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"Hm? What is going on- UWAAAH?!" Emeraldine instantly noticed her big, butterfly-like golden and green colored wings. "W-What is this?! W-Wings?! I am a bug now?!"

"Hahaha, no, dummy, you're not a bug." I laughed a bit. "You've just evolved, didn't you realize?"

"E-Eh? Huh?" Emeraldine quickly looked at her own status, most likely. "T-That's right, I evolved... I am S Rank! I must have earned enough EXP in the hunts I participated in... And all the EXP I got from creating so many potions through alchemy."

"Well done then!" I congratulated her, giving her a head pat. "How do you feel?"

"Rather well, I feel- Ah, my scars..." Emeraldine looked at her own body, there were no longer any scars in them. "They're all gone, completely... It feels- Ah, it feels as if my entire body was purified, everything..."

"I'm glad that you feel better." I nodded. "How about we have some breakfast while you try out your new magic?"

"Sure then!" Emeraldine agreed, trying to fly, however, she was clumsy and ended hitting the ceiling. "Ouch! Ahh... Flying is not that easy..."

"Well you can just float with magic anyways, right?" I wondered.

"B-But I have these wings now... I might as well use them properly, right?" Emeraldine said. "Anyways, let's go have something to eat then."



I guess he didn't had any clue, but I might figure out something by checking his Status, but it is rather suspicious how his evolution was at the same time as Emeraldine's evolution, maybe it means something
[Name]: [Root]
[Race]: [World Treant (Special)] I think you should take a look at
[Level]: [1/100]
[Rank]: [S]
[HP]: [1250000/1250000]
[MP]: [765000/765000]
[Attack]: [550000]
[Defense]: [625000]
[Magic]: [625000]
[Agility]: [225000]
[Aether]: [120]

[Characteristic Skills]: [Dark Element: Lv--] [Nature Element: Lv--] [Life Element: Lv--] [Light Element: Lv--] [Spirit Element: Lv--] [Spirit Element: Lv--] [Seed of Calamity: Lv8] [Spirit Nest: Lv10] [Wood Shapeshifting: Lv10] [Life Drain: Lv10] [Powerful Endurance: Lv10] [Spirit Embodiment: Lv8] [Yggdrasil's Seed: Lv7] [Yggdrasil's Crest: Lv1] [Lesser Divinity: World Tree: Lv1] [Divine Spirit Tree Body: Lv1] [Calamity Body: Lv1]

[Resistance Skills]: [Physical Resistance: Lv10] [Magical Resistance: Lv10] [Status Effect Immunity: Lv--] [Poison Resistance: Lv10] [Acid Resistance: Lv10] [Water Resistance: Lv10] [Light Resistance: Lv10] [Darkness Resistance: Lv10] [Corrosion Resistance: Lv5] [Chaos Resistance: Lv5] [Nature Assimilation: Lv1]

[Physical Skills]: [Uproot: Lv10] [Rest: Lv10] [Wooden Needle: Lv10] [Draining Roots: Lv10] [Automatic Recovery: Lv10] [Piercing Spear Attack: Lv8] [Defensive Shield: Lv8] [Powerful Bark Armor: Lv7] [Tyrant's Wooden Arms: Lv7] [Fist Strike: Lv7] [Body Slam: Lv7] [Smash: Lv6] [Explosive Fruit: Lv6] [Earthquake: Lv1] [Spirit Wood Spears: Lv1] [Yggdrasil and Calamity Physique: Lv1] [Divine Domain of Nature and Darkness: Lv1]

[Magical Skills]: [Sharp Leaf Projectile: Lv10] [Relaxing Aroma: Lv10] [Wooden Spear: Lv10] [Wooden Shield: Lv10] [Plant Growth Enhancement: Lv9] [Shadow Bullet: Lv9] [Sunlight Beam: Lv8] [Life Enhancement: Lv8] [Roots of Life: Lv7] [Light Barrier: Lv7] [Holy Fist: Lv6] [Divine Spiritual Barrier: Lv1] [Summon Spirit: Lv1] [Spirit Fusion: Lv1] [Dark Yggdrasil Magic: Lv1]

[Support Skills]: [Healing Leaf: Lv10] [Magic Leaf: Lv10] [Healing Nature Light: Lv9] [Fruit of Life: Lv8] [Dark Yggdrasil's Fruit: Lv1] [Corrupted Yggdrasil Sap: Lv1] [

[Title Skills]: [Servant of the Apostle of Death: Lv10] [Treant Progenitor: Lv10] [Forest Master: Lv10] [Nature's Guardian: Lv9] [Merciless Killer: Lv8] [Aquatic Monster Exterminator: Lv5] [Yggdrasil's Chosen: Lv6] [Tyrant Guardian of the Apostle of Death: Lv6] [Dark Yggdrasil: Lv1] [World Treant: Lv1] [Unique Species: Lv1]

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

And there was the reason behind this once more, the Yggdrasil's Divine Protection! Seems like the tree themselves has decided to become our ally. Maybe? I am not really sure, but that thing blessed two of my allies, so I am beginning to imagine it might have some sort of agenda with us in this favor.

"Looks like it was Yggdrasil's doing, somehow the tree has decided to give their divine protection to Root and Emeraldine." I said while analyzing. "But why? Why would the tree ever want to do that? I thought we were a nuisance?"

"Perhaps the tree has another different opinion about us than the gods have." Lucifer said. "I am already stepping into mere speculations, but I believe it might be trying to say something through that..."

"Ah!" Suddenly, Emeraldine's crest began glowing with a bright, golden light.

FLAAAASH!

A green aura emerged from behind her, resembling a gigantic tree made of spiritual light stretching into the skies, the same happened with Root!

"Hear my call, child of death." Suddenly, a voice we had not heard before at all echoed from Emeraldine's mouth, as if something else was possessing her. "My favor and help does not come without a price."

"So it was really you..." I sighed. "Yggdrasil."

Chapter 752 The Voice Of Yggdrasil

The presence of the deity that reigned over the surface of our world emerged, Yggdrasil herself, the World Tree, the entity that held the entire world within its roots. I would had assumed it was working with the Gods, but it has suddenly grown to desire to give us her aid.

"Your favor?" I asked. "I don't remember ever asking for it..."

"I have stepped over my own boundaries and rules to grant your allies this power." Said Yggdrasil, her voice resembled that of an adult woman. "It would be the best for you, outsider of this world, to not treat me so carelessly... I have not come with ill intentions."

"Is that so?" I wondered. "Well, maybe tone down a bit your attitude? Demanding a price for the favor you did to us is a good way to start a conversation? I know you're a tree but come on, can't you talk more politely with people?"

"..." Suddenly, Yggdrasil remained in silence. "Anyways..."

Eh?! She just completely ignored what I said!

"As I said before, I would like some sort of... cooperation." She sighed. "I will grant you my aid in these divine protections, and you will, in exchange, help me."

"Alright... How so?" I wondered. "Don't ask the impossible."

"I do not need immediate assistance as of now but... I can see it, within the vast future, a catastrophe. I had already sent oracles to those that I have blessed now, but I can see more in the vast future, an endless darkness engulfing everything... This world which I've protected so hard, and the gods that once were my allies..." Yggdrasil lamented.

"The Gods?" I asked. "I had imagined you were their allies, right? What is going on? Do you know I am planning to eventually take a few heads, right? Including Odin. I've already defeated his son's Divine Spirit Vessel, and I'm planning to do the same thing with everything he's going to throw at me... I am still getting used to being something of a divine being myself though." I said.

"I am well aware, whenever an entity attains S Rank, their Soul Books evolve and reach a new level of existence, you begin "Transcendence" into a higher plane of self. This is what we often call "divinity"..." Yggdrasil said. "More or less... The current gods, are greedy and selfish. Only a few of them retain their past beliefs, now most have grown corrupted, and they think this entire world is just their playground.

Without the Titans to protect my world and set rules, they have the freedom to do whatever disasters they please."

"You know they killed the titans, right?" I asked. "Are you okay with that? Were you alright with them killing Ymir?"

"Of course I wasn't..." Yggdrasil sighed. "Yet... It wasn't as if I had the power to go against them when they felled my beloved Ymir. I am a victim, much like you are. I've cooperated with them merely out of fear, but now that I've seen you and your allies grow and surpass all the expectations I've ever set on you, I believe... there could be a chance, a chance to avenge the Titans, and to save this world from the eternal destruction of the Ragnar?k."

"I guess this is how you're going to declare war against them?" I wondered. "Well, you're bold."

"Not yet. I have manifested in here through Emeraldine because this area is protected through the high density of divinity exuded from Hel's Divine Protections you and your allies possess." Yggdrasil said. "Not even the Gods can see what I am doing here... It could be said I am doing this in secret."

"You don't say." I sighed. "I am kind of a Titan myself; I'm guessing this is also a factor of your alliance?"

"Indeed." She said. "Once I learned that you acquired Ymir's last remaining strength and became a new kind of Titan yourself, I already took my decision."

"I see... I am beginning to get a bit angry by how you're still possessing Emeraldine, though I have to ask you this..." I sighed. "What is exactly going to provoke this Ragnar?k?"

"I have been watching them for some time now, the primary reason the Ragnar?k will happen, Loki." Yggdrasil said. "Although the seeds of Calamity can become your allies, they're made to eventually destroy the world and reach the gods, destroying them as well. Loki's goal does not end in that, they want complete chaos to take over everything, a world of endless destruction. Some of their goals are shared with me, but most of their vision is twisted."

"Huh..." I thought. "Loki is... Hel's father, I don't know if I could..."

"I am not saying you must kill them." Yggdrasil sighed. "But it is necessary to stop his machinations... It is probably already going against his plans that three Calamities have allied with you, Root, whom I have blessed, Nyx, your daughter with the Dragon King, and Arachne, the Princess of the Arachneia."

"Yeah, I don't really want to meet Loki at all..." I sighed. "Hel, however, doesn't seem to be caring about what he does but she's... really protective of us. Now, before you go, tell me which others are Calamities, and where can I find them?"

"The other Calamities are not just in this single continent." The Yggdrasil's manifestation said. "The Frost Queen has become one of the Seven Calamities. Your daughter and Root are lesser Calamities, while Arachne is another of the Seven... Lesser Calamities are weaker and still growing, therefore they can become one of the Seven at any time. I can sense, however, an ever-growing being within the center of this continent, or two, if you count the Vampire Progenitor, both can become part of the Seven. Lastly, to the other continents, four more Calamities scattered, and growing stronger, to soon torment the living..."

FLAAASH!

Suddenly, a map of the entire world made out of pure light appeared before us, showing the entire world, which wasn't spherical, but a completely flat surface...

Chapter 753 The Seven Calamities

The projection indicated all of the continents with Calamities in the World. Showing the Continent where we've had our adventure so far, Midgard.

"In Midgard, the Calamity of Spiders, Arachne, has become your ally, but two other Calamities are soon to emerge from within, one is developing to become the Calamity of Bloodshed, and the other... The Calamity of Fear." Yggdrasil said. "And let's not forget the Calamity of Domination, the Frost Queen."

Then, the continent quickly changed, to another, covered in flames.

"Within Muspelheim, the land of flames and home of the Fire Giants, the Calamity of Destruction is slowly growing stronger, devouring everything on its path..."

And then, another continent was shown, one of eternal cold.

"And inside the Continent of Niflheim, the home of the Ice Giants and Ice Elves, a gigantic egg emerged, within, the young Calamity of Despair is about to hatch."

The next continent emerged, one covered in endless and lustrous verdant life.

"Inside of the Continent of Alfheim, the home of the High Elves and the Beast-kin, the Calamity of Decay is slowly spreading itself, attempting to destroy all life and nature..."

And lastly, the last continent in the list, one covered by mountains, deserts, and rocky valleys.

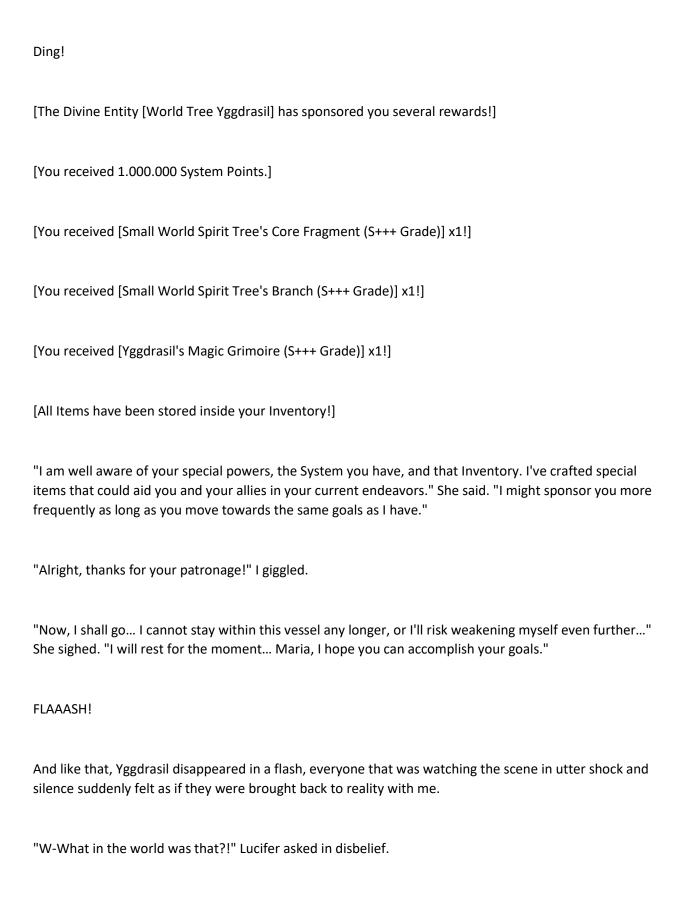
"And in the Continent of Svartalfheim, home of Dark Elves, Dwarves, and Mountain Giants, the Calamity of Avarice is slowly devouring mountains and growing enormous..."

At the end, it wasn't all continents, but the largest of them all were all being targeted by these powerful Calamities, I guess I've got a better reason to travel around the world, either tame or defeat them to gain more power.

I guess my road map for now is going for the Frost Queen, then look for my brother while at the same time helping Jonathan find his family and rescue both, then do an all-out-attack on the Albraun Kingdom's gathering of Dukes with their beloved King, and lastly, blast the Empire of Light out of the face of this planet.

"I see, I get it now." I nodded. "More importantly, are you going to sponsor me in some ways? Heh..."

"I had expected such greediness." Yggdrasil sighed inwardly, waving Emeraldine's hand as some divine power reached me, items emerged inside of my own inventory.



"T-That Yggdrasil... The big tree?" Asked Partner. "The Yggdrasil Tree spoke through her..." Hermes said in surprise "Amazing!" Nyx celebrated. "Cool! Oh, you're a Calamity, Arachne?" "Nn." Arachne nodded. "Something like that. But I like being mommy's daughter better." "Hahhh... T-That was tiring..." Emeraldine sighed, resting on her knees. "Emeraldine! Are you okay?" I ran to her side, quickly helping her stand up. "Should I carry you to bed, dear? Were you conscious in all of that?" "I am alright, thank you, Maria." Emeraldine smiled. "I was mildly conscious. I let Yggdrasil manifest herself because I knew she needed to say important things. However, I didn't realized until now that the reason Root was also blessed is because I myself cannot contain her powers through such a manifestation, so he was also used, we are technically both her vessels at the same time." "I-I see... Root, you're doing okay?" I asked, as Root nodded. "I couldn't be any better, master! Gyuh!" Root said happily. "Don't worry about a single thing about me!"

"O-Oh, okay then!" I giggled a bit. "Now, maybe I should put into use these new materials I acquired off Yggdrasil... I think this one jewel will be really useful. Let's discuss what we heard while having breakfast for now."

Like that, we spent the entire morning discussing what happened and everything, we understood that Yggdrasil had similar intentions than us, and therefore, her alliance was to be expected. Someone so strong backing us up was certainly more reliving.

"To think two complete opposites would become allies with us... Hel the Goddess of Death and Yggdrasil, the World Tree of Life." Emeraldine felt surprised. "I suppose the Gods must really be the worst thing imaginable if those two polar opposites agree on stopping them..." "They sure are!" Partner said, while eating a sandwich. "We'll beat em up to a pulp! And I'll eat Odin's flesh... I'll make a juicy steak out of his meat! And drink his blood! Bastard!" "O-Okay Partner calm down a bit, we're all eating here..." I sighed. "Ahahaha, so lively." Jonathan laughed, feeling rather happy instead of fearful. "For now, we should quickly plan our next move." Lucifer said. "The faster we get rid of the Frost Queen, the better." "I agree to that." I nodded. "Well, it should be getting almost done now, right?" "Lady Maria! It is done! The Barrier is all set-ups!" Suddenly, someone came running to the dinning hall inside the castle. "Indeed, I can sense it already." I nodded. "Many souls have also been merged with it, as planned..."

FLAAAASH!

Around the entire territory of the Kingdom's walls, a powerful, gigantic magic barrier in the shape of a bubble emerged, almost invisible to the naked eye, it not only contained the power of my Necromancy and Magic, but also the Fragment of Yggdrasil's Core.

Chapter 754 Preparing For The Counterattack

With a barrier that was able to withstand even S Rank Magic Attacks (tested by ours before), we were able to fully concentrate into our primary tasks. I divided my work force into different groups. One of them began reconstructing the city even more now that all demons were unfrozen. A second party started crafting clothes and furniture. And a third party, composed of ourselves, began to prepare for our battle against the Frost Queen.

Like that, three days went by flying, and Brunhild reported no changes in anything either. There has been no attacks, or anything at all, the Frost Queen is either gathering strength back to attack once more or waiting for us to attack her first... Whatever was the case, I didn't wasted this precious time.

I spent the majority of it devising a new item, by combining the fragments of the Dimension Crystals that were helping opening up the Portals to the Dungeon of the Frost Queen, through Alchemy, and a few other materials, I created something that'll help us raid the very center of her area of operations, her own dungeon.

FRRSSHHH!

The Cauldron was bubbling furiously, as the materials converged together into one at long last, as I conjured the last Synthesis before completing the item's creation.

"[Synthesis]!"

FLAAASH!

From within the cauldron, a small blue ring emerged, with a jewel on top of it of the same, dark blue color as the metal making the ring...

Ding!

[You've successfully synthetized the [Dungeon Teleportation Ring (A Grade)] x1!]

[You earned 250000 Alchemy, Crafting, and Creation Proficiency.]

[Several Related Skills have leveled up.]
[You earned 500000 EXP]
[Dungeon Teleportation Ring]
[Item Type]: [Accessory] [Ring]
[Item Grade]: [A]
[Item Requirement]: [Dungeon Masters Only]
[Item Durability]: [10000/10000]
[Item Effects]: [MP]: [+25000] [Magic]: [+25000] [Space Attribute Damage]: [+50000]
[Item Abilities]
[Dungeon Gate]: By channeling the Space Attribute powers within the jewel imbued into this ring, and the user's own Dungeon Masters powers, it is possible to create Portals that lead to Dungeons the user has previously visited, or that are registered within the Dimensional Jewel. The Portals maintain themselves open as long as the user desires, constantly draining Mana.
[Dimensional Jewel]: As a ring imbued with a rare Dimensional Jewel, grants its wielder some Affinity with the Space Attribute.
[Description]

A mysterious Ring created exclusively for the purpose of transporting between Dungeons. It cannot level up and it only gives a few bonuses, and can only be worn by Dungeon Masters that posses one Dungeon or more.
Registered Dungeons: Skadi's Abandoned Tower Dungeon.
"Perfect! With this, we're all set." I smiled evilly. My other body ego was right at my side, reading a book had received from Yggdrasil as a sponsored gift.
At first I thought it would be useless for me to learn from it, but as I kept reading, I slowly realized I could simply adapt its magic and secrets into my own magic, indeed, it is the Yggdrasil's Magic Grimoire.
Ding!
[You've completely read and assimilated the Grimoire's Information and Knowledge!]
[All of this Information and Knowledge has been concentrated into your mind, merging with your previously learned knowledge, and fusing with your tremendous magic power and elemental affinities.
[You've developed your own Yggdrasil Magic]
"I've learned a few secrets" I giggled, fusing with my own self, as I expanded my own hands, and black branches made out of darkness, death, and poison started growing.
Unlike the Yggdrasil Tree that embodied life itself, my tree was well, much different to it.
I had developed a special type of magic, that used a hypothetical opposite tree, the tree of death and

sins...

Qliphoth!
Ding!
[You have comprehended a new type of power and magic dwelling within you.]
[The Treasures within your Soul Scape are reacting to your ever-growing power and knowledge!]
[One of the many Withering Trees of Death inside of your Soul Scape has absorbed this knowledge and power, and has undergone evolution!]
RUMBLE!
Within my own Soul Scape, the largest of the twenty-or-so Withering Trees of Death I had absorbed this knowledge and power I absorbed from the Yggdrasil Magic Grimoire, and underwent a sudden evolution.
It began growing constantly upwards, easily surpassing its fellow trees, its dry and sharp branches stretching to the dark skies above, its black and dry wood grew several textures and forms that resembled the appearances of screaming faces and furious eyes glaring everywhere.
Once it finished growing, it had already reached the height of 30 meters, it was small compared to the actual Yggdrasil Tree, but doesn't this means I am growing my own unique death tree? Heh
Ding!
[Your Soul Scape has developed a new Spirit Treasure: The [Demonic Tree of Death: Qliphoth Lesser Spirit Treasure: Rank 8)]!]
[The New Spirit Treasure expands its roots across your Soul Scape, enhancing the power and quality of all other Spirit Treasures together.]

[All Spirit Treasures have reached Rank 7 as a result.]
[The Qliphoth will continue to evolve and grow bigger as you develop.]
[You gained +40 Aether.]
"Heh, finally, now-"
Ding!
[You have reached 200 Aether!]
[Your Soul Scape is undergoing a great evolution!]
T R U U U? M M? M!
T R U U U U M M M M!
T R U U U U M M M M M!
Suddenly, the Soul Scape inside of my own soul began to expand, growing in size about over twice as big as it was before. Flowers of red, black, and purple color began to spread further everywhere.

At the same time, bone trees and withering death trees grew in larger quantities all across the landscape, as a sudden sea made out of bubbling miasma emerged in the middle of the arid landscape, and the Qliphoth continued growing larger and larger, covering the skies.

The Moon Gazing Giant Lily looked like it was on a match for who grows bigger, because it was trying its best to grow just as monstrously big!



the lives of your foes, drain their souls, devour their magic, poison their flesh, and make them decay, it is your choice.

Additionally, Enhances Darkness, Death, and Poison Attribute Magic Power and Effects by +250%, with an additional +25% with each Skill Level, and decreases their Mana Cost by -30%.

Available Spells:

Level 1: [Abyssal Life Draining Roots] [Decaying Spores of Death]

Level 2: ???

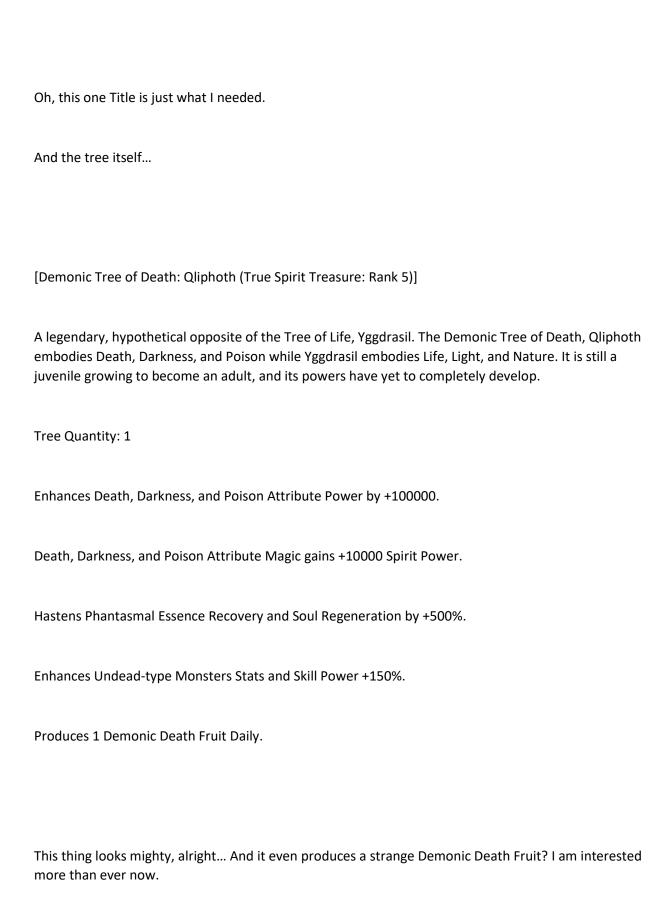
Amazing, it is just two spells but they combine several elements all together into a tremendously strong spell! It was completely worth the effort! These types of spells are like grimoires themselves; I need to level up the skill to gain new Spells, interesting. I guess I'll be spamming these Spells for a while.

[Incarnation of Qliphoth: Lv1]

A Skill that only those that have become the incarnation of the hypothetical opposite of Yggdrasil can acquire, and that is only you, the one that has made this entity a reality within your Soul Scape.

Grants the ability to temporarily channel the power of the Demonic Tree of Death, Qliphoth into your body and enhance Darkness, Poison, and Death Magic Power by +500%, with an additional +50% with each Skill Level for 5 Minutes. Cooldown: 24 Hours.

Additionally, Decreases Damage Taken from Life, Holy Light, and Nature Magic by -50%.



After having slightly mastered the grimoire I acquired from Yggdrasil I ended developing my own form of magic related to it, but instead of taking the element of Life as its basis, I took the element of Death, creating a brand-new concept that was merely a theory, or perhaps an hypothetical myth within this world.

Not only was I able to gain more Skills than I expected out of this, which greatly enhanced my magical power and even my resistance against elements that I am rather weak against, but I even ended making one of the many trees inside of my Soul Scape evolve into a small Demonic Tree of Death...

[Demonic Tree of Death: Qliphoth (True Spirit Treasure: Rank 5)]

A legendary, hypothetical opposite of the Tree of Life, Yggdrasil. The Demonic Tree of Death, Qliphoth embodies Death, Darkness, and Poison while Yggdrasil embodies Life, Light, and Nature. It is still a juvenile growing to become an adult, and its powers have yet to completely develop.

Tree Quantity: 1

Enhances Death, Darkness, and Poison Attribute Power by +100000.

Death, Darkness, and Poison Attribute Magic gains +10000 Spirit Power.

Hastens Phantasmal Essence Recovery and Soul Regeneration by +500%.

Enhances Undead-type Monsters Stats and Skill Power +150%.

Produces 1 Demonic Death Fruit Daily.

It was unlike any other Spirit Treasure, and its very existence greatly boosted the growth of my Soul Scape, which also enhanced the rarity and quality of the other Skills amazingly well! And it had so many great effects, it made me smile a bit.

Above all, however, with every treasure growing even stronger and everything else, there was also another addition, aside from the higher production of elemental mana and energies, and also of Moonlight and Moonlight Crystals... I think you should take a look at

And that was a single ugly fruit that Tyr harvested off the branch of the tree for me, and brought outside of my Soul Scape, landing in my hands, the ugly dark purple colored fruit with red eyes and the face of a screaming person, emanating a deadly aura...

[Demonic Death Fruit (A++ Grade)]

A Demonic Fruit harvested from the [Demonic Tree of Death: Qliphoth], it contains a large quantity of corrupted mana, Miasma, and the Souls of the Dead. Depending on who consumes it, it has a variety of effects.

If eaten by Undead, can slightly increase their stats permanently, help them develop a Skill, or even Evolve.

If eaten by a Living Being, it can either help them develop resistance to Death and Darkness Elements, and if they're about to die, it could painlessly transform them into high ranked Undead.

Oh, so it is that type of item, huh? I might as well eat this one to try it out before anything.

"Cronch- Ugh, it tastes so bitter Agh, is this spicy now? What in the world is this flavor?" I muttered. "It is like eating a rotten corpse- no its even worse! Ugh, but it is mildly addicting. Ah! Is it because I am an Undead that I find this gross flavor nice?"
"Maybe." Laughed Tyr.
Ding!
[You have consumed the [Demonic Death Fruit (A++ Grade)]!]
[Your Stats have increased!]
[+10000 MP]
[+15000 Magic]
[+1 Aether]
"Oh?! This gave me some Aether! Even if it's a single point, that's nice." I said in surprise. "Hehehe, if I eat one daily, that'll be tons of Aether."
"It's not that reliable of a source, but it still fine I guess." Tyr shrugged.
"Hmm, oh well, that's that then." I smiled. "Now-"
Ding!
[The Skill [Shadow Transportation: Lv10] has evolved into [Shadow Teleportation: Lv1] Skill!]

[Shadow Teleportation: Lv1]

The ability to move between shadows has evolved to the form of teleportation. As long as the user has previously touched a shadow, it is possible to instantly teleport between them by spending huge quantities of Mana.

Enhances Movement Speed within Shadows by +200% and Shadow Magic Power and Effects by +100%, with an additional +15% with each Skill Level.

While being within Shadows, Skill and Magic MP Cost is reduced by -20%, with an additional -1% with each Skill Level, all Stats increase by +10%, with an additional +5% with each Skill Level, and Damage Taken is reduced by -10%, with an additional -2.5% with each Skill Level.

W-What in the world?! This Skill finally awakened, and it became so overpowered! Not only I can teleport between shadows, but I get all those sweet bonuses if I am within the Shadows themselves. Great, this is perhaps the last thing I needed...

No, I still need to do another little thing though. I quickly took out of my Inventory a small Moon Crystal, freshly harvested from the Moonlight Lily from my Soul Scape, and feed it to a special, purple-jeweled ring.

Ding!

[The [Selene's Moonlight Tear Ring (A++ Grade)] has absorbed the [Moon Crystal (B Grade)] x1 and has reached Level 40/40!]

[The Accessory Stats have reached their maximum value, and its quality has increased to A+++ Grade!]

[Selene's Moonlight Tear Ring (A++ Grade)]
[Item Type]: [Accessory] [Ring]
[Item Grade]: [A+++]
[Item Level]: [40/40]
[Item Requirement]: [Race: Moonlight Titan Selene Only]
[Item Durability]: [15000/15000]
[Item Effects]: [HP]: [+9000] [MP]: [+34000] [Attack]: [+9000] [Defense]: [+9000] [Magic]: [+24000] [Agility]: [+9000] [Moonlight Attribute Damage]: [+14000]
[Item Abilities]
[Moon Titan's Blessing]: Increases Moonlight Magic Damage and Effects by +120%. Decreases Moonlight Magic Mana Requirements by -45%. Moonlight Magic can now ignore -45% of the foe's Magic Resistance (Half of their Magic Stat).
[Moonlight Regeneration]: Automatically regenerates 90 Moonlight Essence every hour. While utilizing Moonlight Essence, the user's Physical Stats temporarily raise by +45%.
[Description]

A powerful Spiritual Ring made using incredible materials extracted from near divine level Spirit Treasures. This particular ring contains the power of Selene, the Titan of Moonlight, and it was made with a Moon Crystal that grew inside of her Soul Scape. It can automatically regenerate Moonlight Essence and enhances Moonlight Magic Powers greatly.

And done! With this, the Ring has now reached Max Level and its bonuses are much better and improved. I can feel Moonlight Energy coursing through my entire soul.
"I guess we're more than prepared, let's go meet our favorite Frost Queen."
Chapter 757 The Saint Of Death Versus The Frost Queen

FLUOOSH!

Once we arrived at the Dungeon, we sensed an oddly powerful quantity of Divine Power everywhere. This was because this Ancient Dungeon was originally a place where Skadi, the Goddess of Ice, stored her treasures and left her Frost Dragons protecting it.

Over time, it was consumed by time, the Divine Power ended transforming the surroundings into a Dungeon, trapping the tower inside, and sealing the dragons within this place, until the Ice Giants found this Dungeon and made it their home.

It was a taboo to visit the Frost Tower, however, in a fit of rage after seeing her brother and her friends die against the hands of humans, the Frost Queen, Tear, stepped inside the Tower and acquired the Crown of Skadi, gaining unprecedented powers, which at the same time changed her body and soul, and she ended becoming a Calamity.

That is, more or less what I know that happened here... Though looking around, I can't see any Ice Giants, it feels like a desolate land. Could everybody be inside that tower at the distance?

"Welcome!" And then, a voice that we have never heard before, yet felt oddly familiar echoed within the dungeon's interior. "I've been waiting to see you for a long while... What took you so long, Maria?"

Of course, it was quite obvious who could this be... Nobody else than the Frost Queen herself, that malicious and young-sounding voice, it was her, the one behind the Majin being frozen, the one behind the ever-expanding winter in Midgard... The one that has been mercilessly taking the lives of many innocents.

Veredorr is with me, and I promised him I wouldn't kill her. But that doesn't mean I won't get to beat the shit out of her to the point she can no longer do any funny business... I have to make her pay for all the shit she did anyways. Oh yeah, and the Frost Generals? They're free to kill.

"Tear..." Veredorr sighed, looking into the distance. "Are you there, Tear?"

However, his voice went unanswered.

"Frost Queen." I said. "We've got inside your Dungeon. Were you expecting this?" I asked her.

"More or less, I didn't thought you would do it like this though! I was preparing to greet you at the dungeon entrance..." She sighed. "What a pity, all of those plans for nothing! Oh well, I could always simply do it now!"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Suddenly, hundreds of magic circles emerged in front of us, from the ground, as countless of monsters started to be summoned all at once. They were the whole variety of Frost Monsters, from the fiercest looking to the smallest of them.

Their quantities went from hundreds to almost a thousand! Did she prepare all of this for us?! And if she can just summon them so easily, it is rather obvious that she's a Dungeon Master capable of controlling the summon of monsters within a Dungeon... this is also the reason why she had a near endless army of monsters at her disposal.

"Wait, what?! There's almost a thousand monsters in here!" Said Lucifer. "This damn witch summoned so many already?!" Partner asked. I think you should take a look at "She's controlling the entire dungeon, after all, she somehow became the Dungeon Master, as we thought." Emeraldine said. "So many monsters... They're still things we can handle, but it is rather obvious she's summoning them to exhaust us before she sends her strong retainers against us!" Jonathan said. "Hehehe, that's right, Jonathan." Laughed the Frost Queen. "I never thought you would betray your own kin though. It is surprising how dedicated you are to that dead woman! Gyahahaha!" "Silence, foul-mouthed woman!" Jonathan roared. "You're nobody to lecture me about loyalty when you've enslaved your own kin!" "Enslaved?" Laughed the Frost Queen. "You would be surprised to know how happily they're living now... Well, not like you'll ever get to live to see them in person. You will all die before this endless army of monsters! Let's see how long you can last!" Indeed, it seemed endless, as she constantly summoned more and more monsters, which now finally surpassed a thousand. The creatures obeyed her own authority and swiftly began charging towards us. "What's wrong?! Where are your Undead?" The Queen asked. "Oh, don't tell me you left them all back home so they could protect your pitiful people? Hahahaha!" "Well, it's not as if I don' have a plan though." I smiled, taking out a large black coffin from my inventory. I channeled the power of Hel's Divine Protection and imbued them into the coffin, which swiftly opened up, a black portal leading somewhere completely different emerged.

Ding!

[You have opened the [Skeleton Coffin of the Underworld (A Grade)]!] [By channeling the powers of your Divine Protection of Hel, the Ruler of the Underworld, you've been given the maximum benefits of this item!] [A Gate to the Underworld is now opening, and an army of ten thousand Skeleton Soldiers are marching to defend you and your companions, directly commanded by Hel's Authority...] TRUUUMMMM...! A shockwave of space and time distorting energy reached and filled the entire dungeon, distorting reality and opening a portal to the Underworld itself! The authority of Hel emerged from within, as thousands of Undead rushed outside of this large, black portal, coming out of the Coffin. "W-What is this energy?! T-This presence...?!" The Frost Queen panicked. "T-This can't be! It is impossible... Hel... Why is her presence within my domain?!" "This is the Relic she gifted to me." I smiled, as ten thousand Skeleton Soldiers, all of them being A+ Rank in power, endlessly marched and fought against the endless army of Frost Monsters. "You've been looking down on us for way too long, Tear. It is time to finally give you a good slap in the face, so you can snap back to reality and realize how foolish you have been." Chapter 758 An Army Of The Dead Against The Army Of Frost! Ding! [You have opened the [Skeleton Coffin of the Underworld (A Grade)]!] [By channeling the powers of your Divine Protection of Hel, the Ruler of the Underworld, you've been given the maximum benefits of this item!]

[A Gate to the Underworld is now opening, and an army of ten thousand Skeleton Soldiers are marching to defend you and your companions, directly commanded by Hel's Authority...]

Ten thousand Skeleton Soldiers rushed into the scene, immediately beginning to fiercely fight the Frost Monsters. Despite being much smaller, their techniques and power were the real deal, as if they were all seasoned fighters, adventurers, and knights that had died long ago.

And above all, they were all overflowing with a powerful black-, red-, and purple-colored auras, which seemed to carry the very essence of the Underworld within, strengthening them even further...

Ding!

[The power of [Hel, the Goddess of the Underworld] has taken effect within her powerful Divine Authority!]

[All Summoned Skeleton Soldiers have received an enhancement to all their Stats by +100%, their Damage Dealt is increased by a further +50%, and their Damage Taken is reduced by -30%!]

[Darkness, Death, and Poison Magic Damage has been increased by a further +200%, and Mana Requirements lowered by -50% for all Skeleton Soldiers!]

"W-What is this? Why?! Y-You...!" The Frost Queen swiftly started to panic. "How come you can do this?! My Frost Monsters...!"

Right in front of her, her army of Frost Monsters started getting completely massacred. The Skeleton Soldiers in the frontlines worked as tanks to lure the beasts' attacks, while spear wielders in the back hit their weak points. There were also archers and magicians firing their long-ranged attacks, all enchanted with magic.

It was all beautifully organized, an army that was much better than any Undead Army I could summon, it is a pity I cannot bring them out whenever I want, as the item has a cooldown of 7 Days, and can only be used three times, having already consumed a single usage.

"Amazing, I didn't knew you had this trump card, Maria!" Jonathan said.

"It is an item I saw her saving for later." Lucifer smiled proudly. "Looks like we've finally found its right usage."

"Hehehe, well, let's join in the massacre a bit as well, okay? I need some Blood to get going!" Partner licked her lips.

"Although the army is winning, the monsters that the dungeon is summoning seem endless. Just how much Mana does this dungeon has?" Wondered Emeraldine. "If it truly has large quantities of Divine Power, then the only way would be to destroy the source itself, or somehow make it so those summoning Magic Circles can be destroyed or temporarily sealed."

"Yeah, even I know that we won't be able to get into the tower without taking care of this problem first." I agreed with Emeraldine. "And I think I can help with that... Everyone, I'll need your help in this, support the Skeletons while I take care of the endless spawning of monsters."

"Got it!" Lucifer roared, stepping forward, his gigantic, now evolved form, easily crushed the monsters while his breath attack blasted them into smithereens. "Come at me!" He laughed, firing several beams of dragon breath attacks.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

"Fufufu, I've been waiting for that order, master~!" Partner laughed evilly, boosted with her new and amazing evolution, she quickly grew a pair of gigantic bat-like wings and flew into battle. "[Twin Vampiric Spear Arts]: [Merciless Bloodbath]!"

Utilizing her two powerful spears, which had evolved to brand-new levels of power, she sliced and pierced our foes with utmost ease, tearing them apart as blood sprayed everywhere, which she swiftly started to drink and accumulate within her body.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! CRASH! CRASH! CRAAASH!

"Leave this to me." Jonathan nodded, his entire body exuding a radiant aura equal to the sunlight itself. "[Divine Sunlight Blade Arts]: [Hegemonic Sunshine Slash]!"

Jonathan raised his Divine Sunlight Sword into the skies, generating a gigantic beam of light that descended from above as he moved the sword downwards, the powerful slashing attack piercing across hundreds of monsters at once!

CRAAAAAAAASSSSHHH!!!

"I'll take care of your back, Maria. I can assist you into this as well..." Emeraldine said. "I think the Crest Yggdrasil has gifted me possess the ability to help me decipher all matter of magical circles, I can see the circuits and their compositions, let me take care of destroying them once you can take over the Dungeon's system!" She said confidently. "However, for now... [Divine Spiritual Arrow of Yggdrasil]!"

FLAAASH!

She fired a single, large arrow out of her bow into the distance, which landed over a large army of Monsters that were attempting to reach me and Emeraldine, in a mere second, that arrow instantly grew into a gigantic tree that spread around, piercing the monsters' bodies with their branches and roots.

"[Yggdrasil Magic]: [Nature's Divine Rage]!"

FLUOOOOSH!

Merging the Yggdrasil Arrow with her Yggdrasil Magic, Emeraldine made the growing tree furiously turn against the monsters, attacking and piercing them furiously while growing constantly larger and larger! The best was that it even started generating explosions of spiritual light as its branches blew up to generate even more damage.

She continued firing these arrows and merged them once more with her Yggdrasil Magic, forming giant barricades of living spirit trees that constantly attacked monsters and protected us with ease. Her

evolution was clearly showing now as she had become someone even more amazing and reliable than before.
"Very well, let's begin with this! Tyr, I'm counting on your powers." I said with a smile. "[Divine Spirit Fusion]!"
"Count me on!" Tyr roared.
FLAAAASH!
His whole spiritual prowess and body merged into my own temporarily, as I gained his corrupting, chaotic element of power and strengthened all my skills and magic.
And then
CRAAAAAAASSSHH!!!
I hit the floor, imbuing my phantasmal soul into the very structure of the Dungeon
"[Dungeon Manipulation]!"
FLUOOOOSH!
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I punched the ground with my hands and shattered it, imbuing my spirit and soul into the Dungeon's Structure, while activating the powerful Dungeon Manipulation Skill all at once.

"[Dungeon Manipulation]!" FLUOOOSH! Suddenly, I felt like a part of my own consciousness flew into the Dungeon's very structure, my own soul became circuits that spread across the entire Dungeon of Skadi, and there, I immediately sensed the enormous quantities of Divine Power. The Frost Queen was utilizing this Divine Power to control the Dungeon and power-up her own magic as well, she transformed this energy into billions of units of Mana, which allowed her to easily summon A Rank Monsters by the thousands with ease. Even if we waited out for this to run out, it would probably take half a year to end! It was simply too much energy. We had to end this now. Ding! [The Effects of the [Dungeon Manipulation] Skill have taken effect, you are now attempting to manipulate the Dungeon!] FLAAAASH! I felt my entire consciousness diving deep into the Dungeon, for a few seconds, I saw small visions, images of the past, glimpses of what seemed to have been this Dungeon's creation. I saw an ancient world like nothing I've seen before, a world overflowing with beautiful colors, and Divine Power flowing like winds everywhere... but it was also a world of chaos, bloodshed, and wars between gods.

I saw a beautiful giantess, Skadi, with blue skin and countless white and silver tattoos covering her gorgeous, muscular body. She was as tall as the mountains themselves, and alongside her, there were

the much smaller, yet previous Ice Giants, whom she had protected from war.

wars between the Aesir and the Jotun.
"Milady Skadi, you don't need to protect us to this extent!"
"Please, don't trouble yourself"
"Your strength should be used elsewhere Do not waste your time with us."
The Ice Giants were rather humble, yet Skadi simply smiled.
"I cannot let you here, I would never forgive myself for that." She sighed. "Moving to Niflheim or Jotunheim at this point is too dangerous" Skadi sighed. "I will create a sanctuary, where you can survive the harshness of war, my children."
Skadi waved her hand, as her Divine Powers surged into the ground itself, a gigantic mass of frost started amassing, growing taller and taller, emanating a frost aura, which quickly made these only slightly cold areas very cold, snow started falling.
The Ice Giants felt much better, exhausted with the constant exposition to direct sunlight and warmth, the cold brought them comfort. The children smiled into the skies, seeing their giant mother smile back at them.
"It is snowing, mama!"
"Lady Skadi made it snow!"
"Heheh, let's make snowmen!"

Skadi sighed in relief, seeing the children that looked so sick and exhausted smile and happily play in the

snow... It looked as if the only thing she ever wanted was this, to see them smile and happy.

It seemed that her own father, Ymir, gave her the mission of rescuing and helping the Giants in need. The march was rough, as she protected and hid thousands of Ice Giants into this area, away from the

The war the Aesir started, and the endless suffering and bloodshed it brought to her siblings was not something she wanted these mortals to be exposed to. She desired their wellbeing.

"It is done." She said, looking at the tower. "This shall be my treasury, protected from the eyes of the gods themselves, and it will also generate the cold you need to survive, my children."

Skadi waved her hands, as many of the treasures she didn't need were stored inside, empowering the tower with their leftover Divine Power... Wait, I see, the reason why this Dungeon has so much Divine Power is because of all these relics.

"My Dragons." She said.

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Suddenly, three giant Frost Dragons were summoned, emerging out of gigantic magic circles, and glancing with pride and regality at Skadi and then at the Giants below.

"Milady, you've called us at long last."

"Shall we offer you aid in this war? We dragons are also fighting!"

"As guardians, we cannot allow the Aesir to take over everything..."

"I'm sorry..." Skadi sighed. "But I have a different mission for you, I don't want you to fight. I... I want you to protect them, and this tower. Would you do this for me, my Dragons?"

The Divine Frost Dragons looked at Skadi with shock, valiant warriors ready to give up their lives for her were suddenly told to protect mere mortals, it was obvious they would have mixed opinions.



Chapter 760 Stopping The Endless Army Of Monsters

FLAAAASH!

FLAAAAASH!

Suddenly, the powerful, blue-colored intent of the Frost Queen manifested itself within the depths of the Dungeon's structure by itself, clashing against my black, phantasmal intent.

CLAAASH! CLAAASH! CLAAASH!

"BEGONE!" She roared, unleashing a barrage of mind and soul attacks against my own intent.

And it was tougher than I imagined. Because she was the current owner of the Dungeon, it was really obvious that her power over it was much higher and stronger than mine.

The overwhelming superiority of her Intent was clear, it felt like a fight between two waves, one of darkness, my soul, and her own, which was blue and cold.

My Intent seemed surprisingly small compared to hers, and she was easily overwhelming me, easily cornering me around and beginning to suppress my power, while undoing all the progress I had done easily.

"Your attempt is commendable, but laughable. You simply cannot hope to even take over this Dungeon and its tower, they're my Domains, which I've controlled for hundreds of years!" She laughed.

"Is that so?" I smiled, my black colored intent suddenly beginning to generate a red aura, spreading further, and then boldly defying hers, pushing forwards.

"Huh? What is this...?! Ungh!" She cried, surprised.

Well, let's say Dungeon Manipulation is not my only Skill, I am quite experienced in Dungeon Conquest and Control after all.

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[The Power of the [Dungeon Master: Lv5] Title Skill is taking effect, your affinity with the Dungeon, even if foreign, has increased greatly! Takeover Speed has been increased by +300%!]

[The Power of the [Dungeon Destroyer: Lv5] Title Skill is taking effect, your ability to destroy the Dungeon's very structure and control it has been greatly increased! Takeover Speed has been increased by +300%!]

[The Power of the [Dungeon Conqueror: Lv8] Title Skill is taking effect, your ability to conquer and manipulate the very structure of Dungeons has been greatly increased! Takeover Speed has been increased by +400%!]

"W-What is this?! H-How?! You have an even greater... Control over my OWN Dungeon than myself?!" The Frost Queen was left utterly flabbergasted.

"It could be said that it's a Skill Issue." I laughed. "[Dungeon Takeover]!"

FLAAAAAASH!

My Soul Circuits continued spreading further into the Dungeon's Structure, continuously "hacking" it with the System's Unique Skill aid, which facilitated the process even more.

"S-Stop! STOOOP!" Tear desperately screamed, but it was futile, and too late to stop.

"Too late!" I laughed.

I'll make sure to give you the Dungeon back once I'm done, don't worry. And it is not as if I'm taking over everything, just a tiny part of it!

FLUOSH!

Ding!
[You have temporarily taken over a part of the Dungeon!]
"Expose all Monster Spawn Point at once, disable Protection Barriers!" I ordered the Dungeon.
Ding!
[Exposing all Monster Spawn Points, disabling Protection Barriers]
[The Power and Intent of the Dungeon's Owner is fighting back, the time these points can be exposed has greatly reduced!]
[Time Limit: 5 Minutes.]
That's more than enough!
"Emeraldine! They're being exposed, let's go!" I said.
"On it!" Emeraldine nodded, flapping her fairy wings and flying across the dungeon's landscape, while I stuck with her.
The Magic Circles hid right behind the Monster Horde, which continued endlessly spawning. Of course, flying monsters such as Frost Wyverns, Blizzard Eagles, and Snow Moths flew towards us, attempting to stop us.
"Begone, small fry!" I smiled, swinging both of my hands as gigantic palms made of my own Soul and Moonlight emerged. "[Selene's Palm of Judgement]!"
CLAAAASH! CLAAAASH!!!

The impact threw all flying monsters down into the ground with explosive blows, as we swiftly arrived at the Magic Circles area and then imbued our Magical Powers into it.

"Can you do it quickly, Emeraldine?" I asked.

"More than quickly, immediately!" Emeraldine smiled confidently, touching the floor and imbuing her Divine Powers into the floor, which spread like roots of Yggdrasil itself!

FLAAAAAAAASHHH!!!

All the Magic Circles quickly began to be corrupted by her powers, and then, one by one, their very compositions were changed, and they started to fail, exploding into runes and dissipating one by one constantly!

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

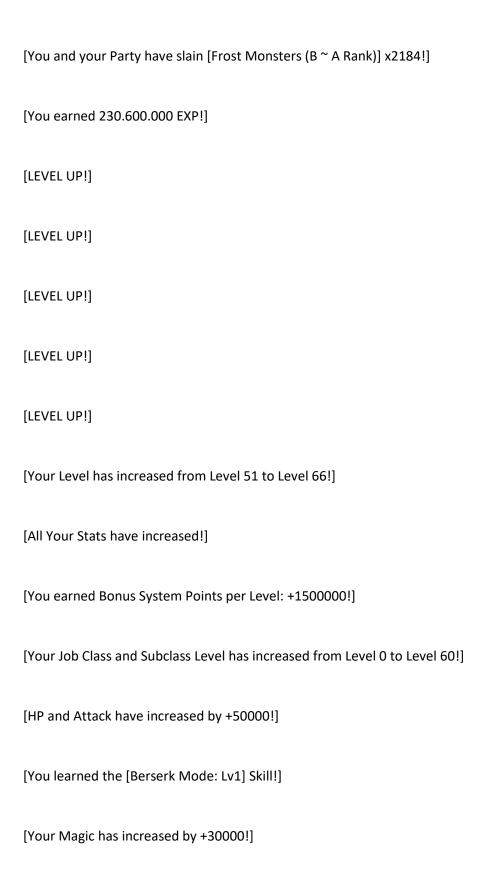
"S-STOP! STOOOOP! MY MONSTERS...! NOOOOOO!!!"

The Frost Queen genuinely screamed out of frustration, as the entire Dungeon trembled with her fury. All the magic circles were destroyed in an instant, just as Emeraldine promised, and the monsters quickly stopped coming.

It wasn't permanent, but it would take over a day for the spawn points to completely regenerate now! With that done, as she screamed in frustration, my army of Skeletons swiftly began massacring the rest of the Monsters, which were still around a thousand and hundreds of them.

Lucifer, Partner, and Jonathan were massacring most of them amazingly well, and with Emeraldine and my own strength joining them, while I used my Magic to raise all dead Monsters into Undead, it only took a couple of minutes to slay everything and land right in front of the Tower of Skadi.

Ding!



[You learned the [Rune Smithing: Lv1] Skill!]

[Your Job Class and Subclass have reached Max Level, you can now Rank Up your Job Class and Subclass!]

Looks like I ended maxing out the Job Class and Subclass much ahead of time, I guess I have to thank Tear for all the EXP, it was really a great start to this invasion...

"Hahh... We're done." Jonathan sighed. "Now, the tower... I bet the Ice Giants and the rest of her Elites must be here. But how long is this tower going to be?"

"Not so long." I said. "I saw visions of its creation, it has many floors, but we'll be able to breakthrough them easily..."