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Chapter 161 Goblin Champion

Problems arose the moment we began to run away from the goblin village, a group of goblins circled around us and quickly and easily ambushed us, they found us out when we were in our weakest points, and they quickly attempted to catch us off guard.

The giant three-meter goblin in front of us was holding another javelin on one of his hands, while a smaller goblin was carrying a bunch of them as if it were an assistant.

I glanced at this Goblin, its strength... it was clearly a monster above Tier 3... Tier 4? A mere big goblin?!

"We are surrounded! That Javelin... I didn't see it coming..." said Aquarina.

"That guy's trouble... He got some sort of special technique on him... he's definitely not a normal goblin," said Zack.

"I know..." I said.

My eyes flashed with bright yellow-gold light, as information about this creature emerged inside of my head as if I was turning the pages of an encyclopedia.

[Goblin Champion]

A strong variant of a Goblin, born naturally talented for magic and weapon techniques, it has developed a powerful physique and can easily outgrow its own parents over a few months of having been born. They're more intelligent than normal goblins, and often lead entire goblin villages.

A Goblin Champion? So these guys have variants? That explains why he's so big and strong, and I can even notice a powerful magical aura coming from him...

"Grekekeke..."

The Goblin Champion began to laugh as it glared down at us with a malicious smile, he licked his lips while drooling saliva, grabbing a new javelin, and then infusing it with mana.

The other goblins began to slowly approach us while holding weapons, they were ready to attack us from all sides and gang over us with everything they had.

And I could notice a few other Goblins in the back, holding bows and even conjuring magic on their own. The situation was dire, but our parents' spirits were with us overlooking the situation... Spirits were stronger the more they were closer to their master, so they were quite far by now, I don't know if they're strong enough to take down entire battalion of goblins, but they would act whenever we were to get into a dire situation.

But for now, I couldn't simply rely on them forever, one day I was going to grow up and I won't have them with me all the time, this is... a trial, and I have to show my parents I am ready to take on the trials of this dangerous world.

Only by adapting to these dangers and threats and getting used to fighting is when I would truly become someone strong, someone that can survive in this world on my own without needing to be guided all the time by my parents.

I think Aquarina thought the same, and to an extent, Zack too. The two of them swallowed saliva as they looked around the situation while things slowly turned more dangerous. They grabbed their weapons and infused them with their elemental mana, as auras of their elements emerged out of their bodies, making the Goblins and even the Goblin Champion more wary of us.

"Pyu!"

However, and suddenly, the one I never thought would attack first decided to move! Pyuku had stolen the bows and arrows of the goblins it ate, and suddenly used them masterfully! Its tentacles extended around it and by holding four arrows at the same time, it fired them all at the same time, all four flying into different directions!

Wait, that was an Archery Technique! ...Is this? did Pyuku somehow learned techniques by eating the goblins?

What kind of weird monster are you?!

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

The arrows were infused with Pyuku's mana, which had grown in size after eating the magic crystals of the goblins, apparently. The arrows reached four goblins that were the closest to us in mere seconds, piercing their heads and killing them all four on the spot!

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

"Graaah?!"

"Gryeggh...!"

"Gruuh..."

"Aggraagh...!"

The green-skinned little men fell in the floor, dead on the spot!

"UGRAAA!"

The Goblin Champion grew more angered, pointing his javelin at me and firing it by infusing it with mana!

FLAAAASH!

The Javelin seemed to have been covered in a large amount of darkness! Was the Goblin Champion's element the attribute of darkness and shadows?!

"Blazing Sword Technique: Spiraling Blazing Slash! HAAAH!"

I roared loudly as I utilized a powerful Sword Technique, coating my blade in flames that turned black and purple-colored, gaining the curse attribute of my blade, I gave a jump and then spiraled my own body in midair, unleashing a vortex of flames from my blade which clashed against the sharp Javelin reaching up to me.

BOOOOMMM!!!

The flames caught the Javelin in time, stopping it from reaching me, but the vortex ended being way more powerful than it usually was! Was this the effect of this sword?

The moment it reached the Javelin and consumed it in flames, the spiraling vortex of black flames reached the Goblin Champion in an instant, as the muscular green skin opened his eyes wide in surprise, quickly conjuring a barrier made of shadows!

CLAAAASH!

The flames spread around as they clashed against his barrier made of shadows, the little assistant goblin it had was consumed by them, as these black flames I was able to conjure had the properties of curse within them, becoming incredibly vicious whenever they caught a target, continuing to burn them no matter how hard they tried to turn off the flames.

The rest of the flames generated a shockwave of heat around the other goblins, destabilizing their guard, which Pyuku, Zack, and Aquarina used to fight back.

"Ocean Knife Arts: Ocean God's Trident!"

Aquarina used her infamous Arts, as she moved incredibly quickly, the water over her knife gathered and shaped as an enormous and sharp trident! She moved incredibly quickly and attacked the goblins before her.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

Chapter 162 Intense Battle

Aquarina used the Arts she had once used against me when we sparred, as she moved so fast using her knife while coating it with water that the illusion of a large and sharp trident showed up, as if a god of the oceans was helping her attack, her piercing blows reached three Goblins that attempted to smack her with their blunt weapons.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

The three goblins suddenly had three enormous holes over their chests, and began to vomit mouthfuls of blood, these low-level monsters were not really a threat to us, and even Aquarina unleashed her power to the extent of one-shotting them with a single blow each.

Seeing that their numbers were decreasing desperately, the goblins acted more barbaric and didn't obeyed the Goblin Champions orders of seemingly being wary, rushing at us and trying to finish us off with anything they had.

Zack targeted a group of five goblins at once, charging his axe with thunder and hitting the ground with it with all his strength!

TRUUUMMM!!!

The entire ground trembled as the lightning within his weapon unleashed a powerful shockwave of lightning, reaching the goblins and electrifying them!

SPAARK!

Two of the five goblins received a large quantity of damage, and were grilled alive, meanwhile, the other three that were left fell over the floor and began to roll in agony while having their bodies filled with electricity.

"Pyuuuuku!"

Pyuku in the other case pointed out its bow to the goblins behind my back, covering them with its mana and firing high-speed arrow shots at them, most of the time landing on their heads and killing them instantly.

However, the arrows quickly ran low, and it quickly ended without ways of attacking... of course, until it grabbed the weapons the goblins left in the floor and began launching them into their heads.

Meanwhile, as I attacked the Goblin Champion, the bastard managed to defend himself with a barrier of darkness, as he looked at me with a defying glare of pure anger.

"GRAAAAH! You damn human!"

It suddenly spoke the common tongue! He can speak?!

The Goblin Champion began to rush directly towards me, grabbing a large club from the ground and using it to attempt to hit me, covering the club with the power of his dark magic, its size suddenly increased and the impact over the floor was strong, making the surroundings tremble!

BOOOMMM!

I had evaded in time, jumping away by propelling myself with the flames of my Ember Skill, I quickly waved my hands, as I summoned my spirits to battle as well.

"Ignatius, Natoria, come out and help me!"

FLASH! FLASH!

A floating egg covered in flames showed up, it had a few cracks over its body, and a small, red-scaled tail and two tiny legs could be seen coming out of it, alongside one of its eyes from within. Ignatius had slowly been breaking out of the shell over the months, as if he were slowly growing inside the egg, perhaps one day he could finally manage to hatch, but this process was slow.

And then there was Natoria, who resembled a big, green-colored bean that was wide open, growing a large sapling with a few colorful leaves, it even had a beautiful red flower on top of her head now, she looked adorable.

"Damn it! What kind of trouble did you get yourself in now?!" asked Ignatius.

"Foohhh!" said Natoria.

"L-Let me help too, Sylphy!" said Furoh from within my soul scape.

"Are you sure?!" I asked.

"Yeah! We have trained enough! I am confident I can help even if a little bit, damn it!" he said.

"Okay then!" I said, quickly summoning Furoh.

FLASH!

Unlike the two spirits Ignatius and Natoria, Furoh was a physical being, he was still having his body, but now he had become a familiar and could enter my soul scape, that was pretty much it, so he didn't possess the special capabilities of spirits like floating in midair, turning into pure elemental magic to aid me in the conjuration of magic easily, or other things.

But he could become a good companion too! Furoh emerged out of thin air, surprising the Goblin Champion that glared me down while I was falling from midair.

"RAAAAH!"

Furoh roared like a monster, as he extended his worm-like body and fell over the Goblin Champion, coiling over our foe's body and beginning to use his sharp fangs and jaws to pierce through its hard skin, while using his hard muscles through his fleshy body to attempt to asphyxiate him!

"AGRAAAAGGH...!"

The Goblin Champion groaned in pain as it tried to tear apart Furoh with his sheer strength, the muscles of his arms looked incredibly strong, but his shoulders were tightly wrapped by Furoh's body, and his arms couldn't reach Furoh properly!

Furoh was boosting his strength through the usage of Mana, my own Mana, of course!

The advantage of Familiars is that they can use all the mana they could want from their master. And because I got endless Mana, Furoh can constantly boost his own strength using it, it is a very simple ability, but it is something that most demons know innately, the power to increase their body's physical strength through merely infusing mana into their bodies without the necessity to use body-enhancing spells.

So more than a spell, it was like an ability they possessed, although there was a limit to everything, and even Furoh couldn't take infinite mana into his body without suffering the consequences, so he was draining as much as he could take. We had practiced this before several times, as he hasn't been simply slacking around while doing nothing, he had been working hard for a long time now.

"GRAAHHH! Damn... worm! I will kill you too! Agggghh!"

The Goblin Champion was able to speak but the only words he was spitting were those filled with hate... he was filled with a lot of anger, and seemed to hate us to death.

Ignatius and Naturia quickly acted after Furoh, combining their magical attacks!

Chapter 163 Finish It!

Fire and Nature elements were not the best together. You see, fire would easily burn plants, they are highly flammable, so it was hard to combine these attacks together, and to be honest, I had not managed to combine them yet.

But what we can do is to actually... simply put, manage for both elements to not conflict with one another! Ignatius and Naturia come into play in such a performance, because if it were up to me, I would only be able to use one of the other at once, it would become quite troublesome to try not to burn the plants.

Of course, if Ignatius is in command of the flames, while Naturia takes care of the plants... things change.

While I was falling to the ground, I had summoned Ignatius, Naturia, and Furoh together. Furoh immediately moved first, attacking the powerful Goblin Champion by coiling around his body, tightly wrapping his shoulders and arms into his torso, and inhibiting his ability to attack him completely, although his strength was a lot, and it made Furoh struggle to keep himself wrapped around him.

However, thanks to the demon's ability to enhance their strength, Furoh was able to resist the strength that the Goblin Champion was unleashing.

As Ignatius was about to conjure his flames, I decided to use the Spell Flame Protection, which reduced damage from fire attribute by a large amount, and also Anti Heat Veil, which also negated most of the heat produced by flames, this was because... well, Ignatius was about to burn the entire Goblin Champion.

Of course, that's without Naturia working first!

"Foooooh!"

She was all spirited, using her abilities and linking with my Agriculture Skill and my own Nature Magic, she quickly took control of the plants in our surroundings, the bushes, trees, and even the grass moved around like tentacles, wrapping themselves around the three-meter-tall Goblin Champion and stopping him from moving around! Even more, my plants were quite vicious, and they sued their roots to pierce the Goblin Champion's legs and drain off his energy!

"Nnngh...! Grrruuuaaaaggh...!"

The Goblin Champion's eyes turned red in how much pain he was going through, he suddenly unleashed his aura of darkness, enhancing his entire body strength the same way Furoh did it, and Furoh could barely hold into him any longer!

"Unnnghh...! Damn it, keep yourself on place, bastard!" he roared.

"Grrruuuaaggh...! Worms! Worms! The Demon King... The Demon King will soon be reborn! All of you... All of you will die sooner or later! GRAAAAHH!"

He began spewing nonsense out of nowhere. But it quickly caught my interest.

The Demon King? Was it soon to be reborn? I've heard from my mother that the Demon King is reborn every couple of years after it dies... and the previous one was slain by my parents and their allies.

Will it be reborn so soon? I see, that's why the new hero generation was chosen so soon... I wish I could speak more with this lunatic, but he clearly wants to kill us.

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Suddenly, he conjured several spears made of darkness, firing them into all directions like a berserk, all of the spears of darkness began to reach all his surroundings, exploding into thunderous explosions that spread waves of black miasma around.

I quickly swung my blade and blocked the spears that reached me as I landed in the ground, while conjuring two Walls of Fire in front of my friends to protect them, as they were too busy dealing with a handful of goblins each.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

As the dark spears continued to fall all around, Ignatius finally finished his conjuration, linking to my own magic, my mana, and my Ember Skill, we finally unleashed an attack we had been practicing for some time.

"Blazing Dragon Breath!!!"

Ignatius suddenly conjured our newest unique spell, as the enormous head of a fire dragon emerged, made out of red flames, and opening wide as a turbulent vortex of flames came out of it, reaching the Goblin Champion in an instant!

BOOOOMMM...!

The Goblin Champion's entire body was engulfed in flames, as Furoh could resist them a bit, but quickly began to feel the effects, so I used Mana and summoned him at my side before he was to get roasted, the Goblin Champion was already trapped by him on place, and the roots piercing his body also caught flames, but were enhanced to be made extra hard, so they wouldn't easily turn into charcoal.

"Nnngh...! Nnggrruuaaaggh...!"

The Goblin Champion groaned in agony as his entire body was beginning to be grilled alive, he started to crawl away and try to move, but his legs were already pierced by the wood and his muscles tore apart, his movements became dizzier as well.

It was time to finish him off while he was still there, who knows what crazy thing might he pull out later? I quickly decided to attack, and called Ignatius to my side once more, as his flames fused with Ember and coated my cursed blade with black flames, these black flames began to dance around my blade, sometimes slightly resembling roaring dragons.

I infused large quantities of Mana into my blade as I jumped high into the air and began to spin around, the black flames began spinning around me, creating a tornado of black flames, as I fell like a meteor over the Goblin Champion!

"Blazing Blade Technique: Black Flame Burst!"

CLAAAASSSHHH!

The impact alone was enough for a huge explosion of flames to occur, the body of the Goblin Champion barely resisted the initial blow, but it wasn't my intention to kill with that alone.

I moved my blade towards his neck while gritting my teeth, and then began to slice through his neck with the cursed flames flowing through the open wound on his neck!

"Gruuuuaaggggh...! Aaaghh...!"

He began to scream in agony, but I wasn't going to show him mercy!

SLAAAASH!

My blade sliced through his throat completely, as his head flew through the air, falling over the floor.

His beheaded body quickly fell over the floor as well, blazing in flames and slowly turning into charcoal.

Chapter 164 Pyuku Is Indeed Quite Mysterious

BOOM!

The Goblin Champion fell over the floor, covered in black flames.

These black flames were amazing, they didn't spread around the vegetation and would only affect their target, burning them until they ended in a crisp.

I think I was able to control them and was mildly resistant to them because I was the wielder of the cursed blade, I had touched them several times, but they didn't burn me at all.

And then I realized it... these black flames are more special than I had originally thought.

They actually didn't burn me nor burn plants or anything aside from the target because, much like a curse, they only affect the target I use them against...

I see. This makes it even more powerful... I could use it in many things, but the bad thing is that I can only use it with this blade, conjuring the black flames alone doesn't seem to work.

I felt a large amount of energy reaching me as the part of the souls of all slain goblins were reaching me as EXP... I was seeing a lot of glitched system messages showing numbers of Experience Points... sadly, I cannot level up yet.

I wonder if one day I will be able to finally level up... but that would mean that my Health Points and Mana Points wouldn't be endless as they wouldn't be frozen, and that's not a good thing...

Ah, I think I've thought about this a lot, I should stop reminding myself of it.

The other Goblins were mostly all slain, a few of them had attempted to escape, however, but they were quickly caught by Zack and Aquarina and finished off.

We have somehow made it out, I don't know if I can keep fighting, my entire body felt like it was at its limits, there's not much that a little girl body can do.

"Phew... W-We somehow did it on our own..." said Aquarina.

"Yeah..." sighed Zack.

The two were just as exhausted as I was, I could understand their pain, I had the urge of just going to bed and resting there for some hours. I just really want to take a nap...

Naturia and I conjured Life Magic to heal our wounds, I was scratched all over my body and Zack and Aquarian were not any better, Zack even got a slightly deep stab wound on his back, but his muscles blocked it from reaching any lethal area, of course, the wound was still there, so I decided to close it with magic and also disinfect it.

Aside from that, I quickly decided to collect the Magic Crystals out of the corpses of the Goblins, they were too heavy for us to carry them all around but putting the magic crystals in a bag would be easy to do.

"Pyuuu!"

Pyuku had helped on its own too, using its unexpected strength, it ended slaying a bunch of Goblins, it even knew how to use Bow Techniques and more Weapon Techniques, which surprised me greatly.

Because it was a pain to call Pyuku as "it" we all agreed to call it a "him" because it seemed like a boy to us. I don't know if Slimes have genders, but according to my eyes...

[Blue Slime, Special Variant]

Blue Slimes are genderless beings made of slime similar to amoebas, they're capable of digesting things several times their size and bounce around at rapid speeds, they possess the ability to shape their body and size, and also to move even in the most stretch of places. As long as they have enough energy reserves, regeneration is possible at greater levels, even when most of their body mass has been lost.

Blue Slimes were once a pest in ancient times, but now they had become very rare beings across the Gallatea Continent and in the Demon Continent, they might be highly regarded.

Certain special variants have the power to gain Abilities, Techniques, and Magic Knowledge from the prey they devour, while also strengthening their Magic Crystals.

That's what the Heavenly Sight was able to tell me, or well, its ability that worked like an Appraisal Artifact. The information I got was pretty great, it felt as if the Goddess of Light herself was giving me info right inside of my head.

Sometimes it gave me a bit of a headache, but most of the time I found all of this very insightful.

And well, it said that special variants could... absorb power from the prey they digested. It appears that Pyuku is not a normal Blue Slime, which are already very rare, but a Special Variant capable of growing stronger by eating!

I explained this to my friends, as they understood his abilities at long last.

"So that's why he got the ability to fight out of the sudden, and he was so obsessed with eating the goblins... Like now, he's eating the entire Goblin Champion's charred corpse..." said Zack.

"Wait, Pyuku, don't eat the Magic Crystal!" said Aquarina.

"Pyuuuu!"

Pyuku got angry that we were pulling him away from his half-digested meal, as I quickly used my knife to carve the chest of the Goblin Champion and extracted a beautiful, purple-colored crystal from it, it was emanating a strong blackish aura too, with a lot of miasma to it...

Pyuku looked at it as if he were drooling, this little crystal was the thing he wanted to eat the most. I guess it is where most of the magical and supernatural powers of monsters are gathered the most... but sorry buddy, this one is my kill, so I get to keep it!

"You can eat the rest of the corpse." I said.

"Pyuu..." Pyuku sighed, as if he had lost his motivation.

But he still devoured the entire thing and gained a glow of magic power over his body, so even corpses without the magic crystal still give some power to him.

We decided to quickly loot the rest of the corpses before any other goblin showed up.

Chapter 165 The Slime's Special Ability

After we carved over half the magic crystals, our bags were filled with them, and we left the rest of the corpses for Pyuku to eat, including the magic crystals on them, we piled them for him and he ate them in a single bite by spreading his body over them, it was a bit creepy how he dissolved everything so fast... could Pyuku potentially kill us if through this way if we lowered our guards?

The sole thought of it sent shivers down my spine...

Anyways, I like to think that he's a good slime, we saved his life after all so he should be thankful and not attempt to kill us out of looking tasty for him, right?

Right?!

Pyuku, I am trusting you on this one!

I looked at the adorable little blue slime sitting on the floor, as his bright eyes looked at me with an innocent confusion.

"Ah~ you're way too cute to do bad stuff, right?" I asked.

"Pyuu!"

I petted Pyuku's head and he seemed to enjoy the gesture of love we showed to him, even Zack ended doing it.

"Now that he ate the Goblin Champion I wonder if he could use shadow magic..." said Zack.

"Nah, that would be way too much, right? He also didn't got to eat the magic crystal." Said Aquarina.

"Yeah, but he ate the ones from some goblin mages that could conjure fireballs..." I said.

"Pyuuuu!"

As if desiring to show off his amazing talent, Pyuku suddenly conjured a Fireball, a magic circle emerged out of him, but it was conjured so quickly that the Rune creation was almost instantaneous, he did it as if he were an expert on it already!

W-What the heck is this?!

BOOOM!!!

The large fireball clashed over the nearby tree, impacting it and leaving a large burnt hole on it, its power wasn't as strong as my flames, but it was admirable nonetheless, he was already around the level of a Tier 2 or 3 Magician with that fireball alone, as long as he could constantly conjure them.

"Wow..." said Zack.

"P-Pyuku, were you always able to conjure magic like this?" wondered Aquarina.

"Pyuuu..." said Pyuku, waving his body as if saying "nope".

"..."

"..."

"..."

We all stood there glancing at the Slime with dumbfounded expressions on our faces. We felt as if our hard work was nothing compared to him, who could get all the results without any efforts by just eating others...

"This is definitely unfair! What the heck? I want to kill this thing even more now!" said Zack.

"Calm down, Zack! There should be a limit to Pyuku's power, right?" wondered Aqua.

Pyuku then seemingly nodded.

"Oh? Is there? You have a limited amount of abilities you can get?" I wondered.

He waved his head.

"Then what's the limit?" I wondered.

"Pyuuuuu..."

Pyuku's body suddenly shaped around, turning into a flat surface, and then showing images on it by molding his slime around as if it were sand or something.

It showed a Magic Crystal with a number 1 attached to it, and then 10/20...

It seems that... it has a limit of 20 abilities at his rank? I guess?

I suppose that's... it?

Wait, Pyuku is awfully intelligent, it can even understand us very well and talk back through these ways... so this slime is sapient the same way as people?

"I don't understand a thing... Whatever." Sighed Zack.

"I think it might said he has a limit... I think." Said Aquarina.

"Pyuku... where did you came from?" I wondered.

"Pyu! Pyu.... Pyuku!"

Pyuku seemed to show us something once more, he showed what looked like... wait, that's a ship coming from... the sea!

"A ship? And the sea?" asked Zack.

"What is that? Huh?!" asked Aquarina.

Then the ship suddenly suffered an accident and ended in the shores, apparently only Pyuku survived the crashing, and landed in the shores...

"Wait! Pyuku, you come from the sea?" I wondered.

"Pyuu!" said Pyuku.

"How odd..." said Zack.

"I am more surprised by how intelligent he actually is..." said Aquarina.

"Pyuu- Pyuku!"

Suddenly, Pyuku changed his relaxed demeanor as he realized the presence of many life forms approaching from behind us, I also felt them. My eyes saw a few seconds in the future, a rain of arrows would reach us in an instant!

"Damn it, more goblins! We stood here for way too long..." I said.

"Eh? What? More?" asked Zack.

"L-Let's run- Ah! So many arrows!" said Aquarina.

Aquarina actually acted before me, as she conjured a large bubble made of water around us, like a barrier of flowing waters, which protected us from the arrows reaching us, they were all in fire as well, but they were turned off the moment they reached the water.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

"How many goblins are there? I am sure we have killed almost fifty at the very least by now!" sighed Zack.

"I know, it appears that there are way too many, we cannot really lower our guards in this!" I said.

As the arrows stopped falling over us, several green skins showed up from the bushes behind us.

"Let's run for it!" said Zack.

"T-There are way too many... I am tired..." cried Aquarina.

"Damn it... Mom, dad, help us out please..." I said.

Suddenly, two spirits emerged at our side, my mother's and father's spirits, which looked like glowing spheres of light and red flames.

One of them, Oculus, suddenly materialized itself into a large eye with feathered wings and a golden crown and began to fire light lasers from its eye against the enormous army of goblins rushing towards us, keeping them at bay.

The other spirit turned into a large phoenix and invited us to sit on its back... Wow, mom and dad had really been monitoring me this entire time! I feel like all the challenge was for nothing now.

Well, it really wasn't, but its nice to have backup... I still believe that we couldn't be able to handle everything on our own, so having overprotective parents come handy from time to time!

Chapter 166 Spirits To The Rescue!

Father's spirit emerged, materializing itself into a beautiful bird of flames.

Meanwhile, mother's spirit materialized into a large eyeball with feathered wings, which began shooting lasers out of its eye.

"W-Woah! There were really spirits watching over us!" said Zack.

"Those are Sylphy's parents' spirits!" said Aquarina.

"Children, Allan has told me that whenever you were in a dire situation, that I should give you a ride back home, come... I am a friendly spirit; my name is Phoenix." Said the large blazing bird, it resembled a beautiful peacock with colorful blazing feathers.

We all looked at the beautiful spirit...

"Children... I know I might be a dazzling being for your young minds, I am well aware of my beauty! However... you must not distract yourselves! Come on, my flames won't burn you, but will protect you." Said the peacock, it was actually a very narcissistic spirit.

"Come on, don't fear it, let's get over it!" I said, quickly moving over its back, and helping Zack and Aquarina sit down behind me.

Aquarina tightly wrapped her arms around my belly and chest, while Zack did the same with Aquarina... she disliked this but knew there was no other way around it anyways.

"Then let us go to the skies!" said Phoenix, flapping his blazing and colorful feathered wings.

FLAAAAASH!

Like a flash of flames, we reached high into the skies, only to find a large Tyrannosaur unleashing lightning against an army of Goblins that was following us, right at the side of where we were.

"GROAR!"

TRUUUMM...!

Lightning began to come out of its body, electrifying entire armies of green skins and burning them alive in an instant, it was... that was...!

"Is that Ninhursag?!" I asked.

"It is! It must be her! She's killing the goblins!" said Aquarina.

"Was she helping us?" asked Zack.

The tyrannosaur looked up to us for a moment, seemingly concerned about us, its eyes were not those of a wild beast, but it was clear there was a consciousness within them.

"Hm, we saw her fighting the goblins for a while in the other side of the battlefield, she was getting rid of a large quantity that began to rush out of the village, turns out that the moment Goblins die and their blood is stuck into your clothes, the others will quickly seek the scent of their fallen comrades and come after you, the goblins wouldn't give up until they were to kill you... or well, you were to wipe them all out." Said Phoenix.

"Oh..." said Aquarina.

"Wait, that's awful..." said Zack.

"So we would had been chased forever until there was a conclusion? I guess they cannot really get through the barrier." I said.

"The barrier of the amazon tribe? Indeed, they shouldn't be able to... For now, children, let's go back, let's leave this to her and the other spirits to handle, this is already in a level you shouldn't handle by yourselves." Said Phoenix.

FLAAAASH!

We flew across the skies and quickly reached the Amazon Village, crossing through the barrier, we were greeted by our parents, who were rather happy to see us.

"Sylphy! Are you okay?" asked my father.

He quickly hugged me and began kissing my cheeks.

"Yeah, I am fine... Don't worry, it was an... interesting experience." I said.

"I saw how you fought... that was incredible, but the dangers you went through... Ah, I like to think of them as tests but still, I was really worried!" said my father.

"Sylphy, we have told you multiple times that you shouldn't run into danger! Also what's that thing?" asked my mother angrily. While my father was the soft parent, she was the strict one. Well, she was still hugging me with my father while kissing my forehead and caressing my hair.

"Pyuuu!"

Pyuku waved its little tentacle to everyone, greeting them.

"It's Pyuku, a Slime we tamed, it is friendly and helped us fight, I am sure you saw it help us." I said.

"We saw a bit..." said my father.

"You and your antics of taming strange creatures..." sighed my mother.

I glanced at Aquarina as she was being held by her father's arms, while Nepheline petted Zack's head and even kissed his forehead.

"I am glad you're all okay, you did a great job there, you surprised us." Said Nepheline.

"Aquarina you've grown so strong I can barely recognize you..." said Shade.

"So it was all a test?" she wondered.

"Well, things surged out of nowhere, we didn't predicted them..." said my father.

"But Ninhursag sent us a message through magic, telling us about the goblins, and then you came across them... we decided to let you fight them as you seemed to want a challenge." Said my Nepheline.

"I was against it! I don't think such young children should be going through such trials yet..." sighed my mother.

"But didn't they do a great job? A Goblin Champion is a super strong Tier 4 Monster after all. It can even rival Tier 5 ones..." said my father.

I suppose that after the incident when we were trapped inside a different Dimension that my parents had become even more wary and concerned about us, they cannot really get their eyes off us easily, but that's fine by me to be honest...

"More importantly, what do we do now?" wondered Nepheline.

"We should really go aid Ninhursag, those Goblins seem to be being commanded by a Goblin King, I am sure she can handle it too, but what if something more dangerous shows up?" wondered my father.

"The jungle had suddenly begun to resonate with a lot of dark energies, and the spirits seem to be restless... I am worried about what might happen in the near future... We should go handle this..." said my mother.

"Then I'll go with Allan, you two girls stay here taking care of the kids and the village." Said Shade.

"Eh? Since when are you the leader here...? But fine." Said Nepheline.

"Okay, take care, dear..." said my mother, kissing my father.

"Alright, let's go." Said my father.

My father petted my head and gave me a confident nod, as he and Shade quickly flew away from the village...

I feel like something weird is going on...

Meanwhile, within the farther areas from the Jungle, large armies of green-skinned barbarians began to march through the entire area, led by a dark force that began to spread everywhere...

Hundreds- no, thousands of them began to march forward, spreading around and scouting the entire area.

Large figures commanded them, enormous Orcs, Trolls, and Goblin Champions.

A large beast resembling a mammoth was walking through the jungle, generating tremors as it stepped through the forest floor.

Its entire body destroyed any tree it came across, as a dark presence emanated from the small cabin atop its wide back.

A dark entity was resting there, overlooking things through with sharp crimson-red eyes.

Covered in blue skin and having two enormous black horns atop its forehead, alongside long black hair and a body packed with muscles and covered in scars, it emanated the aura of a King...

"So this is where the Lost Princess is hiding? You won't be able to run away from your fate anymore..."

Chapter 167 Infiltrating The Goblin Village

(A few hours ago...)

Ninhursag had infiltrated the Goblin Camp as a female goblin and had been able to learn a couple of things there without being detected by others for a bit.

She had gotten there and realized some things, such as that these Goblins had only gotten here in the last month, and that they had come here from a completely different area.

The Demon Continent.

But how?

How did they come from the Demon Continent in such a large quantity? It didn't make sense, the oceans connecting both continents of Gallatea, and the Demon Continent were very vast, such big armies would take astronomical amounts of funds to be able to cross the ocean.

The water tribe of demons could have helped, but they cannot go on land for long, and since Leviathan's death, they stopped helping the heads of the Demon Continent, which was now mostly governed, at least half of it, by humans that had come there to conquer those fertile lands.

It was unrealistic for demons to make such a big move out of nowhere now that they had decreased in numbers and power, they couldn't realistically afford the movement, even if many Demon Kingdoms stayed strong as they had big armies that didn't let the invading humans go as they pleased, it was a completely different thing to move to another continent.

But how did these goblins reach here otherwise? A tribe that has always lived here might be a possibility, but Ninhursag herself learned they all came from the Demon Continent one month ago, making a camp incredibly quickly and beginning to multiply fast.

Goblins were social with their own kin, but would act barbarically against anyone else unless they had been somewhat tamed or controlled by a greater figure within their tribe, Goblin Champions, Goblin Kings or Queens, or the strongest goblin, a Goblin Emperor or Empress...

Such figures would have incredible power and the ability to control Goblins with ease, they could command them and order them as they wanted, and they were the reason why goblins could make alliances with others despite their barbaric demeanors.

And Ninhursag could feel the powerful presence of something coming from the largest tent in the camp, a dark energy coming from it... it was dangerous.

Not at the level of a Goblin Emperor, or a worst case, one of legends, a Goblin God, but it was something below Goblin Emperor but just as terrifying, and more than capable of creating disaster whenever it went.

There was a Goblin King there, being served by multiple female goblins and Goblin Champions as guards.

There was also an abnormal amount of Goblin Champions, which also made Ninhursag very surprised, such variants were very hard to emerge sometimes, unless a Goblin King had already begun to mate with multiple females.

Due to their very short lifespans of often no more than 10 years, goblins grew incredibly quickly, in a few months they were able to move, hunt, and communicate with one another, and after half a year, they can begin mating.

Due to this they were very capable of reproducing in enormous quantities and flood entire places, becoming a large plague that humans had to deal here in the past, and even more in the Demon Continent itself.

Unless they were controlled by a Goblin King or something higher, they would constantly spread chaos endlessly, but even if a Goblin king controlled them, there was nothing that wouldn't guarantee that it would simply use the power of his troops to attempt to dominate other lands, Kingdoms, and Nations.

Ninhursag knew Goblins and all these Barbarian races very well as she had once fought many of them and exterminated another handful of them on her own, since she was a child that she remembers them all quite well and holds a strong resentment against these races due to what they had done to her people in the past, when the Demon King was alive, and the war was growing more and more intense.

Due to this, she had a strong murdering intent, if she could take down the King's head now, she could quite possibly send the goblins into rage and end up making them all mess up their formation and organization, making them easy to kill even by wild beasts.

She even had thought about using the Goblin King's bones on her own, abusing her shapeshifting powers as a Skin-Changer and turning into a Goblin Queen herself, to order the Goblins and more, but she didn't know if she would be able to completely inherit the monster's powers that way.

And as she decided to move away from the Goblin Camp and come back later to deal with them after she were to inform the Heroes in the Amazon Village, she suddenly was stopped by a group of Goblin Males.

In their culture, females that had not been taken by males can be freely be courted by males until they finally decide a mate, it is very important for them to mate to keep their population up, so these things were a norm, and Ninhursag was a female goblin...

So she ended being surrounded by many goblins that felt her "scent" which was seemingly pure and not without the mixed scent of another male that had already bedded her. Indeed, she was actually a virgin despite how old she was.

"Gryaguuak!"

"Graku! Gra!"

"Grakyaka!"

The Goblins began to speak weirdly to her as they offered her things, some brought hunted animals, other shiny jewels from monsters magic crystals, others brought aromatic herbs and medicinal herbs, and a few brought cooked food, fruits, and seeds.

Males fought for females by bringing them offerings, often in the form of food, the most valued thing after all. A female had to be provided with a lot of food by a male so she could keep her energies high as she gave birth to many children, so choosing a male capable of providing was necessary.

However, Ninhursag couldn't help but constantly feel more and more disgusted, to the point she couldn't keep the disguise any longer...

Chapter 168 Ninhursag's Might!

The disgusting goblins had reached Ninhursag as they offered their offerings to her! They wanted a female mate, it has been a long time since a female has been born, so some males that have yet to find a mate were growing desperate, and other males often didn't shared women.

This stupidly funny scene wasn't funny at all for Ninhursag, who felt disgusted about these monsters which she hated, she was already trying her hardest to ignore her ever-growing murderous intent, but she was having a hard time.

She was rejecting the males by waving her hands and trying to walk away, but as they were rejected the goblins grew more and more restless, chasing her around like a pack of dogs in heat that found a female at long last.

She tried to run away from the camp, but the goblins thought of it as a trial, perhaps she wanted the most fit of the males, so the one that won and caught her showing off their physical fitness would be the chosen one!

The brainless green skins ended chasing her through the entire forest until Ninhursag made sure there were no other goblins around, and quickly turned into a small squirrel, hiding atop a tree branch.

"These monsters are so insistent with finding mates! I don't even like men to begin with, but these guys are really way too disgusting even if I were to like men anyways... I've heard that they use these rituals to find mates but they're way too insistent! I am going to just ambush them here..." she thought.

The goblins suddenly reached a dead end as they couldn't find the goblin girl, they walked around the large tree where Ninhursag was hiding as a small squirrel, confused about what had just transpired.

They wondered where the female was.

"Grakuha?"

"Grakuha nay!"

"Sakuh..."

"Gykahah!"

They began to blame one another, Ninhursag had learned their tongue already after becoming a Goblin with her powers, and realized they were blaming one another, saying that they were too creepy, as if they couldn't realize all of them were actually creepy...

Ninhursag waited for them to gather around the tree and then, she shapeshifted once more into a Gray Wolf, jumping over them!

"GROAR!"

"Gryyaa?!"

She reached the first Goblin, and ravaged its neck, so hard that her strong mandibles just beheaded the entire goblin's head in a single bite. Blood quickly filled her mouth as her animalistic instincts began to grow bigger.

"You're all dead!" she roared, as the Goblins glanced at the massive Gray Wolf and began to run for their lives, they wouldn't fight such a big beast unarmed!

"Gyyyaaa!"

"Gryagu!"

"Guraag!"

Ninhursag in her Gray Wolf reached the Goblins and began to ravage their necks, catching them by their arms as well, or biting their legs off with ease. Her jaws were like deadly guillotines.

After merely just a few seconds, the disgusting goblins were down, and Ninhursag sighed in relief. She had satiated her murderous intent for a bit at the very least.

"Phew... I should really move away from here for now..." she sighed.

If she stayed here, it would be troublesome, the scent of goblin blood was strong, and it could very much attract prey if she didn't do things right, so for safety measures it would be better if she quickly moved away from here before things were to escalate into something worse.

The scent of the goblins would attract more and more goblins, and she knew how they could be very resentful, she knew that very well as she had provoked entire armies of goblins to confront her in the past to get rid of them in masse...

She turned into a bird, a colorful and beautiful one, and flew away.

"I should now go back to the village before anything... these damn green skins... I would kill them all myself, but I am worried that some might end up sneaking elsewhere if I go too hard on them... I don't want those children to be affected, nor the village..." she thought.

As she flapped her colorful wings, she inspected the forest down below using her sharp eyes, as a powerful bird beast her eyesight was amazing, and she could enhance it even further with mana.

But then she suddenly realized something... there was a group of children in the forest.

"Don't... tell me... Zack, Sylphy, and Aquarina are there?! They're very close to the village!"

Ninhursag quickly realized there as a group of goblins chasing them down and circling around them, she saw that in the time she spent killing the goblins, a group of other goblins reached up to the children and began to circle and chase them down, she even detected the Goblin King on the move, making her worry about the safety of the children.

She saw the large group slowly approaching the kids, they were handling well their own rivals, but if they were to be overwhelmed by the almost hundred of goblins, they would surely perish...

"These damn kids! What are they doing outside the barrier territory?!" she cried in anger.

Unaware that they were being protected by spirits that wouldn't let them easily die, Ninhursag quickly flew down and decided to stop the largest groups of goblins.

At the end, she'll have to act to save them...

"Ugh... Okay then, if I have to act, I have to act!"

TRUUUUMMM...!

Suddenly, in front of the four Goblin Champions and near a hundred Goblins, a massive Tyrannosaurus emerged, unleashing lightning everywhere the goblins' eyes could see!

"GROOOOARRRR!"

Its entire body was several meters of height, capable of looking down at every single goblin, even the champions were dwarfed by Ninhursag's monstrous form! One of her strongest forms by far!

Her entire body exuded lightning everywhere, shocking the battlefield as many Goblins began to get electrified by her powerful attacks!

SPARK! SPARK! CLAASH!

Unaware of their secret guardian taking down the large army that was rushing to their way, the children continued to move on back to the village while fighting the threats before their path...

Chapter 169 Overwhelming The Goblins

Ninhursag had quickly prioritized to help the children escape, by dealing with most of the enemies herself, the children were able to pull through the smaller groups of goblins they were fighting, and managed to even defeat a Goblin Champion all by themselves!

However, Ninhursag suddenly felt as if something else was with them other than the three children and their spirits. Indeed, she saw something with them, a small blue blob.

Who was this thing? A monster? A slime?

She had never seen a slime monster before though, those things were uncommon in this jungle.

But it didn't really felt like the small fry it was trying to pretend to be.

This thing... she felt a strong flashing presence from within it, it was way more powerful than it made itself to look like.

Or well, it held an even greater potential than its looks gave out to be. She didn't see any threatening presence from it thought, and this little monster seemed friendly with the children, as if it wanted to protect them.

She was a woman very connected to nature, even monsters were part of nature to an extent, although some barbaric ones such as Goblins or Orcs and the like didn't deserved her pity or understanding, wild monsters such as slimes, were beings she could comprehend.

She had an innate ability to comprehend all animals and monsters as a Skin Changer, and if she were to manage to turn into one, she was able to understand them even better than before, but even then, she still had some suspiciousness.

But for now, she decided to simply keep fighting the threat before her, as she couldn't falter for a single second.

Ninhursag's strength could be said to be superhuman, and it could vary around a lot thanks to her amazing powers and her magic which gave her the ability to shapeshift into different beasts and monsters, in an instant she is a weak squirrel that cannot even be said to be a Tier 1 beast, and later she could become a giant Thunder Tyrannosaurus easily reaching Tier 5 and beyond in power.

This was the unique power of Skin Changers, but they required to also develop their own physiques and their magic circles if they truly wanted to exert as much power, a Skin Changer wasn't capable of becoming stronger than what their Physique and Magic Circle was, so for them to easily jump through Tiers, they had to already be innately powerful.

Of course, they showed the most strength when they shapeshifted, as a human, they can also be skillful fighters, especially Ninhursag who knew a lot of weapon techniques that her family of hunters had taught to her amongst many other abilities, but she showed the most power of her race if she shapeshifted into enormous and powerful beings.

BOOOM!

Her entire body exuded an aura of lightning, this was an element of magic she wasn't even good at, as her primary elements were Nature and Life. However, Thunder attribute could be wielded if she shapeshifted into this powerful Thunder Tyrannosaurus, which she had hunted long ago, a part of her trial to become an adult that her tribe celebrated, although there were no more of her tribe members with her, she remembered her tribe's trials very well.

The lightning that came out of this powerful race of dragon-type monsters was incredible, although they were considered Lesser Dragons, the manipulation of lightning across their bodies was generated thanks to many electricity-producing glands below their skin and scales, which began to generate lightning the more they rotated against one another.

She was not only able to crush the goblins with her mere claws, and even eat them away with her giant jaws, but she was blowing them away using her thunderbolt attacks.

CLAAAAASH!

Another golden thunderbolt fell over a group of goblins within the army confronting her, as she saw how a dozen of Goblins died calcinated in the spot.

This attack took its time to generate, so she couldn't spam it to her heart's content, it also costed a sizable amount of Mana to use, but she was doing an excellent work at fighting against these Goblins already, so she didn't had the concern that she wouldn't be able to pull out a victory, she had fought even worse enemies after all in the past.

TRUUUMMM...!

Another powerful attack reached the goblins, as her claws coated in lightning generated electrifying shockwaves around her body, blowing away the goblins nearby with ease!

"Gryyyyaeeee...!"

"Graaahh...!"

"Kugaah!"

The goblins began to scream in agony in unison as they were being splattered over the floor, turning everything redder and redder.

Ninhursag began to devour a few others alive with her jaws, while using her lightning to burn through their ranks.

The goblins were not without fighting, even though most didn't surpassed Tier 2 in Physique or Magic Circle, they were still powerful if together, and even more if commanded by several Goblin Champions and the Goblin King.

Goblin Kings and Goblin Champions had the special Ability of conjuring abilities capable of enhancing their own kin, with Goblin Champions in an army, goblins could grow several times their original strength temporarily!

They were covered in powerful auras of strength and magic, enhancing their Weapon Techniques and Magic Spells, their bombarding attacks hit Ninhursag's giant legs, and tore apart her scales, leaving several wounds as she fought like a berserk beast.

"Damn Goblins...! I have to kill the Champions, but even those are strong thanks to the goblin king boosting them from afar and each one boosting their power..." thought Ninhursag as she gritted her sharp teeth and showed a menacing smile to the goblins, intimidating them greatly!

"Then I have to be even more ruthless and merciless... not like I mind!" she roared, pouring mana into her transformation, her entire body exuded a thundering aura, clashing over the enemy armies as the Goblin Champions defended themselves using magic shields.

TRUUUMM...!

Chapter 170 Ninhursag's Last Resort

Goblin Champions, they held greater Physique than normal Goblins by birth, and even held a greater ability over magic. They were practically even better versions than Goblins could ever be, and compared to humans, they were obviously superior, and could continue to grow stronger.

Monster had magic crystals and special capabilities, unlike humans and demi-humans who required to process the materials to absorb them into their bodies through potions, food, and more, monsters could simply eat anything and grow stronger out of it.

Some more than others, a few of them could even assimilate the powers of what they ate, they were known as Special Variants, and were truly a headache when they evolved too much.

Of course, such Special Variants were sometimes even called Monster Gods, as they would one day become something so great that not even Heroes would be able to properly handle their power... this was why most of the tribes of monsters where Monster Gods had once emerged were kept in check, and their numbers were sometimes thinned up every time people would see them.

Goblins were included, alongside things such as Orcs, or even Slimes... Goblins still seem to remain a lot in the Demon Continent, alongside Orcs, their cousins, but Slimes had been mostly gone extinct except by very few hidden meadows that harbored the very last slimes in the world... that one had showed up in here was already very rare for Ninhursag, so it was understandable that she had suspiciousness over it despite having been tamed by the girls.

Sometimes, very rarely, the strongest of the Goblin Champions would undergone an evolution after having grow strong enough by consuming magic crystals and the flesh of monsters.

And then it would turn into a Goblin King. The Goblin King had the power to command troops even better than Champions, and could even influence the talented goblins to evolve into Goblin Champions.

Their very presence was also powerful, they were capable of enhancing the power of goblins by merely sitting over their thrones, by simply existing.

Therefore as long as there was a Goblin Champion dominating the goblins Ninhursag fought, they would be naturally stronger than commonly.

BOOM!

Ninhursag waved her enormous tail, shaking the ground and throwing away a handful of goblins, while two Goblin Champions intercepted her attack using enormous axes they held, which they infused with their elemental magic.

CLAAAAASH!

"Ungh?!"

Ninhursag looked at the two three-meter-tall Goblin Champions, as they somehow stopped her tail attack!

"Tough bastards..."

She suddenly shapeshifted one more, as her enormous figure disappeared and what emerged from it was a large creature, not as big as the Tyrannosaurus, but more agile and potentially stronger in various other areas.

A ten-meter-tall beast.

It had three heads and a long snake-headed tail.

Each head was that of a different monster, and she even had enormous bat-like wings to fly.

This monster which also exuded the elemental power of three different elements was not normal, it was a Chimera!

Chimeras are a dangerous type of monster, a three-headed creature catalogued as a disaster-class monster, their very presences can shake an entire nation and powerful Adventurers and Knights are dispatched immediately to deal with them when they're seen.

One of the fangs that Ninhursag held was from one of these beasts. Of course, her magic had limits, she couldn't transform into any item she found, she had to kill that monster first and then ensue a special ritual, eat most of their flesh.

After that ritual was done, she could take a fang or a bone from them and turn that into the special accessory that can let her transform by gathering mana into it and channeling her magic as a Skin-changer. Using the special spells that were inherent of her race and the special abilities she was born with and developed... she sued those enemies she slays and ate and turned into them.

This was the power of the Skin Changers, and this was why they had the philosophy of "eating what you kill", as it was a way for them to gain multiple forms and acquire greater survival in the wild by being able to turn into wild beasts and monsters.

This was not a normal Chimera, however, as this was the Elemental Chimera King she had once defeated arduously in a battle of life and death, a monster that was summoned by an evil warlock in the past which had threatened a small duchy near the forests, she had friends there which she wanted to protect, so at the end, there wasn't anyone for the task of defeating this monster than her.

She remembered that she had won this transformation with blood and sweat, and thanks to the sacrifice of many others that had attempted to defeat it before, and had weakened the monster enough for her to finish it off with everything she had.

The goblin champions stood in awe as they glanced at the smaller yet even more threatening monster.

The aura of Tier 7 Physique and Magic Circle exuded from within it, as its three heads glared down menacingly at its foes.

An enormous quantity of elemental magic exuded from its body, waving around like an ocean of magic, the power of this beast was something even beyond their total comprehension, they couldn't possibly think they could defeat it easily.

No, it seemed... unrealistic to even think about defeating such a beast.

Despite its power, Ninhursag was being drained of her Mana quickly.

Depending in the transformations, they would drain more or less mana. This transformation as of now was the one of the ones that drained the most mana out of her, she wasn't capable of properly holding into such power for a prolonged period of time...

"GROOOARRR!"

The enormous lion head roared angrily at the goblins in front of it, as its very roar suddenly generated flames from the mouth of the lion, which spread around like a spiraling vortex of flames, consuming dozens of goblins in the process!

FLAAAAASH!

Many magicians in the back attempted to shield themselves from such a deadly power using magical barriers, which the goblin champions also helped in generating, but Ninhursag had way more tricks than just flames!

Suddenly, the goat-like head gave a cry, as dark magic began to emerge around it...!