

## A Glitched 151

Chapter 151 A Week And A Half After, Exploring The Jungle

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After a week and a half since then, we were back in Aquarina's tribe, as we found ourselves wandering around the jungle. We were mostly looking for the woman that we had meet before, which we had made of a misunderstanding a bit, that was the Skin-changer capable of becoming a beast at will by some strange sort of magic innate to her race.

That was, of course, Ninhursag! This woman was very mysterious, although my parents and Aquarina's parents apparently knew about her, what they knew was always quite vague, so I always wondered what more was there for her in store.

I know they had said she once accompanied them in their travels and more, but it has been a long time since then... And well, although Zack had been encountering her occasionally in the jungle, I had not seen her again since our first meeting, nor Aquarina.

It seems that the woman got some sort of fixation for Zack, I remember she had said something about protecting him since he was a child. The whole story behind Zack was always intriguing to me, how by a demon attack, his parents died and all, and how he ended escaping the tribe or something, and lived for almost two years in the wild as a toddler...

I suppose she always looked over him while he never noticed... Maybe she developed some motherly instincts on the young boy, it wouldn't surprise me if I were to know she thought of herself as her adoptive mother, although, seeing how her personality was back then, she might never admit it, nor Zack would accept it.

But the best way to learn about things such as these is by asking him directly, right?

We had been traveling around the jungle near the dungeon for almost an hour, so we took a small break to drink some water.

"Phew, we haven't encountered any monster yet..." sighed Aquarina.

"Yeah, where could Ninhursag be? Does she only lives past the barrier? So we'll have to go through it..." I said.

The dungeon was located within the barrier, but because the dummy of Furoh ran away from me in that time, he ended getting out of the barrier and I had to chase him out of it, only for us to be greeted by Ninhursag, who immediately saw Furoh as a threat she had to eliminate.

So, based in that we encountered her outside, she most likely lives outside, right? I would guess she has a life in nature... Doesn't seem so bad to be honest, it looks like it would be quite fun.

"Yeah, I think she lives past the barrier, every time I find her, is past the barrier. She is a lot like a wild beast, always saying she guards her "territory" from other beasts... It could be said she's always guarding the village from any potential danger." Said Zack.

"I see... You know a lot about her, don't you?" I asked with a teasing smile.

"Eh?! W-What do you mean by that? Of course I know about her..." he said.

"Of course? Care to explain in detail? I am pretty bored, so I am up for a larger conversation!" I said.

"Yeah, spit the beans." Said Aquarina while nodding at my side.

"Aquarina, its spill the beans." I said.

"Oh! Yeah, that!" said Aquarina.

Zack felt the pressure of our intense glares and sighed.

"W-Well, what can I say? I kind of know her for a while... but back then when you first meet her with the demon incident, I didn't recognized her for a while... She was also annoyingly attacking me with lighting because she likes to tease me or something..." sighed Zack.

"Oh? Care to explain this teasing?" I wondered.

"Yeah, why was she doing that?" asked Aquarina.

"Ugh... After that meeting, I've meet her again occasionally here and there, the other day I was hunting a Shadow Stalker myself, I was winning but she suddenly showed up and killed it. She showed up in the form of a large gray wolf, so I thought it wanted to steal my prey, but she quickly went back to her normal form and surprised me..." he sighed.

"Oh... I guess she might be looking over you." I said.

"Y-You think so?" asked Zack.

"Isn't it kind of obvious?" asked Aquarina while raising an eyebrow.

"O-Obvious?! I never thought about it in such a way before... I think it was just coincidence... But I do recall having a lot of encounters with mildly friendly animals... Wait, could they all had been her?!" wondered Zack.

Suddenly, the boy looked at us as if he had realized something quite crucial...

"Yeah, I think she might had been looking over you since you were a kid." I said.

"T-There's no way..." he said.

"Hey, but you've barely spoken enough... What else do you know?" wondered Aquarina.

"Well... the other day I was wandering around looking for strawberries to eat, and when I found a new fruit with a strange purple color, a large crow stopped me from eating them, grabbing the fruits and splattering them in the ground while crying angrily at me..." said Zack.

"Oh... she was Ninhursag, isn't it?" I asked.

"I-I don't know, but that crow really annoyed me, so I ran away... I feared that it would bring more friends and they would all begin to shit over me or something..." sighed Zack.

"Hahaha! That would had been funny to see!" said Aquarina.

"Ugh, shut up, shrimp..." sighed Zack.

"Who are you calling shrimp, gorilla?!" roared Aquarina.

"G-Gorilla?! Is that my new nickname?" asked Zack with an angered expression.

"You're a brutish gorilla!" said Aquarina while crossing her arms and furrowing her eyebrows.

I petted her head and caressed her shoulder.

"Aquarina calm down, don't get so overly aggressive... Also, Zack, stop calling her a shrimp." I said.

"...Sigh. Okay..." sighed Zack while averting his gaze.

"O-Only because you ask me, Sylphy..." said Aquarina.

Seriously, these children...

Chapter 152 You're Really Lucky!

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After calming down the pair, things resumed, and Zack was able to talk once more about his experiences. I was honestly wondering what else has he seen that might had been Ninhursag.

"Hm... Well, last week I saw her too... I had been wandering near the river to find some fish for lunch, and I saw her there... She was... well... erm..." he muttered.

"What? What was she doing?" I wondered.

"Was she a fish? Can she turn into a fish?" wondered Aquarina.

"No... That's not it... Erm... Well, she was bathing in the river... Of course, when we bath, we are nude, so she was nude there..." said Zack.

Eh? He saw her nude? What a lucky kid!

Both Aquarina and I blushed a bit.

"Y-You're a really lucky kid!" I said.

"Eh?! Lucky?!" asked Zack.

"S-So that was it?" asked Aquarina.

"Actually, no... she noticed me and invited me to take a bath with her, she was very friendly... I ended accepting and she washed my body with the cold water and some soap she had made with herbs and fruit seeds..." said Zack.

"She bathed you for free?!" asked Aquarina.

"What? Did you wanted me to pay her?" asked Zack.

"Only my parents would ever bathe me, so I guess she really sees you as her child..." I said.

"C-Child? Me?!" asked Zack.

"Zack, haven't you realized yet? I think she's very fond of you..." I said.

"Fond of me? Eh? I... I guess..." he said.

I couldn't really understand what was going on inside of Zack's mind, but he probably was somehow a bit happy. I could see on his beautiful emerald eyes that he seemed to give out a bright light, he was really happy now that he realized, but he was able to fake it well with his expressionless face and by trying to avert his gaze from us.

I don't know what sorts of things he went through, but he had certainly grow accustomed to hiding his emotions... I kind of want to hug him sometimes. But Aquarina is very jealous so I most of the time just contain myself.

"Zack, what do you think of Ninhursag?" I wondered.

"W-Why are you asking me these questions so much?!" asked Zack.

"Hey! Calm down! Chill! I am just wondering! I've been curious about her for a while, but I have yet to find her again, and you've been finding her all the time, you even took a bath with her, and she's such a snack!" I sighed while crossing my arms.

"S-Snack?" asked Aquarina.

"Ah... D-Don't mind what I just said a the end..." I said.

"Yeah I might be close to her but it doesn't mean I know everything... Let's just keep looking for her so we can meet her again." Said Zack.

"Alright then~" I said.

I suppose I really shouldn't pressure him, what I've asked is more than enough, if I try to force him, it would come out as rude, and I don't want to make my friend more uncomfortable than he already felt... For now, we decided to just go on with our journey.

The beautiful jungle was filled with verdant greenery, and the sun atop the skies was shining brightly above all. It was an overall pretty beautiful sight. The sound of birds singing and other creatures such as monkeys crying around was also rather soothing, this was the sound of the forest, I guess.

From time to time, we would find beautiful birds we had never seen before, with colorful feathers and dancing around for mates. Other times we found large groups of monkeys rushing around over the treetops or through the vines, most of the time holding fruits within their hands or mouths.

There were also a lot of annoying bugs wandering around, especially mosquitoes, but there was a special spell that Zack knew, named "Wind Membrane" which allowed us to protect us from the bites of bugs by covering our bodies in a very thin layer of wind.

After wandering for a bit, we encountered a group of walking mushrooms. They were red-colored, with four limbs, large eyes, and jaws. They seemed to be quite fixated in something...

They were bullying a little thing. I don't know what it was, but it was certainly small. They were hitting it with their limbs rather strongly.

Do these things hunt? I guess they do fancy meat, but why are they beating something so intensively though?

"Huh? What's that?" wondered Aquarina.

"Five Walking Mushrooms... Seems easy, wanna take them down?" asked Zack.

"Sure but they're bullying a little thing, I can't see well..." I said.

"Looks like some sort of blue-colored creature... Oh well, let's go deal with them and then we can find what it is!" said Aquarina.

"Yeah, I agree." I said.

We stealthily moved behind the Walking Mushrooms. Using my 'Stealth' Spell, which was a no-attribute spell I had brought from my previous life and perfected in this second life, I took out my blade and covered in a thin layer of flames.

"Blazing Blade Technique: Blazing Slash!"

SLAAASH!

By slashing the empty air with my blade covered in flames, a slash made of fire was released from the blade, a powerful long-ranged attack and one of the basic ones that my father learned. Because who said swordsman cannot fight from long distance?

CLASH!

The slash made of flames reached my target rather quickly, clashing over the largest of the Walking Mushrooms and setting it in fire. A second one quickly caught in fire as well and they began running around desperately.

"Gryyyaarr!"

"Gryeeehhh..."

The other two quickly grew alarmed, realizing what was happening.

But it was too late, Aquarina and Zack appeared behind the other three and attacked them. Zack had been practicing his lightning magic some more now and surprised me when I used it to unleash a



thunderbolt attack out of his index finger, the attack was small and precise, electrifying one of the mushrooms and grilling it alive and killing it rather quickly.

#### Chapter 153 A Mysterious Little Slime

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After Zack killed one of the mushrooms, Aquarina was swifter and attacked more directly, using her magic knife, she slashed through the other two Walking Mushrooms as waves of slicing water came out of the knife. She had become even better at this; I can already tell. The two mushrooms she attacked were sliced into tiny pieces, slain immediately.

The two mushrooms that I had set on fire were lying over the floor, they died pretty easily too. Alice suddenly notified me I gained some EXP, which was administrated into the System to reinforce it and help her repair more errors, as usual.

We had been slaying low-tiered beasts for months now occasionally, so I've accumulated a fine amount of EXP over time, however, I don't know how long it will take for her to repair everything properly.

I wonder if one day I'll be able to get out from being level 1... although I fear it might come with my endless Mana and Health being negated because my Stats won't be frozen anymore! If that's the case, I prefer things to be just frozen then!

"And done... That wasn't hard." Said Aquarina with a prideful smile.

"Yeah... Now what's that?" asked Zack.

"Huh? Yeah, what is this?" I wondered.

what we found in the floor right in the middle of all the corpses was a... blue thing.

It was a blue thing trembling fearfully over the floor of the jungle, it was splattered a bit over the floor, and seemed very weakened.

"Pyuku..."

It released a tiny little and cute sound.

It was like... how can I explain it?

I just have never seen something like this before.

It was blue and seemingly made out of blue liquid, but compact.

I guess that's a good way to describe it?

Like a mass of blue water...

"Oh, that's a slime!" said Aquarina.

"Slime?" I wondered.

"Was this slime being bullied by the Walking Mushrooms?" wondered Zack.

"I think so...." I said.

"Slimes are made of slime... and can eat anything... According to my mother they're dangerous when they grow older and become very powerful... But when they're small, they're very weak and can die if you crush them strong enough..." said Aquarina.

"Ohhh... I guess we should kill it then?" asked Zack.

"Pyuku! Pyyuuu..."

The slime suddenly heard Zack's words and seemingly understood him.

It suddenly extended two tentacles out of its body which shaped like hands, and tried to stop him, as if they shaped like the palms of our hands.

It also waved part of its slimy body as if it were trying to say "No! Please, have mercy!".

It was very weakened so it could die very easily by now...

"I don't know, it looks like its pretty weak, why would we kill it?" I wondered.

"Because Aquarina just said they grow strong enough to be very dangerous? We are better off killing it before it becomes a problem." Said Zack.

"Wow, Zack, you've become very ruthless!" I said.

"Eh? W-What's wrong with that?" asked Zack.

"Hmm... I think we should keep it... Sylphy, I can already notice in your eyes you don't want us to kill it, right? I also kind of feel bad for it..." said Aquarina.

Aquarina! You're such an angel!

"Okay, fine, do whatever you want with it anyways, I don't care..." sighed Zack.

"Pyuuuuu! Pykuuu!"

The little slime began to bounce around happily. I couldn't find any threatening aura out of it, it was simply very friendly and cute.

I got my hand closer to it, and it let me pet it and caress it.

The slime coerture was actually quite solid, as if it had a rubbery exterior, a wall of sorts that covered the slimy substance inside. It had some wounds where its slimy interior was leaking out, so that's how they get wounded.

I suppose they're not so different from things such as slugs, they look slimy but still got a skin exterior and all the slimy stuff is inside. It could even have muscles inside, but they're simply transparent.

However, I was able to faintly notice that it had a glowing crystal in the middle of its body. Is that its magic crystal? It looks like a very obvious weak spot... I can guess why it would be an easy to slay foe for beginners when they're small and weaker. A spear attack into the magic crystal could easily shatter it and kill the slime in the process...

"Come on, Aquarina, pet it! it is friendly." I said.

"I-Is it not going to eat my hand?" she asked.

"Of course! Come on! Look!" I said. I grabbed the slime with my arms and let it rest over them.

The slime seemed happy to be carried, and even relaxed itself. I used this opportunity to try to heal it, my healing magic worked, and the wounds it had over its membrane quickly closed. It suddenly gained a lot more energy out of nowhere after being healed.

"Pyyuu!"

Aquarina timidly touched the slime with her hand, and realized it was indeed very soft and quite rubbery in the outside.

"Ah, he's slim to the touch..." she said.

"Yeah, see?" I asked.

"Come on, Zack, come to pet it." I said.

"Eeh? I am not petting that thing..." said Zack.

"Pyyuuu!"

The slime seemed angered to being called a "thing", it was very intelligent to even understand the intention of our words...

Zack ultimately walked near it and petted it anyways.

"H-He's indeed like touching something rubbery... I don't know how to describe the feeling." Said Zack.

"I wonder if we can keep you as a pet..." said Aquarina.

"Pyyuuuku!" said the little slime, it seemed happy to be with us.

I wonder where this little guy came from. Just some random monster? But there's no way it is so intelligent if it is just a random monster...

"Ah, do you want something to eat?" I wondered, as I took out an apple.

"Pyyuu!"

The slime seemed happy to see the apple, its eyes shone brightly with golden light, it quickly grabbed the apple with a tiny tentacle, wrapped it around the fruit, and brought it inside of its body. The apple began to slowly dissolve inside of its body... it was a very unique way to digest things.

Chapter 154 Ninhursag's Investigation

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It was another day in the life of Ninhursag. She woke up from the large tree house she had made for herself atop the largest tree in the jungle and ate some food from a pile of fruits she had right after waking up.

"Yawn... Ahh... I want some meat..."

Ninhursag quickly made her way out of her house, jumping out of the window and touching the beak within her necklace. A flash of bright light encompassed her body, and she suddenly turned into a colorful and beautiful bird, resembling a swan, and flew off into the skies.

She flew over the jungle, looking for prey until she found a strange creature she wouldn't usually find in these places, a wandering, green-skinned creature.

"What? A Goblin?"

She flew down and quickly caught the Goblin within her talon's claws.

CLASH!

"Gryyyarr...!"

The savage goblin roared, trying to hit the aggressive bird attacking him, but Ninhursag was a merciless warrior, and just as wild as the forms she could take, she quickly killed the goblin by slashing through its throat using her claws and tearing apart chunks of flesh using her beak.

BUMP!

The corpse quickly fell over the floor, as Ninhursag glared down at it mercilessly... This creature shouldn't belong here, Goblins were not beings that dwelled within these ancient Jungles.

"What's a goblin doing here? Have I been overlooking them this entire time? Or was this a scout?" she wondered.

"I will have to track down their scent later... I am hungry..." she sighed, quickly turning back to her human form, as a beautiful black as charcoal-skinned lady with a slim body and beautiful muscles adorning her body emerged.

Her white-colored tattoos made a beautiful contrast over her skin color, making her look exotic. There were many scars across her skin, they were part of what made her proud of being a warrior.

She grabbed the goblin and carried it away, quickly putting up a fire and roasting the entire creature, while taking away the clothes it had and anything else it was carrying.

She quickly realized it had a small pouch filled with magic crystals...

"Goblins shouldn't be smarter than monkeys, how come this one was collecting so many of these? Did he found them shiny or something? Hmm..."

Ninhursag looked into the crystals while squinting her eyes, she quickly saved them into her pouch and when the goblin was ready, she quickly began to eat it. Goblin meat wasn't the best, it was chewy and had a strong flavor, but not the good kind of one.

However, this one wasn't so bad, perhaps because she was so hungry, or maybe because she had previously poured some sauce, she got the amazon village the other day. This sauce made of fermented fruits and herbs made anything she ate very flavorful.

Anyone else wouldn't really eat goblins, they were not seen as food by people. However, Ninhursag followed a very simplistic code.

Eat what you hunt.

It was taught to her by her mother when she was a small little girl, the Skin-Changers were a race of people that lived in harmony with nature and ate all sorts of things, favoring fruits and meat.

Whenever they hunted down animals, they would thank the Spirits of the World of Terrarium, and pray for the souls of the ones they had slain.

Even as abhorrent as Goblins were, as a type of humanoid-type monster, Ninhursag didn't discriminate, and decided to eat it to fill her stomach.

"Hmm... The leg is softer... this one wasn't so muscular... It even had a lot of grease. Are these goblins living leisurely?" wondered Ninhursag.

The woman had a strong appetite, after leaving only bones behind, she quickly grabbed a bone that she found held the most "Essence", it was a large fang which the goblins use to tear apart the meat they eat.

"This should do..."

She took out a knife and quickly made a hole out of the fang, and quickly added it to her necklace, filled with fangs and beaks of various animals she had hunted. Her tribe took pride in using these body parts of the animals they hunted as decorations of their bodies.

And well, there was another purpose to it.

"Let's see... I've never tried it out, I wasn't able to become monsters before when I was younger, but now that my Magic has developed..."

Ninhursag touched the goblin fang and gathered mana into it, a sudden change happened into her body as she suddenly found herself in the form of a female goblin.

Female goblins were a bit different than male ones, they were smaller, had hair over their heads, and often had more delicate features. Goblins were not a male-only race but also had their females, which were rarer and more treasured by them, often kept inside their caves or camps, most of the time raised until they could bear children, in such case they would be given several husbands and would give birth constantly to keep the population big.



Unlike some would expect of barbaric creatures such as Goblins, they held a lot of respect and reverence over females due to their rarity, whenever they saw one, they would immediately try to court her through offering gifts, such as meat, fruits, and even shiny magic crystals, or anything, even the corpse of a human they just happened to kill...

Ninhursag learned a lot by simply becoming one. This was part of the magic of the Skin-changers, you not only become the beast or monster you embody, but you also learn about their behaviors and nature, and even their society, if they're intelligent enough, such as goblins...

Using her new form, Ninhursag wandered around the jungle, following the scent left behind by the goblin, until she reached a large settlement... filled with green skinned fellows.

"So many goblins...! When did they got here- Ah! That presence..."

Ninhursag looked into the distance and noticed a large and black aura coming out of the center of the camp.

Something ominous was resting there.

Chapter 155 Sylph's Recklessness

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The blue Slime seemed to be very intelligent, when we spoke to it, it always seemed to nod while its eyes seemed to shine brightly when we petted it or praised it.

The adorable slime had the ability to stretch its body around, it could make tentacles, bounce around, jump, and do all sorts of other things that a mass of liquid slime could do.

I don't know what other abilities it could have, but it seemed to be pretty useful little pal, and I think we tamed it with ease, so we'll keep it as a pet.

If we show it to our parents, they'll know it is a good monster after we make it do some tricks.

But don't we need to give it a name? After all, when you got a pet, you give it a name!

Come to think of it, I've never had a pet... I cannot really consider Natoria a pet, nor Alice (the system), even less Yggdra, the tree, or Ignatius, nor Furoh, they're all my friends, so I cannot really bring myself to call them "yeah, those are my pets!", it just sounds plain wrong.

But this slime is just a creature, a wild monster, right? I hope so.

And it got tamed by us, so it should really be like our first pet... Aquarina nor Zack ever had pets either, dogs or cats are not common in here aside from wolves and panthers.

Other smaller mammals such as hares, rabbits, and squirrels are hard to find and tame, so I guess they had never the opportunity.

But now? I guess it could be more than possible to call this slime a pet! And due to that, we'll have to name it.

"What name do we give to it?" wondered Aquarina, she guessed just what I was thinking about.

"Pyuuuu! Pyukuu!"

The blue slime seemed to understand Aquarina's words, and was excited to being given a name.

"Let's name it... Pyuku, like the sound it makes." I said.

It was a very simple name, I know! But the simpler the name, the easier it is to remember, right? So there's no problem in that regard.

"Oooh! I guess that's a good name!" said Aquarina.

"You agree to anything Sylphy says anyways." Said Zack with a bored expression on his face.

"Eh?! W-Why wouldn't I? Sylphy is smart!" said Aquarina.

"Smart? She acts like a blockhead half the time- Uegh!"

Zack was smacked by my hand before he were to continue insulting me out of the blue. I know he's a child still growing up, but that doesn't give him the rights to just begin talking bad about me, in front of me...

"Ugh, you're such a brute sometimes..." he sighed.

Zack looked at me with a mildly angered expression, as he crossed his arms and stepped back a few centimeters from me.

"You're angry because we didn't killed it? I told you that we were not going to kill a little and innocent creature just because it's a monster, it's the same thing with Furoh..." I said.

"Please don't bring me into the conversation..." whispered Furoh into my mind.

"Ugh! Okay, not like I can even make you change your mind, you're so stubborn... If your parents end up killing it because its too dangerous, don't come crying afterwards though..." said Zack.

Aquarina angrily looked at him and showed him her tongue in a mocking manner.

"Buhh!" she said.

"Eh? Sylph, she's mocking me!" said Zack.

"Aquarina cut that out..." I said.

"He's just jealous because he doesn't get to pet Pyuku." Said Aquarina with a smirk.

Aquarina's smirk made Zack only grow more furious.

"Pet?! Why would I want to pet that thing? I am not an insane person that is into making a pet of anything... like you two! Monsters are monsters, demons are demons, it is wrong to just think that they can be good..." sighed Zack.

He seemed just as stubborn with his thought process, I don't know what's up with him, but he was getting on my nerves. It might be better to change the topic than continue this pointless conversation, discussions between kids never end because they're kids, too immature to come into conclusions.

"Y-You...!" roared Aquarina, she looked like she was about to bite off a chunk of Zack's face at any moment.

However, I stopped her from doing something reckless with my hand.

"Okay, okay, everyone got their own opinions. Let's not continue discussing, it's not like Zack is trying to take away Pyuku from us, right? He's just talking out his thoughts, and I really appreciate an honest friend like him that doesn't hide his own emotions and thoughts and openly state them. It means he trusts us and sees us as friends too." I said.

Zack suddenly grew red out of my praise to him, which for him might have come out of nowhere.

"Wh-What...? Now you're just praising me out of nowhere... Ah, well, whatever..." he sighed.

"Sylphy... Well, okay..." said Aquarina.

I saw that the two kids had finally calmed down and seemed to be in better and higher spirits. With that said and done, we decided to carry Pyuku while we looked around for clues that could lead us to Zack's mother- I mean, Ninhursag.

We wandered around the jungle until we reached the barrier, and we crossed it.

"It is dangerous to cross the barrier..." sighed Zack.

"Well, if your parents are letting us get through, they're probably watching over us with their spirits, if anything bad happens we can count on them." I said.

"T-That's right but still..." said Zack.

"I guess Sylphy has a point! If our parents are looking over us, I don't think we should worry that much..." said Aquarina.

"No, I guess we should worry to an extent, we were attacked by that demon guy the other day, we never really know what our enemies might come out with, so we have to maintain our guard high." I said.

"You say that, but we are still running directly into a dangerous place..." sighed Zack

Chapter 156 I Want This Slime As My Familiar

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We knew that Ninhursag lived around the barrier, so it wasn't as if it were super dangerous to go around these areas, we also didn't even encounter any other wild monster aside from those Walking Mushrooms, so things were not really getting tiring, and we still had plenty of stamina to continue.

I knew that our parents were looking over us because there were currently four spirits following us from behind, I think Zack and Aquarina cannot notice them because their ability with sight is limited to their own eyes, but my Heavenly Sight even let me see things that others cannot easily see, even invisible things, and more.

And thanks to that, I can easily discern that there were four spirits following us, probably one of each of my parents... of course, when we were caught by Hell and that mysterious God that could control Space, even the spirits were attacked, as they were sealed before they could even react.

But if we live in fear about a dimensional god coming to kill us every day and every second, we'll never be able to progress in life, nor have challenges, nor gain experiences, my parents themselves must know this very well, and so Aquarina's parents.

That they had chosen not to cage us inside a room but let us explore the world around us means that they still value these experiences, knowing the risks very well. And I think they might have already made some sorts of countermeasures against sealing attacks that could seal spirits.

I cannot completely discern the spirits following us, their shapes are changed as they had become pure spiritual and elemental energy, this way they become invisible to the naked eye too.

I have the Heavenly Sight ability, so I can see a few seconds into the future as well, with that, I can also predict if anything bad might come to us and quickly evade it in time. Of course, it didn't work when the god sent us to another dimension because this power seemingly couldn't be seen through my eyes, it was something that not even by looking a few seconds into the future I was able to detect.

Which seemed like a pain, honestly...

For now, we wandered around the beautiful greenery of the jungle, and we suddenly began to find all sorts of new plants and mushrooms lying around, I was interested in them, especially because of my ability and closeness with Nature.

I've always wanted to tame plants and seeds, but as I had done it previously, it is quite hard because the spells and things I can do using Agriculture and magic are still limited to my magic tier, I can of course use it to attack, control the terrain around and more, entrap enemies with vines, and all of that, but a permanent plant friend? That seems way too hard for some stupid reason.

I could even touch a tree and use my magic, manipulating its branches to catch an enemy off guard, entangle them with it, and more, although the more mana I use the more pressure I put into my body and soul, so I cannot completely unleash all the power I have because it might make me explode into pieces.

Even if I could survive my body being blown into pieces, the traumatic experience for everyone around me is something I want to skip. Also, unlike my body, my soul is not like this, if the soul shatters, it might as well die for real.

So... like I've stated many times, I have to moderately use this endless Mana I got, not to put a pressure on myself that could potentially kill me for real.

Wielding endless energy is really a pain, it is not like one would imagine... but even then, it is a pretty good cheat, I can always conjure spells while others got limited amounts of Mana...

Anyways, going back to the topic, due to my Agriculture Skill and my Farmer Class granted by the System, I have several abilities regarding nature, plants, and mushrooms, which I've been developing in conjunction with Nature and Life Magic.

But it still seems hard to find a plant friend that can grow immediately, those that I can grow right away into mobile plant monsters will slowly perish after a little while without them being supplied mana, if I don't give them mana every time, they will wither and die...

So the only way is by raising a specific monster plant seed from a baby all the way up, which might take years! Or... find a monster plant and tame it.

But can I find any around? This is a jungle so there might be some, but it all depends on if I can really tame them or not, Walking Mushrooms are not exactly plants, but they're still included within Nature-type monsters, so I thought I could tame them, I had tried it before, but it never worked and they always tried to poison me with their spores or something, ugh.

Also, although my body is strong after having consumed a lot of monster meat from powerful creatures, such as a dragons, wyverns, and more, and I am very resistant to poisons and other stuff, I can very much be affected by these Walking Mushrooms spores, so I gave up on trying to tame one of these annoying critters, these damn bastards are way too hard to bring into my crew...

However, this little Pyuku is pretty good! I was able to easily tame him, even though he seems fonder of Aquarina, so he could become her Familiar rather than mine...

Although I wish it could become mine too, she already got Undine as her water spirit, but I lack a water spirit! If I could get one, my water magic could be finally developed more easily, I am only good at a few certain spells at best...

But I shouldn't be greedy, I already got four familiars counting Alice, I should leave some to Aquarina...

Chapter 157 The Biology Of A Slime And A Mystery

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While walking around and chatting with my friends, I glanced at Pyuku, who was jumping around, following us very close from the sides.

I wondered what kind of way they were able to even be alive. I mean, what are slimes anyways?

I had taken most things for granted in a fantasy world such as this.

Even if in my previous life, elements such as magic and other things still existed, they were way more low-key compared to the high elements of this world.

It appears that in this world, unlike my own, monsters, demons, and other fantastical races are commonplace, while in my world most of them were in fables, there were demon beasts that were said to lurk inside crypts, but those were already very rare.

In here, the danger and threat of monsters of all kinds and powerful beasts are an everyday occurrence, in my world, the danger was mostly wild animals such as wolves, bears, and panthers, who were not able to wield any magic, they were just fierce and strong animals.

But in here? Even the black panthers we had fought are able to use shadow and dark magic, and exude mana as if they were very proficient at it, in my previous world, magic was used in different ways and it wasn't so flashy unless you had a very royal bloodline that gave you a large amount of mana.

So, things such as a slime were nowhere to be seen and would seem like an unrealistic thing in my previous world, who would ever believe me there if I told them that I saw a mass of living water? Nobody.

Well, in this world I had seen so many fantastical things that I have given Pyuku's existence for granted, but now that I think about it, how does a Slime works?



What are its inner workings? Is it made of living water? Is the core inside helping its locomotion? I have studied my fair amount of biology in my previous life because an assassin must know the vital points in a human being, and also in animals that we might encounter in the wild, so even against a bear, we can have a fair fight if we can hit its vital weak points and kill it before it can kill us.

My teacher was actually very good at biology to the point that teacher had met many intelligent people back then, such as doctors that specialized in medicine, alchemist that used all sorts of materials, and even biologists that specialized in looking at the nature of life.

In such teachings, we learned that things named cells composed a body, it as if we all were made of tiny little beings, that made us whole. In that time, teacher said: "We are all a legion of living organisms working together to maintain our body stable".

Knowing this was certainly useful in some various ways, mostly to enlighten us into the nature of the world we were living in, and how it all meticulously worked... things and concepts such as bacteria, viruses, and so on were also introduced to us... but I've never heard of anything regarding this in this world, I suppose because they got way more magic power everywhere, research of the nature of the world has stagnated as there was no necessity to comprehend something when they could do it easily.

And so, every living organism is made of cells, they have internal organs that all work in conjunction with one another, but a Slime simply defies all this logic I was taught before, it is composed purely out of this slimy water inside of it. I have noticed that it had a very rubbery exterior that kept this water from leaking, but aside from that, I couldn't really see or discern anything else.

However, by using Heavenly Sight on Pyuku, a new world of wonders greeted me.

"Pyuku?"

Pyuku noticed I glanced at it, but I kept quiet as I glanced at its interior. This is...

The interior of Pyuku was complex, more complex than I had originally thought, although it might appear as if it was just slime, most of its internal organs are small, very small organelle all distributed around. There is no flow of blood but there is a big empty space in the middle, which is the stomach, covered by a thick but completely transparent membrane.

When a slime consumes something, it simply breaks its own body to place it inside of their stomachs and digest it through incredibly strong acids, fascinating!

So Slimes are really quite complex... they remind me of a single-celled creature we once studied, named amoeba, it was the best example that teacher had for these creatures, as they were very big. It was an example to explain us that most "nastiness and diseases" are provoked by small creatures we cannot even see.

Slimes feel like they're gigantic and highly derived amoebas... but due to the strong element of magic that comes from their magic crystals, they probably can do a lot of great feats that a normal single-celled organism couldn't do.

But are Slimes single-celled? I don't think so... I am fairly sure I can see that it is made of countless membranes of tiny cells, so they aren't. Could they have been colonies of amoeba-like organisms that became slimes?

Hmm... certainly, the element of mana could had helped in their development.

"Sylphy? What's wrong?" wondered Aquarina.

"Ah! I was just thinking about... a few little things, don't worry about it... What's up?" I wondered.

"Look, we found something odd..." said Zack.

Zack and Aquarina suddenly showed me what seemed to be a lot of... goblin clothes?

They were lying right next to the vestiges of a bonfire, where there were bones that had been burned there to almost ashes.

"These are clothes... from a person? T-There is even a skull there!" said Aquarina.

"Did... someone die here?" wondered Zack.

What could these things be? From where did they belonged? The bones seem small, was this... a child?

Chapter 158 Green Skinned Menace

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Are there cannibals in this world or something?! To think they would kill a mere child and eat it... so horrendous! I was delving into my own thoughts about single-celled organism and what could had brought the existence of Slimes into this world through a scientific standpoint, but to think that this would completely take me off guard!

"T-This is a child's skull?" wondered Aquarina.

"Oh... What...? Who could had eaten a child..." said Zack.

"This is not right... For now we should try to move away from here..." I said.

"Indeed, if we encounter some wild cannibal tribe around, I wouldn't really want to become their next dinner..." said Zack.

"I agree! I didn't knew there were more people than the Amazon here... Now I am scared..." said Aquarina.

"How about we cancel Ninhursag's search for the moment to report this to your parents?" asked Zack.

"Hahh... I wanted to see her again... I kind of want to know what kind of magic she uses, I am also interested in her race, or ask her other stuff like history, she knows a lot about the forest, right? I've always wondered another people's perspective of my parents which they wouldn't easily tell me... But I guess this is more important." I sighed.

"Yeah, let's go for now." Said Aquarina.

"Hm, let's go- Huh?" asked Zack.

"Pyukuuuuuu!"

Pyuku suddenly jumped away from my arms and began to bounce over the floor, quickly moving somewhere else! Was it running away from us? Or was it looking for something?

It looked like it was searching something, and the farther it moved from us at an increasing speed, the more worried I got.

"Wait, Pyuku!"

Aquarina, however, moved before I did, and rushed after Pyuku. I couldn't let her do all the work so, of course, I also rushed after the slime and Aquarina at fast speed.

"Agh, this damn slime..." said Zack, running behind me.

"Pyuuuuu!"

Pyuku was going crazy while calling for us, as it continued to rush forward, jumping over rocks, logs, and even small critters walking around.

"Wait, Pyuku! You don't love us anymore?" cried Aquarina, she seemed heartbroken...

"Wait there! What if you run into a dangerous monster?" I asked.

"Ugh, why are we doing this? Just let it leave!" said Zack.

When we reached Pyuku at long last, it suddenly jumped over some bushes and disappeared from our sight.

Aquarina pointed out at the bushes alarmed.

"It is most likely behind that bush, let's go there!" she said.

We reached the bushes, and I used Agriculture and Nature Magic combined, touching the bushes, I made them all stretch out and open the way for us to get in.

When we got through it, what we found was Pyuku standing still while looking at what was in front of us.

"Pyuku!" said Aquarina, hugging the slime she had grown fond of in this little time.

Pyuku seemed to hug back Aquarina with its small tentacles, petting her head adorably.

"Why did you run away out of nowhere?!" I asked angrily.

Pyuku suddenly used its tentacle, pointing out at what was in front of us. And what was in front of us was not something I had ever expected to see.

We were currently standing in some sort of small cliff, which led to a plain in the middle of the jungle. In there, there was some grassland and marshlands mixed together, and camps.

Yes, camps, tents, made of leather, and there were even walls being constructed out of wood and animal bones, there were bonfires set around, and even a small watchtower.

This looked like a settlement of a more primitive tribe, as even the Amazon had a more refined and beautiful village than this, even though they also used tents and the like, but theirs were way prettier, alongside their clothes.

However, what we found inside were not people but small green-skinned creatures, they were not skinny, well, some of them, but there were a few others that were way taller and muscular, and had sharp tusks coming out of their lower jaws, they had sharp and long noses, and also ears.

Some were bald, while others had black hair over their heads... I saw that some were smaller and more delicate than others, some were clearly warrior-class while others dedicated to different tasks.

But these people were not humans... what were they?

When I used my Heavenly Sight and looked up to them while Zack and Aquarina were left dumbfounded by the sight, I found out they were named "Goblins" thanks to the Appraising Ability within my Heavenly Sight.

Yes, they were called goblins, and according to the info I got...

[Goblin: A race of barbaric Demi-human type Demons, more akin and closely related to monsters, they are often aggressive to any other intelligent race other than goblins, and even then, their barbaric tendencies tend to make them kill each other if they don't belong to the same tribes. They are no more intelligent than a toddler but have a sharp cunningness and talent for killing. Goblins work in groups and maintain a social hierarchy when a Goblin King appears, which they all obey. Lesser Descendants of the Dark Blood of the First Demon King Corpse.]

Wow, that's a lot of information for a mere glare I gave to them. These Heavenly Sight Abilities are becoming more and more complex as I develop them. I suppose a way to develop them is by just constantly inspecting everything.

Anyways... going back to the main topic...

**GOBLINS!**

They're a barbarian race of demons that are more akin to monsters... This is bad if there is really a Goblin King here... then that's worse news.

I am all for interspecies relationships and comprehending one another, but if they're no more intelligent than toddlers, then perhaps communication could be very hard, especially because... they have psychopathic tendencies.

Actually Furoh looked way scarier than them but somehow Shapeshift Demons are way more intelligent than goblins even when they look like him...

"They're named Goblins..." I said.

"Goblins? Ah! T-Those... those are...!" said Zack.

"No way! Goblins?!" asked Aquarina.

And suddenly, Pyuku pointed out at something emerging behind us, the bushes moved around as a group of Goblins scouting the area found us out!

Chapter 159 You Can't Talk Things Out With Goblins

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Although I was all into talking with Demons and perhaps resolve disputes with words instead of actions, it was clear as water that these Goblins, whose tendencies were barbaric against anything but Goblins of their own tribes, looked like they wanted to rip our heads off.

The green-skinned goblins were occupying this jungle without us even knowing! Aren't they a bit dangerous? I am not into committing genocide against them or something, but should they be dealt with by the amazon? Maybe just intimidating them so they can scam off would work, they look like an invasive species.

But well, the ones in front of us didn't look like they would be easily intimidated by a mere trio of kids. Their sharp yellow eyes which looked like goat eyes looked at us sharply, as their slim bodies and thin arms began to move. They raised their arms and pointed at us with their rusty weapons.

Aquarina and Zack seemed a bit scared of them, the Goblins really looked creepy, and seemed wary of us. Pyuku seemed just as wary, as he or she was looking at them while squinting its eyes...

"Hello? You don't have to be so aggressive... We can talk this out." I said. I attempted communication with them.

The Goblins suddenly stopped moving. Oh?! Is this a success?

"We are sorry for intruding into your territory... We'll go away right now, so please forgive us!" I said.

The Goblins seemed a bit surprised, as they looked at one another and then they exploded into laughter.

"Gryahahahaha!"

"Guahahaha!"

"Gakuha! Gakuha Gekyha!"

One of the goblins pointed his index finger at me while laughing off as if what I had just said was some sort of joke.

Okay they were pissing me off now, I am just trying to be a civilized young girl, I am trying to calm down my assassin impulses all this time because I know it is not normal to just want to resolve everything by killing like I was trained to do in my previous life.

And I knew they were mildly intelligent so they would understand us if we tried to communicate with them... but seriously? Did you had to laugh at my attempt like that?!

"Sylphy what are you even doing?! These guys look like they're clearly not friendly..." said Zack.

"W-We should run, now!" said Aquarina.



"Pyuuuuu!" said Pyuku.

Suddenly, the slime grabbed us and moved us down, as five arrows coated in flames flew behind us.

I saw them just in time to realize they were coming and evade thanks to my future sight, but Pyuku did us the favor to evade.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

As we evaded the arrows from goblins lurking behind us, some of the arrows reached the goblins in front of us and set one of them on fire...

FLAAASH!

"Grryyyyyaaaaahh!"

"Agyrkah?!"

"Grakakaka!"

They began to cry in surprise, I felt like they were very stupid! But also dangerous, did they just attempted to kill us from behind?! Damn bastards! Okay, time to unrestraint myself.

They clearly just wanted to kill us so...!

I quickly rushed towards the goblins on our backs, there were five of them holding arrows and bows while hiding behind bushes. They were using some sort of magic that hid them very well in the bushes, and I couldn't had been able to detect them with ease.

I took out my Cursed Blade made out of Beelzebub's Magic Crystal, time to try out this baby against these guys.

"So you wanted to kill us, huh?! Blazing Blade Technique: Circling Fiery Slash!"

SLAAAASH!

Coating myself in flames conjured through Ember, I fell in front of them like a meteor, unleashing a sharp swing of my blade in a circled patter, unleashing a wave of slicing fiery aura that clashed against all five at the same time, this was one of my father's techniques I copied!

The flames were merged with the darkness emanated from my cursed blade, turning the fire black-colored, and beginning to consume the goblins as they groaned in agony and fell over the floor.

BOOOM!

A loud explosion happened right after, as I used the Fire Spell "Flame Detonation" which allows me to detonate the fire I conjure with ease. It consumes a lot of Mana though, but that's not a problem at all for me!

Their bodies were burned and blown to bits, as I quickly moved back to my friends, finding Aquarina and Zack fighting against the group of Goblins that had found us.

The goblin that was burning had died already and its calcinated corpse was lying over the floor, while another two Goblins were already killed too, but the two were already going for their second kills, as three more goblins remained.

I saw how Aquarina used her amazing techniques, combining her water magic with her knife techniques learned from her father, as she moved and danced around the battlefield like a graceful river of water, leaving actual water behind as she slashed through the body of another goblin, leaving it covered in wounds and making it vomit blood in an instant!

"GRYYYYEHH...!"

BUMP!

The Goblin quickly died while releasing large quantities of blood all over his body, Aquarian's speed was incredible, and her ability to slash through her targets multiple times was just amazing, she had already attained levels that I had not, specializing in her own ways.

The other two Goblins reached Zack as he targeted the closest to him, using his axe and propelling himself using his winds, he flew towards that one Goblin, jumping way above the height he could naturally jump and clashing his axe against its head, suddenly slicing the entire goblin in half!

SLAAASH!

"GRYEYHE...!"

CLASH!

The other Goblin was so shocked after the gory scene and how Zack ended with blood splattered all over him that he attempted to escape.

I pointed out my finger at him and fired an arrow-shaped flame at its head, hitting it and exploding it into pieces...

Well, that was more brutal than I thought we would be...

Chapter 160 Pyuku's Gluttony

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We were gasping for air for a bit, after fighting these Goblins, we indeed felt a bit... exhausted. Not physically, but mentally... and well, not me exactly, but the two kids, even though they were not humans or other demi-human races, goblins were closer to monsters, they were still humanoid and even intelligent, taking their lives indeed felt more like killing a person than a monster.

"Ungh... W-We did it... Hahh... T-This is... I am covered in blood..." sighed Aquarina.

"Agh... That was... simpler than I imagined. I never thought I would be able to slice in half an entire goblin..." said Zack.

"Calm down now, everything is okay, we did it... They wanted to kill us, so it is justified to defend ourselves." I said.

"Y-Yeah... I know but still... Agh, I want to take this blood out of me..." sighed Aquarina.

"It's all sticky and smells very strongly." Sighed Zack.

"I can tell, it is giving me a bit of nausea." I said.

We looked around and quickly decided to move back, but I noticed that Pyuku had begun moving on its own, and reached the corpses of the Goblins.

"Pyuuu!"

It spread its slimy blue body over the corpses which were close to one another, and quickly began to consume them, dissolving them through its expanded stomach, and absorbing all their nutrients.

"Wait, hold on Pyuku! You can't eat those things, what if you get indigestion?!" asked Aquarina.

"I am sure it won't, look how it's completely dissolving them... I doubt Pyuku will ever have stomach problems..." I said.

"Is it hungry or something? Agh, the magic crystals inside them could be valuable, but I don't really care at this point, let's move back, the goblin village near could notice us at any moment." Said Zack.

"Yeah... Huh?" I said, as I suddenly noticed something strange with Pyuku.

Its body began to glow for a bit momentarily, as I saw how it devoured the magic crystals inside the goblins as well as their entire bodies within her in mere second.

This glow of energy seemed to strengthen it, as its magic crystal glowed with a dim blue light for just a single second and then it dissipated.

It quickly rushed to eat the other goblins in the floor at time record before our eyes, leaving us shocked.

"Pyuku was this hungry?! Damn it, we should had offered it more food or something..." said Aquarina.

"Okay Pyuku enough! Come!" I said.

"Pyuuu!"

Pyuku quickly jumped over my shoulder as we began to run towards the direction where the other archer goblins were, which was the same path we came from, it seems they might had already noticed us beforehand, and there was no saying that there might be more goblins lurking around!

"Pyuuuu!"

Pyuku suddenly expanded her slimy tentacles and caught the goblins burned in the floor, bringing them to her slimy body and devouring them while sitting on my shoulder...

"Oi! You're way too gluttonous! What's wrong with you? You're eating way too much for your size, I swear!" I said.

"Munch... Pyuuu..."

But Pyuku didn't listened to me as it showed us a face filled with satisfaction, as if it enjoyed every meal it had. A sudden glow covered its body and magic crystal once more for a few seconds before dissipating, now everyone noticed this as we ran through the jungle.

"W-What was that? Did Pyuku just glowed brightly for some reason?" asked Aquarina.

"It did it right after eating... How odd, does it grow stronger by eating things?" asked Zack.

"Ah...! Maybe? But I don't really know how slimes grow stronger anyways, wild monsters usually grow stronger over time by living and absorbing mana from the environment, according to my mother, but indeed, eating stronger prey does increase their power faster... But this is way too fast, and it felt strange too..." I said.

"Pyu?" asked Pyuku confused about what we were speaking.

"Ah, well, never mind for now, Pyuku, just ignore us..." I sighed.

I petted Pyuku, it had saved us by helping us evade the arrows, it seems that it has sharper senses than we thought originally.

"W-We have to go back to the village and tell our parents what happened, we have to hurry..." said Aquarina.

"Yeah! If we tell your parents, they'll come here to clean them up quickly!" said Zack.

"I-I guess they won't forgive the goblins after they attempted to kill us." I said.

Well, they might or might not had seen things already through the spirits lurking around behind us, these could had saved us from the arrows too, but they only act in the very last minute, so they let Pyuku be the hero.

"Of course they shouldn't! Those damn goblins should all get killed! They're not people but barbarians, not even Furoh tried to kill us..." said Zack.

"Ah, you're recognizing Furoh?" I asked.

"I-I am not...!" said Zack.

"Sylphy, let's take a bath after this, I am stinking with goblin blood-" said Aquarina, as I suddenly saw a few seconds in the future.

A large javelin flew towards her and was very close to pierce her chest!

"Shit! Aquarina! Blazing Wall!" I cried, as I desperately conjured a shield made of flames and quickly stopped the javelin flying towards us at fast speed.

CLAAASH!

The javelin clashed over the wall made of flames, as it began to burn in the floor. The barrier of flames was actually cracked, and quickly dissipated due to the force of the attack.

Is there someone here good at using the javelin or something?! I quickly used my eyes, spreading my sight across the entire place as we suddenly stopped moving and stood there in silence.

I noticed several life signs approaching all around right after that! And they were goblins, a crap ton of them!

Have they been trying to lurk behind our backs this entire time?

Amongst the bushes, a larger than usual goblin emerged...

It had the size of at least three meters, and it possessed a strong aura.