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Chapter 591 The Ruler Of The Swamp Emerges!

Root was about to be swallowed by the Giant Acid Slime!

"GRUOOOHHH!"

SPLAAASH!

The enormous monster spread out its gigantic body, making it resemble a mantle, and then wrapping itself around Root viciously.

"Gyugyuuuuhh!"

Root began to struggle while being trapped inside the Giant Acid Slime's body. His roots tried piercing through the slime, but they were easily melted off.

He was unable to drain the slime's vitality and mana without being able to pierce it with his roots or branches. Desperately, he unleashed dozens of Shadow Bullets against the Slime from the inside, a barrage of them!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOOM!

The slime's entire body began to inflate like a balloon, but it was tanking the magic projectiles incredibly well, all while trying to digest Root more and more rapidly.

"GYUUUHHH...!"

Root continued self-regenerating my spending his MP, all while trying to fight back. However, his dark element wasn't enough to fight against the Giant Acid Slime. His Nature Element was also being easily tanked, his piercing wooden spears and even the slicing leaves were nothing against the power of acid.

However, Root continued to struggle as he unleashed his attacks. For being a small tree he was a relentless creature that desired to live more than anything. In that moment, I felt within his very core something awakening, the jewel over his forehead shone brightly.

The EXP he had already won defeating those monsters and from the shared EXP he got from us all added to his stats, making them constantly grow bigger and bigger...

Ding!

[Root] and Party have defeated [Little Acid Swamp Slime (D+ Rank)] x234!]

[Root] and Party have defeated [Giant Greater Swamp Salamander (C++ Rank)] x32!]

[Root] earned 2250000 EXP]

[Root] earned EXP has increased due to various Skill Effects!]

[Root] has Leveled Up!]

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[Root] has Leveled Up to Level 33!]

[All of [Root] stats have increased]

[Root] Special Skill Effects have been activated, Skill Proficiency to all Skills upon Leveling Up has been distributed]

[Several of [Root] Skills have leveled up!]

[Root] learned the [Acid Resistance: Lv1] Skill!]

[Root]'s [Acid Resistance: Lv1] Skill Level has Increased to Level 3!]

[Root] acquired the [Life Element: Lv--] Characteristic Skill]

[Root] acquired the [Light Element: Lv--] Characteristic Skill]

[Root] learned the [Sunlight Beam: Lv1] Magic Skill!]

[Root] learned the [Life Enhancement: Lv1] Magic Skill!]

Woah, he's really getting stronger in a matter of seconds!

FLAAASH!

Suddenly, I saw that Root's body was being encompassed by countless light and life spirits, aiding him on his predicament by lending him their power.

A bright light emerged from within the very core of his body, as countless beams of bright sunlight emerged from all over his bark, piercing through the internal body of the Giant Acid Slime and filling it with holes!

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLAAASH!!!

"GRUOOHHHHH...!"

The Acid Slime groaned in agony, as Root jumped forward and reached the Slime's deepest interior, finding its core and then piercing it with a Wooden Spear!

CLAAASSHHH!!!

The entire slime began to agonize, its entire body trembling and evaporating as Root not only pierced its core but unleashed another powerful Sunlight Beam devastating the Slime until it exploded!

BOOOOOOMMMM!!!

"GYUH!"

Root quickly landed over a lily pad, as his body continued to regenerate. Life Enhancement enhanced all of his life functions, including natural self-regeneration of HP and MP, alongside raising his stats temporarily as a buff.

Lastly, Sunlight Beam was a devastating Magic Beam that combined Life and Light Magic together, with that, he managed to devastate the Acid Slime before I could even go to his aid.

And above all... he got a lot of spirits out of the blue! Although most went away when they helped him, three of them stayed. It seems that his Spirit Nest Skill allowed him to easily make a contract with them.

There were two Light Spirits flying around his branches that resembled two Bright Butterflies and a Life Spirit that looked like a beautiful Sunflower. It seems they were going to stay with him as his contracted spirits.

Damn, so easy for him to make new friends! Meanwhile I only have this grumpy idiot named Tyr.

"I think that's it for now-"

SPLAAAASH!

The swamps shook once more, the monsters were all killed but there was a big, big one just showing up late to the party. An enormous anglerfish-like abomination from the depths, a mouth so wide it could swallow us all in a single bite, and several gross eyes all over its face.

Atop its head there was a bait in the shape of a squirming human-like thing. It didn't use it with us for some reason though, as it showed up right away without any further introductions.

"T-That's..." Helga muttered. "That's the Ruler of the Swamp! It's the Boss!"

"Ruler of the Swamp?! Oh well, I guess he personally came here to deliver us with his tasty EXP, how lucky." I giggled.

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It was indeed the damn Ruler of the Swamp, alright...

Chapter 592 Let's Take It Down!

S P L A A A S H!

Just when I thought that we could take a break after slaying so many monsters, an even more monstrous being showed up out of the blue. The Ruler of the Swamp was in all of his glory right before us.

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This thing was packed with deadly parts everywhere. There was absolutely no part of its body that didn't had lethal poison or sharp spikes that could pierce through anything.

"GRUOOOOHHHHHH!!!"

The gigantic fish didn't attacked right away either, as it roared. The swamps began shaking the moment it did, as countless Monsters started to emerge from its depths. Even more Salamanders and Giant Acid Swamp Slimes appeared, alongside new buddies that were big, super evolved Poisonous Frogs named

Tyrant Poisonous Frogs, and also evolved Spear Fish named Javelin Fishes and even lesser Rulers of the Swamp named Giant Poisonous Anglerfish.

It had obviously used the [Call for Help] Skill it had the moment the fish saw we were quite a lot of foes that it had to deal with. Additionally, that thing was really annoying, as the moment it summoned the monsters from the swamps, it covered them on a powerful aura, boosting the monsters' stats! This was also due to one of its skills: [Subject Enhancement]!

"Uwah! This is bad!" Helga cried.

"Too many monsters... There's dozens of Giant Acid Slimes now!" Blackard said.

"It was already hard to deal with one ourselves..."

"Root had a hard time as well!"

"And those are like fifty more Salamanders?!"

"Tyrant Frogs to the left, they're big!"

"Shit, we should had brought a golem!"

"We're far too outnumbered..."

The dwarves were freaking out a bit.

Lucifer looked from behind while holding on Nyx.

"Should we interfere?" He wondered. "I am getting a bit bored of looking."

"Can we?! Can we?!" Asked Partner.

"I wouldn't mind using my bow a bit." Said Emeraldine.

"I'll use my Fishing Rod! It is super effective against Aquatic-type monsters!" Takeshi said. "I can also swim easily too."

"I can also blow them up easily." Laura nodded.

"I am not that good inside Swamps, but I can always blast everything with my Infernal Breath." Brunhild said.

Everyone was so reliable... over a thousand monsters showed up alongside the Ruler of the Dungeon, but even then, with everyone here, I don't have much to worry about. Mostly every monster summoned as C+++ Rank, while the Boss was only B+++ Rank.

Just yesterday we had slain almost a thousand A- Rank Monsters, so naturally these guys wouldn't be a problem at all for us. If we spread our army around, they'll get easily slaughtered. I guess I have no more choice here, there's just too many. I don't want to pointlessly risk the lives of the dwarves either.

So we'll do a bit of strategy. Although I could simply raise as Undead the other monsters we just slain, it would be better if everyone have their own fun for a bit.

"Alright! Lucifer, Brunhild, you two act as Tanks, cover both left and right side and don't let any monster slip through your defenses, protect the dwarves!" I commanded.

"Got it!" Lucifer said.

"Very well." Brunhild nodded.

"Emeraldine, go with the dwarves and give them your support through your archery." I commanded.

"Oh, okay!" Emeraldine agreed quickly.

"Partner, Takeshi, and Laura, go wild in the back and around the boss as you please. And as for me and Root, we'll go against the Boss and his closest lackeys, the strongest monsters after him that are around the monster's range." I said with a command.

"Okay Master, gyugyuh!"

The cute Root flew into the skies in his Spirit Embodiment form, resembling an egg-shaped bush of bright dark green and slightly bluish leaves, alongside having two tiny wings. His face was a wooden mask with a long wooden nose and two holes as eyes. The jewel was still in his forehead.

In this form, Root was able to naturally hover around the air, floating like Spirits do. It was a pretty handy transformation if I wanted him to be more agile and flexible. It also helped he finally got a powerful long ranged magic skill so he can spam it while in this form, as his stats switch around, sacrificing his defenses for speed and offense for magic power.

"Then let's go, Root!"

I jumped into the air as the two of us flew across the battlefield. The Boss noticed us, roaring furiously. The entire swamp's water began trembling.

"GRUOOOHHH!"

Chapter 593 Going All-Out

I looked into the Boss Monster's stats once more, its skills were being activated right at this moment.

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"GRUOOOHHH!"

The moment the fish roared, the swamp waters trembled, and then, enormous vortexes of water were summoned by the dozens, by enough to reach up to thirty meters of height!

[The [Ruler of the Swamp] has activated [Water Stream]!]

FLUOOOOSSSHHHH!!!

Dozens of spiraling streams of water flew towards our direction, clashing against us one by one!

SPLAAASH!

SPLAAASH!

SPLAAASH!

Of course, I easily blocked them using my shadows, gathering them into enormous palms and materializing them, easily blocking the water. I made as many palms as necessary!

BAAAM! BAAAM! BAAAM!

The water streams exploded in midair, but more and more kept coming, some shaped as sharp spears trying to pierce through our bodies. Dividing myself into a swarm would only make it worse for me, so it is better to just expand my shadows to send shockwaves, sending away the water.

SPLAAAASH!

"GYUH!"

Meanwhile, Root was doing something that... was rather natural for a plant.

[Root] has activated [Draining Roots]!

FLUOOSH!

Root's draining roots began to absorb the water as he suddenly started growing bigger and bigger in size, resembling an enormous floating ball!

Ding!

[Root] has learned the [Water Resistance: Lv1] Skill!

[You learned the [Water Resistance: Lv1] Skill!]

Ah, I guess it makes sense.

"Abyssal Barrier!"

FLAAASH!

I summoned a large Abyssal Barrier in the shape of a gigantic bone-made shield, protecting us from the constant and piercing currents of water, as we flew directly towards the Boss!

"GGRRRRHHHHH...!"

[The [Ruler of the Swamp] has activated [Poison Breath]!]

However, it opened its jaws, unleashing an enormous fog of poison and disease against us!

FLAAAAAASH!

"GYUUHH...!"

Root struggled to resist the deadly poison and diseases of this breath, but I flew before him, quickly absorbing it all by pointing my hand into the Poison Breath.

[You have activated the [Poison/Toxin/Venom Absorption: Lv-] Skill!]

[All Poison is being drained and absorbed!]

FLUOSH!

FLASH!

The Poison Breath abruptly stopped as the giant fish realized I could absorb poison thanks to my [Poison/Toxin/Venom Absorption: Lv-] Skill, of course.

"GGRUOOH!"

The Ruler of the Swamp furiously roared, his eyes suddenly glowed bright red, out of thin air, an enormous wave of purple-colored liquid emerged from its surroundings.

[The [Ruler of the Swamp] has activated the [Poison Sea] Skill!]

"I told you that's not going to work!"

"GRRRRHHH!"

However, the ruler's eyes suddenly grew bright red.

[The [Ruler of the Swamp] has activated the [Ruler of Swamp] Skill!]

[Skills can ignore 50% of the foe's resistances and nullify absorptions. The [Ruler of the Swamps] Stats have increased by +100% for 10 minutes.]

Thanks to my super ability of Analysis, I was able to see exactly what this bastard was trying to do with his Skills! To think his Ruler of the Swamp Skill is so strong... but it is a ten-minute buff only.

Still, it was able to ignore my resistance to it?!

SPLAAAASSSHHH!!!

The poison hit me directly, my HP slowly began going down. I was even Poisoned! Me! The damn Poison Ghost of this story! It was insane... Oh well, my defenses are so high and my MP so much I just used Undead Healing to restore my HP constantly, a good ol' trick.

"Root, are you ready?!"

"I am GYUH!"

Root quickly emerged from behind me as his enormous body had now grown up to twenty meters in the form of a sphere, and then, all this absorbed water transformed into magic power through his plant-like metabolism, a flash of bright daylight emerged from within his eyes.

[Root] has activated the [Life Enhancement: Lv1] Skill!!

[Natural Metabolism has been enhanced in speed by +200%, alongside HP and MP Regeneration Speed by +50%. All Stats have increased by +25%!]

[Life and Light Attribute Magic Power is enhanced by +20%]

FLAAAASH!

[Root] has activated [Sunlight Beam: Lv1]!!

Root's entire body began to absorb all the water he absorbed and transformed it all into his MP, as a massive beam of Sunlight emerged from within his two empty holes of eyes, blasting towards the Swamp Ruler!

BOOOOOOMMMMM!!!

"GRUOOOHHHHH...!"

The enormous Swamp Ruler groaned in agony; its entire body being roasted alive by Root's all-out-attack! Half of its body was burned and roasted. However, it managed to live.

"GRRRRRUOH!"

[The [Ruler of the Swamp] has activated [Call for Help]!]

[Several Monster allies have answered the call!]

SPLASH! SPLASH! SPLASH!

Dozens of giant Anglerfishes only slightly smaller than the Boss emerged all together, as they pointed their open jaws at us, firing hundreds of Poison Bullets!

[The [Giant Poison Anglerfishes] have activated [Poison Bullet Barrage]!]

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

Each bullet had the size of a car and exploded into a loud explosion of poison. It frustrated me this bastard could ignore my poison immunity with his damned ability, which even applied to his subjects through his [Subject Enhancement] Skill.

"I guess you leave me no choice, I am a bit tired of playing around..." I sighed. "[Miasmic Spears]"

Miasma gathered within my surroundings, shaping as hundreds of sharp spears pointing at the Boss and his subjects.

"Die."

Chapter 594 Defeating The Ruler

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Hundreds of sharp, three-meter-long spears made out of materialized Miasma were conjured in mere seconds, as my power was still being filled with this element as I had still activated my Spirit Connection with Tyr.

"Hahaha! That's right! Do it like you should! Stop holding back just so that tree can get more fighting experience!"

Tyr knew very well why I was holding back a lot to let the tree fight and have some challenges so Root could grow better and stronger, but I suppose I've reached my limit.

"GRUOOOHHHH!"

The Lord of the Swamp roared furiously, as he quickly unleashed another Sea of Poison and combined it with Water Torrent, trying to make a barrier of water and poison.

But that's not going to work, in fact, that's perfect...!

"[Black Lightning Strike]! [Dark Storm]! "

[You have combined the effects [Black Lightning Strike: Lv4] and [Dark Storm: Lv6]!]

TRUUUUMM...!

"[Abyssal Thunderstorm]!"

Dark spiraling winds and black lightning converged together into an enormous Lightning Storm made of pure darkness, impacting the shields of the Lord of the Swamp and breaking through his defenses in mere seconds!

CRAAAASHH!!!

SPLAAASH!

The water was thrown away as the fish was electrocuted, hundreds of spears made of materialized Miasma quickly emerged at the same time, piercing through the body of the Swamp Lord constantly!

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

Of course, the Anglerfishes that were serving him were not spared, even after being buffed, they were still C+++ Rank monsters, my Abyssal Thunderstorm blew them off the swamp, just for Root to pick them up in midair by shooting Sunlight Beams and Slicing Leaves at them, roasting them, and slicing them into sashimi!

SLAASH! BOOOM!!!

"GRUOOOHHHH...!"

The Swamp Lord roared in agony, suddenly submerging itself into the swamp! The bastard had tons of HP if he was able to tank two of those hits at the same time!

SPLAAASH!

The Lord of the Swamp began swimming into the depths of the water, conjuring Water Currents and Poison Seas to attack us while it hid underwater!

[The [Lord of the Swamp] has activated [Poisonous Goo Coating]!]

[Magic Damage is reduced by -30% for 20 Minutes.]

[The [Lord of the Swamp] has activated [Giant Body]!]

[Health Points restore at twice the speed and Maximum HP and Defense is increased by +50% for 30 Minutes.

[The [Lord of the Swamp] has activated [High Speed Self Regeneration]!]

[Health Points are restoring at an insane speed, especially while being underwater!]

The System quickly analyzed what the bastard was doing. He used all of his Skills to both tank my hits and even heal?! Is he a B+++ Rank monster for real? I guess there's a difference between mobs and a Dungeon Boss at this Rank.

Dungeon Bosses compared to monsters within their same Rank are often times a hundred times stronger. With higher stats and more useful Skills. And also way more intelligent.

"GGRUOOOHHH!"

[The [Lord of the Swamp] has activated [Call For Help]!]

[The [Lord of the Swamp] has activated [Subject Enhancement]!]

SPLASH! SPLASH! SPLASH! SPLASH!

Suddenly, a dozen more Anglerfishes appeared, all of them pointing their jaws at us and firing more and more Poison Bullets!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOOM!

"Ugh, you're all so annoying... Get away, pests! [Abyssal Thunderstorm]!"

TRUUUUUUMMMM...!

An enormous thunderstorm of darkness impacted the swamps once more, blowing away the fishes into the sky, Root took care of them like before, a good "fishing" way of letting him get the EXP easily, hehe.

"I guess I'll have to get to fishing already as well! [Shadow Thread]!"

I created thousands of threads made of shadows and formed a gigantic fishing net, as I placed it underwater and moved it all the way down where the Swamp Lord was hiding, his HP had already recovered quite a lot!

"GRUOOHHH!"

The Swamp Lord quickly tried to call for more allies, but I easily wrapped his body around my Shadow Thread Net and dragged him to the surface!

SPLAAAASH!

"GROOHHH...!"

Its enormous jaws opened in midair, tearing apart my Shadow Threads and then aiming at me! It's enormous jaws suddenly activated a Skill, as they stared to suction me as if its mouth was an endless black hole.

[The [Lord of the Swamp] has activated [Gluttonous Jaws]!]

[Damage using the Jaws has been increased by +100%!]

[The [Lord of the Swamp] has activated [Absorption]!]

FLUOOOSSSH!

So that was it! He has something similar to my own Unique Skill, but way lesser than before.

"This piece of shit really gets on my nerves! Screw this! Root you're just going to be satisfied with shared EXP! I'm gonna blow this thing into pieces! No more playing around! [Chaotic Meteor]!"

TRUUUUUMM...!

An enormous meteor of crystalized miasma, disease, poison, and darkness and death essence emerged in a single second, as I fired it directly towards the Lord of the Swamp's jaws!

CLAAAAASSSHHHH!!!

"GGRRRRHHHH...!"

The fish struggled horrendously. It suddenly felt shocked a mere spell was stronger than it expected.

"Yeah, I've been holding back, did you think I was weak enough I would let a fish eat me? I am actually pretty damn strong!"

"GRUOOHHHH...!"

The fish couldn't swallow that, quite clearly, and having its interior blow into pieces as the meteor exploded right after that.

BOOOOOOOMMMMMM!!!

An enormous shockwave of darkness and death spread everywhere, the monster ended swallowing one of my most devastating magic nukes!

SPLAAASH!

Its body, torn to pieces, fell over the swamp.

"Phew... Now that's what I call relieving my stress..." I sighed in relief, looking behind me and seeing my Party slaughtering the rest of the monsters quite easily and having fun too.

Lucifer and Brunhild tanked most of the big beasts, slicing them apart with their claws and burning them with their deadly breath.

Emeraldine led the Dwarves as they bombarded the monsters with explosive magic arrows from afar, helping them earn plenty of EXP.

And lastly, Partner was jumping around the giant frogs and slicing them apart into several pieces, all while drinking the blood of anything close by.

Oh right, Takeshi used his fishing rod to just drag monsters from the water and then made them blow into pieces by working in tandem with Laura's Ability.

And Root? He might be close from reaching max level!

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Chapter 595 Level Up Frenzy And New Skills

After the defeat of the Ruler of the Swamp, I felt an enormous flow of EXP reaching into my Soul. My Soul Grimoire quickly began to grow stronger, and so I began to Level up more than I imagined...

And that's not only that, but everyone else leveled up quite more than I had thought we would. When they were finally done killing every single little critter left behind in the swamp, I saw a bunch of holographic windows show up in front of me from my System.

Heh, unlike other people that can only see these messages or hear them inside of their minds, I can see them thanks to my Unique Skill: System! Which has merged with the Soul Book and transformed it into the Soul Grimoire, a pretty handy power.

In fact, thanks to it, I was able to analyze the battle pretty well...

Ding!

[You have defeated [Ruler of the Swamp: Lv76] [Rank: B+++] x1!]

[You and your Party have defeated [Giant Poison Anglerfish (C+++ Rank)] x73!]

[You and your Party have defeated [Little Acid Swamp Slime (D+ Rank)] x334!]

[You and your Party have defeated [Giant Acid Swamp Slime (C+ Rank)] x27!]

[You and your Party have defeated [Giant Greater Swamp Salamander (C++ Rank)] x82!]

[You and your Party have defeated [Giant Javelin Fish (C+++ Rank)] x103!]

[You and your Party have defeated [Tyrant Poisonous Frog (C+++ Rank)] x72!]

[Calculating EXP earned...]

[EXP earned has been increased through the effects of various Skills!]

[You earned 26734000 EXP!]

[Level Up!]

[Level Up!]

[Level Up!]

[Level Up!]

[Level Up!]

[Your Level has increased from Level 66 to Level 71!]

[All your Stats have increased!]

[You gained Bonus System Points!]

[The Maximum Amount of System Points you earn per Level has increased.]

[Some of your Skills have leveled up!]

[You have successfully made [Soul Familiar Contract] with [Tyr, Chaos and Miasma Spirit]!]

[You learned the [Skill Resistance: Lv1] Resistance Skill!]

[You learned the [Spirit Fusion: Lv1] Magic Skill!]

[You acquired the [Yggdrasil's Botanist: Lv1] Title Skill]

[You acquired the [Swamp Queen: Lv1] Title Skill!]

[The [Fish Slayer: Lv10] and [Amphibian Slayer: Lv10] Skills have awakened into [Aquatic Monster Exterminator: Lv1]

Woah, I got a lot of Levels out of that! I can't believe it, that many out of this low level Dungeon? Maybe because we hunted almost a thousand monsters? Plus all the multipliers, and my necessary EXP being reduced by over half too... I guess it makes sense.

Damn, it feels nice to have grown a bit stronger out of this little trip where I didn't really expected much to happen. That Boss really helped us earn EXP by how much it called for backup.

Now, let's see these new Skills, there's some quite interesting ones in here.

[Skill Resistance: Lv1]

A Resistance Skill that only those that have opposed the power of Skills themselves and overcome them can acquire. Reduces Damage Dealt and Effects of Skills used against the user by -5% with each Skill Level.

Oooh?! This one's pretty interesting! It feels like I am becoming more resistant to everything like this! Every single living being uses Skills. So I guess this helps me reduce damage from everything? I guess it is better than I thought. Even if its just 5% per level, at level 10 that would be 50%!

[Spirit Fusion: Lv1]

A Skill that only those that have both contracted a Spirit as their Familiar and created a strong connection can acquire. Allows for the fusion of both Master and Spirit, combining the traits of the Spirit into the master's body. Greatly increases all Stats by +25% and Elemental Damage of the designed Spirit by +20% with each Skill Level whenever the Master and the Spirit are fused. Additionally, special Spells and Abilities are unlocked upon Fusion, which become stronger with each Skill Level.

[Yggdrasil's Botanist: Lv1]

A Title Skill granted to those that have grown incredibly strong Trees using their abilities and talents. Someone that love plants and is willing to even sacrifice their life for them can acquire this Skill. Not anybody!

Enhances the growth of all Plants within the user's care by +100% with an additional +20% with each Skill Level. Plants stats are enhanced by +10% with each Skill Level.

The first one seems like it is ideal, just what I wanted to get anyways! With this not only with Tyr, but Veredorr and even Francesco and Silvio, I'll be able to easily get their power once we merge.

[Swamp Queen: Lv1]

A Title only bestowed to someone that has singlehandedly defeated the previous Lord of the Swamp. Greatly increases stats while being within a Swamp by +30% with each Skill Level. Additionally, Aquatic-type tamed Monsters become stronger and can grow rapidly, and Water Magic Damage is enhanced by +50%. The Swamp becomes the user's domain.

[Aquatic Monster Exterminator: Lv1]

A Title Skill that can only awaken once Fish Slayer and Amphibian Slayer Titles reach Level 10. It enhances damage dealt against all Aquatic-type Monsters by +150%, with an additional +25% with each Skill Level. Additionally, it is possible to drain Aquatic-type Monsters HP and MP with each inflicted attack that deals at least some damage to them. The user can also swim below water at amazing speeds and breath underwater.

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Oh well, these two Titles are to die for as well, they're pretty good too. And come with some... interesting effects. I guess being stronger in swamps is nice? Even though we're almost finished in here.

I didn't expected Fish and Amphibian Slayers to level up so soon to level 10, but I guess we killed so many monsters that it ended being enough, just like when my Bug Slayer Skill leveled up quickly once we began killing the ants.

That flat enhancement to damage dealt against Aquatic-type Monsters is very good as well, I feel like I could just punch that Ruler of the Swamp or whatever it was called and blow it off the swamp in no time now...

And... I am supposed to be the Queen of the Swamp now?

Chapter 596 Evolution Possibilities

"Somebody once told me the world is gonna roll me..."

"What are you even singing?"

"Ah..."

Lucifer showed up behind me as he wondered what I was on about.

"Ah, I just remembered this old movie about... a Ruler of a swamp, or something like that." I sighed.
"Anyways, I think we're done here, huh?"

"Yeah, I can't believe I gained some levels out of this low-level dungeon." Brunhild seemed happy.

"This was a surprising discovery." Lucifer smiled.

Yeah, and I also leveled up five times!

[Name]: [Maria Fuentes Belles]

[Status]: [Strengthened, Cursed]

[Race]: [Beelzebub]

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

[Level]: [65/80] -> [71/80]

[EXP]: [2963000/5600000]

[Rank]: [A++]

[HP]: [162000/162000]

[MP]: [370000/370000]

[Attack]: [102000]

[Defense]: [104000]

[Magic]: [360000]

[Agility]: [162000]

[Aether]: [115]

[System Points]: [622000]

[Soul Grimoire Abilities]: [Analysis], [Skill Shop], [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: Lv6] [Abyss Eater: Lv3] [Lesser Soul Scape: Lv1]

[Resistance Skills]: [Status Effect Immunity: Lv--] [Greater Magic Damage Resistance: Lv7] [Darkness Resistance: Lv10] [Fear Resistance: Lv10] [Elemental Resistance: Lv9] [Poison/Toxin/Venom Absorption: Lv-] [Erosion Resistance: Lv4] [Holy Light Resistance: Lv3] [Ice Resistance: Lv3] [Water Resistance: Lv4] [Skill Resistance: Lv1]

[Physical Skills]: [Phantasmal Grasp: Lv8] [Masterful Stealth: Lv5] [Cursed Abyssal Blade Arts: Lv3] [Barbaric Dark Axe Arts: Lv3] [Phantasmal Limbs: Lv7] [Fist Strike: Lv9] [Piercing Spear Attack: Lv6]

[Magical Skills]: [Greater Curse: Lv6] [Life Absorption: Lv7] [Phantasmal Puppeteer: Lv2] [Dark Sun: Lv6] [Dark Storm: Lv7] [Abyssal Spear Arrow: Lv5] [Abyssal Barrier: Lv5] [Abyss Manipulation: Lv5] [Black Lightning Strike: Lv5] [Transfiguration of Death: Lv4] [Soul Devourer: Lv3] [Undead Detonation: Lv9] [Shadow Thread: Lv8] [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: Lv5] [Dungeon Manipulation: Lv2] [Abyssal Demon Transformation: Lv3] [Illusory Delusion: Lv4] [Mind Bending: Lv4] [Insect Manipulation: Lv4] [Miasmic Essence Manipulation: Lv4] [Gate of the Underworld: Lv3] [Phantasmal Flames: Lv3] [Bone Weapon and Armor Creation: Lv3]

[Support Skills]: [Shadow Storage: Lv10] [Death Restoration: Lv3] [Erase Presence: Lv10] [Summon: Lv8] [Spirit Summon: Lv5] [Spirit Connection: Lv3] [Spirit Fusion: Lv2] [Aura of Famine: Lv9] [Embodiment: Lv2] [Cooking: Lv4] [Hunting: Lv4] [Split Thinking: Lv8] [Mental Mapping: Lv7] [Phantasmal Stomach: Lv8] [Farming: Lv3] [Alchemy: Lv3] [Mining: Lv3] [Dismantle: Lv3] [Taming: Lv2] [Mana Transfer: Lv3] [Novice Alchemist Recipe Book: Lv3] [Smithing: Lv2] [Chopping: Lv2]

[Title Skills]: [The Dark Witch: Lv8] [Dungeon Conqueror: Lv6] [Big Game Slayer: Lv9] [Taboo Mark: Lv8] [Bringer of Misfortune: Lv10] [Undead Queen: Lv9] [Evil of the World: Lv7] [Pickpocket: Lv7] [Apprentice Swordsman: Lv9] [Apprentice Axe Warrior: Lv7] [Apprentice Spear User: Lv4] [Apprentice Thread User: Lv6] [Spirit Queen: Lv5] [Spirit Mediator: Lv5] [Poison Queen: Lv6] [Merciless Assassin: Lv6] [God of Light Nemesis: Lv5] [Shameless Degenerate: Lv4] [Opportunistic Buyer: Lv5] [Plague Exterminator: Lv3] [Gluttonous Eater: Lv7] [Saint of Death: Lv6] [Deceiver: Lv4] [Undead Slayer: Lv5] [Slime Slayer: Lv3] [King Slayer: Lv5] [Dungeon Master: Lv4] [Dungeon Destroyer: Lv4] [Queen of Flies: Lv3] [Sin of Gluttony: Lv4] [Mold Breaker: Lv5] [Sacrilegious Existence: Lv3] [Vampire Slayer: Lv1] [Little Farmer: Lv3] [Bookworm: Lv2] [Clandestine Brewer: Lv3] [Greedy Miner: Lv3] [Butcherer: Lv3] [Gotta Catch Them All!: Lv2] [Mythical Beast Slayer: Lv4] [Purifier Of Chaos: Lv3] [Explosion Maniac: Lv3] [Infernal Queen: Lv2] [Ice Monster Slayer: Lv2] [Human Slayer: Lv2] [Apprentice Blacksmith: Lv2] [Bone Queen: Lv2] [Lumberjack: Lv2] [Dragon Slayer: Lv1] [Relentless Hunter: Lv1] [Soul Scape Master: Lv1] [Calamity Kindergarten: Lv1] [Merciless Killer: Lv1] [Yggdrasil's Botanist: Lv1] [Swamp Queen: Lv1] [Aquatic Monster Exterminator: Lv1]

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

[Soul Scape Spirit Treasures]: [Withering Trees of Death (Lesser Spirit Treasure)] [Red Flowers of Blood (Lesser Spirit Treasure)], [Purple Flowers of Poison (Lesser Spirit Treasure)] [Black Flowers of Darkness (Lesser Spirit Treasure)]

Heheheh, my stats have risen greatly! Now I have over 100k Attack and Defense! I am finally a powerful tank! I am a ghost tank! Who would had ever thought about that?!

And not only that but my MP and Magic keep getting higher and higher. This is only getting better now, and I am getting super close to my Evolution, only nine levels left before the big evolution comes! I might be able to reach S Rank after evolving! Isn't that absolutely insane?!

Me... a S Rank monster.

I could be like a giant... abomination destroying everything.

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No, wait... that's not what I actually want, but it would surely make me feel safer if I get to that Rank. Only idiots mess around with S Rank monsters after all!

I would be in another league completely! No more idiots fooling around with me, I would be smashing them to bits!

Well, it's not like I can't do that right now either... but S Rank has a nice ring to it, so I'll surely become a powerful S Rank monster.

Though something also worries me about this.

Each of my evolution have been more gross than the other.

I started as a Lesser Ghost I think, then I became a Dark Ghost, and then... Huhhh, I turned into a Pandora, and from there a Gorgon, and then... Beelzebub.

What's next?

Will I turn into some sort of Eldritch Abomination?

I mean my Race name already has an archdemon as its name! What else could I become after Beelzebub? And then after Beelzebub's evolution?

Kind of makes me wonder...

FLAAASH!

And right as I was thinking that a sudden flash of bright blue light emerged before all of us.

A holographic window everybody could see.

Oh, this is a Dungeon Message, they usually happen once a Dungeon is Conquered through normal means.

I've heard about it!

FLAAASH!

It was similar to my own System, a large holographic window showing a message about this Dungeon being conquered and congratulating us for it. Pretty interesting stuff if I say so myself.

[Congratulations! You're the first Party to have conquered the Dungeon in over 10 Years!]

[You will be rewarded accordingly to your efforts!]

[Your Reward has been generated: [Random Item Box (C Grade)] x5, [Magic Potion of Wizardly (B Grade)] x5, [Grimoire of Dark Reign (B+ Grade)] x1!]

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Chapter 597 Dismantling And Storing

Because I have only completed two Dungeons so far, and I forcefully took over them after destroying their evil Dungeon Bosses, I've never had the actual privilege of seeing these messages show up, but Helga has told us about them before.

FLAAASH!

It was similar to my own System, a large holographic window showing a message about this Dungeon being conquered and congratulating us for it. Pretty interesting stuff if I say so myself.

[Congratulations! You're the first Party to have conquered the Dungeon in over 10 Years!]

[You will be rewarded accordingly to your efforts!]

[Your Reward has been generated: [Random Item Box (C Grade)] x5, [Magic Potion of Wizardly (B Grade)] x5, [Grimoire of Dark Reign (B+ Grade)] x1!]

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Right in front of me, several items suddenly materialized in mere seconds.

I was left slightly surprised!

The monsters here barely dropped any potion or low-quality equipment, but after defeating the boss we were rewarded quite nicely.

Actually, it seems I wasn't the only one being given items, everyone else got some Random Item Box, apparently, alongside special stat boosting potions and another items, sometimes equipment, even.

"Amazing! This is the first time I see Dungeon Rewards delivered directly in front of me." Helga said in surprise. "So this is what it means to Conquer a Dungeon!"

"Oh! I got a big box with ten potions inside!" Blackard celebrated.

"I got a Magic Bracelet that let me conjure [Fireball]?!"

"This ring makes a Barrier of Light!"

"Oh, a Lesser Elixir! I am rich!"

"What the heck is a gacha ticket?"

The Dwarves quickly celebrated their rewards, everyone got their own little thing. Due to the prices in this country, those that got potions celebrated the most, as they sold for a very pretty penny in the market.

"Hm, these Item Boxes give a lot of junk, why would I want the skin of a green jungle snake?" Asked Lucifer. "I don't think I'll be using any of this... Maria, do you want it?"

"Oh?! S-Sure?" I was happy to get the stuff others didn't really cared for. "Thanks a lot honey!"

I didn't thought he would as generous as to gift me everything he got. Hehehe, more for me then!

"I'll be practicing Crafting and the like, so I'll keep my stuff." Brunhild said. "I also like to hoard a treasury to sit over, so anything is useful..."

Brunhild smiled, she was a very traditional dragon, while Lucifer had not much interest in making a hoard himself, his sister has been building her own for a while now, she had a pile of gold and other materials and equipment she brought to our village. I had tried picking a few things but she's always keeping an eye on the hoard and reprimands me if I steal anything.

...I actually can't believe she can keep up with every single thing she has, I guess I'll have to leave her hoard for herself and not be a pickpocket.

"There's several interesting materials for alchemy here..." Said Emeraldine. "I'll make sure to use them well. Oh, I even got a Potion Ring!"

"Potion Ring?" I asked.

"It is a special Ring that can be used to heal wounds, it generates potion every 24 hours." Said Emeraldine. "I could upgrade it to become an Elixir Ring... But I need more ingredients for that."

"Woah that would be so useful if you get it! Like that you could always heal yourself if you're ever tired or wounded. I can heal mostly everyone with my Undead Healing except you." I sighed.

"Yeah, I know, drinking potions in the middle of an intense life or death battle is normally a bit of a hassle and even the ones we have can't completely heal our big amounts of HP, so this is the plan." Emeraldine nodded.

"Well thought!" I nodded.

Even Root got his rewards, as he quickly opened the boxes he got and several random items dropped. He seemed confused about them and ended swallowing them all as if they were food. At the end, he grew slightly stronger by eating materials, although it is a bit of a waste... well, everyone can do whatever they want with their rewards.

Takeshi and Laura also wanted to learn crafting and alchemy, so they were going to keep their materials. For now, however, they asked me to pack everything in my Inventory though. I've been bringing everyone's luggage in my Inventory for a while now.

And as we decided to fly back to the beach of the Swamp, I quickly decided to dismantle the corpses of monsters to get even more materials, especially the boss must have tons of nice ingredients!

"Dismantle! Store! Dismantle! Store! Dismantle! Store! Dismantle! Store! Dismantle!
Store! Dismantle! Store! Dismantle! Store! Dismantle! Store! Dismantle! Store! Dismantle! Store!"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Countless floating carcasses began to be dismantled into materials which were then stored inside of my Inventory as item icons, they were even nicely stylized resembling pixel art-made items from video games... it looks nice and stylish.

Ding!

[You acquired [Acidic Slime Ooze] x55, [Acid Swamp Slime Shattered Core Piece] x82, [Acidic Fragrance Bottle] x7]

Ding!

[You acquired [Salamander's Oily Skin] x46, [Salamander's Soft Venomous Meat and Bones] x66, [Giant Salamander's Eyeballs] x22, [Swamp Salamander's Goopy Mucus] x9]

Ding!

[You acquired [Poisonous Frog's Venom-Producing Organs] x64, [Venomous Tongue Weapon] x45, [Poisonous Frogs Eyeballs] x37, [Poisonous Frogs Meat and Bones] x83]

Ding!

[You acquired [Anglerfish Meat and Bones] x27, [Giant Anglerfish Bait] x21, [Spear Fish's Skull] x31, [Arrow Fish Meat and Bones] x43, [Poison-Resistance Anglerfish Scales] x77]

Ding!

[You acquired [Ruler of the Swamp's Eyes] x2, [Ruler of the Swamp's Element Resistant Scales] x20, [Ruler of the Swamp's Meat and Bones] x40, [Water Bending Organs] x5, [Poison Producing Glands] x4, [Ruler of the Swamp's Aquatic Heart Core] x1]

Damn that's a lot more materials than I expected to get! And that's when I haven't even checked the new ones I got just now from the Dungeon Reward. I think I am already getting tons of ideas of how to mix them up through Alchemy or Forging... Heheh.

Chapter 598 Root's New Evolution

"Gyugyuh! Master! I have grown stronger; I think I can evolve now...!"

Root rushed at my side in his Spirit Form, having gone back to his small and huggable form, I couldn't help but hug him tightly.

"You're already evolving again? I guess this day was quite fruitful if we got you so strong! Only this morning you were a tiny sapling." I sighed.

"Leveling Systems are broken! GYUH!" Root said.

"You're very right... Alright, let's see what you're up to..." I looked into Root's status.

[Root] earned a large quantity of EXP]

[Root] earned EXP has increased due to various Skill Effects!]

[Root] has Leveled Up!]

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[Root] has Leveled Up to Level 40!]

[All of [Root] stats have increased]

[Root] Special Skill Effects have been activated, Skill Proficiency to all Skills upon Leveling Up has been distributed]

[Several of [Root] Skills have leveled up!]

[Root] has reached Max Level!!

[Name]: [Root]

[Status]: [Cursed]

[Race]: [Magic Treant (Special)]

[Level]: [0/40] -> [40/40]

[Rank]: [C+]

[HP]: [52825/52825]

[MP]: [56640/56640]

[Attack]: [34125]

[Defense]: [52630]

[Magic]: [52530]

[Agility]: [33715]

[Aether]: [40]

[Characteristic Skills]: [Dark Element: Lv--] [Nature Element: Lv--] [Life Element: Lv--] [Light Element: Lv--]
[Seed of Calamity: Lv3] [Spirit Nest: Lv3] [Wood Shapeshifting: Lv4] [Life Drain: Lv4] [Powerful
Endurance: Lv2] [Spirit Embodiment: Lv2] [Yggdrasil's Seed: Lv2]

[Resistance Skills]: [Physical Resistance: Lv4] [Magical Resistance: Lv5] [Status Effect Resistance: Lv6]
[Poison Resistance: Lv5] [Water Resistance: Lv2] [Acid Resistance: Lv5] [Water Resistance: Lv4]

[Physical Skills]: [Uproot: Lv5] [Rest: Lv4] [Wooden Needle: Lv4] [Draining Roots: Lv4] [Automatic
Recovery: Lv4] [Piercing Spear Attack: Lv2] [Defensive Shield: Lv2]

[Magical Skills]: [Sharp Leaf Projectile: Lv5] [Relaxing Aroma: Lv5] [Wooden Spear: Lv4] [Wooden Shield:
Lv2] [Plant Growth Enhancement: Lv2] [Shadow Bullet: Lv2] [Sunlight Beam: Lv2] [Life Enhancement:
Lv2]

[Support Skills]: [Healing Leaf: Lv5] [Magic Leaf: Lv3] [Healing Nature Light: Lv1]

[Title Skills]: [Servant of the Apostle of Death: Lv3] [Treant Progenitor: Lv3] [Forest Master: Lv4]
[Nature's Guardian: Lv3] [Merciless Killer: Lv3] [Aquatic Monster Exterminator: Lv1] [Yggdrasil's Chosen:
Lv2]

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

[Description]

A Magic Treant is a special variety of Treants, accursed walking Treants capable of wielding and manipulation Mana to conjure powerful Elemental Magic. It is said that some can even awaken several elements at once and utilize powerful Magic Spells to defend themselves from foes.

They're often peaceful and sometimes have many friends in the forest which they let to live in between the cracks and crevices of their bodies, which they protect bravely... it is also said that they have these

"friends" as emergency food once their own runs out or when there's little sunlight or water to feed themselves.

Yeah, those stats are pretty good- Wait what?!

"EH?! Treant your stat growth is insane at C+ Rank! What the heck?!"

"GYUH! I shall become stronger for Master! Protect Master at all costs!"

Root seemed happy to have grown this strong. His Stat Growth currently should be something like this after calculating a bit...

<STAT GROWTH PER LEVEL>

[HP]: 1000

[MP]: 1000

[Attack]: 700

[Defense]: 1100

[Magic]: 1100

[Agility]: 700

Which was completely nuts! How did he get so many stats growth boosts like this?

No... wait, I know why...

He drank that Yggdrasil's Sap, and got some skills that boosted his growth too, and then there's the other thing, his other Skills such as Seed of Calamity and stuff.

I suppose all of that added up and then made his stat growth completely insanely bloated. He's now growing so strong he's comparable to a B- Rank monster, maybe. Or perhaps even stronger.

"Alright! I guess it is your time to evolve, do it!" I said with a nod.

"GYUH!"

Root jumped into the ground after sitting over my head and transformed back into his Treant form, a big and tall tree with four enormous root-made legs.

"Evolution!"

FLAAASH!

As he shouted that rather cutely, his entire body began to glow brightly. However, it immediately began growing larger.

His bark started being torn apart from his body, as he started growing bigger... and bigger, and bigger. And bigger...!

How big is he getting?!

FLASH!

Once the light dissipated from his body, a brand-new Root was made!

He was now... fifteen meters tall.

Yeah... I know Lucifer gets super big but for a tiny tree to get to fifteen meters of height, its impressive.

His body was very big, so his roots became even larger, like gigantic bug-like legs, he had three pairs of them, each one around three to four meters big and incredibly thick to carry such a big body.

His bark was still dark brown, but it had a majestic sheen to it. And now his leaves became completely purple-colored, with some dark blue mixed in between.

Lastly, he had new fruits growing from his branches, they resembled purple apples and seemed filled with poison. I don't know if they're edible for most people. Although I am fairly sure I can eat them.

His face became bigger as well, his mouth resembled a large curved ww-shaped mouth, his two eyes were big holes where a faint blue light came from within, and his nose a long and sharp branch with a few leaves growing on its tip.

And now, aside from his legs, he had two massive wooden arms, coming from atop his body, the branches merged into gigantic wooden arms and he even had big fists!

He's way too big now! Can he even get out of the dungeon safely? I am slightly worried...

Ding!

[Root] has evolved into [Tyrant Treant Guardian (Special)]!

"Woah, Root, you've really evolved into something quite amazing!"

"GYUGYUGYUHH!"

His voice had become louder and more profound as well, his very presence intimidating everyone else... just for a few seconds before they got used to him.

"I knew he was going to get big but this is... Wow." Emeraldine sighed.

"Woah! Can I climb you, Root?!" Partner was excited to climb him.

"I wonder if he'll get as big as I am in my dragon form..." Lucifer began to needlessly worry.

Chapter 599 Tyrant Treant Guardian

Root had become enormous! Utterly gigantic! He was now fifteen meters tall, and in fact, he could get way bigger as he leveled up, just like his previous evolutions.

Ding!

[Root] has evolved into [Tyrant Treant Guardian (Special)]!

"Woah, Root, you've really evolved into something quite amazing!"

"GYUGYUGYUHH!"

His voice had become louder and more profound as well, his very presence intimidating everyone else... just for a few seconds before they got used to him.

"I knew he was going to get big but this is... Wow." Emeraldine sighed.

"Woah! Can I climb you, Root?!" Partner was excited to climb him.

"I wonder if he'll get as big as I am in my dragon form..." Lucifer began to needlessly worry.

As everyone commented on Root's change of appearance through the day, I looked into his Status rather curiously.

[Name]: [Root]

[Status]: [Cursed]

[Race]: [Tyrant Treant Guardian (Special)]

[Level]: [0/60]

[Rank]: [B+++]

[HP]: [72825/72825]

[MP]: [66640/66640]

[Attack]: [54125]

[Defense]: [62630]

[Magic]: [62530]

[Agility]: [33715]

[Aether]: [60]

[Characteristic Skills]: [Dark Element: Lv--] [Nature Element: Lv--] [Life Element: Lv--] [Light Element: Lv--]
[Seed of Calamity: Lv4] [Spirit Nest: Lv4] [Wood Shapeshifting: Lv5] [Life Drain: Lv5] [Powerful
Endurance: Lv4] [Spirit Embodiment: Lv3] [Yggdrasil's Seed: Lv3]

[Resistance Skills]: [Physical Resistance: Lv5] [Magical Resistance: Lv6] [Status Effect Resistance: Lv7]
[Poison Resistance: Lv6] [Acid Resistance: Lv6] [Water Resistance: Lv7] [Light Resistance: Lv1] [Darkness
Resistance: Lv1]

[Physical Skills]: [Uproot: Lv6] [Rest: Lv5] [Wooden Needle: Lv5] [Draining Roots: Lv5] [Automatic
Recovery: Lv5] [Piercing Spear Attack: Lv4] [Defensive Shield: Lv4] [Powerful Bark Armor: Lv1] [Tyrant's
Wooden Arms: Lv1] [Fist Strike: Lv1] [Body Slam: Lv1] [Smash: Lv1] [Explosive Fruit: Lv1]

[Magical Skills]: [Sharp Leaf Projectile: Lv6] [Relaxing Aroma: Lv6] [Wooden Spear: Lv5] [Wooden Shield:
Lv4] [Plant Growth Enhancement: Lv4] [Shadow Bullet: Lv4] [Sunlight Beam: Lv3] [Life Enhancement:
Lv3] [Roots of Life: Lv1] [Light Barrier: Lv1] [Holy Fist: Lv1]

[Support Skills]: [Healing Leaf: Lv7] [Magic Leaf: Lv6] [Healing Nature Light: Lv4] [Fruit of Life: Lv1]

[Title Skills]: [Servant of the Apostle of Death: Lv4] [Treant Progenitor: Lv4] [Forest Master: Lv5]
[Nature's Guardian: Lv4] [Merciless Killer: Lv3] [Aquatic Monster Exterminator: Lv1] [Yggdrasil's Chosen:
Lv3] [Tyrant Guardian of the Apostle of Death: Lv1]

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

[Description]

Tyrant Guardian Treants are one in a million Treants that have managed to further evolve and become stronger and bigger. Their body sizes can reach high into the forests, surpassing even thirty meters of height when fully grown. Their enormous legs allow them to walk on land and travel through distances rapidly, and their gigantic branch arms grants them the ability to smash and destroy anything that dares get in their way.

Tyrant Guardians are both good at physical offense, defense, and magic power, all while being excellent tanks. However, their most obvious weakness is their slow movement speed, which they cannot easily compensate for... Unless they were to learn a Transformation Skill that allowed for a smaller and more compact body size.

Tyrant Guardian Treants are able to produce delicious and sweet fruit, but also poisonous and explosive fruit that once picked from the branches, will explode and most of the time kill or poison anything that dared to touch it... they only give sweet fruits to those they trust.

Woah, his stats are a bit too much for Level 0 B+++ Rank Monster... Why do I feel envious of a walking tree now? Ugh, well, it is my Root, so it is fine. He's pretty strong, so he's going to be our secondary tank aside from Lucifer. Ah right, Brunhild's there too, so she's the second, I guess Root is the third then? You never have enough Tanks anyways.

POOOOF!

However, he quickly used Spirit Embodiment, turning into his small form. It looked almost the same but his tiny legs became slightly bigger, and the tiny wings became bigger as well, only a tiny bit bigger, so they still looked small.

Root had so many new Skills it was pretty crazy to look at all of them. I decided to leave it for later, but by reading his Race description I can already tell he can do a lot, from tanking to attacking to healing, he's a complete all-rounder whose only flaw is perhaps being weak to fire and being slow.

He didn't get anything new in Characteristic Skills, but the others did get a few of them, and some a lot.

For Resistances he got [Light Resistance: Lv1] [Darkness Resistance: Lv1] which will come pretty handy.

For Physical Skills he [Powerful Bark Armor: Lv1] [Tyrant's Wooden Arms: Lv1] [Fist Strike: Lv1] [Body Slam: Lv1] [Smash: Lv1] [Explosive Fruit: Lv1]. The first one's for defense for sure, while the rest are all about physical damage using his new arms- and of course, Explosive Fruit so he can throw bombs as he likes.

After that, Magical Skills he got [Roots of Life: Lv1] [Light Barrier: Lv1] and [Holy Fist: Lv1]. The first and second one seem to be related with healing and protection? Though Roots of Life must have other effects as well, it seems interesting. Lastly Holy Fist seems crazy strong, it combines well with his physical strength using his giant log arms as well...

For Support Skills, he only got [Fruit of Life: Lv1], it is probably an even better healing leaf... And lastly, Title Skills with [Tyrant Guardian of the Apostle of Death: Lv1], this one seems to have recognized him as my guardian or whatever, so he gets defensive boosts as long as he's at my side. Pretty interesting if I say so myself.

Because Hel gave him her Divine Protection, he's probably immediately becoming a "part of my party" in terms of Apostle of Death terms, I think. So it makes sense... to an extent that this is happening, I think.

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After I stored all the materials, which I was going to use to make some pretty amazing materials to complete our next Dungeon's challenge, I looked into the items I got, the holographic window was still there. I had acquired three sets of items myself.

[Congratulations! You're the first Party to have conquered the Dungeon in over 10 Years!]

[You will be rewarded accordingly to your efforts!]

[Your Reward has been generated: [Random Item Box (C Grade)] x5, [Magic Potion of Wizardly (B Grade)] x5, [Grimoire of Dark Reign (B+ Grade)] x1!]

However, something new showed up right after, only for me...

[Due to having defeated the [Ruler of the Swamp] alone, you've been gifted the [Swamp Dungeon's Hidden Boss Key (A Grade)] x1!]

[Defeat the Hidden Boss to attain even greater rewards!]

Wait, hidden boss key?! So there's a hidden boss nobody knows about in here? And wait, this is the first time I see a Dungeon being so nice with me!

From what I remember, the two dungeons I even visited were psychos. One wanted to consume everything and didn't care about rules. And the second was being controlled by a fragment of the Evil God, it is where I got myself Tyr.

So my memory of dungeons is pretty bad. I guess they have all kinds of personalities. Some go by their rules and are nice to their visitors, perhaps they actually benefit from the monsters being slain, after all when monsters die inside dungeons, the dungeons can recycle the mana used to make them into a cycle.

This way they keep growing stronger by recycling their own energy, so that's why they need people to come kill monsters. Of course, they also benefit if the people die so they give them their tasty souls and flesh and all of that.

But if that doesn't happen, the dungeons shouldn't really get mad at the humans. I guess the two I fought were... too weird compared to the normal ones, which are cooperative and rather challenging.

The Swamp Dungeon Core is intelligent enough, I am sure of it. The Dungeon Core is probably wanting to get rid of this Dungeon it summoned. Maybe by error or something? So it gives me the key to slay it.

If I die, it gains tons of magic, and if the dungeon boss dies, it also gains mana and energy, and gets rid of the annoying pest it had to forcefully seal away... I guess it is pretty obvious that dungeons always have a win-win condition.

It is only when they get overly ambitious and greedy like the first dungeon I ever visited, which I went to visit later once it was corrupted with souls and miasma that they begin actively working against the people visiting them, and angrily try to get them killed as soon as they can.

Huh... Oh well, first of all, let's check these items. Later I'll think about it. It wasn't much of a challenge for everyone, so perhaps fighting this Hidden Boss might be a nice warm up for tomorrow's dungeon raid. I doubt anybody would reject the nice EXP either.

But for now, time to check the items...

[Random Item Box (C Grade)] x5

A Random Item Box containing up to C Grade Materials of all types, which can be used for Alchemy and Crafting, or even Cooking! Once opened, a roulette will begin, press the button to get what you want. Be careful, the roulette goes very fast.

[Magic Potion of Wizardly (B Grade)] x5

A Special Potion crafted with top tier ingredients which can permanently increase MP and Magic by 100 up to 1000 when drank. Cannot be used as material for ingredients, if used, it will explode.

[Grimoire of Dark Reign (B+ Grade)] x1

A Special Grimoire left behind by the Ancient Black Dragon, Dark Reign. A powerful Black Dragon that inhabits the Svartalfheim Continent. His knowledge over Dark Magic and the depth of the Abyss knows no bounds.

By reading this Grimoire and comprehending its wisdom and then using it as an item, Darkness Attribute Damage increases by +10% permanently, and Comprehension over Darkness Magic increases greatly. There's a 50% chance for a 3 random Dark Attribute Magic Skills to Level up from 1 to 5 levels, and a 10% for them to Evolve into greater Skills.

Eeeh?! They're all amazing! What the heck?

The Item Boxes are alright, I'll open them to see what I get.

But aside from them, the potions and this grimoire are top tier stuff!

I have to quickly use them to get stronger! There's no time to waste!

I quickly drank all wizardly potions.

They were slightly sweet wine-like taste.

After drinking them all, I felt slightly dizzy, but I felt the power of magic overflowing across my body, as I began glowing purple in color.

Pretty amazing!

Ding!

[You gained +450 MP and +300 Magic]

[You gained +600 MP and +200 Magic]

[You gained +150 MP and +700 Magic]

[You gained +1000 MP and +800 Magic]

[You gained +800 MP and +400 Magic]

[You gained a total of +3000 MP and +2400 Magic!]

Damn, I got almost a level worth of MP and Magic, this is nice...

Now, let's try to read this grimoire!

I grabbed the Grimoire, as its pages started flickering rapidly.

"I am Dark Reign, the Ancient Dark Dragon, descendant of the Primordial Dragon of Darkness, Svartalf. In this book I record my dark and endless path towards attaining the abyss of knowledge that is the element of darkness. The endless void that stretches across the horizons of the sky has no bounds, a

boundless journey that might end in my ultimate peril as I research this evil path with my darkest desires unbound..."

I stopped reading as I sighed, closing the grimoire.

"What the heck is up with this chuunibyou dragon?!"