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Chapter 1081 A Delicious Meal Together

The night quickly came as my mother and my dad came back from their little expedition together. It was more like a date, both came giggling. My father was really good at telling jokes, always making her break her cool and calm demeanor by making her laugh out loud.

"And then when he stared at me all shocked, that one bird I told you about from before just zapped right above us, the flames it released burning all our clothes and leaving us completely naked in the middle of the village. Even worse, the bird managed to snap back the egg we stole from it!" My father laughed.

"I can't believe you would do something so stupid as to steal the egg from a Firebird, Allan! You and your cousin were really something else..." My mother couldn't stop giggling.

"Well he was a good cousin." My father smiled, although there was a slight melancholy on his eyes. "The best one I could have ever asked for..."

"Come on now, we're back." My mom patted his shoulders. "Let's have a meal with everyone. Sylphy and Zephy are right over there."

"Papa, mama!" Zephy swiftly climbed both of them at the same time, resembling a little monkey, and hugged them. "Did you find something interesting about the ruins?"

I walked to their side in silence while checking the sap bottle one last time. I was still slightly nervous about drinking it. It did say it was highly poisonous and toxic if you didn't have an affinity. My physique is the Yggdragon Princess Physique, with Affinity for Fire, Life, Nature, and Dragon Elements mostly. So I guess I should be alright. Even if it is toxic, I won't die anyways.

"Yes I found a few things." My mother answered. "Mostly some boring texts, detailed how they created these clones. It is quite interesting, however. I might sell these studies to my kingdom's alchemists. Cloning Yggdrasil Trees seem quite useless, because the Great Tree has many children already. But

perhaps we could use these methods to clone other plants, some much rarer. I know Sylphy's Dungeon can do something similar, but we can't just rely on her alone- Dear, what is that bottle?"

"Oh, this?" I wondered; mother noticed I was glaring at it too intensively. "Some of the sap of the tree, I inspected it with my eyes, it says it can help me develop my physique if I drink it. But it also says it can be extremely toxic due to the high quantities of energy..."

"Let me see that." My mother asked for the bottle. This was actually a system-made item, so I didn't know if I should let her inspect it. She might find something weird about it. But at the end, I just gave it away. She inspected it carefully with her Appraisal Magic. "You don't have to worry about it. You're capable of handling ridiculous quantities of Mana, and you already developed a Spiritual Heart! I think it'll be fine. At most you'll get stomachache, haha."

"Oh, really?" I asked her. Despite my analysis abilities, mother knew much more about toxicity, medicines, concoctions, and all sorts of brewed elixirs. "Then I'll take a sip later, thanks mom."

"No worries." She gave me the bottle back. "Now! Shall we make something tasty? I'm on high spirits right now. Let's have a nice meal before bed."

"Alright! I'm hungry!" Zephy said. "Mama can you make pizza again?"

"We've eaten pizza for too many days, let's eat something new this time, Zephy. How about... rice with some fried meat?" My mother wondered, as we walked to the camp together.

We ended making fried rice, with meat from the monsters we hunted, which we covered on batter and deep fried. As for salad, we tried out the monster plants that were edible. The cannibal flowers resulted being the tastiest, having a texture similar to lettuce, but much sweeter.

My friends were in a good mood after our victory. Yet Zack was still struggling to make a sound. It didn't help that Mist was constantly asking him what was wrong with him, or why was he so lost in thoughts today.

"What's wrong, Zack? You're oddly silent today..." She wondered.

"N-Nothing..." Zack blushed a bit. "I'm just thinking a few things... So I can become Arafunn's disciple."

"Huh..." Mist was confused but dropped the subject. "Well! Then how about these? I made them for you! Your favorite fried meat balls with my secret spice!"

Mist quickly presented Zack a meal she had invented, they were meatballs made of many monster meats combined, covered on batter, and deep fried. The meat was deliciously seasoned with over ten different spices. They were quite spicy, but Zack loved that.

"Oooh, they look good!" Zack quickly started devouring them happily while chatting with Mist.

He seemed slightly happier and more relaxed, although I could notice a certain decisiveness within his eyes. Was he thinking about the song yet? It feels like this meal has inspired him somehow. Maybe, just maybe, we'll hear a beautiful song from him.

The dinner continued, everyone was happy and once our bellies were full, we went to bed. Well, not me though, I decided to first drink the sap bottles to see their effects. I also wanted to inspect the scepter in detail. Although it won't have a status like other weapons that have been enhanced by the system, it should show me some basic information.

"Gulp, gulp..."

Hmm, the sap was very sweet, so much it made my throat sore. The effects were slower than I imagined. It felt like they weren't really filling me with as much power as I imagined. Maybe because my body has gotten used to my endless mana to an extent? I ended drinking all three bottles at once.

The effects of my constant cultivation the last past days activated, as if the sap somehow boosted them or worked around what I had worked myself. It was strange, it seemed to grow in effect the more I cultivated. So I decided to do just that the rest of the night, sitting cross-legged, concentrating, and at the same time, relaxing.

I spun the Holy Fire Ring as much as I could, while forging runes and refining my body's physical strength. Once the light of the morning sun arrived, the results were finally here...

Chapter 1082 Back Inside The Dungeon

Ding!

[You have fully consumed the [Mutated Yggdrasil Sap (S- Grade)] x3, the Cultivation Speed of all your Techniques have been enhanced greatly, and their effects multiplied for the last 8 hours.]

[Your [Magic Circle]: [Tier 6: Rank 4: Spiritual Princess Magic Circle] has Ranked Up to Tier 6: Rank 5!]

[You have forged hundreds of new Spirit Runes! Your Spirit Magic has evolved, new Spells are available.]

[Your [Physique]: [Tier 6: Rank 4: Divine Yggdragon Princess Physique] has Ranked Up to Tier 6: Rank 5!]

[Your body has been greatly fortified, your Physical Strength, Vitality, Agility, Speed, Perception, and Dexterity have been greatly enhanced.]

[Your [Psyche]: [Tier 1: Rank 10: God Devouring Abyssal Soul Psyche] has Ranked Up to Tier 2: Rank 1!]

[Your Soul has grown twice as large due to the effects of your Soul Cultivation! Your Soul Power, Soul Stamina, Soul Vitality, and Soul Senses have been greatly enhanced.]

[Your [Spiritual Heart]: [Tier 1: Rank 9: Rainbow Spirit Heart] has Ranked Up to Tier 1: Rank 10!]

[Your Spiritual Heart is overflowing with Spiritual Energy, just a little push and you will reach Tier 2!]

Oh, so a lot progressed very quickly! Was this the sap's effects? I see how it worked. It feed me off all its energy as I progressively worked hard cultivating. It was a reward where I needed to put effort into getting its full effects. I see what you did there, Quest System. I guess they don't really want me to slack off and just drink elixirs to get stronger.

As I felt my soul growing larger and larger, the halo appeared above my head, glowing brighter, and suddenly generating a second, smaller halo in between it... What the hell?! Not only that, but the ring also inside of my soul spun rapidly, flames surging and then, it divided into two rings?! Woah, a lot is happening all at once! My Divinity... it is developing! So it develops as my soul progresses? This is different than any other Divine Aspect.

Ding!

[The [Divine Sunlight Halo: Lv1] Skill has increased to Level 2!]

[The [Divine Sunlight Halo: Lv1] Skill has developed a new Ability, [Minor Blessing of Sunlight and Holy Fire (2)]!]

[Minor Blessing of Sunlight and Holy Fire (2)]: By spending large quantities of Mana, Spiritual Energy, and your own Soul, you're capable of employing your developing Divine Abilities to conjure a blessing upon a compatible target. This blessing will increase their affinity with the Elements of Fire, Light, and Life by +50%, and their resistances to these elements by +30%, while decreasing damage taken from them by - 10%. Additionally, the Potential of Growth of the Blessed Targets will increase by +50% and they're more likely to learn Blessing-related Abilities as they progress their Cultivation. Maximum Amount of Blessings depends on Skill Level. Available Blessed Slots: 0/4

And I thought the Heroic Talent Seed was enough of a blessing, but it seems there's another one I can give? Maybe the Arboren are for real, and I am kind of a goddess with these powers. But hey this is a pretty juicy blessing, it gives instant affinity to three elements, boost their power, resistance, and even decreases the damage they can inflict to others. To make things interesting, it boosts growth potential and can give a random ability related with the blessing as the blessed target develops their cultivation.

I have four slots at Level 2, so I assume I get two more per level. Interesting. I should try it out on some "compatible" targets first. Maybe my dad? But wouldn't he immediately realize I did that? Maybe I should try blessing the Arboren first as test subjects?

I wish I could get bonus stats out of all this growth, but well, the power is still there, so it doesn't matter... Talking about bonus stats, should I check the scepter and see what it does specifically? When Aquarina handled it, it scared me a bit.

[Cloned Yggdrasil's Spirit Scepter (S- Grade)]

A beautiful scepter crafted using the finest and highest quality wood extracted from the essence of the Cloned Yggdrasil that had grown within some ruins, an abandoned laboratory inside of the Continent of Cloudia.

The wood has been imbued with a green crystal made out of the crystallization of the tree's spiritual energy, and imbued with a variety of runes, granting it a variety of effects.

Reduces the MP Cost of Nature and Life Attribute Magic Spells by half.

Decreases Nature and Life Attribute Magic Spells casting time by half.

Can absorb weaker spells fired at the wearer below Tier 3.

When channeling Mana and Spirit Energy into the scepter at the same time, it can conjure [Fury of Nature], releasing deadly vines, trees, and poisonous herbs to attack nearby foes, and [Nature's Heal] to heal minor wounds and cure ailments and pain.

If the wearer has no affinity with Nature, the Scepter will not accept them and will attack back whenever they conure [Fury of Nature], handle with care.

So that's what happened, alright... It is quite the pesky staff. But it has some utility. Not that I need it, but it'll come in handy for Selene now that I've read its fully effects. It comes with amazing effects that make all these magics conjuration and cost halve!

Not useful to me, I don't run out of mana and my magic can be conjured without cooldown or spell cast time due to being mostly skills. But this'll come in handy for most other magicians... As long as they have the affinity.

"Alright, I've decided..." I nodded, as I slowly walked out of the bed, making sure Aquarina was still sleeping soundly, and moved inside my Dungeon to visit everyone.

Only about a day has passed since I visited it, so not many days should have gone through inside. The Arboren Village greeted me in the distance, and as I made my way there and entered it, Selene called me from afar.

"Goddess Sylphy! You're back so soon!"

Alright, time to test the blessing.

Chapter 1083 Revisiting The Village Of Eden

The sunflower headed Arboren Saintess greeted me with her bright voice and even brighter golden eyes. She ran using her radish-made legs and made her way towards me without breaking a sweat. Arboren were pretty much plants, and that means they were quite tireless, they didn't had things such as lungs, sweat, or the like, so they could probably keep moving, walking, running, and doing things as long as they had sunlight.

"Goddess Sylphy! You're back so soon." She said, greeting me as she ran to my side, and then bowed.

"Hello Selene, how have things been since I left? How many days has it been?" I wondered, so I could get an estimate.

"Almost a week!" She said. "I've finished reading the language book and learned the common tongue thanks to the aid of the Dungeon System- Oh right! The chief has already been decided, they choose me for some reason!"

"I knew it would be you who would be chosen, that's good." I nodded. "So a week, huh? It was barely a day for me out there. So I guess it is a 1 = 7 ratio of time. And this is the maximum speed I think."

"Speed?" Selene was wondering, without knowing what I was talking about.

"Ah, never mind. How have the quests progressed so far?" I asked her.

"Oh, about that, we've built around fifteen houses since then with great effort." She nodded. "The Research Facility has begun construction today with the guidance of the Civilization System, it somehow needed me to learn the basic written language you talked about, my Goddess. Oh and also, the Palace is still under development. We are starting by cleaning the area where it'll be constructed."

"I see, no need to rush, do it at your own pace." I nodded. "More importantly, how's everyone's mood?"

"Well... We should talk that in the church, shall we?" She invited me in.

"Sure."

I walked inside the church with her, noticing that it had changed a bit, becoming fancier on appearance. This was the "Temple of Goddess Sylphy" a C+ Rank Facility. I don't know what that even means, but it must have some sort of effect, because its Rank had suddenly risen to B- while I wasn't looking.

Could it have been upgraded due to my popularity rising somewhat? I think that was caused by the Saintess becoming the official chief, therefore more people started to pray as she does. Well, a few notifications appeared, quickly explaining to me what had happened.

Ding!

[The [Village of Eden] has progressed slightly since your last visit!]

[A voting pool for the selection of a new chief was done, and the winner was [Selene, Saintess of the Arboren (Unique Grade)]!]

[After having been officially recognized as the chief of the village, the Saintess Grade has risen from Unique to Unique+. This has increased all her Statistics slightly, and so her magical abilities related with being a Saintess, alongside her influence.]

[Because the Saintess has gained the title of chief, the [Temple of Goddess Sylphy (C+)] has harnessed enough faith to increase its rank to B- Rank! Its abilities to gather Faith have increased greatly, its interior has been remade, and it is now possible to recruit more Nuns and Priests to the Church by Saintess Selene, which can learn special Faith Magic.]

[Faith] has increased by +50]

[Government] has increased by +30]lightsnovel

[Culture] has increased by +20]

[You have gained +250 Civilization Renown!]

[Civilization Renown: 250/1000]

[Once Renown reaches the maximum capacity, your Civilization Rank will increase, offering higher Stats, new Traits, new available Facilities, and the possibility for Territory Expansion and the new Heroes Recruitment.]

Woah, alright, a lot happened, I get it. Looks like the Civilization Stats can increase unlike my own. That's kind of unfair. I guess they all work on making the whole civilization stronger and more stable, I imagine. Not like that can make stronger though...

### Ding!

[Once Civilization Rank reaches Rank 1, it is possible for the Deity protecting the Civilization to gain special Rewards, Dungeon Points, EXP, and Bonus Stats by completing [Miracles], [Historical Events], and rising Faith.]

Oh! Now we're talking. Interesting, this has more complexity than I imagined, but I better not sweat over the details too much or I'm going to end up spending too much time thinking about things without doing anything.

Selene explained me the events I had already read in the notifications, but I couldn't be rude and tell her I knew it all the moment I stepped here.

"Your Divinity seems much stronger than before, Goddess Sylphy! It seems our Faith has made you even so slightly stronger!" She celebrated.

Did it? Maybe the Faith Stat does affect my Divine Aspect's growth. I felt it was too quick how it developed even though my soul had been cultivated to Tier 2... Maybe it did help.

"Perhaps? Talking about Faith, I see that the people are still rather silent and shy." I said. "Are there any new people willing to learn alchemy and the such?"

lightsNovel com "Not yet.." She sighed. "I don't want to sound offensive or something, but a few people, the new generation after the Original ones, seem to not believe as much in Goddess Sylphy. I've heard them saying that you do not provide anything to them, even though you're the one that made this world to begin with and created them..."

"Hmm, I know what they mean though." I sighed.

After all, outside of the dungeon, most of us think in a similar manner. It is quite hard to maintain these people, but I don't consider myself their goddess either. Nonetheless, I have to just play around with the role so I can grow stronger. The civilization system does seem to work that way too.

"I'm really sorry. I am working hard to find new nuns and priests, but it is getting hard." She sighed.

"Don't worry, I got an excellent plan." I smiled, standing up from the wooden chair. "Selene, call the population to wait on front of the Temple. Tell them this is a very important event, one they absolutely cannot miss."

"Huh? My Goddess, what are you planning?" Selene wondered.

"You'll see."

**Chapter 1084 Granting Blessings** 

By Selene's request, everyone gathered in front of the Goddess Temple. The new generation, born from the farms by the seeds produced from the originals, were divided. There were some very faithful ones, and another half was very rebellious and didn't like to think they had to pray to some goddess that just looked like a random girl passing by.

Honestly, I can't agree more with them! Honestly, if it wasn't because it actually has effects, I wouldn't want them to pray for me or something. Honestly I think it just works fine as long as they possess Faith and their impression increases. It might have something to do with their emotions.

"Hello everyone, thank you so much for gathering here." Selen explained. "Today we've once more been visited by Goddess Sylphy. And she has decided to take this opportunity to grant us a miracle, and not any miracle... I don't really know what she meant, but she's coming."

The Arboren looked at one another, wondering what this was about. Some of the rebellious youth seemed bored already, some were soon to leave. However, a ray of bright light surged from the skies, almost blinding everyone.

It was me, of course. I imbued my body with my Aura of the Holy Draconification Transformation, with scales, claws, wings, horns, and tail, the entire package. As I descended, I resembled a bright star slowly touching the ground.

The people immediately felt in awe, stepping back, while nourishing themselves by the bright sunlight I produced.

"My dear children, I have seen how hard you work. And how much you wish for prosperity. However, it is not easy for such things to be done. It is necessary for you to grow stronger. I will give your Saintess a Treasure and a Blessing, so she can protect you all much better. She is my most blessed child, someone you can rely on, and someone good and purehearted that will never betray you, and will always seek the best for you."

Holding back my own cringe from saying all those things, I slowly encompassed the scepter with light and then sent it to Selene, who quickly caught it, amazed by its beauty and powers.

And that wasn't all, as everyone watched how my index finger formed a ring of holy flames and sunlight, which swiftly fused into Selene.

# FLAAASH!

After receiving the Blessing, Selene gained a small halo of holy flames above her head, and her Aura of Nature transformed, gaining the elements of Life, Fire, and Light, making her even stronger. Her golden eyes flashing with white flames.

Her appearance changed too! What originally looked like a cute girl made out of the amalgamation of many plants changed. Her form merged together into something more compact, with a slender figure, green skin, more dexterous hands, and a beautiful and flawless face, which still had flower petals as "hair", she was covered by a dress made of leaves and branches, and looked very human-like.

I had no idea my Blessing could change someone so much... Or was it because she's under the Civilization System effects?

Ding!

[You have gifted the [Cloned Yggdrasil's Spirit Scepter (S- Grade)] x1 to [Selene, Saintess of the Arboren (Unique+ Grade)]! This item will now become part of the Civilization's Treasures, increasing the economy and value of [Village of Eden]!]

[You have activated the [Minor Blessing of Sunlight and Holy Fire (2)] on [Selene, Saintess of the Arboren (Unique+ Grade)]!]lightsnovel

[The Saintess has received your Blessing and has reacted positively to it! The effects of the blessing have helped her evolve into her next stage from [Beginner Saintess:  $\star$ ] to [Elemental Saintess:  $\star\star$ ]!]

[Her Grade has increased from Unique+ to Saint!]

[Special Units are certain people within your Civilization with unique and stronger abilities compared to the rest of the population. They usually can influence the Civilization's Government, faith, Military and Economy with their abilities.]

[Special Units will spawn naturally over time, mostly randomly within your Civilization as it gives birth to new population. However, it is also possible to summon Special Units using Summoning Tickets.]

[The Grade of Special Units are as follows]: [Rare/Rare+] [Unique/Unique+] [Saint/Saint+] [Sage/Sage+] [Hero/Hero+] [Legendary/Legendary+] [Mythic/Mythic+] [Divine/Divine+], etc.]

[Depending in their Grade, their Abilities and Effects on the Civilization increase exponentially.]

This is pretty interesting! So I was able to make Selene much stronger than she was originally just like this! I had no idea this worked like this. Maybe I should give another blessing to some other Special Unit? Not like there's any more at the moment.

"W-Woah...!" Even she was surprised once she saw her new changes. "W-What happened?"

The people were left speechless, their eyes directed at her and sometimes back at me. It felt like they had no idea who to look at, both were mesmerizing sights. I honestly was just as shocked as them.

"You've evolved thanks to my blessing, my dear Selene." I smiled. "I will be watching you and protecting you, my children. Selene only wants the best for everyone, and so do I. She carries my will, so I hope all of you can work along her. So we can build this small village into something much bigger and better for everybody, and the younger and future generations."

The Arboren quickly kneeled before me. The Original Summons were already doing just that, but the rest of the new ones decided to do so as well. It still felt weird that because I just left my fairly sapient Harvest Familiars doing some farm work, it would all end up escalating into a small little civilization growing here.

lightsNovel com "Glory to the Goddess Sylphy! May her divine light and her bountiful harvest bless us for all eternity!"

Selene cried tears of joy, rising her arms and kneeling, praying. The rest did the same. Even the rebellious youth were left so shocked they just did the same. This sensation... I have to feel relieve it hasn't somehow made me think I am an actual goddess.

I've only been feeling cringe, and this only has given me more. But its also rather endearing how much they love me.

I'll make sure to make them happy as long as it is within my capabilities!

Chapter 1085 A Stronger Civilization

Ugh, okay, let's end it for now... Enough with the show.

"Thank you, everyone."

I slowly descended and turned into my normal form. I wasn't going to just fly away and do something flashy anyways. There's no Heaven in the Dungeon's first floor after all.

"Selene, take care of the scepter, alright? It is a very strong magical artifact."

"I will my Goddess! And this form... I am so ever grateful you've given me a form similar to yours!"

"...I honestly had no idea that would happen, but I'm glad you like it. Everyone else, if you have any little requests, leave them in the church and we'll work on something for them."

They were still working on the farm on multiplying all the special plants and trees I left behind too. So nothing much has changed... Except this whole village. I don't know how I'll even introduce this to my parents or even Aquarina. I'll probably die of cringe.

The people nodded after my words, some offering me all sorts of plants. Medicinal ones, and also the cores of monsters they've hunted. Hey that's useful for materials, thanks. There were a lot of unique herbs I had never seen before. Looks like they were hybridizing them a lot.

The people couldn't speak yet, only Selene had the power of talking like I do. But others might learn the technique if she teaches them the language and the sounds they need to make.

"Gyah! Gyuh!"

Suddenly, an adorable little radish girl offered me a red flower. Her bright green eyes shining innocently and brightly, as if enchanted by my presence.

"Thank you, dear."

I received her flower, patting her head. That display alone, somehow, made everyone looking even more happy. And I felt it. The entire Civilization System was shooting me with notifications. Although it was a bit cringe to pretend I was the goddess they wanted me to be, I can't deny it was beneficial.

Ding!

[Due to having showcased your Divinity and Miracles in front of the population, their Faith for you has increased greatly!]

[Faith] has increased by +50!]

[The mood of the population has finally stabilized. And they seem to be doing extremely well now. Their hearts have been filled with Motivation.]

[The Civilization Trait: [Weak Will (E)] has evolved into [Faithful Will (D)]!]

[The Will of the Population will increase by +10% with every 100 points of Faith. Current Bonus: +20%]

[The Civilization Trait: [Lack of Motivation (F+)] has evolved into [Slightly Motivated (D)]!]

[Your Population has finally become slightly motivated to keep on growing and living. Government, Culture, Military, and Production +30]

[Your Civilization gained +250 Renown.]

[Current Civilization Renown 500/1000]

[Your Dungeon is flourishing due to the growth of a Civilization inside of it! Many new living beings have been born, many new plants have been created and harvested.]lightsnovel

[Dungeon Energy is being used over time, but it is also being produced. Your Dungeon is fortifying itself; the existence of a Civilization inside has made it feel stronger.]

[You gained +10.000 Dungeon EXP]

[You gained +5.000 Dungeon Energy.]

Well alright! It's all set and done I think. Though, maybe I should help them grow at least the new houses while I'm here? Yeah, why not? With Agricultural Arts and my new Class Gardener Skill, it should be doable.

"Alright, lead me to where you're expanding the village. I'll build the rest of the houses myself." I said.

"Eh?! Really?" Selene was shocked. "Are you sure, my goddess? We can do this ourselves! Y-You don't need to work so hard for us!"

"It is not a problem. I will give you a little miracle. But don't get too conceited either. Work hard to help your home grow. I can only do so much; I have my own life after all." I told her.

"Understood!" She nodded obediently, leading the way. The little Radish Girl hanged around us, always looking for pretty flowers and showing them to me. She was too cute to ignore.

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After roughly two hours of hard work, the last of the hundred new houses was made. The people had already gathered around us, clapping and celebrating their village had grown much larger. I felt slightly tired.

Building these things required both a lot of concentration and focus, mana, spirit energy, and dungeon energy all compressed into a form. I thought I was a master of shaping elements and materials, but I had a long way to go...

"Thank you so much, Goddess Sylphy!" Selene kneeled, the little radish girl did so and everyone else as well.

"Enough, no need to kneel so much. I am your protector but that doesn't mean you need to kneel to me. I want to be your leader as well, not a ruler." I smiled back at them. This only inspired them even more. I could feel the notifications of Faith growing slightly higher every time I said such words. It was a very easy Stat to exploit when there was a walking goddess and not the usual silent entity in the skies that says very cryptic things and does almost nothing.

"You're so humble, my goddess..." Selene was in tears. "But you've done a great deal for us! Our population might continue growing now. We will make sure to create a culture you can be proud of."

"Hahaha, don't sweat it and take your time." I giggled.

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[You and your allies have constructed [Living Wood Houses (E+)] x85!]

[You have Completed the Civilization Task: [Build 100 Houses: 100/100]!]

[Congratulations! You received the following Rewards: [1.000 Dungeon Energy] [150 Civilization Renown] [Special Unit Summoning Ticket] x1!]

Well, with that I got some of the Dungeon Energy back, even though I ended spending over three thousand to make all these houses. It might have cost more if I didn't make them personally.

"Congrats on helping the village so much, Sylphy. I never thought you would be so responsible for it, even though it was born as an accident..." Said Alice as she has been watching me do stuff in silence.

Chapter 1086 Summoning A Hero Unit

Ding!

[You and your allies have constructed [Living Wood Houses (E+)] x85!]

[You have Completed the Civilization Task: [Build 100 Houses: 100/100]!]

[Congratulations! You received the following Rewards: [1.000 Dungeon Energy] [150 Civilization Renown] [Special Unit Summoning Ticket] x1!]

As Alice spoke, the Civilization Task was also completed. I received some rather normal rewards. Got back some of the Dungeon Energy I used, some renown getting me closer to the Civilization Rank Up, and also a special item. The item was weird not only because of what it could do, but because it had absolutely no rank whatsoever.

[Special Unit Summoning Ticket]

A Special System-made item that only the Civilization System can create through the absorption of Causality and its synthesis into this powerful item.

Draws upon the power of the original System's Roots and summons one of the many souls within the Reincarnation Cycle made by the System's creator.

By spending one thousand units of Divine Power, or an equivalent in Mana of one hundred million mana, it is possible to activate it to completely materialize a living being.

The Summoned Special Unit will be loyal to you no matter what, and their Grade will be random, between the lowest Rare Grade to the highest. Higher chances of lower Grades than Higher Grades.

Woah, this was absolutely weird! Did that God truly designed this Civilization System? It feels like the Quest, Dungeon, and Civilization Systems were all part of Alice. Was he trying to make one System for all things? I can tell why it did go wrong and ended making her feel so much pain.

It was only after all these years of recovering, healing, evolving, and growing that Alice has been able to utilize these systems that God must have shoved into her own core, giving "birth" to them by using large quantities of accumulated EXP and Causality.

"How about you try using that ticket you got? I think this is the only instance where the System can create living beings. It requires a lot of Mana to use them though, but I doubt that's a problem for you."

"You're not wrong. Alright, I guess I better try this out and see what comes out! I don't lose anything trying, right?" I spoke with her through telepathy, and then set my gaze back at Selene. "Looks like before I leave, you'll be having a new member on your ranks." I said, revealing a golden ticket in my hands. "Summon Special Unit."

## FLAAASH!

A magic circle surged over the ground, releasing a bright green light. And from within, something emerged, something materialized out of it. I had no idea my system could simply create a living being. The technicalities of it were much more intricate than I ever imagined.

The person that appeared from within the magic circle shone with brilliance, before the light dissipated. It looked like another plant person. Someone slightly smaller than Selene, that resembled a cute goblin girl, with green skin, but with hair made of leaves, long ears, and sharp crimson eyes with vines covering the rest of her petite body.

She came equipped with a pair of black knives and seemed to be a combatant.lightsnovel

Ding!

[You have summoned the Rare+ Grade Special Unit: [Ivy, Huntress of the Poisonous Forest]!]

[Ivy has been added to your Civilization's Special Units Roster.]

"Huh? Where am I? I could swear I was hunting and then a bear ate me up- What the...?" She started gazing at her own body. "Why are there plants all over my body? Wait, I'm a plant?!"

lightsnovel "Wait, do you remember some sort of past life?!" I was shocked. I did read it had some sort of connection with the Reincarnation Cycle, but I didn't think the soul would have its memories intact.

"Huh? Who are you- Ah, you must be my summoner." She suddenly said as if knowing everything already. "T-This is weird but... I died. I died hunting a HUGE bear, around thrice your size."

"I-Is that so?" I wondered, still trying to process what just happened.

"Amazing! My Goddess has summoned a new Hero! Bravo! Everyone claps, let's make a celebration!" Selene clapped, everyone cheered.

"W-Woah... Everyone's so happy to see me?" Wondered Ivy. "So you're a Goddess? What's this place? I never believed in reincarnation or something, but this is clearly life after death!"

"Hmm, well, I'm sorry for dragging you here out of nowhere. It wasn't my intention to drag someone that... Well, the ticket did say something along those lines." I sighed. "But I thought they wouldn't have memories; they would be like... maybe like golems?"

"Am I a golem to you?" Ivy raised an eyebrow. "I'm made of plant stuff now, but I am pretty sure I'm the same girl I've always been! So you're going to tell me what's this place or not? I somehow feel like I should get to work... But what work? Dunno."

"Umm, Alice?" I asked Alice to get some sort of words on her side.

"It seems this is unprecedented..." She said. "I also imagined it would be like a golem or a plant creature, but not a full-fledged person with a soul from another world... This probably means that I am more connected to my creator's Abilities than I imagined."

"So what... do we do now?" I wondered.

"Well you don't need to take care of me or something, just tell me what's going on." Ivy crossed her arms. "I did get some information inside my head, but I am still confused..."

"Alright, okay then."

I explained her what I could, and even offered her the chance to go to the "outside world" or something, I wanted her to be free if possible. To enjoy her second life. However, her response was surprising.

"I see, that's crazy... You're like a goddess then? Alright I'll stay. This is like a fresh start for me! And going to the "outside world"? I'm honestly tired of hardships in life. I want to sit back and be praised like in here... Hehe." She was really into it. "Though, I still feel like I need to do some "duty", so tell me what I should do. I'm here to help after all, you revived me after I died. I feel like I need to repay this debt."

"Oh well, if you really want to..." I shrugged.

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The ticket did say they would be loyal to me, so I guess this means she instinctively wants to help out? I guess I am fine with that. She's also grateful I revived her, so she wants to repay the favor. Also, she somehow is bored of hardships in life, so she wants to relax. This dungeon world seems much laxer than the outside world, that's for sure.

"Alright, if you really want to stay, sure." I shrugged. "Do you want to help this city grow stronger and larger? I won't ask you for anything impossible, and you can also take as many days off as you wish after a job."

"Sure, do I get paid?" Ivy wondered.

"There isn't a currency in our city yet, we only do trades." Selene said. "But I can handle this myself. We can pay you with food, equipment, a house to live, medicinal herbs, materials, or anything, I suppose?"

"Alright I'm in." Ivy nodded. "You're cute too so that helps. Is she also like me?" The blunt goblin girl asked me.

"Yeah, kind of. Unlike you she was naturally born from the land. Special People like you usually appear naturally, or summoned by that ticket I used." I explained her. "Anyways, take this."

### FLAAASH!

I decided to bless her right away, because why not. She was a new Hero so I might as well make her stronger while we are at it. Her eternal loyalty also makes it possible for me to trust her without much to think about.

"Woah... What's this power?!"

Ivy was surprised as she looked at herself, her hair suddenly turned red, like autumn leaves, and her bark armor around her shoulders, legs, and chest became firmer, with red and orange leaves decorating it. She gained a pair of small wooden horns coming from her forehead.

Her size remained the same but the knives she came with were upgraded too, gaining a fiery aura and red jewels. This was amazing. I don't think my blessing can change someone so much if it's a normal person in the outside world.

### Ding!

[You have activated the [Minor Blessing of Sunlight and Holy Fire (2)] on [Ivy, Huntress of the Poisonous Forest (Rare+ Grade)]!]

[The Huntress has received your Blessing and has reacted positively to it! The effects of the blessing have helped her evolve into her next stage from [Hunter:  $\star$ ] to [Monster Hunter:  $\star \star$ ]!]

lightsNovel [Her Grade has increased from Rare+ to Unique+!]

"I just gave you a Blessing of Holy Fire and Sunlight, it'll give you affinity with Fire, Light, and Life Attributes of Magic." I told her. "Your original Attribute is only Poison and Nature, but with this you got more room for coverage."

"Amazing! You're pretty cool, goddess! You're going to make me fall for you too!" She laughed, patting my shoulders. "I can't believe I got revived by such a cutie, and there's another cutie here! I'm definitely in heaven right now, hahaha!"

"A-Ahahaha..."

I was still feeling awkward about having summoned someone from another world just like that god did to me. But I'm glad she adapted quickly. Though she's a bit too touchy, she likes girls it seems. I guess she'll have Selene as her eye candy.

"Come to think of it, what's your stats?" I wondered. "Alice, Civilization, can I give them System Seeds?"

"No, that's impossible." Alice said.

[The [Civilization System] explains that all Heroes are bound to it, and already possess status of their own, very different from those that have normal System Seeds.]

Their status showed up as small cards made of light, very small in comparison to the detailed status of my friends or mine.

[Hero Name]: [Ivy, Huntress of the Poisonous Forest]

[Hero Grade]: [Unique+]

[Hero Type]: [Poison] [Nature] [Fire] [Light] [Life]

[Life]: [4.000/4.000]

[Magic Power]: [2.500]

[Attack Power]: [3.500]

[Movement Speed]: [4.000]

[Hero Trait (1)]lightsnovel

[Monster Hunter: ★★]: [Knows how to find Monsters, Make Traps, and Teach others how to do it too. Deals +25% Damage to Monsters. +20 Bonus to Military and Production.]

[Hero Abilities (2)]

[Agile Huntress]: [Ignores Movement Penalties in Woods and Rainforest Terrain and Increases Movement Speed in these Terrains by +50%]

[Poisonous Attack]: [Any attack deals Poison type damage that slowly weakens a foe.]

[Hero Blessing (1)]

[Minor Blessing of Sunlight and Holy Fire (2)]

Wow, alright, yeah, it was very different than the others. The stats seemed compressed too. There were Traits, Abilities, and Blessings. Also there were new terms I didn't knew about such as "Terrain". Is this part of the Civilization System?

"Huh? So these are my "stats" or whatever? Weird! I have abilities? That's crazy." She said while reading it. "Can I get more?"

"I think only when your Grade increases or you receive a blessing, so not too soon." I said. "Sorry."

"Ah, don't sweat the details." She shrugged. "What's the cutie's status though?" She pointed at Selene.

"I also want to know, goddess." Selene nodded.

"Let me see..."

[Hero Name]: [Selene, Saintess of the Arboren]

[Hero Grade]: [Saint]

[Hero Type]: [Nature] [Holy] [Fire] [Light] [Life]

[Life]: [3.000/3.000]

[Magic Power]: [7.000]

[Attack Power]: [2.500]

[Movement Speed]: [4.500]

[Hero Trait (1)]

[Elemental Saintess:  $\star \star$ ]: [Can conjure elemental magic based in their Hero Type and can also teach it to others with similar affinities or talent for magic. Increases Magic Power by +100%. +30 Bonus to Faith and Research.]

[Hero Abilities (2)]

[Holy Aura]: [While being within 10 Tiles of an Ally, lifts their mood, makes them feel better, restores 0.5% of their Life per second, and increases their Magic Power and Attack Power by +1000]

[Nature's Gift]: [25% Chance to spawn a Gift every day. This Gift can either be Medicinal Herbs, Rare Materials, or Food.]

[Guidance]: [Grants a +50% Bonus Effectiveness to Speeches, and a +100% Bonus to Learning and Teaching Speed.]

[Hero Blessing (1)]

Selene was in another level completely!

Her Abilities looked very useful too.

"Woah, so this is what I am capable of?!" Selene gasped. "Magic! I should definitely try to learn some now..."

Chapter 1088 Back Home

If I'm getting something out of this, is that Special Units are capable of teaching a civilization their abilities and slowly build some sort of military force? Well, it depends. For Ivy, I think she could teach the ones that hunt to hunt much better, while hunting herself and providing to the village. Meanwhile, Selene should be able to teach everyone how to use magic as long as they have the affinity for it.

I decided to leave a few more books about magic and also a bestiary that included the common monsters of this dungeon, so both Selene and Ivy could learn to improve their abilities and teaching capabilities.

"Alright, so Ivy, if you want to help, try to get friendly with everyone here and seek the hunters to teach them your ways." I told her. "You should also hunt a few things to show them too."

"Sure! Leave it to me boss." She already was calling me boss.

"I'm sure Selene can introduce you better to the place, right?" I asked Selene.

"Of course my goddess! No problem." Selene nodded happily. "Let's become good friends, Ivy!"

"S-Sure!" Ivy blushed a lot after hearing Selene.

Sadly for her, Selene seemed to be really aromantic, so she didn't really even blush after being called a cutie by lvy...

"Anyways, Selene your duties, follow them as you've always done. But this time spend some of your time learning magic from these books, and once you're confident, try to teach it to someone once the research center is open." I said. "I'll be visiting soon, maybe in a couple of weeks to see the results."

"Very well then, Goddess Sylphy! I wish you a good travel." She said.

"Are you leaving already? Come on, let's drink a few drinks together at least!" Ivy complained, dragging me towards her.

"D-Drinks? I don't know if I am old enough for that yet..." I sighed. "Also I think it's getting late and Aquarina's going to complain that I was inside the dungeon for too long..."

"Ugh, okay goddess, you can go then..." Ivy glanced at Selene and patted her shoulders. "At least I've got this other eye candy."

Leaving them to their own devices, I quickly walked away from the dungeon, landing inside the camp I was just some hours ago. Aquarina was already awake, meditating over the bed cross-legged. Based in the streams of Mana coursing through her body, she was cultivating her physique.

"Hey, I'm back."

"Sylphy?"

Aquarina's eyes opened, releasing bright flashes of blue light, she quickly got up and hugged me, greeting me rather happily instead of angrily because I was gone.

"Where were you? In the dungeon again? You know you could invite me inside of it too, right?" She pouted; her hug became increasingly strong.

"Ugh... I-I know, but its quicker if I do things there myself- Ouch, your hug is too hard!" I cried, as Aquarina kept hugging me like a bear.lightsnovel

"You deserve a very strong hug for just disappearing out of nowhere! Take this!" She said, while playfully biting my neck. "Nom, nom!"

"Hahaha! Okay, I'm sorry, I brought you something as a gift though." I said, quickly taking out a bag with medicinal herbs.

"Medicinal herbs? Oh, I've never seen these!" She started checking them. "Wait, what is THIS thing though?" She took out a red and blue colored fruit from the bag.

It was around the size of a strawberry, and it had both blue and red colors intermixing together, it had a slight Aura of Mana and Lifeforce. This was without a doubt, an hybrid fruit.

"This is a Hybrid fruit between Naturia's Mana Fruit and my Fruits of Wisdom." I explained. "Alongside restoring around 4000 MP, it can also restore roughly 2000 HP right away once consumed, it also restores Stamina and gives a buff to magic spell power! Pretty amazing, right?"

"This is insane..." Aquarina gulped saliva. "So you can even merge and hybridize those fantastical fruits your skills or spirits can produce?! This could bring a whole revolution to the entire world of medicine and buffing items- Hell, with enough of these even normal people could hunt Monsters up to Tier 3 or even 4 without even having Awakened any sort of Physique or Magic Circle..."

"Nah I think you're overexaggerating a bit-"

lightsNovel com "And that's without even considering the equipment you can make!" She said.

"Come on now, I don't plan to make any of the things I make widespread for now. I only sell normal fruits and veggies. And normal medicinal herbs that are already well known." I said. "Perhaps I might produce more of the rare ones which are more expensive, but I am well aware of these fruits' powers. They're just for family and friends, don't worry."

"Hmm, well, alright." She sighed. "I'll happily keep this bag though, I think I will practice my elixir making techniques now!"

"Now? Then let me stay so we can do it together." I said.

"That would be nice, but if you help me out too much, I won't be able to learn on my own though..." Aquarina said, looking into my eyes.

"Is that so?" I wondered. "I guess you're not wrong in that... Then I'll simply watch- Oh, I do have a few things I need to prepare myself too. Like the generic accessories to boost stats that I'll be renting."

"Oh right! You were going to do that." Aquarina nodded. "For Luck, right?"

"Not just for him, for everyone. Most of the time I make strong equipment but they always have very big restrictions. The more restrictions an item has, the more stats seem to be able to be allocated. But I need to find a way to make it the other way around for these rentable items. While still having some sort of special Runic Circuit inside that bond them to my soul, so whenever I rent them. I'll know where they are and if someone tries to run away with them, I can just track them and find them." I smiled. "Like the idea?"

"You always come out with crazy ideas that somehow work out at the end..." Aquarina was slightly surprised, giggling. "Sure, I'll also surprise you with what I'll make!"

"Oh, what are you planning?" I wondered.

"A special item to boost cultivation speed!" She said. "Just wait and see."

Chapter 1089 Chosen Hero Disciple

We didn't manage to do everything this morning though, we only advance a bit before we were called for breakfast, because we were sure taking a while to get out of the tent. The beautiful sunlight coming from the clear blue skies greeted us, alongside the calm and cold breeze characteristic of Cloudia. Surrounded by the old ruins and lots of vegetation, on the way out, we saw Zack singing. Yes, he was singing!

He was singing to Arafunn while being as red as a tomato. My uncle was nodding while a little fairy sitting over his shoulders was judging Zack's song. His song was rather rough, but I could notice there was some heart to it.

Zack was singing about Mist, how he met her, and what makes him happy about her. Such as her smile, her fluffy hair, and her delicious meals. But above all, how much she cares about him, and how she changed his life forever. It was both adorable and cringy at the same time.

Mostly everyone had to listen to it too. Ninhursag was clapping after he finished, almost in tears. While Mist was... well, so red she looked like she was about to explode.

"So good! My son is so talented!" Ninhursag continued clapping.

"Z-Zack... Do you truly think of me that way?" Mist was blushing a lot, covering her face. "I-I don't know how to even respond..."

"Hahaha! Looks like your song did have some heart to it. If it moved the girl you sang it to." Arafunn laughed. "I did like it personally. What do you say, Melodia?" The fairy sitting over his shoulders smiled, crossing her arms.

"This kid has a terrible voice, his affinity with the wind is strong, but he lacks the passion for the craft." She sighed, shrugging, Zack's face completely changed, looking like he was going through utter dread.

Silence.

Even Celeste who was waiting for a moment to joke about Zack was left speechless. Arafunn sighed, glancing at Melodia.

"Ahem! H-However, I don't mean it in a BAD way! He can improve." She said. "Come on, don't look at me like that! Don't you want my honest opinion?! Also he has an honest heart and a spirit already likes him. He has talent and potential, despite not having been blessed by a God. That was my honest opinion."

The fairy then flew near Zack, touching his head and giving him a head pat.

"Don't feel so discouraged. I saw how you poured your heart into this song, child." She smiled. "I usually would only care about my Hero, but seeing how a disciple would do wonders to Arafunn's ever growing depression, you'll have to do just fine. Make sure not to die with the training, alright?"

"Y-Yes!" Zack was almost in tears after being recognized by the Queen of the Wind Spirits, bowing to her as Melodia giggled. "T-Thank you so much... I will not waste this opportunity!"

"Good, that's the spirit. Unlike Arafunn you do seem to have a stronger will. I like that." She smiled. "However, Wind Heroes are also carefree, and know how to find beauty in the simplest of things. Do you think you're capable of that, Zack? Do you think you're capable of tuning with the carefreeness of the wind? To become one with it? To soar the skies, and to sing songs? It's all included with the contract."lightsnovel

"C-Contract?" Zack was confused. "Er, yes! I would gladly... Do anything to grow stronger. I'll learn how to sings songs, and how to make music if that's required. And to be honest, although it was embarrassing... I liked expressing the feelings that I sometimes... have a hard time showcasing."

Melodia smiled, as Arafunn nodded and stepped forwards.

"Good, well said, Zack." Arafunn nodded, patting his head. "You're a strong kid. I always imagined my disciple would be some cute elven girl eventually, perhaps one of the grandchildren of my brother... But I guess fate is never written, you will become my disciple. I loved your song, dear."

"Master Arafunn..." Zack was already crying; I had never seen him crying this much. "Thank you..."

"Hahah, c-come on now, I am not good with these things. Don't cry... Hey Melodia, what are you waiting for?" Asked Arafunn.

lightsNovɛl com "Yes, yes." Melodia nodded, touching Zack's head, a beautiful green colored mark made of spiritual energy appeared over his forehead. "You've been blessed by the Crown of the Wind. With this, you're now an official disciple of the Hero of Winds!"

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The green colored mark glowed brightly, illuminating everything and imbuing itself with tremendous power into Zack's body. His spiritual powers, which seemed to be non-existent before, awakened, surprising him.

"W-What the...?! What's this?! A Mark?!" Zack touched his forehead.

"It is a special spell, a runic inscription I once got from Melodia as well." Arafunn smiled. "It will help you awaken your Spiritual Wind Affinity, which you seemed to possess, but that was buried beneath all the restrictions humans usually possess. Nonetheless, you managed to develop it enough for a spirit to make a contract with you, so that's a big deal. With this, the path for you to unlock the true power of the Winds will open."

"The true power of the winds..." Zack was surprised, his eyes glowing bright green. The winds responded to his commands, flowing around him, and slowly lifting him off the ground with minimal effort or even needing a spell at all. "Woah... It feels like it is becoming an extension of my own body..."

"Yes, you will see the Winds like this, eventually." Arafunn nodded. "I don't care if the Gods did not choose you, I will train you into my successor now. I've decided it. After all, why does the will of the Gods matter? We chose you, right, Melodia?"

"Well, I would have preferred a cute elven girl instead but he's not bad." Nodded Melodia. "He's a human with a short lifespan. But I am beginning to think that he'll change the world, nonetheless. As long as he sticks around with his various friends. His strength will be more than needed. We have to make sure he becomes someone reliable for them."

As they finished speaking, everyone ran towards Zack, celebrating that he had been chosen, Aquarina and I were included, of course.

Chapter 1090 Zack And Mist Are Too Cute Together...

Everyone swarmed Zack after that, congratulating him. At the end nobody joked about it because of how serious it got. Which was a good thing. I wouldn't had forgiven Celeste if she joked about my best friend's attempt at singing. Only I will joke about it, eventually, in the far future.

"Congrats Zack! I can feel the Spirits of the Wind tuning with your existence!" Lara said. "That Crown you've gifted, is truly magnificent! A gift of power from the Queen of the Wind Spirits is no small feat!" Lara was especially amazed by everything, and after admiring Melodia and trying to talk with her, which

ended on Melodia saying she should have been the chosen one instead because she was cute, she went to congratulate Zack. "May I see the tattoo in more detail? The little Wind Spirits are covering it all!"

"A-Ahahaha, maybe later Lara..." Zack felt slightly overwhelmed by her getting too close.

"Yeah man, I never thought you would actually sing a song like that!" Luck laughed a bit. "I'm not mocking you or anything though. It must take a lot of courage to sing something like you did, well done. You're perhaps the first person that'll become a disciple of a hero of winds!"

"Thanks Luck, I thought you would mock me, but I knew you were a good friend." Zack smiled.

"I feel like I should say something, but I will refrain doing so." Celeste said. "Well done brat."

"I really thought you were going to laugh out loud and say I sucked at singing." Said Zack.

"Hahaha! W-Well, you said it, not me!" Celeste laughed out loud. "A-Anyways, I won't say another word because Mist will kill me if she sees me mocking you."

"Fair enough." Zack shrugged.

"That was a nice song, Zack. A bit weird though!" Celica smiled at him. "Will you teach me how to sing later?"

"Eh? You want to learn how to sing?" Asked Zephy right at her side. "W-Wait, teach me too! I want to learn at her side!"

"Huh? Sure buddy, don't be so desperate." Zack sighed, quickly noticing Zephy's intentions.

As he talked with everyone, we stepped in. Aquarina gave him a strong hug, almost the same one she gave me back then. I think this is the first time she ever gives him a hug through our entire lives together as friends.

"Uaagh! A-Aquarina?!" Zack blushed slightly. She was one of her old crushes after all.

"Congrats Zack! For once I'll recognize and say you're pretty cool, dude." Aquarina let him go, smacking his head while laughing. "You make me proud!"

"You talk like you raised me or something..." Zack sighed.

"Well done, Zack." I said, as my friend blushed a bit after seeing me by his side. "I knew you could do it! I would hug you too but Mist's right behind me and I don't want her to get the wrong idea..."

"Hahaha, it's fine, Sylphy." Zack smiled. "Thanks for always supporting me and... being the best friend I've ever had in my life."

"Aww, you little brat!" I laughed, smacking him in the head like Aquarina. "Don't get all corny now!"

"Ouch! Ugh, you two are such brutes!" He complained. "Are you girls or gorillas?"lightsnovel

"Who are you calling gorilla?!" Aquarina angrily roared like a beast.

"See?! She's one!" Zack pointed at her. I couldn't stop laughing.

And as we talked, Mist stepped in, from right behind me. She walked to his side and quickly hugged him, a very gentle hug unlike Aquarina's destructive hugs.

"Congrats Zack... T-That was a very embarrassing song... Did you really think those things of me?" She wondered, her golden eyes looking into his own. Zack immediately froze, I can't blame him, she's too cute.

"I-I... W-Well, yes..." Zack sighed. "S-Sometimes it is pretty hard for me to express my feelings. I'm sorry if... I haven't told you enough times."

"N-No, it's fine, really!" Mist said, blushing. "It's just makes me really happy. I'm glad to have you with me, Zack! You're also very important to me!"

"M-Mist..." Zack was really emotional right now, as the two lovebirds hugged. "You're my everything! We'll be separated at the end of the year but... I will never forget you, and once we meet again, I'll make up for all the time we were separated."

"Sure!" Mist smiled adorably. "I will do too!"

Zack couldn't resist her adorableness anymore and gave her a kiss in her lips, which Mist responded with even more little kisses. They started making out right in front of everyone.

"Zack... Hmm, mooch!"

"I love you Mist, mooch...!"

"Yikes, okay, let's just back off now." Celeste groaned, as everyone quickly walked away to leave them some time alone. "Let's leave them alone."

lightsnovel The morning after that went really quickly- well, it wasn't morning already but yeah. We decided to have a big breakfast to celebrate Zack's acceptance as a disciple of Arafunn. Which included my famous creampuffs and a lot of other pastries, pancakes, and some cheesecake and cookies. We went all out with mom. Mist and Celica joined in, wanting to learn how to make these tasty treats too.

I wasn't surprised over Mist. And I wished Lara showed a bit more interest too but although she said she wanted to learn. She was a rather spoiled girl that preferred to be served, so Luck was the one usually cooking for her, funnily enough. However, Celica's willingness surprised me.

We thought she would say that she wanted to make teatime for her golems, or something similar... but her response was different than we could have ever imagined.

"Oh? I just wanted to learn to make tasty sweets! I love them!" She said. "Ah, and also for Zephy, he's always helping me in everything and playing with me... Even when I admit that I am a bit annoying. I

want to give him something tasty made by me! I-I don't know why but I like to see him happy and smiling."

My mom and I were left speechless... We looked at one another and nodded in silence.

It looks like Celica isn't as clueless as we imagined.