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Chapter 371 Time To Really Go To The Dungeon Now

"Oh?! I never thought this could be a thing!" I said with surprise.

"Amazing, it sounded like you hit something metallic, is that an invisible magic barrier?" Asked Aquarina.

"That's so dope..." Zack reacted as expected.

"Yeah! These equipment are made for people that lack enough muscle to carry heavier things, or for people that just don't like helmets in general. Of course, it absorbs a bit of Mana when it is being worn, each hit it takes will absorb some Mana to compensate for it. But it has a limit of how much it can take, its not indestructible. If you are stupid and just take hits all the time, you'll still break it." Said the dwarf boldly, as if trying to warn me.

"I get it! Don't worry sir." I said with a smile.

"Hmph, that's a good response." He said while nodding.

"This equipment seems effect, we'll buy most of it." Said my father. "You three, take whatever you want and equip it, test what works for now."

And like that, we began equipping ourselves. At the end, I was able to equip myself with the diadem, a shoulder plate that was rather heavy, but suddenly began lighter when I equipped it and infused mana into it, shoulder pads, arm bands, and leg armor. I was wearing a long red skirt with white stockings today, so I didn't particularly look completely armored, but this still did for now.

Zack decided to equip some more stiff and bigger equipment, wearing a large piece of armor over his torso which was silver colored and with various lines of green and blue. He was also wearing leg protection and some new boots he got. He took a small helmet as well, and out of the two, he was the one that looked the most like an actual little knight.

Lastly, Aquarina decided to go for more lighter clothes, picking up a special cape enchanted with defensive runes that can fend off strong attacks and enhance evasion, and some light armor around her important parts, such as the chest, legs, arms, and shoulders. Alongside a diadem for herself too. She also picked up a new dagger that was black in color and had a serrated blade. Zack said that his Axe was all he needed, but we ended buying him a new dwarf Axe as the old one he has been using was getting very damaged and cracked.

The dwarf said he was going to use it to make him a new Axe using dragon scales, so Zack was expecting the "evolution" of his weapon. He had considered grabbing a shield too, but he felt it would get in the way of his powerful blows, so he scratched the idea. I had also considered picking another sword to dual wield them, but it is more convenient to always have one free hand, and I am already quite used to wield my sword with both hands as well.

"And you're done! Well, bring me the materials soon enough because I'll go get ready my furnace." Said the dwarf. "Good luck in the dungeon, you three kids look mighty strong, the first floors shouldn't be so difficult with that equipment."

"Thanks for everything!" Aquarina said.

"Yeah, this rocks!" Said Zack.

"Bye!" I waved my hand, as we walked outside the shop.

After a few strolls around, we finally arrived at the Adventurer Guild, and we swiftly moved towards the Request Wall. In there, there were many papers showing special requests, some asked for the extermination of certain monsters. These are usually done by the Guild itself to incentivize the extermination of monsters, this way the dungeon doesn't have a monster wave one day.

"Okay, let's take this one, this one, and this one. One for each of you should be fine, right?" My father asked. The three requests asked for the extermination of five monsters in total from three different types, Rogue Goblins, Mega Rats, and Large Centipedes.

"Sure, this sounds good enough for us." I said while nodding.

"Mega Rats and Large Centipedes... Aren't those all high tier?" Asked Aquarina.

"Yeah, the Rogue Goblins are an evolved form of goblins that are very proficient at sneaking and stealing things. They're often regarded as Tier 2 Monsters, which are like Rank F. And as for the other two, they're usually Tier 2.5 or 3. Probably D Rank in threat, most of the time." My mother said while nodding and checking around.

"Alright! Let's do this! I am so pumped up!" Zack couldn't help but show he was excited about hunting.

"Yeah! I'll use my materials to commission a gift for Sylphy as well!" Aquarina said.

"Alright, we are going then! You'll see that Dungeons are more different than a mere underground passage, they got a whole different layout and an internal ecosystem." My father said, guiding us to the Dungeon's entrance. In there, dozens of Adventurers seemed stationed. A few parties were coming out of it, and another few were getting inside. Surrounding the dungeon's entrance there were many stalls that sold materials of monsters that were being resold, and even rare items and healing potions.

"Woow! Now his place is beautiful!" I said with a smile.

"It is filled with so many adventurers..." Said Zack.

"Yeaah! Let's go! Let's go!" Aquarina couldn't contain her excitement, jumping around like an adorable rabbit.

"Okay then, we are leaving you four for now. Allan make sure to bring them for dinner." Said my mother.

"Yes, I get it Faylen, don't worry." Said my father reassuring my mother.

My mother then hugged me and kissed me; the rest of the adults did the rest for my friends.

"Take care dear, okay? Stay at the side of your father and don't go anywhere on your own!" She said.

"Okay mama. I get it." I said.

"Hm, you're a smart girl so I will trust you." She said, kissing my nose.

I saw Aquarina and Zack being snuggled by Shade and Nepheline and Ninhursag as well, and then we moved forward.

Chapter 372 Special Dungeons

The Dungeon greeted our sight. At first sight, it looked like an enormous building that led to an underground stair. The gigantic building, made mostly out of ash gray-colored bricks and covered in moss was mostly just for show, as the true dungeon was below underground.

I do remember having explored a dungeon with my friends before, where we found Furoh, but that resulted to be something like a "young dungeon" and lacked most of its key features, it hasn't even created a monster back then, and Furoh was just hiding there and that was about it. We had gotten excited for nothing back then. Now, this was a genuine dungeon, with over twenty floors deep, bustling with monsters. It was the ideal time to explore it.

"Alright then kids, let's get going. Stay near me. You can summon your Familiars when we get to Floor 1." My father said. He led us downstairs as we slowly began to chat with him.

"Uncle Allan, how do dungeons work?" Asked Aquarina.

"How do they work?" My father said. "Well, from what we have learned, there's usually a Dungeon Core at the depths of a Dungeon, hidden from all of the people that could even reach it. The Dungeon Core absorbs Mana from the environment and uses this Mana to upgrade itself, expand the dungeon, and generate monsters. There is another way to grow stronger faster for Dungeons, however..."

"Oh? What is it?" Aquarina innocently asked.

"You see, they create treasures and monsters that drop special items and other things, to lure people inside. We people are the dungeon's favorite meal after all. We contain more Mana they could even get in months of absorbing it from the environment, so the more they can kill us, the more Mana they usually absorb from our corpses left behind." Said my father.

"Eeeh? That's terrific!" Aquarina said. "But kind of interesting..."

"Who created Dungeons?" Wondered Zack.

"Well, that's complicated. They have always been here since the death of the First Ever Demon King. It is said that his Miasma created Dungeons by corrupting the world. An after effect that the world itself had not expected when creating such a monster. After that, somehow, a god betrayed our conventional gods, an ancient servant of the twelve pantheons turned against them for strange motives and became an Evil God of Dungeons. He used the Dungeons to grow stronger and absorb energy from the world... or something like that." My father answered. "He had become stronger and is said to be a threat that is a menace to the world. It might be his fault that Dungeons are popping more commonly around the world, and why they're also becoming more dangerous over time, developing new gimmicks to trap people more easily."

"New gimmicks?" I wondered while raising an eyebrow.

"Yes, this dungeon is known for one of them, they're called "Personal Dungeons". The moment we step into Floor 1, we are practically moved to a different dimension. This way, no other adventurer parties can come to help each other if they get lost..." My father said with a slightly malicious smile. "Scary, right?"

"What?! But that means we can get all the loot we get for ourselves without anybody interrupting, right?" Asked Zack.

"Hahaha! Yeah, this is also why it is rather popular. There are also special items named Ariadne Thread that let you teleport back to the outside of the dungeon, they cost 1 gold coin, but most adventurer parties hold one each time they dive for emergencies." My father said. "I brought a few myself too. This Dungeon has mid monsters so its nothing hard either. We can enjoy our personal dungeon diving without anybody annoying us. Although the "Personal Dungeon" gimmick might be dangerous, it is also beneficial for adventurer parties that need money."

"Oh! We can make our own bucks!" Aquarian said.

"Ah, we finally got to Floor 1!" Zack said.

The moment we stepped into the floor 1 hall, a strange and dizzy feeling overtook us all for a split of a second. It felt as if everything surrounding us was moving at an incredible speed and then settled down like nothing.

"Eh? Just what was that?" Asked Zack.

"That was the Dimensional Transfer, now we are in a pocket dimension created exclusively for us. This gimmick costs the dungeon some Mana, so it usually has a limit of 10. Remember seeing that little altar showing a "6" number that went to "7" when a party came out of the dungeon? That's the amount of times a new dimension can be created, so there's a limit of ten parties inside a dungeon at most." Said my father. "Anymore, and they're simply blocked by an invisible barrier, so they can't walk downstairs anymore."

"Wow, Dungeons are so complicated... It felt slightly weird, this whole dimensional manipulation stuff... This God of Dungeons, is he the one that...?" I asked.

"Hm. I have thought about it with our mother back then. There is... a possibility. But fear not, I am here. And I doubt he'll have enough time to just chase us around when the other gods might be tailing him as well after the offense he did against them." My father replied. "For now, just trust your father, let's go!"

"Alright!"

My father said that this Dungeon had a random amount of Floors, usually being 10 ~ 25 Floors. One would know we reached the last floor as there wouldn't be any more stairs moving down, and there would be a Dungeon Boss at the end of the floor as well. Usually, when the boss dies, a special teleportation area opens which allows us to teleport outside. This area is not part of the dungeon's system, but something that was set here by a powerful Magician that was said to have modified dungeons across the continents so they would become more beneficial for people.

"The Archwizard of Shattered Stars was the one that set up these special gadgets to make dungeon diving easier, he had powers that allowed him to even modify the structure of dungeons, only partially though." My father said. "This way, one of the greatest challenges for humans also became their best way to grow stronger."

Chapter 373 Exploring The Dungeon!

"So there was such a person out there?" I wondered.

"Yep, but it's boring to talk about old stuff anyways, right? We are here to delve into the dungeon, so let's get ready." My father said.

We first decided to explore the Floor 1. Usually it was the most emptiest of them. The internal floors of this dungeon were divided in large sections, usually having smaller rooms sometimes, or hidden passages that led to areas with special treasures or monsters stronger than normal. The floor 1 looked like a very old and mossy underground dungeon from a fortress. There were barrels scattered around, completely empty. Sometimes you would find a piece of armor dropped, or ropes. There was a lot of trash sometimes.

While exploring, we all brought out our Spirits. Zack brought his own Spirit, resembling a small cloud with a single eye, Aquarina brought her familiars, the slime Pyuku, who was quite strong, and her Leviathan Jr. Meanwhile, I decided to not bring all of mine, because they were too many, so I decided to prioritize and bring out Ignatius and Naturia.

Now that Ignatius had a System Seed and developed his own Lesser System, unlike me, he lacks glitches and can level up both his Skills and Levels. He also got a Class and even a Status, which I decided to look at again to refresh my memory.

<Status System>

[System Owner]: [Ignatius the Red]

[Race]: [True Fire Dragon Spirit]

[Rank]: [F]

[Level]: [1/10]

[EXP]: [0/1000]

[Class]: [Dragon Egg]

[HP]: [25/25]

[MP]: [50/50]

[Strength]: [10]

[Defense]: [15]

[Magic]: [20]

[Resistance]: [15]

[Agility]: [5]

[Luck]: [5]

[Charm]: [0]

[Skills]: [Eggshell: Lv2] [Dragon King's Son: Lv1] [Baby Dragon Breath: Lv2]

He has yet to gain any EXP for his Level, but through incredibly hard work, he had managed to Level up his Eggshell and Baby Dragon Breath Skills. The level up of his Skills comes with Skill Bonus just like my own Skills too! But instead of giving +10% enhancement to all effects with each Level, it is only of +2%. Which is a HUGE difference... But I guess it is because he doesn't have a Complete System, and his System is "Lesser" so special bonuses are smaller. At Level 10 he'll only get +20% enhancement to his Skills, but his skills are still inherently very strong compared to what I got, and with my Mana, he can constantly use them while using magic too.

"Finally time to level up, huh?" Wondered Ignatius. All my Spirits spoke to me through Telepathy, so nobody ever heard them when they speak to me. I also spoke to them through telepathy back thanks to the basic Connection between Familiars and Contractors.

"Foo! Foo!" Naturia agreed with Ignatius, although she couldn't level up as of now... yet. Alice told me that a new Seed could be generated if I earned around 100k EXP, and such EXP requirements to create a Lesser System Seed increase with each seed Created too, but I take what I can.

We first need to see how much EXP the monsters here can give. I remember Demon Lords giving hundreds of thousands of EXP, and the goblins we fought, the weakest gave around 500, while the Champions, usually between 2000 to 3000. Maybe... well, I cannot really remember these things very well.

As we walked through a corridor, we suddenly saw a few shadows moving near the stairs that led to Floor 2. My father told us to remain silent so we wouldn't alert the monsters, and that he was using powerful stealth magic so he wouldn't be detected and end up scaring to death the monsters. He agreed that he would remain as a guardian and would only look at us fight, only helping if it we were at the verge of dying. He even said he wouldn't help us even if we were in a pinch or getting wasted. Perhaps this was part of his training regime as a merc.

Aquarina pointed at the shadows moving near the other corridor's side, as I nodded and decided to walk there myself, shrouding my body with the [Stealth] Spell and the Tier 2 Shadow Attribute Spell named [Shadow Veil], I was able to slightly become more unnoticeable in this dark area. My two friends also

used this effective and newbie-friendly combination of magic, as we made our way towards the shadows.

And what we found was a large pack of [Mega Rats], enormous Rats, at least two meters tall in size covered in black fur who possessed incredibly sharp incisor teeth and crimson red eyes. The pointy tails they had also had a lethal venom, so it was recommended to not let them hurt us with their tails. Their claws are filled with infections as well, and their tooth are quite lethal, easily able to pierce through leather armor.

The group of five Mega Rats were devouring the corpse of a Rogue Goblin that was unfortunate enough to be caught in their vicious jaws. The creatures were dissecting it slowly and savoring each piece. They seemed to be hungry but didn't ate desperately.

As we drew closer, one of the rats suddenly noticed something, twitching its ears. It slowly looked behind its body, looking directly at us, who were hiding in the shadows. It stopped for a bit, but then, it quickly continued eating.

Drawing closer, I held my sword and with the help of Ignatius flames, I enchanted it, covering it in blazing dragon flames and jumping in an instant!

CLASH!

My blazing sword pierced the back of that very rat, as it screeched in agony.

"SCREEECH...!"

The rat gave out an ear-tearing cry as Ignatius emerged right behind me to finish the creature off. Using the [Baby Dragon Fire Breath] Skill and burning the rest of the rat's body. The creature struggled, swinging its tail, but the wounds were too severe and it quickly dropped dead in the floor while still on flames.

Ding!

[You earned 400 EXP]

[Ignatius] earned 560 EXP]

Oooh! We got a good amount of EXP! 400 EXP is not bad for some giant Rats, and Ignatius got even more than me?! Oh, is this the Spirit Blessing buff plus his own Buffs in his Skills? So he gets a +40% more EXP, with this, we need to kill another rat and level him up!

Chapter 374 Hunting Monsters

The moment I jumped into the fray and slain a Mega Rat with Ignatius, Aquarina and Zack also attacked, emerging from their disguises within the shadows, they raised their weapons and clashed against the beasts. Although already alerted by my surprise attack, some of them were able to evade and step back from their powerful blows.

Zack, however, managed to swiftly secure a kill as he enhanced his new Silver-colored Axe decorated with green lines made out of Wind Spirit Stone dust that channeled his wind attribute mana, and unleashed a thunderous blow that generated a shockwave of slicing winds, engulfing one of the nearest rats into an overwhelming wind pressure.

CRASH!

"SCREEECH!"

The rat cried, but Zack mercilessly chopped the creature's head off, as it rolled over the ground, with blood flowing like a crimson river from its beheaded neck, the body still twitching by the shock of such a sudden death.

Ding!

[You earned 200 EXP]

[Ignatius] earned 280 EXP]

As I had thought, I can earn half of the EXP of the kills from my "Party Members" an innate function of the System. I remember that my family had slain monsters before and I also gained EXP out of them by merely watching them, this was probably the same thing.

"Damn it!"

Aquarina cried with frustration, as the Mega Rat managed to evade her attack and jumped away. Immediately after, it swung its long and sharp tail, attempting to pierce through Aquarina's eyes.

CLASH!

Aquarina intercepted the tail with her dagger and the swiftly sliced the tip of the tail.

SLASH!

"SCREECH!"

The rat cried, as Aquarina's Dagger was suddenly covered in water, while her other dagger shrouded itself in... darkness?! Both of her daggers suddenly swung in a cross-shape, as a double slash attack of slicing water and shadows clashed against the Mega Rat, slicing the creature in half.

CLAAASH!

"Good job, Aquarina!" I congratulated my friend, as I saw the System Window pop up again below my vision.

Ding!

[You earned 200 EXP]

[Ignatius] earned 280 EXP]

[Ignatius] has reached Level 2!]

"Ooh?! I suddenly feel slightly stronger!"

The moment Ignatius finally leveled up, a spark of golden light covered his body for just a split of a second, enough to suddenly enhance all of his capabilities by a small amount permanently. It was barely noticeable, but it seemed as if he had become less translucent.

Without wanting to stop there and just watch a floating egg grow stronger, I pointed my hand at a Mega Rat that pounced towards me, gathering several Embers within seconds and forming a column of flames.

"Small Fire Wall!"

FLUOOOSH!

I conjured a smaller version of Fire Wall made out of hundreds of little Embers without even needing to use complicated magical circles, the wall of flames engulfed the rat from below, burning through its black and brown fur. The creature screeched in agony as Ignatius suddenly began rolling in the middle of the air and clashed over its head, cracking its skull!

CRASH!

"GRYEEE...!"

Ding!

[You earned 400 EXP]

[Ignatius] earned 560 EXP]

Four Mega Rats were slain in merely half a minute, as the last, the fifth one, began to run away after seeing her comrades being massacred. Zack was a quick thinker, roaring back at the rat and suddenly conjuring a small lighting bolt with the help of his spirit.

"Electric Shock!"

ZAP!

CLASH!

The lightning strike hit the Mega Rat from afar, knocking it down into the floor immediately after, half-roasted. The rat, however, was somehow alive, perhaps due to their big sizes, they had a lot of HP. Aquarina went for the easy kill, throwing her knife into the struggling creature's forehead and ending it.

"GRYYY...!"

Ding!

[You earned 400 EXP]

[Ignatius] earned 560 EXP]

"And done!" I said while nodding. "Been a while since we had this much action. That was fun."

"Indeed, it felt different from before, like... aren't we stronger?" Asked Zack.

"Yeah, though I missed that one quite easily at the start, we have totally gotten better at it." Aquarina nodded.

"These rats are more resilient than the Goblins we fought back then and seem tricky as well. I suppose we have indeed improved." I said, as I quickly retrieved the Rat corpses and piled them up all together. My father clapped from behind.

"Amazing job! I am so proud of you kids!" He said, clapping desperately and feeling like crying at any moment. It seems that my father enjoyed being an overexaggerated man. However, I could also detect a lot of sincerity with his emotional expression.

"Okay, it wasn't that good, papa... We just killed five rats." I sighed while crossing my arms. I felt embarrassed that my father was praising me for just killing some rats. But he was just so happy, hugging me and congratulating me as if I had done the best thing ever.

After Pyuku ended eating a rat all by himself, we decided to continue. My father used a special bag he brought that can store things inside a special dimension. In there, he threw all the rats and said we didn't have to worry about them.

"With this we have defeated five rats. We just have to show proof we killed them, like their ears." Said my father. "Let's search for Rogue Goblins and Large Centipedes and then head back."

"What? What about the Boss?" I asked.

"The Boss... Hm, well, if you show me you're qualified for it, we'll do it. But let me tell you that even a Boss in here is way stronger than the Goblin Champions you've slain before. Usually, they're also just a bigger and more scary version of the smaller monsters residing here." My father said with a rather thoughtful look on his face.

"Alright, we'll show you." Said Aquarina.

"But more importantly, we didn't get any loot or treasure chest." Sighed Zack.

"Those are not very common, so never go into a dungeon expecting any of such rewards, Zack. They're just random most of the time." My father said.

Chapter 375 Reaching The Dungeon's Second Floor, Against Water-Type Monsters

As we entered the Second Floor, we were greeted with a different sight than the First Floor. There was a large pond in the middle of the room, which was vast and barely had any walls to hid behind. The stairs to the third floor were right behind the pond of blackish water.

"Eh? A pond of water?" Asked Aquarina.

"No, this is not just that." I said while inspecting the pond from afar using my Eyes.

I immediately saw several red dots, tens of them, all resting within the cold blackish waters, they seemed to be monsters that wait for adventurers to get closer and fight. My father was in complete silence while looking at us investigate everything. He said he would only give us some tips sometimes, but he wouldn't directly tell us what the monsters were until after we fought and defeated them.

"Hm, water monsters are tricky, they'll wait for you to get closer, grab you, and drag you down, like gators." Said Ignatius, giving me a small insight.

"Huh, are you good against them?" I wondered.

"Hmmm... I am not confident, as you can see even at Level 2 my stats are not crazy." He sighed.

"Right... So what should we do?" I wondered.

"Let's just go around the pond and then down the Third Floor!" Said Zack.

"You think it's gonna be that easy? The monsters might jump whenever we get closer." Said Aquarina.

"Huh, then what do you suggest miss know-it-all?" Asked Zack.

"I-I don't know everything!" Aquarina began to pout. "But we should try to find some tactic. What do you think, Sylphy?"

"I agree... the monsters emanate strong auras, they're probably all above Tier 2, if not Tier 3. We are strong by ourselves and we might be able to beat a single Tier 4 monster if we join together against them, but against many Tier 3? It is a different thing altogether, even less if we begin being dragged into the blackish water. We can't swim properly with this equipment on us either." I analyzed.

"Huh... Right." Said Aquarina. "I can use Water Magic, but controlling it is another whole deal, I don't think I can control it, even less from so far." Said Aquarina. Her Water Magic could only reach Tier 3 at most as of now. She mostly did a combination of Tier 3 Water Magic with techniques taught by her father.

"Can't we lure them to come out somehow? Maybe force them?" Asked Zack. "Oh, I get it! Can't I electrify the water?"

"Right... That might work, but they're monsters, electrifying the water might not prove sufficient to kill them. But they'll certainly come out furious. Wait, I got an idea..." I said with a smile.

I quickly took some seeds from my pocket and began to enchant them with [Agriculture] and some custom spells I had created. With that, I began throwing the seeds around the pond from afar using my high precision thanks to the blessing of the goddess of sight.

"Seeds?" Asked Aquarina.

"These are monster seeds; they'll sprout into vine monsters that can trap targets easily. Whenever the monsters come out of the pond, the majority will get trapped in these, and that will give us some time to strike each monster individually and kill as many as we can before they free themselves!" I said.

"Sounds good! Let's do that then." Said Zack. "Come on little guy, help me out a bit!"

Zack called his Wind Spirit, as the small cloud began to absorb his Mana and channel his element. It suddenly turned thrice as big and also the cloud gained a dark color, zapping with electricity.

ZAP! SPARK!

"Lightning Strike!"

Zack gathered the Lightning Attribute Mana into his Axe and then unleashed it, as the lightning flew towards the Pond and hit it!

BOOOM!

The electricity began to boil the water immediately, making steam come out, and being way more effective than just throwing fireballs at it I guess.

FLUOOSH!

Suddenly, the water splashed everywhere, as several creatures began moving outside one after the other! They looked like enormous two-meter big fishes, but they had front legs and gigantic jaws resembling angler fish.

"Ah, those things must be the Walking Fishes we saw in the Adventurer Guild's Dungeon Monster compendium! They're rare!" Said Aquarina.

"GLUOOOP!"

The angered Walking Fishes immediately began running towards us, not a single one of them died from the electricity impacting them, just showing how tough monsters are compared to mere animals. However, as they got closer, the seeds I planted began to sprout, as countless vines entangled two thirds of all the Walking Fishes!

"GLUOOPH!"

"GRAAH!"

"SCREECH!"

They began making all sorts of weird sounds, but it was finally time to reap our well deserved reward!

"It worked!" Zack said with a happy smile from ear to ear.

"There are four that are not trapped, let's eliminate them first!" Aquarina commanded us, as she jumped forward and enchanted her two daggers with magic. Her Water Dagger suddenly shaping as a long trident and piercing through the head of one of the bold creatures.

"Poseidon's Trident!"

CLAAASH!

"GLUOOH...!"

The creature gave a pitiful groan, quickly dying on the spot by having its brain pierced by three sharp tips made of spiraling water. This was one of Aquarina's most famous attacks after all, it has been truly a while since I saw her using it!

Ding!

[You earned 200 EXP]

[Ignatius] earned 280 EXP]

Seeing the EXP flow by, I smiled, quickly rushing forward. Using the newfound agility that these Crystal Deer Boots granted me, I jumped high in the sky and then began to spin in midair while infusing flames into my sword, clashing against two Walking Fishes at once, their bodies quickly beginning to be roasted alive, as I swung my blade two more times almost magnificently, their heads quickly rolling through the ground, as the smell of grilled fish slightly made me hungry.

Ding!

[You earned 800 EXP]

[Ignatius] earned 1120 EXP]

[Ignatius] has reached Level 3!]

"Oooh! That's more like it!" Ignatius roared, as his entire body sparkled with golden light. Suddenly, he began rolling like he did before and hit the head of a trapped Walking Fish with all his strength!

CLASH!

Chapter 376 Clearing Floor 2 And Moving To Floor 3 In A Flash!

Ding!

[You earned 400 EXP]

[Ignatius] earned 560 EXP]

He had one-shotted that Walking Fish with his own attack! It seems that leveling two times really did increase his offensive abilities. However, I quickly noticed he lost a chunk of his HP and his eggshell was cracked. The idiot used too much force and ended hurting himself.

"Be more careful!" I said, quickly using Natoria's help to conjure [Healing Light], a non-nature-attribute version of [Verdant Healing Light], which slowly regenerated the damage that this dumb egg took.

Ding!

[Ignatius] has learned the [Roll: Lv1] Skill!

Eh? He learned a Skill like nothing?!

"Roll, huh? I shall use it to defeat my foes! Bring it on, fishes!" He laughed.

[Roll: Lv1]

Skill Proficiency: 25/1000

A Skill learned by smaller creatures that fight by rolling over the ground at fast speed. Usually by channeling their own Mana into their bodies, they can make themselves harder and speedier in exchange for having little control over where they'll land. This is why this Skill is often used to surprise foes or sprint away from danger. Enhances Damage Dealt and Speed when rolling by +20% with each Level.

Oh! I see, Roll is quite... Huh, a fitting power for a rolling uncooked omelet.

"RAAAH!"

While I was checking the Skill, Zack finished off the last free Walking Fish by mercilessly smacking its head with his axe. The fish's head rolled over the ground. Aren't these monsters a bit too weak out of water?

Ding!

[You earned 200 EXP]

[Ignatius] earned 280 EXP]

"Alright, let's finish off these other guys!" I roared.

"Sure!"

"Let's do it, hehehe..."

With my friends, we quickly finished off the other six Walking Fishes that were trapped in the vines of my monsters. They were very bad at moving on land, and also seemed to lack some sort of magic attack they can only do in the pond of water. This made them an easy picking for all of us.

Ding!

[You earned 1800 EXP]

[Ignatius] earned 2520 EXP]

[Ignatius] has reached Level 4!]

Amazing, he's leveling way too fast! What's this?! Already Level 4 out of 10?! Maybe is it because he's an Egg and he gets bonus EXP? Well, even if then... Ah, it doesn't matter. It is better if he levels up quickly, he has been an egg for way too long already.

"T-This is it! I think I am slowly getting there! I might hatch soon!" Ignatius celebrated, as we rested over a pile of dead fish. The odor was quite bad.

"Ugh, this smells!" Aquarina cried. "I am going to get all nasty now..."

"Did you forget how to use the Clean Spell?" Sighed Zack, casting [Clean] to quickly clean his body from the fish blood and entrails, the smell quickly disappeared. I did the same for Aquarina and myself, and my father decided to save the fishes while giving one to Pyuku.

"That was great, these Walking Fishes are tricky, they have the ability to control water when they're inside their ponds and can suck it up and shoot it at a rapid speed, being able to easily pierce through low quality armor. They were a pain when I was a kid, but then I discovered you have to do just what Zack did, force them out of the pond and then they'll become clumsy on land." Said my father. "Well done kids, let's take a break after the next Floor's challenge."

"Alright papa!" I said, excited about what we were going to fight next.

Meanwhile, I looked at Ignatius and saw that his Stats had grown by a small amount with each level. Less than 5 for most stats with each level except his HP and MP, which both increase by +5 in each level. It seems that even if he reaches Level 10, his stats might not be that strong. Comparing him with me is not recommended, due to my stats being glitched, and they should be way higher than they show to be.

As walked downstairs, my father began to talk about his anecdotes with Walking Fishes. It seems that going into a dungeon with us really made him remember those old times when he was sill growing stronger.

"Oh man, back then your mother was a grumpy teacher. Would you believe I used to dislike her a lot? She was always barking at us that we were doing everything wrong. And yeah, we did. Most of the time we almost got ourselves killed because we pushed forward without thinking it twice. I often led them all with my recklessness. I got so many of her lectures and reprimanding that one day I ended yelling back at her..." He sighed.

"Eh? You did?" I asked.

"Yep... You wouldn't want to see your mother TRULY angered." My father sighed. He seemed to not want to recall things completely due to the fear he felt from back then.

"Huh... Sylphy's mom is a bit scary..." Aquarina said.

"Your mom in comparison is way gentler I guess." Zack sighed.

"Yeah, mama is nice. I don't remember that many times she reprimanded me or got seriously angry. She's always smiling and laughing, always cheering us up." Aquarina said, she really loved her big and muscular mother.

"Nepheline has always been like that! When she was younger she was exactly like that and... even now, she's just like that. I guess from all of us, she had always kept her personality the same. She's actually way more grounded now than before, but I suppose she took on herself the role of the one that would always laugh and cheer everyone else." Said my father. "Nepheline is a good friend that helped us get through a lot of things with her smile..."

"Huh~ I see." I said with a smile. Seeing my father smile and recall that past without feeling depressed made me slightly happy myself.

As we chatted, we reached Floor 3 in an instant. In there, we found yet another strange layout... A maze.

Chapter 377 Reaching The Third Floor, A Maze!

The layout of the third floor was not what we had expected, it was a small maze. There were many walls that led to various corridors everywhere. The floor size was still the same as the others before, so it wasn't anything that big, but still, it seemed that it might become confusing.

"Oh, a Maze-type Floor, these are easy as long as you know how to find the way down. There are usually monsters here waiting for you at every corner, have your senses in alert, kids." Said my father.

Father gave us a small tip before shutting himself up and simply watching over as we tried to find a solution to this dungeon's layout. A maze was certainly not something easy to resolve. If the walls of dungeons could be destroyed, I would honestly just break through them to get to the end, but I heard from my father that dungeons walls cannot be easily destroyed. They're abnormally hard and we would need to first learn "how to slice a dimension" to even try to break through them.

I guess he would resolve this problem very easily by doing that, but us? Well, not so much. We'll have to find our own way outside of this place, which is honestly a bit of a pain, but I am also quite excited. It is a weird mix of emotions I guess.

"This is a bit confusing, but we should begin walking for now and see what we end up coming with. Maybe there could be some clues." Said Aquarina.

"I guess you're right, sitting here thinking won't get us anywhere." Said Zack.

"Let's go then." I nodded.

We moved forward while looking around. We walked straight towards a corridor in front of us until we found a wall, we moved to the left and... dead end.

"Ah, dead end, well, let's go to the previous area." I said.

"Yeah." Said Aquarina.

"We'll get through it." Zack answered.

We moved towards the previous area, and then gave a turn to the right. Suddenly, we found ourselves moving in an almost zigzag fashion, until suddenly we saw a larger room. It was a dead end too, but this room wasn't here just for show.

"What's that?!" Asked Zack.

"Ohhh! A chest!" Aquarina said happily.

"Wait, a chest?!" I asked in surprise. The thing far away from us, which I noticed late because I was looking elsewhere, was a big brown wooden chest sitting right in the middle of the room.

Aquarina ran towards the chest, trying to go open it.

"Wait, Aquarina, isn't this a bit too obvious?" I asked her, but she was getting too close.

"Wait, what's that?!" Zack asked.

"GRAAWR!"

Suddenly, the enormous chest opened wide, as an enormous mass of serrated teeth appeared and gigantic tentacles as well! Was this a Mimic Monster? It looked different than Furoh, so it wasn't a Mimic Demon at all!

"GUUU!"

Pyuku reacted faster than Aquarina and quickly wrapped himself around her, grabbing her away by extending his slimy tentacles and attaching them next to the wall to the left.

CHOMP!

The powerful jaws of the Mimic almost chomped Aquarina, but she managed to escape thanks to Pyuku's quick response. My father was looking at things very calmly! Hey, what if Aquarina got eaten?!

"Come on kids, don't fall for such obvious tricks. Aquarina learn to be a bit more sharp." Said my father.
"Everything inside a dungeon is suspicious! Never lower your guard, NEVER!"

"Okaay, I get it! I'm sorry...! Uwah!" Aquarina lost her balance as the enormous Mimic ran towards her. It was faster and more ferocious than Furoh himself. This thing wasn't something that we could easily beat in one single attack. And it seemed to be covered in the chest itself that was actually a hard shell.

CLASH!

The creature moved its enormous tenacle-like tongue while jumping over the floor, furiously hungry for Aquarina.

"Electric Shock!" Zack roared, acting quickly as a spark of lightning hit the Mimic strongly!

SPAARK!

However, the creature was almost unscathed, looking back at Zack and beginning to chase him around.

"Damn it!"

While the Mimic chased Zack, I decided to act. Simple magic might not be able to easily get through its shell, so I quickly gathered the flames of Ignatius and enhanced my movements through a variety of spells such as [Metabolism Acceleration] and [Speed Enhancement] alongside the Wind Attribute Tier 2 Spell [Whirlwind] and flew directly towards the Mimic, reaching over its hard shelled head and unleashing an explosive slash of flames, which suddenly took the shape of a furious blazing dragon.

SLAAASH!

BOOM!!!

"GRYYYYY...!"

The enormous explosion of flames engulfed the Mimic, as it quickly closed its shell to protect itself from the flames that could burn through its soft flesh. The monstrous creature suddenly began rolling over the floor this time, trying to push us over and then eat us. This thing was definitely not a small mob! Could this thing be Tier 3 or 4? That would make it a D Rank Monster!

CLAASH!

Suddenly, it hit me from behind while I was trying to find an opening. I had ended distracting myself by looking at Aquarina and thinking about helping her. The beast not only tackled me strongly while rolling, but it promptly opened its jaws and attempted to devour me whole the moment it hit me.

"GRAAAHH...!"

But this was just what I wanted anyways!

"Ember, Ember, Ember...!"

I gathered flames through Ember and covered my free hand with flames, quickly unleashing an explosion of blazing fire into the monster's open mouth, and quickly rolling to the left.

CLASH!

"GRAAKKHHH...!"

The creature ended hitting the wall right in front of it, while it was burning from the inside. The Mimic then attempted to chase me down again. The flames I threw inside of his mouth didn't killed it yet!

"Thunderous Axe!"

However, Zack acted, channeling thunder and wind into his Axe as a powerful explosion of lightning and winds forming a small storm was unleashed towards the monster the moment he swung his weapon.

BOOM!

The explosive combination of winds and lightning kept the beast at bay, only for a bit, as its shell barely showed many signs of being wounded. However, Aquarina emerged behind the monster after Zack's attack, as Leviathan Jr. suddenly began to unleash an icy aura around her!

"Freezing Storm!"

FLUOOSH!

Chapter 378 Reaching The End Of The Maze

Aquarina gathered the power of Ice Attribute within her Spirit, as she unleashed a storm of icy winds that immediately started to freeze the body of the Mimic! The ice quickly spread over the monster's body, leaving it completely trapped into a large ice cube.

"Oh, we did it?" Asked Zack in surprise. "That was amazing-"

Crack... crack...!

CRASH!

However, to our unluckiness, the Mimic freed itself and, while barely having energies, it leaped towards Aquarina furiously and vengefully. The monster barely had any stamina by now after getting hit so much yet it clung to life just so it could devour its first target.

"Ignatius!" I roared, infusing my Mana into Ignatius as he suddenly exploded with bright red light. As if a small sun had emerged here.

"Got it!!!"

Ignatius quickly used [Roll] and flew at an incredible speed towards the Mimic, clashing against the monster with all his force. The enormous hit made the beast's shell crack at long last, breaking into pieces and exposing the red and soft flesh inside.

"Fiery Breath!!!"

FLUOOOSH!

And right after that, Ignatius finished it off with an explosive fiery breath coming from his [Baby Dragon's Breath] Skill, engulfing the entire monster into an inferno of fire it could not run away from any longer.

"GRYYYYEEHHH...!"

Giving its last pitiful groan of agony, the Mimic slowly tried to run away, but ultimately perished over the floor, until it ended being burnt to a crisp.

"Well, we did it..." I sighed.

"Your Spirit is awesome, Sylphy! I never thought that egg thingy would be that strong." Said Aquarina.

"Little Leviathan still got a long way to go to compare to him... Phew, that was more challenging than I thought a real Mimic Monster would be like."

"Yeah, was that thing Rank 3?" Asked Zack.

"No, that was a rare Rank 4 Mimic. That thing would had been able to easily eat even strong adventurers... This is why I told you to be careful!" My father sighed.

"We'll be..." Aquarina sighed apologetically.

"Father, why didn't you helped us when Aquarina was almost eaten?" I asked.

"Almost eaten? She was saved by Pyuku. Don't worry. If something that might truly be lethal happens, I will act, Sylphy. Just as I promised your mother. I can move faster than you imagine, you know?" My father said while petting my head. "Trust your father and concentrate in your task now. This is also like my test to you three as well, so take it more seriously."

"A test?" I wondered.

Ding!

[You earned 2500 EXP]

[Ignatius] earned 3500 EXP]

Ah, the EXP. I guess I didn't checked it before... 3500 EXP for Ignatius, huh? And he has yet to level up to Level 5. Is the EXP needed 4000? Ah, yes it is. He needs just a few hundred more I suppose.

"Yeah, a test." My father answered my question, as I quickly looked back at him. "It is similar to the dungeon diving we did with the other heroes back then, so take it as training and more. In the future you'll even explore more dungeons than this one. You have to be prepared for the things that might happen there. Gaining experience is crucial."

"I see, you're quite thoughtful, father. More than I had actually imagined." I admitted.

"More than you imagined?! Y-You take your father for a fool or something?" He sighed.

"Hahaha, of course not!" I said.

After my father stored the Mimic's remains away, we decided to move forward once more. This time, Pyuku decided to guide us. He had some special type of extra sensorial sense that Slimes have, which help them move and not bump into things despite being blind. Because of this, he was able to easily

locate where the maze continued. Although various times we got into dead ends anyways, he still led us to the end after thirty minutes.

We didn't find any other monsters or anything else, but Pyuku proved his worth as a slimy companion quite well once more.

"Pyuku thanks for helping us out!" Said Aquarina.

"Amazing, that was faster than I thought. I swear I had imagined we would stay here for hours." Zack sighed.

"Yeah, you're a good boy. Here, have more meat." I said, giving him a piece of dried meat.

"Pyuuu!" Pyuku enjoyed the meat. Zack and Aquarina also gave him little snacks as compensation for his help.

Meanwhile, my father was looking at us with cross arms and while raising an eyebrow.

"I never thought a tamed Slime would help at getting out of mazes, that's new..." Said my father. "The actual solution was using Zack's affinity with the Wind Element. You should have simply followed where he felt the wind was flowing through. That way you'll easily find the exit." My father seemed to make it as if this was way easier than we made it up to be.

"Eh?! That easy?" Zack asked. "Maybe I should have done that now that you mentioned that, uncle..."

"Wait, so we didn't even need Pyuku's help?" Aquarina asked.

"Certainly, Pyuku helped and let you find the exit even faster. If it was on Zack, he would have taken way longer trying to identify how the wind worked and you would have ended finding more dead ends than anything at the end." My father said while shrugging.

"Wait, what?" Asked Zack. "Damn you got little trust on me..."

"Hahaha, well, now that things are resolved, papa, you said we had to take a break?" I asked.

"Ah yes, let's stay here and not go down yet. Let's cook something quick to fill our bellies. It has been over two hours since we entered after all, are you not hungry?" My father said.

"Yeah I am quite hungry for a little snack more than just dried meat." I admitted.

"Then let's cook Walking Fish!" My father said, quickly taking out two Walking Fishes and putting a bonfire with magic. "They're actually super tasty, I remember devouring these in our dungeon explorations. It was always a delight to find them."

Chapter 379 Small Nova

My father decided to cook some Walking Fish. He used magic to create a large Magic Bonfire, put some stones surrounding the fire, and then put took a table. He began using a knife to take out the scales of the walking fishes and then cut their heads off. After that, he decided to open their bellies and get all the disgusting entrails outside. When that was done, he began using all sorts of spices and a lot of salt. Pretty much covering both enormous fishes with them, and then stuck them into large metallic sticks, leaving them slowly grilling over the fire.

The smell of the delicious fish began to quickly permeate our surroundings, as I decided to make some fruit juice for everybody with the fruits I had stored in my little pouch. Which is also like a smaller version of father's dimensional bag. After the fish was finally done and we were drooling, father took the out and put them over the table, we all sat around the table with chairs he brought inside this bag, and we enjoyed the feast.

"Ooh, the meat is so soft... I never thought a monster that lived in blackish water like that pond would be this tasty." Said Zack.

"The salt and spices you put over the fish gave it a very tasty flavor, uncle!" Aquarina said.

"Yeah, well done papa." I said, enjoying my food.

"Hahah, this is just some improvised dungeon food, when we get back home we'll have a proper dinner with everybody." My father said.

At the end, we devoured both fishes until just bones were left, even the skin, after having been descaled, was very delicious, and added a lot to the flavor and texture.

"Phew, that was so tasty! I never thought mere fish would satisfy me." Ignatius was resting over my head while feeling full.

"Foo!" Naturia, despite being a Nature Spirit, partake in the feast and also ate a lot of fish.

"I never thought Spirits could also eat... Do you want to eat too?" Zack asked his own spirit, but the little cloud seemed to not understand what he was asking for. They'll need to train their communication a bit more. The only thing Zack does with his spirit is asking the creature for magic power.

"Pyuku ate another fish by himself too." Said Aquarina. "But I guess it was raw. I think he prefers raw and bloody stuff, with as many entrails as possible."

"Pyuuuu!" Pyuku seemed to be agreeing to her words.

"Welp, let's go to the fourth floor then. I wonder how many will we have to complete though? I hope this doesn't get too long... Ah well, if the time's up, we'll end midway through and go back home." My father said.

"Eeeh? So soon?" I asked angrily.

"Well, there's at least two more hours before we go back. Maybe you can complete two more floors while we are at it. Don't worry, we can come back where we left it. The gimmick of this dungeon stays the same and register the adventurer party members, if they enter the dungeon again, they'll appear where they left off." Said my father. "Of course this only works if we use Ariadne Threads to teleport

outside, if not, we would need to naturally walk all the way back to the stairs that lead outside." My father said.

"Ah, please no... That sounds like a real pain." I sighed.

When we reached the Fourth Floor, we were greeted with a more family-friendly and simplistic layout, it was almost the same as floor 1, with a few corridors here and there, and a small room that had nothing inside. However, at the end of the corridor we found something. It was a nest made out of bones and leather of various monsters, and there were like four Large Centipedes twisting and coiling around one another.

They were large, probably as long as four meters and incredibly chunky, with strong exoskeleton as well, and big and sharp jaws. With many legs that were as sharp as blades. How can we even defeat these with mere weapons? I feel like the same situation with the Mimic will happen... Unless we push them even harder.

Ugh, whatever, fire it is.

I told everybody to back down as I wanted to test how far my fire magic could go, so I stood there while the centipedes had yet to notice us and started gathering Embers like there was no tomorrow. Several Embers were generated with each passing second, and in around a minute, I already had an enormous concentration of Fire in my hands, which I constantly made more and more compact until it resembled a small ball of red light, but that was so incredibly dense that it generated an aura that seemed to have a small gravitational aura of sorts.

I will call this... Small Nova.

I quickly moved the Small Nova with my will, as the floating mass of concentrated and explosive flames slowly and almost stealthily flew towards the nest of the giant bugs and remained floating above them...

"Now!"

FLASH!

The red dot suddenly flashed with bright red light, the centipedes, who seemed to be mating or something, were too late to notice its brilliance, as a second after, an explosion of flames was unleashed.

BOOOOMMM!!!

The fire spread out through the corridors but we protected ourselves by hiding inside the room we found earlier. When we heard that things were over, we slowly moved back there, finding that the four centipedes were... dead.

"Wow, that was amazing..." Aquarina said.

"You could had done that before as well!" Zack said.

"Hah... Not really, it took a lot of effort to make it up. It needs dedication and everything else... It's not something we can do easily, sadly." I sighed. "Unless I practice more, I cannot make it into a big battle, I fear."

"Well, that's certainly a way to get rid of those highly armored centipedes..." My father was left almost speechless. "I never had this much magic power when I was a kid, you really inherited this from your mother..."

Ding!

[You earned 1600 EXP]

[Ignatius] earned 2240 EXP]

[Ignatius] has reached Level 5!]

Chapter 380 The Limits Of Normal Magicians

Small Nova was more devastating than I could have ever imagined, the power it had was completely insane. It completely roasted the centipedes in an instant, and left such a loud explosion that it could have destroyed an entire house and the surrounding ones as well...

However, it took a toll on me to actually conjure the spell, as I needed to concentrate for over a minute and it really tired me mentally. However, there might be a way to make the conjuration of Small Nova easier though... but I might try it later, as it is also quite tiring to my body and soul.

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Not only that happened, but Ignatius gained EXP and leveled up. The truth is, I had also drawn his power as my Spirit of Fire to create Small Nova, so it was a cooperative job, it was quite obvious he would get EXP from it.

And now that's he's level 5, he probably needs 5000 EXP to level up again, that's not going to be so easy now. I guess the first five levels were easy, but I've begun to doubt he'll get enough EXP to reach level 10 today.

Also, I had just noticed but it seems that the [Spirit Blessing] Skill I had not only boosted my Spirits, but because they shared their magical power, manipulation, and mana with me, this also made my own magic stronger. [Spirit Blessing] could also be said to buff my own magical power in such case!

It was really a good idea to acquire the Skill then! Also, I noticed it also gains few points of Skill Proficiency each time the Spirits buffed by this Skill fight and gain EXP, so this means there's a secondary way to level up the skill other than simply activating it every 1 hour.

"Oooh! Level 5!" Ignatius roared, although only I was able to hear him. "I am midway through reaching Level 10! Y-You said I can change after Level 10, right? Evolution! I might finally stop being an egg! It already has been years!"

Ignatius couldn't really hide his happiness. Even though they couldn't listen to what he was saying to me, my party easily noticed he was acting incredibly happy by floating around.

"Did your spirit got happy because you used a strong spell?" Wondered Aquarina.

"He's a weird egg thing." Said Zack.

"Who are you calling weird egg thing?!" Ignatius roared back at Zack, but the boy was incapable of hearing him.

"Anyways, let me pick this up... the monsters ended charred, but the exoskeleton they're covered with can be used to make some pretty good newbie armor. If you can give it to the Dwarf man, he might add the materials into the custom equipment he's going to make for you guys." My father said with a nod.

"Hahh... I see... Oof..." I sighed. I suddenly felt very exhausted, as if I couldn't even keep myself up for too long. I ended kneeling over the floor a bit, while gasping for air.

My mind was in shambles and my magic circle inside my soul was shining brightly. It felt as if I had exhausted it too much with what I made, even when it wasn't completely related to normal magic, the magic circle still took a burden that my body would have taken instead. I don't really know how much Mana I used in that spell, but thousands wouldn't be an overstatement.

"Sylphy! Are you okay?" Aquarina ran to my side worriedly.

"You look so tired... Did you have a heart attack?" Zack wondered.

"Sylphy, you over exceeded your limit, I see." My father said.

As my friends tried to heal me with their healing spells, my father touched my forehead as a tiny flame came out of the tip of his finger, a blue flame. It suddenly took over my entire body. My friends backed down fearfully and shocked, thinking my father was suddenly burning me alive.

"Phoenix Flames."

FLUOSH!

In mere seconds, I felt the warmth of these blue flames cover my body. My skin absorbed them and I felt my exhaustion slowly fading away, while I gained even more strength and stamina. My fatigue was almost completely gone as well! What's with this miraculous fire?!

"Ooh! I feel way better now..." I sighed in relief. "But what's that spell?!"

"These? They're the Phoenix Flames I learned to conjure the aid of the Phoenix Familiar I have. They can be quite lethal, but also, if I desire, they can be a powerful healing spell that also recovers stamina. Of course, I can't overuse it or your body will only continue accumulating exhaustion." My father replied.

"Wow! That's so cool!" Zack said with eyes shining in surprise and amusement.

"So this is the power of the Hero of Blazing Flames..." Aquarina said.

"Thank you daddy..." I sighed. "But what do you mean I over exceeded my limits?" I wondered.

"Just what I said, you've done that just so easily... Normally, you would had been knocked out instantly." My father said. "It usually happens when a magician unleashes a spell even stronger than their body and soul can even take. Usually, this over exceeds their own mana capacity. However, that wasn't the case for you, even then, you still put a burden in your body by letting so much mana circulate in a body that can't take it all just yet."
