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Chapter 931 Defeating The Monster Wave

"GRAAARRRRGH...!"

The Golem King gave a loud groan, its enormous, crystalline body quickly falling back and collapsing on the ground.

However, on its fury, its single red Demonite eye glowed brightly, firing a tremendous beam of pure, crimson-colored demonic energy!

TRUUUUMMM...!

"Shit...!"

Partner was right in front of it, so she was about to be forced to tank that hit at point blank.

Luckily, I teleported to her side through her shadows, putting myself in front of her, as I pointed my hands at the beam.

"[Eternal Moon Mirror]!"

My Moonlight Essence was quickly spent as it exuded from my body as a purple and pink colored energy, transforming into the shape of a beautiful silver moon in front of my hands.

FLAAASH!

The red beam was absorbed completely, as I couldn't help but smile evilly once its power was corrupted with my own!

"I love doing this." I smiled. "Take it back!"

TRUUUUMMMM...!

The beam was directly fired back at the golem, it tried to erect a barrier made of crystals and Demonite, but it blew up and pierced the golem's head.

BOOOOMMM!!!

"RAAAGGH...!"

The golem took the hit and fell once more. On its fury, countless demonic crystal spears materialized, trying to impale us from all sides.

"That's not happening!" Lucifer roared. "[Divinity Shattering Claws]! [Abyssal Death Divine Spear Tail]!"

His Claws and his long dragon Tail gained the powers of his Aura and Divinity, overflowing with Abyssal Death Flames.

He swung them against the crystal spears, shattering them all into pieces.

"I'll join too, papa!" Nyx, who had eagerly followed us, attacked as well with similar abilities as her daddy.

CRAASH! CRAASH! CRAASH!

At the same time, Partner and I moved forwards to confront the golem, this time with our long-ranged attacks! Meanwhile, Emeraldine had already charged her arrows, firing a dozen while we conjured our attacks.

"[Divine Spiritual Archery Arts]: [Divine Holy Spirit Arrow Rain]! [Divine Yggdrasil's Arrows]!"

She fired a mix between arrows made of light and those made of spirit wood and nature. The ones of light were very fast, falling over the golem at quick succession, and chipping away at its durability.

The Yggdrasil Arrows were much stronger, however, piercing deeply into the crystals and then exploding into spiritual energy, spreading its roots further while dealing constant damage.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"GRAAAH!"

The Golem tried to grow new arms in that moment, only for Emeraldine's Yggdrasil branches to grow around the area and stop it!

"You won't get any stronger!"

As she said those cool words, Lucifer and Nyx gathered their Mana into their jaws and unleashed a double breath attack, blasting the golem's legs and making it fall down.

BOOOMM!! BOOOMM!!

"GRUOOOGGG...!"

The monster relentlessly struggled, summoning crystal spears and firing beams of crimson demonic energy at us.

Partner and I valiantly destroyed and blocked all attacks with our weapon, making our way into the golem as we activated our Auras and Powers.

"Aim around the chest! Don't break the core too much!" I said.

"Okay, got it!" Partner nodded.

Wielding both of my weapons, I imbued all of my Aura into them! Lightning, Abyss, Shadows, Poison, Miasma, Chaos, and Swarms emerged out of their auras, twisting violently.

"[Accursed Abyssal Nightmare Blade Arts]: [Demonic Ascension]! [Barbaric Dark Axe Arts]: [Abyssal Catastrophe]!"

An ascending attack with my blade attacked the golem with a gigantic wave of pure darkness, slashing apart its defenses and spears.

SLAAAASSHH!!

The second attack released a catastrophic hacking blow, shattering its body even further and making it fall into pieces!

CRAAAASSHH!!

At the same time, Partner smiled, getting ready for a big attack! She was once more trying to steal the spotlight...

"Heh, this'll finish you off!" She smiled proudly. "[Demonic Blood Spear Arts]: [Void-Piercing Crimson Spear]!"

FLUOSH!

Partner channeled all her power into the tip of her two spears, fusing them together into a gigantic crimson one, and piercing the weakened golem's defenses completely.

Crack, CRACK...!

BOOOOMMM!!!

The golem gave a last agonizing scream as it fired red beams everywhere desperately, its entire body ultimately collapsing, as the S Rank Crystal Core was left almost unscathed!

"Whew, it sure went out with a big explosion..." I sighed, looking around to make sure everyone was safe. I had protected them by dragging them into my shadows, but the entire cave was left with huge, burning craters.

I looked back to find the rest of the golems completely obliterated and Celes and Nia giving me thumbs up while sitting over their bodies.

"Looks like we're done in here!" I smiled, celebrating as I grabbed the huge S Rank Crystal Core of the Golem. "This guy was sure tough, but the mutation helped it get to S Rank, which I appreciate."

"Though, isn't it weird?" Wondered Lucifer. "Why would a mere Dungeon Mutation due to overpopulation make the Golem Boss get so strong? At most it should had been B+++ Rank."

"You're not wrong..." Said Emeraldine. "I also sense abnormally high quantities of Miasma and Demonic Energy coming from these monsters."

"Hmmm, this is sus." I said, rubbing my chin. "Could they have been boosted in power by someone else then? The warlocks, maybe?"

"I guess the Warlocks would have done it... But why?" Partner asked.

"No idea, we'll have to find out ourselves." I said. "The souls here are clean slates, so at the very least they weren't experimenting with people... But maybe... Maybe they were purposely making the monsters stronger here, so people don't explore the dungeon?"

"To keep people away from here then?" Lucifer wondered. "Maybe... This could be their hideout, just maybe. We don't have any confirmation yet."

"Well, if it's like that, then there's a possibility they were not only rising these monsters to such high Ranks to just protect hideout, but also perhaps to raise an army..." Emeraldine said, sighing.

"An army to destroy the city?" I asked. "But why would they want to destroy it? Isn't that place their endless supply of people?"

"Maybe... they wanted to do something much more sinister, for a greater goal." Lucifer revealed.

As we thought about it, Nyx walked to my side.

"Mama, I'm hungry..." Said Nyx, grabbing my dress and gently pulling it.

"Oh! Right, how about we have a meal before we continue then?" I asked. "We can talk about what happened while we're at it."

Chapter 932 New Necklace

I decided to quickly loot the monster corpses left behind, which were mostly a bunch of salt!

I purified some and then decided to use it to flavor the meat I was grilling.

This time, instead of the boring frost monster meat we had an almost endless stock of, I decided to bring some of the fancier meat we got in the desert.

This included giant shrimp-like creatures that wandered the desert and were very tasty, Wandering Antlions. Also, I added Cactus-Humped Camel meat, which was sweet and juicy, and also the Giant Desert Boa meat, which was tender and had a strong flavor.

I had bought quite a lot from some fancy places back then, so there was a lot of new and exotic meat to try! Also, I got some seafood from back home that one of my phantom clones bought for me.

While the food was getting ready, everyone was talking about how amazing my equipment was...

"I can't believe how nice it is to have equipment..." Catarina admitted. "It feels like I've become twice as strong! What the hell, such an unfair advantage that others had over me!"

"I'm still surprised you can wear equipment when you're like a ghost now, big sis..." Silva said. "But yes, this equipment is incredible... Auntie Maria makes amazing items and makes it seem so easy!"

"Hahah, is that so?" I giggled.

"Especially this necklace." Spectra agreed. "It enhanced my magic power so much! I couldn't believe it. It even helped me manipulate my magic power easier. Although what I was taught by you also helped..."

"A-Ah, the necklace is really strong too." Silva nodded. "I never thought a necklace could give so many bonuses... Equipment this strong might cost a fortune...!"

"Hahah, maybe?" I laughed. "But you ended paying with your hard work by hunting all these bad boys, so don't worry about it." I shrugged.

[Spiritual Void Necklace of the Abyssal Moon]

[Item Type]: [Accessory] [Necklace] [Magic Item]

[Item Grade]: [A+++]

[Item Level]: [1/50]

[Item Requirement]: [Can Only Be Equipped If The Maker Allows It]

[Item Durability]: [100.000/100.000]

[Item Effects]: [Physical Defense]: [+50.000] [Magical Defense]: [+100.000] [HP]: [+50.000] [MP]: [+150.000] [Attack]: [+50.000] [Defense]: [+50.000] [Magic]: [+150.000] [Agility]: [+50.000] [Void Attribute Power]: [+50.000] [Moonlight Attribute Power]: [+50.000]

[Runic Engravings]: [Masterful Magic Control (A)] [MP & Magic +15% (A)] [Magic Damage +15% (A)] [Agility +7% (B)] [Living Necklace's Growth Speed +50% (B)] [Agility +5% (C)]

[Item Abilities]

[Abyssal Spiritual Void Moon Blessing]: When equipped, Increases Magic Damage by +15%, and decreases Magic Damage Taken by -30%. Allows for the ability to unleash [Abyssal Void Aura] or [Abyssal Moon Aura] to imbue Void Essence or Moonlight Essence to Magic, increasing the Power of Spells by +50% and giving them Magic Resistance Penetration of up to 25%.

[Soul Bound Accessory]: This Accessory has been bound by several Souls, giving it a life of its own. Wherever the wielder uses Magic, a part of it is feed to the necklace to make it help grow stronger. It can also absorb the Mana of foes when they die, to regain some of its durability.

[Description]

A Specular Set of Accessory created by Maria, an aspiring Blacksmith using her unique abilities and techniques.

It contains many amazing and useful Runic Engravings, and abilities that will help just anybody that wear this Necklace, enhancing their magic power greatly.

Additionally, the piece of equipment will continue growing stronger and develop new abilities or stats as it levels up.

I took a look at the necklace's stats; they were really as good as they said. I decided to make one for myself too, so I had it equipped just to stack my stats even more.

It had a small ability to give some Void Essence and Moonlight Essence to attacks... It is not near as amazing as my true Essences that generate from my body, but it can stack up with those two within me and make my magic even better as a result.

Overall, a pretty nice stack stick!

I can't receive the stats of more than two necklaces at once, so this is my first one, the other I have is a rather weak one I got from the first ever dungeon I explored, where I found Lucifer sealed.

"I was thinking on mass producing more of this equipment and give it to my soldiers." I was wondering, while flipping the huge chunks of meat around the grill and seasoning them some more. "But the material cost and the soul cost are still quite a lot... I doubt I could equip thousands of allies with it, the price would be too ridiculous for me to afford it, sadly."

"It would be better to only equip your best Undead with it, maybe?" Wondered Partner. "Like me?"

"But you already got some amazing equipment anyways, Partner..." I sighed. "And I'll upgrade yours too, so just calm down and be patient for now." I gave her a gentle head pat.

"Hmm, well, aside from the elite undead you left back home, there's also the silent pharaoh." Emeraldine said.

"Did you call me?" The Pharaoh quickly emerged out of my shadows.

"No, go back to the shadow realm." I told him.

"Sorry."

He disappeared.

"Did you had to be so rude with the guy?" Emeraldine was shocked.

"Hahaha! Don't worry, he's fine." I shrugged. "I doubt someone so ancient and strong would mind a few mean words... Anyways, going back on topic, these golems are pretty sus, to be honest."

"They are..." Catarina agreed. "I think they must have been artificially enhanced, especially the boss you fought, that guy was abnormally strong."

"It indeed was." Jonathan agreed. "I could sense a lot of resentment within it too. Did it had souls imbued into it to make it stronger?"

"It did, when it died, a lot of souls were released, but they flew away without drawing closer to me." I sighed. "They must have wanted to pass to the afterlife already..."

"Hmph..." Lucifer seemed slightly angered. "Perhaps this place belongs to the Warlocks. Let's make sure to thoroughly destroy everything..."

Chapter 933 A Touching Talk

As we talked about the dangers we faced, we ate the meat that had already been grilled. The salt had added a unique flavor to it, a bit sweet and also slightly spicy.

It gave it a very amazing flavor, and with the juiciness of the meat, each bite was enjoyable... I really needed a break, overworking myself making those items and then fighting made me feel slightly exhausted in the soul.

Being surrounded by my family and friends makes me happy though, even when we go through arduous trials, I have them all at my side...

I just need to find my brother and then things will finally be fine... I think I might truly be happy by then. I hope he's alive.

Don't worry, we'll get there soon enough, please, wait for us.

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"Maria? Are you alright? You look quite gloomy."

Jonathan interrupted my thoughts. Usually he wouldn't talk to me directly, but he had become bolder now.

Which is good, I dislike he had been so shy around me, mostly because our relationship has become slightly awkward after all these tragedies...

There are so many things I want to talk in more detail with him, but there's either no time, or I just can't muster the strength.

"I'm fine. I was just thinking about my brother." I sighed. "I hope he's alive... I really hope so."

"Your brother..." Jonathan said. "I do remember a bit of him. He was a strong rascal, goodhearted. He used to admire me, and always said he wanted to be a hero like me, hahah."

"Is that so?" I smiled. "Since I met you that I've begun to regain my memories more in detail... I do remember a bit of him. Of his cute smile, of him always running to my side and spreading his arms. And... of how much he admired you, yeah."

There was a slightly awkward silence between the two of us after that...

"Maria, I..." Jonathan muttered, suddenly looking down, he didn't want to look into my eyes. It felt like he was afraid of how I would look back at him. "I'm sorry... for everything... I... this, all of what has happened to you, all these injustices. If I... If I had acted first, if I had opposed them first, maybe you wouldn't have died, maybe you..."

"There's no need to blame yourself for everything, Jonathan." I patted his shoulders. "Not everything depended on you, and I am sure you had your own family to protect too... We both fell in a scheme, and you were also a victim of it."

"Maria..." Jonathan was a very emotional man, much more than Lucifer, he already began to weep. "Still, I'm sorry... Every time I look into your eyes, I feel so much sorrow, because I was unable to protect you, and to stop those injustices, those tragedies... I feel so much anger too, frustration against myself, and against those bastards..."

"Is that why you don't like looking into my eyes?" I asked him. "Are these eyes of mine scary to you? Do they remind you of... that I'm already dead?"

"Ah..." Jonathan suddenly felt shocked by my words. "I-I... Sorry, that is not what I meant..."

"It's fine, I know I'm already dead. I've simply transitioned into something else now, a being that exists in Death..." I sighed, looking at my own pale hands. "It is weird, and I felt very conflicted at the beginning, maybe I've grown rather insane too... but, I think I'm happy."

"You are?" He wondered.

"I have found my own happiness. These people around here, and even you, right now, with me." I smiled. "Thank you for sticking with me, even if you had to slay your own disciples... I know it was a hard decision."

"...Maria." He sighed, as I caressed his handsome face and cleansed the tears from his eyes.

"You're such a crybaby..." I giggled. "It's fine, we're together now."

"..."

Jonathan's eyes shone brightly, as he suddenly seemed to understand something. He had been grieving me this entire time, without realizing I was always here, dead, yet not.

I was a new form of "life", a new being, I was "alive" within death, but still, I existed.

"Your face... You're still as beautiful as I remember." He sighed. "No, you're even more charming... I'm sorry for thinking these things. You're Maria, my dear Maria... Someone so beautiful and vibrant. You never let anybody trample over you, you were always fighting, with energy and enthusiasm. You loved your family too, just like you are now."

"Jonathan..." I felt touched by his words.

"You've never truly changed, you're still there..." Jonathan smiled. "I'm the only one that thought otherwise... I was being foolish, I'm sorry."

"Enough with your apologies!" I giggled, hugging him. "I MIGHT still lack some memories but, I also know you a lot, you know? I know that my Jonathan cry for the slightest thing only around me and would open himself only to me as well. You would always tell me your grievances and frustrations, and I would always listen to you. Fate might have separated us back then, but we've fought against it, and we've meet once more."

I held his hand, as he looked into my eyes, filled with so many emotions.

"Maria..." He sighed. "Thank you... I've felt so lonely since you were gone, it felt like my whole soul, my whole being had died alongside you. It feels like, finally, I'm beginning to feel alive."

"Is that so?" I giggled. "I'm glad."

Without realizing it, our faces were growing closer and closer...

"Maria, I love you. I still love you so much. I never stopped loving you..." He sighed. "I pledged I would only love you and nobody else... And I still do. You're... you're my everything."

"Fufu, you're as good with words as ever." I smiled, caressing his face.

Our lips quickly drew closer, as we looked at each other's eyes...

I wanted this to take a bit more time but... I couldn't resist it.

He was my first love in this world, and as these memories resurface, I've remembered how important he was for me too.

Our lips touched, we kissed rather lovingly.

His lips were so warm that they brought comfort to my cold soul.

Chapter 934 Memories

"H-Hey what's going on in here- Eep!"

Partner was about to interrupt my kiss with Jonathan, but Emeraldine quickly dragged her away.

"Partner, let them be..."

"B-But..."

"Come on, he's one of her old loves... I knew this would eventually happen."

"Huh..."

As the two walked away, our lips slowly separated, as I hugged Jonathan and rested my head on his big, warm and muscular chest.

"I missed that kiss..." I sighed in relief.

"Me too... More than I could have ever imagined..." He said, caressing my hair.

"You didn't mind it was a bit... cold?" I asked him.

"It wasn't cold." He laughed a bit. "You think you're cold? When I hold these hands, I only sense the warmth and love of your soul."

"The warmth and love of my soul?" I wondered.

"When you express your emotions, I can sense the wavelength of your soul changing. Its temperature seems to change too, I believe." He said. "You were very warm, and you still are."

"I-I see..." I felt quite embarrassed when he said that. "I do remember hearing similar things from my other partners, Emeraldine and Lucifer are more sensitive too... They did said my insides were warm."

"Y-Your insides?!" Jonathan blushed a bit. "A-Ah, sorry... I didn't mean to overreact..."

"Hahah, it's fine. As long as you're okay sharing me with those three." I giggled. "You can kiss and love me as much as you want, and I'll also do so..."

"I would not dare make them upset, this is why I didn't try to get closer to you..." He apologized.

"Disrupting your relationship with them is the least thing I would ever do, I know how happy they make you, and how important they are for you, especially because they were there for you when I wasn't..."

"Aww, you're as considerate as I remember. I really thought you would get at least a bit jelly!" I said. "I wanted some drama~ You know, to break the ice a bit!"

Jonathan laughed at my joke. "Hahah, you've always loved joking about such sensitive things. You've got quite the dark sense of humor... I remember not many liked that of you, but you always made me laugh when I felt the worst."

"Heheh, living to serve, chief." I winked at him. "Now how about we enjoy the food I prepared with so much love?"

"Oh right! Before it gets cold." Jonathan nodded, quickly taking a bite off the skewer I made. "Hmm, this salt is sure delicious! Your cooking is as good as I remember it, Maria!"

"Is that so?" I wondered.

"Yeah, one of the ways you conquered my heart was through my stomach." He smiled. "Every day, you would bring me something you called a "bento" always prepared with so much love and dedication. There were so many little snacks inside, I always loved eating it in between my knight duties."

"Bento... Yep, that was really me, I was a hardcore weeb even then." I laughed; the memories resurfaced in my mind as Jonathan told them. "Let's talk more. The more you say these things, the more memories resurface, one after another..."

"Sure, we got enough time. What else do you want to remember?" He wondered.

"What did my parents think about you?" I asked him right away.

"Geh... Already with the difficult questions..." He sighed. "Well! I do remember they used to dislike me at first. Your mother was a very fancy noble lady, so she disliked that someone like me, of common birth, was trying to court her daughter... I told her I was a knight and also a young hero, but it took a while to convince her anyways."

"She didn't believe you?" I asked. "Right... Mom was so stubborn! Hahaha!"

I couldn't help but remember the face of my beloved mother, and all her funny tantrums when I was telling her I was in love with Jonathan.

My mom... She was such a nice mother, always loving me and taking care of me. The more memories resurfaced, the more I felt like I missed her so much.

I also remember well my mother from back on Earth, I loved her too... But I had already left behind that life, and I am sure she's still alive, living her life.

Yet my mother here... The stubborn noble lady, that always was ordering my father as if he were her butler, and that raised me and spoiled me so much...

My dear mommy...

Without realizing, tears started falling from my eyes.

"Mom..."

Jonathan looked at me with a rather pale expression.

"Maria..." He muttered. "I-I'm sorry! I didn't mean to bring so many memories at once....!"

"No, it's fine." I smiled back, cleaning my tears. "It made me a bit sad, but I'm also happy... Happy that her memoirs are back, and that... she still lives, within my heart."

"I-Is that so..." Jonathan sighed. "Well, I can tell you that, despite her attitude towards me, I always knew she was a good mother. She loved you so much that she only wanted the best for you. This was why she was so overprotective..."

"I know..." I sighed, caressing his hand. "Thank you for the memories, Jonathan... But for now, let's leave it at that! If I unravel too many too fast, I might really have a mental breakdown..."

"I understand, let's take this one step at a time." Jonathan nodded. "Let's enjoy the meal with everyone else too! Ah, your daughter's here."

"Mama, seconds!" Nyx asked, waving her hand adorably. "Oh, uncle! Are you eating that one?"

"Oh, this? You can have it if you're so hungry, little Nyx." Jonathan gently gave his skewer to her.

"Thank you uncle!" Nyx started devouring the meat as Jonathan gently patted her head.

"You're such an adorable little lady. You really are like your mom, haha." Jonathan giggled.

"Really?!" Nyx asked. "Daddy told me you knew mom when she wasn't a ghost! How was she back then?!"

"Oh, well, not so different!" Jonathan said. "But she was indeed a bit clumsier, perhaps..."

"Oooh! Was she a little girl like me?" Nyx asked.

"N-Not that young..." Laughed Jonathan. "But we were both young lads, living our lives and all... I'll tell you a bit, yeah."

Jonathan was dealing surprisingly well with my little Nyx.

Chapter 935 Maria Makes OP Equipment For Herself

We enjoyed our feast, and once we were finally done, we decided to keep moving forwards. As usual, I let my Undead scout the area first by advancing in the front, while the newbies were right behind them, waiting for any bags of EXP to walk in.

As for my family? Well they were hanging out with me in the carriage... They took my little kiss with Jonathan surprisingly well! Actually, Partner herself apologized later for acting cocky about it.

"Sorry about that, Master. I know now that Jonathan is really important and he's not just some dude pretending to be nice with you..." Partner apologized. "I love you, please don't get mad at me, sniff..."

"I'm not bad..." I sighed while crossing my arms. "But you should apologize to him for being so rude."

"E-Eh? To him?!" Partner was shocked.

"No, no, there's no need to apologize, Maria." Jonathan said with a gentlemanly smile. "Partner, I only have gratitude for all the time you've spent protecting her. You're someone very important to her, I hope you can continue protecting her and loving her. Let's work together from now on, at least as allies. Maybe we can be friends later?"

He extended his big hand to shake hers...

"Huh..." Partner raised an eyebrow, glancing back at me.

"Just shake his hand... Come on, it won't hurt you." I said.

"Fine..." Partner shook Jonathan's hand. "Let's get along I guess... Just to be clear, I don't like guys! I only like girls, and only Master! So don't try to seduce me or something..."

"E-Eh? That has never been my intention..." Jonathan said. "I'm sorry if I gave off such a vibe..."

"Geez, he sure never stops apologizing." Partner said to me.

"He's like that, leave him be." I giggled.

Lucifer and Emeraldine were nodding happily.

"I'm so happy you were able to reconnect a bit more..." Emeraldine said. "I've never seen Maria so happy like that before... You truly have a big spot in her heart, Jonathan. Thank you for cheering her up."

"Oh, it is nothing, really." Jonathan smiled. "I simply just talked a few things, and she remembered some... It is all thanks to you that she has been able to smile and laugh, thank you so much for being at her side."

"Hmph..." Lucifer glanced at his eyes. "I guess you're okay..." He admitted, looking elsewhere.

"E-Eh? Thanks..." Jonathan bowed to Lucifer. "It is an honor to be recognized by the Dragon King..."

"Hmph..." Lucifer simply continued crossing his arms.

He was a man of little words sometimes... And a bit tsundere.

"That's his way of saying that he's happy that you're around." I explained to Jonathan.

"Oh, so he's bad with words, huh? I see." Jonathan nodded with great patience and understanding.

"That's not it, you stupid human!" Lucifer got angrier and barked back.

"Hahaha, don't worry, he's like that." I teased Lucifer. "Dear, don't lose your control in front of Nyx..."

"Papa, don't be grumpy!" Nyx said angrily. "Or mama will punish you- no, I will! With this big tail!"

Nyx pointed her tail at her father.

"Get along!"

"I am! I'm getting along..."

Lucifer was very weak to our daughter.

"Listen, Maria is my precious treasure." Said Lucifer, as he offered his hand to Jonathan. "If you ever dare hurt her... I will chase you to the ends of the world and rip you apart piece by piece, got it?"

"Y-Yes, I understand..." Jonathan nodded. "She is also someone very important to me, I would never dare do such a thing! I am looking forward to working with you, Dragon King Lucifer!" He bowed to him.

"Ugh..." Lucifer sighed at my side. "Why is he so good natured? It's hard to get angry at someone like him."

"Heheh, that's how he is." I giggled.

"Uncle Jonathan!" Nyx called him again.

"Yes, little Nyx?" Asked Jonathan.

"Tell me how mama's brother was!" Nyx said.

"Oh, right! Well..."

As Jonathan started talking about my brother with everyone, I decided to get some work done. I already was giving the finishing touches to a new shield I would be giving to everyone too.

However, aside from that, I was also beginning to work on my own new dress. I wanted a special dress that worked as both a fancy dress like the ones I like to use, which seem to have come from my mother always buying me the fanciest and most expensive ones, that could also work as a full body armor when needed.

I can use my powers to create armors over my body, hell, I can even fuse my weapons into bigger ones too! But still, although they give buffs, they are always based on my already existing base stats.

To increase my base stats, I need to both levels up and get equipment, those are almost the only two ways to get them properly, so a good armor that also works as a beautiful dress I can change form and colors would be ideal...

For that very reason, I am already working on it, using my Shadow Thread Skill in combination with my Shadow Sculpting Arts Skill, and creating countless fine threads made out of my shadows, reinforced and enchanted with lots of Mana, Phantasmal Essence, Void Essence, and Moonlight Essence.

It required a lot of focus and effort, but as time went on, the threads were slowly coming out, beautifully shining with a silvery glint, slightly dark gray in color. I also made some others that were silver colored, blue colored, purple colored, and red colored.

The different colored threads would be essential for all the decorations I want my dress to have after all!

While making them, I imbued Runic Inscriptions on them as well, all while preparing the other metallic threads, using the same ores and metals I used for that armor.

Plus some of Brunhild, Lucifer, and the other Divine Dragons Scales, for extra super protection and defenses!

I also added my own armor pieces, the armor I create when I transform, which can remain solid if I imbue mana into it before detaching parts of it.

I decided to also add threads made using the Death Tree Wood, and all was finely enchanted using the dust of strong Monster Crystals, Void Crystals, and Moonlight Crystals.

"The fabric is finally done!" I nodded. "Now, time to get sewing!"

I was going to make the ultimate noble lady dress to make my mama proud!

Chapter 936 Action And Crafting

I spent almost a whole hour of intense fabric creation to get everything done for my super noble lady dress. I wanted to make it slightly similar to the first one I had, well, the one I was wearing when I died.

However, I wanted to add many new features, better colors, more decorations, and an overall very fancy and slightly exaggerated vibe to it. I think remembering my mom awakened within me the love for these dresses she loved so much.

I'm also planning on making a new pair of heels, also color changing ones, which should be black at the base color, but that could change color to red, purple, and gray if possible.

I had thought about a witch hat as well, the more stats the better, right?

But I don't want a witch hat to be honest, I want something fancier, a noble lady's hat, the fancy hats with flowers they wear sometimes, yeah, those!

Also a pair of semi-transparent gloves wouldn't be so bad either!

So, I've got way more than that to make, this fabric I've made will not only go for my dress, but the hat and the gloves.

I'll make the heels out of a combination of several leathers, metal, and the fabric too, for both comfort and strength.

"But first, let's begin with the dress!"

As I rapidly sewed things together, I saw a bit of my surroundings. Our entire group had already reached the end of the Salt Crystal Mines

We fought and confronted a few Salt Crystal Golems on the way, but there were no bigger threats, until we arrived at the underground's Miasmic Swamp.

This Swamp was different than the Swamp Dungeon back in the Dwarven Country, as that one was purified and filled with life, this one was imbued with miasma, bubbling and boiling.

There were plants and mushrooms too, but they looked black and red, mutated by the Miasma. And above all, there was Demonite Growing all around the ceiling and walls.

It felt like someone had been mining this place too, there were some mining tools here and there, and pieces of Demonite crystals spread around.

The whole swamp was immense and led even deeper into the caves, thankfully there was a big enough passage for us to go through as we surrounded the entire underground swamp.

As we moved near the swamp, our large group of people and army of Undead swiftly attracted the attention of monsters.

SPLAAASH!

A dozen creatures surged from the swamp, in the shape of enormous, black-colored crabs, and giant walking catfishes. Each beast was at least ten meters tall.

"B- Rank Black Miasmic Swamp Crabs and Abyssal Mudskippers." I said. "You guys can handle them just fine. My army, make sure to weaken foes and use yourselves as bait to bring more if possible."

As I gave my command, several of my phantasmal hands reached the depths of the lake and started attracting more monsters.

The best way to get EXP was by killing as many monsters as possible! So, I decided to call and bait as many as we could while we were at it.

"Eep! Even more monsters are coming!" Celes cried, looking afar to see more crabs, mudskippers, and also weird looking mushroom things with tentacles.

"I guess this is another challenge, we did come here to gain EXP, so we might as well work hard!" Fabian roared, swinging the thunderous spear and releasing several attacks with it.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

He blasted several holes through the hard carapace of a giant crab, which swiftly dropped dead on the ground, then risen as an Undead automatically.

I could now leave my Death Creation Skill on automatically, so any dead monster would immediately join my army.

"It rose up automatically?!" Asked Fabian.

"That must be the power of Auntie Maria." Said Spectra, floating in midair. "Don't worry, these are our friends once they die!"

"O-Okay!" Fabian was still a bit surprised but continued fighting.

"Heheh, I'm getting hungry again with all these appetizers!"

Nyx flew into the air and then descended into the swamp rapidly, immune to chaos and even growing stronger by absorbing miasma, she had no fear of the swamp.

SPLAAASH!

She emerged a couple of seconds later, bringing out a gigantic walking catfish, named Abyssal Mudskipper King, an A+ Rank Monster hiding under the swamp's mud.

"GLUOOP!"

The beast struggled, but she held it tightly with her sharp fangs, and then quickly tore its head apart as she transformed into her dragon form.

CRAASH!

"Nom, nom...! Gulp."

She immediately began to devour it as she killed it, I couldn't rise that as an Undead, it was my girl's meal after all...

Fabian's group started fighting head on, while Celes and his mother accompanied them. Celes was using his Water Spirit Magic much better now, while manipulating spears of water and healing magic.

His mother released storming attacks combining her winds with the thunderous spear, working perfectly well together!

Silva had joined them with Catarina at her side too, while Takeshi, Laura, and Tear helped them from the side.

Everyone else was watching over the fight, so things seemed safe enough.

Seeing how things were going well, I continued working on my dress, imbuing it with Runic Inscriptions and using my Shadow Sculpting Arts to strengthen and reshape the fabrics.

Ultimately, I imbued several souls into the entire dress, and then started to rapidly decorate it, manipulating the threads quickly.

Lastly, I imbued them with more of my Magic and Mana, using the dust of Moon Crystals and Void Crystals as the primary ingredient for this enchantment.

"And...!"

I poured the whole dress into the alchemy cauldron and added several ores, crystals, and hard materials into the mix, synthesizing them into the dress.

"[Synthesis]!"

FLAAASH!

The dress absorbed all materials and strengthened its composition, finally emerging out of the cauldron, floating in midair and exuding a powerful Aura.

Naturally, because I had imbued it with many willing souls...

"It's alive... IT'S ALIVE!"

I laughed maniacally; my beautiful dress was done!

Chapter 937 Hecate

Ding!

[You have Created [Phantom Enchantress Dress Of Abyssal Moonlight: Hecate (S+++ Grade)] x1!]

[You gained +50.000 Skill Proficiency.]

[You gained +15.000.000 EXP.]

[You cannot Level Up after hitting Max Level. Earned EXP has been accumulated.]

FLAAASH!

The beautiful black dress floated in midair, waving around as if it were alive. And it was! It even was given a name, something I didn't expect at all.

Sometimes, Named Items would be created, being given amazing effects and even personalities of their own.

Although the dress couldn't talk, it moved as if it were a being of its own, suddenly extending its arms towards me and patting my head.

"What? You're pretty expressive already, Hecate."

"...!"

The dress then started grabbing the one I was wearing and tearing it apart!

"Hey, wait a minute! Let me take it off myself!"

I ended going to the Shadow Realm where I was almost completely naked by Hecate's furious anger that she was being replaced by someone else.

She quickly wore herself over my body in that moment, as I felt a powerful connection between the two of us...

Aside from that, Void and Moonlight Essence started being generated faster than before as well.

And my own Stats and capabilities were amplified quite a lot, much more than I imagined!

[Phantom Enchantress Dress Of Abyssal Moonlight: Hecate]

[Item Type]: [Full Armor Set] [Magic Armor] [Phantom Dress] [Living Armor]

[Item Grade]: [S+++]

[Item Level]: [1/100]

[Item Requirement]: [Can Only Be Equipped by Maria]

[Item Durability]: [2.500.000/2.500.000]

[Item Effects]: [Physical Defense]: [+2.000.000] [Magical Defense]: [+2.000.000] [HP]: [+800.000] [MP]: [+800.000] [Attack]: [+550.000] [Defense]: [+1.000.000] [Magic]: [+550.000] [Agility]: [+800.000] [Void Attribute Power]: [+500.000] [Darkness Attribute Power]: [+500.000] [Death Attribute Power]: [+500.000] [Moonlight Attribute Power]: [+500.000]

[Runic Engravings]: [Divine Stealth & Camouflage (S)] [Void & Moonlight Essence Recovery Speed And Quantity +100% (S)] [Elemental Damage Taken -50% (S)] [HP & Defense +30% (S)] [Attack & Agility +30% (S)] [MP & Magic +30% (S)]

[Item Abilities]

[Sentient Phantom Dress: Hecate]: This Phantom Dress is Alive and is named Hecate. She is very jealous of other dresses. When equipped, Decreases All Damage Taken by -30%. 50% of All Damage Taken is absorbed as Mana. Increases All Stats by +50%. Hecate may join in the battle by swinging her arms, threads, or other methods, dealing up to +500% Phantom and Death-type Damage based on 25% of your Attack and Magic Stats combined with her own, ignores -50% of foe's defenses. Hecate can grow stronger by absorbing Souls and compatible Materials.

[Void Heart and Moonlight Soul]: Hecate's composition is unique, she possesses a Heart made of Crystalized Void, and her Soul is composed of hundreds of smaller souls melded into Moonlight Essence, giving her unique powers. 15% of Damage Taken is absorbed as Void Essence and Moonlight Essence automatically. Enhances Void and Moonlight Magic Power by +250% and decreases their MP Cost by -50%. Hecate may conjure any spell you've conjured before to aid you in battle, with 50% of the original damage and zero cost.

[Witch Goddess Abyssal Armor]: By imbuing Mana, Void, and Moonlight Essence into Hecate, a powerful full-body armor can be formed, whose shape and attributes will change depending on which Skills you desire to combine into it. Basic Effects of the Armor include All Defensive Stats +100%, HP +500%, Damage Taken Reduced by -30%, and Elemental Absorption of 20% of Magic Damage Taken. Once Hecate takes enough Damage, all Effects will be doubled for a small amount of time.

[Description]

An incredible piece of equipment unique, never seen before Directly support the authors on WebNovel!

made by Blacksmith and Sewing Master Maria.

It has been imbued with many souls, originating one of its own named "Hecate". This dress has a dominant and jealous personality, and will not tolerate any other dresses, armor, or pieces of clothing covering their wearer's bodies.

It possesses the infinite ability to evolve and improve itself and can self-repair itself through the wearer's Mana.

A once in an eon masterpiece that rivals the Divine Treasures of the Gods and might as well have the potential to surpass them.

It was more amazing than I could have ever hoped, it offered so much protection it was insane... With this I could most likely take a hit from a God and be fine now.

The amount of reduced damage it offered was otherworldly, and might be because of the Void properties she holds, capable of negating power and damage taken.

I have still yet to try Void Magic that much, but it seems to derive from Darkness Magic I've wielded a lot since even before I was a Ghost, I already had affinity with Darkness Magic, and gained Death Magic affinity after death.

Nonetheless, as I surged out of my Shadow Realm to see what's up, everyone praised my new dress, finding it as wonderful as I wanted.

"You sure look like a rich girl with that thing..." Lucifer said, blushing. "You look stunning."

"Ah, I am beginning to like this gothic vibe you're going for now..." Jonathan was hardly containing his words now.

"That dress... Aside from its beauty, it has a powerful soul and a core of its own." Emeraldine analyzed it. "Impressive, it took you a while to make things, didn't it?"

"Yep, I took a lot of time making every piece of it, with this... I could confidently fight off against Divine Beings now, to an extent." I smiled. "It has so much durability it can take hits from S Rank monsters for days too! And it can recover the durability endlessly by using my own Mana."

"...!"

The dress seemed to wave a bit, until a phantasmal presence surged from within, resembling a small fairy made of void essence with hair and a witch hat made of moonlight essence.

"Huhuh!"

As she manifested herself, everyone was shocked.

"It can talk too?!" Partner asked.

"No, she can't talk, but she's... Well, she's doing noises." I giggled. "Right?"

"Ehe!" Little Hecate was very proud of her existence.

RUMBLE!

However, the relaxing atmosphere was interrupted when the swamps shook, and a gigantic creature emerged.

And it exuded the aura of an S Rank Monster too!

"A second S Rank already? What are the odds?!"

Chapter 938 Hunting Monsters

The swamp that everyone had been abusing for easy EXP quickly shook, as something truly frightening emerged from within, an enormous monster of over fifty meters of height.

It resembled a chimera between the mudskippers, the crabs, and some squids. It had the fish-like body of mudskippers, with giant crab claws, and tentacles with eyes popping out of its back.

Its face was that of a huge catfish, with enormous sharp fangs!

And above all, there was a large purple jewel on its forehead, while the rest of its slime-covered body was armored with a series of black scales.

"GROOOHHHH!"

Ding!

[The Ruler of the Miasmic Swamp: [Tyrannic Miasmic Swamp's Aberrant King (S Rank)] has emerged!]

[His fury knows no bounds, as he has seen how you and your group have been massacring the living beings within his domain!]

[An army of thousands of swamp-dwelling aberrations are beginning to surge from within the swamps, ready to take down anything.]

[Due to the presence of their King, All Stats have increased by +100% and their Attacks deal +50% more Damage.]

"Looks like we provoked their King." Catarina laughed as she saw countless beasts surge from the swamps.

"There way too many!" Silva panicked.

"They're all coming! Watch out!" Fabian said.

He conjured giant walls made of Demonite, which the group of monsters easily broke apart, destroying them into pieces and moving forwards.

The Boss was standing there, menacingly. It was doing nothing other than watching his minions do their job.

For an S Rank Monster, it seemed awfully lazy! Was it just recently evolved into an S Rank Monster, by any chance?

Well, this is the perfect chance to try out Hecate's powers.

But first...

"Don't have mercy. Pharaoh, you can join too this time."

"Hohoho, gladly, my new master."

The Pharaoh emerged out of my shadows, right in front of the rest of my Undead that rapidly marched against the army of miasmic swamp monsters.

Both armies swiftly clashed against one another, all sorts of zombie monsters, skeletons, and phantasmal creatures started tearing apart the swamp creatures, even after being boosted by the Boss.

I already had so many buffs and modifiers within me that my Undead became tremendously strong by my own existence, and when I added a few buffing spells, they became even deadlier.

The Pharaoh in specific, made completely out of a crystalline skeleton, giggled. The Lich waved his enormous staff as he conjured black sands and black light around his body.

"It is finally my time to show off some of my strength!" Laughed the Pharaoh. "[Abyssal Sand Domain]! [Astral Dark Light Spears]!"

His domain of Abyssal Sand quickly erected around his surroundings, enormous hands and arms made of these black sands punched the monsters away one after another.

Alongside that, his spears pierced them and exploded, blowing them up by the dozen.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

His magic kept being conjured, expanding on a wide range. Fabian and every other trainee we were training was left speechless as my army took care of everything seamlessly.

But that's not how I wanted it to be.

"Leave space for the trainees to join in, don't steal all the EXP." I ordered my Undead. "Don't kill the monsters incapacitate them or wound them a little! Harden your defenses."

The zombies and skeletons nodded, quickly taking different postures and changing their tactics swiftly.

They were still as fierce as before but were leaving the monster alive for easy pickings. This was the time where they could gain the most EXP.

"Go on, everyone!" I said. "Make sure to hunt them and get your Experience!"

"Alright!"

Fabian led his little group, while Celes and Nia accompanied Silva and Nyx, who decided to accompany them with Catarina.

As for the rest, we decided to concentrate on the big boss over there, who was looking from a distance.

It seemed somehow wary of us, maybe it knew we were strong and didn't want a direct confrontation.

Well, too bad!

SPLAAASH!

Suddenly, countless phantasmal hands surged from the depths of the swamp, wrapping themselves around the giant King beast and alerting it of an attack!

My Phantasmal Hands had several new powers too, such as being able to weaken foes they touch, draining their life, and above all, deal some damage too!

Without even being there yet, my phantasmal arms kept surging and attacking it, punching it all across its body.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

"GRUOOHH!"

The swamp King grew furious, quickly swinging its entire body and spinning at a rapid speed, diving deep into the swamps waters and using it to move faster.

FLAASH! FLAASH! FLAASH!

With its gigantic jaws and crab-like claws, it cut through my phantasmal hands one after another at a rapid pace.

Not bad!

"How about this then? Hecate!"

"...!"

Hecate gave out a cute noise, as the arms of the dress grew tens of times longer, reaching the beast below and smacking it with tremendous force.

BAAAAMM! BAAAAMM!!

"GRUUAAGH...!"

The creature quickly swam underwater, escaping Hecate's attacks... However, that wasn't going to be so easy!

FLUOSH!

Black and silver threads emerged out of Hecate almost endlessly, wrapping around the beast's torso and dragging it back where it was seconds ago.

I just had to put a bit of strength!

"Here we GO!"

SPLAAASH!

I fished the whole thing out of the water, as I equipped both of my weapons and imbued them with my Aura, rushing towards it.

"How about this for a change, big guy? Let me shave out those annoying scales!"

I swung both my giant axe and the sword at once, vertically and horizontally, each slash releasing an explosion of Phantasmal and Darkness energies.

SLAASH! SLAASH! SLAASH! SLAASH! SLAASH!

"GRYYYYAAARRGH...!"

The beast's scales were falling apart one after another, its eyes shining bright red across its tentacles as it fired several miasmic beams against me.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

My simply Darkness Barriers shattered into pieces against such powerful beams, but Hecate shielded me, as her threads turned into a huge veil in front of me.

"Takeshi, Laura! How about you help me fish this guy?" I asked the two so they could get some action themselves.

"Sure!" Both were excited to partake on the hunt.

Chapter 939 Amazing Equipment

Takeshi summoned his fishing rod's Unique Skill while Laura gathered her Explosive Power around her, resembling a giant cloud of explosive flames imbued with chaos.

"[Great Sea Domain]!"

SPLAAASH!

Takeshi expanded his powerful domain and merged it with the swamp, controlling the waters and using them to quickly surround the S Rank Monster.

At the same time, his fishing rod's metallic thread traveled across the waters and emerged out of them, wrapping around the monster's body.

As it wrapped around its body, the scales started falling more rapidly and the tough metallic thread began to pierce through the flesh, letting it bleed rapidly.

Meanwhile, Laura's powers manifested into the form of several gigantic arms and fists, loaded with explosive power.

"Take this! [Explosive Chaos Demon's Fists]!"

The titanic fists landed on the beast, with explosions, big explosions, of course!

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

Each explosion took a nice chunk of HP from the S Rank beast, as it struggled to realize what was happening to it.

Its many tentacles, with eyes, fired more beams against us, but I blocked them with my weapons and Hecate's help.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"As long as I am around you're not hurting the kids."

With a confident smile, I raised my hand.

SPLAAASH!

Suddenly, hundreds of phantasmal hands fused together into a titanic phantom hand, grasping on the feast tightly!

"GRAAAH!"

The creature wasn't an S Rank for nothing though, in that second, it conjured hundreds of magic circles and fired explosive projectiles of darkness and chaos against us.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

At the same time, Laura and Takeshi were forced to step back due to the intensity of the magic, all while the boss reached the seas and, with immense fury, charged toward us.

It swam at lightning speed, and once it was close enough, its gigantic crab-like claws attempted to crush us like a pair of mighty hammers.

BAAM! BAAM! BAAAMM!!

However, it only ended greeting Laura's mighty Explosive Demon Fists and my weapons, imbued with my powerful Aura.

Additionally, my Phantasmal Arms surged endlessly from my body, unleashing a barrage of Ghost Fist Techniques that broke through the monster's defenses and exploited its weak soul.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLAAASH!

"GRYYAAEERR!"

The creature was blown back again, its HP was already below thirty percent, it was growing desperate, and it seemed like it was beginning to consider escaping.

FLUOOSH!

It manipulated the water on its surroundings and began to swim away as fast as possible, while summoning more of the monsters in the swamp's depths to stop us from advancing.

Though, that wasn't going to help anyways!

"Okay, cowards piss me off the most!"

Laura imbued her Mana into her staff, a modified thunderous spear, and combined the lightning power with her explosive flames.

The result was a devastating sword made of both explosive chaotic flames and golden divine lightning!

"[Chaotic Explosion Demon's Lightning Sword]!"

FLAAASH!

The massive sword reached the boss, piercing through its body and then exploding. Flames and electricity rushed everywhere, electrifying the nearby monsters and killing them on the spot.

BOOOOMMM!!!

"GRUOOHHH!"

The beast agonized, and survived somehow, its wounds slowly beginning to regenerate as a miasmic aura covered it.

"It's trying to regenerate!" Takeshi said. "Stop right there!"

The boy manipulated the waters through his domain and used them to absorb the miasma away, while transforming the waters into sharp spears and spikes, damaging the creature.

The fishing rod's metallic thread changed its form through becoming a huge metallic snake, wrapping itself around the creature's body.

The snake bit through its flesh with the massive jaws it developed, tearing the flesh apart!

"Now!"

I felt it was my turn at this point, as I imbued Hecate with my Divine Thunder Body powers, as black and purple lightning surged from my entire body.

FLAAASH!

Hecate suddenly transformed, the beautiful dress becoming golden and fizzy, as if it had become made of pure lightning.

"Now!"

With my two weapons absorbing all this power and Hecate's abilities on top, a huge hand made of golden, black, and purple lightning emerged above the monster, while the weapons auras combined, forming a huge lightning hammer.

"This is a little copy of that one Skill Thor's Divine Spirit used...!" I smiled. "[Mjolnir's Strike]!"

The hammer went down rapidly, as an explosion of lightning engulfed everything.

CRASH!

The S Rank monster, already wounded from all the battle, ended dying immediately, fried alive by all the lightning coursing through its body.

This lightning had the power to purify miasma, dealing even more damage to a monster that seemed to have been prematurely and forcefully evolved using Miasma.

With that attack alone, the rest of the swamp started looking much clearer now, all the lightning killed the monsters living there and purified it quite a lot!

"Phew! Well, that was easy, wasn't it?" I asked Takeshi and Laura, who looked exhausted.

"I-I guess?" Takeshi wondered.

"It was a bit too tough for me." Laura sighed. "Well, we've fought worse things."

"Hahaha, let's take a break, looks like everyone's done over there." I said.

Fabian and every other trainee had already slain the monsters which my Undead helped on weakening and stopping.

Of course, so they could gain further battle experience, I also told the Undead to leave at least half the monsters intact, so they could be a bigger challenge.

So, in between easy pickings of EXP from weakened and nearly dead monsters, they also got to do some real fights against healthy and deadly ones, developing their battle experience.

I liked things balanced after all!

Lucifer, Partner, Emeraldine, Jonathan, and Tear ended doing nothing other than protect the backs of the trainees, as Takeshi, Laura, and I ended taking down the Boss all on our own.

Although I had heard the miasmic swamp as the end of this dungeon, it really wasn't...

The path kept going forwards to a deeper area, where I could sense there were some stairs. Looks like this dungeon has some unexplored areas, or maybe that had never been reported before.

Chapter 940 Maria Is Lovely

After the defeat of the second wave of monsters, I decided to bring out the monster corpses I could, including the boss, and butchered the big boss for the S Rank Magic Crystal.

With that, I had... eight, I think! Two more to go! This Dungeon has been pretty nice on its rewards so far, to think it was just a little trip we were going to have around here.

"So far so good." I said, storing the last magic crystal inside my inventory. "Everyone's a bit tired so we're taking a little break before continuing."

"It has been only a couple of hours since we entered, but it looks like there's some more space to explore." Emeraldine pointed out, she was right at my side alongside Partner.

"Master, did you had to kill the whole monster yourself with Takeshi and Laura alone?!" She asked, slightly angrily. "That's not fair at all, I also wanted some action, you know?"

"Hahaha, sorry about that. I know you wanted some action, but I wanted to see how far Takeshi and Laura have progressed too." I said. "I think they should be able to beat S Rank threats if they work together and give it their all by now."

"Well, didn't they do that already back then when we got trapped by the Warlocks?" Emeraldine asked curiously.

"Well yes, but they still received the help of Tear, I believe... Nonetheless, you're right. I think they can take care of themselves pretty well now." I said rather proud of them. "To think that back then they were so afraid of everything, when we found them running away from that laboratory..."

"Ah well, yeah..." Emeraldine sighed. "Those weren't the best times. We were also running away ourselves, it was a harsh and hard life. We've gotten better now! Though, aren't we still hiding?"

"It is part of the job at this point." I shrugged. "Don't worry, once the week comes to an end, we'll no longer hide." I smiled, giving her a kiss in her nose. "I know you're worried, but everything's alright."

"It's my job to always be worried, everyone here lacks too much common sense sometimes." Emeraldine gently caressed my face. "But I know that as long as you're around, I'll always be safe."

She gave me back another kiss, much more lovingly on my lips. We ended looking at one another's eyes for a little few second, creating a warmer and sweeter atmosphere.

"Sometimes I feel like hugging and cuddling with you in bed all day..." I sighed.

"Heheh, we can do that once we get back home." She smiled. "We've lazed around a lot before, no?"

"Right~ But I wish there weren't any responsibilities or worries for once, just us all chilling for eternity..." I said. "Ugh..."

"Come on now, it's alright." Emeraldine smiled. "We'll get through things, and I'm sure that eventually, we'll be able to enjoy that life that you want so much. We'll "chill" and laze around, and eat tasty food, and do nothing productive."

"Hahaha, when you put it like that it sounds a bit awful!" I laughed.

"Well, that's just how you are sometimes, Maria." Emeraldine giggled. "But it is also one of the charming things about you..."

"Aww... You're such a sweet little cinnamon roll, come here." I kept hugging her and kissing her neck and cheeks, and sometimes her soft and cute lips. "I'm so lucky to have the most adorable elf wife in the world."

"Geez, stop it, you're making me embarrassed again..." Emeraldine grew redder as she pouted a bit.

Oh my gosh, she's the cutest! Isn't she?!

"H-Heeey... Aren't you forgetting about someone here? You lovebirds..."

However, there was a pair of crimson eyes staring at us while we were doing lovely things and playing like two dumb lovers.

Partner was a bit jealous that we ended ignoring her for a little while.

"Oh, my bad... Sorry about ignoring you." I giggled. "Come here, you're my adorable red velvet cake." I dragged her in by the hips and gave her a big kiss in her puffy cheeks. "Mooch!"

"M-Master, you're being so lovely out of nowhere!" Partner blushed. "Does this mean you're horny?!"

"N-No, that's not it!" I sighed. "I'm just appreciate our bonds and love... What's wrong with a bit of that sometimes? I always do it anyways! Don't act like I don't."

"M-Maybe..." Partner felt embarrassed. "I love you too, Master! Since you gave me life with your magic, that I sworn I would protect the clumsy and overly talkative ghost bringing me to all sorts of dangerous places, hehe."

"So that's how you saw me back then?!" I asked in surprise. "Well, that makes me feel slightly embarrassed now... Was I that dummy?"

"Yes! You were always talking and talking, and very dummy! I had to protect you a lot or you would end up deader than dead." Partner laughed out loud.

"Damn..." I felt slightly conflicted about that. "Well, glad you stuck with someone like me, that's why I called you Partner back then. It was a rather careless name from my part, but it seems you don't really want to change it."

"Nuh-huh, that's the name you gave me, and I like it! It means I am your companion after all!" Partner was being more adorable than ever now. "Now give me some more moochies!"

She ended jumping over me and asking for more kisses.

"Hahaha, enough, enough~"

As I giggled and Emeraldine found the situation funny, I could feel the smell of grilled fish and boiled crab.

"Hmm?!"

I saw Jonathan having purified the boss corpse using his holy light magic, which was then cut down to pieces and grilled and boiled...

The huge crab pincers it had must be full of tender meat, and that fish grilled meat, covered on soy sauce and other spices seemed delish too!

"Ahh, I'm getting hungry again!"

As we ran to eat with everyone else, the three other Divided Egos I was using to continue crafting on top of the carriage were almost done with my new fancy heels and the gloves.