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Chapter 1091 Trying To Find Ways Of Communication

"I see! So you want to cook something for my son, alright." My mother instantly liked that. "Let me teach you some easy recipes for pastries then, dear." She said, while we were already eating breakfast.

"Aaah! Thank you so much, Auntie Faylen!" Celica smiled adorably.

"You can just call me mother-in-law if you want, no problems with that." My mother giggled a bit, although Celica didn't seem to get the meaning behind those words.

"I think Auntie Faylen is good enough!" Celica smiled, as she was preparing the dough.

"A-Ah, sure, don't worry..." My mother seemed slightly disheartened.

"Mom, you can't just force her." I whispered to her. "Leave her be. If she has feelings or not, that's up to her."

"Yes, I know." My mom nodded. "S-Sorry about that, I did get ahead of myself, haha..."

I think my mother was rather excited about the idea. I bet she imagined a whole future with Zephy marrying Celica and then both having many half elf and half demon children. But for now, let's just enjoy the present...

After having eaten breakfast together, while in between a lot of laughter, joyful conversations, and everyone congratulating Zack for having been recognized by Melodia, we decided to continue our journey across Cloudia.

We stored the giant mutant Yggdrasil clone corpse and once it disappeared, there was a large opening leading outside the ruins, which we took to walk outside. We were greeted by a rather depressing sight.

The giant and tall grass was already dead, brown colored, for several kilometers. It seems this single tree was connected to all these plants. A true Plant Chimera, which should have been its true name, to be honest.

"Well, looks like this was truly all part of that tree..." My father sighed. "I don't know if I should feel happy or sad it died. Well, it had the kidnaped slimes, so I can't say I feel bad."

"Me neither, honestly." My mother shrugged. "Let's go. The natural vegetation will grow over the dead one in a couple of weeks. After some months, this place will go back to the grasslands it once was, before this tree started spreading itself across it all."

We moved along after that, the sea of dead plants didn't make things much easier, so we decided to just fly over it for now, neglecting any physical training for the moment. Nonetheless, I still tried forging runes, enhancing my body with mana, and spinning the Holy Fire Ring inside of my Soul, while feeding spiritual energy to my Spiritual Heart while we rode over uncle Arafunn's giant bird familiar.

We soared across the beautiful blue skies, the winds were stronger than ever today, and they strangely gathered around Zack a lot. It seemed as if the winds themselves were greeting him, strangely and amusingly enough. He was surprised at first by their reaction to him, but as we moved forwards, he began to mediate, letting the winds gather around him.

"How's Pyuku doing?" I asked Aquarina.lightsnovel

lightsnovel "He's still fast asleep." Said Aquarina, sighing. "He told me to wake him up once the slimes were finally awake. I'm guessing he just wants to "skip" the waiting time and just sleep through it."

"I suppose that's fair; he probably wouldn't have been able to be alright with all the nervousness he would feel otherwise." I nodded. "Mom, how are the Slimes doing?"

"Huh? Oh, the Slimes? Still asleep. It took me by surprise, but it seems it'll take a bit longer to wake them up. Some more days, perhaps." She said, without being too sure. "But they're improving at a steady pace. Don't worry."

"Alright, I guess we have to just wait, Aquarina." I told her.

"Nothing we can do about that..." Aquarina yawned, resting her head on my shoulders. "Hey, I wonder, where will we bring the Slimes to once they wake up? Maybe they were living near that place until they were caught... But I don't know if its safe to leave them there."

"I don't know either..." I sighed, as I caressed her beautiful long silvery-white hair. "But I think we should leave that decision to Pyuku. Wasn't he like... a special slime? He was made to lead them in a way, a fusion between dozens of slimes to become something greater. Someone that could speak all languages, that had powerful magic, and that could continue growing stronger too. All the limiters the Gods left on their bodies were deleted once enough of the slimes fused and sacrificed themselves into becoming Pyuku... So I'm sure he might be something special to the rest. Like a messiah of sorts."

"Someone that'll bring his people to prosperity?" My mother wondered in the distance. "Yeah, that does make some sense..."

"Well, if they end up wanting to stick around with him. I doubt there'll be a problem if we bring them along, right?" Nepheline asked my mother. "They're still people after all. It will be a bit hard for them to get used to it, but there should be enough space to give them a home."

"It depends, but yeah." My mother nodded. "From what I've investigated about slimes myself, they do tend to live in large colonies together. So perhaps a large manor for them all would be fitting and cheap. Though, if they don't want that, I could always offer them a different deal."

"It will be hard to communicate with them though~" Aquarina said, looking into the blue skies.

"Can't Pyuku translate for us though? I'm sure we can eventually learn to speak with each other. They can't speak but they're smart enough to understand things. Maybe some sort of sign language. Or written language would work." I nodded. "Pyuku did mention that his original tribe had relationships with other demon tribes that lived underground."

"You're right!" Aquarina nodded. "I had forgotten about that! Yeah, it'll be fine~ Pyuku just has to doze off and rest. Let's just sit back and relax~ Oh, right, what's our next destination?"

"Well, if we don't hurry up, the desert." My mother said. "But I want to take things easy. Look, the normal Grassland Plains are over there. Why don't we walk? We'll find a few little patches of trees along the way, rare herbs and monsters. It will be more fun than just flying over everything."

"Let's do that." I nodded.

Chapter 1092 Soul Guiders

With Friends and family, we continued traveling the beautiful grasslands of Cloudia. After a day of flying, we slept in the grasslands and then we continued our travels. The seas of grass stretched as long as my eyes could see. It was an enormous piece of landscape in these lands. The wind was refreshing, the sunlight was strong, the sky was beautiful, and the warm and joyful atmosphere of being with everyone I loved on a big adventure was the cherry on top.

While exploring, laughing, hunting, and chatting of all kinds of things, I felt as if time flew away from my grasp faster than I could have wanted. Minutes became hours, and hours days. Before we realized it, we had traveled through kilometers after kilometers of grasslands, training, eating, and laughing carefreely. However, as we reached almost the end of the Grasslands, we saw something completely incredible.

"Groooooohhhh..."

"W-Wha... what is that?"

We were all left speechless, standing in silence while admiring the behemoths passing by. Beings we never saw before, but that had somehow appeared in front of us just when we were about a kilometer from here. My eyes were unable to detect them, as if they could move by appearing and disappearing. Like ghosts.

"These beings... I remember seeing them back then, in the Demon Continent, no?" My father laughed.
"Wow, I can't believe they're here too!"

"Soul Guiders..." My mother gasped; her eyes full of wonder.

"Soul... Guiders?" I looked into the skies with her.

They were utter behemoths, crossing over a kilometer of height. Resembling a mix between horned deer and horses. They were completely translucent, made out of a phantasmal and spiritual light, we could clearly see through their strange bodies.

They were gently eating the grass in front of us, moving in a herd of around seven. One of them was much smaller than the rest, a calf. The only thing similar I've seen were Spirits themselves. But can they get this big?

"Are they Spirits? No, they feel different..." Lara said.

"W-Woah, what the hell..." Luck muttered. "I wonder if I can use Beast Mimicry on them?"

"Mom, what are they?!" Zephy was really shocked.

"They're Soul Guiders, Spiritual Beasts." My mother smiled back at us. "Ninhursag knows more about them."

"Ah yes..." Ninhursag woke up from the daze she felt by admiring them. "They're ancient beings, part of the old fauna that once existed in this world in large quantities. You know? Before the Gods came to this world, and before Monsters and Demons were born, this world was said to be dominated by entities like these. Spiritual Beasts and Spiritual Races, thought to be long extinct, except for a few individuals."

"You know a lot!" Zack was happy to see Ninhursag take the spotlight.

"Naturally. Back then I used to spend my spare time traveling the world and seeking them." Ninhursag nodded. "The legacy of my Skin Changer tribe has connections with the Spiritual Beasts after all. It was them who gifted us the power of creating Beast Auras."

"Groooohhh..."

"Graaah! Graaah!"

The mother called the little calf, who slowly ran towards her without making a sound. His big, shiny blue eyes looking at his beloved mother, and rubbing his nose into her legs.

"Groooh..."

She licked his face before they started floating in the skies. We noticed countless "stars" floating around them, like a flock of birds. We didn't know what they were, but the name Soul Guiders gave me an idea.

"W-What are those?" Zack asked.

"Those birds?" Arafunn wondered. "Ah, they're souls."

lightsNovel "D-Do they eat souls?!" Mist panicked.lightsnovel

"Oh goodness, of course not." Laughed my uncle.

"They guide them." Smiled my mother. "It is said that the Souls of this world go rest on the afterlife, a special realm located far away from our grasp, within a Domain controlled by the Gods of this world, the Spirit King and Queen, Yggdrasil, and many other forgotten Spiritual Beings."

"Wow..." Aquarina gasped, while holding my hand tightly. "This is amazing... I'm so happy to see this with you, Sylphy..."

"Me too." I smiled, as we glanced the beautiful wonder.

The giant Soul Guiders began to fly, floating in midair and reaching the skies, surpassing the clouds above Cloudia itself, and disappearing completely. The only thing left were small bits of blue crystal, imbued with both Spiritual and Soul Essence.

"They left some treasure!" Mist was surprised.

"Wow, they're so shiny!" Lara laughed, grabbing a few. "The spirits love these!"

"I-I... Well, I guess they're valuable, yes." My mother laughed.

"What's wrong?" I wondered.

"Well..."

My mother looked at Ninhursag, as if asking her to say it instead of her.

"Those are indescribably precious materials known as Spiritual Soul Crystals." Ninhursag said. "They help you progress the cultivation of your Aura and even strengthen your soul if consumed... But they're also the Soul Guiders' droppings. Their poop."

"O-Oh..." Aquarina started to laugh as I muttered that.

"Ppfff, hahaha!" Aquarina laughed out loud. "I guess they're still living beings at the end."

"Yes, more or less!" Nepheline laughed alongside her daughter.

As we continued our journey, we already reached the Wastelands, an arid place with only a few plants, which was like the bridge between the grasslands and the desert within Cloudia.

The beautiful sand was completely gold in color, it was really beautiful, but that combined with the reflection of the sunlight made it for a rather unbearable thing. We had to constantly squint our eyes as we glanced at the dunes due to all the light they reflected.

"Well, the Golden Dunes." My father smiled, crossing his arms. "We're finally here! There's a bunch of strong monsters here. Especially the Sand Worms! Oh boy, I want to explore that Oasis Dungeon we were unable to explore back then too!"

"Oh, that place?" My mother wondered. "I suppose it does sound interesting. Though, it seems that the slimes will soon wake up. Most of them are opening their eyes."

"Yeah, I can feel them too." Shade nodded, his shadows spreading out, as many colorful slimes started crawling out of it, looking around and confused.

"Pyuku wake up! They're here!"

With those words, Aquarina woke up Pyuku instantly, as he summoned himself out of her Soul Scape, appearing in front of his kin.

"Everyoneeee!"

Chapter 1093 The Slimes Wake Up

What greeted us was an enormous group of colorful slimes. They were finally fully recovered and looked very curious about what had just happened. I can understand. Just some time ago they had been captured and were in a state of coma, and now the tree that captured them was gone and they were in the middle of nowhere.

However, as if Pyuku's presence couldn't be more unique, his very existence calmed them down. Through my Senses, I could feel how they relaxed the moment their eyes met Pyuku. The Aura that he emanated seemed to soothe them, somehow.

"Gyuh?"

"Guguh?"

"Kyuuh!"

"Guguguh!"

"Guh? Gugoh?"

"Gubo!"

They made all sorts of adorable noises, leaping over Pyuku and admiring him with their tiny eyes. They extended small tentacles, touching his face or eyes. Pyuku ended falling on the grassy terrain while laughing as they tickled his body. They seemed unable to speak words and made little noises instead.

"Ahahaha! W-Wait a second, you guys are tickling me all over- Hahaha!" Pyuku only giggled innocently at their act.

Everyone else was left slightly speechless of how playful these people were. We all had thought or imagined that they would... I don't know, act less childishly? But they were tickling him and all. As if they were just children playing with their older brother. But perhaps this was a way to communicate in a way.

"I-I didn't think they would just begin tickling each other." Aquarina raised an eyebrow. "Pyuku definitely doesn't like being touched that much so its weird he lets them touch him."

"Maybe it's a cultural thing?" Celeste wondered. "Among all Demon Tribes, we all have sorts of different cultures and customs, you know? Perhaps it is the same with these slime people."

"A cultural thing..." Mist sighed. "I wish I could know if there was anything regarding my people's culture." Zack's hand patted her shoulders.

"Don't worry, we'll eventually get there." Zack smiled. "Right guys? We'll go find her family in the demon continent."

"For sure." I nodded immediately. "Maybe once we're done with our Academic Studies?"

"Yeah I haven't forgotten that promise." Aquarina said with a gentle smile.

"Of course lil' sis!" Celeste nodded. "Do you think your big sis would forget that promise?"

"Yeah girl." Lara winked at her. "We'll find your family!"

"It's the least we can do for you, sis." Celica oftentimes called her sis too.

"Yeah!" Said Zephyrus happily.

"I've always wanted to explore that continent myself." Luck nodded. "Let's go there once we find enough time. Life's short, but I'm sure we can find time to help a friend."

"Everyone is so nice..." Mist was about to cry. "I don't deserve such good friends... I love you all!" She started sobbing while being hugged by Zack.lightsnovel

"Come on, this is not the time for sobbing over these things." He sighed, patting her head.

As that happened, we noticed Pyuku, who finally stopped playing with his new friends. He was perhaps several times happier than even Mist, crying and sobbing as he finally met his kin since his birth. They talked in strange and cute noises, and they touched tentacles. They extended tentacles with the color of their bodies, but the tips were always yellow colored.

Once they touched, I could feel small parks of threads of mana connecting with each other. I think they were transferring not only mana but nutrients and information. It was an amusing thing to see. They were truly different beings altogether than us.

Then, Pyuku approached us after communicating with his people. They remained slightly wary of us, staying behind. "I've talked with them. It seems they're all friendly. They said it would still take a while for them judge if you were trustworthy, even after I told them you saved their lives... I'm sorry."

"That's fine." My mother nodded. "I'm glad they're alright. So, do they have any plans?"

"Oh, can you ask them what happened to them and how they ended with that tree?" My father asked.

"I already did." Pyuku said. "Answering the second question first, they said they used to live in those grasslands. However, from one day to the other, giant grasses and plant monsters appeared out of nowhere. They tried to run away but were all captured by enormous roots and dragged into that tree. They thought they would die, but were instead deposited inside those fruit things, and slowly fell asleep. They said they had nightmares since then. As they felt their bodies slowly growing weaker. They might have been in such a state for... perhaps several years."

"T-That's awful..." Nepheline gasped. "Are they okay in the head? Maybe they need some therapy. That's not something you simply get over with so easily."

"I know, they'll need some maybe." Pyuku nodded.

"So they used to live in those grasslands. Perhaps we should return them there then? We are at the border between them and the desert..." Said Shade. "Unless they have other plans?"

"They... Well, they began calling me the "Slime Messiah" and think I am something like their new leader and King. So they told me that they would follow me anywhere." Pyuku said. "T-

This is a bit too much for me. I honestly don't know what to do."

lightsNovel "So they plan to follow you?" My mother wondered.

"Well, if that's the case..." Shade said. "Then let them. But they can't physically be with us. They're too many. Offer them two options. To either stay inside of my shadows like before..."

"Or a golem I can construct can carry them in a giant basket or something." Said Nepheline while nodding.

"O-Okay, I'll go ask them... They have no plans though. Maybe I should ask more about that too. Like where they came from. And also... Perhaps if they would be okay with staying at Agartha?" Pyuku wondered.

"I thought it might be too fast to ask them that, so I didn't say anything." My mother said. "But yes, if you think so, go ahead and ask them, boy."

"I-I'll do!" He quickly ran back to the slimes. And they started talking in their language. Touching tentacles and making cute noises.

Eventually he came back with a rather sour expression.

"T-They don't really like the idea... But said they will follow me anywhere though. I guess they don't like it but would?"

"Hmm, they're certainly a complicated bunch." My father laughed. "How about we eat something first?"

Chapter 1094 A Journey With A Bunch Of Slimes

We decided to make the slimes feel more comfortable by preparing a huge feast. We prepared all kinds of tasty meals. And they were really hungry. After not having eaten for years, they were shy at first, but the hunger won over and they started devouring everything. They would place their entire bodies over food and slowly dissolve it all.

As they ate and enjoyed the food, they made cute little noises. They were adorably dangerous beings. The type you wanted to touch, squeeze and give little kisses over their foreheads. But they were also

made of acid, so its better to not get too touchy with them, or you might risk getting burned by a surprise acid spit.

However, they were very friendly! Once they ate a lot and felt much better, they approached us and started looking at us and making cute noises. Some tried snatching our food but were unable each time. Instead, we offered it to them in friendly terms. Slowly, we were able to get along better.

Once the night came, we were all friends. The Slimes adapted very quickly to our presence and looked less wary of us. With Pyuku's guidance, and words, they learned to understand us to an extent. And finally understood that we were their saviors. Eventually, they asked Pyuku for our leader, mom, and they thanked her in their dialect.

"Gubo, gu, gabo gah! Guuh, kyu." The largest of the slimes, being red colored and almost a meter of height, spoke to mother.

"He says he's very grateful for having both saved them, healed them, and feed them." Pyuku explained my mother. "They apologize for being afraid. Their tribe hasn't interacted with other intelligent people in thousands of years."

"I see." My mother nodded. "It's all good. I'm glad we can get along. Please, consider coming to our city. I will make everything I can to protect you and your kin and get you a good home. It might be hard at the beginning, but my people are different. They accept others very quickly."

Pyuku explained it to them. The slimes made an uproar of comments we couldn't understand. Most sounded excited, but there were a few ones that doubted, and I could hear were worried. Their leader, which I will call Red Slime Chief, was only thinking after hearing Pyuku's translation.

"Gubo, gah. Guu." He told Pyuku.

"Really? T-Thank you so much!" Pyuku got really happy. "He says they'll come along! He said the least they can do to repay for having saved their lives was trusting you."

"Thank you." My mother smiled, as she gifted the chief a little magic jewel. "This is a jewel from a Sunstone Plateau Goat. Or well, a piece of their magic crystal. This is a little gift for you. I hope we can get along well."

The Red Slime Chief timidly accepted the gift, and then touched it and slowly dissolved it, absorbing it. His Aura grew slightly stronger, as I felt mana rushing through him. But unlike Pyuku, they were unable to grow stronger.

"Guuuuh!" However, he was very happy, finding this gift incredibly delicious.

Just like that, we made a quick alliance between us and the slimes. And after discussing things, they decided to come along with us over a golem instead. They said the shadows were too scary, and they preferred to feel the wind and see the sun and the moon at day and night.

"Then let's get this done with." Nepheline touched the ground as she sat cross-legged, conjuring her powerful magic.

"[Earths' Guardian Golem Summon]"

FLAAASH!

The ground, stones, grass, everything around us combined together in front of her. Slowly forming a giant goliath made of all these elements, tightly packed and strengthened with her magic. It was as strong as a Tier 7 Monster at their Peak and was covered on a barrier of powerful Holy Light conjured by mom.

"OOOHH!"lightsnovel

lightsNovel As the golem gave a groan, the slimes seemed amused. There was a giant stone basket on the golem's arms, where all the Slimes jumped in. Despite being all stuck with one another, they felt comfortable in tight spaces, so they were pleased with this traveling method.

"Looks like they don't mind!" Nepheline laughed. "They sure are a cute little bunch!"

"Thank you for helping them mom!" Aquarina was really happy.

"Oh, it's nothing my dear." Her mother kissed her forehead. "They're the people of your Familiar and Friend. There is no way I would have denied them my help."

"Then next stop, the Dunes." My father said. "Let's get going. On foot would be nice, but how about we ride on something?"

"Sure!"

We ended summoning some of our familiars. Furoh transformed into a giant Fenrir, carrying my friends and I over his wide back. Meanwhile, my father summoned his Nine-Tailed Blazing Fox Familiar to carry everyone else.

"Hmph, I never thought I would be reduced to work as your little mule, Allan. Is this how you're going to treat me now?" She complained angrily.

"Sorry, sorry... But come on, you can help now and then, right?" My father sighed.

"Only for now... And why is she riding me too?!" The Fox panicked, seeing my mother sitting over her back.

"Be nicer with the wife of your master." My mother said with an intimidating voice.

"Tch... He should have been mine, not yours..." The fox lamented. "Allan you promised me I would be your only girl!"

"But I never thought you meant it in another way- Also haven't we discussed this years ago? Don't start again..." My father felt embarrassed.

"Grrr... Well, when you die, your soul will belong to me!" The Fox giggled slightly maliciously.

I was very curious about what all this weird drama was about. Apparently my father romanced this fox spirit, and she was very jealous of mother for being her wife... It was weird, but I felt like I shouldn't ask more.

This is not something I should get involved with. Mom and dad's relationship is really good, so this fox will lose anyways. She's nice and has helped me before, especially when I was trying to "tame" Ignatius a bit.

I hope she can find another man, my father is already taken!

Chapter 1095 Into The Golden Sand Desert

The next morning, as we decided to explore the desert with the Slimes we recruited into our team and a giant golem carrying them, I noticed everyone was very tired. The heat seemed very strong, but I wasn't particularly bothered by it.

Sure, when it reaches my face its annoying but I'm mostly fine. I think it has to do with my blessing of sunlight. In fact, my Physique is growing stronger the more I bathe in sunlight, and my skin remains white, never getting toasted.

"Phew, it sure is hot around here..." Aquarina sighed, waving her hand to get some air. She was sweating all over. Unlike me, although she had brown skin to better protect her against sunlight radiation, she had no blessing of the sunlight or something like I did.

"Is it? It's pretty fine in here. I feel so nice. Like I'm growing stronger over time by just sitting in the excruciating radiation of the sun." I shrugged. "Use your own ice and water to freshen you up a bit then."

"But I can't! Mom said I need to start training to prepare for what's to come next year already..." Aquarina lamented. "She said that I need to learn to bear with this heat because where we are going, it's like... even worse."

"Even worse?!" I cried. "What?"

"Where are you even going?" Zack wondered. "Some sort of wasteland in the middle of nowhere?"

"Yeah." Aquarina nodded. "Exactly that... And not really. From what mom has told me so far, it is a very faraway place where there's an Inheritance of the first ever Hero of Stone and Earth. It is the place where she tempered her body to become so strong and capable of fusing with minerals. Apparently, it is a huge canyon area, surrounded by a desert. With nothing but rocks, stone, sand and earth everywhere. Drier than anything you can imagine!"

"Well, that sounds fun!" Laughed Celeste. "Good luck there. Meanwhile I'll be taking your girlfriend to the coldest mountains in the continent."

"Grrr... I'm still pissed off she gets to go with you and not me..." Aquarina groaned. "Shouldn't you go train to the demon continent or something?"

"Her Skills with Alchemy are really good, and she has a nice talent for it, so learning from the Blue Witch is more beneficial." I said. "I know we got money and strength, but this is still a functioning society. Gaining a title in the academy will be important for our future in this society. Just relying on noble titles, money, or strength won't easily let us enter all kinds of jobs. After all in the future I am not planning on just hunting things endlessly, you know? That's why she has to learn Alchemy better. It is a job needed everywhere. She will be more appreciated than just another offensive magician that hunts wild creatures."

"W-Well, I guess.." Aquarina nodded. "Hey I'm also good at Alchemy though? I would love to learn from the witch! Mom!" Aquarina called her mother.

"I know sweetie. I was thinking that after the training you could regroup with Sylphy and spend a year with her and the witch, or something." Nepheline said. "Depending on how fast you progress your training though."

lightsNovel "Really?! Now we're talking!" Aquarina got really happy.

As we chatted, I noticed my other friends, and how they were handling the heat. Mist was resting over Zack, who was giving her some of his shadow with his huge body.

"Hahh... I think I'm going to die..." She cried.

"Come on, your affinity is light, right? Just slowly adapt to the heat. Your physique should be able to absorb it." Zack said. "Over time, slowly."

"O-Okay... I'll keep trying." Mist groaned.

"So many Sunlight Spirits everywhere!" Lara seemed unbothered by the heat.

"Hahh... Where can I find a bird?" Luck, in the other case, was looking for a Tier 8 flying monster to complete his unique Quest related to the Divine Beast Spirits. As long as he can defeat one flying tier 8 monster by himself, he will be able to unlock a new divine beast spirit.

"Birds are not common in deserts." My mother said. "Little places to rest, too much heat. Of course, there might be those that travel through very large distances. But the majority would not pass through here. Except if they're very strong monsters. This desert might or might not have some. We just have to keep exploring."lightsnovel

"How's the slimes going though?" My father asked, sitting over the giant fox, unbothered by the sunlight like me.

"They're fine." Said Nepheline. "Thanks to the water my daughter gave to them, they're just happily swimming over it to combat the heat. They're very resilient."

"Guu!"

"Gubo!"

"Gah?!"

They were playing around in the big pool Aquarina made for them, full of blocks of ice to combat the heat. Pyuku was with them laughing and playing. They were really having the time of their lives.

"Pyuku, tell me, can you feel the presence of your kin nearby?" Asked Ninhursag, who was walking over the burning sand with her barefoot like nothing.

"Oh, yes... I can feel them. If we continue straight through here!" Pyuku seemed excited. "These presences don't seem so lethargic though, they must be active."

"Nice, that does sounds good." My mother seemed happy. "Then, onwards!"

We continued moving across the deserts. Occasionally taking a break below the shadow of our tents to eat some filling and cold meals. Mostly a lot of cold drinks, frozen fruit, and ice cream. We occasionally found monsters. Mostly giant bugs named Antlions, Sandworms, and the occasionally Deadly Wasp, all of them only as strong as Tier 7.

The Sandworms were deadly big but were taken care swiftly by us. I was able to practice my new Skills and Abilities. Unleashing the power of the Yggdrasil Knight's Swordsmanship. I earned a lot of EXP and also spent some more finishing the equipment I was going to rent to Luck. At the morning of the second day, we managed to finally arrive somewhere in this endless sea of sand.

"Sylphy, look!" Suddenly, Aquarina pointed at the distance.

Hours after we began our traveling today, we came across something astonishing. A tremendously huge golden pyramid buried beneath the sand.

"CRYAAAAH!"

And a giant bird covered on feathers made of gold, sitting on top of it with a large nest made of crystals. And not only that, dozens of smaller sized birds of similar appearances all emerged out from behind the pyramid, where they were hiding in the shadow.

[The [Golden Flames Phoenix (Tier 10)] warns you to not take another step forward!]

[A huge flock of [Lesser Golden Firebirds (Tier 8)] have emerged to protect their new territory!]

"W-Wait a second, bids out of nowhere!" Luck was really happy. "Yes! We can finally do this!"

"Ah... T-That Pyramid is where the rest of the slimes are located!" Pyuku panicked. "Are those birds using the pyramid as a nest?! So that's why they can't get out of there... There was indeed some sort of distress in their presences, as if they were trapped."

"Then we'll have to quickly take care of these birds before we finally meet more of your family." Aquarina cracked her knuckles.

Chapter 1096 The Other Familiars Get System Seeds Too!

Ding!

[The [Golden Flames Phoenix (Tier 10)] warns you to not take another step forward!]

[A huge flock of [Lesser Golden Firebirds (Tier 8)] have emerged to protect their new territory!]

"A Phoenix Monster, here?!" My father gasped. "This is incredible... Phoenixes are incredibly rare beings. The one I contracted is a Spirit, but once was a Phoenix that ascended into one. To think we would come across a Tier 10 one. These are Apex Predators of the sky. And killing one won't be easy with their Pseudo Immortality." My father's presence grew stronger, the sunlight feed him with tremendous strength similar to my own Sunshine Ability. In fact, he had an even stronger version. His already strong looking body, but still slim, became ripped and completely muscular, he grew three times as tall, overflowing with physical prowess. Rings of fire growing around his body.

"There does seem to be a flock of Tier 8 smaller ones. Firebirds." Nepheline said. "These guys should keep our rookies entertained while we take care of the big one." As she said those words, she summoned a huge hammer made of stone, metal, and crystals. And her entire body transformed, her brown skin showing the growth of all kinds of metallic ores and hard crystals growing over her. The brown skin now resembling brown stone. The sands around her flickered, as if answering her call.

"I suppose there's something we can have fun hunting now." Shade commented. An endless sea of darkness encompassed him completely, swirling upwards. His body suddenly changing, an armor of "living" shadows and abyssal darkness covered him. Crimson eyes and jaws spread through them. This was his Advanced Abyssal Embodiment, the Unique Shapeshifting Technique of the Darkage Bloodline. The endless darkness spread out into several black tentacles, rising with sharp, spear-like ends. His two daggers became large, fusing with this power. Resembling long katanas.

"Alright children, I will conjure some healing, protecting, and buff spells on you. Can you take care of the flock of incoming monsters while we take care of the Phoenix?" My mother asked nonchalantly, waving her hands majestically. Several conjurations of light and life covered our bodies. We suddenly felt much stronger, much more resilient, full of stamina and strength. At the same time, invisible veils of white light protected us from damage up to a certain degree. And an aura of healing restored our health every second by a tiny bit. Mom was an incredible supporting magician by herself. She could probably employ this to an army and make it possible for them to conquer most countries.

"This bird... There's no way I won't get that for my Wild Shape." Ninhursag seemed overflowing with her hunting instincts, swiftly transforming into a huge black wyvern herself, overflowing with the power of her mighty Beast Aura. Which she had now learned to mix together much better than before. "Let me help too!"

"Sure! Leave it to us!" I nodded. "Nephilim, everyone, come out! We'll need as much help to fight a dozen Tier 8 monsters." I summoned all my Familiars right away, everyone immediately got ready for battle. Maybe in the past some would have complained such a task was impossible. But right now, we were confident that together we could overcome such a trial. "Luck! Take these and equip them right away! You're beating one of those birds on your own."

"Y-Yes!" Luck quickly caught all the items I threw at him. They were three silver-colored rings, each one with a red, blue, and green jewel. A necklace full of sunstones. And lastly, a pair of gloves made of dragon scales. These were my "mass produced" materials. All of them using materials I can easily produce or find inside my dungeon. It cost me 60 million EXP to forge them into stat-boosting equipment. And right now, we were about to see the results of such creations.

"Sylphy! I think I'm done!" Alice's voice echoed within me as I saw the giant bird's approach rapidly. The enormous phoenix roared mightily, flapping its wings and leaving a trail of golden flames on its way into the skies. "I have four System Seeds per your request."

"Nice! Guys, bring me the spirits you wanted to get a boost." I winked at them. Everyone knew what I mean, as their spirits flew towards me.

Mist's Rabbit-looking Spirit named Snowflake. Zack's Wind Spirit resembling a cloud with a single emerald eye on top. Celeste's Bat-like Shadow and Curse Spirit. And lastly, Celica's Mister Teddy, her strongest golem and familiar. As they rushed towards me. I swiftly imbued into them the four System Seeds. Their bodies swiftly undergoing changes, slight yet powerful changes. System windows popped up one after another, they were now part of the System.

<Status System>

[System Owner]: [Snowflake]

[Race]: [Little Light Spirit: ★]

[Class]: [Light Fairy Rabbit Spirit: ★]

[Rank]: [E+]

[Level]: [0/20]

[HP]: [800/800]

[MP]: [1.200/1.200]

[Strength]: [600]

[Defense]: [600]

[Magic]: [1.200]

[Resistance]: [1.000]

[Agility]: [800]

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[Charm]: [800]

[Skills]: [Light Manipulation: Lv4] [Light Spirit Barrier: Lv5] [Healing Aura: Lv3]

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<Status System>

[System Owner]: [Cumulus]

[Race]: [Lightning Wind Spirit: ★]

[Class]: [Storm Cloud Spirit: ★]

[Rank]: [E+]

[Level]: [0/20]

[HP]: [800/800]

[MP]: [1.200/1.200]

[Strength]: [600]

[Defense]: [800]

[Magic]: [1.200]

[Resistance]: [800]

[Agility]: [1.200]lightsnovel

[Luck]: [600]

[Charm]: [600]

[Skills]: [Wind Manipulation: Lv5] [Lightning Strike: Lv6] [Windstorm: Lv3]

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<Status System>

[System Owner]: [Onyx]

[Race]: [Dark Curse Spirit: ★]

[Class]: [Shadow Bat Spirit: ★]

[Rank]: [E+]

[Level]: [0/20]

[HP]: [900/900]

[MP]: [1.000/1.000]

[Strength]: [900]

[Defense]: [600]

[Magic]: [900]

[Resistance]: [800]

[Agility]: [1.400]

[Luck]: [600]

[Charm]: [600]

[Skills]: [Shadow Manipulation: Lv4] [Cursed Cry: Lv3] [Shadow Bat Swarm: Lv2]

[Skills]: [Shadow Manipulation: Lv4] [Cursed Cry: Lv3] [Shadow Bat Swarm: Lv2]

<Status System>

[System Owner]: [Mister Teddy]

[Race]: [Teddy Bear Golem: ★]

[Class]: [Warrior: ★]

[Rank]: [E+]

[Level]: [0/20]

[HP]: [4.000/4.000]

[MP]: [200/200]

[Strength]: [3.500]

[Defense]: [2.500]

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[Magic]: [200]

[Resistance]: [1.500]

[Agility]: [600]

[Luck]: [200]

[Charm]: [200]

[Skills]: [Teddy Bear Golem: Lv5] [Unwavering Protector: Lv6] [Furious Bear Rampage: Lv4] [Steady Fighter: Lv3]

Wow.

They were all unique on their own rights, with special abilities and all, but Mister Teddy was truly strong. And he'll be able to get even stronger now.

"They're coming, get ready!"

The flock of Lesser Golden Firebirds appeared right above us, golden flames flickering as they rapidly flapped their wings.

Chapter 1097 Against The Golden Phoenix Flock!

Although they had the term "lesser" in their names, these birds were nothing but lesser. They were as big as seven meters each, almost identical to the Phoenix, whom I assume must be their mother or the leader of the flock. At simple sight, these creatures looked like birds made completely out of gold. Their metallic feathers reflecting the sunlight and releasing the reflected light everywhere as they flew, making it hard to attack them without being slightly blinded by them.

I wasn't as affected by their natural ability to blind foes thanks to my blessings, but the rest of my friends weren't having an easy time against them. They were Tier 8 Monsters after all, creatures we would usually never hope to defeat. Although they shouldn't be as strong as the Fishman King due to the latter being a Boss with buffed strength and vitality due to that, these wild creatures were very dangerous.

As they flapped their wings, blades of golden metallic feathers would be fired, covered in golden flames. On contact, not only could they slice or pierce through most metals, but they would explode into a bombardment of golden fire explosions. Dealing great damage. Their attacks easily got through most of our barriers. They even broke through the barriers I constantly created using my Yggdragon's Aura. Only when it was further reinforced with my Heavenly Blazing Wall that these barriers didn't die off instantly.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

Their bombardment of explosive strikes constantly broke my barrier and heavenly blazing wall combination, but Lara supported me with her own Spiritual Veil. "Hang in there, Sylphy! The power of the Spirits won't leave us alone!" She said with all her energy. I felt as many spirits constantly repaired the walls and barriers, helping us take on the attacks much more easily.

As we defended friends from their endless onslaught from the skies, my friends quickly readied themselves to fight them, in the skies. These birds were smart enough to not approach us. They were going for the simplest strategy of fighting us in the skies, where we couldn't reach them. Well, unfortunately for them, we could. I waited for the right moment, the small interval between their attacks.

And then...!

"Now!" I roared, unsheathing my sword and undergoing partial Draconification. Activating Sunshine and further boosting my power and that of my friends with my Yggdragon Aura. "Charge!"

In that second, we flew towards the birds and ganged on them. I swung my sword vertically and horizontally, combining my Void Wielding Arts with the Darkness and Curse of Beelzebub and my Spirit Curse. Complete and pitch-black slashes cut through their hard golden feathers. I managed to hit three at the same time. I made sure to target their wings, stripping them away from their ability to fly by using all my power into cutting one or two.

SLAASH! SLAASH! SLAASH!

As the giant birds fell into the floor, half of our team that remained below immediately went to finish them off. "I'll take care of them!" My brother pierced the featherless spots over their bodies with his dual sword wielding arts. His powerful Black, Red, and slightly Purple Aura combined themselves with his lethal barrage of attacks, dealing constant damage.

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!

The birds swiftly fought back with powerful kicks, as if they had never needed to fly, they were able to easily run, evade, and attack with their two legs and their mightily hard beaks. "Young Lord Zephyrus, be more careful!" Nephilim appeared behind him, using her magic and powerful spears to kill one of the birds by falling over them and impaling it twice. The other two evaded her attacks, bombarding her with golden flames.

BOOOM!

However, barriers of holy light protected her from most damage, Yggdra's powerful roots wrapped around their legs as they distracted themselves. Stopping them from moving enough for Celica and her Golems to attack them with powerful restraining phantasmal magic and mighty blows.lightsnovel

"I-I think we got them!" Celica kept the grip of her skeletal phantom claws on the birds. "Now, finish them off! Q-

Quickly!"

"Alright!"

While the birds were weakened, Zephy pierced their heads with his swords enchanted with his Aura and mother's buffing spells, killing one on his own. The third of the Firebirds was later beheaded by Nephilim's spear of light and darkness, which fused into the shape of a huge battle axe.

SLAAASH!

As the three birds that I threw down were finished off, we were already clashing with another five. I calculated there were around 23 of them in total. Dispersed around the skies. We managed to surround five, while the rest started to fly around, panicking as they saw their kin being slain so easily. They tried to stop us from killing more, feather projectiles and golden flames bombarding us every time.

"You're so annoying!" Lara complained, riding a huge cloud-

shaped Wind Spirit Fusion she had just created. "[Spiritual Windstorm]!" Several Wind Spirits merged together below her command, releasing a powerful storm of winds the giant birds could not easily evade or resist, being blown away and losing their balance in the skies.

FLUOSH!

lightsnovel Zack rode the winds and took advantage of them, bringing forth the wrath of his Divine Axe Techniques in combination with his Spirit's powers. "[Divine Wind Axe Arts]: [Tempestuous Rampage]!"

Swinging both battle axes against the birds, three of them were swiftly covered on countless cutting winds. Their feathers slashed apart, and their bodies covered on many wounds, bleeding constantly.

SLAAASH!

At the same time as the birds were damaged and lost their focus, a barrage of Holy Spirit Light Arrows pierced their wounds, swiftly exploding. Constant explosions of powerful holy light blew their bodies and charred them. Three of them survived, the other two died on the spot. Mist's attack had been both powerful and precise, surprising all of us.

"Amazing!" Zack was fascinated with his girlfriend's power.

"Wait, Zack, don't lose your focus!" I warned him. The three birds suddenly combined their powers, conjuring a giant fireball of golden flames and launching it into Zack's face.

BOOOMMM!!

Chapter 1098 Battle In The Skies

If it wasn't because of the powerful armor I built for him, Zack would have been definitely roasted by the power of a combined spell conjured by three Tier 8 monsters at once. But the armor wasn't enough though, as I noticed its metal slightly melting beneath the blazing explosion.

FLUOSH!

Emerald winds reacted to the attack and encompassed him. I noticed this wasn't even his own magic, but the winds of the world... were protecting him. Was this the power of the Blessing he received from Melodia, the Queen of the Wind Spirits?

"Ah, the winds are protecting me?!" Zack gasped.

"You're one lucky brat, aren't you? [Cursed Dark Chains]!" Celeste laughed. Her magic activated as she flew right below him. Chains of darkness and curses wrapped around the birds, weakening them slightly. At the same time, her spear pierced their bodies constantly. Or well, it tried to. The metallic feathers protecting the birds served as an incredible armor. If we don't slice those off, they take little damage against physical blows.

CLANK! CLANK! CLANK!

"Dammit, these things are too damn tough!" Celeste complained. The birds swiftly beginning to break out of the chains. But we stepped forwards. Aquarina by my side. I harnessed Void, Darkness, and Curses into my Partial Draconification, my scales turning black and purple. My hair beginning to become dark and my eyes red. Meanwhile, Aquarina fused her Partial Sea Draconification with her Abyssal Embodiment. We attacked the restrained birds at the same time.

"[Divine Dragon Blade Arts]: [Dark Void Dragon's Claws]!"

"[Abyssal Shadow Dagger Arts]: [Chaotic Vortex]!"

As I unleashed my sword attack, my powers erupted with the slashing blow. Gigantic claws composed of darkness and dangerous void energy fused with my curse's abyssal essence, overwhelming the birds with clawing attacks even though it was a single slash. At the same time, Aquarina's entire body spun around, slashing the birds constantly. The darkness encompassing her creating a vortex of chaos that drained away the Firebirds entire life and mana.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

BOOOM!

The massive amount of attacks quickly generated a huge explosion of darkness. The three birds died on the spot, falling from the skies. More came without letting us even take a break. We clashed against them, evaded their attacks, blocked them, and so on. The battle was intense, but we were all working together to survive and win.

I noticed Luck preparing himself, helping everyone fight the birds until he told us he would go on his own. There was a single bird, that looked slightly smaller than the rest, separated from them and attacking with magic. Luck pursued it, kicking the air with gusts of wind generated from his Elemental Claw Skill imbued into the claws of his foot.

"CRAAH!"

The Firebird quickly realized he was targeting it, giving a cry of warning before it unleashed a wave of golden flames. From its entire body. Luck gritted his teeth, harnessing light and spirit power into his claws. With rampaging speed, he cut through the flames with his claws and then reached the bird, kicking its huge face and then following it with a mighty uppercut. The damage was more severe than he expected. The equipment stats were at work there.

"CRRRH!"

The bird groaned furiously, its beak blazing with golden flames. The creature attacked Luck with a barrage of powerful beak attacks, he evaded them with the speed given to him thanks to his Divine Beast Spirit. His aura grew stronger as he swiftly caught the bird's beak in a single second. The three rings on his hand activating at the same time, as three magic circles, red, blue, and green in color materialized in front of him, releasing a combination of magic into the bird's face.

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"Wooah!"

Luck stepped back in shock, the bird was bleeding constantly, falling from the skies. It was still alive though. He followed it and quickly imbued his elemental powers into his legs, kicking it from behind with enough force the metallic feathers bended to his force.

BAAAM!

The strike was brutal, the bird vomited blood. It swiftly stood up back again though. With its magic at full power, it released a storm of golden flames against Luck. He protected himself with a barrier of his

magic, but it broke instantly. However, what held off was the powerful dragon scale barrier formed from his gloves, shaped into a shield.

"Amazing...!"

As Luck saw that happening, the bird coughed, unable to unleash power flames. It seemed much weaker and sickly compared to its other siblings, yet it still was barely Tier 8. Luck didn't hesitate, his sharp claws growing twice as large as he pointed them at the bird's neck. The bird's instincts flared up in that moment, it gave a step back and then kicked him away with its giant talons.

CLASH!

"Not yet... I'm not giving up yet!"

Luck chased the firebird who swiftly attempted to fly up into the skies again. He kicked the empty air and gathered all his spiritual and beastly power. His Aura rampaging and roaring like a mighty white tiger. A roar so strong it paralyzed the bird on the spot.

"ROOOOAR!"

In that moment, Luck immediately attacked its tough neck, breaking through the metallic feather armor and then, beheading it with both of his sharp, over half a meter long tiger clawed hands. A fountain of blood splattered over him from the bird's open neck, as the corpse fell over the golden sand, painting it with crimson color.

"Hahhh... I-I did it!" Luck celebrated.

Well, without my equipment it wouldn't have been as easy, not at all. However, it seemed to count as he did it because something within him was born. A new power, a new divine beast spirit. Flames flickered around his body.

His tiger form suddenly changing. He became much taller and slimmer. Instead of white and black fur, he was now covered by fiery red feathers, and a huge golden beak replaced his mouth, his face covered by the same fiery red feathers, while his eyes flashed with emerald light.

"T-This is...!"

A pair of gigantic wings sprouted out of his back, as the golden tiger changed its form, now becoming a giant, fiery bird.

"So you've completed the test, well done! You must be the new hero of beasts! Nice to meet you, youngling. I am the Second Divine Beast Spirit, the Crimson Phoenix!"

Chapter 1099 The Heroes Against The Tier 10 Giant Golden Phoenix

As everyone marveled about Luck's new Spirit and how it changed him. Sylphy's parents and the rest of the adults clashed against the giant Phoenix. Its mighty presence releasing constant shockwaves of golden flames and light. It paid no mind to her own children fighting and dying, her golden eyes staring with deadly glares at her foes.

She was still in the middle of the skies, resembling a golden statue. however, the powerful shockwaves it released were akin to a warning, the bird warned the heroes to not confront it! It was confident on her strength.

"I dislike attacking and hunting things just because..." Allan said. "However, you chose a terrible spot to make your nest. And that place is where Pyuku's friends are at. Sadly, we can't let you have it."

"CRYAAAAH!"

The Phoenix didn't care about Allan's words, it swiftly flew towards him once he approached it. The gigantic bird swung its enormous ten-meter-long wings as if they were golden blades. Slashes of yellow

flames and crimson fire descended towards him. Explosions engulfed his entire body, threatening to completely burn him to ashes. Yet...

"...?!"

He was completely unscathed. The Phoenix had never battled a foe that was immune to its flames. But unfortunately for it, the bird was fighting the Hero of Blazing Blade. Who had cultivated his physique to become the flames themselves. The element of fire was already almost completely within his control. Like a god that controlled flames, the golden and crimson fire that the bird conjured was merely eaten by Allan.

"Thanks for the meal, bud."

FLASH!

With a swift step in the skies, Allan appeared above the gigantic Phoenix, his sword moving down, resembling a titanic blazing guillotine. The Phoenix instantly panicked, swiftly employing all of its strength to evade the attack. But it was unable to move because tentacles of shadows wrapped around its legs and wings, stopping it momentarily as it tried to burn them with its golem flames.

SLAAAASH!

A mighty slash of pure brute force descended upon the creature. The bird immediately fell from the skies. As if it had been dethroned from its heavenly abode. The explosion provoked by its gigantic forty-meter-big body falling into the sands below generated a tremor inside the desert. The surrounding golden dunes burning so hot they turned into a garden of sharp glass.

BAAAM!!

The Phoenix only fell unconscious for a split of a second before it opened its eyes again. Immediately glaring into the skies and then noticing a sharp pain on its back. It couldn't fly yet, one of its wings had been broken and there was an enormous slashing wound covering its back, bleeding all over.

lightsNovel "It's resilient enough to take a hit from your Sunshine Form?" Faylen noticed. "That armor of feathers it possesses... It's not normal. Alright. Everyone, I'll restraint it. Gang on it." The leader of their group quickly made a decision. Her hands and staff waved, sparkles of divine lights surging from within the rotating divine runes of her magic circle. Several magic circles materialized around her after that, conjuring chains of divine light directed at the bird.

The Phoenix flew into the skies, clashing against the chains and blocking them with its giant and sharp bladed wings. It cut through them, but they kept appearing. Eventually, a storm of flames was unleashed from its body as the creature gave a sharp cry, only to find itself once more wrapped by chains! Faylen was constantly conjuring them and strengthening them, adapting her magic power to the Phoenix's flames.

FLUOOSH!

The chains strengthened to their limits, becoming as hard as orichalcum. As the bid was wrapped in them. Allan, Shade, Nepheline, and Ninhursag attacked the beast while being wat of its flames.

"That hard armor of you, I hope you don't mind me taking it away!" Allan's slashing attacks became more intense than ever, as he began mowing down the bird's hard metallic feathers.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

"Take this more seriously, Allan! Just because you can't take damage doesn't mean this is exactly a cake walk!" Shade's dagger techniques pierced through the weak points of the bid, making it bleed all over the place and abusing the wounds by cursing them with his powerful magic.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

"Don't lose focus, another wave of flames is coming!" Nepheline warned them, the Phoenix unleashed a tremendous shockwave of flames. They quickly defended as they were unable to avoid it. Faylen's barriers managed to hold back really well, but the flames pierced through it to an extent, burning them.

"RAAAH!" While bathing in the flames, her resilient body held on. Nepheline swung her titanic rock hammer, imbuing it with all her power.

CRAAASH!!lightsnovel

An enormous strike ignored the sea of golden flames, striking the Phoenix hard in the head with as much power as she could muster. A shockwave made out of pure power was unleashed, the bird was knocked out, falling limp on the ground below.

BAAM!

"CRAAAH!"

And a second later, it woke up.

Flames surged endlessly from its body again. Allan swiftly flew in front of the monstrous creature, absorbing all the flames and empowering his body even more. "I hope you don't mind me eating your fire." The rest of the heroes attacked in that moment.

Piercing cursed abyssal daggers slashed through, a gigantic hammer constantly crushed the bird's bones, and a mighty black wyvern constantly released black flames, inhibiting the Phoenix's powerful regeneration. In the barrage of attacks, Faylen waved her hands again, beams of light piercing the Phoenix's entire body once her friends had smothered it enough.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

The beams exploded on contact, blowing up flesh and bones out of the creature, guts splattering into the ground. The resilient monster kept fighting even after that, burning with blazing resilience and wrath. However, Shade swiftly activated one of his trump cards, fusing with his Reaper Spirit, his hands becoming ghostly.

"The secret behind your resiliency and resurrection is, of course, your soul." He smiled, his hands becoming giant ghostly claws and piercing the phoenix's flames, reaching its very soul and grasping it tightly, cursing it!

"CRYAAAGH!"

The Phoenix attempted to fight back, but as it was bathed with attacks, it found itself unable to channel upon its resurrection powers coming from the flame of its soul. On a fit of frustration and rage, an explosion of flames was released from its body!

BOOOMMM...!!

And then, the mighty beast died, hoping to have killed its attackers.

"Phew, well that was a nice exercise." Allan laughed carefreely.

"Hey, you were way too carefree to be fighting a Tier 10 monster." Faylen reprimanded him.

"A-Ah? Oh sorry." He continued giggling. "Maybe I got a bit carried away. When I channel Sunshine, I somehow get... really cocky and witty."

"Yeah, I can fucking tell..." Shade gasped for air, covered on burning wounds. "Faylen, please heal me..." A wave of healing light quickly recovered all his wounds.

"Are you alright dear?" Nepheline asked, in which Shade nodded. He wasn't the best at taking hits. "I wonder how the kids are handling things- Oh?"

"Looks like they're already done, amazing." Ninhursag smiled, noticing how the other firebirds were already all taken care of.

"Yawn... Hm? Oh, what did I miss? I was taking a nap in the clouds." Arafunn suddenly appeared, descending from the skies.

Everyone quickly realized how easily they could have handled this if Arafunn's winds were around, facepalming.

"You're always missing when you're most needed!" Faylen complained.

"Hahaha! Come on, you still did it, right?" Arafunn's carefreeness knew no bounds.

Chapter 1100 Finishing The Job

"[Yggdrasil's Gardener Divine Domain]"

FLAAASH!

My Domain of Yggdrasil Gardener expanded as we fought. The golden sands were swiftly covered by complete greenery. Trees, bushes, flowers, herbs, and all kinds of other types of plants grew one after another, constantly overflowing with spiritual energy. I absorbed this power as the Domain expanded, my sword channeling a golden and green Aura. Utilizing this power, I slashed through the air, a wave of emerald and golden power surging.

"[Yggdrasil Knights Swordsmanship Arts]: [Nature's Wrath]"

SLAAASH!

The entire domain shook before this power, the firebirds nearby were instantly covered on slashing attacks once the long-ranged slash hit them, like a domino effect, several other firebirds behind were blown away by the consecutive explosions, and swiftly taken down as the domain moved on its own. Giant arms made of sand and plants making sure they would stay dead.

I kept moving, hoping in midair and maneuvering with my dragon wings. I helped everyone with their own hunt and killed as many of the firebirds as we could. They were big bags of EXP, and I seriously needed some of that after having spent so much on the new System Seeds.

This was my second time using this power belonging to my new and upgraded Class, but I was already getting used to it quite well. I could add inputs to the Domain, and it would move and attack accordingly. It was quite easy to use, and that might be a result of its powers being assimilated into the System.

Eventually, there were only so many firebirds we could hunt, and once we were done hunting everything we could. The entire desert went back to its awfully quiet yet relaxing atmosphere.

"Phew... Well, that's that... Oh." I noticed my Domain ended creating a huge jungle surrounding the entire pyramid. And once the domain effect deactivated itself, the jungle stayed. "Oh yeah, this happens."

When I used it before in the grasslands, the same thing happened. It seems this Domain can just spread a lot of plant life anywhere, everywhere once activated. And they stay even as the domain's powers deactivate, and I can't control the forest anymore.

Yet for some reason, I can still feel some sort of connection to the forests and huge areas of vegetation I leave behind. I wonder if they're some sort of Territory type of thing similar to the Dungeon.

"Hey Alice, are these forests... Somewhat connected to my Civilization System?" I asked her.

"Hmm, so you do feel a strange connection as well." Alice nodded. "Yes, there's something odd about it all... I believe it has to do with the Civilization System and the Dungeon System somehow affecting the other skills in ways I cannot properly detect."

"Interesting, so these forests..." I said.

"It could be, yes, they might be connected to your Territory somehow..." She nodded. "So you feel a connection to it, right?"

"Yes, a strong one at that." I walked towards the huge jungle, touching the tree barks.lightsnovel

Their life and spiritual essence all slowly flowed back to me, and I could also feed them with my endless mana, helping them grow stronger and healthier. It made me wonder for the first time how much I could also affect this world's nature and environment.

I've heard a lot that the Demon Continent is a harsh place, called a wasteland by many. Where tribes have to either hunt or starve most of the time, unless they belong to the large cities at the coasts, which have formed peace pacts with the human and elven continents.

lightsNovel.com Maybe if I can develop this power more, I could spread greenery and nature to those wastelands, and ways for people to thrive through the fruits, seeds, and herbs that these forests produce. But maybe that's just wishful thinking more than anything.

"Will these die off eventually?" I wondered.

"Maybe, or maybe not." Alice wondered. "As long as they keep their connection to you, they can drain Mana in times of need and might continue growing larger. It could very well become a huge patch of greenery in these desolate sands."

"Sounds kind of cool if that really happens." I giggled. "Anyways, let's go back with everyone else. Oh! Let's quickly pick up the corpses too. They're treasure troves of precious materials! The hard as metal feathers must be amazing for armor, especially lightweight armor. Their bones were super tough too, their metallic beaks and claws as well! And I bet they don't taste bad at all. The stronger the monster, the tastier it usually is."

"It must be due to the amount of mana they possess concentrated inside of them." Alice explained. "I believe everyone in this world is born with special sensory organs for mana, which are shared with all of your senses. Therefore, things that are rich in mana tend to feel much more flavorful."

"Oh, I see..." I nodded. "That does make sense." I kept picking up the corpses as I made my way back to my friends. They were all flocking around Luck who had unlocked his newest Divine Beast Spirit.

"Amazing! You became a bird man for a second there, Luck!" Laughed Lara. "You looked weird but cool at the same time."

"Hahaha." Luck laughed a bit. "I do feel much stronger now... It was an incredible feeling! Although a bit painful at first."

"It feels almost unfair you got those powers... But I guess that's a Hero for you." Zack shrugged. "I'll have to just keep working harder to catch up with a monster like you."

"You'll have to try really hard though." Luck felt really proud of himself. "You better work really hard under Arafunn's tutelage!"

"Sure, I won't lose to you!" Zack's competitive spirit flared up.

"It sure was something else to see him transform." Aquarina nodded. "Is he going to transform with every transformation?"

"I think so." I said, stepping in. "Congrats, Luck!"

"Sylphy! If I wasn't for your equipment I wouldn't have been able to do it though! Thanks a lot!" Luck said.