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Chapter 941 Evolution Requirements

"Here, serve yourselves, you must be hungry." Lucifer and Jonathan worked together, unexpectedly, and served all of us with an immense feast!

Emeraldine placed some wooden tables and chairs around a stable area with no wet mud and we sat down to devour our meal.

The boss was the greatest delicacy though, its fish meat was delicious and very tasty, with a strong fishy flavor like not many things I've tasted.

But aside from the fish flavor, it also had the big meaty claws, which once boiled and broken, revealed a bountiful treasure of tender white meat inside.

And that wasn't all, the tentacles were also cut down and grilled, some others were made into little cubes and added to a pasta sauce with the ink, which had a spicy flavor once purified.

So we ended having a lot of variety out of a single, gigantic creature that provided three times of meat in one.

"Hmmm~ This is too good, the fish, then the crab, and the squid meat all from a single monster!" Partner was delighted.

"Indeed, this pasta though... Hmm, the little cubes of squid meat mixed with the black ink sauce make for a rather unique combination of flavors." Emeraldine was happily eating.

"I like the fish the most!" Nyx was sitting on Lucifer's lap this time. "Papa, can I get more fried fish croquets?"

"Sure, sure." Lucifer nodded, giving the little spoiled dragon princess a few more.

"Thank you!" She quickly continued biting on them.

Despite having eaten a giant fish herself just like an hour ago, she was already hungry for more food...

Superpowered children sure get hungry quickly. Their bodies spend a lot of calories using all their amazing strength and magic I suppose.

I don't spend a single calory or something, I'm not even a live!

But I love eating and sometimes I do feel like some sort of "hunger" which can be satisfied by eating.

My special stomach absorbs everything without leaving waste and transforms it into Mana and other energies for my phantasmal body to keep on working.

"It's crazy how much we eat now..." Fabian sighed. "I remember feeling lucky whenever I caught a rat. But now I've eaten so much just this day alone, and I always get hungrier when I use my abilities too."

"Yeah, even I feel hungrier too." Said Spectra. "I guess it is all thanks to Lady Maria and her kindness."

"Back then I don't remember ever experiencing what it felt like to have a full stomach!" Silva said with a gentle and adorable smile.

"Well, even when Maria leaves one day, you don't have to worry about that, you'll eat every day and fill your stomach." Catarina smiled, patting the girl's head. "I'll make sure of it."

"Big sis..." Silva felt moved by Catarina's kindness.

"Woof!" Meanwhile, their zombie wolf, Blackie, was munching on a huge mudskipper on his own.

"You were pretty awesome there, sis." Takeshi praised Laura.

"Well you weren't too bad either Takeshi." Laura smiled. "You've gotten better at manipulating the fishing rod, but it still feels like a slightly inconvenient ability."

"Yeah, I know..." Takeshi nodded. "Yours is also quite inconvenient, the explosiveness of your magic could backfire, you have to be careful."

"I know, I know." Laura nodded. "Though, I was wondering if you could try shaping the metallic thread into more forms?"

"The snake is not the only form I've thought about! I have thought about a hydra too, oh and of course, a big dragon head! There's also the kraken form I had thought about... My fishing rod has been evolving as I grow, so it is becoming more versatile too!" Takeshi said proudly.

"Ohhh, oh well, I guess I was slightly wrong there then." Laura giggled. "I was thinking about something though. We make a really good team, you and me. So I wanted to further learn new techniques by combining our magic and unique skills..."

"I know what you mean! Mom's always worrying about our safety, even when we should be able to take down S Rank monsters together..." Takeshi nodded. "Getting better at using our abilities wouldn't hurt anybody."

"Very true." Laura nodded. "So, how about this... and that?"

The two of them continued talking with one another... It seemed they were slightly worried about my own worries about them!

So maybe they want to show off they are strong enough for me to stop worrying... Oh well! I wish them good luck.

This mother that has adopted them will not stop worrying!

"Guhh..."

Suddenly, Hecate gave a little and adorable voice, as it turned some of its threads into the shape of a little and mischievous fabric fairy.

It flew into my food and began snacking on the food.

"Nom, nom, nom...! Hmmm~!"

She got really happy with the meals and happily munched at them... I guess this dress can eat too? Now that's crazy...

"How many S Rank Magic Crystals are you missing?" Wondered Lucifer.

"I think I'm missing two more." I said. "Do you know your evolution requirements yet though?"

"I do know mine." Lucifer nodded. "I also need S Rank Magic Crystals, but not ten like you, only three."

"I also need some!" Partner sighed.

"Me too..." Emeraldine nodded. "Also this Concept thingy is rather complicated, my Divine Concept is only around 70% done, what a pain..."

"70%?!"

We all reacted in shock at Emeraldine's amazing progress...

"E-Eh? Is it too low?" She wondered.

"No, it's way too high! What the hell Emeraldine?! Did you had to flex on us like that!" Partner was left perplexed. "Mine's barely at like 36% or something!"

"Mine is at 40%..." Lucifer said with a smug expression.

"I have yet to check my requirements..." Said Jonathan. "Oh, it says I'm 60%?"

"Eh?! You too? Not fair!" Partner and Lucifer said almost at the same time.

"Wait, hold up, what about Maria?" Wondered Emeraldine. "Is your Divine Concept higher?"

"Mine? Ah, well..."

I checked on the requirements again.

[Absorb the Essence of the Void: 10/10]

[Absorb the Essence of the Spirits: 5/5]

[Devour S Rank Monster Cores: 0/10]

[Devour a Dimensional Artifact: 1/1]

[Devour a Divinity: 0/1]

[Comprehend a Divine Concept: 0/1] [Progress: 53% -> 75%]

"Wait, it was only 53% before but now it went all the way up to 75%!" I was surprised.

"EH?!"

Everyone was even more jealous now...

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I had yet to devour the S Rank Monster Cores, so they didn't appear as the eight I had in my possession right now.

But even when I get all mine, everyone else will also need theirs, so we'll have to grind at least so we can get ten or more.

Thankfully their evolutions aren't as exaggerated as mine in terms of requirements. None of them mentioned having to "devour a divinity" for their evolution.

However I manage to do that, I have no idea... But maybe munching on the Saintess Emilia, who carries some sort of Divinity from her Goddess of Water might do the job.

Yeah, thinking about it, there's still the whole story behind this entire conflict.

Why is the Saintess of the Goddess of Water here?

And correlating it with the Divine Oasis Spirit too, the Warlocks, and then The Dark Pest.

Celes is the reincarnation of the Divine Oasis Spirit's Soul, but her Divine Body is within the possession of the Warlocks and the church.

They use it as a material to release unique powers, corrupted spiritual energy, and then there's also their Void Power.

Was that a unique magic of only Belphegor, or do they have another source for it?

So many questions... But I'm guessing I'll get answer once we start our raid on that dungeon and the battle to free this town begins.

Until then, we have to prepare well.

I want to complete and conquer this dungeon, so everyone gets a nice amount of EXP and gain fighting experience.

It was thanks to the EXP we've earned so far that my S Rank pals were able to hit max level at long last, including Lucifer, Partner, Emeraldine, and Jonathan.

About the rest, I'm not too sure, though some are getting close to max level I believe... Nyx in specific just recently evolved to A+ Rank, so she's still missing some more EXP to become S Rank.

But once she does, I'm sure she'll become even more amazingly strong!

"Alright, we're done here I believe. Let's keep on moving then!" I said. "Emeraldine, can you make a bridge leading to the other side of the swamp? Carrying everyone on my shadows is a bit annoying."

"Got it." She nodded, waving her hand. "[Strengthened Wooden Bridge]"

FLAAASH!

A large bridge made of wood surged from the ground, reaching all the way to the other side of the swamp, where I could see some mysterious stairs leading down.

We crossed the bridge without problems, and once we arrived at the stairs, I felt an ominous presence... This place was originally just a mine with a monster nest and a swamp inside.

However, it has been so polluted with Miasma and... most likely Corrupted Divine Spirit Energy that it has transformed into a full-fledged young dungeon.

We've purified the starting areas, the salt mines are white once more, and the swamp is of a pristine blue color, very pure.

We even saw some normal fish swimming around now, so the town will be able to benefit from this second source of water if they ever need it.

And also fish to eat, and perhaps a few other crustaceans and mollusks, I saw a few of those too.

But what the Second Floor contained was much stronger, a rather ominous aura...

"I can feel the presence of powerful monsters down there." Emeraldine said. "There might be more than one S Rank Monster too... It is incredible how infected of Miasma it is! And... a different yet just as deadly energy."

Her Divine Spirits were uneasy when trying to discern this energy.

"It is uneasy because it is corrupted divine spiritual energy. Something the Warlocks used on their experiments." I said. "This entire place most likely became some sort of testing ground for them, so as we hunt everything, we're weakening their forces."

"Does this mean... That they were growing strong monsters here for something?" Takeshi was surprised, asking that question.

"Most likely building up an army of sorts." Lucifer agreed, crossing his arms. "I believe they were trying to build it for something, most likely for whoever their true boss is. Maybe they want to kill everyone in the town eventually. For some wicked sacrifice or something."

"Ugh..." Tear sighed. "I can't believe I once allied myself with this group of Vampires."

"Well, you weren't yourself back then." I told her. "Don't overthink it. You've changed, and you've woken up from whatever the crown was forcing you to do or think. You're yourself."

I patted her shoulders as Tear sighed, she gently caressed her necklace, the Soul Jewel of Veredorr calmed her down wherever she felt nervous.

"I-I guess..." She sighed. "Veredorr wouldn't want to see me all sad, right?"

"Yeah, he wanted the best for you, and for you to always smile." I said. "Let's work on this together, Tear. Oh, I've forgotten to say this but, thanks a lot for helping us! You helped Takeshi and Laura survive when everything went to shit, thanks a lot."

"Oh... That's nothing, I would have done it again as many times, we are all... allies." She smiled.

"We're not allies!" I said angrily.

"Eh? We aren't?!" Tear felt slightly intimidated.

"We are a family, remember that!" I winked at her.

"A Family..." Tear muttered, smiling faintly. "Thank you for considering me your family... You don't know how much it means to me."

"It's fine, it's fine~ All's good! Oh, look, we're here."

Once we arrived at the Second and presumably the last Floor of this Dungeon, we were greeted with a rather surprising sight, something we had not seen before inside a Dungeon.

Everything quickly turned really hot, the entire atmosphere was filled with smoke and the smell of burning stones.

There were several pools of boiling lava, with blazing flames spread around the area. The entire place was a piping hot underground volcano!

"This heat..." Tear stepped back. "It is quite strong..."

"Indeed!" I said, looking around. "Amazing, isn't it? I'm sure Veredorr would have loved you seeing all these amazing sights."

"Yeah... I'm sure he would." Tear nodded. "I just wish... We could be together watching this."

"Well, I think he is here with us too." I smiled. "His Soul Jewel is part of his Core; it contains his Origin Core. As long as you hold it, he's still here with us."

"Maria..." Tear sighed, smiling a bit more. "Maybe, maybe you're right. I always think that he's with me. Even when we can't talk... I want to believe that with all my heart."

"He's watching over you and making sure you're okay." I nodded. "I will keep growing stronger myself too, I'll comprehend the true ways of Death Magic, and eventually bring him back using his Soul Jewel. So just wait a bit more, okay?"

"Would you go so far for him?" Tear was in tears already...

"Of course! He's my pal too." I smiled. "Now- Ah!"

RUMBLE!

And just as we were having that moving conversation, the ground shook, from within the lava pools, enormous creatures crawled out...

"ROOOAAARR!"

Ding!

[You have Created [Phantom Enchantress Demonic Lustrous Heels (S+++ Grade)] x1!]

[You have Created [Phantom Enchantress Gloves of Shadow Gathering (S+++ Grade)] x1!]

[You gained +80.000 Skill Proficiency.]

[You gained +25.000.000 EXP.]

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

Looks like my equipment was done too!

Chapter 943 Fighting Against The Volcanic Drakes

Ding!

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[You gained +80.000 Skill Proficiency.]

[You gained +25.000.000 EXP.]

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

At the same time as I was finally done with my two new pieces of equipment, the mighty roar of giant reptilian creatures that dwelled in the pools of lava echoed within the cave.

"ROOOOAARR!"

RUMBLE!

The pools shook, as from within them, several giant creatures crawled out from, swiftly noticing the presence of my Undead Army and all of us in here.

They were gigantic creatures, with seemingly draconic features, but being too monstrous to be actual dragons.

These were most likely dragon-type monsters!

Ding!

[The Presence of your Undead Army has awakened the Guardians of the Underground Volcano.]

[The powerful [Underground Dwelling Volcanic Drakes (A+ Rank)] have begun to move out of their lava pools, seeking the ones that disrupted their slumber!]

[As they're powerful Drakes of the Volcanic Attribute, they thrive and grow stronger within this area, increasing their Stats by +100%.]

"Ah, there are a bunch of them!" Tear panicked slightly, glancing into the distance.

These Drakes resembled stegosaurus more than I could have imagined, with long necks and enormous sizes.

They were covered on crimson scales, with blazing rings made of flames circling their long necks and backs.

These creatures didn't look freed from the Miasma either, I could notice a few which had several black scales here and there.

And others looked completely pitch black, with larger, more muscular, and more threatening appearances as well, Demonite spikes growing on their backs and all.

There were at least a hundred coming our way, with many more emerging constantly from the magma pools.

"Alright everyone! Similar formation than before!" I roared, as my Undead kept surging from my Shadows, marching into large squadrons against the incoming foes.

This time there were a few hundred new recruits, including our previously fought monsters, such as giant mudskippers and crabs!

Aside from that, the Salt Golems also joined as Undead. If I was able to rise the Demonite Golems from the Elf Forest, then these guys were no problem either.

However, before the battle could even start, there was a slight problem.

"GROOOAARR!"

The Drakes began absorbing air and inflating their throats, which blazed with a bright red and orange color, before they released several fireballs of enormous sizes.

Each of these monsters was around thirty meters tall, and their fireballs were at least fifteen meters large too, based in the amount of flames they released.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

A bombardment of countless flames started falling over my army, my zombies and skeletons burning and perishing one after another.

"I should had guessed they would do this..." I facepalmed. "Alright, [Umbral Void Barrier Shields]!"

FLAASH! FLAASH! FLAASH! FLAASH!

I designed a spell right in that moment, as dozens of shields crafted out of darkness and void essence emerged, blocking the fireballs in front of my army as they advanced.

However, the attacks were way too many, descending on all places, it was quite a hard to block them all.

"I guess I'll have to eat the loses for now." I sighed. "I still got many corpses to turn into Undead for later anyways, and these big guys will surely become some new allies!"

And naturally, I had some use for the corpses, which I quickly imbued with my Shadows and moved as if it were through telekinesis.

I dropped them right over the monsters, who glanced at the burnt corpses with confusion in their eyes.

"[Undead Detonation]"

FLAASH! FLAASH! FLAASH! FLAASH!

With a single activation of my Skill, these corpses swiftly glowed with bright red and orange light, detonating into wide explosions of phantasmal flames, death, void, and even moonlight.

To add things to the damage dealt, thanks to my [Explosion Maniac] Title, there was a chance for each explosion I provoked using Undead Detonation to create a chain reaction.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

Naturally, even more explosions covered the entire landscape, the monsters were incredibly tough, tanking dozens of explosions, but many ultimately fell anyways due to the severe accumulated damage.

As the accumulated damage became deadly, the weakened monsters were swiftly overwhelmed by my Undead, that ganged on them using their wide numbers.

At the same time, the rest of my team mobilized. There were so many targets, and the landscape was so wide that even our strongest members had some time to shine too and let out some steam.

The young trainees attacked the monsters that were weakened, targeting their wounds. Fabian and his team had grown much more versatile and stronger as they learned how to conjure Spells from Emeraldine and myself, and also how to use Techniques and manipulate Ki from Jonathan.

This combined with the top-notch armor, necklace, and weapons I provided, made them for incredibly efficient hunters, even when they were fighting A+ Rank Monsters several times their own strength.

Celes and Nia in specific were shaping themselves to become incredible fighters, even the little Celes had become amazingly more proficient with his magic, now naturally channeling it with ease after Emeraldine opened his Mana Circuits and Jonathan helped him awaken his Meridians and Ki.

He conjured several lightning-imbued spears of spiraling water, frozen spears of frost water, and also conjured healing and buffing spells.

His magic was one of the most effective ones against these fire-attribute monsters, and the little boy had become a serious threat, even more as he continued improving his magic and discovering more of his natural abilities, inherited from his unique reincarnated soul.

Meanwhile, his mother Nia, was becoming amazing, further improving herself as she recalled what she was taught by her late husband. Her Wind Attribute Magic had given a great leap in strength, and now combined with her lightning spear, better armor, and a necklace that boosted her magic even further beyond, she was summoning literal thunderstorms and windstorms with each of her blows.

Both have been leveling up a lot. Because they were humans though, they didn't seem to be capable of evolving, but with my Saintess Blessing, their small Level Caps were being unlocked as they hit them, leveling frantically.

"ROOOOAAARR!"

RUMBLE!

However, not everything was fine and dandy, as three ginormous figures surged from the largest pools of lava.

They were three Bosses...

All S Rank!

Chapter 944 Fighting Three S-Rank Bosses At The Same Time

TRUUUM! TRUUUM! TRUUUM!

The underground trembled wildly, as it revealed three titanic monsters emerging from within the boiling lava.

All three of them resembled the Volcanic Drakes, but at least four times as big, with long necks and gigantic armors made of scales.

The first one was bulky and highly armored with scales, with a single large head, the second seemed to be much lighter on its build, seemingly made for speed, with thin scales covering its body and a long tail with a spear-like tip, and it possessed two heads.

And the third, the most intimidating of the three, had three heads and wings, alongside a strong armor of scales, being an intermediate version between the two!

All three of them were at least 150 meters tall, true behemoths.

Ding!

[The disturbance you've brought to the hidden Underground Volcano Lands has awakened the three siblings that have become its guardians...]

[The [Giant Volcanic Drake Kings (S Rank)] x3 have emerged from their hideouts, awakened from their slumber by your presence!]

[The three siblings, powerful guardians of the depths of these deserts, furiously glare at your army of Undead...]

"ROOOOAARRR!"

The three mighty guardians roared at the same time, attacking my Undead army right away. The flying one descended into the army and clawed its way through them, setting ablaze everything with its breath attacks.

CLAAASH! CLAAASH! CLAAAAASSHH!!

RUMBLE!

The entire underground trembled against the might of the S Rank monstrosity, and the other two didn't waste much time either.

The highly armored Volcanic Drake King transformed into a ball, like an armadillo, and ran over many Undead, leaving behind barely anything.

TRUUUUMMM...!

Meanwhile, the two-headed speedster flashed at lighting speed across the entire army, setting ablaze everything while crushing them or eating them, burning them to ashes.

FLAAAASH!

The trio was amazing at how they could work and cooperate together... They would certainly make really strong Undead.

My low-ranking Undead were all being leveled with ease against them and their flames. But that wasn't going to happen any longer.

"[Undead Detonation]"

I waved my hand, the power of my equipment, especially my gloves, swiftly strengthened the power of my Necromancy Skills.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

And then, a barrage of explosions engulfed two of the Drake Kings in a single second, the chain of explosions made using the destroyed corpses of my undead.

Some of them were being chewed at by them, which ended helping me blow their mouths up and blow away a few teeth.

The highly armored one seemed fine, but the three and two headed Drakes were completely furious, while bleeding from their mouths and bodies.

"SHAAAHHH!!!"

Their mightily roared as if commanding someone, the entire dungeon trembled again, the lava pools kept pouring more of the lesser Drakes out, which ran towards my Undead Army.

"Looks like these bastards got a lot of backups. Just like previous bosses." Partner said. "Master, let me take care of them!"

"You can't possibly take all of them at once, dummy!" Emeraldine sighed. "Or... Well, maybe you can, but it would be better if we all cooperate together for now."

"I agree." Lucifer nodded. "Maria, give us a command and we'll do it."

"I'm ready as well, of course!" Jonathan nodded jovially.

"If I can be of any help, please ask away! My Frost Magic seems to be very effective against them." Tear said.

"I think my Water Magic can break through their defenses too!" Takeshi said.

"If Takeshi is fighting, then I am too." Said Laura.

"My Spirit Water Magic must be even better then!" Celes said.

"Okay, okay!" I laughed. "Everyone can fight. Let's split into three groups, the rest will defend and fight with the Undead against the other Drakes, okay?"

With those words, everyone nodded obediently, they really respected me to the point they awaited my commands...

I would have never thought I would become such a figure of respect like this when I was alive, now that my previous life memories were resurfacing.

I used to be slightly more energetic than in my previous life, but never as charismatic as I am right now, after dying and gaining all of this...

It is ironic, but it feels like my life finally began once I died.

"Very well!"

I quickly made up three teams in a split of a second.

Lucifer, Takeshi, and Laura went to fight the armored guy because they packed the most explosive magic damage.

Partner, Emeraldine, Celes, and Nia quickly flew to confront the speedster, they were my fastest players in the field.

Lastly, Tear and Jonathan accompanied me to fight the strongest, the bastard three-headed one that could be as strong as an S+ Rank Monster.

"Mama, I also wanna fight the big guys! I am strong now!"

Nyx insisted on accompanying me, but I needed her strength in the ground to help Fabian and Silva's parties on fighting the powerful Volcanic Drakes.

"I know you want to, but I also really need your help! Can you help me? Protect Fabian and Silva's parties. They're your friends, right?" I asked her.

"Y-Yeah, they are..." Nyx crossed her arms. "Mama really needs me?"

"Of course! You're the strongest among all of them so I need a powerful overpowered dragon girl down there to help them out." I smiled. "Also, you can summon Phantom Dragons, right? Summon as many as you can, they'll add on to the Undead Army, and cover a wider range."

"Okay..." Nyx nodded. "I'll help then..." She seemed slightly sad, nonetheless.

"And in exchange, I'll reward you well." I winked at her. "How about a pretty dress with overpowered abilities like my own? Or a weapon? Anything you want."

"Really mama?!" Nyx got finally pumped up. "I want a dress and a big axe!"

"A big axe?" I felt confused.

"Yeah like the one you always wield! It's so cool!" Nyx said.

"Heheh, alright, okay then! I'll make you the strongest axe and the best dress." I giggled. "One that can adapt to your body size change too. For now work your hardest!"

"Okay! I'll blow them all away!" Nyx flew away, transforming into a dragon.

The rest of our teams divided, quickly targeting each Guardian of the Underground Volcano at the same time.

Chapter 945 Overwhelming Teamwork

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

The incredibly fast two-headed Drake moved from one place to another, evading Partner and Nia's attacks with ease.

It left deadly flames behind, which caused explosions due to the friction of its moving legs. Partner and Nia had to constantly step back and try to analyze the movement of the beast.

FLAAASH!

"ROOOAARR!"

However, in the moment they escaped from a barrage of flames, the monster flashed through, appearing right behind Celes, opening its massive jaws and releasing a giant breath attack.

"CELES!"

"[Divine Spirit Magic]: [Divine Spiritual Holy Light Shield]!"

Nia flew as fast as she could towards her son, but Emeraldine swiftly protected him, generating a barrier of Holy Spiritual Light from her entire body, exuded from her own Aura.

Her two Divine Spirits fused into her body to give her such a power.

BOOOOMMMM!!!

The shield made of light easily blocked the explosive breath attack, while Celes didn't run away, the little boy bravely pointing his hands at the creature.

"You're too fast! Slow down!"

With an angry roar, the little boy's eyes shone with a divine blue light, his Aura of Spiritual Divinity surged like an endless sea wave!

There was no name to this Divine Spell, but it was so intimidating the Volcanic Drake swiftly attempted to avoid it!

SPLAAAAASSHHH!!!

However, the attack covered such a huge range that it ended catching up to the Drake, covering it with Divine Spiritual Water, which moved like a slime, wrapping around its body and making it way harder for the monster to run as fast as it wanted.

Partner and Nia quickly took advantage of the slowed down foe, attacking its head with their strongest techniques.

Partner's twin spear overflowed with both Darkness and Blood Energy, the very end of the spears harnessing a purely dark power, Void Essence itself, coming right out of the necklace Maria gifted to her.

"[Demonic Blood Spear Arts]: [Dimension-Piercing Black Blood Void Spear]!"

Her two spears temporarily combined into a titanic black spear, overflowing with her Aura and combined Abilities, it pierced the Drake's left eye, leaving a huge hole through its face!

CRAAAAAASSHHH!!!

The Volcanic Drake agonized, quickly beginning to release flames from its body, boiling the water Celes made and beginning to evaporate it out of its body!

"SHYAAAARRRGH!"

At the same time, it resentfully released a deadly blast of flames against Partner, rushing towards her in just a split of a second.

An attack of this magnitude at point blank was bound to hurt horrendously.

However!

"[Windstorm Magic Spear Arts]: [Thunder Bird Spear]!"

The roar of a mighty Thunder Bird echoed with her attack, as Nia showcased how much she has progressed, fusing her Wind Magic with her Armor, Spear, and Necklace powers together!

Her spear flashed through the empty air releasing sparks of electricity in the shape of a titanic bird, clashing against the Volcanic Drake's open jaws!

BOOOOOMMMM!!

The explosion of winds and thunder was strong enough to burn through the Drake's jaws and force it to vomit a mouthful of blood, although it freed itself from Celes' magic, it was now even more severely weakened.

"SHAAAAHHH!!!"

However, an S Rank Monster was still an S Rank Monster.

With frustration and fury, the monstrous creature quickly leaped back to make some distance from them.

Its giant claws swung against them, releasing explosive slashing waves of draconic flames, which Partner, Nia, and Celes continuously blocked with their attacks.

However, the Drake was unaware of Seven Colorful Arrows which were fired by Emeraldine just some minutes ago, descending into its body one after another!

"[Yggdrasil's Nine Divine Worlds]"

The arrows overflowed with different colors and elements, bombarding the S Ranked Monster, each explosion leaving a massive wound that wouldn't regenerate at all.

BOOOOMM!! BOOOOMM!! BOOOOMM!! BOOOOMM!! BOOOOMM!! BOOOOMM!! BOOOOMM!!

"GRYYAAAEERRGH!"

The monster struggled, falling on the ground and beginning to attempt to escape as the seven arrows pierced its body, covered on terrible wounds.

However, the other trio stopped its path, the monster swung its claws against them, big enough to destroy half of a city!

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH!

Partner and Nia clashed against the claws while Celes gathered his Water Magic into a gigantic trident, which he swiftly fired at the monster.

"Big Trident!"

FLAAAASH!

The trident flashed through the wind, hitting the Volcanic Drake's head a second time, making the beast scream in agony and step back.

BOOOOMMM!!

On its fury and agony, its entire body was set ablaze, releasing countless shockwaves of flames everywhere!

TRUUUUMMMM...!!!

"Oh no, you won't!"

Partner rushed forwards, while Nia and Celes coordinated their magic, creating a path for the Vampiress to get through, all while Emeraldine's arrows rained down!

"RAAAH!"

With a mighty roar, Partner pierced the monster's body several times consecutively, while Emeraldine's arrows bombarded it.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"SHYAAARRRRGGH!"

The speedster Volcanic Drake gave one last attempt at defeating them, swinging its claws... Only for them to fail their attack and as its entire body went limp, the huge arm dropping coldly on the ground.

BAAAAMMM!!!

"W-We did it?" Celes wondered, shocked.

He quickly felt his boy growing stronger, it felt as if his entire body went through an invisible membrane several times.

This was how it felt for someone to level up many times at the same time, and break through his level cap a lot too.

"M-My stats increased a lot, mama!"

"Mine too..."

Nia felt also surprised, glancing at her own hands.

Even with the equipment Maria gave to them, she still displayed an amazing amount of strength and magic power.

"Well done, you two." Emeraldine congratulated them with a gentle smile. "This one was fast and strong... It will give us a lot of good meat as well."

"Wouldn't it be better to turn it into an undead?" Asked Partner. "Oh, maybe just a skeleton with scales would be alright! Yeah, let's eat the meat later!"

"Haha..." Emeraldine realized something. "I think Maria might have infected me with her gluttonous behavior... I didn't use to think of eating whatever I hunted!"

As she gasped at this realization, in another side of the battlefield, Lucifer and his group clashed against the gigantic, armored Volcanic Drake.

Its impenetrable armor was becoming more of an issue that they originally thought...

Chapter 946 Taking Down The Armored Drake

The Armored Volcanic Drake King was a tank to behold, seen almost unscathed after being bombarded by Maria's explosive corpses, it was now tanking Lucifer, Takeshi, and Laura attacks as if it were nothing.

"GRRRRR....!!!"

As the attacks kept coming, the Armored Volcanic Drake King gave a mighty roar, its eyes overflowing with flames, as its gigantic body was set completely ablaze!

FLUOOOSH!

The flames quickly exploded out of its body, bombarding around everywhere. Lucifer swiftly blocked the magic attacks with a powerful shield made out of his own scales and Abyssal Death Flames.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

He was able to protect Takeshi and Laura with his enormous body and shield, but the Undead behind them kept burning and turning into ashes.

Maria's army was already almost done to half its original numbers!

"These bastards are really cutting through Maria's army..." Lucifer said. "Alright, Takeshi, can you make the same Domain you've done before?"

"I can but I need a couple of seconds to do it!" Takeshi nodded.

Hearing his confident answer, Lucifer nodded. "Laura, I need you to both cover Takeshi's back and harness as much power within a small point of space, can you do that?"

"I can, but for what?" Asked Laura, confused about her uncle's plan.

"Just trust me." Lucifer smiled. "I've fought even more terrifying foes before, this lizard's going down. I'll distract him!"

As he gave the two Homunculi Children a command, he flew towards the armored beast, his body was almost twice as big as his foe, surprising the creature even as it was confident on its defenses.

"Alright, let's dance, fucker." Lucifer smiled. "[Eternal Domain of Hel]!"

FLAAAASH!

His Aura expanded into a Domain of Pure Abyssal Death Flames and Phantasmal Energy, surrounding the entire armored monster.

"ROOOAAAR!"

The creature quickly reacted with a mighty and furious roar, releasing deadly flames everywhere all at once.

These flames came in the form of meteors made out of its own self-growing scales, which constantly tried to aim at Lucifer.

However, the Dragon King continued weakening it and decreasing its stats with his Domain of Death, all while he rose his hands and combined the Domain's powers with his flames.

"[Abyssal Death Flames Scythe]!"

FLUOOSH!

They quickly materialized into his Divine Weapon. Every Dragon that reached the level of a Divine Dragon were able to materialize a Divine Weapon out of their own Soul, Blood, and Scales.

This Weapon often varied in appearance; the most recent example was the Frost Dragons Lucifer fought back on Skadi's Tower.

Valkoinen had yet to mature enough to get his own Divine Weapon, so he had none when he confronted the twins and then Brunhild...

However, Lucifer had cheated things as he was a Mortal Dragon that rose to a Divine Dragon through Evolution and the Soul Book!

Naturally, his growth and talent surpassed even Divine Dragons in many ways, who had no access to the "System" that was the Soul Book as they were Demigods born without one.

"ROOOAAARR!"

The Armored Volcanic Drake King greeted his scythe with several beams of blazing flames, that could burn through the stone making the ceiling as well.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

However, Lucifer evaded the attacks, blocked them, and then used his scythe to attack back.

"You're tough, but pretty bad at everything else."

He rushed downwards at lightning speed, resembling a spark of darkness, his scythe swung several times against the Armored Volcanic Drake King, creating huge explosions of Abyssal Death Flames.

CRAASH! CRAASH! CRAASH! CRAAASSHH!!!

"SHAAAHHH!"

The Armored Volcanic Drake King grew desperate as its scales seemed to be beginning to crack by Lucifer's tremendous strength!

Its entire body blazed even further, its tail grew longer, gaining a hammer-like tip made out of super-hardened bone covered with scales.

And then it swung it against him like a titan-slaying mace!

BAAAAMMM!!

Lucifer took the hit surprisingly well, though he felt like his gusts twisted a bit...

"This bastard really packs a punch..." He smiled, blood coming from his mouth. "However..."

He quickly swung his scythe against the tail, cutting through its much thinner armor and slicing it apart!

SLAAAAASSHHH!!!

The Armored Volcanic Drake King agonized, quickly beginning to step back in agony as it constantly bombarded Lucifer with blazing explosions.

"GRUOOOHHHH...!"

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"Did it hurt that much?!"

As Lucifer blocked the attacks by swinging his scythe, Takeshi and Laura were finally done...

"[Divine Ocean Domain]!"

FLUOOOSH!

The surroundings were swiftly engulfed into a sea of divine water, splashing over the Armored Volcanic Drake King, its stats plummeted as it was its greatest weakness, the flames it conjured disappeared.

"I'm ready!"

Laura flew towards Lucifer in that moment, the Armored Volcanic Drake King desperately leaped out of the water, trying to bite her down.

However, the water moved on its own, accompanied by a hydra made of metal from Takeshi's fishing rod, biting through its legs and dragging it back.

"Good."

Lucifer rushed down with Laura, as the Armored Volcanic Drake King constantly struggled against Takeshi's magic and special weapon.

Within a couple of seconds, and with the strength of an S Rank monster, it managed to break out of the entanglements, leaping away like a giant frog.

However, it pointed its jaws at Takeshi, opening them to reveal a massive amount of swirling flames surging from within.

"Now!"

Lucifer and Laura released their attacks, a gigantic sphere of explosive demonic flames and a beam of abyssal death flames clashed the interior of the Armored Volcanic Drake King's mouth.

The result? It was quite obvious what happened.

The explosive force of Laura's concentrated attack, plus Lucifer's incredibly strong flame breath quickly blew up the Armored Volcanic Drake King from the inside out!

BOOOOOOMMMM!!!

Its entire body could not take the damage anymore, exploded from the inside out, the creature dropped on the floor instantly, vomiting blood and then immediately going limp!

"It died so fast?!" Laura was shocked.

"Always aim at the mouth with these giant guys." Lucifer nodded. "It's their biggest weakness."

As the Armored Volcanic Drake King was slain, Maria and her group clashed against the strongest of the three Volcanic Drake Kings.

Chapter 947 Overwhelming Power

As I saw Lucifer and Partner lead their respective teams and fight the Volcanic Drake Kings, we decided to confront the Three Headed Volcanic Drake King with Tear and Jonathan.

The Three Headed Volcanic Drake King was furiously releasing a storm of flames with its three heads, while flying high in the skies, almost touching the ceiling above, which was covered by bright red crystals illuminating the entire area.

"ROOOAAARRR!"

Its flames were incredibly strong, burning through all things. My toughest Undead were barely surviving thanks to all the buffs I stacked on them.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

The bombardment of explosions was endless, this beast would simply not stop until it managed to kill all of them... And based in the amount of firepower the Three Headed Volcanic Drake King showcased, it was clear it might be closer to S+ Rank compared to its siblings.

"Tear, use your ice to freeze its wings and keep them frozen as much as you can." I commanded.

"Got it!" Tear roared, flying towards the dragon using her [Phantasmal Veil], a buff that not only allowed people to float in midair but enhanced their Agility and Dexterity, made by yours truly.

"Jonathan, can you help me tank the hits?" I asked him.

"Of course." Jonathan nodded.

Without further ado, all three of us flew into action.

"SHAAAH!"

The Three Headed Volcanic Drake King easily detected we were growing closer to it, its three heads widening their eyes as they absorbed air and then released several beams of flames.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

Jonathan swung his divine sword, cutting through the beams with ease, while my dress slowly started to absorb the power of my Skills, forming a mighty black armor over my body, shining with both Void and Moonlight Essence.

"[Abyssal Moonlight Void Divine Armor]"

FLAAASH!

My entire body was covered by the armor, Hecate quickly reacting to the powers and absorbing them, adapting them, and then creating an even better protection than I could usually build out of skills and magic through my usual transformations.

"This is amazing..."

I could feel the effects were at least twice as stronger in terms of defense compared to the previous one, and because they were fully integrated into the dress, the armor could easily regenerate if it was damaged.

"Heheh!"

Hecate giggled adorably, like a little spoiled child that loved to show off how awesome she was... And honestly, she was!

Her two new pair of siblings were also pretty amazing themselves.

"RAAAARRR!"

The Three Headed Volcanic Drake King reacted to my transformation with fury, noticing how much power came from me.

The monstrous creature's Aura erupted from its body, spiraling into countless of snake-shaped flames, forming a tornado moving upwards!

FLUOOOSH!

However, Jonathan and I greeted it with our own abilities. This time, I didn't summon a single weapon, simply using my bare hands.

And these amazing gloves...

[Phantom Enchantress Gloves of Shadow Gathering]

[Item Type]: [Magic Gloves] [Armored Gloves] [Phantom Gloves] [Living Armor]

[Item Grade]: [S+++]

[Item Level]: [1/100]

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

[Item Durability]: [1.000.000/1.000.000]

[Item Effects]: [Physical Defense]: [+800.000] [Magical Defense]: [+800.000] [HP]: [+300.000] [MP]: [+500.000] [Attack]: [+300.000] [Defense]: [+500.000] [Magic]: [+500.000] [Agility]: [+300.000] [Void Attribute Power]: [+300.000] [Darkness Attribute Power]: [+300.000] [Death Attribute Power]: [+300.000] [Moonlight Attribute Power]: [+300.000]

[Runic Engravings]: [Magic Spell Power & Conjunction Speed +100% (S)] [Elemental Damage Absorption +40% (S)] [Physical Damage Taken -30% (S)] [HP & Defense +27% (S)] [Attack & Agility +26% (S)] [MP & Magic +28% (S)]

[Item Abilities]

[Gloves of Shadow Gathering]: Gloves specially designed to take on the shadows and absorb them to boost the power of all compatible Magic. When equipped, Increases Magic Spell Powers, Effects, and Conjunction Speed by +200%, decreases MP Consumption by -20%. Grants the ability to absorb any Shadows and Gather them within the black jewels of the Gloves. These Shadows can be stored as Shadow Essence, which can further enchant the power of any Magic Spell, especially Darkness, Phantom, and Death Magic by up to +1000%, not only in power alone, but in size, usability, potency, strength, and effects. It is also possible to further evolve these spells and create completely new, improved versions.

[Phantom Enchantress' Spell Hand]: By imbuing Mana, Shadow Essence, Void Essence, or Moonlight Essence into the gloves, it is possible to activate its special abilities, granting the ability to "Save Spells" within its runic inscriptions, which can be automatically conjured at +200% their original power and effects in exchange for +30% increase on Mana Cost. These Saved Spells can be conjured without any Magic Circle or Chanting and can be further mixed and combined into all sorts of new effects with ease. Spell Limit: 0/10

[Description]

An incredible piece of equipment unique, never seen before made by Blacksmith and Sewing Master Maria.

It has been imbued with many souls, gaining unprecedented powers. This pair of gloves possess the amazing ability to absorb Shadows and save spells within, something any wizard would want and pay with everything they had for.

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 time to use these babies.

"[Shadow Gathering]"

FLUOOOSH!

The Shadows within my own body were endlessly absorbed by the Gloves, until the jewels glowed with a gray and bluish light.

The Shadow Essence was gathered by the millions of units, which I swiftly combined with another powerful Spell that I had already placed within the Glove's Spell Hand.

"[Dark Sun] + [Dark Storm] = [Abyssal Flare Storm]!"

TRUUUUMMM...!!!

A massive and gigantic spiraling mass of black flames surged out of my hands in a split of a second, clashing against the Three Headed Volcanic Drake King own storm of flames and completely destroying it.

BOOOOOMMMM!!!

"GRYYYAAAEERRGH!"

The storm damaged its chest tremendously, leaving an ugly scar.

And what followed was even worse from the Three Headed Volcanic Drake King, as Tear swiftly froze his wings, making it collapse on the ground.

BAAAMM!!!

Chapter 948 Rubbish!

"[Divine Ice Touch]!"

Using her Divine Powers, Tear froze the Three Headed Volcanic Drake King's wings and quickly made it pummel down, right after I blew up its ultimate attack or whatever it was.

BAAAAMMM!!!

"RAAAARRRRRRGGGH!"

The monstrous three-headed creature grew furious, its wings beginning to blaze, trying to melt the ice trapping them from going back into the skies where it felt it rightfully belonged to!

Sadly for the Three Headed Volcanic Drake King, it wasn't happening any time soon.

"Perfect timing! [Heaven's Fall]!"

Jonathan finished harnessing his Divine Holy Light Energy into his sword, releasing a mighty slash that presented itself as a massive beam of divine light descending from above.

There was no open heaven, yet his very Aura seemed to generate a white heaven on top of us, enough for his technique to be conjured.

SLAAAAASSHH!!

The powerful slash-shaped beam of pure light reached the Three Headed Volcanic Drake King, striking two of its heads and slicing them, alongside one of its shoulders and a wing!

BOOOOMMM!!!

Followed by a tremendous explosion, weakening the S Ranked monster even further.

"GRAAARRGH...!"

The Three Headed Volcanic Drake King vomited blood from the last head left, its flames swiftly shapeshifting and transforming into dozens of dragon-like snakes made of fire.

"ROOAAARRR!!!"

It wanted revenge above all things, commanding the giant blazing snakes to attack us while it tried to regain its footing.

"Rubbish."

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

The flames bombarded me one after another, explosions of flames constantly engulfing my entire body. Jonathan and Tear, who were desperately fighting against them, were left speechless.

"MARIA!"

Jonathan panicked for a bit, only for the smoke to reveal my body was completely unscathed, my armor having protected me well enough, while both my gloves, armor, and black heels all glowed, having absorbed the Elemental Damage.

"Come on, we've gone through a lot, do you think that'll going to hurt me now?" I smiled confidently. "I have designed this equipment to go toe-to-toe with Divine Spirits... This S Rank Monster's magic is no problem!"

I raised my hands, as a gigantic swirling black cloud surged from my hands, the combination of many spells together further boosted with Shadow Essence quickly gave birth to something new.

By combining my Spells such as Dark Star, Dark Storm, Shadow Domain, Phantasmal Flames, Void Aura, and Chaos Energy with Skills like Selene's Palm of Judgement, a titanic arm, with an enormous hand overflowing with black lightning and black clouds emerged.

"[Hades' Abyssal Hand Of Judgement]"

TRUUUUMMM...!

It was at least thrice as large as Selene's Palm of Judgement, and it not only dealt damaged based on my Attack Stat, but also on my Magic Stat.

The palm descended rapidly, impacting the Three Headed Volcanic Drake King body with tremendous, thunderous strength.

BAAAAAAMMMM!!!

Its body started flattening as the darkness and all the powerful and dangerous energies I loaded this attack with weakened its body even further.

"GRYYAAARRRGGH!"

The Three Headed Volcanic Drake King gave an agonizing scream, tearing apart the palm with a barrage of bite, claw, and tail attacks.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLAAASH!

"ROOOAARR!"

It quickly leaped out of the ground even with its wings still frozen, aiming at me. The Three Headed Volcanic Drake King's entire body was already covered on deadly wounds all over, it was on its last moments.

"You've got quite the strong stamina and energy, I admire that!"

However, I had no mercy, my heels glowing with power, as I imbued the strength of the Titaness Skills I possessed into my entire Physique.

Especially my legs. My skinny and delicate appearance quickly changed, as I transformed into the mighty titan goddess of the moon, with a muscular body overflowing with strength!

"[Moonshine Kick]!"

My heels gathered my Energies and Aura, enhancing the power of my kicks to completely new levels. I combined the power of my Kicking Blow Skill at Level 10 with Moonlight Essence and Selene's amazing strengthening skills!

And the result was quite obvious, a single kick carried the strength of a titan goddess, crushing the Three Headed Volcanic Drake King below me like a bug.

CRAAAAAASSSHH!!!

The entire dungeon trembled before my attack, the monster could not take on the attack, collapsing on the floor and having its entire body twisted, its bones breaking apart and its flesh tearing down.

Until it was quite literally flattened like a pancake... This pair of Heels was just as insanely deadly as my new gloves!

"W-Wow..." Tear muttered. "I barely had to do anything..."

"She can solo S Ranks with ease now, that's for sure." Jonathan laughed. "I feel like I barely helped as much... She could have handled it by herself, I'm sure."

I laughed a bit, with some embarrassment. "Your help was still very needed, don't belittle yourselves!

"I-I guess I did help, right? I stopped it and paralyzed it!" Said Tear proudly.

"I'm glad I was able to be of some help. Though I'm happy to see you growing so strong. You're amazing... I think you've already surpassed the level of heroes." Said Jonathan.

"I suppose whatever goes past S Rank is above the Heroes level of power..." I said. "I wonder what my evolution like will be, now that I think about it. Selene by itself was already incredible. How more ridiculous can my evolutions get?"

"We'll see once that happens." Jonathan said, analyzing his surroundings.

"Looks like the other Bosses were defeated too." Said Tear. "But the army of Volcanic Drakes keeps on coming, the Undead are struggling a bit..."

"I think we should quickly go help everyone else defeat the Drakes before things become worse." Said Jonathan.

"I agree, let's go!" I nodded.

I stored the three S Rank monster corpses inside my Inventory after that, and then we joined on the fight against the rest of the Volcanic fiends.

The fight keeps on going for another thirty minutes, where I had to quickly do a few tweaks on my Undead, fusing them with Shadow Essence and managing to create something new.

FLAAAASH!

All of my Undead transformed, becoming pitch black and gaining powerful shadow auras, even shadow armor and shadow weapons...

Their strength, durability, and power were multiplied at least thirty times from their original selves, making the fight against the monsters much easier.

I guess I'll call this new Ability [Shadow Goddess Blessing] or something, because it sure is overpowered.

Chapter 949 Fabulous Heels

The Volcanic Drakes proved to be one of the most formidable monsters we've fought so far in these deserts, and they were hiding all the way down here.

Their three bosses were also quite strong and annoying to deal with, but we ultimately put them down, gaining three S Rank Magic Crystals with that.

Enough for me to finally get the ten I needed, with a few to spare for everyone else. S Rank Monsters are not easy to come by, yet we've already hunted five of them in this dungeon.

If that wasn't suspicious already, then what else could it be?

The sad news, half of my Undead army I've brought for this journey was gone, completely dead. The rest that survived became much stronger, their levels increasing and rising, many ranked up into higher ranks.

But that isn't that bad, seeing how there were now near a thousand Volcanic Drakes for me to turn into Undead, life is good.

Turning them into the most basic Undead would give me nearly a thousand A Rank Undead with gigantic sizes and the power to blast everything with their deadly flames.

However, their bodies were also treasure troves of materials, so I couldn't turn them all. I decided to take three hundred for myself, to use as materials, food, and to sell for money if I ever need some.

Wait, I don't, I get monthly income and resources from the Dwarven Kingdom due to my ownership over the two Dungeons, so that's fine and dandy.

Nonetheless, the meat and the materials will be crucial for my eventual mass production of equipment and weapons.

Anyways, the rest was swiftly risen into Undead, naturally, the three bosses were kept for materials. But I was thinking on combining their bones once I was done stripping them off all their precious materials and that might give me another S Rank Undead, or at least an S- Rank one.

Now that the battle was finally over, an oddly peaceful silence filled the atmosphere, aside from the sound of the boiling and bubbling magma beneath the earth.

We decided to camp down here and start a big barbeque to celebrate our victory! There were no more threatening critters, though I could see some sort of suspicious chamber at the end of this huge cave, although there wasn't anything over there alive.

Maybe a dungeon core was there? Or something primitive similar to one.

Whatever the case, I owed my victory to this amazing pair of heels I got, aside from my wonderful gloves.

My entire set was finally finished, with both heels, shoes, dress, and hat- Wait, no, I don't have the hat yet! That's still being worked on, but it should be done soon.

[Phantom Enchantress Demonic Lustrous Heels]

[Item Type]: [Magic Shoes] [Armored Boots] [Phantom Heels] [Living Armor]

[Item Grade]: [S+++]

[Item Level]: [1/100]

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

[Item Durability]: [1.000.000/1.000.000]

[Item Effects]: [Physical Defense]: [+800.000] [Magical Defense]: [+800.000] [HP]: [+300.000] [MP]: [+300.000] [Attack]: [+500.000] [Defense]: [+500.000] [Magic]: [+300.000] [Agility]: [+500.000] [Void Attribute Power]: [+300.000] [Darkness Attribute Power]: [+300.000] [Death Attribute Power]: [+300.000] [Moonlight Attribute Power]: [+300.000]

[Runic Engravings]: [Kicking Skills and Techniques Power +100% (S)] [Kicking Skills and Techniques Defense Ignore -50% (S)] [Movement Speed And Reaction Speed +40% (S)] [HP & Defense +28% (S)] [Attack & Agility +27% (S)] [MP & Magic +29% (S)]

[Item Abilities]

[Evil-Slaying Kicking Heels]: Heels specially designed to kick your foes to death with a variety of techniques using your strong legs. Warning: Masochist might enjoy it. When equipped, Increases Kicking Skills and Techniques Power and Effects by +200%, and decreases their MP Consumption by -40%. Kicking Attacks with these Heels will deal +500% more Damage against Demon, Miasmic, Chaos, Undead, and Void-

type Foes, while ignoring 50% of their Defenses. These lustrous Heels have the ability to step on the empty air and kick it to gain a boost of +1000% Movement Speed, and also walk on water or any surface without deteriorating itself.

[Phantom Enchantress Heels of Dominion]: By imbuing Mana, Shadow Essence, Void Essence, or Moonlight Essence into the heels, it is possible to activate its special abilities, granting the ability to "Save Techniques" within its runic inscriptions, which can be automatically activated at +200% their original power and effects in exchange for +30% increase on Mana Cost. These Saved Techniques can be even punching techniques, sword techniques, or spear techniques, and can be further mixed and combined into all sorts of new Techniques with ease. Technique Limit: 0/10

[Description]

An incredible piece of equipment unique, never seen before made by Blacksmith and Sewing Master Maria.

It has been imbued with many souls, gaining unprecedented powers. This pair of heels possess the amazing ability to deal extra damage against "Evil" foes, and save techniques within, something any warrior or fighter would die to obtain.

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 pretty much the physical version of my gloves! With this I can store ten power techniques or skills related with physical fighting and combine them to unleash truly devastating kicks!

Naturally, I'll still keep using my weapon techniques through my weapons, but this still opens a lot of new possibilities for me as a still-developing martial fighter of the Ghostly Demon Fist Technique.

Now, I should try to evolve my Kicking Blow Skill into a brand-

new set of kicking techniques like I did with the Punching Skill!

I do have some ideas, but I can't just force a Skill to awaken, the only thing I can do is eat these Demonic Death Fruits and hope I evolve the skill I want...

Unless I continue peerlessly kicking until the skill finally evolves?

"System! Any help in that regard?"

[I am not your wish-making machine, I work based on logic and efforts... But it should be possible to do something, the Skill is already pretty high level.]

[You have earned a fair amount of System Points recently, how about spending a few to forcefully evolve the Skill?]

"Oh, I can do that? Then let's not waste time."

Ding!

[You exchanged 2.500.000 System Points...]

Chapter 950 A Ghost That Learns Kicking Techniques

Ding!

[You have exchanged 2.500.000 System Points.]

[The [Kicking Blow: Lv10] Skill has been forcefully evolved!]

[It has absorbed all of your knowledge and abilities and evolved into a brand-new Skill!]

[The [Kicking Blow: Lv10] Skill has evolved into [Phantom Moon Shadow Kicking Technique: Lv1]!]

[Phantom Moon Shadow Kicking Technique: Lv1]

The Evolution of the Kicking Blow Skill at Level 10, which can only be attained by Supernatural Beings who have mastered the ability to imbue the purest essence of Death, Darkness, and the Moon into their

kicks. This is a powerful and indescribable technique that has only been created once, by the wielder of this very Skill. A powerful Kicking Technique that has been self-taught is filled with endless potential.

By gathering the Purest Essence of Death, Darkness, and the Moon into the user's Legs, all Kicking Strikes Damage dealt are enhanced by +300% with an additional +35% with each Skill Level. Additionally, it is possible to drain HP and MP from a foe with each strike based in 20% of damage dealt, alongside ignoring all their defenses by -35% and deal Soul Piercing Damage, which deals 30% damage to their souls. This Skill contains special Techniques unlocked with each Skill Level.

Available Techniques:

Level 1: [Moon Shadow Crescent Kick] [Soul Piercing Phantom Sword Kick]

Level 2: ???

Oh yes, this truly complements my Demonic Ghostly Fist Technique, which is already at Level 9 because I can't stop using it even though I am more of a magic-oriented fighting.

Its just that, although magic is good, nothing beats kicking or punching a bastard you really hate, isn't it?

And its abilities were rather different than the fist techniques, with the power to summon the moon shadows, which seem like a mix between moonlight and darkness.

"Mama! Mama! The meat skewers are done!" Nyx flew to my side, sitting on my shoulders. "What are you doing?"

"Oh, nothing much, dear." I giggled, quickly grabbing her and carrying her on my arms. "So, you wanted a dress and a big axe, didn't you?"

"Yesh!" She nodded. "Will you make me one, mama?"

"Of course, it might take a few days though, I am full on commissions. I have to upgrade both your aunties' weapons, then mine, then yours come next. And I haven't even finished my hat yet."

"Aww..." Nyx sighed. "But can it get done by the end of the week?" She wondered.

"Of course! Don't worry about it." I smiled, patting her head and then giving her a big kiss in her puffy baby cheeks. "Your birthday is coming pretty soon. You'll be a two-year-old girl now."

"Two-year-old already?" She wondered. "Oh wow!"

"Dragons develop very quickly mentally, to think you can talk and all, usually humans take a lot of time to talk like you do." I told her, as I walked back with everyone else.

"Really? Humans are weak then, hehe!" Nyx giggled mischievously.

"Well, isn't Celes your friend? He's human..." I said.

"Oh right!" Nyx laughed. "I guess they're fine then!"

"Yes, never forget, everyone got their own weaknesses and strengths." I explained to her. "If possible, remember to be humble and understanding of other people and their situations."

"Oway~ I am hungry though!" She said, barely listening to what I was trying to say.

Kids these days...

"Okay, let's feast then! No more boring babbling."

I sat down with everyone else in our camp, as I was greeted by my friends. Everyone was in high spirits after the intense hunting session we've had today.

The day was already coming to an end, so this barbeque was more of a dinner already.

"Looks like you raised more than half of the Drakes into Undead..." Lucifer said. "This is quite the big and strong army now. Do you have any plans for the bosses?"

"I'll keep them for now and distribute the materials around. I'll need some of them to make or reinforce the equipment." I said, as I received a big volcanic drake steak from Lucifer.

He had no problems eating Drakes or Wyverns, they were as distant from dragons as rats from humans in terms of evolution, so he didn't mind eating them at all.

"Is that so?" Lucifer wondered, serving me some rice and potatoes too. "Nyx, come sit between the two of us, you're bothering your mother. She has to eat too, you know?"

"Okay!" Nyx nodded, sitting between the two of us as she was served a plate full of meat, rice, and roasted potatoes. "Nom, nom, nom!" She quickly started devouring everything without waiting, she was truly a gluttonous little girl.

"She sure looks happy." Tear smiled. "I guess today was a day well spent. My level increased quite a lot... And the other newbies all grew stronger."

"My level also raised a lot." Catarina nodded, eating meat skewers. "I'm still getting used to this form of mine though. I wonder if we can go hunt more later? We've got the whole week left, right?"

"Yeah, I've already thought about a few other places where we could go hunt for monsters and level up." I nodded. "Well, not us, we're max level already. But we need the S Rank Monsters. And if my calculations are correct... The warlocks must be targeting small Haunts or Dungeons and trying to boost the monster's growth."

"Oh? But why?" Catarina asked. "Wait, don't tell me they're..."

"Yep, I am really beginning to believe they were aiming to use all these monsters we just defeated to utterly destroy the Oasis City..." I sighed. "Whatever plan they have, it involves the sacrifice of thousands of people living there."

"What the fuck are they even planning now?" Partner groaned, munching on a giant cheeseburger. "Why would they need so many sacrifices? Some wicked ritual?"

"Well, it might be possible..." Lucifer nodded. "After all, from everything we've deduced and found out. Their master must be that Mutated Evil God Fragment that managed to develop a powerful Ego of its own..." As he spoke, Celes and Nia glanced at Lucifer. "The monster that defeated the Divine Oasis Spirit and forced her to sacrifice her own body and soul to seal him... The Dark Pest."