing had a Pheromone Call Skill, so it might have called for allies, we should probably move away from here and try to sneak around to see if there's really a colony in this dungeon floor."

"You're right, let's go." Lucifer agreed.

"Hm, it would be better to get moving then." Emeraldine agreed.

"Then let's do it." I said with a nod.

"Yeah! I want to beat those damn things for interrupting my moment with Master..." Partner seemed rather resentful against the ants

Like that, we quickly decided to sneak around, moving forward into the forest, and slowly getting into the area I felt the Miasma was becoming stronger. There was an enormous black aura coming from that place, the sky itself turned purple and black in color, and the entire environment smelled like acid.

Emeraldine and Partner had to wear their special Living Armor suits, which I enchanted with some magic to make them even stronger and more Miasma-Absorbent. I guess you could even call these things something like special suits to walk across Miasma, although they were "alive" as Living Armors.

And right there, in front of all of us, there was an enormous tower built out of purple, black, and red crystals, as high as 200 meters, with many crevices and countless black ants walking across all of it, transporting prey and even hatching from living monsters they used to lay their eggs into...

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#### Chapter 469 Time To Exterminate Some Pests

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The enormous tower made out of crystalized miasma erected all the way to the skies. We were all left rather flabbergasted the moment we saw such an enormous and intimidating structure. This thing was solely built for these vicious ants. If we ever let this slide and ignore them, those ants will use the route we had opened to invade the outside world and might even reach the other mountain where the dwarf country is located. If that happens... these monsters which are even stronger than the normal citizens might end up rampaging everything.

And even if they resist and fight, the number of Ants seem incredibly high, and it keeps increasing constantly to make things worse. Using my special phantasmal powers, I can see through physical objects. So I easily noticed a ton of eggs, like a good thousand of them being planted inside of living monsters they captured, mostly moles and big birds. The ants themselves are a lot, but not as many, probably over three hundred though. I don't know if they die very quickly or this nest somehow just recently was created and they're bringing eggs from somewhere else, I can't see any Queen Ant here either.

Maybe this is something like a fortress for their colony? If that's the case, the real colony might be in the next floor while they're just building this second area to look out. Or maybe slowly expand their territory as they take over the monsters. Eventually, they'll reach the first floor and then the outside world. Probably invade the entire mountain and continue moving forward without end.

We were currently gathered together behind all the trees, talking about what to do.

"That thing's huge! How can we even do this?" Asked Takeshi.

"I wonder if my power could blast it into pieces if I touch it- No, it is too big, I can make things that are too big explode like that..." Sighed Laura. Her own powers seemed to have their own limits which were all based on her own stats, mostly the Magic and MP stats.

"We need to attack them in one single and overpowered move." I said while rubbing my chin.

"A single attack?" Asked Emeraldine. "How?"

"Hmm... We first need to take their attention somewhere, they're too powerful and will immediately attack us if they realize we are readying a powerful blast..." I said.

"Then I can take care of that with the rest of your Undead." Said Lucifer. "Bring that giant salamander with me too, and the rest of the moles and birds you raised as Undead."

"Are you sure?" I asked.

"Yeah. If they see my dragon form they'll surely get scared and immediately react, that'll give you some time. If we add the Undead army, it should work." Said Lucifer. "How about it?"

"Hmmm..."

I began to think.

If I put Lucifer to distract them with my army of Undead, then we'll need to ready an attack strong enough to reach them from a long distance, something that could completely blast them into smithereens. Darkness or Chaos Magic... is not as effective against them because those are their primary elements to begin with, so we need something more special to kill them. Or well, to use what they're the weakest against them... Holy Light Magic and Life Magic.

Emeraldine, interestingly enough, had all of such magics within herself. However, she's not able to unleash too strong of a magic attack because she's more of a mixed attacker that uses a bow, not a

specializing magician. However, that can easily be offset if I give her a lot of Mana, over a hundred thousand Mana.

With the aid of her spirits, she might be able to pull out an incredibly powerful light attribute attack... However, we'll also need the aid of Laura and Takeshi, their Unique Skills are very amazing and might help as well. After all, Takeshi's unique skill allows him to easily pierce through solid objects and treat them as if they were water, and Laura can burst anything she touches, with the intensity and the limits of how much she can do based in her MP and Magic Stats.

And I... well, I'll be bringing a ton of Mana, so much she won't be able to complain about lacking the magical power necessary to unleash such a strong spell.

I quickly explained my plan to everybody, as they seemed to have found it to "make sense" to an extent, although everything depending on Emeraldine made her very nervous. Nonetheless, the plan was not without its flaws, but it was the best shot we had.

"So? How about it?" I asked.

"I... Well, fine. I'll do it. I'll do whatever I can. I'll be trusting the rest of you to protect me until I get it done." Said Emeraldine.

"Alright!"

And like that, our plan began. The first thing we did was settle down a ground for the incantation. Emeraldine had given me a lot of materials and magic items, and I had tons of ores inside my inventory. She said we could use them as catalyzers to enchant her magic even more. So I poured hundreds of ores around a magic circle she built in a matter of minutes. The ores in particular didn't seem to matter, but the richer they were in magic power, the better.

Of course, I didn't wanted to sacrifice the ones I mined yesterday, but we used many of the ones we got from dropped items from the moles and the birds, which were almost a thousand each. Like that, piles and piles of ores appeared around Emeraldine. Even she lamented we would be sacrificing around 50% of what we had gotten through dropped items, but it was worth it if we wanted this to work properly, as she was envisioning it.

"Hm, it should be done... Now, we have to begin." Emeraldine said, standing in the middle of the magic circle, while I remained behind her, infusing my Mana into her constantly, her enormous aura of light and life began to come out of her body, flashing beautifully...

FLASH!

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Chapter 470 Storming The Abyssal Ant Nest

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"Then I am going..." Lucifer stepped forward, his entire body suddenly exploded into black smoke, his enormous draconic body, which he increased in size until it reached the size as big as a hundred meters emerged from within the black fog, his intimidating red eyes were easily spotted by hundreds of working ants walking around the tower they built for their nest.

"GEROO!"

Gero quickly moved forward as well, as Lucifer put him over his head to lift him off the ground, he was too slow to get there naturally. And of course, all other Undead were lifted by his Darkness Aura, which shaped itself like some sort of fog that caught them all, all my hundreds of mole and bird undead were going to be sacrificed now so we can make sure to distract them.

And as for my Mana? Well, I was recovering it rather quickly while I absorbed the natural Mana of the Dungeon itself. Dungeons have an awful lot of Mana, especially one as rich as this Dungeon, so it wasn't a hard time to just get it done with! The more Mana I absorbed, the more I distributed it to Emeraldine.

FLAAAASH!

As I saw Lucifer fly with the Undead, the enormous magic circle that Emeraldine built with us finally activated, an enormous glow of bright golden light and green light emerged from the ground, converging together as dozens of even larger magic circles emerged one after the other around the gigantic magic circle previously made by Emeraldine.

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

"S-So many Magic Circles..." Laura said with surprise.

"Amazing... This is amazing!" Takeshi pointed out.

"Shhh, you two remain silent for now, let Emeraldine concentrate... And Laura, did you activated your Skill?" I asked her.

"Yeah! After I reached Level 40 the Unique Skill: [Twin Connection] can now connect with three people at once with me..." Laura said. "But it costs 1000 MP per second to stay connected...!"

"It's fine, I've got you as much Mana as you want!" I said with a smile. Even if the Mana of this Dungeon emptied, I had even more Mana coming from my own Dungeon as my connection with that Dungeon Core was strong enough.

Laura's Twin Connection Unique Skill ended evolving after she leveled up to Level 40, not only it grants her the ability to share up to 50% of the stats of those connected with her and vise versa, but she can now connect with up to three people at once. this means all of us. And as a result, we are also all connected together too. However, the bad thing is the gargantuan cost, 1000 MP per second is not something that many can maintain at all, a single minute is 60k MP!

However, even with all of that, my MP was continuously being restored as I put all of my mind into absorbing Mana and other energies, such as Life Force from this forest, turning it into MP as well. And all while I was eating hundreds of monster corpses too to restore even more MP through the power of [Phantasmal Stomach], which allowed me to turn anything I ate into MP. If food alone didn't do, I would begin to eat the entire forest, the dirt surrounding us, and even anything I had inside my Inventory as well.

"T-This is an immense quantity of Mana..." Emeraldine said while smiling. "I can do this... I can do this!"

FLASH!

The Mana continued to spread across our surroundings, as her two Spirits suddenly emerged at each of her sides, floating around and blessing her with their elemental power. All of her conjured magic circles suddenly became stronger as a result, and enormous quantities of spiritual essence began to flow across her body.

Meanwhile, I saw Lucifer fighting with the help of the eyes of various Phantasmal Familiars I created out of my body to assist him, enormous swarms of flies and giant phantasmal snakes. Lucifer reached the nest and was immediately greeted with magic. All worker ants got together and started to conjure [Dark Blast] and [Dark Bullet] in unison, firing countless projectiles towards him as he evaded them swiftly.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

However, Lucifer was incredibly strong and his Dragon Scales Skill was already pretty high Level at 9, so high he was able to let low-level magic bounce off his body as if he had an invisible barrier around his body. The magic was almost ineffective, and he loaded a powerful breath attack to start.

"ROOOARRR!"

FLAAASH!

The beam reached the tower, impacting it strongly.

BOOOOOOMMM!

Some of the ants ended falling off the tower completely, as the Undead led by Gero began to follow the these Ants and overwhelmed them with hundreds in numbers. Although they were easily being shredded by the Ant's deadly jaws, they were ultimately being overwhelmed for a single and easy to realize motive...

[Undead Detonation]!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

Countless Undead I had painstakingly rise began to detonate themselves, exploding into a chain reaction. I had said this was a sacrifice because I was going to blow them up into bits to deal damage against these Ants. However, they were tough, many of them survived dozens of explosions until they ended finally falling into the ground. Gero had to take them down whenever they managed to somehow survive, while Lucifer was unleashing more and more beams against the tower.

However, his beam breath attack was rather... ineffective. I was quite surprised myself, but even his monstrously strong Death Dragon Breath Attack only left a few cracks around the enormous crystal building, mostly because as I said before, this was entirely made of crystalized Miasma, which was very resistant to the "Dark Spectrum" of elements, including my specialization with Lucifer, Darkness, Death, and Shadows.

Of course, there was another fighter in there, Partner. She was not only able to wield Darkness, but Blood Magic, which was still in the Dark Spectrum, but not as much as others. She quickly conjured thousands of Blood Blades one after the other, slicing through the Ants that began to attack with magic against her and Lucifer, the two resembled two very annoying wasps trying to eat as many ants as they could. The ants were panicking.

However... something suddenly emerged from the nest, and it had a humanoid shape this time...

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