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Chapter 601 Healing The Scar

"Sylphy! Aquarina! Celeste!"

Celica ran to our side rapidly. She should be around nine years of age, or ten? I can't really remember... But she was within that age range. She looked way too adorable in her blue and white dress though.

Naturally, she carried her Mister Teddy with her, which has been repaired many times over the years. For a birthday gift, I decided to enchant it and upgrade it with Magic and Alchemy, making it more resilient and also turning it into a piece of equipment that enhances Celica's magic power and mana regeneration speed.

"Oh! you're here little Celica." Celeste hugged her, giving her head pats.

"Ah, Celica!" Aquarina greeted Celica as well.

"Celica! How are you doing?" I asked.

"Good! I was taking baking classes with Mary and the other girls, but came here to check on you guys!" Celica said. "What are you doing? I heard from Mist you were all doing a quest for an Elixir! She said you went into an adventure to the ruins yesterday!"

"Yep, it's a long story but we went to find materials to make an Elixir." I nodded, showing her the aforementioned elixir.

"Oooh, its shiny!" Celica said in surprise.

"It took us a while, we made a lot of them though." Celeste said. "If you ever get sick or hurt, just let us know and we'll handle one."

"But wouldn't it be expensive?" Sighed Celica. "Don't go offering stuff like that, Celeste..."

"I-I guess you're right but the materials weren't so hard to get..." Celeste said. She was just trying to be magnanimous.

"Don't worry about the details." I told Celica. "Anyways, how about you accompany us?" I asked her. "You can join us in our next quest. We are all doing five quests, we've become a big team assigned with doing quests for the townsfolk!"

"Oooh! Sounds nice! C-Can I join?" Celica wondered. "I am not... well, I usually don't stick around with the dangerous stuff..."

"Of course, I just asked you if you could join, come on, let's go." I said, giving her a head pat.

"A-Alright! Mister Teddy and I will work hard!" She said innocently.

Much like Mist, Celica was like a bright and innocent sun, she'll cheer us up with her presence.

"Finally done, huh?" Zack analyzed the bottle of Elixir. "Doesn't look all that impressive to me. It looks like syrup..."

"Yeah... But I can smell it! It has tons of life essence inside, dummy!" Mist said.

"Is that so?" Zack continued being slightly skeptical. "Well, we'll see how effective it is once the elf guy drinks it."

Like that, we made our way towards Saphaley, who was currently about to leave his position.

"Alright I'm going to go buy us some lunch. What do you want?" He asked to Elphiette, the female elf guard at his side.

"Hmm... I was thinking on some salad with yogurt dressing." Said Elphiette.

"Alright... I'll buy myself some skewered meat, I really want some meat." Sighed Saphaley.

"SAPHALEEEY!"

We quickly called for him from afar.

"Huh? Ah! It's the young lady and her friends...!"

Saphaley was surprised as we greeted him.

However, I didn't wanted to waste any more time!

"Here!"

"Eh?"

I showed him the shiny bottle filled with the Elixir.

"Is that... Syrup?" Wondered Saphaley.

"Geez! It's an Elixir! Not a syrup. Try it out! The description says it can heals scars, but we'll never know unless you try it." I offered it to him.

"T-The Elixir?! Wait, you did it in just a day?!" Saphaley asked in shock. "I was thinking you would get it done in around... a month or so. This is a bit too fast, young lady!"

"Aw don't worry about the details." I laughed. "I am never alone, there's all my friends in here."

"Yeah, we helped her to get to them." Zack said.

"I even helped her make it!" Aquarina said.

"I also did." Celeste said proudly.

"We all worked hard to get it!" Mist said with a smile.

"I-I didn't do anything but I hope you get better handsome mister!" Celica smiled back sweetly.

"Yeah, I hope you get well." Nephi added.

"T-Those two weren't here before... But thanks, alright, I'll try it out then! Elphiette, prepare yourself to see my handsome face after so long!" Saphaley quickly opened the bottle, drinking its contents.

Elphiette sighed for a bit, crossing her arms. Although her eyes seemed expectant to see what would happen.

After he drank it all, Saphaley... remained the same.

"Hm? Ah... Maybe it didn't work-"

FLAAASH!

Of course, an Elixir takes a few seconds into taking effect once it reaches the stomach, but it was working. Around five seconds after Saphaley drank it, his entire body glowed with a bright, golden aura of life overflowing across his body.

Several scars around his arms and chest glowed, being healed in an instant, and then, the light reached his face, and even his gray-colored eye, healing them all in an instant!

FLAAAAAASH!

The claw-shaped scar in the middle of his face completely disappeared smooth and beautiful skin covering his entire face, his gray eye returned to the same color as his other eye as well...

It was amazing to see. We were all filled with awe as we saw him finally being healed from such a huge scar that traumatized his life since childhood...

Saphaley began touching his own face in silence, softly caressing it. His true appearance was finally revealed, and he looked pretty handsome.

Tears flowed from his eyes, as he covered his face with his hands.

"Thank you... I... I can't believe it worked... My face... Young Lady... Thank you so much!"

He kneeled in front of me as he started crying out of happiness, but I could also sense all the frustration he had accumulated through all this time, he let it all out.

I... simply couldn't help but smile a bit after accomplishing what he had dreamed for so long.

Ding!

[The Special [Advanced Quest] has been completed: [Heal Saphaley's Scar]!]

Chapter 602 Celebrations

Ding!

[The Special [Advanced Quest] has been completed: [Heal Saphaley's Scar]

[After promising to heal his scar, in only a day, you've done it. Thanks to you, Saphaley is no longer marked by that terrible and traumatic past, and he can now live his life without being filled with fears of other people's stares. His insecurities, which were born from this scar, will slowly banish as he gets used to his face finally coming back to normal, after many years. He's thankful from the bottom of his heart.]

[You Gained Bonus Rewards For Your Excellent Results!]

[You Acquired The Completion Rewards: [500000 EXP] [500000 Shared EXP] [Nature Rune Potion (D Grade)] x10 [Fire Rune Potion (D Grade)] x10 [Random Rune Potion (D Grade)] x10 [Random Skill Proficiency Potion (E Grade)] x10]

Ding!

[There is Accumulated Shared EXP for all your Party Members with a System Seed.]

[Beelzebub] and [Curse] have accumulated EXP that has yet to be distributed.]

[You may choose to distribute this Accumulated EXP at any moment.]

[The Items acquired had been transferred to the [Equipped] [Dimensional Bag (SSS Grade)]!]

And there it is, the quest has been completed as well!

However, aside from these rewards... I couldn't really help but feel happy about him from the bottom of my heart.

Yeah, the rewards were incentivizing me a lot but still...

Seeing his happy face, crying out of happiness.

As he's hugged by Elphiette, her friend.

Its kinds of makes me feel happy too.

I like this feeling.

Of helping someone... and make their day a bit better, or even improve their lives, even if a little bit.

"There, there... Come on, why don't need to cry so much, Saphaley." Elphiette sighed with a smile, as she was also crying of happiness as she hugged him. "You've finally made it, your dream..."

"Hahh... I always dreamed, so many times... That this scar would be gone... How long has it been? So many years... Finally, I can start... I can start all over." Saphaley cried.

"I suppose you can..." Sighed Elphiette. "Let's go eat something, I'll invite."

"R-Right... Everyone! Please come with me, I'll bring you lot to the best tavern in town! All's on me!" Saphaley celebrated.

"I can actually pay for everything, don't worry, Saphaley!" I said. "I just want you to be happy and celebrate. You've been our loyal guard for many years, I appreciate everything you've done to serve my family and protect us."

"Young lady...!" Saphaley contained his tears.

"Alright, everyone! Let's go! Saphaley, lead the way!" I told him.

"A-Alright!"

Like that, we moved to the biggest tavern on town, which was one next to the adventurer's guild. They served all kinds of delicious food there, so everyone was hyped, especially Nephi. She was fascinated by the idea of restaurants where she could order all the food she wanted.

When we entered into the tavern with Saphaley leading the party, everyone was surprised over our group. Saphaley and Elphiette in particular as they wore shiny armor and weapons, and of course, us... especially me, everyone knew of the little half elf with red hair, I was the young lady here after all!

"T-The young lady?!"

"Lady Sylph...!"

"Wait, who's that guy?"

"I know Elphiette, she's the gorgeous Guard of the Duchess Family... But who is he?"

"I've never seen him before..."

"Yeah..."

Saphaley stopped walking as he looked at everyone.

"What, you can't recognize the Scarface, you guys?"

The moment he spoke, everyone was left perplexed, frozen, flabbergasted!

"T-That voice..."

"No way..."

"He... He's..."

"Saphaley?!"

"This bastard... he finally healed his scar?!"

"IS IT HIM?!"

The people was euphoric after Saphaley spoke, everyone began screaming in shock.

"Yeah, and its all thanks to her! She made me an elixir, the young lady's amazingly talented at Alchemy, and her friends too!"

"T-The young lady?!"

"Incredible!"

"She's just like her mother!"

"Young Lady, she's such a good hearted person!"

"Yeah, and to celebrate, today I'll pay for all drinks and food! Eat and drink as much as you want to celebrate Saphaley's recovery, everyone!"

"OOOOH!"

"UOOOOHHH!"

"YOUNG LADYYY!"

"YOU'RE THE BEST!"

The people became even more euphoric... I guess it is easy to make people happy by spending a few pennies, heheh. I've begun to realize the power of being a noble- no, a member of royalty.

Like that, an air of festivity quickly took over the entire tavern. Drinks and food quickly started arriving at every desk, especially ours, as we asked for the whole menu and tons of fruit juice for all of us. Meat, vegetables, desserts, everything was in front of us!

The food was delicious despite not being of the same quality as Alfonso's food, but we enjoyed it happily! Also, the whole air of festivity around, the bards singing, the musicians using instruments to make beautiful melodies, it was all wonderful.

Saphaley celebrated, sang, danced, and all... At the end, it was already getting late and we were still in here, everyone was singing elven melodies while dancing. The beautiful culture of my people was being shown fully in these times.

At the end, when we finally finished everything, it was already time for dinner, but we couldn't quite eat anything anymore. We decided to go back home while Saphaley and Elphiette went home as well, I gave them the day free.

Walking back home, I was reprimanded by mother for getting so late, but we quickly told her everything that happened, her eyes raised in surprise.

"Y-You healed him in just a day? I guess those materials you brought... I can't believe you girls made this Elixir so easily... And it is of such an outstanding quality! Did you made this second one too?" She wondered.

"In fact, we've got thirty of them, mom." I said with a teasing smile.

"T-Thirty of these?!" Mother lost her mind.

"Our bottles ran out but I think we can make about ten more with the leftover Elixir in the cauldron." I said with a nod.

"I-I am impressed... I guess you never stop surprising me, dear." Mother congratulated me, giving me a hug and kissing my cheeks. "Now, let's go have some dinner and call it a day."

"Ahh... I-I don't think we've got the space for that..."

Chapter 603 Powerup!

When the day came to an end, I just wanted to go to sleep. Making the Elixir still left a toll on me, and I wanted to just sleep for the rest of the day. However, as I was resting in my bed, I still had a few things to do... such as checking on my new batch of items!

Oh, and about Nephi, she's already back in her room sleeping. She ended eating all our dinner because we couldn't fit any more of it. I think I've figured out she eats a lot because she converts most of it into Mana. She hasn't asked me for any Mana through the entire day either.

Anyways, back to the items...

They are:

[Alchemy Skill Proficiency Potion (D Grade)] x6

[Fire Dragon Flower (D Grade)] x4

[Nature Rune Potion (D Grade)] x10

[Fire Rune Potion (D Grade)] x10

[Random Rune Potion (D Grade)] x10

[Random Skill Proficiency Potion (E Grade)] x10

Thanks to completing the quests with "excellency" I ended getting double the rewards!

Isn't that pretty amazing? And that's not all of it, but I also got double the EXP and all of that...

Now I can't wait to complete more quests.

Tomorrow, I'll quickly get to complete my next request.

But for now, let's check these items, heheh.

[Alchemy Skill Proficiency Potion (D Grade)] x6

A Mysterious Potion Created by the System. When consumed, the user can gain a random amount of Skill Proficiency between 100 to 1000 for the Alchemy Skill. If the Alchemy Skill doesn't exist, the Skill will be granted if enough Skill Proficiency (1000) is applied. If the Skill is at max level, the Skill Proficiency

will be distributed to the Skill that can still level up within the Alchemy Skill Tree. If none of these options are valid, the Skill Proficiency will be randomly given to any Skill that can Level Up.

[Fire Dragon Flower (D Grade)] x4

A Special, Red-colored flower that can only grow atop the carcasses of giant Fire Dragons. It is imbued with their ferocious blazing draconic power. When consumed, it can enhance the power of the Fire Dragon Beast Spirit within the user's Physique and grant a random amount of Dragon Veins into the Physique. If used through alchemy, a special [Red Dragon's Essence Potion] can be made, which has greater effects.

[Nature Rune Potion (D Grade)] x10

A Mysterious Potion Created by the System. When consumed, the user can gain a random amount of Nature Runes between 500 to 2500 for their Magic Circle.

[Fire Rune Potion (D Grade)] x10

A Mysterious Potion Created by the System. When consumed, the user can gain a random amount of Fire Runes between 500 to 2500 for their Magic Circle.

[Random Rune Potion (D Grade)] x10

A Mysterious Potion Created by the System. When consumed, the user can gain a random amount of Random Runes between 500 to 2500 for their Magic Circle.

[Random Skill Proficiency Potion (E Grade)] x10

A Mysterious Potion Created by the System. When consumed, the user can gain a random amount of Skill Proficiency between 100 to 1000 for a random Skill that can still Level Up.

There they were all the items! The Dragon Flowers seem like the most interesting ones, while the rest are very easy consumables. I'll just drink them all for now, to get as much power as I can from them.

I quickly drank the potions one by one. They were rather sweet, like drinking fruit juice with tons of sugar for some reason. Each time I drank one of the potions, I felt a large amount of power flowing through my soul and body.

Ding!

[You consumed [Alchemy Skill Proficiency Potion (D Grade)] x6!]

[You gained a total of 3700 Skill Proficiency for the Alchemy Skill!]

[You consumed [Nature Rune Potion (D Grade)] x10!]

[You gained a total of 21500 Nature Runes!]

[You consumed [Fire Rune Potion (D Grade)] x10!]

[You gained a total of 19500 Fire Runes!]

[You consumed [Random Rune Potion (D Grade)] x10!]

[You gained a total of 2500 Nature Runes, 4000 Light Runes, 6000 Darkness Runes, 2500 Poison Runes, 7000 Fire Runes, and 3500 Earth Runes!]

[You consumed [Random Skill Proficiency Potion (E Grade)] x10!]

[Several Skills received a random amount of Skill Proficiency!]

[The [Heavenly Sun: Lv1] Skill Level has Increased to Level 2!]

[The [Blazing Sunshine Ward: Lv1] Skill Level has Increased to Level 2!]

FLAAASH!

When I finished drinking them all, my magic circle started to glow brightly. Not only that but my Divine Skills Heavenly Sun and the Blazing Sunshine Ward leveled up, becoming way stronger.

Ding!

[Your [Magic Circle]: [Tier 3: Rank 9: Elemental Magic Circle] has increased to Tier 4: Rank 1!]

[Your Magical Power has been increased!]

[Your Mana Control has become greater!]

[Mana Overuse Exhaustion has been relieved greatly!]

However, what was important wasn't that right now, my Magic Circle had suddenly jumped to Ter 4 out of the blue! I felt an enormous magical power flowing through my body. I even felt as if my Mana Control has improved and the Exhaustion I get from using it has been reduced greatly

But aside from that, there was something else within the Magic Circle I hadn't noticed before. The Runes were converging together and then, the Magic Circle's appearance... changed.

FLAAASH!

A Spiritual Aura surged from within it, as not only the fourth ring formed, but also it granted a special, rainbow and spiritual aura, boosting my magic power even more.

Ding!

[Congratulations! Due to meeting the necessary requirements, your Magic Circle has evolved from [Elemental Magic Circle] to [Spiritual Magic Circle]!]

[You've naturally formed an additional +5000 Spiritual Runes!]

[Your Elemental Magic Power is surging!]

"W-Woah... Isn't this amazing? Is a Spiritual Magic Circle special?" I wondered, as Alice quickly emerged at my side.

"I can tell it is, you're overflowing with Spiritual Essence! It is making all of us your Spirit stronger as a result. You'll have to ask your parents if its rare or not, though."

"I see!"

Chapter 604 Stronger Skills & Synthetizing A Dragon Elixir

Like that, I looked into my Magic Circle. There were four circles of it, beautifully rotating around the Magic Circle Core, a mass of Mana that maintains it all together, as the Magic Circle slowly grows, this Core begins to crystalize, becoming stronger as a result. Each Ring represents the "theme" of the magic circle of that stage. My first magic circle was a Multi Elemental One anyways, but it also had a lot of green and red colors, the first three were like this for the most part.

Until the fourth, the newest of the bunch, this one was completely rainbow and brilliant, looking as if it was forged out of pure gold. Its appearance was stunning, to say the least. And with it I also gained a lot of Spiritual Runes, which count for most elements each too... This way, my elemental magic power has skyrocketed once more.

Maybe I could beat those golems more easily now? I wonder... Well, probably not, but I would had stood my ground for a bit longer, most likely. Nonetheless, there's also the two Skills that improved too, I should check them now.

[Heavenly Sun: Lv2]

Skill Proficiency: 0/5000

The God of Heaven and the Sun has blessed you with his blazing and heavenly power, giving your Soul and Body with the power to control fire, and enhance this element to incredible levels of power. This Skill includes several effects:

[Sunshine (2)]: While bathing below the Sunlight, your stats grow based in how intense the sun is, from barely +12% in the morning to up to +220% at peak midday. Fire-Attribute Damage is also increased to up to +120%.

[Pyrokinesis (2)]: Grants the ability to naturally generate and control the Element of Fire without any kind of conjuration or magic at all. The power of this Fire is based on Magic Stats and Fire Runes within the Magic Circle. Additionally, if used with Fire Magic Spells, spell control, effectiveness, and total power is enhanced by +65%.

[Fire That Burns Everything (2)]: Your Fire Attribute Attacks and Magic can ignore the foe's natural Element Resistance, Immunity, and Absorption by up to -60%, while giving the ability to ignore Magic Damage Resistance by up to -35%.

Level Bonus (2): Enhances All Skill Effects, Fire Attribute Magic Damage, Conjuration Speed, and Magic Manipulation by +20%.

[Blazing Sunshine Ward: Lv2]

Skill Proficiency: 0/5000

The God of Sunshine and the Goddess of Burning Passion have converged their power into this powerful Divine Protection, which was specifically made so you can protect your life and that of your allies. This Skill includes several effects:

[Sunshine Ward Protection (2)]: The user is naturally protected by a powerful Ward made of Fire and Sunlight, which grows stronger and tougher as the day passes whenever the user is bathing in the sun. It is the weakest at night and the strongest at day. It can regenerate quickly on day and create up to three layers. At night, only one layer can be made, and it is rather frail, breaking in a single hit. Ward Regeneration Cooldown: 55 Seconds (At Day), 9 Minutes (At Night). Enhances Ward Durability and Regeneration Speed by +15%.

[Blazing Ward Riposte (2)]: After accumulating enough damage taken by Wards, it is possible to unleash this accumulated damage into a powerful Blazing Explosion towards a target or the user's surroundings which can deal up to +220% damage, ignore Elemental Resistances by up to -25% and Magic Damage Resistance by up to -15%.

[Ward Protection (2)]: You can assign a [Sunshine Ward] to 2 allies, which will automatically regenerate layers and take MP from you. Wards conjured on allies are only 72% as effective as normal ones. Allies cannot perform [Blazing Ward Riposte]. Ward Duration: 13 minutes. Cooldown: 45 Minutes.

Level Bonus (2): Enhances All Skill Effects, Fire and Light Attribute Magic Damage, Conjunction Speed, and Magic Manipulation by +10%.

Ah, their effects really were enhanced. This is slowly going to make Divine Protection Abilities, which often don't develop more than how they appear at first glance, even stronger. And the best part is that if the Gods ever decide to take them away, they can't because Alice already chomped them and reconstructed them into Skills! Heh...

I just noticed that the durations of buffs and cooldowns increased and decreased respectively. This means that the stronger the skills get, the easier it is to conjure them and the longer they last. Cooldowns might be reduced to the bare minimum once they reach their Level 10 cap... though their required Skill Proficiency is way more than the other Skills, that's for sure.

My Alchemy Skill didn't level up with that though, but that's fine I guess. For now what I should concentrate on is... sleeping. Yeah, I am tired. The potions were pretty superb- Wait, the Dragon Flowers are left.

[Fire Dragon Flower (D Grade)] x4

A Special, Red-colored flower that can only grow atop the carcasses of giant Fire Dragons. It is imbued with their ferocious blazing draconic power. When consumed, it can enhance the power of the Fire Dragon Beast Spirit within the user's Physique and grant a random amount of Dragon Veins into the Physique. If used through alchemy, a special [Red Dragon's Essence Potion] can be made, which has greater effects.

"Hm, I see. Alright, let's first make this potion then, as my last little drink before sleeping."

I quickly began boiling the flowers in the cauldron. Then, I decided to use an Elixir as the liquid, and added some more medicinal herbs, and anything I felt like could help a bit more.

FLUOOSSH!

The potion was done once a red liquid started boiling within the cauldron, the sweet and aromatic smell of the flowers was enchanting to my senses.

Ding!

[You've created the [Red Dragon's Essence Elixir (B+ Grade)] x4!]

[You gained 4000 Alchemy Proficiency!]

[You gained 400000 EXP!]

Oh, I gained EXP and a lot of proficiency out of this! I guess when I make high ranked stuff, I really get well rewarded for it... And I even got EXP from it, this must be new. I don't remember it happening before.

Chapter 605 Dragon Heart

I looked into the Elixir I had made with happy eyes. Each flower gave enough for a single bottle. But it turned out to be an Elixir, not a Potion! It is most likely because I utilized the Elixirs I made as the base ingredient, this is quite amazing, to be honest.

[Red Dragon's Essence Elixir (B+ Grade)] x4

A Special Elixir made using Elixir Base and the powerful Dragon Flowers. This Essence Elixir contains the pure essence of the Red Dragons. If drunk by someone capable of absorbing their powers, it will grant large quantities of Draconic Runes and Fire Runes, which can enchant the physique of the user greatly, and even further awaken their Beast Spirit.

However, if the user is not compatible with the Elixir, a backlash might be given, or even death.

"Ugh, death?! So I could drink this and die... Wait, it doesn't really matter. I've been poisoned with worse stuff, and I only use said poison or venom to grow stronger by modifying it anyways." I sighed with a smile. "Let's chug them all down!"

"Gulp, gulp, gulp!"

I drank all four bottles in a single shot! They were tasty and slightly spicy too. When I finished drinking them, I didn't even feel like they filled my stomach or something. It was a strange feeling, but it felt as if the liquid itself dissipated into essence that flowed across my body.

F L U O S H!

My draconic aura grew larger at the same time, as I saw my physique being refined. Hundreds of runes began emerging across my skin, and I also felt them within my muscles and bones. Suddenly, red scales started emerging from my hands, and my nails became long like dragon claws.

"W-Woah...!"

D i n g!

[Your [Physique]: [Tier 3: Rank 9: Yggdrasil's Eden Physique] has increased to Tier 4 Rank 1!]

[Congratulations! Your Physique has meet the requirements, and it has evolved into a [Yggdrasil's Dragon Heir Physique]!]

Yggdrasil Dragon Heir Physique?! Now that sounds badass!

The moment the Physique evolved, small red scales emerged in my hands and even my nails grew larger and sharper, like those of a dragon.

But above all, there was a large quantity of untapped draconic power flowing across my body, so much that Alice herself seemed to have found a way to make this power into something else..

[Oh! I think I can generate a Skill from this power, let me use some of that EXP you've got, Sylphy!]

"Alright!"

As I was being surprised each time, Alice suddenly gave me amazing news! It seems it is possible to somehow turn this power into a Skill.

FLAAASH!

And the moment I gave her the approval, she immediately started creating it. She extracted this draconic essence and restructured it through the System, while at the same time connecting it with my own.

Ding!

[You've exchanged 1500000 EXP!]

[You've learned the [Dragon Heart: Lv1] Skill!]

[Dragon Heart: Lv1]

Skill Proficiency: 0/5000

A power that only those who have forged their Physique using Draconic Runes and had fully assimilated the Bloodline of a powerful Dragon can acquire. It grants the ability to slowly develop a [Dragon Heart], a crystallization of the Dragon Essence within the user's chest, which will greatly improve Magical Power, Physical Strength, and total Mana Capacity and Vitality greatly.

Additionally, as the Dragon Heart develops further and grows in size and its % of output of power grows, so does the user's transformation and techniques improve. New Abilities can be unlocked as this Skill Levels up.

Current Dragon Power Output: 5%

Available Abilities:

[Draconification (1)]: By concentrating Mana into the Dragon Heart, it is possible to temporarily transform the user, gaining Draconic Characteristics based on the Dragon Heart's Dragon Force original dragon. Scales, Claws, and Dragon Breath will become available, and at higher levels, even Wings, Horns, and Dragon Eyes become available. Upon activation, temporarily increases All Stats by +100%, Automatic Physical and Soul Fatigue Recovery Speed is increased by +200% for 5 Minutes. Cooldown: 24 Hours.

[Dragon Scales (1)]: The user is naturally capable of channeling Dragon Force, growing scales over their desired body parts to reinforce their defenses. These Scales increase Physical Damage Resistance by +30% and Magical Damage Resistance by +20%, with an additional 5% Chance to bounce Magic Damage. The higher the quality of Mana and the Dragon Power Output, the stronger the scales become.

[Dragon Claws (1)]: The user is naturally capable of channeling Dragon Force, growing sharp claws that can easily tear apart through foes and hard objects. Increasing physical damage dealt using the claws by +50% with an additional physical defense penetration effect that ignores 10% of the foe's defenses. The higher the quality of Mana and the Dragon Power Output, the stronger the scales become.

Level Bonus (1): Enhances All Skill Effects by +10%.

Woah this is strong! Amazing... Now I can grow scales and dragon claws. And even do this whole Draconification thing to gain even more power. Although doesn't it have too little of a duration time? Only five minutes is not much in long fights... Well, still better than nothing, the cooldown of 24 hours is also agonizingly painful too.

"The cooldown is quite large because of the necessary power you need to put into the Dragon Heart. If you overuse it and ignore such cooldown, your body might begin to be burned by the flames. If you overdo it... you might end up being turned into ashes, Sylphy. Because of that, it's better to moderately develop this power." Alice said, explaining me why things were like this.

"I see... I guess that makes sense. I'll slowly grow this power now that I've finally developed it. To think these Elixirs would do the trick..." I sighed in relief. "I guess picking all those materials was... really worth it..."

I yawned for a bit, before quickly turning off the scales and dragon claws and going to sleep, I was too exhausted.

Chapter 606 A Little Brother That Wants To Hang Out

The week ended peacefully as I decided to take a break and simply experiment with my new abilities, train my magic, and do all sorts of other smaller tasks. Mother gave us plenty of time to solve the requests. With Saphaley's request done, I wanted to relax for a bit. If we are ever given another quest

where we need to gather materials from the outside, then things are going to get hairy soon and I didn't wanted to fight for the moment.

I also completed quests that sometimes popped up. They happened sporadically and there was no clear way to get them aside from a clear and upfront request from someone. Sometimes it asked me to do some sit ups, other times to use Draconification, and other times it asked me to process materials using the Alchemy Skill. Rewards were often small, such as tiny potions for skill proficiency and EXP. Yesterday I got a single red dragon flower, and quickly made an elixir.

The elixir worked nicely and seemed to boost my Dragon Heart's power output up to 6%, but I need tons of these if I ever want to grow stronger quickly in this regard. Well, I am 13 now so I can still take it easy. Nothing of much importance has happened, just the usual, relaxed, and nice daily life we've all deserved as family after we've gone through so much stuff four years ago.

Like that, the next week came in a flash, I mostly spent time with my friends as well, and family. Oh right, and teaching Nephi some common sense. She's a lax girl too, sometimes quite silent, but interacts when we approach her. I think that she'll get better and better as time passes.

Meanwhile, my little Zephyr has gotten friendlier with us, and has been sticking with me, following me around as if he really wanted to join our group, I guess when I was at his age I was already traveling around the forest and fighting monsters, so I shouldn't be so restrictive with him... However, my friends doesn't like such a tiny child to hang around with us, even when I adore him.

However, things changed when mother took a decision.

"Your little brother wants to hang out with you and your friends, so don't be so unfriendly and let him join your group, Sylphy."

My mother said this morning, as I was in the middle of having breakfast. I went down to have breakfast because Nephi had once more eaten the breakfast she brought me upstairs.

"Eh? Oh..." I looked at my little brother blushing a bit while fidgeting his fingers shyly. He seemed to not have the courage of request this from us, so he ended asking our mom.

"I want to hang out..." He said with puppy-like eyes.

"Awww, of course you can." I sighed. "I just haven't really brought you along because we often wander to dangerous places."

"I'm strong too!" Zephy said, as his shadow suddenly shaped into several tiny hands to show off his magic power.

Unlike my Fire, Nature, and Light Elements, Zephy was good at using Shadows, Blood, and Death element the most, according to mom and dad. He already got to Tier 2 of his Magic Circle merely by slowly making up runes.

He's exceedingly talented, and I'm pretty sure he's no reincarnation like me, just an average talented elven children... I suppose we are indeed super talented when we are kids. He's almost five yet talks very fluently without being a reincarnated soul like me as well!

I've been taking care of him, since he was a baby, so he's really very precious to me... Maybe my big sister instincts were also telling me to not bring him into unnecessary danger.

"I am just worried. I don't want him to end up getting hurt." I sighed.

"Well, weren't you fighting monsters at his age too?" Asked my mother.

"That doesn't mean we are not overly protective parents now. We are still worried about him. But we know his big sister is strong, and so are her friends. We had discussed about this and we just wanted to give you a bit more of responsibility, so you can prove yourself more to us." My father said.

Maybe they really trust me more now. I guess it is because of what has happened back on Eastgrain. I did beat a powerful True Demon Duchess and then Celeste who was being possessed by the Evil Gods powers... so yeah, maybe I really did a lot of cool things.

Although I am not as strong as back then. That powerup was a one-time thing thanks to Ignatius' brother being present. He really helped me get a ton of power back then. I wonder if one day Ignatius will get as OP... well, I hope.

"I guess you really trust me more now than back then. Can I ask why?" I wondered.

"Well, isn't it obvious? You've done way too many feats." Sighed my mother. "Just last week you made that amazing Elixir and all, you've gained a lot of popularity around town as well."

"You're not near as strong as I want you to be, Sylphy. But I can confidently say I trust your strength. You're also not alone, your several Familiars are with you, and also your friends most of the time. Nephi's there too and she's fairly powerful, as long as you supply her with Mana." My father said.

"I can help fighting monsters and protecting the young master." Said Nephi, giving a head pat to Zephyr.

"Nephi!"

Zephyr suddenly hugged Nephi and then she carried him in her arms. He seemed to enjoy being with her. I don't know why, but this little rascal might be slowly taking a liking of her.

"Alright then, that leaves it clear as water, I'll bring him along!"

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Chapter 607 Annoying Little Brother

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"What do we do today, big sis? I want to go on an adventure... I am bored in the house..." Zephyr said, walking behind me while I held his hand.

"Hmm... I was thinking on going to visit some people that had some requests, do you want to come along? I also plan on doing something later, mostly alchemy related." I said while thinking about my schedule.

"Oh, I see... Mama said there's a weapon shop around, can we go see it?" Zephyr wondered.

"A weapon shop? Well, don't you have a little wand that mom gifted to you?" I asked him.

He had a special wand handmade by the Blue Witch as well, which used True Demon materials to make it very strong, alongside some leftover dragon scales. Ah, now that I think about it, I can also produce dragon scales and dragon blood from my own body, I might use them to make equipment later.

It helped him channel and control his three primary elements, Shadows, Blood, and Death. The last two are more dangerous than the first one, but Zephyr has superb control over them, and has classes with mom frequently too, so he's quite amazing at magic. However, he has a limit unlike me, so his magic cannot get as crazy as mine could at his age, when I lacked proper control.

"Yeah but I want a sword!" Zephyr said, his adorable green eyes shining brightly.

Mom had said that we looked like twins that were born separately, his hair and eye colors were the same as mine, and she had said his face was just as cute. I guess she's right, each time little Zephyr get excited, his eyes shine brightly and he's way too cute to say no to!

"Sword?" I wondered. "That's... well, at your age I was... Right, at our age I was already practicing using a sword."

"I heard it from papa... He said that I needed to get myself a sword first, he said he had already commissioned one for me but I want one right now! Can I?" Wondered little Zephy.

"Young master aren't you too young for handling a sword?" Asked Nephi.

"Y-Yeah, right?" I asked her.

"Muhhh... If you don't help me buy one, I'll tell everyone you were mooching with Aquarina!" Zephy said while pouting.

"E-Eh?! Ah...? Are you blackmailing me?!" I asked in surprise. "Zephy, where did you learned to be like this..."

"I've heard you say it. Mom and dad too...!" Zephy said.

"W-Well... Even if you say it to everyone, I don't really mind." I sighed. "Everyone kind of knows about it somehow, they just don't know that happened... yet. Anyways, I'll help you buy a sword, but not because of that, okay? Also, don't blackmail people like this, Zephy. It is bad."

"Muh... Okay, as long as you buy me a sword, I won't tell anybody ever!" He said happily.

Geez, I think he didn't really understand what I said correctly.

"Well, whatever. How about some armor too- Ah, you're too small, I don't know if there's any armor piece good enough for you. We could- Oh right! I've got my old leather armor and equipment I used when I was your age. How about I give them to you?" I asked.

"Oooh! Sounds great! Where are they?" Zephy wondered.

"I'll give them to you later, whenever we are going out into the field, of course." I said, giving him a kiss in his cheek. "As long as you behave and are a good boy, big sis will gift you many things, so be a good boy, okay?"

"Okay! Mooch!" Zephy suddenly gave me a kiss in my chin.

Ahhh~ My little brother is so cute! I love him so much!

"Alright then, let's go buy a sword for you, Zephy. Nephi come with us." I said with a smile. "My friends should be getting here."

"SYLPHYYYYYY!"

Suddenly, I heard Aquarina from behind, she ran to my side with Zack. I noticed Mist and Celeste coming along as well, accompanied by little Celica this time.

"Hey guys."

As I greeted them, Zephy looked at them with a smile.

"Hello!"

As he greeted them all, they looked at him in surprise.

"He's coming along?" Wondered Zack.

"Yeah... My parents' kind of asked me to let him join us from now on." I said. "Don't worry, he'll be my responsibility."

"That's nice, I don't want to be a babysitter, Mist and Celica are already a handful." Celeste sighed.

"Hey, I'm not a little kid anymore!" Mist said angrily.

"Uwah, Zephyr you're so similar to your big sis!" Celica gave him a head pat.

"They always say that! Am I really like her?" He wondered. "I don't find anything similar!"

"You must be colorblind then." Laughed Zack.

"Ugh, so you're really bringing along your brother." Sighed Aquarina.

Its not that she hated him or something, but he'll steal a lot of my attention, so I guess I can understand why she would feel that way. But still, I don't like that tone of voice. He's my little brother after all, not some stranger.

"Aquarina don't talk like that about my brother." I said. "If you don't want to hang around with us then you can stay at your house."

"E-Eh? I didn't said anything!" Aquarina seemed slightly annoyed.

"Well you kind of seemed displeased." I crossed my arms.

"Aw come on..." Aquarina sighed. "Okay, sorry..."

"Don't be so jealous, we can spend time together later as well, don't worry." I whispered to her.

"Alright, I get it~" Aquarina smiled back.

"Mooch, mooch!"

As we were talking more intimately, Zephyr interrupted us.

"Zephy don't make that noise!"

Chapter 608 Zephy Wants A Sword!

Ding!

[A Special [Beginner Quest] has been generated: [Buy Zephy His Preferred Sword]

[You have decided to help Zephy get himself a sword. He might be small but he doesn't lack a brave heart! Find the most suitable blade for him and buy it for him. Your bond with your little brother might grow once you give him his very first weapon.]

[Completion Rewards: [10000 EXP] [Muscle Strengthening Herb (E Grade)] x5 [Random Skill Proficiency Potion (E Grade)] x1 [???] x1]

[Time Limit: 1 Hour]

"Oh?"

Right in front of me, a Quest popped up. I had not even thought about it too hard, but indeed, Zephy's request could be taken as a quest on its own, even though I really didn't intend to make such a big fuss about it.

There's also a request I wanted to take today too, so I guess we'll do it once we get him a sword. I cannot miss the opportunity to get those Herbs, I haven't gotten any since the first time I got them, also a random skill proficiency potion is never bad.

And there's an [???] item... What's that? A mystery item, I guess? I suppose it is a way to incentivize me even more to get this done!

"What's wrong Sylphy?" Wondered Aquarina at my side.

"Oh, nothing... Anyways, I was thinking that we should do this one request here. And in the way we'll get to Zephy." I nodded.

"So he wants a sword, huh? Isn't he a tiny bit too small for one though?" Zack wondered. "He got your build when you were his age but you were way stronger for some reason. I think he might need something like a dagger instead."

"Hey! I want a sword!" Zephy complained.

"Alright, a sword will be." I nodded. "Let's go to the weapon shop nearby. Papa said he was commissioning him one, but for now we'll buy him whatever he wants."

"Sure, you're the rich girl here~" Celeste said. "Though I would like to check out if there's anything to upgrade my Magic Spear, I've heard those shops often have precious metals they buy from afar."

"Yeah, sounds like fun! I've been thinking on practicing with daggers because a staff and healing magic can't be everything I can specialize... I got good aim too!" Mist said.

"Then maybe a bow would be better?" Asked Zack.

"Oooh, maybe!" Said Mist while wondering.

"I don't know if I am good with physical weapons myself... Mister Teddy protects me." Celica smiled.

"Big sis let's go already. I am getting bored!" Zephy insisted.

"Ahaha, alright, alright." I said. "Let's go then."

Like that, we made our way to the gates and we were greeted by Saphaley and Elphiette, who were discussing something while we were approaching.

"I was waiting for you and you never showed up..."

"I'm really sorry, I just... Ended a bit too drunk and walked back home before the meeting."

"You've been drinking too much lately, Saphaley, what has gotten into you? We were going to hang out together, I waited for that day and you never showed up..."

"I'm sorry, I promise I'll make up for it!"

"Why are you drinking so much to begin with? You've never been someone that was alcoholic."

"I... Ah, young lady!"

Saphaley and Elphiette greeted us.

"Hello... Erm, what's going on in here?" I asked.

"N-Nothing you should worry about young lady!" Saphaley said.

I looked back at Elphiette.

"We were going to have a date and he didn't showed up yesterday..." Sighed Elphiette, she seemed utterly heartbroken.

"Eh?! You monster!" I roared back at him.

"How come you can't do that?" Celeste asked angrily.

"Why didn't you showed up?!" Mist was angry too.

"This was the ideal moment for it!" Sighed Aquarina.

"Huh? I-I know it's wrong but do you have to get so angry with me?"

Saphaley was surprised by every girl being upset. Although Nephi and Celica were confused and Zack and Zephy didn't really understand.

"He said he drank too much and passed out! He has never been this drunkard before." Sighed Elphiette.
"You've really ruined it now, I really... I really wanted to spend some time with you."

"E-Elphiette..." Sighed Saphaley. "I am sorry... Don't get angry with me now, I'll make up for it, I promise!"

"Hmph, you better do something incredible if you ever want to make up for it." Elphiette said angrily, her sharp yet beautiful gaze sent shivers down the elf man.

"S-Sure..." Saphaley sighed.

"Anyways, we've wasted enough of the young lady's time." Elphiette completely changed, smiling back at me gently. "Young lady, you're going out once more? Ah, young master Zephy's here as well!"

"Hello!" Zephy waved his little hand. "I'm going to buy sword with big sis!"

"Yeah we've got a request in the adventurer's guild we need to go check. Also we have to buy something for Zephy." I said.

"I want a sword!" Zephy said. "So I can be like big sis and papa!"

"Ooh, that sounds nice!" Elphiette said. "Wait, aren't you a bit too young, young master?"

"Muhh... Big sis said she had one at my age..." Zephy sighed.

"W-We'll find him one, don't you worry." I said while giggling. "A-Alright, let's get going for now!"

As we walked outside, Saphaley suddenly followed us once we were farther away from the walls.

"Young Lady please wait!"

"Eh? Saphaley?"

He suddenly threw himself into the floor and put his head on the paved ground of the city.

"Please help me! I-I need something to make her happy, she really hates me now!" Cried Saphaley.

"Geez, you're really an idiot Saphaley, isn't it pretty obvious she likes you? She wanted to have a date with you for a reason." I sighed.

"E-Eh?! She does?!" Saphaley was shocked.

"Seriously, did someone had to tell you that to realize it?" Asked Celeste.

"Elphiette likes me? Ah... it must be because I finally healed my scar." Sighed Saphaley.

"What are you even talking about? For years I've been looking at the two of you, she's really into you even with the scar." I sighed. "She loves you for real."

"For real...?" Saphaley felt flabbergasted, and then sighed. "Ahhh... I am really the worst. I am literally garbage..."

"Yeah you are." Aquarina said while nodding.

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Chapter 609 A Small Strategy

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The girls were being merciless, even Mist when trying to be gentler ended sounding just as merciless.

"Well at the very least you feel sorry for it..." I sighed. "But can we talk this while we are on our way? Are you on your shift?"

"Yeah, just now." He sighed.

"Alright then, if you want our help you'll have to first spill the beans." I smiled.

As we walked across the beautiful streets, Saphaley started explaining.

"The thing is... I ended getting too involved with friends in the tavern. I... I've never really had friends to be honest. Nobody aside from her. Due to my scar, I was discriminated a lot, and because I lacked much personality myself, I ended running away from people. Elphiette was always the only one that stick with me." Saphaley sighed. "I thought she just pitied me or something, but now... It kind of makes sense, if she really loved me since then, I guess... Damn, I am such an idiot."

"Wait, so because of your new friends you got drunk?" I wondered.

"Hahah... No, the thing is. I am not used to having so many friends, so I've been having a blast with everyone every night, they invite me drinks and even talk with me more than ever before... It made me happy to be finally accepted with everyone else." Sighed Saphaley.

"Hm, maybe they would had accepted you even with the scar, you just needed some more confidence to talk with them." Zack said.

"Yeah, now that I've been talking with everyone, I've realized that I have left the scar dictate everything in my life. It was like a curse that made me timid and... very stupid. I lacked self confidence so much I never was able to find the confidence to talk with others for long. Elphiette was perhaps the only one and my family..." Sighed Saphaley. "The other soldiers and guards too, but they weren't as close as her."

"I guess I can understand a bit of your situation here. So you simply spend too much time and forgot about her?" I sighed. "You're the worst!"

"I know... I just was having a blast with the boys. We started playing chess in the middle of the tavern, it was this one magic chess using magic artifacts, it was so fun to play with tons of people!" Sighed Saphaley. "I only used to play it alone or with Elphiette only."

"Huh, I see." Aquarina said. "Well, you've done it now. Stop drinking so much with friends and give her some time too."

"Yeah, distribute how you do things, Saphaley. I am not saying you should abandon your new friends. But you should leave some days for them and some days for Elphiette." I said. "I think she still loves you even after your screwing up with the date."

"Hahhh... Elphiette... She's so nice with me. I owe her more than I've ever thought, even more now that you told me about this..." The young elf looked into the skies.

"I can't keep thinking about gifting her something to make up for it. So I came asking you if you could have any idea what gift she would like?" He wondered.

"Hmm..."

"Well, Lady Sylph is a young and refined girl, right? So maybe you know her tastes better? Elphiette got a lot of female friends around town but I don't know any myself. It would be weird if I just showed up out of nowhere to ask them about her." Saphaley seemed intelligent enough to have some common sense regarding this.

"What makes you think I have much of an idea myself?" I sighed. "Aren't you her friend for years now?"

"R-Right..." Saphaley sighed.

"Then can't you remember what she likes?" Asked Aquarina.

"I... Well..." Saphaley began racking his brains, remembering a few things. "Oh, I remember... She really likes wooden figures. Often with ethnic designs. She collects them a lot, I remember I always gift her one every birthday."

"Oh, there it is then!" I said while nodding. "But a simple one won't do... Also not one made by anybody else. Are you good at carving wood?"

"Eh? I... I am a bit good at it, I used to carve wood when I was small to pass time. I..." Saphaley suddenly opened his eyes. "I remember I used to always gift her whatever I made..."

"See? We've got something." Celeste said. "Now, how about you make her a new wooden figure, or a carving? Maybe a statue or something, whatever that you think could make her smile."

"Something that could make her smile..." Saphaley was surprised. "You're right! But... I need tools, and not normal ones either. I want to make something that could also give her a good luck charm, if possible. I... I want to show her my feelings as well."

"I see, so you want to make a wooden carving enchanted with magic? I could make you some tools, easily. They'll have magic to enchant your preciseness and mastery over the technique. However, you have to promise me you'll make something gorgeous, okay?" I told him, looking into his eyes.

"Yeah... I get it!" Saphaley nodded. "I'll not only make that, but I'll also make her something for her, a small wood accessory, perhaps I could use the wood from the forest..."

"I happen to have a lot of leftover, so I can sell it to you for a nice price." I smiled greedily. "We've got crystal wood too, fiery wood, and even dark wood."

"Oooh! That's more than I thought! With them and magic tools, I could do something amazing... I've already envisioned it! Here, this should work as a payment of advance for the products and the tools." Saphaley suddenly gave me a big bag filled with gold coins.

"W-Wait isn't this... over a thousand gold?!"

Chapter 610 Visiting Agartha's Weapon Shop

"Please take it, young lady! This is the way I show my honesty." Sighed Saphaley.

"A-Alright then, wait for us to get some things done and we'll get to you later. Perhaps tonight." I said. "Is it okay for you?"

"Yeah, please don't overexert yourself, I am sorry if I came out of the blue, prioritize whatever you were going to do now." Saphaley said humbly. "I'll be going back. I'll try to invite her to her favorite lunch to cheer her up a bit more, please wish me luck."

"Good luck Casanova." Celeste said. "Make sure to not fuck it up now."

"Y-Yeah, I'll keep that in mind, Lady Celeste." The young elf walked away.

With a big bag of gold coins, we were left without him. I guess he's already set into doing that for her. For now, I'll do Zephyr's quest and then the request at the adventurer's guild, later, I'll concentrate on Saphaley's affairs. But even then, I might get things done by tomorrow or past tomorrow depending how complex they might result to be.

"So you're going to make tools that facilitate wood carvings?" Asked Aquarina. "How's that a thing?"

"I've been learning Forging Magic with mom." I said. "I know a few things. It is possible to enchant a weapon using spells and imbue it with runes. I just have to come out with a spell to enhance that particular thing."

"Ooh! You're pretty smart if you've learned that type of magic already." Celeste said. "I heard it combines fire, earth, and metal magic together, sometimes nature element too."

"I happen to be pretty good at fire and nature so it wasn't as hard." I smiled proudly. "Anyways, we're here, little Zephy."

"Oooh!"

In front of us there was the weapon store. We quickly entered without waiting any other second, reaching the interior. Inside we found a large shop filled with weapons and armor, and all sorts of other magical tools and gadgets.

There were wands, staffs, swords, shields, spears, battle axes, armor, and more. Made of a variety of materials from both mined metals to materials extracted from monsters. Zack was stuck looking at a big axe made of monster bone, while Aquarina began wandering around, looking for new daggers.

"Woow, so many weapons! Ah, this feels nice! What should I choose? Unlike everyone else I am free from a weapon of preference, so I could pick anything I want... Such a wide world of possibilities!" Mist was enchanted by the possibility of picking up weapons.

"Well, let's try them all out together. Here, wield this." Zack gave her a battle axe.

"Uuughh...!" Mist tried wielding it, but it was so heavy she could barely lift it.

Even with her magic enhancing her physical strength, she was certainly not in a good physical shape. Her Physique was still Tier 1 after all, but her Magic Circle was Tier 3 Rank 2 or 3, I think. She was definitely more shaped to be a magician.

"What did I told you? You don't have too many brawns." Zack sighed.

"Hey kids, what are you doing handling my items? Are you buying or what?"

Suddenly, a bearded old elf blacksmith greeted us, the owner of this large shop, one of the most prestigious ones. His white beard and sharp gaze was quite intimidating, his blue eyes seemed blazing with blue flames of anger.

He was very muscular, the belief that elves were sleek and slim was very untrue, they grow in all shapes and forms. This one here was overly muscular though, and a tower of a man, probably almost at three meters. I think the only one that surpass him is my grandpa...

"Hello Rock! How are you?"

"Hm? Ah!"

Rock quickly looked at me in surprise. His actual name was Dverge, but everyone called him Rock because his second name was Rockus. And he liked the name and took it quite easily without complaints.

"Young lady! You're here?! I-I am very sorry! I didn't knew they were with you."

"Oh don't worry. Is it fine if they grab things and try them around? They'll buy something once they're done."

"S-Sure thing! We can even give them discounts!"

He seemed to be a loyal follower of my mother. After all, four years ago this shop didn't even exist. Dverge was born in poverty and he mostly used his talents for forging in a large factory that mass produced magic artifacts, only smelting ores. Mother discovered his talent and quickly funded his own shop, giving him a new career.

Since then, he had become our mass producer of magical weapons, tools, and armor, and thanks to him, our soldiers and guards are always equipped with top notch equipment. Naturally, he treats me very well as I am the daughter of the one that gave him a new opportunity at life.

"I want a sword!" Zephy said while raising his hands and pointing a big sword nearby.

"Oh, young master's here too! You're so small and you want a sword?" Sighed Rock. "Isn't it too dangerous? You could cut yourself!"

"I want one... I will be careful." Zephy nodded. "I want to be like papa and big sis and do woosh and slaaash and boom!"

At the end, Zephy didn't had any ulterior motives, and to be honest his magic alone could be more lethal than a small sword to him or any of us. Rock seemed to have considered that, and even saw his resolve.

"Hmm... Fine, very well. Here, follow me, I think I've got a few weapons that could sit your small frame. They're dwarven swords that had been laying around for a while." Rock quickly led us to the storage where he had even more equipment.

Rock showed us the storage, Zephyr, and Nephi, who followed me, were amazed by all the items laying around. There were bigger weapons than any of the other weapons in the front of the store, it seems the blacksmith has been saving them here for whatever reason. Perhaps because nobody bought them, or they were too big?

No matter, the old Rock led us to an area with tons of small swords saved inside barrels, he quickly took them all out of the barrels and showed them to us happily. Zephyr looked at the weapons with eyes enchanted by the beauty of such items. He quickly stretched his hands trying to snag at one of them, but I stopped him before that.