

## **A Ghost 991**

### **Chapter 991 Prostrate Yourself!**

While watching what was happening outside, I directed my gaze towards Yan Shang, or whatever was his name. My body swiftly reforming back together. I could notice his crimson eyes glowing beneath the black crystals encompassing his mummified remains. Before taking care of those Vampires from Umbralheim, I should probably try to kill this guy while he's sealed.

FLASH!

I swiftly used Shadow Teleportation, aiming at his back with both of my weapons. My body quickly transformed as I gained an armor of lightning over my body, courtesy of Hecate, my dress. And my Body Skills combining together, my speed skyrocketed, and my reflexes became much sharper than a sealed old martial artist.

"Why don't you get lost already, "Dark Pest"?" I asked him with a smile, a second later, I swung my giant weapons against him, followed by a barrage of thousands of punches from all my phantasmal limbs surging from my body almost endlessly.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

A rain of explosions pummeled down on him, I felt like something cracked. I saw a few cracks over his black crystal cocoon. But above all, there was a divine barrier protecting him. It was a combination of his techniques and the corrupted divine spiritual power of Naiad he had stolen from her body.

"Don't ever think you can easily take me down!"

With a furious roar, he activated his powers and the Evil God Fragment unleashed itself. His entire body quickly transforming into a black dragon made of pure miasma and chaos of over thirty meters of height, and quickly body slamming me away.

BAAAMM!!

"You call that a body slam?! Also one Evil God Fragment? You're so damn outdated, Shin Chang." I laughed. I summoned forth my Divine Poison Spirit, little Amethyst, who quickly merged with my body at the same time as Tyr.

"My name is Yin Shang, you utter FOOL!" He roared furiously, swinging his gigantic claws against me. "My body might be sealed, but the power of my soul and this fragment are enough to defeat you, you filthy woman!"

"Filthy woman?! Now you're going a bit too far!" I laughed, my body suddenly gaining the appearance of a gigantic half-moth insectoid monster, while retaining some humanoid qualities. "Someone needs to finally put you in your place, arrogant bastard!"

A giant fist made of deadly soul-consuming venom punched the dragon right through its head, making it disappear in a split of a second. And right afterwards, a rain of dozens of explosive Abyssal Netherworld's Star bombarded the rest of the draconic manifestation he had unleashed.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"Uuurrgh...!"

His sealed body was revealed once more, as I swiftly stretched my countless phantasmal arms, now also being gaseous poison and swarms combined together, and tightly grabbed him, dragging him back to me.

"Stop! You dare...! RAAARGH!" The cracks continued spreading over his seal, but he seemed upset about it. "The seal is breaking! But without enough sacrifices I will be weakened and- UGH, STOP!"

But I didn't stop, quickly slamming the statue into the floor. The impact alone spread even more cracks, the black crystals exploded everywhere, revealing a red flesh beneath, pulsating with veins.

CRAAASH!

"Uuuggh...! BEGONE!"

A giant black palm made of his Aura collided against me, throwing me several meters away. I ended falling over a dying vampire, whom I swiftly crushed their head and absorbed their soul.

"He still got some fight on him..." Said Lucifer at my side, as he tore apart into two pieces another chimeric vampire, before burning them with his flames.

"Mama, there's something going on in the surface!" Nyx panicked, rushing to my side while having a half-eaten chimeric vampire in her jaws.

"I know. How's Celes, Nia, and Eustace?" I asked them.

"They're alright, Jonathan is healing them, they're on their way here." Lucifer said, as he glared at the Dark Pest. "Oi, he's running away!"

He suddenly noticed the black statue growing spider-like legs and scurrying away like a little pussy. But that wasn't happening. I won't be having an epic battle against this motherfucker if he regains his powers. I'm ending him NOW. And I'll need some of Celes' help for that. That kid was made to slay him and avenge Naiad and Eustace after all.

"Where do you think you're going?!"

I quickly expanded my Domain with a mere step, everything turned into shadows around him. His crimson eyes widened within the black crystal's cocoon. My Shadow Realm had evolved a lot as I grew stronger, and with my new mind domain, I could expand it alongside it.

"What is this?! A Domain? How come someone that hasn't even stepped into the tower is so strong?!" He groaned. "You damned witch! Just because you're being sponsored by God of this world, it doesn't mean you can go against the great me! I am the one that made the Seven Sects of the Heavenly Peaks tremble in fear as I plundered them of everything and killed their sect elders! I am the one that slaughtered armies of millions! I am Yin Shang!"

He was so full of himself, this guy...

Yin Shang kept screaming, smashing the shadow realm walls and utilizing every ounce of power he had left to attack me once he realized escaping was futile. Beams of chaos and corrupted divine spiritual energy rained down on me.

I evaded or blocked them, but I noticed they were rather deadly if I received them head-on, leaving clear scars over my soul and also on Hecate. He was decided on killing me though, firing more of these deadly beams he had endless fuel for.

"Can you keep dodging these, you damned witch?!"

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"I have to admit that they're not half bad." I nodded. "But I guess it is time for you to prostrate yourself, Ching Chong."

"What?! That's not my name!"

"[Life Draining Abyssal Curse Rune]"

"Ugh?!"

His entire body was suddenly covered by hundreds of runes I had already placed over him. They drained his life force and mana at a steady pace, so much he was forced to collapse on the floor. Unable to lift his own paralyzed body anymore.

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"My life, even my Ki?! No, even my Mana! All my essential energies are being drained by these strange runes?! When did you put them over my body?!" He roared.

"I don't have the obligation of telling you anything." I said, walking towards him while combining both of my weapons through my powers. I imbued them with my divine lightning body power, temporarily transforming the two combined weapons into a golden spear of lightning and divine black light.

"Time to break out of your shell, old man."

CRAAASH!

I pierced his cocoon. Hundreds of thousands of cracks spread out, the demonic cultivator screamed in agony as the crystals covering his body shattered into pieces. Exposing his aberrant and corrupted, old and mummified body.

"Aaarrgghh! YOUUUU!"

With a monstrous groan, he attacked me, quickly beginning to mutate. The Evil God Fragment had rooted so deep within him that he no longer looked like a human, but more like a monstrous chimeric zombie. However, he was very much alive.

"GRAAAHH!"

His monstrous body twisted and shapeshifted, pulsating grossly as he grew three monstrous draconic heads, several tails with sharp venomous stingers, and three pairs of large, muscular arms. He swiftly leaped towards me, opening his jaws as he attempted to tear me apart.

"DIEEE!"

However, I blocked his attacks and pierced his body a dozen times using my spear and the Level 10 Piercing Spear Attack Skill. The combination was tremendously strong, leaving giant holes across his body.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

"UURGGH...! RAAAH!"

However, he swiftly regenerated them anyways, the runes I had placed on him were also slowly disappearing. I evaded the incoming attack, teleporting to his left side, only to be greeted by his dozens of tails aiming to impale me a dozen times.

"[Gorgon's Demonic Eyes]"

I tried to petrify, paralyze, or do something else to those tails, but nothing worked on them either... I guess its natural for an Evil God Fragment user to be immune to all these status effects. I'll need to see if I can evolve this skill later, it has become rather useless with so many foes capable of resisting this status.

CRAAASH!

I floated in midair, managing to evade the deadly attacks, and quickly expanded my body further, fusing several Body Skill Effects and stacking them together with the power of my Divine Poison Spirit.

[You have combined the effects of the [Gorgon's Transformation], [Abyssal Demon Transformation], [Divine Moonlight Titan Body], [Divine Moonlight Titan Soul], and all Body-type Skills to transform into your [Ultimate Form]!]

[All of your Stats have temporarily increased by +1.000%, your Death, Darkness, Chaos, Poison, Lightning, and Moonlight Elemental Damage has increased by +10.000%, and Skill Damage has increased by +500%!]

[However, your Mana is constantly being drained, and so is your Moonlight Essence!]

My appearance swiftly changed, as I became a titaness taller than his monstrous appearance. My hair waved, made completely out of moonlight, shining with bright pink and purple light. My entire body was now encompassed on a demonic armor, and snake heads decorated my head like a crown.

Behind me there was a huge pair of metallic, purple-colored moth-like wings. And I had two other pairs of arms, encompassed on the same armor, and wielding weapons made out of my own elemental body.

"You transformed...?!" Yin Shang almost vomited blood out of anger and frustration. "No, it doesn't matter...! You've already ruined everything! You think I will just let you win after all of what you've provoked? You're dying NOW!"

He rushed towards me, attacking me with an incredibly fast barrage of claw strikes. Each strike releasing explosions of chaos, aura, and his own strange techniques. This Ki or whatever, he had enough of it within him that it made him several times stronger than he was supposed to be.

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!

I was pushed slightly back even with the bonus stats. But that didn't last too long either, I quickly gave a step forward and pierced his claws with my spear, both exploded into pieces. While they were regenerating, he attacked me with his jaws, biting through my neck and trying to tear down my head. I let him take it out, it didn't matter anyways.

"[Undead Detonation]"

"Guh?!"

BOOOOMMM!!!

My own head exploded once he tore it apart from my body, which ended destroying all three of his own, draconic heads. His entire body started to struggle to regenerate from so many spots at the same time. I quickly was about to pierce his chest, if it wasn't because something caught me by surprise.

CRAAASH!

A giant black axe landed right where I was, if it wasn't for my Mind Domain, I would have been split into two halves. It was an enormous black axe; I hadn't seen something like that before! Where did he get that?

"So you've come back to me, my precious treasure...!" He laughed, his monstrous body assuming a gigantic humanoid form now, covered on an armor of black dragon scales.

"Treasure?" I asked.

"It teleported to my side, my beautiful Mountain Cleaver. An immortal treasure I refined by using the souls and corpses of a hundred thousand cultivators and death onyx ores from Mount Death Peak!" Laughed Yin Shang. "Once it learned I was unsealed, it immediately came to me!"

"Is that so?" I smiled, as a black hole expanded around Yin Shang, dragging him down and catching him off guard as always.

"Tch, rubbish!"

However, with the axe in his hands, he slashed the entire spell apart in a single second, surprising me even so slightly.

SLAAASH!

"My Mountain Cleaver can cut through magical constructs." Yin Shang smiled cockily. "Your magic will now have little effect against me! I might not have revived at 100%, but I can surely kill a pathetic bitch like you! I will teach you why I am feared as the next Heavenly Demon!"

FLASH!

As he rushed towards me, I quickly caught him with countless of phantasmal arms surging from beneath, above, and from left and right, he swiftly cut through them with his axe, but they kept appearing, eventually managing to slow him down. Chains made of darkness and curses then appeared from below, wrapping around his legs too, weakening his stats.



"Enough with your trickery!" He roared, breaking out of everything with pure rage, as his axe reached down on me.

CLAAASH!

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CLAAASH!

A giant spear made of spiraling divine spiritual water pierced Yin Shang's heart. All of those attempts at slowing him down were just for the attack to hit him directly in the chest! Where his core was.

"W-Wha...?!"

BOOOMMM!!!

The spear quickly exploded, engulfing him on an all-purifying azure light. His entire body started to burn like never before. His screams of agony echoing across the entire dungeon.

"Gryyyaaagghh! W-What the- UGH...?!"

He directed his gaze towards the skies above him. I had opened the Shadow Realm for the trio of the day to finally come deliver this Murim bastard his just deserts.

Little Celes was floating in midair, his Divine Spiritual Aura overflowing from his body, allowing him to easily fly, while Eustace was merged into his aura, protecting him like a mighty knight, with sword and shield.

And his mother was right by his side, her wind magic encompassing them into a vortex-like barrier for further protection. Celes and his mom had truly grown stronger in this week we've spent here.

"YOU!"

Yin Shang roared like a beast, swiftly trying to catch them with his giant axe, only to be stopped as I teleported in front of him, the spear in my hands separated into the two original weapons, as I parried his blows.

CLAAASH!

"Get off my way! I have to kill them! I have to eat that child's soul! If I do... I could become stronger, I could truly-"

"You sure love to say out loud what you will do and what you want to do, huh? Do the Murim people do not know to shut the fuck up sometimes?"

I kicked his chin and closed his mouth abruptly, which almost broke his jaws. Not like it did matter though, they were made of a fleshy miasmic slime already, so he didn't even had bones.

"It's because of you savages that I lose my temper! RAAAAH!!!"

Using his gigantic black axe, Yin Shang unleashed a barrage of powerful strikes. I bombarded him with my Abyssal Netherworld's Stars to cover the areas around him. While I used my multiple arms, the chains made of curses and shadows, and my two weapons to block as many blows as possible.

But even then, his attacks were so intense and capable of breaking through magic constructions that it made most of my attacks become much weaker. My stars were only doing little damage as he was so agile he easily cut them down before they could impact him directly.

And all of that in just a few seconds!

"[Azure Dragon Swordsmanship]: [Tempestuous Waves]!"

A series of sword slashes descended upon the cultivator from behind, coming from Eustace. His attacks were constant and precise, like deadly waves of divine blue light, yet they were all water concentrated to the level it could cut through almost anything.

SLAASH! SLAASH! SLAASH!

"EUSTACEEEEE!"

The Dark Pest released a wave of darkness from his body, quickly overtaking the endless waves of azure water wrapped around his body and destroying them.

"You'll be the first one I cut to pieces! You resilient little cockroach!"

He leaped into midair, his axe rushing down into the ghost, only for the knight to smile, his azure eyes glowing brightly. Nia appeared right behind him, conjuring all her magic at once, a giant vortex of winds was unleashed, so strong it forced the demonic Yin Shang to evade, but he didn't manage due to his enormous body, having both of his arms sliced.

"[Divine Wind Blade]!"

SLAAASH!

"W-What?!"

The cultivator's crimson eyes were filled with disbelief as he lost both of his arms in that mere second. Nia from all people was the one he wasn't even paying attention to, he was only seeing her as... nothing at all, in fact he never even recognized her existence.

However, it was all just for this moment, she unleashed all her powers and cut down his arms. His weapon fell from his hands, he desperately tried to regrow new arms as his weapon started hovering towards him.

"Mine!"

I grabbed the axe forcefully, as I felt its powerful aura and soul resisting against my grasp, but I quickly suppressed it with the power of the Undead Queen, and then stored the axe inside my inventory, trapping it in that pocket dimension.

FLASH!

"My weapon! Give it back, you thief!"

With a furious and shocked roar, Yin Shang transformed again, resembling a giant multi-headed snake, a hydra, opening its jaws and attacking me with both bites and beams of abyssal darkness. I was the only one here that could take the hits properly, so I grit my teeth and let the bastard attack me as much as he wanted, distracting him from what was coming.

"Eustace!" Celes called. "I'm ready now...!"

"Alright, Celes! I'm trusting on you!" Eustace swiftly left his form after unleashing a last technique, summoning a dozen sea snakes that wrapped around Yin Shang, further distracting him.

His entire body turned into a mass of azure light, fusing with Celes weapon, the spear I had made, which I shaped into a staff for him. The staff quickly became completely blue, and then changed shape automatically as the boy imbued his powers into it... shaping it into a gigantic azure sword, overflowing with power! In fact, wasn't it too big for him to wield?!

FLUOSH!

"What are you planning?!" Yin Shang quickly ignored me, rushing towards Celes. "A giant sword?! You can't even wield that, you stupid child! I'll take that away from you!"

The monstrous hydra extended his giant necks, trying to catch Celes. Nia swiftly summoned more cutting wind blades, defending her son, but she only managed to behead three heads before four more reached them.

I teleported through shadows, protecting all of them as his countless jaws gnawed through my armor, breaking it apart and then biting and eating chunks of my soul.

"Do you like the flavor of my soul, bastard? [Undead Detonation]!"

"Again?!"

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

The three snake-like heads that took pieces of my soul detonated into phantasmal flames, only for Yin Shang to quickly transform again, now resembling a giant Shen Long, a Chinese dragon!

"RAAAHHH!!!"

Black lightning surged from his giant jaws, as he unleashed a mighty thunderstorm against us!

CRAAASH!

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As quickly as I could, I materialized half my body into the hardest substance possible and took the thunder attack head on, relying on my divine thunder body to absorb most of its powers. However, the

impact alone was still powerful, easily making that part of my body I used as a shield to crumble into pieces.

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Within a split second, I regrew all the lost mass of my soul, I had so much Aether Stat that my soul's regeneration speed was otherworldly, and as I absorbed the souls of the vampires that were dying around, restoring it was even easier.

And using my giant size, I quickly conjured a dozen Selene's Palms, fused with my Evil God's Fragment Chaos, my Divine Poison Spirit's Spiritual Essence, and also my plentiful Void Essence all at once!

"[Achlys' Void-Decaying Poisonous Claws]!"

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Meanwhile, the Shadow Realm shook as three more figures stepped into the scene. Nyx, Lucifer, and Jonathan appeared after having fully disposed of all the Vampires and beasts left behind, catching the cultivator off-guard.

"We're finally here!" Lucifer roared. "Having fun bullying my wife, you son of a bitch?!"

Without hesitating, my gigantic dragon husband's gigantic claws pummeled down Yin Shang into the floor, his gigantic body quickly turning into a mass of black sludge before the pressure of his attack.

BAAAMM!!!

"Uaarrgghhh! BEGONE! LIZARD!"

Losing all his temper, the demonic cultivator wrapped his countless tentacles around Lucifer's arm, piercing his flesh and beginning to drain his energy and blood! Lucifer quickly used this opportunity to fuck him over twice, spreading Abyssal Death Flames across the tentacles and then burning him whole.

"Gruuuuagh! How dare you?!"

Yin Shang swiftly unleashed a powerful thunderstorm, proving to be strong enough to push Lucifer back. Only for him to be quickly attacked by an incoming slash of holy light, cutting through half his body.

"[Heaven's Fall]!"

SLAAASH!

The slash was so potent the demonic cultivator squirmed in utter agony, the explosion of light that came right afterwards overwhelmed him, a powerful shockwave sent his body flying. While still burning with Lucifer's flames and Jonathan's light, the bastard simply regenerated back again!

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He was constantly cultivating his own body as we fought! And not only that, it felt strange... Was he using our own attacks as some sort of fuel for his cultivation to hasten? I noticed his powers were all about copying us. He was copying my techniques, my forms, my magic, everything.

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## Chapter 996 Invasion From A Higher Floor!

The night sky trembled, a huge portal leading to a completely different world opened, shocking the entire town. The people panicked as they saw a gigantic swarm of Vampiric Beasts surge from within the portal, led by a group of five Vampires, all of them coming from a completely different world.

The news about their own world being connected to some place known as the "Tower" and that it was possible for other worlds connected to the Tower to invade their own was not something the people of this world would take kindly.

Perhaps for the rest of the population, far away from this conflict, they would only find this out as some sort of wonder, but for the people of this city in the middle of the desert, this event was the same as the apocalypse.

[Warning! A Special Upper Floor Raid Event is in effect!]

[Your Floor is now undergoing invasion from outside forces of a floor above yours within the Tower.  
Invasion Origin: [Floor 60: Umbralheim]]

[Fend off the invaders to gain Contribution Points you can utilize to purchase items in the Raid Shop! Or succumb to your invader's thirst for blood.]

The reality of this world was slowly being unveiled in front of these people, and also to the rest of the world. This wasn't a message only Maria and company could only see. Everyone in Yggdrasil could see it. This was, after all, the invasion from another world entirely!

"W-What is this message?!"

"What's happening...?"

"T-The sky is red; I've never seen this before..."

"The Crimson moon..."

The people panicked, seeing in horror as their own perception of reality was being shattered right in front of their eyes. This whole time, they were nothing but pawns inside a much bigger game, one so big they couldn't even fathom it.

The portal kept growing larger until it reached its limits, and from within, a dozen figures leaped out, large and powerful, floating in midair. They judged the "livestock" with cold crimson eyes, licking their lips.

It seemed this number was the limit of Raiders from another world that they could send using this pitiful catalyst. But twelve Vampires was more than enough to slaughter this entire city and offer Yin Shang his sacrifices, while they would reap fresh blood from a world rich in mana such as Yggdrasil.

And above all, they would get to feed their little army of Vampiric Beast pets!

"Fufu, alright everyone! How are you doing?" The strongest of the twelve Vampires stepped in, her figure beautiful and slender, her long red hair waving by the wind, her scarlet eyes staring into people's souls. These Vampires were not the same as Yggdrasil's Vampires.

Nay, the Vampires of this world were nothing but their failed descendants, weaklings that had children with inhabitants of Yggdrasil and chose to live peaceful lives with the Demons. However, these Vampires came from their own world!

A world of darkness and bloodshed, of eternal night and endless slaughter. The World Of Endless Night, Umbralheim.

"You seem a bit confused! I can tell! Well, blame your "Gods" for that! All those Gods you worship so much, they've been keeping the existence of the Tower and other worlds a secret from you this WHOLE time!" Laughed the Vampiress. "Could you believe it? To live with so much ignorance! I guess it can't be helped that you're nothing but cattle to us. I am guessing the Gods won't mind it, right? After all, they never truly cared about any of you to begin with."

Her sharp crimson-red eyes shone brightly, the people felt stiff, paralyzed. They wanted to escape as gigantic bloodthirsty bats descended from the skies but were unable to move an inch. The vampires only watched for now, they wanted to see some people screaming and being torn apart before they started. A warmup, they would say. So they can get a bit more excited and start hunting themselves.

"We'll let our little pets hunt a few of you guys, it is our customary ritual before a big hunt! I hope you don't mind." She laughed out loud. The rest of the Vampires laughed too, their wicked smiles full of thirst, as they licked their lips.

A Giant Vampire Bat, a mighty A Rank Monster from Umbralheim landed on the city's floor, rushing towards the closest victim, a mother and her daughter. They were looking at the gigantic beast open its jaws, soon to engulf them into a single bite.

"SHAAAAH!"

The Vampires crimson eyes shone brightly, they expectation rising their blood pressure and making them excited. They laughed as they celebrated yet another Blood Festival, a celebration they did on unsuspecting "lower worlds" where they would briefly visit, devour and drink as much as they wanted, and then leave. Usually in accordance with special deals they had with the rulers of such realms.

CRUUUNCH!

The Bat's jaws closed, blood splattering everywhere. The Vampires laughed, looking down to expect the half-eaten bodies of the mother and her child. Nothing but walking blood bags for them, they held no empathy for any being, only themselves.

"G-Graagh..."

Yet, their expectations were quickly shattered as they saw it was the bat that was bleeding. Half its head was missing, a gigantic mass of blood spread around the innocent civilians, taking the shape of countless jaws, which had devoured the attacking Vampiric beast.

"Gryyaaggh!"



The bat screamed in agony as the jaws quickly surrounded it and covered it on countless bites, devouring it and tearing it to shreds in mere seconds. Similar scenes happened everywhere across the city. Sea snakes made of water and metallic hooks trapped dozens of monsters, cutting them into pieces. Explosions of chaotic flames engulfed them and burned them into cinders. Ice froze them and then shattered them into countless tiny pieces, and more!

"W-What's going on?!"

"Those cattle, do they happen to have strong Rankers protecting them?"

"There's no reason! This is just a small city in the middle of nowhere!"

"That's...!"

Before one of the Vampires could speak, an arrow made of pure spiritual light flashed through the skies, ascending from below him and piercing his head, making it explode into pieces.

BOOOM!

Their leader swiftly glared down in anger. Her bloodthirsty eyes were full of wrath!

"Who dares?!"

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BOOOM!

Before Christine's eyes, one of her subordinates' heads exploded before he could even defend himself. His Blood Aura had been too slow, and the arrow of spiritual light too fast. The damage dealt against

vampires from light attribute magic was already very strong. This, naturally, caused him to die on the spot, his brain splattering all over the place.

"Who dares?!"

As she roared, the rest of the Vampires quickly released their Blood Auras, forming powerful Barriers fueled by their dark powers. They have been so relaxed before they completely forgot to do the most basic of things, ending up with one of them dead already!

"That damned Maleficus said that this place only had weaklings! How come they killed one of my men so easily?!" The Vampiress roared. "I promised I would bring a lot of blood and other materials back home, but if this ends up being some sort of trap, then...!"

As she muttered to herself, she quickly noticed the origin of the arrows. A half-elf woman standing above the rooftop of a house. Her magic bow pointing at her and her vampires. Before she could even stop her, another barrage of dozens of arrows imbued with spiritual energy were fired at lightning speed.

"Dammit!"

The Vampires quickly were forced to put into a defensive stance. As Christine swiftly waver her claws. Her blood and darkness barrier spread around, intercepting each explosive arrow, which slowly started to weaken her barrier.

"Already forced into a defensive stance by some half-elf?!" She thought, gritting her teeth.

At the same time, the hundreds of Vampiric Beasts were all being slaughtered, the citizens had yet to die, as they were all being dragged underground by giant phantasmal hands popping out of nowhere constantly. They were all coming from Maria herself.

"Did you really thought I would let you do as you pleased?!" Maria's voice reverberated around the Vampires. The crimson portal behind them suddenly closed as the medallion she held was broken.

"Wha...?!"

"Darkness?"

"What is this phantasmal presence?"

The vampires swiftly unleashed their techniques and weapons. Crimson swords, golden spears, black axes, and armor made of their Blood Auras covered their bodies. They all overflowed with the power of S Ranks or higher. Their leader was the strongest too, overflowing with might.

However, they couldn't help but feel fear as they heard Maria's voice, like a ghostly apparition they simply couldn't understand where it came from, she spoke inside of their minds, something thought to be impossible due to their powerful souls.

Darkness kept spreading around their surroundings, dragging away the innocent citizens to safety and trapping the Vampires and their Vampiric Beasts inside a large pocket dimension of pure darkness.

And from within this sea of obscurity, her figure surged, floating like a graceful phantasmal maiden, and staring right into their very souls.

"So it's you!" Roared Christine. "That Ghost Witch woman, the inhabitant of this world that has become that Goddess of Death's puppet, isn't it? One of the few servants of an original God of this world that hasn't been killed already..."

Maria knew who she was talking about, Hel. She was after all a descendant of this world's original Gods. Loki was supposedly also one, a Frost Titan that was adopted by Odin in the War where Ymir and the Titans were dethroned. Hel, being the daughter of one of the few last true Gods, was also a true Goddess herself.

"Ghost Witch woman... My name is Maria, dear." Maria smiled, her entire being expanding into an endless sea of shadows, with crimson eyes and tentacles. Phantasmal essence spreading everywhere, thousands of ghostly hands stretching towards the Vampires. "And about your invasion, you were allowed to come here by my mercy. I wanted to bring some change to this world. Your visit has already

spread that message, that this world is not what it seems. And that the "Gods" have been lying to us this whole time."

"What?" The Vampiress grew furious. "You dare... You dare talk like that to me?! You're saying I was a mere pawn in your game? HAH! Don't be ridiculous, you foolish whore! I am the one who plays, and YOU are my pawns! You have NO idea what you're getting into! I belong to one of the three strongest vampire families of Umbralheim, we Dracul do not take kindly of such tricks!"

"Using your family to threaten me? Are you that scared?" Maria laughed. "I only let you inside of this world because of the reasons I've already explained. But well, I was also feeling quite curious how my strength can compare to the strength from people of another worlds, especially of worlds way higher than Yggdrasil within the Tower."

"You're full of arrogance for someone that has already died and became nothing but an Undead." Christine smiled. "Vampires, spread and slaughter. Do not let that damned elf archer live either! Kill all of those disrupting our invasion! I'll take care of this whore."

Maria let the Vampires move towards different directions, knowing her friends and family were there to intercept them and take them down. And well, it wasn't as if she wasn't around. They were all trapped inside her Shadow Realm that engulfed half of the whole city anyways.

"You sure love calling me whore..." Maria laughed. "Let's see who's the real bitch here. Come!"

Turning her body into black lightning, Maria appeared right above Christine. The Vampiress crimson eyes shone brightly, releasing a magical, cursed power. Maria felt her own soul suddenly twist around, as a hole appeared inside.

TRUUUM!

"Ungh?!"

"Hah! Surprised?!"

Christine didn't even let Maria think about what just happened, as she materialized a huge crimson sword out of her own Blood Aura and swung it against Maria a dozen times. A barrage of slashing attacks engulfed Maria, cutting through her entire body and reducing her to shreds!

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

"You're absolutely nothing! Hahahah! Did I ever have to worry about you?!" Christine laughed as she saw Maria "die".

However.

A giant palm made of moonlight appeared above the Vampiress, crushing her entire body into the floor below.

BAAAM!

## Chapter 998 A Fight Against An Otherworldly Invader

Christine was surprised, Maria had not died so easily. Summoning her powers, a giant Selene's Palm greeted the arrogant Vampiress, smashing her into the ground below. Her body was incredibly tough, but even then, she felt a tremendous amount of pain. It felt like a Titan had truly smacked her down like a fly!

SLAAASH!

"Do you truly believe something like that can stop me?!" The Vampiress swiftly cut through the Selene's Palm with her sword, and then leaped into the air, flying with bat-like wings made of her blood aura. "Where are you?! I cut you into pieces, are there more of your bodies out there?!"

"More of my bodies?" Maria spoke inside her mind again. "No, dear, this entire place, everywhere, is my body."

"Wha...?!" Christine looked around herself, the entire Shadow Realm Domain where she was trapped. "No, that's ridiculous! Only the strongest Ascendant Rankers could ever accomplish such a feat! And barely! This is merely some illusion of yours, isn't it?!"

As she roared in frustration, Maria swiftly attacked. Thousands of phantasmal arms moved downwards, punching, piercing, and slashing against Christine. The proud Vampiress used her Blood Aura Barrier and her Blood Armor to defend, while swinging her sword vertically and horizontally.

Her movements became faster and faster as Maria appeared from all around her. Dozens of Selene Palms constantly smacking her like a fly, while occasionally, a gigantic black halberd and a skeleton sword would unleash a combination of destructive techniques, shattering her armor.

"Are you starting to realize that this is not just a mere illusion, Christine?"

Maria's voice reverberated within Christine's mind. At the same time as the Vampiress kept slashing away Maria's attacks. Hundreds of phantasmal limbs were being reduced to cinders, as her Crimson Blood Sword started to activate its special ability.

"No matter how much you try, you're nothing but a pitiful illusionist. Do you call these pitiful little hits your attacks?! HAH!" The Vampire was full of arrogance, but justifiably so.

Her strength was the real deal after all. As Maria unleashed a rain of dozens of Abyssal Netherworld's Stars of smaller size to see how she could react, the Vampiress' eyes shone with crimson light.

"Enough. [Divine Blood Aura Arts]: [Blood Sword Intent]!"

Her Blood Aura expanded, transforming into hundreds of swords at once. Maria opened her eyes widely as she saw all her projectiles being sliced into halves by the Vampiress' sole Blood Aura, which by itself became swords.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

Maria swiftly evaded the storm of slashing attacks, which continued slashing through her Shadow Realm, beginning to weaken the entire domain by itself.

"That ability... Is she also combining techniques from Murim and her own world?" Wondered Maria, squinting her eyes. "Well, let's see if you can cut through everything I have in store for you."

With a rather wicked and malicious smile, Maria quickly combined several skill effects and abilities together, her entire Shadow Realm transforming into a sea of slimy poison, rushing towards the Vampiress.

"Poison? Don't joke with me!"

As she laughed and slashed through the poison, it swiftly regenerated back, constantly fusing together. The Vampiress eyes then flashed, small voids in space were created, generating holes across Maria's body, which had transformed into the poison itself.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"I see, so that's how it works." Maria analyzed her eyes abilities. "You can create carve through space using your eyes, don't you? Your Sword techniques are good, yes. And your Blood Aura too. But at the end, that deadly power of yours is what makes you think you're untouchable."

"You guessed it already? Well, I suppose there's little point in hiding it." Laughed Christine, swinging her sword with a single arm horizontally, unleashing a wave of crimson blood ki that cut through Maria once more, this time both of her halves exploded.

SLASH! BOOOM!

"If you're still alive after that, then I'll tell you more." Christine laughed. "These eyes are the [Demonic Eyes of the Void]! Special Eyes that I took away from the Void Demon, Belphegor as payment for his powers. I only acquired one though, ah, I bet you've already meet him, haven't you?"

"Belphegor, that bastard that set up that whole void domain..." Maria said. "I see, so I guess you bastards have been working with the Warlocks and let me guess, the other Vampires this entire time?"

"More or less! What happened to Belphegor? The eye he made for me is working really well!" Laughed Christine. "In exchange for this eye, I gave him a powerful relic that augmented his magical prowess beyond what any pitiful ant could achieve in this world."

"Belphegor? Oh, he's dead." Maria simply smiled gently at Christine, before waving her hands and suddenly distorting space itself.

Void Essence flowed through her entire body as she channeled it from her Spirit Treasures inside of her Soul Scape. The Vampiress quickly felt an threatening power surging from within the ghost woman, as she surged from the endless shadows, always completely unfazed by anything she did against her.

"[Void Devourer]"

Maria activated the power of her Title, of the same name. As she rushed towards the Vampiress. Christine greeted her with a barrage of Blood Sword Aura Intent, which attempted to slice through all of Maria's soul this time.

"Don't you dare give another step!"

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

As the slashing attacks attempted to stop Maria, her armor and her equipment's bonus stats and defense stats swiftly protected her from the majority of the damage. All while Hecate, her dress itself, acted independently, summoning several powerful spells at once.

This time the Spells of her Qliphoth Tree Magic Skill activated. Abyssal Life Draining Roots appeared out of thin air, attempting to drain the life off Christine, Decaying Spores of Death weakened her, engulfing her on a cloud of black spores, Dark Leaves of Soul Tearing attacked her incessantly, trying to cut through her very soul like a storm of black leaves, and Netherworld's Bark Armor covered Maria's body, further boosting her defensive capabilities.



"Tch, your strange death magic won't be able to ever put a dent on me! Die!" Laughed Christine, her eyes flashing with bright crimson light.

TRUUUM!

A black void appeared within Maria once more, threatening to devour a piece of her soul once more.

Yet... her [Void Devourer] Title activated.

Chapter 999 Not Even A Decent Warmup!

Maria devoured the void created by Christine not once, but twice, thrice, four times, five times, as many as the Vampiress created, trying to destroy her soul, she simply devoured it! The Vampiress gritted her teeth in utter disbelief. She had fought those with enough defenses capable of resisting the magic power of her eyes, but not unable to completely be immune to the damage it causes.

The truth was, her eye had a certain range of roughly twenty meters, therefore, she couldn't use it when Maria was too far away, and this was also the reason why she activated it repeatedly the moment the ghost woman appeared in front of her.

However, to Maria, her major trump card was nothing but a snack!

"Delicious void. Care to give me more?" Maria laughed, her Void Essence skyrocketed as she gained more and more from absorbing Christine's attacks.

Her arms grew to a titanic size, fusing her Selene's Palm with her Divine Thunder Body and her other Body related skills, amassing it all into a pair of titanic arms made of the darkness of the night itself, encompassed by a sea of phantasmal flames of death.

"[Hades' Fists Of The Underworld]! [Achlys' Venomous Claws]!"

Not just two, but over eight gigantic, titanic arms descended towards Christine, while a dozen claws loaded with venom and lightning clashed against her. The Vampiress armor instantly shattered as she tried to take on the attacks. Escaping was futile, as each time she did, she would be attacked from above, below, left, and right before she could make any other rational thought.

BAAM! BAAM! BAAM! BAAM!

Her entire body started to become distorted, slowly being torn to shreds. Blood and flesh splattering everywhere, and even pieces of her own bones. Her screams of agony reverberated across the entire Shadow Realm. Christine battled back, desperately trying to survive using all her techniques combined as one!

"I won't fall here! I am a Vampire Countess! My power is incomprehensible! How come a mere pathetic undead like you can overwhelm me?! BULLSHIT!!!"

The Vampiress' entire body started growing stranger and distorted, monstrous. The blood from her wounds gathered around her still regenerating self, as she started to transform. Maria followed by transforming as well, greeting Christine's "true form" with her Titaness Form.

"GRAAAH!"

Christine was unrecognizable now, showing her true self, a monstrous and gigantic aberration. It barely looked humanoid, covered on black and red scales, with exposed, pulsating red flesh. Long bat-like wings and tails, and three massive dinosaur-like heads. All coupled with an assortment of black and red eyes spread across her body.

"So this is what you Vampires truly look like, huh? Wow, color me surprised!" Laughed Maria, channeling the powers of her Evil God Fragments all at once. Chaos essence erupted from within her body, overwhelming the titanic vampire beast.

Her gigantic fists pierced through Christine's flesh and tore it apart. Her claws slashed through it and made her bleed, and hundreds of fists made of phantasmal, lightning, and void essences pummeled the giant down, activating her Demonic Ghostly Fist Techniques over and over again.

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!

"WHY YOU...?!"

Christine roared back, quickly swinging her countless tails against Maria and piercing her body with them, using them like spears themselves. At the same time, all her lost blood gathered on her claws, summoning two enormous, fifty-meter-long blood swords and using them to cut through Marai's body several times.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

"Hahaha, cut me as much as you want, Christine!" Maria mocked her. "I am not a being restricted by my body, or even my soul!"

Her Origin continued to regenerate as she absorbed more and more of the endless source of Chaotic Miasma she possessed. Christine, someone comparable to SS Rank threats, and with a well-developed Divine Ember, was being overwhelmed by Maria.

Her Halberd and her Sword cut through the Vampiress entire body, forcing her to constantly regenerate her body parts, pushing her to her limits.

Maria gathered her powers and quickly summoned an old spell, now boosted several times with all her new abilities and magic powers.

"And I'm not even done yet!" Maria roared. "[Gate of the Underworld]!"

Half of Maria's entire body and soul transformed into a gigantic black gate, distorting space itself and opening a portal towards the Underworld of Yggdrasil, Helheim! The Underworld greeted Christine with

the will of Hel herself, as gigantic skeletal claws and phantasmal hands made of billions of souls grasped her entire body, draining away her life force and her soul energy.

"AAARRGGH! W-What is this?! NOOOO!"

Christine struggled back, her Divinity of Blood, which she had refined through her Divine Ember to give her Blood Aura such enormous power, erupted from her body. Maria felt her soul being sliced apart a thousand times by a thousand blades of blood at once.

As Christine kept trying to defeat Maria, the ghost with remained calm. The Gate of the Underworld continued draining Christine's soul energy, and Maria simply dedicated to spread her own soul across the whole Shadow Realm. Even if she was cut down and then blown up to cinders, she could continue regenerating endlessly as long as she had Mana.

And thanks to all her equipment bonuses, she had at least ten times as more Mana than ever before! In the entire fight, she had barely spent thirty percent of it!

"WHY WON'T YOU DIE?!"

"It'll take more than that to kill me, I already told you! They beheaded me and tried to curse my soul, but here I am!"

As Maria roared, all her powers harnessed together into a titanic claw made of darkness, death, phantom, moonlight, shadows, and void essence, grasping Christine's three heads and then crushing them into pieces.

"You were not even a decent warmup, Christine."

"Stooooop!"

Crack, crack...!

CRAAASH!

Christine's head were blown to pieces, and so her soul, as it was shattered into countless fragments. Maria swiftly devoured them all, feeling a surge of new power. But above all, she ended absorbing a Divine Ember, something that she had never done before.

"Ugh..."

Maria kept her consciousness barely awake, as she fused back with all her fragments lost, regenerating back and beginning to slowly assimilate the power she gained.

"This was worth the risk, definitely..."

Chapter 1000 Stopping The Umbralheim Raid

The Vampires led by Christine dispersed into the rest of the city, aiming to hunt down the civilians for the offering of blood they have been promised and to slay the ones that were getting in their way. To their terrible surprise, however, they were greeted with death. They were all powerful Pseudo SS Ranks, already developing their own Divine Embers.

However, Maria's party was prepared. They had the advantage in terms of environment. The Shadow Realm weakened their stats through Maria's own skills, and further absorbed their energies so their attacks couldn't be easily conjured. At the same time, some of the heavy hitters were incredibly powerful even for their own Ranks.

"You're nothing but an oversized lizard! Perish!" Laughed a pair of arrogant Vampires, unleashing advanced Blood Magic against Lucifer.

"Just an oversized lizard?! I've had enough!"

Lucifer swiftly flew into the skies, clashing against both Vampires and their dozens of Vampiric Beasts all at once. His titanic claws tore apart their barriers and their magic simply bounced off his divine dragon scales.

The faces of disbelief of the vampires only lasted a couple of seconds before their whole beings were torn to shreds, incapable of channeling their full power as they let themselves be trapped inside of Maria's Shadow Realm.

CRAAASH!

Their bodies splattered on the air, as Lucifer bathed on their blood. Noticing they were trying to regenerate after he tore them to shreds with his titanic claws, jaws, and tail, he swiftly loaded his jaws with his Mana.

"GRAAAH!"

The monstrosity they became after trying to forcefully regenerate after being torn to shreds attacked him, resembling a tentacled aberration made of red, pulsating flesh, bones, and blood.

"Vampires from another world are pretty interesting..." He smiled. "Maybe things would have been much harder if we weren't prepared, or if Maria didn't trap you all inside of her Domain... But good riddance, I don't want to deal with monsters like you!"

He opened his draconic jaws, blasting the titanic aberration into ashes with a single, concentrated explosion of Abyssal Death Flames. The screams of the two combined vampires and the hundreds of souls within the blood of the people they had consumed reverberated, finally freed from their accursed existences.

BOOOMMM!!!

"So many souls! These bastards are definitely not like the Vampires of this world... Do they absorb the souls of people they drink their blood from?" Wondered Lucifer. "Perhaps this is the unique way in which they grow inside of their own world?"

Without wasting any more time, Lucifer swiftly joined his daughter, fighting hundreds of Vampiric Beasts that kept flying everywhere trying to find prey. Their body parts flew and splattered everywhere, covering the entire city with blood and guts.

"You traitorous woman!"

"You're one of us yet you are interrupting our feast?!"

"You will die a thousand deaths!"

A trio of Vampires harassed Partner, who was swinging her spear and piercing countless Vampiric Beasts. Just some minutes ago she was still looking to ambush the Saintess and her stupid Paladins and get done with today's whole event. However, Maria told everyone that plans have changed slightly.

There was a new opportunity for everyone to grow stronger and at the same time reveal the rest of the world the existence of the Tower and the many other worlds. But it was a risky move, as it involved letting the Warlocks get away with their plans and manage to summon a portal to the world of Umbralheim, where the Vampires originated from.

It was quite shocking to learn, but apparently most of the Vampire Tribes that arrived inside of Yggdrasil were weaker refugees from Umbralheim, many of them now beginning to work below the authority of Umbralheim Vampiric Families.

Suddenly, things felt like they made much more sense now, in a way. But at the same time, it only made things more complicated. And that's without even considering if all their enemy Vampires were in the same boat...

Nonetheless, Partner, as an Undead that evolved into a Vampire through the power of the Soul Book's Evolution Abilities and Maria's influence in her growth as her Necromancer Master, found herself surrounded by her "kind", which she has never considered her brethren anyways.

"I am not a Vampire like you." She said, her spears dropping the blood and guts of the Vampiric Beasts over the floor. "Don't think we are brethren. I've slaughtered many of your kind, and drank their blood. And I'll continue doing so. You wicked bastards don't belong in this world!"

"You dare...?!"

"Kill her!"

"We'll feast on your blood!"

The trio of Vampires overflowed with their Blood Auras, unaware that their energies were being constantly drained, and their stats were dropping rapidly while being inside of Maria's Shadow Realm.

Partner smiled as they approached though, her Aura was not being drained, and it was only growing stronger as she let it all out.

Both Blood Energy, Chaos, and Demonic Energies merging together, to release an utterly frightening presence...

"I might superficially resemble something like a Vampire or a Demon, but I am a skeleton, actually."

Partner's body distorted, as gigantic blood red skeleton claws sprouted out of her back, six of them, big enough to wrestle against titans, and quickly intercept the attacks from the incoming Vampires.

"B-Bones?!"

"What?!"

"Skeleton? What kind of bullshit-"

Before she could even let them speak anymore, Partner's skeletal claws pierced through their barriers, something that surprised them greatly, and impaled their bodies several times. One of them managed to die on the spot as their head exploded, but the other two survived, panicking and releasing their true power.



They quickly transformed, becoming two gigantic abominations resembling fleshy red worms, with dozens of heads and many tiny legs resembling giant fingers. Partner widened her eyes in surprise, her two spears overflowing with her power.

"Nice, you've gotten bigger! Easier target! Now stay still!"

As the two monstrous worms unleashed a foul breath of acid capable of melting it all, Partner ignored their attack, piercing their bodies countless pieces as she flew around them.

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!

Ultimately, her spear reduced their gigantic bodies into piles after piles of flesh, blood, and guts!

"Hahaha! Why did you even transform?! You only became easier to hit, dumbasses!"