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Chapter 761 Changing Classes

The tower's material was made of something that was simply impenetrable, however, the gates were not the same, this Primordial Ice within the Gates was controlled by the Dungeon's prowess, so as long as I fine tuned it with my own powers taking over the Dungeon, which were only lasting about a few seconds... then!

BAAAAAAAMMMM!!!

I blew up the entire gate before it could close and not allow us to enter. Using my bare fists at that! The entire gate crumbled into pieces, opening its path towards its interior depths. We stepped inside, instantly feeling the chill of the Frost Tower of Skadi.

The first floor was, as we expected, completely empty. There were beautiful decorations here and there, and all, but no signs of actual life. Well, it wasn't the same all the way above though, with a mere glance, I could sense that each floor was packed with higher level monsters.

And in the highest and last floors, the last Frost Generals were guarding the Frost Queen's last stand, they were quite loyal, I have to admit it.

"It's empty..." Jonathan said.

"Looks like it." Partner nodded.

"I suppose the Frost Queen is preparing something in the upper floors." Lucifer sighed.

"Should we take a small break?" Sighed Emeraldine.

"I guess it doesn't hurt to rest a couple of minutes." I nodded, as I quickly decided to assess my own things, swiftly deciding to change Job Class and Subclass.

<Job Class Options>

[Tenebrous Nightmare Fighter: ★★ (Unique Grade)] [Cost: 1400000 System Points]

[Mind Bending Abyssal Seer: ★★ (Unique Grade)] [Cost: 2000000 System Points]

[Soul Shattering Black Knight: ★★ (Unique Grade)] [Cost: 3000000 System Points]

<Subclass Options>

[Dungeon Master: ★★ (Unique Grade)] [Cost: 1400000 System Points]

[Soul Bending Alchemist: ★★ (Unique Grade)] [Cost: 2000000 System Points]

[Dark Cleric of Death: ★★ (Unique Grade)] [Cost: 3000000 System Points]

The options were quite limited as well, but I could tell how they were constantly branching into new forms of these powers, interesting. I do wonder if they are being influenced by my actions as well. Based on previous classes I had changed into before, I can tell that certain ones will increase certain Stats.

The Berserk line ended increasing HP and Attack only, but both by a whopping 50k, and Runic Blacksmith only Magic but by 30k, not bad, when both bonuses combined, the Abyssal Berserk feed me 100k of HP and Attack, which had made me feel tankier and stronger, while the Runic Blacksmith was 60k of Magic, the change isn't as big in this one because my Magic is already very high, but it is a notable enhancement.

I can tell that the Seer is a Magic Class, and the Knight might be more centered in defense, fighter, could probably continue on the similar path as the Berserk... Also, when maxing Classes I get specific Class Skills, so it could be interesting to mix and match to see what I get.

I don't have to care too much about min-maxing anyways, when I am already very strong and possess tons of skills by default.

So...

Ding!

[You've exchanged 3000000 System Points!]

[Your Job Class has Ranked Up to the [Soul Shattering Black Knight: ★★ (Unique Grade)] Job Class!]

[Your HP, Attack, and Defense has increased by +40000]

[All of your Physical Skills and Body Skills have gained one Bonus Level.]

[You've exchanged 2000000 System Points!]

[Your Job Class has Ranked Up to the [Soul Bending Alchemist: ★★ (Unique Grade)] Subclass!]

[Your MP and Magic has increased by +25000]

[All of your Crafting and Alchemy Related Skills have gained one Bonus Level.]

[Your Class Level has been reset, and your Level Cap increased to Level 80!]

Good, as good as done now. With this, I shouldn't be worrying about anything for now. And if the Level is now reset to 80, that just means I get to level up even more, it is a win-win situation.

As for the break, we all sat down and ended drinking some calming herbal tea, and ate something, mostly sandwiches to regain stamina and some vitality, it didn't take longer than five minutes, I brought my Undead within my shadows, including the ten thousand skeletons from the Underworld, which were still summoned, alongside the one thousand Frost Monster Undead.

"Alright, we're done here. Let's go." I nodded. "Everyone's ready?"

"Yeah!" Partner said. "Never been so ready!"

"Let's see what awaits us in the higher floors then." Lucifer said confidently.

"I am still quite worried, but let's do our best." Emeraldine smiled.

"I'm ready for anything, Maria." Jonathan nodded.

"Mama, when can I fight?" Arachne spoke through my shadows.

"Not yet dear, once we get to the top of the tower, I'll let you fight." I smiled.

"Oway!" Arachne nodded.

Swiftly, we moved upstairs through the spiraling staircases. This tower was made by a goddess herself, and as a result, it had a structure very similar to dungeons... meaning that it was like its own, pseudo dimension inside, where it could even harbor small pockets of space big enough to resemble gigantic landscapes in the outside world.

And right now, as we stepped into the second floor, we saw that. The second floor was an enormous landscape, of pure snow and ice, similar to the dungeon, but lacking trees or anything other than snow, and... a ruined village.

"W-What is this place?" Asked Emeraldine. "This tower is like a dungeon...?"

"More or less..." Lucifer nodded. "Seems like the second floor is a large landscape."

"That village... Could there be Ice Giants there?" Wondered Veredorr, the Dhampir Frost Ghost, that I had brought with me.

"I don't know, but it is worth giving it a look." I smiled, as we made our way to the ruined-looking village.

However, we were greeted with only silence, and the sound of the snowstorm... Everything was desolate, and we couldn't find a single sign of life in it.

"T-This is... Everyone, come! Look...!" Emeraldine suddenly found something, shocked, she called for us.

And what we saw was... not something we expected.

Chapter 762 The Traitorous Vampires

Emeraldine's face looked filled with horror and shock, as she called for us. As we inspected the ruined village, she found something rather horrifying... yet I couldn't help but be reminded of the same state the Majin were before we freed them from their frozen states.

Indeed...

"N-No... W-Why?! Why would Tear do this...?!" Veredorr panicked. "W-Why... T-This is...!"

Right in the middle of the ruined village, there was a large quantity of people in the floor. They were all frozen with the same magic that the Frost Queen used with the Majin. Even children, pregnant mothers, elderly, all frozen solid.

They were Ice Giants, so they were probably still alive even in such conditions, but perhaps how long have they been trapped here? Without being able to eat, to talk, to feel anything, in an endless prison of cold ice...

"T-They're frozen..." Lucifer said. "Did the Frost Queen do this? Why would she freeze her own people? Why would she torture them like this?! Dammit, we don't have my sister's flames..."

"It's fine, we'll unfreeze them once this is all over." I sighed. "But this is... I want to remain calm, but it really makes me go mad. Why did she do this? I guess she could do whatever she wanted to others, but to her own people? Is this how she killed you, Veredorr?"

"I... Yeah." Veredorr sighed. "However, I was unable to survive the cold, and died almost instantly. Perhaps the Ice Giants... Ah, I can feel their souls, their bodies still live, but they're very weak. If we wait longer, they might not make it."

"Ice Giants are incredibly resilient people." Jonathan said. "It is amazing that they're still alive after being frozen like this for so long... Well, it is the same for the Majin, a special type of freezing that seals them in place, like an eternal prison. Perhaps the Frost Queen didn't exactly meant to kill them, but to just... throw them aside and forget about them."

"This is the village where everything started, but why is it in the tower?" Emeraldine wondered.

"Why, you ask~?"

Suddenly, we heard the voice of a woman. It wasn't the Frost Queen's voice, but a different person altogether, which slowly manifested herself in front of us, above the ruined village.

With unhealthy pale white skin, sharp red eyes, and long dark purple hair, a beautiful Vampiress manifested herself, opening her arms wide and showing her sharp, long nails. She wore a black dress, and over it, black and red armor finely decorated.

A powerful Aura of Darkness and Blood surged from within her body, encompassing all our surroundings... But I could even sense the power of the element of Death itself. This woman might be... a Vampire cooperating with the Frost Queen.

But Vampires are sneaky bastards, why would she show herself so fast in front of all of us like this? It just doesn't make much sense... Unless she has other intentions rather than battling against us.

"A Vampire?!" Jonathan roared. "You! You're the ones that created the entire conspiracy that ended with Maria's death!" He pointed his sword at her. "Come down and confront us! I'll cut your head off!"

"Oh my~ What a brave little betraying hero you are, Jonathan." Giggled the vampire woman. "I like that attitude! Honestly speaking, I was shocked when I learned you joined Maria and everyone else, even when she's now an ugly ghost and has ugly undead friends."

"Shut up! You have no saying over my own decisions..." Jonathan said. "I don't even know who you are, but I know you're the ones behind my disciples transformations into monsters... You poisoned their bodies and corrupted their minds!"

"Fufufu~ Yeah, keep blaming us for everything." The Vampiress laughed.

"Jonathan, there's no point in talking with her." I said. "She's just mocking us. Speak already, bitch, what do you want? I doubt you want to fight all of us at once, right? You'll be dead before you can even realize what's happening."

"Oooh? You really think I couldn't go against all of you at once?" The Vampiress face became angered, showing us her sharp fangs. "Yet... you're right, this is not my style. I only came here to take a look, to see all of you. After everything we've orchestrated, it is truly frustrating to see all of you still alive, you're an eyesore for sure. Not only Maria, but that stupid dragon over there... and the little witty hero..."

"Me?" Lucifer asked. "You Vampires... What do you mean I am somehow part of what you orchestrated?"

"Heheh, didn't you realize?" She asked, winking at Lucifer. "The death of the dragons... The death of the old Demon King, why do you think the humans knew all of your positions? Why do you think they knew all of our tactics, and even your weaknesses?"

Lucifer gritted his teeth, his aura growing furious with draconic might.

"Traitors..." His eyes glowing redder. "I had imagined so... But hearing it so outright is... So infuriating. I knew you simply decided to run away afterwards, but I should have known you were the ones that allied them from the beginning! You filthy rats!"

"Dragon King Lucifer, your resurrection by the hands of Maria was quite shocking to say the least." Sighed the Vampiress woman. "I feel like I should have done something myself about this sooner. But now, we've been pushed a bit into a corner~ Well, for now, I simply can't let you advance further. How about you all die now, huh?"

"So you're going to fight us?" Partner smiled, her vampiric aura surging. "Good, been a while since I've drunk Vampire blood."

"Ah, Maria's skeleton, huh?" Laughed the Vampiress. "To think her own corpse would turn into such a strong being... Now what was one problem became two, hahaha! So ridiculous... Yet, no, I am not going to fight your pathetic existences. In fact, I'll leave it all to the ones you've killed... Hehehe... HAHAAH! COME!"

FLUOOOOOSH!

Her shadows spread around the frozen lands, as her Death, Darkness, and Blood energies converged with the snow and ice in the surroundings... And then, several enormous and familiar figures emerged one after the other.

Chapter 763 Another Necromancer?

"Come, the spirits of the dead! Come and fight them once more! Through the Divine Power of the Tower of Skadi, I call back the bound souls of the fallen! Frost Generals, your prey is once more within your grasp!" Laughed the Vampiress.

Her powers and the snow itself melded together. This snow... wasn't just snow. Once it reacted with someone that possessed a certain control over the tower, it became a divine material, something to... create.

And through her Necromancy, which seemed different than mine, and combining it with the powers of the Frost Queen, the Vampiress summoned them all back, yet they were much different.

All the Frost Generals we killed except Claw!

Zero, the Witch of Eternal Winter. Frost, The Armored Ice General. Valkoinen, the Divine Frost Dragon of Blizzards. And lastly, Argus, the Ice Giant Hero.

However, aside from these four suddenly materializing out of her dark energies and the divine power of the tower, two other figures showed up, Julio the Hero of Darkness and Anastasia, the Blazing Sorceress!

But this shouldn't even be possible, how come she can summon them back as Undead when I am fairly sure all of their souls died back then?

"Hahahaha! HAHAAHAHA!" She laughed. "You're probably wondering how this is even possible, right?! Well, there's more than just one way to use Necromancy, Maria. You're really naïve to think the most direct way, your way, is the only that exists. As long as you create a Contract that binds someone's Soul and Origin to someone or somewhere, the Necromancer possess the authority of summoning them anywhere, and use them as materials to create something even better!"

"Origin?" I asked in surprise. "What... is that?"

"Heh, so foolish." The Vampiress giggled. "With the Divine Powers granted by a True Evil God's Fragment..." Her hand suddenly shapeshifted, showing black tentacles and red eyes. "And my own latent talents, I've been able to surpass the mere mortal's realm, I can conjure Magic that can even manipulate concepts and the deepest parts of a Soul, the Origin. You've killed them, and even destroyed their souls,

yes, but not their Origins, that's not something mortals can destroy. I can manipulate such Origins... And, well, heheh, bring them back! Though, they don't look the same, huh?"

Their bodies began to distort constantly and transform, they were all groaning like monstrous zombies, having lost their souls and bodies, it felt as if they were just the husks of themselves...

"G-GRAAAAGGH...! AAAAHHH...!" Zero groaned, her once beautiful body now having become a mass of twisted flesh and tentacles, only her face popping out of it as her hands moved around, a staff emanating Magic Power.

"OOOOOHHH.... R-REVENGE... KILL!" Frost groaned, his slime-like body merged with his armor and the body of Zero, both chimeric abominations becoming a single... thing.

"DRAGON... KILL THE DRAGON... THAT KILLED ME... GRAAAARRGGGHHHH!!!" Valkoinen roared, his gigantic dragon-like head popping out of the neck of Argus as both of their bodies melded atrociously. Half of the dragon's head looked like it was melting, while Argus back was distorting, covered in multiple red eyes. His bulky arms merged with his the claws and scaled legs of the dragon.

"JO... NA... THANNN...! KILL...! KILL YOU! TRAITOR!" Julio and Anastasia groaned, both of their faces distorted into monstrously elongated jaws and eyes, spread across a mass of black tentacles and eyes, and both of their weapons stuck into their bodies, flowing with power.

"W-What have you done?!" Jonathan cried. "T-This isn't at all like Maria's noble Necromancy... You've turned them into abominations, they're suffering! How could you do this to your allies?!"

"My allies?" Laughed the Vampire. "That doesn't really matter, I couldn't care less about how they feel~ As long as they're useful, that's all what truly matters, isn't it? Fufu..."

"YOU BITCH!" Partner roared, flying towards her, and pointing her two spears against the Vampiress body. "DIE!"

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLAAASH!

The Vampiress entire body was covered in countless slashing attacks... only for her sliced body to dissipate into mist and disappear.

"Fufufu~ Did you thought it would be so easy?! I won't waste my time with trash like you! Now go on and fight these slaves first... I am sure you'll enjoy it." She laughed. "Please, make sure to die, okay~?"

FLAAASH!

And then, she fully dissipated into nothingness, like Mist itself. I had heard higher ranked Vampires had the power to become Mist, but this was insane... How could we even fight her if she just turns into mist all the time? Ah, well, that should be for later.

We have to take care of some old friends first...

"GRUAAAGGH!" The furious Zero roared, her staff, fused with her body and Frost, glowed brightly.

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Dozens of enormous Magic Circles surged in the skies, summoning enormous Icicle Spears, which fell down like a deadly rain of giant needles.

"Careful!" Lucifer roared, rushing forward, and protecting us with his gigantic wings.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CRAAASH!

His swings were pierced several times, bleeding all over, and then beginning to freeze and gain cracks, wait, Zero's magic wasn't THIS strong before... Is this because she has been remade with Divine Materials all while being fused with Frost?

"Unnggh...! My wings..." Lucifer muttered. "Well, this is nothing anyways! ROOOAAAARRRR!!!"

Lucifer unleashed a ferocious roar, a powerful shockwave of Darkness and Death Energy surged, materializing into Abyssal Death Flames that spread around, generating a Domain!

FLUOOOOOSSSH!

D i n g!

[Lucifer has created the [Abyssal Death Flames Domain]!]

[All foes will take constant damage to their HP and MP, while allies compatible with these Flames elements will receive a +25% boost to All Stats and MP Regeneration Speed.]

"GRAAAARRGGHHH... IT BURNS...!" Groaned Frost, fused with Zero, their gigantic body, almost the same size as Lucifer's body, stepped back in horror. "IT HURTSSSS...!"

"Alright! Well done!" I said with a smile. "Everyone! We've all grown much stronger now, don't falter, and defeat them!"

Chapter 764 Fight Against Resurrected Foes

After the mysterious Vampiress summoned the Frost Generals and Heroes Maria and her allies had defeated a week ago, she left without even engaging into a battle herself. Her intentions were quite clear, she wanted them gone before they could get to the Frost Queen, and what better way than to throw them all the S Ranked foes they had previous defeated, even stronger now?

Using a special type of forbidden demonic necromancy that utilized the power of the Evil God's Fragment the Vampiress had naturally assimilated into her body somehow, she summoned the defeated foes through their "Origins" and not their Souls, something Maria had no knowledge about.

However, it seemed that such concept was the very core of a person's soul, something that not even Maria and her allies could destroy, even when their foe's souls were destroyed, whatever was their Origin, remained within the claws of this devilish Vampiress Necromancer.

And granted her the ability to bring them back. However, without Soul or Body, she used other materials to replace them, namely the essence of her Evil God Fragment, Miasma, and also the Divine Energy within the Tower of Skadi, transforming them into aberrant beings instead of normal Undead.

Compared to her own Necromancy, this power was much more destructive and possessive, pretty much enslaving these people forever to become her slaves... But that was ending now. Maria thought she underestimated them greatly, and was about to show her right now that these revived foes wouldn't stand a chance against her and her group.

"ROOOAAAARRRR!!!"

Lucifer unleashed a ferocious roar, a powerful shockwave of Darkness and Death Energy surged, materializing into Abyssal Death Flames that spread around, generating a Domain!

FLUOOOOOSSSH!

Ding!

[Lucifer has created the [Abyssal Death Flames Domain]!]

[All foes will take constant damage to their HP and MP, while allies compatible with these Flames elements will receive a +25% boost to All Stats and MP Regeneration Speed.]

As their foes were being burned by his flames, the flames spread around them, as if trying to protect them, even temporarily increasing their stats Mana Regeneration Speed!

"GRAAAARRRGGH!" Valkoinen and Argus roared at the same time, their two heads twisting in fury as their gigantic, converged body leaped into action, enormous and muscular arms and giant dragon claws unleashed several deadly blows incessantly.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CRAAASH!

"Your opponent shall be me!" Lucifer roared, clashing against the half-dragon and half-ice giant, his giant claws piercing their body as his death flames burned through their flesh!

FLUOOOSH!

"[Abyssal Death Dragon Breath]!"

Lucifer opened his gigantic jaws, unleashing a massive Dragon Breath attack and blasting the giant half-dragon and half-ice giant away, their amorphous body fell into the snowy floor, crushing through several of the ruined village's wooden houses.

C R A A A A S S S S H H H!!!

"GGRRHHH...! GRAAAHHH...! Y-YOU'RE NOT... THAT DRAGON...!" Valkoinen said, his jaws distorting constantly as if he was melting away.

"You're talking about my sister Brunhild?" Asked Lucifer with a smile, his wings quickly regenerated thanks to his own self-regeneration abilities, and Maria that had conjured a healing spell. "I did heard from her that she defeated you by burning you to a crisp... But sorry, looks like you won't be having your revenge, she's not here. You'll have to deal with her little brother instead! GROOOOAARRR!"

Lucifer stepped forward, flapping his wings to easily allow him to enhance his speed, giving one single leap and landing over the Valkoinen and Argus chimeric body.

CLAAAAAASSH! I think you should take a look at

"THEN I'LL KILL HER BROTHER!!!" Roared the mad dragon's jaws, opening and unleashing a destructive Dragon Breath in the form of a corrupted beam of frost, chaos, darkness, and blood elements intertwined together.

However, Lucifer's reaction speed was even better after having evolved into his powerful new form, in mere seconds he opened his jaws and unleashed his own, even more destructive Dragon Breath.

BOOOOOOMMMMMM...!

A huge explosion filled their surroundings with black smoke everywhere, as the floor shattered into pieces, rubble flew everywhere...

FLAAASH!

And Lucifer appeared within the black smoke, reaching the chimeric abomination and attacking them with his gigantic claws!

"[Divinity Shattering Claws]!" His claws were covered on his Abyssal Death Flames, as they unleashed a series of powerful piercing and slashing blows against Lucifer's foe.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CRAAASH!

These claws had gained a special ability, the power to shatter divinities themselves. With enough power, Lucifer was managing to shatter the Divine Frost Dragon's divine scales and aura, weakening him severely!

"GRAAAAGGH...! Y-YOU DAMN BLACK LIZARD! KILL! DIEEEEE!!!" The crazed Argus roared, his muscular arms materialized two enormous Battle Axes made of Divine Frost, unleashing a series of powerful and destructive blows.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLAAASH!

Both axes and claws clashed against each other, Lucifer's immense power and his opponent, a fusion of two very powerful S Ranked foes were almost equal! However...

Lucifer swiftly found a moment, through his Eyes of Death Perception, he saw a weak spot, colored red within the very chest of the chimeric beast he was fighting so fiercely.

"[Abyssal Death Divine Tail Spear]!"

His gigantic, black scaled tail was imbued with his powerful Divine powers, as the incarnation of Nidhogg pointed the spear-like tip against his foe's chest, piercing through it several times!

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!

"G-GUUUGH...! GRAAAARRGGH! GRUOOOHHHH...!"

However, despite this being a weak point, the furious chimera suddenly started to mutate, the flesh began to peel out as Lucifer realized why this was their "weak point", it was a big, red core where all of their flesh was connected, it seemed to be made of Demonite itself, and one of very high quality, and inside of it, two white spheres were being protected, while being wrapped around black chains.

"Demonite?! Of this high quality, I can't break it easily...!" Lucifer was shocked. "And what's inside of there?!"

"GRAAARRGGGHHH!" The beast roared back, its tentacles unified into a gigantic fist, clashing against Lucifer's head, and throwing him several steps away!

CRAAAAASSH!

Chapter 765 Jonathan's Resolve

Maria glanced Lucifer fight against the fusion between Valkoinen and Argus with a worried expression, however, it wasn't as if she had any time to waste herself. Jonathan, Partner, and Emeraldine were also engaging in a fierce battle against their opponents.

"JONATHANNN...! I'LL KILL YOU FOR REAL NOW!!!" Julio's voice echoed coming from his new aberrant form, enormous black claws constantly attempted to crush the Hero of Sunlight as they shook the ground around him.

CRAASH! CRAASH! CRAAAASH!

"HEHEHEHE... BURN! BURN, MY DEAR JONATHANNN~!" Anastasia's face twisted in laughter, as countless fireballs emerged everywhere around their amorphous, unified body, falling like rain over the Hero of Sunlight.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

"Unnghh..." Jonathan evaded the blows, but even his barrier and armor were not enough to contain all the damage he was taking.

Meanwhile, at the exact same time, Partner and Emeraldine combined their strength to fight against the monstrous fusion between Zero and Frost, an aberrant, chimeric slime beast covered on armor and with several magic jewels conjuring magic constantly, alongside a large staff and the small, distorted head of Zero stuck to the slime-like body.

"HAHAHAHA...! HAHAHAHAHA!" Zero laughed madly, without a hint of intelligence in her mind now that she had been forcefully revived through her Origin alone.

Dozens of magic circles appeared everywhere, raining Icicle Spears against Partner and Emeraldine, the two of them destroyed them while evading them, at the same time as Frost's slimy body constantly attempted to crush them using his tentacles, which ended on sharp, frozen spear tips.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLAAASH!

"You're a bit too slow anyways! [Moon Vampire Queen Battle Arts]: [Endless Demonic Vampiric Swarm]!" Partner smiled valiantly, as she waved her hands and unleashed an enormous swarm of bats made of darkness and blood energy, which swarmed the entire body of the chimera.

FLUOOOSH!

"You're a bit too annoying. Let me keep you in a tight place instead!" Emeraldine smiled, pointing her arrow, and combining the power of her two Divine Spirits into it. "[Divine Spiritual Archery Arts]: [Life and Nature's Requiem Arrows]!"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

The arrows divided into countless arrows thanks to other Skills she possessed, falling like divine rays of light from the skies, alongside Partner's attack, their foe was utterly overwhelmed!

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

Seeing how Partner and Emeraldine were handling just fine and Lucifer was strong enough as well, Maria decided to help Jonathan, who was being the one most overwhelmed.

"JONATHANNNN...! KILL! DIE! THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT! THAT WE ARE SO UGLY, SO MONSTROUS! IT IS ALL YOUR DAMN FAULT!!!" Julio's voice echoed from within the monster, Jonathan's face was filled with guilt, even though he didn't wanted to admit it, he thought he was right, it was all his fault.

It was all his fault they died so bitterly, it was all his fault they became monsters. It was all his fault they turned to a much darker side, and accepted the power of the Evil God's Fragments into their bodies, growing Demonite Heart Cores that ultimately transformed them into aberrations...

Maybe if he was more careful, maybe if he had given them more attention, maybe if he didn't had to do so many things or maybe... If he didn't gave Maria as much attention, perhaps... perhaps this would had been different.

"I'm sorry...!" Jonathan cried, even though he had been the one that killed them both, it was something he decided to do as he wanted to carry the weight of their deaths himself. "I'm sorry for everything...!"

His strength slowly began to falter as he barely managed to intercept the gigantic shadow claws and darkness hands that Julio used to attack him, which came by the hundreds at a time.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CRAAASH!

"HEHEHEH~ DON'T WORRY~ JUST LET US KILL YOU, JONATHAN... SO WE CAN BE TOGETHER FOREVER INSTEAD!" Giggled Anastasia within the amorphous, chimeric body, a gigantic sphere of flames surged above Jonathan. "DIE!!!"

FLUOOOSH!

"Ungh?!"

BOOOOOOOMMMM!!!

Jonathan was engulfed by a blazing explosion, he felt as if his entire body was being burned, the flames were like the sins he had committed, all the mistakes and guilt he carried over his shoulders...

However, Maria appeared in front of him, Veredorr's Frost Powers merging with her through her Divine Spirit Fusion Skill, as her appearance changed slightly, making her resemble a beautiful, blue haired maiden of snow, with a dress made of ice crystals, and a big crystal crown.

"M-Maria...?!" Jonathan was surprised she had once more saved his life.

SLAAAP!

Maria quickly gave Jonathan a big slap on his face.

"Ugh! A-Ahhh..." Jonathan suddenly snapped back to reality. His eyes opening wide.

"What the hell are you doing, idiot?!" Maria asked. "Acting all sad and sorrowful?! Do you think you're the only one that has gone through shit? Do you think you're the only one suffering here?! We all are! Equally! Yet... do you see us crying? Do you see us faltering?!"

"M-Maria..." Jonathan's eyes glowed brightly as he glanced at her lecturing him. "You're right... I'm sorry. I am a fool."

"And you shouldn't be carrying those sins or guilt alone." Maria sighed. "I'll be carrying them alongside you! So let's defeat these brats and get over with this... They need to go rest for once! Just be brave and keep pushing forward! I am here with you."

"Maria... You're right... You're right!" Jonathan nodded, as his Divine Heroic Powers surged from his body...

"WHAT ARE YOU TWO BABBLING ABOUT?! YOU MAKE ME DISGUSTED!!!" Anastasia cried furiously.

"KILL THEM!!!" Julio roared.

Their unified powers combined into hundreds of hands and claws made of shadows, darkness, and flames, which reached Maria and Jonathan in a single second!

FLAAAAAASSSSH!!

However, from within Jonathan's his true strength once more surged. The power of the Hero of Sunlight and Holy Light would only emerge when their wielder was brave and strong-minded, if they strove down a path of regret and sadness, they would weaken... However, as long as Maria was there for him, Jonathan would never regret anymore, he would never stray from his true path towards what he believed was true righteousness.

"[Heavenly Sunshine Blade]!!!"

SLAAAAAAASSSSHHHH!!!

A gigantic slash of pure light descended from the skies as Jonathan swung his Divine Sword vertically, clashing against the abomination in front of them, and slicing the into two halves!

Chapter 766 Immortal Foes

SLAAAAAAASSSH!!!

TRUUUMMM...!

With a single, powerful slash of his sword, Jonathan split into two halves the foe in front of him. Such powerful attack would be more than enough to defeat almost any foe... except them.

CRACK!

Only a single crack appeared within a large red colored crystal once it was hit with such a powerful attack, as it fell down into the floor, the rest of the body of the chimera dissolved into snow...

"W-What? What is that?" Asked Jonathan.

"A Demonite Heart Core?" Asked Maria. "Wait, that Vampiress can create these things so easily with her Undead?! But this thing shouldn't be able to be this strong though... We have to-"

FLUOOOOSH!

However, before the two could even reach the core, it began floating in midair, absorbing all the energy on its surroundings and reforming a brand new, monstrous body.

TRUUUUMMM...!

This time, it had a more contained shape, resembling a giant humanoid of over thirty meters of height, wearing pure black armor, it had a single head, but the head had two faces, that of Julio and Anastasia stuck together, furious...

It was as if they simply reformed completely from nothing! This was... the true power of whatever Necromancy the Vampire had used.

"Y-YOUUU... YOU KILLED US AGAIN!!!" Julio cried.

"I WON'T FORGIVE YOU.... I WON'T FORGIVE YOUUUU!!!" Anastasia cried.

Jonathan and Maria's reaction was almost the same... Maria had seen a similar revival power before, from that one Vampire they killed back in the duchy of Affnaria.

Through the power of Demonite Heart Cores, it is possible for beings to surpass their mortal limits and revive even after death, gaining more monstrous forms, it is like an endless regeneration.

However, as long as these cores are shattered, they'll die anyways.

Nonetheless, this was rather different than in those times, their very bodies weren't even flesh, it was simple... Divine Power amassed and materialized together, and as long as their core existed- no, as long as the Origins within these Demonite heart cores were still there, they would simply revive endlessly.

"W-What sort of trick is this?! They have revived completely and in a new form so fast?!" Jonathan asked. "Not even when they were alive and had the power of the Evil God..."

"Yeah, this is fishy." Maria sighed. "Looks like that Vampiress was able to create literal immortal soldiers... Insane."

"How can we even defeat them? And they seem even madder than before, it is as if each death makes them go even crazier..." Jonathan said.

"We just do what we always do against these foes, we need to shatter their cores." Maria said. "I can sense something, similar to a soul, two, but much stronger. I think their Origin are trapped inside those cores, so they're in a constant loop of re-creation by absorbing this Tower's Divine Power to create their bodies back..."

"T-That's... But the core was so hard.." Jonathan said.

"MASTER...! JONATHANNNNN!!! DIE!!!"

"Careful, they're coming!" Maria said.

"Okay!" Jonathan nodded.

CLAAAAASSSSHHH!!!

A gigantic metallic foot reached where the two were, shattering the floor and unleashing countless spikes made of darkness and flames everywhere, generating an endless disaster!

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOOM!!!

"D-Did it become even stronger?!" Jonathan thought.

"No, but it seems they've managed to synchronize their powers together much better after their first death." Maria said. "Look at their current form, it is much more concentrated and strong- Ah, careful!"

"RAAAAAGGH! YOU BITCH! GET AWAY FROM HIM! HE'S MINEEEEE!" Anastasia cried, her gigantic body raised its enormous muscular arms covered in black armor, and summoned two swords made of flames. "DIE! DIE! DIE!"

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLAAAASSHH!!!

Constant blazing attacks made of flames covered the entire landscape, the two blazing swords constantly split the earth itself!

"Ugh, you're getting on my nerves." Maria sighed, quickly channeling her ridiculous quantities of Mana. "I won't waste Moonlight Energy on you trash though." A smile surged in her lips. "But I can always do this!"

She fused the power of Veredorr with Tyr's powers, combining Chaos with Frost, and then her Death and Darkness Elements into a sphere between her two pale hands.

"[Chaotic Apocalyptic Blizzard]!"

FLUOOOOOSSSHHHH!!!

An enormous blizzard made of chaos and frost was released, reaching the entire body of the fusion between Julio and Anastasia! Their flames were of no use against Maria's overwhelming Magic Power, as their entire arms froze and shattered into pieces in an instant!

Crack... crack... CRAAASH!

"GRAAAAAGGGH...! MY ARMS! OUCH!" Julio and Anastasia cried at the same time.

"I can't believe Tear would cooperate with a woman that would create such abominations..." Veredorr sighed through Maria's soul. "Maria, take all the power you can from me! I haven't been leveling up for nothing either."

"Heh, that's the spirit, brat!" Said Tyr. "I am just as frustrated, you know? All these bastards using my body parts to do whatever insane monsters! Its getting into my nerves!"

"Thank you guys!" Maria smiled, as she channeled even more of their strength with ease, flying into the skies and combining several of her Spells and Skills together once more, her entire body suddenly grew several times in size. "[Divine Frost Titan Transformation]!"

Combining her Transformation Skills together, and even concentrating a small part of the Titan's Energy flowing through the Titan's Records, she transformed!

TRUUUUUMMMM...!

"W-What is that form?!" Jonathan was shocked.

"HUH?! THAT BITCH... WHAT IS SHE NOW?!" Anastasia cried angrily.

She looked like her titaness form, but made entirely out of ice, with long, crystal-made hair, and a crown of blue jewels, with enormous and muscular arms and legs, and her weapons all combining together into a gigantic Battle Axe made of pure Frost.

Ding!

[By combining the power of the [Demonic Frost Phantom Ghost: Veredorr], [Chaotic Evil God's Spirit: Tyr], and several Skills alongside the Titan Energy coming from the Titan's Records, you've temporarily transformed into a [Divine Frost Titan]!]

[All of your Stats have increased by +100%, and all your Frost-type Damage has further increased by +300%!]

[Due to the instability of this transformation, transformation time has been reduced.]

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[Remaining time: 5 Minutes.]

Maria underwent a sudden, amazing transformation, becoming a beautiful and glorious Frost Giantess... However, that wasn't all. Her weapons melded together as well.

Ding!

[Due to the Divine Power, Titan Energy, and Frost Mana coursing through your body, and the [Fárbauti Cruel Strike (C Rank Privilege)] Effects, your weapons have been unified together to create the Divine Relic: [Fárbauti's Divine Frost Axe of Destruction: Fimbulvetr]!]

[Remaining time: 5 Minutes.]

"A-Amazing, Maria! You've become so huge..." Jonathan blushed a bit. He had something for huge women, and Maria was hitting all the checkmarks right now.

"Concentrate on the battle, Jonathan!" Maria said. "Unleash your strongest blows when the opportunity arises! I'll hold them back myself."

"Very well." Jonathan quickly changed his mood back to his serious self, his Divine Sword shining brightly with the power of Sunlight itself, as he leaped into action together with Maria.

"COME AT ME THEN!!!" Roared Julio, stepping forwards as countless shadow tentacles surged from their body, attacking Maria and Jonathan!

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CRAAASH!

However, Maria and Jonathan intercepted all blows with their powerful Divine Weapons, shockwaves of divine power began spreading everywhere, as the tentacles froze in seconds and shattered a split of a second after!

"UUGGGH...! FLAMES! BURN!" Anastasia cried, unleashing more flames against them, pillars of infernal fire surged from the ground endlessly, attempting to roast the two alive!

TRUUUM! TRUUUM! TRUUUMMM...!

FLUOOOOOSH!

"That's not going to happen!" Maria roared, stepping into the floor with her gigantic frost-made foot and crushing the pillars of flames in seconds, freezing everything else! "[Frost Giant's Divine Step]!"

CRAAAAASH! FLUOOOSH!

"W-WHAT?!" Julio and Anastasia reacted in the same, shocked way, as Jonathan and Maria's weapons reached their chest, crushing the black armor they had made specifically to protect their cores, and shattering it apart as it froze beforehand!

CRAAAAASSSHH!!!

"UUNNGGH...! AAAGH! STOP!"

Beneath the armor, the red jewel emerged once more, with a big crack in the middle of it provoked by Jonathan's strongest blow.

"Now!" Jonathan roared.

"On it!" Maria nodded.

Both of their weapons clashed against the core once more, like a baseball ball, it was thrown away out of their bodie in a single, powerful strike!

BAAAAAAAAMMM...!

Crack... CRACK!

Several more cracks grew over the Demonite Heart Core of tremendous durability, but it had yet to shatter, falling over the snow in an instant.

SPLAAASH!

Their body instantly perished, turning into just snow falling over the floor. Maria and Jonathan didn't even said a single word, rushing towards the Demonite Heart Core to crush it before it could regenerate...

Both jumping over it at the same time, their weapons pointing at it...!

However!

FLUOOOSH!! I think you should take a look at

A powerful shockwave of divine power and demonic energy surged from within, snow and divine power around the tower was absorbed once more, as a new body was recreated almost instantly!

TRUUUUUMMM...!

"GRAAAHHH! YOU BITCH!!!"

Now, having a nimble and feminine body made of black flames, with big, demonic wings behind and Julio's head on her stomach, Anastasia seemed to have taken over this new body's transformation.

"[INFERNAL PUNISHMENT]!!!"

FLUOOOSH!

An enormous amount of flames surged from her entire body, and darkness surged from the mouth of Julio, as if he was vomiting it grotesquely. Both elements melding together into a hellish storm of black flames! Both Jonathan and Maria were engulfed on the deadly explosion.

BOOOOOOOOMMMMM!!!

"You're one persistent bitch, aren't you?!" Maria's voice echoed from within the flames, her frost-made body was completely immune to fire, she stepped forward, using her bare, frost-made fist to punch Julio's face, and Anastasia's stomach! "[Divine Frost Titan's Fist]!"

CLAAAASSSSHHH!!!

"UUAAGGH...!" Anastasia and Julio screamed in agony at the same time, their body rolling over the floor as it melted the ice surrounding them.

BAAAAAMMMM...!

"Forgive me, Anastasia, but we need to end you now!" Jonathan roared, jumping right above the fused chimera, and pointing his Divine Sword down their chest.

"G-GET AWAY FROM MEEEE...!" Anastasia screamed, an inferno of black flames engulfed Jonathan again, yet Jonathan's might could resist such flames as he covered his body with the power of the Sunlight itself.

"[Divine Sunlight Armor]!"

FLUOOOOOSSSH!!!

He was almost unscathed, although such magical armor was constantly shattering and regenerating back, Jonathan was surviving the flames as he swung his Divine Sword vertically.

"[Heaven's Fall]!"

The cloudy skies opened up, as a ray of pure divine light descended from within, merging with his sword and unleashing a devastating, piecing divine attack against the fusion's chest!

BOOOOOOOMMMMM!!!!

"GRYYYYAAAAGGGHHH...!"

Their combined scream echoed across the Tower, their chest opened up, revealing the Demonite Heart Core once more, the powerful blow that Jonathan covering it with more and more cracks!

"S-STOP! STOOOP!"

Julio and Anastasia screamed, as their body quickly fell and turned into snow once more. The Demonite Heart Core flew into the skies suddenly transforming once more... Shadows and Darkness took over the crystal's entire body, as black flames surged over the new body, resembling a ferocious snake hydra.

"SHAAAAAAHHHH!!! DIE! DIE! KILL!" Their minds having gone completely mad after dying so many times, their new body held the mind of a mere beast now.

FLAAAAASSSSH!

The gigantic snake made of shadows and flames descended from the skies, clashing against Jonathan and blowing him away with countless beams of darkness and blazing explosions!

CLAAAAASSSSH!

"Uugh...!"

BAAAAMMM...!

Jonathan fell over the floor, vomiting a mouthful of blood as he gasped for air, the attack was too much for a human like him, and this beast constantly synchronized better with the wielder's original powers, becoming stronger with each reincarnation...

"[Divine Frost Titan's Axe Strike]! RAAAAAHHH!!!"

However, Maria appeared right from behind after the beast descended, resembling a brave and heroic titaness of ice, her axe clashed against the beast's many necks, cutting them all down!

CLAAAAASSSSH!!!

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Alongside cutting the hydra's heads, Maria's free hand pierced its body once more, utilizing the powers of her transformation, she forcefully extracted the entire Demonite Heart Core and raised it into the skies.

Crack... crack... CRAAASH!

"Enough of this!" She roared, her titanic hand instantly shattering the jewel into pieces, while two white spheres flew away from it, chained with black chains made of powerful necromancy magic and the Evil God's Miasma.

"W-What is that?!" Jonathan asked.

"That must be the 'Origin' that the bitch vampire said." Maria sighed, grabbing the two spheres and... swallowing them. "Gulp..."

Within her stomach, both of the Origin Orbs continued fighting against her, but her darkness powers and her Unique Skill made that.. utterly impossible.

Freed from the Demonite Heart Core that was encompassing them, the chains wrapped around their bodies were instantly consumed by Maria's Abyssal Phantasmal Stomach, dissolving...

FRSSSHHHH...!

And then, she spit the two Origins again, putting them into her hands.

"Huh, so this is an Origin?" She sighed. "Well now, shouldn't you two be a bit more grateful now that we've freed you?"

"GRRRHHH..."

"GRAAR!"

However, both Origins were barking like mad dogs, they hated her a lot...

"Now that they're no longer bound, can they pass away in peace?" Jonathan asked. "Could you let them go, Maria?"

His shiny eyes looked like those of a puppy... Maria was incapable of resisting.

"Sigh, well, whatever." Maria sighed, letting them go, the two Origins slowly dissipated into thin air, now no longer bound with the Vampiress' demonic powers, they were able to finally go to an eternal rest in the Underworld. "Now, let's quickly go help everyone before my transformation ends!"

"Sure!" Jonathan nodded.

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CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

Lucifer's claws clashed against the deadly frozen claws of Valkoinen on his third resurrected body, who had already taken a more draconic body, while having muscular arms and legs from Argus, who only manifested as a tiny head on his back.

"HAHAHAHA! I couldn't have expected less from the brother of that damned dragon woman!" Valkoinen laughed. "However, it is FUTILE! I AM IMMORTAL NOW!"

"Immortal you say?!" Lucifer smiled, his eyes glowing bright red. "I doubt so!"

Lucifer's claws pierced through the chest of the Frost Dagon once more, as he channeled his powerful Divine Magic.

"[Chaotic Catastrophe]!"

FLAAAASH!

"HUH?!"

BOOOOOOOOMMMMM!!!

The giant dragon's body blew into pieces once more, turning into snow after his death, only for his Demonite Heart Core to fall into the floor, gaining even more cracks...

"I've already realized your weakness!" Lucifer roared. "And sadly for you, I have grown much stronger than you could ever be, no matter how long you transform or revive! [Eternal Domain of Hel]!"

FLUOOOSH!

Lucifer unleashed a domain of pure Death, as the surroundings transformed into something similar to the Underworld itself.

The dragon and the ice giant quickly revived into a new form, resembling a giant turtle this time, only to find themselves trapped within this Domain...

"UOOOHHHH!"

"GRAAAHH!!!"

"HEHEHEH!"

Thousands of the souls of the dead emerged from around the Domain, wrapping around their bodies and inhibiting their movement, at the same time as weakening them even more.

"HUH?! W-WHAT IS THIS?!" Valkoinen was surprised.

"M-MY BODY... IT IS WEAKENED...?!" Argus was shocked.

"Hehehe... HAHAHA! Did you thought I would play fair with just punches and kicks?" Lucifer smiled.
"Now that I've got you where I want to... [Scythe of Death]!"

FLUOOOSH!

Lucifer's Abyssal Death Flames materialized together into a giant, long scythe of pure darkness, glowing with phantasmal and divine essence...

"D-DON'T MESS WITH ME!!! ROOOAAARRRRR!!!" Valkoinen and Argus roared at the same time, rushing towards Lucifer only to be grabbed by more and more souls, dragging them down and weakening them even more. "HUH?! I-I CAN'T MOVE...!"

"These souls will judge you the more sins you commit." Lucifer smiled. "Looks like you two are unredeemable bastards. Valkoinen, I have no respect for you even if you're a fellow dragon. Now... PERISH!"

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLAAASH!

Lucifer roared, swinging his gigantic scythe several times with Draconic fury, slashing away at the chimera's body until it exploded into pieces, turning into snow, and revealing the Demonite Heart Core once more.

"NOW!"

Lucifer swung the Scythe of Death vertically while the Demonite Heart Core was falling from midair, slicing through it, and finally managing to shatter it!

SLAAAAAAAASSSH!!!

Crack... crack... CRAAASH!

FLUOSH!

Two spheres, their Origins, floated away, escaping Lucifer while being bound by black chains made out of the Evil God's Miasma and Divine Powers conjured by the Vampireess.

"Maria!" Lucifer roared.

"Just in time, honey!" Maria smiled, jumping over Lucifer's back and then into the skies, grabbing the two Origin Orbs and swallowing them too. "Gulp!"

BAAAAM...!

Her giant body fell into the floor, rushing directly towards Partner and Emeraldine, who had Zero and Frost on their fifth revival now, finally shattering their Demonite Heart Core at the same time through their combined Vampiric powers and Spiritual Magic.

"N-NO... WAIT! I DON'T WANT TO DIE AGAINNNNNN...!" Zero cried.

"M-MY LIEGEEEEEE....!" Frost screamed.

Crack... crack... CRAAASH!

"Master!" Partner cried.

"Maria!" Emeraldine said.

"On it!" Maria grasped their Origin Orbs, swallowing them as well.

The four Origins screamed in agony and fury as Maria's Phantasmal Stomach dissolved what bound them together to this endless cycle of self-revival, and then using her powers, she let the four of them go directly to Hel's lap.

"Now, BEGONE!"

"UUUAAAGGH!"

"I DON'T WANT TO DIE...!"

"NO...! NOT TO HELHEIM!"

"GYAAAAHHHH...!"

The last four were really quite the annoying bunch, screaming like babies. Nonetheless, once a dark portal absorbed them back to the Underworld, Hel caught them and threw them down into a sea of Phantasmal Flames.

"There you go, my escapees. You're not escaping from me anymore~" She giggled. "Now, Maria, I hope you can beat the challenges coming next, they won't be easy."

Within the upper floors of Skadi's Divine Tower, two enormous and scaled behemoths glanced at what happened in the lower floors through a magical projection.

"It seems they have overcome that Vampiress' tricks."

"Indeed, my brother. Now, let's see how strong they truly are..."

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"W-What?!" The Vampiress wearing a mask looked at what had happened on the second floor of the tower. Her face was filled with utter shock. "T-They managed to kill them so fast?! And they even freed their Origins..."

"Hmph, you're more useless than I imagined, Vampiress." Said a gigantic scaled behemoth at the side of the Frost Queen.

"Did you seriously thought that such feeble, weak foes that constantly die would even be able to stop them?" Sighed the second scaled behemoth. "You Vampires have always lacked the ability to recognize your enemy's strength. Always looking down on them and underestimating them because you can't bring yourselves to accept another person's talents."

"This is why you Vampires are at the border of extinction, and why you're also soon to be defeated eventually." Laughed the other.

"Hoh? And you abandoned puppies are saying that?" Laughed the Vampiress. "You're Divine Dragons, an even rarer race, now almost completely forgotten."

"Unlike you, we dragons stay united." They said. "And unlike you, we recognize our foe's strength and talents... And go all-out from the start."

"You two... are you sure about this?" The Frost Queen asked. "We can confront them together."

"No, we'll go by ourselves." One of them said. "We'll put a stop to them before they can reach you, my queen."

"My Queen, you must stay here and see as we crush them..." Said the second. "They don't even deserve to see your face."

The Frost Queen sighed, devoid of the emotions these two dragons had for her. After having been abandoned by their master, they stayed alone for thousands of years, until she appeared and freed them. Naturally, they had an incredibly high amount of gratitude for her and everything she did for them.

The crown had made her go mad, and her emotions slowly dissipated, as she became as cold as the ice itself... She simply sighed, glancing at the two scaled dragons, who held such loyalty she couldn't really understand herself anymore.

"Fine, do as you please. At the very least, make sure to use your lives to weaken them, if you cannot win." She said with a smile.

"We'll put our lives in the line for you, the one that helped us and gave us a new life, a new future...." Sighed the first one.

"Thank you for everything you've done for us, my queen." The second dragon smiled sincerely.

"..." The Frost Queen glanced at them while not saying a single thing.

Yet... deep down within her subconscious, there was something that was telling her that this was bad, that this wasn't the right way to do things. That... there was another way to do it. That there wasn't any need for more bloodshed. But she choose to ignore it.

"Go now, if you come back alive and with their heads in your hands, you shall be rewarded handsomely." She smiled.

The two dragons stepped down, as the Vampiress glanced at the Frost Queen, there was still another person at her side. An Ice Giant like her, protecting her...

"Are you planning to just watch after such a disappointment?" She asked, glaring angrily at the Vampiress. "What else will you do? My daughter is disappointed."

"Heh, what else can I do, I wonder~" The Vampiress smiled deviously, disappearing into pure mist before their eyes.

"Ignore her, she's merely a pawn of our true foe. Once Maria is taken down, I'll freeze her city and then the dwarves. We'll extract their resources and riches, and then, the humans and vampires are next." Said the Frost Queen. "I will not stop until this entire continent is covered in snow and frost... Until all of these despicable beings are gone from our domain. My country... It will be perfect."

"A world where we can finally live in peace, right, Tear?" Asked her mother, her eyes hid a despair she didn't wanted to admit.

"Indeed... Mother." Tear smiled. "A world of peace... without those filthy beings in our world. I'll do what Skadi never dared to do. I'll change the world. So we Ice Giants can live in peace and dominate everything. We will no longer be wronged, and my big brother... shall be avenged."

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(Maria's POV)

Ding!

[You and your Party have defeated Four powerful foes!]

[You earned 185.000.000 EXP!]

[LEVEL UP!]

[LEVEL UP!]

[LEVEL UP!]

[LEVEL UP!]

[LEVEL UP!]

[LEVEL UP!]

[Your Level has increased from level 66 to Level 75!]

[All of your Stats have increased.]

[You earned a bonus of 9.000.000 System Points.]

[Your Job Class and Subclass Level has increased from Level 0 to Level 63!]

"Level 75 already..." I sighed, looking into the gates leading to the third floor of the Tower.

I was already more than midway through to reach Level 100. After this Level, I'll be able to evolve once more, quite possibly ascending into the Realm of SS Rank beings.

I don't know if I'll be able to evolve before reaching the Frost Queen, but I'll have to do anything I can to grow strong enough until I can fight her... Even with Arachne as our trump card, I am not 100% sure we can properly defeat her.

"Phew, is everyone feeling better?" I asked. We had already taken a thirty-minute break, where we had a filling meal too. "Should we continue?"

"Let's go." Lucifer said. "I am more than ready."

"Me too." Emeraldine nodded. "Leave to me the support as always too."

"I am as ready as I can." Jonathan smiled. "Let's do this, Maria."

"Me too~" Partner smiled.

"I can feel two powerful draconic presences from the other side." Lucifer pointed out. "I fear that we might end up fighting the two other siblings of Valkoinen. After all, in the tales, Skadi had three Dragons, all brothers."

"So we'll be fighting two Divine Dragons?" Partner smiled. "Sounds interesting... I hope they don't die so fast."

"Valkoinen was incredibly formidable, it took my sister to evolve into the vessel of Muspel herself to defeat him..." Lucifer said. "I'm not saying it will be impossible, but let's make sure to stay together while we fight them. Don't lower your guards."

"Understood." I nodded. "Let's go."

CREAAAAK...!

The gates slowly opened.

Chapter 770 Stepping Into The Third Floor

C r e a a a a k...!

The gates leading to the Tower's Third Floor opened, as we were greeted with a different sight from the previous one. It was a mountain range. With no stable foothold, but countless mountains covered on snow until the eye could see.

And above the skies, two enormous, scaled behemoths, much larger than Valkoinen, yet very similar to him, greeted us. Their sizes were so utterly large that they were similar to Lucifer in size alone when he fully transforms into his Dragon Form.

"Welcome to the Third Floor." Said the first one, much bulkier and bigger than Valkoinen, covered on icicle-like spikes and holding silver scales. His large crocodile-like head held countless sharp fangs.

"This is your last stop." Said the second dragon, sleeker, yet much longer and snake-like. With thin arms, yet sharp claws. He looked like a speedster-type, while his brother was a tank.

Ding!

[The Divine Frost Dragons [Gjoll] and [Leiptr] stand before your path, and they won't move until they have died. They shall protect their queen with their lives, if necessary.]

[Their [Divine Frost Dragon Aura] is spreading everywhere, intensifying the weather of Winter within their surroundings... All non-Ice-type foes receive a penalty of -25% to all their Stats and will take constant damage.]

The System swiftly notified Maria of these Divine Frost Dragons names, and their special ability, which could even directly lower everybody's stats.

"Gjoll and Leiptr." Maria said with a sigh. "You seem much more reasonable than your crazed little brother, Valkoinen. Are you sure you want to give up your lives for a lunatic woman that wants to kill everything in the continent?"

The two dragons glanced at me with angered expressions, squinting their eyes.

"Our liege has already been chosen." Said Gjoll, the larger and bulkier of the two. "You have no rights to protest against our decisions."

"We've been saved by them, and you, as the slayers of your younger brother, have no right to tell us what we should do or not." Sighed Leiptr. "If you truly intend to not fight, then leave."

"If you have regrets, we shall not chase you down if you leave." Gjoll nodded. "You have our words."

"Sorry, but no can do." Lucifer smiled. "This is my first time seeing such old Dragon Ancestors, nice to meet you, sirs."

"The resurrected Dragon King, Lucifer." Said one of the Dragons. "It is certainly a surprise to meet you here."

"Your sister Brunhild has become rather powerful, I am amazed she's not here with you." Leiptr laughed.

"She's not here because she wanted to protect the Dwarves. You know, the ones you tried to kill." Said Lucifer. "You're powerful and wise Divine Dragons, yet you're completely alright with taking innocent lives?"

"We're not..." Gjoll sighed. "But our Queen... She's decided in walking a path of bloodshed, to bring peace to her tribe. And we shall accompany her, and we shall bear her sins too."

"Their souls will rest in peace in Valhalla, or Helheim." Said Leiptr. "There is nothing to worry about, the innocent lives shall have a swift death."

"I cant believe divine dragons, praised as gods are saying crazy shit like this..." Partner laughed. "You guys are insane! I think you might be crazier than we are! I mean, I wouldn't really kill an innocent person even if Maria asked me to!"

"Then you lack resolve and faith in her." Laughed the Dragons. "A true loyal guardian will do anything for their liege."

"Nah, that's called madness." Maria sighed. "And your Queen has gone mad using a broke divine relic as well. Isn't that right, Veredorr?"

"Please... you must believe her! Tear... I knew her before this happened, she was such a sweet, innocent girl..." Veredorr appeared before the dragons. "You mustn't obey her, she's not right in her mind!"

"Although it is fascinating to know about our queen's past... We will not change our minds." Gjoll spoke.

"She shall receive our utmost support until the very end." Said Leiptr.

"We cannot change their minds." Said Emeraldine. "It seems like, just like us, they are decided to die for the one they love and care for..."

"It doesn't have to be this way..." Veredorr sighed. "If only... If only you could just listen... Why do everyone wants to die? Why does everyone wants to fight so much for everything... Tear... Why? Is this all truly just because of your brother's death?"

"Enough chit-chat." Jonathan said. "We'll never get through them with words... If a fight they desire, then a fight we'll bring to them... I'm sorry, Veredorr, but it seems that's the only way. And we can't stand here for too long either. Their very presences bring a powerful curse, we're growing weaker with each passing second."

"For once I agree with the human." Said Lucifer, stepping forward, and transforming into his gigantic dragon form, black scaled and intimidating, unleashing powerful, all-encompassing aura.

Maria sighed, nodding. She didn't really had any time either. She wished there could be another way, but these dragons didn't wanted another way, so they were going to get knocked down into the floor and killed then. She had no time to waste. And quite honestly, she wanted their EXP.

Maybe by becoming her EXP, they'll stop being such useless flying bags of meat. After all, trying to protect a total psychopath wasn't within Maria's list of "good people". She would knock some sense into them... into their souls because she wasn't going to let them live anyways.

"Fine then." Maria sighed. "You two have chosen death. And as the emissary of death, and the apostle of Helheim, I will bring you down, and paint this white landscape with your red, dragon blood. How about it?"

The two-dragon smiled, showing their sharp fangs, furrowing their scaled eyebrows.

"Good. Chit-chatting is not my thing anyways." Gjoll laughed.

"We won't be merciful either..." Leiptr smiled.

C L A A A A S H!