

A Glitched 1001

Chapter 1001 Crafting Something For Aquarina Too

"You sure love her..." Alice smiled. "Well! We could ask her Spirits what she could like. She sometimes tells things to them that she tells nobody else."

"Hmm... Are they around?" I wondered, looking around. "Oh!"

Suddenly, I noticed Undine and Leviathan were hiding behind the night table, looking at what I was doing curiously.

"Hey, you guys, don't be shy and come here." Ignatius called them. "Come already!"

"Eep...!"

Undine however, simply hid even more.

"Dumbass, you're scaring them!" I told Ignatius. "Why are you like this? Seriously..."

"E-Eh? I'm just trying to help! Don't call me a dumbass!" Ignatius said angrily.

"Okay, sorry." I sighed. "Anyways, let me handle this..."

I approached the two of them stealthily, while Aquarina was fast asleep. She slept like a rock sometimes, probably because we did a lot of things last night.

"Come on now, don't be shy."

I put some Spirit Stones of the Water Attribute in my hands, which Spirits of Water fancied, and approached it to them.

Undine and Leviathan trusted me to an extent, so they approached me and started snacking on the stones.

"Would you guys help me out?" I asked as gently as I could.

"Hmm, what do you need? Sylphy?" Undine wondered.

"Rarr?" Leviathan tilted his little dragon head.

They were acting as if they weren't terrified just a few seconds earlier of Ignatius grumpy groans... I guess Spirits are good at pretending too.

"Have Aquarina said anything about what she wants?" I asked them.

Undine and Leviathan looked at one another.

"Well, she often says she wants a baby with you..." Undine said.

"E-Eh?!" I felt taken aback by that revelation. "T-That's not something she should be thinking about... I-I meant like accessories."

"Oh... She said she liked necklaces the other day!" Undine said. "She has one she loves that her mom gifted to her, but she said she wouldn't mind having another to go with it."

"I see..." I nodded. "A necklace it is."

I stealthily walked back to the Divine Barrier I set up using the Divine Protection Skill, which after attaining the ability to Level Up gained the power to move and shape this barrier before it could be broken.

"Alright, let's make a pretty necklace for my gf!" I nodded to myself, taking a look at the ingots.

They were three, I could make an accessory per ingot I think, so I took one and then smelted it with Ignatius and Metallurgy, using a mold I had prepared beforehand.

However, the ingot alone wouldn't do, I picked up several fragments of the Mithril Golem King's Man Core, the Rainbow Spirit Stone Fragments, and also some of the Sea Snakes materials we hunt back in their dungeon.

The bright rainbow stone in the center, decorated by a series of blue, smaller jewels made for a fancy and beautiful necklace. I put everything together and then enchanted it, unifying their effects through a combination of Amateur Runic Engravement and Fusion Synthesis.

After half an hour of efforts, it was done!

FLAAASH!

Ding!

[Congratulations! You've successfully synthesized [Rainbow Spirit Spring Tears (S- Grade)] x1!]

[You gained +20.000 Skill Proficiency.]

[You gained +500.000 EXP.]

[Rainbow Spirit Spring Tears]

[Item Type]: [Accessory] [Necklace]

[Item Grade]: [S-]

[Item Requirement]: [Strong Affinity With Water and Ice Attribute] [Two Water or Ice Spirits Contracted]

[Item Durability]: [10.000/10.000]

[Item Effects]: [HP]: [+2.000] [MP]: [+8.000] [STR]: [+1.000] [DEF]: [+2.000] [MAG]: [+5.000] [RES]: [+2.000] [AGI]: [+1.000] [LUC]: [+5.000] [CHM]: [+5.000]

[Bonus Effects]: [Spirit Magic Damage +20% (B)] [MP +20% (B)] [Water & Ice Magic Damage +10% (C)] [Spirit Magic Spells Mana Consumption -30% (A)]

[Item Abilities]

[Rainbow Spring Spirit Blessing]: A Blessing bestowed by the Materials used to create the necklace, facilitates the ability to wield Spirit Magic of higher Tiers, without Runic Requirements. Enhances Spirit Magic Power by +100% and reduces their MP Cost by -25%. When HP goes below 30%, a [Rainbow Spring Spirit Shield] will encompass the wearer's body, reducing All Damage Taken by -70% and turning the reduced damage into HP while increasing All Stats by +50% for 5 Minutes. Can only be used once per day.

[Rainbow Spirit Threads Of Connection]: A strong connection made of Rainbow Threads will be made once the wearer equips this Necklace with their spirits, increasing their Spirit's Stats by +30%, reducing their Magic MP Cost by -25%, and decreasing their damage taken by -20%. Whenever enough Spirit Magic is used, it is possible to unleash [Divine Spirit Connection], which grants the wearer 50% of all their Spirits Stats and the ability to use their Skills at 200% Power for 5 Minutes. Can only be used once per day.

[Item Description]

A beautiful necklace created using top-tier materials by Alchemist Sylphy, who loves her girlfriend so much she can't stop thinking about her safety. This necklace has been made exclusively for her to always be protected, and also to help her own Spirits grow stronger.

The necklace emerged from the cauldron, glowing with a beautiful and near divine glow. Its abilities were much stronger than I imagined, the combination of high-quality materials really created incredible results!

However, these abilities had quite a lot of requirements, and weren't as overpowered as some of my parent's equipment... Like that staff my mother can use to conjure all sorts of spells with almost no MP cost, or my father's ridiculous sword.

This'll be so useful for Aquarina though! And it'll make Undine and Leviathan pretty strong too!

Hehehe, I'll surprise her with this nice gift once she wakes up.

No, wait, it would be better to save it and gift it to her in a special occasion, right?

But what's special occasion is soon? None...

Ugh, what do I do then?!

Wait... Maybe I just have to create a special occasion myself, a date or something... Maybe that could work?

"The necklace is perfect, Sylphy! I never thought you could reach this far in Alchemy to make things like these..." Said Alice. "I wonder though, if the Witch of the Blue Mountain could make something even better..."

"I wonder the same sometimes... But if she's so renowned with her equipment, I bet she can make some amazing things." I said. "I'll become her disciple next year, so I better prepare myself. I'm looking forward to that, to be honest!"

Chapter 1002 Sylphy's Found Out

After having made Aquarina's necklace, I decided to not make myself a new ring as I had thought, and instead decided to use both ingots to recreate the two earrings I've always had, which still possess fragments of Ignatius crystalized Dragon Heart!

They were not enough to help him evolve though or I would have already used them, but they'll become much stronger one I recreate them with these overpowered ingots I got, and some Rainbow Spirit Stone Fragments too.

These earrings have been accompanying me for all this time, and they were a gift from the Witch of the Blue Mountain too, this'll help me analyze her creations in a better detail...

And as I begun, I immediately noticed many things.

"Although this earring looks rather simple, the runic arrangement in the metal is top tier." I analyzed. "Not only that, but the runes seem to have... melded inside the metal itself too? It feels as if she decomposed the metal to an even smaller scale and rearranged it from its interior to resemble runes, enhancing the effectiveness by a tenfold..."

"Incredible..." Alice said. "That Witch is much better than you imagined! Can you even enchant those earrings with such composition?"

"I don't know anymore... I was so confident, but I fear that if I try to break the earrings to reform them, they'll end up worse than now. Although I can't see their stats or abilities in detail, it seems they're much more amazing than I had originally thought." I admitted. "I can't believe I've not met that woman, yet I'm already bested..."

"You shouldn't have gotten cocky because you can make some armor or rings!" Laughed Ignatius. "So? What are you going to make these ingots then?"

"Hmm... Another ring would be alright I suppose." I shrugged. "I do have the [Demonic Wrathful Dragon's Ring] which grants me bonus stats when I use my Dragon Heart's Abilities and also strengthens my Darkness and Curses. And then there's the [Gluttonous Parasitic Beast Ring], that gives me the ability to summon a parasitic beast aura to weaken a foe, while also giving me the ability to conjure some beast attribute magic too... I wonder what else I lack."

"You're already quite overpowered." Beelzebub said. "You don't really lack at many things; all your elements are strong thanks to us as well! I suppose you would only want to boost your stats higher because they can't grow on their own, but even then, you've got the bonus stats from your Harvest Familiars!"

"You've grown so strong... It's quite hard to think of what you lack now, Sylphy." Yggdra giggled.

"Well, I do lack a lot of things, if that wasn't the case, the help of my friends wouldn't be necessary, but they're always useful for any battle we have together." I said. "I suppose my biggest weakness is my small physique, even if I have stronger physical power thanks to stats, I am still small and frail..."

"So more defense then?" Wondered Ignatius. "Well, with Draconification in the calculation, you do have some good bulk, but yeah. Even then, you're too small and lightweighted, making you easy to throw around."

"I do remember that Arachne and her friend threw me around like ragdolls all the time..." I sighed. "My magic is potent, and I have infinite mana, but I can't overuse it, or my soul will suffer... My soul is growing stronger now with a Psyche but were just starting."

"So also strengthening the soul and lessening the pressure of your Mana usage is also necessary." Alice pointed out.

"Yeah, actually I lack a lot of things, I just have a ton of flashy little abilities and skills I can use to make up for such weaknesses." I giggled. "But even then, to become as strong as my parents, I have to have no weaknesses at all!"

"You're still young, calm down." Beelzebub sighed. "Relax and take it easy, it is good to know what you lack, but if you obsess over it, you will only end up deteriorating yourself."

"As he said..." Furoh nodded. "However, I suppose you could try to fix a bit of that in these accessories. I think you're rushing it though, think about it for some time before making them."

"Yeah, the ingredients are not easy to come by, better not waste them on something you'll regret crafting later." Alice agreed.

"I guess you're not wrong." I nodded. "Okay, I'll just think about it some more... But I do have some ideas of what I could make... I won't make any ring, or bracelet, or any accessory this time. I think... maybe gloves would be nice."

"Gloves?!" Wondered everyone, that was perhaps the thing they never imagined I would want.

"Yep, gloves that make me tougher and could also be used to both further enhance my Familiars and also my Harvest Familiars." I explained. "But the more things I add, the weaker the effects will be, so I don't want them to be too much. I'll think about this a bit more. But I think I need more ingredients than what I have... I could also use Arachne's servant materials; I still have her saved."

"You could also upgrade your armor some more; it is quite weak compared to the one you made for that brat!" Said Ignatius.

"I know~" I said. "In fact there's a ton of things to do! I guess I'll take it easy while I sketch my ideas."

I began drawing in my little notebook, I always sketched the things I thought about. In one of the pages there was Aquarina too, wearing the necklace I had envisioned some time ago.

And as I moved the pages, more and more portraits of Aquarina in different poses, some even when she was younger and smaller.

"A-Ah... She better not find out about this..." I felt embarrassed by how many times I've drawn her.

"Hey, what's up~"

However, Aquarina's voice echoed behind me, as she appeared amidst the shadows!

"Eek! A-Aquarina?! N-Nothing!"

I quickly tried to hide the notebook of my secrets, but it ended sliding from my hands, and she ended catching it... reading its contents with curiosity.

"What's this- huh?"

She started moving the pages as she began growing redder...

"I-I'm sorry! Is it weird? I'm sorry for being a creep..."

"T-That's... not it. I didn't... thought you drew this pretty. And... so many portraits of me."

"It's not... bad?"

"No, of course not, why would it be?"

Aquarina gave me back my notebook.

"It's just a bit embarrassing and cute... Heheh, you're a good artist, Sylphy." She smiled, approaching me and sitting in my lap. "I-I find it flattering that you drew so many portraits of myself... Am I your muse or something? Heheh..."

"A-Ah... Well, you're so pretty I just sometimes feel like drawing you... But I'm happy you like them." I smiled, as she rubbed her nose with mine, and gave me a few kisses.

"Mooch, of course I love them. You're so cute when you get so nervous... I want to eat you with kisses."
She continued kissing me.

We ended making out for a few minutes while flirting with each other, until she realized I've been busy.

"Huh? What have you been making?" She wondered.

"A-Ah! Oh, I was making Zack's armor!" I said, waking up from the daze that being embraced by her love gave to me sometimes.

"Hmmm~ I don't know why but it feels like you were making something else too..." Aquarina squinted her beautiful blue eyes.

"E-Eeep! N-No?" I said nervously, I had made sure to store the necklace before she saw it. "A-Anyways! Let's go have breakfast, shall we?"

"Okay, but first a bath together!" She said, dragging me to the bathroom.

"But I already took a bath before!" I cried.

"Another one won't hurt you, will it?" She giggled with a mischievously smile. "Also I need my daily dose of Sylphy's naked body before starting the day~"

"E-Eh? D-Don't say that out loud... perv!" I said while feeling embarrassed.

"Hehehe, not like you dislike mine, right?" She started undressing herself in front of me.

"Y-You got me there..." I couldn't take my eyes off her body once she took off her night clothes, she quickly undressed me while kissing my body occasionally.

Aquarina was very passionate for her age... Is this just the spurt of being teenagers or is this part of her Amazonian bloodline?

I wondered such things as I carefully washed her beautiful silvery-white hair...

Chapter 1003 Gifting Zack His Armor

After taking a bath, we walked downstairs and were greeted by all our friends and family having already a huge breakfast feast without us! Looks like we were taking a bit too long.

Nonetheless, we used this opportunity to quickly gift Zack his well-deserved armor. My parents were shocked when I took it off and revealed it to everyone.

The mere presence of the armor exuded a powerful Aura of strength like nothing they have ever seen before. My mother and my father in particular seemed amazed.

Despite having already seen many of the things I could create, they always acted like this... I guess it was hard to get used to having such an amazing daughter, heh!

"Wow! This is amazing, Sylphy! This armor...! It's so huge but so light too?! And I can sense so much magic power from it!" Zack was excited, stopping his meal and quickly getting up to try it.

"Try it out then! I made it with all my efforts for my best friend!" I smiled, as Zack blushed a bit, thanking me.

"Thanks a lot!" He suddenly gave me a hug, as I couldn't help but pat his head. "It's nothing, that's what I owed you, I never go back in my words. Now try it out already!"

"Yeah!" Zack immediately wore it.

It looked perfect on him; it will slowly readjust to his size as he grows up too thanks to the magic properties and the elasticity of Mithril.

With the full body armor, he already looked like a renowned, mighty adventurer or even a young knight that went into adventures and slayed beasts around the world.

"Woah, my Wind and Thunder Elemental Magic has become so strong now!" Zack released sparks of electricity and winds from his hands. "And despite wearing an armor, I suddenly feel even physically stronger? Like twice my strength!"

"Incredible!" Mist said. "You look so gallant in that armor, Zack! You're like a knight now! Am I your damsel?"

"Hahaha, I guess you could put it that way." Zack laughed with his beloved girlfriend. "I wonder if I have enough money... Sylphy, could I commission you something for Mist too?"

"E-Eh? For me?! Zack, you don't really have to..." Mist muttered.

"Hmmm! Well, I have been thinking about making something more." I said. "I guess so! But the cost won't be cheap. What's your budget?" I wondered.

"I-I think I have saved like one hundred and fifty million gold." He said, recalling how much he has learned selling monster carcasses and from quests he has completed in the adventurer guild.

"I honestly am not sure how much that armor is worth at all." I rubbed my chin. "So it's hard to tell what the price would be..."

"Y-You don't really have to do anything, Sylphy. Just don't listen to him. He likes to spoil me too much, haha." Mist giggled. "Zack, I'm fine. I already have great equipment I've bought and had have gifted from Lady Faylen, there's no need for more."

"Are you sure?" Zack was really kind of like me, always wanting to spoil his girlfriend and see her happy and smiling. "Well, alright... I'll just have to save more money then!"

"Save it for our future, dummy." Mist sighed, patting his shoulders. "Didn't you promised we would get a house together? Save the money for that day!"

"R-Right! Hahah, I forgot." Zack laughed it off cheerfully.

My parents were talking between each other, until they finally addressed it...

"Sylphy..." My mother called. "H-How did you made such an incredible armor out of nowhere? Usually a work like this... takes at the very least several weeks, even for the most talented people."

"And about the price... If it has so many abilities, I would say that armor is worth at least five hundred million gold..." My father said.

"That's a very rough estimate, if it was made with Mithril like the one you got from that golem, and rainbow spirit stones, which are even rarer. I think it would go as high as seven hundred million." My mother estimated with her merchant senses.

"W-Woah... Am I wearing that much money?!" Zack was taken aback. "Yikes... I don't know what to say anymore."

"See? I told you that you wouldn't be able to commission Sylphy! Something of similar quality would be at least five hundred million, we don't make that much money..." Mist sighed. "Even after we always make a lot with our hunts and all, we still need some stable job."

"We do earn some from her by helping her handle the dungeon materials. She pays us quite generously." Said Zack. "But yeah..."

"I-I never considered my creations would be so expensive..." I said. "My Appraising Eyes don't give me information regarding prices... Mom, then how expensive are these other things?"

I showed her my two rings, my dragon scale armor, my golden diadem, and even my sword and shield, which were now Familiars.

"Well, this armor I've seen you wear around, these rings... Oh my, you're wearing at least a billion gold with everything you have on. The price of your sword and your shield are incommensurable because they possess Souls. Living Weapons are priceless and entire countries would fight to get them because they can keep growing endlessly." My mother explained.

"We haven't addressed these things because we didn't want to bother you, but you need to begin developing a bit more common sense, dear. Once you enter the academy everyone will think you're weird if you don't know these things." My father admitted. "It would be better to hide the fact your weapons are alive, if possible.

"Okay, I'll tell them." I nodded. "It's quite surprising, it doesn't really take me that long to make these items..."

I guess it's mostly thanks to my Alchemy Skills, Crafting, Metallurgy, and so on... They're all over the top abilities that are much better to master and utilize compared to their Magic Spell counterparts.

"Yeah, I guess you're really a craftsman and alchemist genius too!" My mother sighed, crossing her arms. "Felicia will have a lot of fun teaching you, finally someone appears that could actually become that woman's disciple."

"Felicia?" I asked.

"Oh, that's the Witch of the Blue Mountain's real name." My father said.

Chapter 1004 Felicia

"So her real name's Felicia..." I wondered.

"She's not liked your father, Shade, or Nepheline. She's similar to me. Someone that has already lived a lot of years before she was chosen and blessed by the Gods to become a Hero." My mother explained.

"She is reclusive and likes to be lonely. I was quite shocked she accepted taking you as her disciple, alongside little Celica, both of you have great talents that cannot go to waste. Oh, of course, Celeste is going as well."

"So I am even taken as her disciple?" Celeste asked. "I am good at alchemy, yeah, I have practiced it all my childhood, but I don't know if I'm even worthy to have a hero as my master..."

"Don't worry, you are worthy, girl." My mother smiled. "I wouldn't had let you go if that wasn't the case, trust me in this one... And well, Felicia has an amazing talent at the creation of items just like you."

"You're already something else but... She's already at the Level of a Godsmith." My father explained.

"G-Godsmith?!" I asked. "Why does that sound so cool?"

"It is a Blacksmith and an Alchemist that has reached the stage of divine enlightenment in their knowledge, mastery, and also magical and physical prowess." My mom explained. "It wouldn't be bad to say she's the best Blacksmith and Alchemist of the entire world... Well, there are some old professors in our Academy that could be better than her in theory, but in practice? She's much better."

"But how is she amazing?" I wondered. "Is she older than you, mom?"

"I think so..." My mother, who already was over three hundred years old, say so. "It is mostly due to her incredible Magic and her amazing Talents and Knowledge. She has a set of many talents at her disposal, such as Photographic Memory, Superhuman Dexterity, more Mana than any person I've ever meet aside from you, and... the cherry on top, her Unique Magic she created by herself: Temperature Magic."

"T-Temperature Magic?" I wondered. "That sounds... a bit tame."

"Oh no, it isn't." My father laughed. "I remember she was always beating me whenever I got insolent. Her magic is hellish."

"She has the ability to manipulate temperature itself. It is a unique magic she created at a young age, according to what she told me. By fusing Fire, Water, Ice, Wind, and Lightning Runes together. Yeah, she was already a genius born with Five Strong Affinities with these elements." My mother explained.

"W-Woah... But what is she capable of with such magic?" I asked.

"What isn't she capable of would be a better and easier question to answer." My father smiled. "Right, Shade?"

"Ugh..." Shade suddenly sighed. "Don't remind me of her... I don't want to remember her crazed face whenever we found some new rare material. She would obsess over them and work for several days in a row inside her studio, if we walked in, she would throw her hammer at our heads and tell us to leave."

"She's quite temperamental when it comes to her work, in anything else, it feels like she has no motivation at all... Felicia's a weird one, that's for sure." Nepheline sighed. "I had considered letting Aquarina learn from her too, but Felicia rudely told me she had no compatibility with her talents... Urgh, I'll show her my daughter is strong!"

"Mom, I don't think she meant it that way..." Aquarina said. "I prefer to go with you to get the other inheritance!"

"Temperature Magic, so she can manipulate temperatures?" I asked.

"It feels more like a Divine Power." My mother explained. "She's able to control the internal structure of things by manipulating their temperature. The reason why her equipment is always top tier is because she imbues equipment with runic systems from the inside out by manipulating their internal temperatures, and therefore moving the materials inside and their components to her liking... Something utterly ridiculous, that's somehow possible for her."

"She's also able to freeze almost anything into an ice statue, drain them out of all their water, or burn them to ashes by making them combust from the inside out." My father laughed. "She's brutal, but good-hearted, thankfully. Would hate to have someone so strong as my enemy!"

"If I would say so myself, her weakness is her physique, she's very sleepy and lazy. And her personality is not the best either..." My mother said. "However, when it comes to crafting, she's always motivated and strong. It's odd. I think she has a unique Physique that activates when she creates things."

I can't help but imagine an old witch that is all lazy and sleeps a lot but then gets buff like my dad when she's about to craft things... But I think she's not that old looking like in my mind.

"If she's so strong why couldn't she just defeat the demon king herself?!" Zack asked, who was overhearing the conversation.

"She's powerful but has her limits, her range is also not very long, only a couple of meters around her... She's frailer compared to our heavy hitters such as Allan, Shade, and Nepheline. And she's a bit of a coward, preferring to hide behind us if possible..." My mother sighed. "Her help was crucial for our victory, nonetheless, and she's our beloved friend too, so I did not mind protecting her sometimes."

"She's unique..." Aquarina giggled a bit. "I-I wish you good luck handling her, Sylphy... you two too."

"Ahhh... I'm still thinking about it." I sighed.

"I bet it's going to be fun! I wonder if she can teach me how to make better golems..." Celica wondered.

"I am beginning to regret accepting this whole thing..." Celeste was already getting discouraged.

"Anyways! Enough chit-chat for now. Let's finish our breakfast and start moving, kids." Nepheline suddenly spoke. "We only got a month to explore this place!"

"That's right, let's hurry, even I am quite excited to explore this old continent filled with ruins not even I have fully explored!" My mother was also excited.

"Alright!" We all cheered almost in unison.

We had our breakfast and then, after packing things up and saying a temporary goodbye to my house, we started moving out, we'll be going first to the West Grasslands, then the Golden Dunes, and lastly, the East Wetlands in search of Pyuku's family!

Chapter 1005 Exploring Cloudia

To move to the Grasslands, we had to take the Crescent River's Path towards the Sunstone Plateau, once there, we would need to climb the plateau and then descend from the other side towards the Grasslands.

We could have gone flying on top of uncle Arafunn's Familiars, but that would have ruined the fun of enjoying a nice trip across the beautiful and lively nature, so we were strongly against that idea.

It might seem a bit excessive, or perhaps useless to some people to walk hundreds of kilometers towards somewhere else if we could easily get there on top of flying familiars, but it was part of the journey to experience our surroundings like this.

The beautiful shining sun, the blue skies, and the greenery adorned our journey across the Crescent River's Path, which was beautifully decorated by the greenery of the Forests surrounding us.

The calming sound of the river as it moved, our parents chatting carefreely, and my friends giggling, jumping around, and exploring every nook and cranny made sure our travel never became boring.

And this walk would also become a nice exercise, as I was constantly reinforcing my own Physique while doing this, all while automatically creating more Runes inside of my Magic Circle.

Even after all this time, it was still quite difficult to do these methods of cultivation passively while doing something, but I was getting there. Especially when the only thing we did was just walk and enjoy the trip.

We could have decided to hunt monsters, but our travel distance was so much that we were better off waiting to find a dungeon or something before hunting monsters, we decided to not disturb the nature of this continent if that wasn't necessary.

"This river is sure long! Just how far does it go?" Lara wondered, following the river with us. "Ah! There are so many River Spirits though... Hi! Oh, hi! How are you?"

As she talked, Lara constantly interacted with every single Spirit she found in the area, we couldn't quite see it, but it seemed like she was already being followed by a couple hundreds based in the Aura coming from behind her...

"It is one of the largest and longest rivers in Cloudia, it extends all the way to the Grasslands where it divides into even smaller, and thinner rivers." My mother explained. "Or so I think, I haven't checked the map in a while, we're going mostly blind!"

"Well, it's more fun that way, honey." My father said. "The river ends up drying out once we reach the Dunes. There's an intermediate, drier area between the grassland and the dunes, you'll see how it is once we get there."

"Oooh! I see, I see!" Lara started jumping around. "Hey Luck, what are you doing?"

Suddenly, Lara noticed Luck was reading a book rather intensively.

The cover title was "Fist and Kicking Style Combat Arts: Volume II".

"It is a book I was given by Ninhursag..." He said. "I have already read the first one, she said that memorizing it will be good to be able to better grasp my abilities."

"I had no idea that reading books would make your martial style combat somehow better..." Celeste said. "How is that a thing?"

"Well, although practice is essential, learning techniques and methods, alongside philosophy are also essential to master them." Luck pointed out. "I-I've never been someone good at reading books, but these are fun to read."

"I've already read all volumes some time ago." Zack answered. "It helped me a lot to learn how to maintain my composure and the flow of Mana through my body. Also there's this thing called Ki that our body produces, although some call its Physical Stamina or even Life Force."

"Ki?" Wondered Mist. "Is that something we use for techniques?"

"Yeah." I nodded. "I've heard about that name before. According to such books and what my parents have explained, Ki is a natural energy that goes hand-by-hand with Mana. Both are produced by the body to an extent, although Mana is also produced by the Soul, at a much larger scale."

"So whenever we grow physically stronger and suddenly feel a boost of power... Is that Ki?" Zephy wondered, walking by Celica's side.

"Yeah, you've felt it a lot, right? Since you've been growing stronger really fast." I nodded. "It goes along with the enhancement of our Physiques. Similarly, Mana increases as we forge new Runes, and our Magic Circles improve!"

"As long as there's techniques to grow stronger, even a weakling like me was able to get this far. I'm sure you'll get even stronger in the future, Zephy." Zack smiled with a big brother-

like atmosphere around him, patting Zephy's shoulders.

"I'll keep training then!" Zephy was pumped up. "But this trip is a bit boring... There are no fights, are we really training too?"

"Although you've not noticed, we've already walked around a hundred kilometers by now in the last hours." My mother said. "We just move so fast, and we never get tired, so it is hard to tell. People who are over Tier 4 in their Physique usually never get tired of long trips, my son, your Tier is even lower, yet you don't get tired at all, your body by itself is very strong."

"Eh? Really? I used to be very fatigued before!" Zephy was surprised.

"Maybe it's because his Physique is unique among others." I wondered. "Though, we can't really check what it exactly is, it's very strong."

"Yeah, you're amazing, my son." My father praised my little brother. "I bet you have like ten times the amount of Ki another person at your stage would have."

"E-Eh? You're all praising me too much..." Zephy got adorably embarrassed when we were all praising him. He was really the cutest.

"Hm? Oh! Is that the end of the forest?" Suddenly, Aquarina, who had been just vibing with her Spirits while observing the river's relaxing flow, pointed at the distance.

"You're right!" I said.

We ran towards the end of the forest, finding an enormous plateau stretching into the heavens, made of red stone and covered by countless red, orange, and yellow crystals...

Scattered over the plateau, there were many fragments of ancient ruins, and on top, we could see the entrance to one of them, decorated by a gigantic red and orange-colored stone in the shape of the sun.

The end of the forest looked quite abrupt, but there was still a lot of grass and smaller bushes here and there, leading towards the drier plateau. We could notice a wide variety of animals in here, mostly living in harmony.

A lot of them resembled giant goats, which seemed to feed off the crystals and stones that grew in here, and looked quite mighty...

"We're here! Welcome to the Sunstone Plateau." My mother smiled. "This is also the home of one of the ruins we've not explored yet... How about we give it a quick look before we continue?"

"Sure!" I nodded. "Are you guys okay with that?" I asked my friends.

Everyone seemed to agree, and even when we asked Pyuku, he didn't seem to mind, and was quite excited to explore the place too.

"I don't really mind taking some detours, let's enjoy the trip together, everyone!" He smiled radiantly.

Chapter 1006 The Sunstone Plateau

The Sunstone Plateau was more majestic than we imagined, and the view from where we were was completely amazing too! Without holding back, we quickly started running forwards, jumping over rocks and evading immense goats that were peacefully eating whatever they could find.

"What are these goats called?" I wondered, as my mother took a look at one nearby.

"Oh, these? They're an endemic species of this land." My mother said. "They're called Sunstone Plateau Goats, they're very strong. As you've noticed, the weakest is Tier 7."

"They're sure strong..." Aquarina said. "I kind of want to hunt some but... they're so peacefully eating and being free, maybe this time we shouldn't hunt them."

"Well yes, they're peaceful creatures and not predators." My father explained.

"Though, their meat is really delicious..." Nepheline pointed out. "However, it is better to leave them alone- Ah."

However, at Nepheline's words, Aquarina quickly went to hunt one... Channeling the power of her two newly evolved Spirits.

The goat that she ended targeting was a Tier 7 one that was nearby, munching on some nutrient rich stones. The goat quickly got into a fighting stance the moment it noticed her.

"MEEEE!"

The giant and majestic-looking creature charged towards her faster than Aquarina imagined, using its enormous golden horns to pummel her back to where she came from.

BAAAAMMM!!!

The attack itself released a shockwave of flames too, these goats gained fire magic powers by eating the Sunstones that grew in here!

"Urgh...!"

Aquarina was shaken a bit, falling back as she was surprised by the attack and how fast it was. Her Spirit's Auras covered her body, encompassing her in an Armor of Frost Dragon Scales and materializing four tridents made of water around her body.

"Hey, these guys are much tougher than I imagined- Uwagh!"

However, Aquarina wasn't even able to predict it before the ground beneath her collapsed! The goat conjured the "Pitfall" Spell on her, as she easily fell for it.

"Aquarina!"

I ran to her side as I heard her parents lament their daughter's lost...

"Ah, I shouldn't have said they were tasty." Nepheline laughed a bit.

"Aquarina! Give it up, we didn't come here to hunt monsters!" Shade said. "Also they're much stronger than you think! They know a lot of magic!"

"Urgh..."

I helped Aquarina get out of the hole as she glared at the goat, who was still on high alert from afar... She felt a bit frustrated she got completely beaten by it.

She was fine, there were no wounds or anything bad, just a few scratches and an exhausted body, I covered in her some healing magic, and she was fine and dandy.

I suppose her parents didn't intervene because they knew she was alright, I'm the only worrywart here.

"Are you alright?"

"I'm fine... But that damn goat, now there's no way I'm giving up my meal!"

She got into her full Amazonian mood, her Aura erupting from her body as her hands grew draconic claws, she gained a long sea snake-like tail, small horns, and even draconic eyes.

Her Sea Dragon Heart was beating rapidly, fueling her half-Draconification transformation! She was really going for it...

"Should I help?" I asked her.

"Nah, leave this one to me!" She smiled. "When we start living together in the future, I have to provide for my cute wife after all!"

"G-Geez..." I felt embarrassed she treated me like her wife already.

FLAAASH!

Aquarina leaped towards the goat in a split of a second, emerging above it and unleashing a rain of Divine Sea Tridents against it.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

Countless explosions of water reached the creature, yet it stood still and almost unscathed. Its golden horns generated a beautiful warrior made of sunlight, protecting it and evaporating the water in a second.

"And this thing is a Tier 7 Monster?!" Aquarina was shocked, after we've fought so many in that similar Tier, this one was sure mighty.

"The biggest difference between the Tier 7 monsters you've fought so far, and these goats is that these guys know how to use their abilities." My father said. "Every goat here is very old, they live long lives and are gigantic sources of mana. They have learned how to wield magic and conjure spells for self-defense against predators."

"So it's a combination of both talent and experience given by longevity." I said while assessing the battle.

"Indeed." My mother nodded.

"Then how about this?!"

Aquarina roared while rushing down with all her speed and strength, an Aura of Draconic Power erupted from her body, this was both the effect of her Skill and also of her own Beast Aura!

"[Sea Dragon's Aura]!"

"ROOOOAARR!"

A gigantic sea dragon surged from her body, erupting out of her Aura and engulfing the goat, shattering its barrier and then biting its legs.

At the same time, two more of these sea dragons emerged out of Aquarina's Aura, combined with her Leviathan Spirit, they turned into Ice Dragon manifestations!

"SHAAAH!"

"GRUOOH!"

They quickly overwhelmed the goat, attacking it from several areas at the same time. Aquarina decided to just go nuts and abuse her overpowered abilities.

"MEEEHHEE!"

The goat furiously rammed the dragon manifestations with its sheer strength and size of over seven meters, slamming the ice dragons with all its strength, destroying them, and then kicking the other to oblivion.

CRASH! CRASH! CLASH!

"Hoh, you're not half bad!"

Aquarina attacked the goat when it was busy destroying the manifestations of her Beast Aura, descending and rampaging its head with her attacks.

She took out her two daggers and imbued them with her Aura and Undine's powers, turning them into a giant Trident and a huge harpoon.

"[Divine Poseidon's Trident]: [Skull-Piercing Trident]! [Oceanus Harpoon]!"

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

Three attacks hit the goat's head, as we heard the sound of its skull finally giving up, cracks appearing over it.

The goat didn't give up though, attacking Aquarina by conjuring countless metallic spikes from the ground.

BAAM! BAAM! BAAM!

Aquarina kicked them back with her dragon legs, as her harpoon pierced the goat's forehead and then got stuck there.

"Gotcha!"

With a vicious smile, she leaped in midair and flew into the skies, pulling out the harpoon and destroying the goat's brains and skull on its way out!

CRAAASH!

Chapter 1007 Amazing Hunter

"S-She really just hunted it..." Nepheline facepalmed.

"Oh well, we'll have that for dinner." Shade smiled.

"She's good! I liked what I saw. Her Beast Aura is developing so well too!" My mother seemed really happy.

"Aquarina's amazing." My father nodded.

"Right? She's the best!" I smiled, puffing my chest as I felt proud of her. "Praise her more!"

"Sylphy, I got it!"

Aquarina started running towards us while carrying the huge, seven-meter-big goat in her arms, it was badly damaged, so the leather wasn't going to be of the best quality.

However, the horns were intact, and they were an amazing source of magic for the creature, so I'm sure that was going to be a nice material.

"Well done!" I hugged her and gave her a big kiss. "Mooch!"

"Hehehe, let's cook it up and eat it." Aquarina smiled, feeling proud. "Also, I think the leather, bones, and horns are good materials, right? You could make something up with that!"

"You're giving it to me for free?" I wondered.

"Why not? You can pay me with more of your lovely kisses, hehe." She giggled.

"Then I'll gladly pay you~!" I embraced her and covered her face with kisses.

After we finally stopped acting all lovingly, I decided to pack the goat inside of my inventory for the time being. We'll butcher it later. Of course, I made sure to check on the golden horns.

"The quality of the horns is incredible..." I said, as we continued making our way through the rocky pathway towards the Plateau. "It seems to be made of a unique metal that only these goats produce. It was almost as tough as mithril too!"

"It must be a new metal that hasn't been discovered widely yet." My mother said. "It might not even have an official name yet, how about you give it one?"

"Aquarina, do you have a name in mind?" I wondered.

"A-A name?" She asked, as she was snacking on a sandwich I had made for her before we departed. "Hmm... How about Sunlit Ore? Well, it's not exactly an ore but..."

"Sunlit Ore sounds fine to me!" I nodded immediately. "You're not bad at all at naming, huh?"

"R-Really? I never thought about it too deeply..." She wondered. "Maybe I'll name our kids eventually then..."

"Y-You're already dreaming about having kids?" I muttered.

"Hehehe! Yeah! We'll have a big family!" She giggled.

I suppose we could adopt children, yeah. There are orphanages everywhere after all... Oh, that gave me an idea.

"Maybe we could even open up an orphanage someday..." I wondered.

"Oh.. You want to, Sylphy?" She wondered.

"Aaah, I don't really know if I would be able to deal with too many children though, haha!" I giggled. "Though helping on managing one while still having our own house wouldn't be so bad."

"I see..." Aquarina seemed excited about my idea. "There are always orphans everywhere after all the wars... Giving them a home to belong to is something really nice to do, I should had expected you would have had such an idea. You're such a good-hearted girl!"

"You're praising me too much." I giggled, feeling embarrassed. "But whatever plans we might make now, they might not even come to fruition, the future always changes a lot... Not even I who can see a bit of it can see all the possibilities. I guess the best thing we can do is enjoy the present."

I held her hand as we walked together, she seemed to agree.

"I guess you're right~" She said. "Though, I can't wait for the future where I'm eating that goat's ribs covered on some tasty sauce..." She began drooling.

"Hahaha, you're always so hungry." I laughed at her goofiness.

We continued our path while chatting with our friends, Pyuku joined the conversation bit by bit, and so did Nephilim. The two were a lot shier, but with the atmosphere we exuded, they ended opening up quite quickly.

"The view from here is so pretty..." Nepheline said. "The rocky lands mixed with the grassy areas and look at how blue the sky is! Though, the sun is already going down?"

"Looks like we'll be camping in front of the plateau today." Zack said. "Maybe I should hunt a goat too? I don't know if a single one would be enough meat... Also, are they expensive? I could make a fortune if I sold a few of their horns..."

My mother, however, gave her a deadly stare.

"Don't overhunt them, they're sacred creatures of this area, Zack."

"Y-Yes ma'am!"

"You heard the missus." Mist giggled. "We can hunt some if we happen to find them inside the dungeon that we'll pass through though!"

"Oh yeah, you're right." Zack nodded. "I hope there's some good finds in that dungeon!"

"Mom, are they really sacred creatures?" I wondered, raising an eyebrow.

"I-I guess they are? I mean, look at them, they're so majestic..." My mother just had made that up.
"Hunting one is enough I believe, we got plenty of materials out of one. Hunting more would be overhunting."

"Alright~" I shrugged. "Anyways, Pyuku, anything yet?"

"Hmmm.." Pyuku had a big antenna over his head made out of his own slime, which he was using to detect other slimes. "No, nothing yet... But I'm sure we'll eventually find someone, one day."

"Don't lose hope." Nephilim smiled gently.

"T-Thanks, I won't!" Pyuku nodded, feeling more motivated.

"And this is our stop for today."

Once we reached the plateau, we stopped. There was a large opening area with a cave nearby, which was small but had enough space for all of us.

"Let's camp in here then!" My father was excited. "Man, been a while since we camped properly, without having to worry about enemies chasing us around..."

"You're right, it is quite a soothing experience all around, brings me back to our earlier days." Shade agreed.

"It sure does!" Nepheline stretched her arms and legs. "Hahh~ I want a warm bath though, let's set up the camp quickly! Ninhursag, come help too!"

"Ah, yes." Ninhursag, who had been vibing with nature for a while in silence, quickly ran to help us set the camp.

The sun was slowly setting, and a day was coming to an end.

Chapter 1008 Hot Spring

Preparing the camp took just a couple of minutes. We mostly made four camps inside the cave to set things up. We can also sleep outside of them because we'll be covering the cave's entrance once we go to sleep anyways.

Anyways, we set up a big camp where Nepheline shaped the earth below, turning it into a large bath, Aquarina and I helped at adding water and warm it up constantly but without making it boil, making a nice artificial hot spring

We decided to enter first together with the rest of the girls, including our moms, as we enjoyed the warm waters to relax our muscles while the boys cooked the goat Aquarina hunted.

"Phew! I really wanted to take one of these... Magic is sure convenient! We can make up a nice hot spring anywhere." Nepheline sighed in relief, my mother-in-law's body was more beautiful than I imagined, she was so well toned! Will Kireina get like this in the future too? I hope so!

"It is really comfortable; my entire body was soooo exhausted after walking for over a hundred kilometers..." My mother sighed in relief.

"I felt fine, but these baths... I've grown used to them by now." Ninhursag smiled. "I used to simply shower beneath some waterfall usually... But I've grown accustomed to the fancy baths of common folk now... I've left behind my nature roots, it seems."

"Don't overthink it, you." Giggled Nepheline.

"Splash, splash!" Mist was playing around with Celeste, throwing her water.

"SPLASH! BAAM!" Celeste hit the water angrily, as it unleashed a huge wave that Mist.

"Ugeehh...!"

SPLASH!

Mist ended falling into the depths...

"Hey you two, stop messing around! We're trying to relax here..." Celeste sighed, she was near me, crossing her legs while resting on her shoulders. "Hey, Sylphy~ You don't mind if I wash your back?" She suddenly approached me with an overly gentle smile.

"Huh? Sure, if you want to?" I didn't mind her gesture.

"Then, thanks for the meal!" She approached my back, before Aquarina quickly touched the water, and sea snakes emerged out of them, wrapping around Celeste and pushing her away.

"Hey, who do you think you were going to touch?" She asked with a menacing glare. "Sylphy's mine, got it?"

"I-I was joking around!" Celeste cried. "Uargh! F-Free me from these things, Aquarina! Don't be an asshole!"

"Hehehe, maybe you need a bit more punishment." Aquarina giggled, leaving her on her own torture.

"Hey, no fighting!" Lara protested, her water spirits gathered around, overpowering Aquarina's grip over water and letting Celeste go.

SPLASH!

"Urgghh... Glugh, glugh..."

Celeste was bubbling as she fell headfirst into the water...

"Hahahah! Come on, don't get so angry, she was just trying to be nice." I giggled, finding everything funny.

"S-She's a bit of a perv I think, so better not let her touch you." Aquarina squinted her eyes. "Only I can do that..."

Are you sure you're not a bit of a perv yourself?

I decided to not say that out loud though...

"This water... It is nice and warm." Nepheline was washing herself beneath the water. "It is a good thing I'm made of metal that doesn't rust. My insides are sealed, and even if water gets it, it will simply evaporate quickly and leave no problems..."

"You're quite high spec." Alice said, sitting over her head.

"What's high spec?" Yggdra wondered.

"More weird words Alice says, don't listen to her mama." Naturia giggled, swimming around.

"W-Weird words?!" Alice felt slightly offended. "That's not... completely true!" She protested. "But I suppose explaining that would be hard..."

As everyone was enjoying the hot springs, I relaxed over Aquarina's chest, her breasts were nice and puffy, helping me rest over them. She was happily letting me do it too.

"Hmmm~ This is the best pillow."

"Heheh..."

She gently caressed my hair, washing it with shampoo.

"You two girls already look like a married couple..." My mother sighed.

"They're really compatible, aren't they?" Nepheline smiled. "They better enjoy each other as much as they can before departing..."

"I suppose so..." My mom nodded. "Hahh... It still a bit hard for me to think she's been growing so fast. Sometimes I just wish she stayed a baby for twenty or thirty more years~"

"You're only saying that because you're an elf..." Nepheline seemed shocked of mother's words. "Anyways, seeing you with little Zephy all the time is giving me the mood to get a second kid~"

"Hmm, don't you and Shade do it a lot?" Wondered my mother.

"Well, yeah, every night. But I can decide when to get pregnant or not, part of being able to control your physique completely is that you can even decide your bodily functions and control them..." Nepheline explained. "I haven't decided it yet, need to talk with him first... Hey Aquarina, would you like a little sis or brother?"

"EH?!" Aquarina was shocked by that. "I-I don't know... Maybe?"

She was so used to being a single child that it was a bit hard for her to imagine it...

"She's confused, Nepheline, you can't just tell her that out of nowhere!" My mother reprimanded Nepheline.

"M-My bad I guess..." Aquarina's mother laughed. "But yeah, maybe later I'll get another kid. Shade ended being a surprisingly good dad."

"I am also amazed by how Allan changed too, hahah." My mother giggled.

"I feel a bit left out in this conversation..." Ninhursag sighed.

"Well? You could always find yourself a husband, no?" Smiled my mother.

"I-It is not something easy! And it is not simple either..." Ninhursag lamented. "I want it to be someone special, but I have yet to find that person in my life, sadly."

"Well, you have to interact more with men then." My mother smiled. "Well, maybe later, but being more active in the adventurer's guild and asking to make parties could help you out on finding more people and interact with someone that might eventually become your special hubby."

"Ah, the more I think about it, the more hopeless it feels." Ninhursag said. "Perhaps I should simply stop thinking about it. Zack is my son, and that's enough for me, I think..."

"Oh well." Nepheline shrugged, patting Ninhursag's shoulders. "Don't worry about it~"

We enjoyed the bath in a warm and nice atmosphere, and after we were done, we were greeted with tons of meat being slowly grilled outside.

"Hmm! Smells so good!" Aquarina was really excited.

Chapter 1009 A Feast

The meat was already getting grilled, but there was still a mountain of meat they butchered left for us to make into whatever we wanted.

There was also all the leather, bones, and the horns separated in another side, and even the entrails, which could be some good potion materials, or also edible too.

And above all, the goat's enormous Magic Crystal, which was around a meter big, shining with orange, yellow, and red colors... It was much more beautiful than other monsters of a similar Tier.

"The Magic Crystal is huge! It is probably worth several ones from smaller monsters of similar tiers." My mother said. "And these horns, they could be smelted into ingots... The metal itself seems to be an amazing magic conductor and also possess light, fire, and earth elements within."

"Huh, that's a lot of elements." I said. "Two of them are my specialty too! Maybe I'll use them soon, to make into something..."

I could probably even use them as a material to further improve my armor, now that I think about it. It seems sturdier than most metals, although not as high quality as mithril, it feels better in terms of these three elements magic conductivity.

The boys went to the hot spring to relax and take a bath themselves, while we decided to continue where they left out. I decided to cook some burgers myself but mincing the meat and then making patties.

Of course, they weren't just alone, I added onions, garlic, a bit of pepper, and a lot of spices to the minced meat, making big and delicious-looking patties that I put over a gigantic pan I had in my inventory.

FRSSHHH...

The smell of the over thirty burgers I made slowly being grilled was delicious, and the sound was also quite attractive.

Meanwhile, my mother and Nepheline decided to make meatloaf and empanadas, Mist and Celeste prepared a stew, and Celica helped Aquarina on cutting down some of the ribs to make them grilled.

They also made some spicy and sweet barbeque sauce, which went well on the ribs, Aquarina was drooling as she gently covered the meaty ribs on the sauce while they grilled.

Meanwhile, I flipped the burgers, added some salt, and then slices of cheese on top, while preparing the bread for them.

With Alice and Naturia's assistance, I placed the burgers inside every bread piece, adding a slice of tomato, some lettuce, and also mayo and ketchup.

Mayonnaise was already a sauce my mother knew how to cook, though ketchup was something Alice taught me, it is a recipe from the world named "Earth" where they make something similar to tomato sauce but add a lot of sugar and other spices instead.

Both always went surprisingly well together, and the burgers were complete at first too, they were made very quickly thanks to Ignatius super spirit flames.

"Aquarina! Dear, do you want a cheeseburger?"

"Ooh? Yes, yes!"

Aquarina came running towards me like a little hungry puppy, as I gently gave her a cheeseburger, which she quickly took a bite off, munching it happily.

"Hmmm~ Your burgers are always the best, Sylphyyy!" She enjoyed the meal quite a lot. "Your cooking is so good, and you're so cute too, you're the perfect wife!"

"Geez, you sure love to embarrass me in front of everyone..." I felt embarrassed.

"Mooch!" She quickly gave me a kiss in my cheek before she ran to see her ribs.

"Everyone, want a burger?" I ended offering them to everyone.

They happily took one, everyone was hungry, but the bigger pieces of meat were going to take a while to get done, so eating something smaller before that was ideal.

"They're so juicy!" Mist smiled. "Hmm, nom, nom...!" She was devouring the burger.

"Oh you added a lot of things to it, huh?" Celeste noticed. "It does give it a fresher taste, it's not just the meat but... Ah, the goat's meat is really godly..."

"Hmmm, I needed this." Nepheline ate it in like three bites.

"This combination of sauces is divine." My mother praised it. "Until recently I only made burgers with just meat and some salt, but all these other veggies and spices you add give it so much more flavor..."

"Don't forget the sauces!" Said Celica. "They make all the flavor too!"

"Thank you for making some veggie burgers for me, Sylphy!" Lara was really happy. "I don't really like eating meat, so this is really nice! Hmm, the sauces are good too!"

Lara kind of finds meat disgusting, it must be part of her palate as a sheep anima herself, though we're not really sure. Luck said she can eat it just fine, but just evades it if possible...

My mother said she must be vegetarian, like a lot of elves out there.

"Well, I guess I'll taste one myself." I took one of the burgers and gave it a nice bite.

The texture was very soft and delicious, the juices of the meat, mixed with the veggies inside, made for an explosion of flavors inside of my mouth!

The meat flavor was rather strong, it had a very distinct flavor, it wasn't a greasy meat at all, but it wasn't hard or chewy either.

Maybe because it was already minced, I wasn't able to tell properly though, so I'll have to try how it is once it is grilled!

But goodness, I couldn't get this burger out of my mouth until I ate it all... It was too good!

"Phew! We're done- Oh? What re ya eating?!" Suddenly, Zack and company walked out of the baths, renewed. "Oh, burgers!"

"Give me one!" Luck said. "I'm starving!"

"Sure, sure, take as many as you want, I made for everyone!" I giggled.

"Uooh! Sylphy your burgers are so good!" My father celebrated.

"Really nice." Shade nodded.

"I'm with Lara in this one, these veggie burgers you make out of beans, potatoes, and eggs are really good! How do you even make these? The sauce gives it so much flavor too!" Uncle Arafunn was being quite overdramatic.

"Hmm, this is the good stuff... Nom, nom!" Luck was eating two at the same time, taking bites on each burger.

In a flash, all the burgers were gone...

Chapter 1010 Never Make Them Feel Lonely

The grilled meat, the ribs, and the empanadas and meatloaf were all done, and we started our feast without further ado, right below the beautiful moonlight and surrounded by such beautiful nature, the night was naturally illuminated by the bright Sunstones and the Moon atop the skies.

I happily gave it a bite to everything I could, tasting the goat meat on its many preparations. The texture was much softer than cow meat, and it had a slight flavor similar to horse meat, but there was more texture to it too.

The bites I took quickly destroyed a huge skewer until no meat was left, and then I quickly moved to my second victim, a huge meaty rib, covered on barbeque sauce, Aquarina's recipe!

"Nom!"

Ooh?!

The flavor was so delicious! Sweet, spicy, and even a big tangy! All mixed up with the wonderful texture of the meat around the ribs, which was incredibly soft.

I ended cleaning the whole bone in a couple of seconds, and then moved to the second and third! I couldn't stop, Aquarina made these so good!

"I love them!" I cried.

"You do? Hehehe! I'm glad!" Aquarina smiled happily, biting on her empanada. "Hmm, these empanadas are so big compared to the ones we usually eat..."

"Reallshy?" I wondered, with food in my cheeks. "I'll eat one later..."

Once I finished my third rib, I quickly grabbed one of those empanadas after chugging down some cold tea, the crunchy crust and the nice, minced meat filling, mixed with veggies of all sorts was really nice~

"Hmm, so good..."

"PHEW! This beer goes so well with the meat!" My father was enjoying himself.

"It's really nice, yes." Shade nodded with a gentle smile.

"Mama, pass me the skewers, I want more of those!" Zephy who was sitting on mom's lap demanded.

I remember when I used to sit down on my parent's lap and do the same, haha...

"Ah, all this food is so good!" Pyuku celebrated. "I-I'm getting a bit stronger I think!"

FLASH!

His Aura suddenly grew slightly stronger, it seems he had absorbed some of the powers and magic abilities of the Sunstone Plateau Goat.

"Ohh?! You learned something new?" Aquarina asked.

"I-I think so..." Pyuku nodded. "Hmm... Oh!"

Suddenly, he was able to conjure rock spikes out of the ground, create a small pitfall, and grow two tiny golden horns on his forehead, no longer than three centimeters though, which could conjure a shield of around a meter of height made of sunlight energy.

"This is cool!" Pyuku was amazed. "I didn't think I would get some of the abilities so easily..."

"You're sure amazing!" I said. "I guess the goat was also quite incredible..."

"Well, can't Furoh do something similar?" Ignatius wondered, looking at Furoh who was enjoying half a goat's leg all for himself on his Fenrir form.

"Hmm? Ah! You mean me?! Uuhh..." Furoh said. "I think I can take their form, yes, I've memorized their form."

FLASH!

Suddenly, Furoh took the form of a smaller Sunstone Plateau Goat!

"Hmm, not bad, huh? The abilities that come with this are nice!" He said, wondering around, surprising our group.

He wasn't as big as seven meters, but he was around three and a half. Already taller than the Fenrir form he could take, imitating the White Fenrir we once found near Eastgrain.

He can also take the form of the Gray Fenrir, but he prefers the White Fenrir because it was much younger and flexible, with more stamina.

The Gray Fenrir, the protector of the Hero of Wild Beast's Inheritance was a much older Fenrir, although it had more experience, his body gets tired quicker.

"Although I can take forms of the beings I analyze with my abilities, I can only save a few in my memories..." Furoh admitted. "So I don't have limitless shapeshifting forms. At most I have ten saved forms. Among them there's Pyuku too! Although I can only copy his basic slime abilities."

"Wow... Furoh, you're so amazing!" Pyuku said.

"Well, it's not like I am better than you in regards of these. Unlike you, I cannot combine the abilities of each mimicry form." He admitted. "So I cannot mix them up easily, and it takes a toll on me the more I switch between forms, until I can't keep my form anymore and collapse into my real, wormy form."

"Heh, it was better when you just were a worm." Said Curse, the one responsible for Furoh to not have been able to transform this whole time.

"Shut up..." Furoh sighed. "Oh, I guess my shapeshifting abilities are also very different compare dot Ninhursag, for example..."

"Oh yeah, although yours are much freer to do, mine are connected to my Beast Auras, and each one I add becomes a near permanent addition to my powers. I also need to keep a piece of them with me, and eat a large portion of their bodies, consuming the magic crystal is also useful." Ninhursag said. "And also, I can't just physically transform into these forms, I can also improve their abilities and develop them, helping them evolve their original forms as well."

"I can do this too... My last snack gave me a lot of powers." Pyuku suddenly took the slight shape of creatures he had devoured, it was hard for him to become completely that form, but he was now able to emulate their skin, scales, claws, eyes, a head, tails, and wings, which he could apply into his body like a mini chimera, though they only held as much power as he had. "It's pretty amazing how there are so many different types of shapeshifting..."

"I agree, us three are already so different." Ninhursag nodded. "Yet we are quite alike, haha."

"I suppose so." Furoh laughed as well.

"Yeah!" Pyuku felt happy to find there were more people like him around.

Perhaps like this, he will not feel so lonely like before... We have to keep helping him feel welcomed and loved, and also never alone!