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Chapter 621 What Is Nephi?

"Woow, these big crabs look like they would be ideal for lunch Aquarina said.

"Yep, we'll be boiling some right now. We should take a break now. We've fought enough monsters and we are just at the corner of the dungeon. We might take a while once we get down there." I said. "Let's eat some alligator and the fishmen's meat. Aside from the weird human-like parts they're just a big walking fish."

I quickly took out the ingredients from my Dimensional Bag once more, like a week ago, we began cooking in the middle of nature. I set up a few bonfires for everything. We added water, potatoes, carrot, and onions inside with some small chunks of grease-covered alligator meat, and then we left them boiling with some salt, pepper, and oregano.

As for the fish, I quickly cut down the limbs and the creature suddenly resembled just one big fish, so we just roasted them with everything except the guts which I butchered out. I covered them with tons of salt I generated by extracting it from the Lake Water, which was high in sodium.

And lastly, the crabs were boiling inside a large pot, they were very big so I couldn't fit too many inside, I ended cutting down their claws which were the meatiest and their tiny legs, and many more fit inside a pot. The whole bodies were not wasted, I put them over the fire and they began to be roasted.

"Hmmm, the smell of seafood is really refreshing." Zack sighed in relief, sitting over a trunk. "Though this isn't seafood... Should we call it lakefood?"

"Just call it fish and crabs anyways." Sighed Aquarina. "I wish there was some of that squid left, but our parents ate everything through the week..."

"Even if there would be some left it would end up all bad, squid has to be eaten right after being fished after all, we could freeze it but it would lose a lot of flavor as well." I explained.

"I want to eat already!" Mist said. "Little Zephy, all these crabs were hunted by you too!"

"Yeah!" Zephy was all happy. "It was hard but I managed to do it!"

"It was amazingly well done." I congratulated him. "Ah, the crabs must be ready soon..."

We sat around the bonfires while enjoying the beautiful scenery. The Rocky Valley at the back and the enormous and wonderful Effervescent Lake in front of us. The colorful crystals growing here and there helped to make the whole scenery even more fantastical.

I saw my Familiars playing around in this place too. Ignatius was chasing around Beelzebub for having stolen his food though, meanwhile Naturia was drinking the salty water for nourishment. Wait is salt okay for her roots?

Lastly, Curse was inspecting the surroundings with his big eye, and Furoh was on his Black Wyvern form, looking very intimidating, no mere monsters would get closer with his presence alone. Although he wasn't as strong as the actual Black Wyverns we fought back then, which were like Tier 7 monsters.

Meanwhile, Nephi was staring at the food being prepared rather intensively, while looking like she was drooling over it. She was swallowing saliva all the time, she really wanted to try out the dishes already. She really has little patience, doesn't she?

"Hey Nephi stop staring at the food so much, your drool's going to get over it!" Zack said while polishing his new Axe, carefully cleaning the blood from it. "Seriously you've been with us for a bit over a week now but you're always just thinking about food, is this like your whole personality?"

"Is it bad?" Wondered Nephi while feeling down. "What should be my personality then?"

"Eh? Ah... Well... I don't know..." Said Zack.

"Hey Zack don't be a meanie!" Mist said.

"Okay, sorry..." Sighed Zack. "Just don't get closer to the food like that."

"Sorry, I didn't realized it was bad manners..." Nephi said. "I am still learning a lot about everything... Manners are always important. I will take into note what you said."

Nephi smiled lightly with her flawlessly beautiful face, her striking double color hair of gold and purple and her red and yellow eyes seemed enchanting to everyone.

"D-Don't worry about it..." Zack said while feeling slightly embarrassed.

"Nephi do you remember anything more from your past by the way?" Asked Mist curiously.

"My past..." Nephi began to think about it but seemed to have not many clues. "The memories I have are few... Some are blurry as well. I was made for a purpose... I was a weapon, but now I've been given another purpose. I was chained yet now I am free... I am still trying to figure out what I am... or what should I do."

"Ah, it is complicated..." Celica sighed. "Don't worry about it, me and Mister Teddy won't bother you with this stuff! Mother and Mary always says that people should be however they want."

"However I want..." Nephi said.

"Well, you're certainly not a weapon anymore. Though your memories must be brief, you still held consciousness. You're definitely a person." I said with a nod. "Don't worry about the opinions of the gods or whatever... These guys do more bad than good to be honest."

"Forcing us to do things like defeating the Demon King or whatever... Like we'll ever do that." Sighed Aquarina. "Though because of these divine protections, many others might be in danger. The forces of the old Demon King still remain alive, and then there's the Evil Gods... Ah, well, we haven't had to bother about them for a while in here. It has been a nice break."

"Hmm... You've had it hard." Said Nephi. "I remember that... the Gods made me for a purpose. To become a weapon that could allow them to fight the Demons. I am a Nephilim, perhaps what I truly am is... half god and half demon." As Nephi said these words, she continued drooling at the food.

Yeah, she might have said that with all the seriousness of the world but she was still quite the clumsy goofster.

Chapter 622 The Sea Of Stars

"Hmm... You've had it hard." Said Nephi. "I remember that... the Gods made me for a purpose. To become a weapon that could allow them to fight the Demons. I am a Nephilim, perhaps what I truly am is... half god and half demon."

"But what sort of Demon? There are many tribes!" Wondered Mist. "Maybe there is a demon tribe with two different hair colors..."

"Yeah?" Celeste asked. "I've been wondering the same, honestly..."

"No... I am not a demon like you two... It is a different kind of Demon, a Demon from another world." Said Nephi.

"Another world demon..." I said while thinking.

Everyone quickly glanced back at me and then I sighed, quickly remembering who it was.

"Yeah, True Demons. Beings that literally are summoned from another world through the powers of the Evil Gods, right?" I asked.

It's not that Demons themselves have such power, but those that are given their blessings can utilize special formations using magic artifacts to open "Demon Gates" which bring them to literal Hell.

I've only learned a bit from them though, from the words they said up to what my parents have taught us about these beings... they're despicably evil and seem to be pleased with seeing the suffering of mortals.

Maybe they're also an enemy of the Gods themselves? Even though these guys are in their own world... This means that Nephi was probably made using their materials? Or souls? Or something?

True Demons are extremely dangerous though, they're even stronger than the strongest people of this world, even our own Demon Lords, the servants of the Demon King don't seem to be comparable to the might of True Demons of higher rankings.

The worst part is their powers, the Demonic Energy they possess is dangerous, infecting living beings and inhibiting wound regeneration, inflicting deadly curses that drain life away seamlessly, amongst many other things.

I have yet to learn the master plan behind using these bastards, but the Evil Gods seem set on using their powers to harm people for whatever motives.

"True Demons... So that's how you call them?" Asked Nephi. "You fought them before?"

"Many times." Aquarina said.

"All in just one single city though... And this blue haired girl over here had the majority of the fault." Zack said while crossing his arms.

"Yeah..." Sighed Celeste. "Although the Evil Gods influenced me, I still... provoked the majority of this chaos."

Nephi seemed to be confused about what we were talking about, so we explained her a bit of what we experienced back on Eastgrain.

"I see... You've had a life filled with hardships, young lady." Nephi sighed.

"Did all of that happened when I wasn't born yet?" Zephy wondered, sitting on my lap.

"Yep... They were very hard times... But we also met many friends that are here. Mist, Celica, and even Celeste..." I sighed.

"I owe Sylphy my life... She gave me a second chance despite everything I did... The only thing I can do is to help her and do everything I can for her in return." Celeste said.

"Oh so that's why you're always willing to help in anything..." Zephy understood. "Even when you sometimes look annoyed..."

"Hah... Yeah." Celeste sighed.

"I wish I could had been there to help..." Nephi sighed. "But indeed, the True Demons which were part of the materials that composed my creation are those. I don't remember how I was made as my consciousness started once I was created... But I do remember the feeling of being assembled... And then their words of disappointment as I was unable to control my powers. The gods, my creators, and parents, were quick to drop me off and abandon me."

"Sigh..." Alice seemed to get a bit sad each time she heard this. I guess she could relate a lot to her. And maybe I could too, in a way.

"When I was freed from the seal I found myself in the ruins. Those ruins used to be a place filled with high technology and many of the gods' servants. Those golems we fought were the gods' creations, special mechs made out of Orichalcum, a divine metal." Said Nephi.

"A Divine Metal?" Asked Zack. "Wait Sylphy do you still have those?"

"Yeah I have them stored. I had tried using conventional ways of smelting with them but the metal is incredibly hard. The only way I could melt them away was by unleashing tons of flames, but that would only make a mess out of them, and once melted, it quickly cools down and becomes hard again. My parents also checked it but they cannot process it either." I sighed. "We sent some to the Blue Witch, she'll know about a method and probably do something with it."

"It is a metal that the gods created, it is what makes their vessels which fly across the sea of stars." Said Nephi.

"Sea of stars? You mean the sky?" Asked Aquarina.

"Yes, above the visible sky, there's a wider range. A beautiful and endless horizon." Said Nephi. "Many stars, and worlds rest within this endless horizon. The gods... they came from far, far away."

"So they're really aliens..." I sighed. "Just like you said, Alice."

"Yep..." Alice sighed. "The response the world had against their invasion was the creation of the first Demon King. The Gods wanted this planet... probably due to its rich resources. Spreading their servant races, humans, elves, and dwarves helped them conquer the surface. Or that's what I imagine. It is a theory though."

"An endless horizon..." Zack looked into the skies.

"I wonder what could lay in there..." Aquarina sighed.

"It sounds... kind of scary. A place that has no end?" Said Mist.

"But isn't it a bit exciting?" Zack giggled.

"Mister Teddy says that traveling across the stars is too much for him..." Celica said timidly.

"So the gods... they came from the Sea of Stars." Celeste's eyes narrowed. "With such an explanation, it makes more sense some of them rebelled against them, and decided to be free in this world and not obey their commands, they were catalogued as Evil Gods then..."

Thanks to Nephi, things slowly started to become clearer, yet even more confusing and unfathomable.

"That's kind of all I really know, I am sorry I wasn't able to talk about things before... I was feeling intimidated by so many questions... But now that I trust everyone here, and Sylphy too, I felt it was necessary for me to speak if I was ever asked these things." Nephi said with a calm smile.

"It's fine, don't worry about it~!" Zack said while shrugging.

"Yeah! I'm glad you were able to trust us... I was slightly annoyed at you back then but I kind of got used to you by now." Aquarina said.

"You're definitely a member of the gang now!" Mist said.

"That's right." Celeste nodded.

"Mister Teddy agrees, me too!" Celica said.

"Nephi's a clumsy maid but she's cute so its fine." Zephy said.

"Yep." I nodded. "Though you should stop eating my breakfast."

"Hahaha! Yeah right, I've heard about that." Laughed Zack.

"You eat her breakfast?!" Aquarina angrily said.

"S-Sorry..." Nephi said. "I am always hungry... Ahh, I've used a lot of Mana already, I am hungry."

"Oh right! The food should be done by now, can't you guys smell the fish and the crab?" I asked, everyone agreed, the smell was just superb.

I quickly moved to go see the Crystal Alligator Meat stew, the potatoes were already soft and the meat boiled, so the stew was about to get ready, the salted grilled Fish was also already done, and the crabs were even redder than before, ready to eat.

"Hmmm~ Everything smells so nice, time to eat then!" I quickly let out the tables, chairs, and everything else, including fruit juice made from Naturia's fruits. And even herbal tea using her leaves, she was a source of nice beverages.

We began enjoying the food together rather fast. We were all starving. The fish taste was especially wonderful, and very fresh. The crab claws had immense quantities of tender white meat whenever I broke them open, and the Crystal Alligator stew was rich, with many delicious flavors converging together. The meat of the alligator was greasy but that made it especially flavorful.

When we finally finished having our feast, we relaxed for a few seconds before departing. I stored things inside the Dimensional Bag and set my gaze into the Dungeon's entrance far away. Without further ado, we had to get there as quick as possible, I really didn't wanted to get back home later at night after all.

"Phew, that really hit the spot, but we can't just sit here and rest. The good life has made me slightly lazier, but we can't sit idle!" Zack said, getting ready to get into the dungeon.

"How long has it been since we entered a dungeon? How many floors does this one has?" Asked Aquarina.

"The Fishman King's Lair has around... Four Floors if I'm not mistaken. The Boss's strong from what I've heard." I said while smiling. "A fitting challenge for us! We'll show our parents we are adults by conquering this dungeon and making accessories to help the daily lives of the Aqua Anima tribe that's living in our town!"

"Alright!" Zack said.

"Well said!" Aquarina said.

"Yeah!" Mist said. "I wonder if the Fishman King's meat is tasty too... I ate so many fishes..."

"Already thinking about more food when we just ate? You're really a glutton." Celeste sighed.

"Ah! There's something getting closer!" Celica said.

Currently, we were walking across the stone bridge that connected the shore with the island in the middle of the Lake. However, a black shadow began to get closer and closer, suddenly emerging from the water the moment we were already midway through it!

And it was a larger, blue-colored crab with four pincers and a sharp, spike-covered shell. The jaws were opening and oozing with bubbles. And it also had four eyes with four claws, I guess he had to make it even. Its size was around twenty meters of height, a true giant.

"T-That's one hell of a crab..." Zack said.

"Wait a second! Is this the mother of the little ones?!" Asked Aquarina.

"This thing's huge!" Mist cried.

"That's... A Berserk Crab King? Or Queen? Well whatever it is, that thing's Tier 4 Rank 9, probably... It is strong!" I said in surprise.

But then I smiled, red scales grew around my arms as I grabbed on my sword. This was an enemy worth slaying. Gathering the sunlight from the clear sky, my stats skyrocketed.

The enormous Crab hissed angrily, waving its four claws, and pointing them at us. If that thing's claws reach the bridge, the only way to the dungeon for any normal person that can't use magic to fly will be destroyed.

I jumped in front of the crab without hesitating, my sword was blazing with draconic flames as a red horn grew in the middle of my forehead. My eyes seemed to be burning, as if their shape was changing. I was able to see the crab's weak points more clearly, is this the power of Dragon Eyes?

"Don't you dare break this bridge! [Hellfire Blade]!"

My sword suddenly grew in size, although it was merely flames, and then I swung the blade horizontally and vertically consecutively, an enormous cross-shaped attack of blazing fury reached the crab's claws, impacting them and burning through its shell!

The flames began to evaporate the nearby water, engulfing the entire crab into hot steam. The beast didn't stop there though, angrily conjuring several spears of water and firing them against us! So it can use magic!

"That's not going to work!" Aquarina said, jumping into battle as she waved her hands, the water stopped obeying the crab and then combined with her own Mana, shaping into a furious Sea Snake that impacted the crab's head.

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SPLAAASH!

"GRAAAKKH!"

The Crab gave a few more steps back before glancing at us with utter anger. However it quickly was greeted by Zack loaming from above, his two Battle Axes overflowing with Lightning and Winds, forming a spiraling storm as he impacted the crab's head with his enormous Beast Aura in the shape of a roaring bear!

eaglesnove1,coM "RAAAAAHHH! [Storming Impact]!"

CLAAAAAASSHHH!!!

The enormous attack hit the crab directly, pushing it into the lake's floor, several cracks surged around the Crab's shell in the head, spreading further and further all around the monster's body.

Crack, crack! Crack, crack!

"GGRRRRAAKKHH..."

The giant Crab suddenly began spinning in anger, its aura growing redder as it spun more and more rapidly, the entire lake began to spin and formed a gigantic water vortex! Wait, what?! It can do that?! Tier 4 and higher monsters are really just another breed altogether!

FLUOOOOSH!

"GRAAKH!"

The crab roared angrily, suddenly pointing the enormous growing tornado vortex of water within the skies directly at us. It quickly shaped into a sharp spear, falling over us, and then impacting us!

CLAAAAAASSSSHHHH!!!

However, I was there with Zack and Aquarina! The three of us rushed forward as we unleashed our techniques together once more, receiving the impact and then intercepting it!

"[Hellfire Blade]!"

"[Storming Impact]!"

"[Freezing Slashes]!"

SPLAAAAASHHH!!!

The combination of flames, light, lightning, winds, ice, and water combined together, erupting against the massive magical attack the crab unleashed against us, and then spiraling as a combination of elements, hitting the crab in midair and throwing it into the lake again!

BAAAAM!

SPLAAASH!

Water began raining from the lake, as we quickly jumped to finish off the crab, who was already standing back up, summoning several smaller crabs from all around the Lake.

"Could this Crab be the Lake's master? It also tanked several hits, it is probably not merely Tier 4, but Tier 5!" I said in surprise. "I do remember they said a giant crab colony dominates the lake's interior, the Fishmen only dominate the dungeon, but this lake's another story altogether!"

"So this is a boss before we even enter the dungeon, great!" Zack sighed.

"More importantly, those crabs look way stronger, they're bigger too!" Said Aquarina.

I quickly at the crabs in the distance, they were all Tier 3, one tier stronger, evolved Angered Crabs named Warrior Crabs. They were indeed stronger and seemed to obey their Queen in here. However, Mist, Celica, Celeste, and Nephi were handling them just fine, while Zephy was being protected by them.

"An ambush just when we were in the middle of our way to the dungeon, how predictable!" Sighed Celeste angrily, quickly swinging her Black Spear, rays of darkness emerged with each slashing blow or piercing attack, leaving the Warrior Crabs with many holes, eliminating several of them with her swift movements.

"Uaah! So much tasty crab, and these are bigger! I'm going to have them for dinner!" Mist said while firing magic arrows and conjuring light barriers.

"This calls for the whole gang! Mister Teddy! Mister Bunny! Mister Dragon, come out!" Celica transformed the other two plushies she carried, as a gigantic white bunny appeared, and a fearful black dragon. They were still plushies, but reinforced by her magic, they were able to wrestle against the Warrior Crabs and sent them flying into the skies with their powerful blows.

"I-I have to fight too..." Zephy said, while being protected by Nephi, he unleashed slashing and piercing attacks using his swift rapier. Having learned the pressure points of crabs, he aimed at the crevices between their legs, throwing them off balance constantly.

"Don't worry about us, take down the boss!" Celeste said.

"Yeah!" Nephi said. "I will protect Master Zephy, young lady!"

"Do your best Zack!" Mist said.

"Okay, got it!" We said in unison, as we quickly flew across the skies and landed over the Crab Queen, her furious eyes seemed blazing with anger. She had many cracks around her body yet she was still kicking just fine.

Suddenly, the water moved to her command, lifting her up from the lake and then shaping into several spear-shaped tentacles, pointing all directly at us. She roared once more, as the Water Spears flew down!

Aquarina unleashed a wave of water of her own, moving the lake to her commands the same way she used to defeat the Giant Lake Squid we once fought before. The water shook rapidly and angrily, as if it were channeling her emotions, forming into an hydra made of water, impacting against the water spears of the Crab Queen.

It seems sometimes she cannot control the water of a foe. Perhaps because the Tier of the Water Spell was higher than her current control or limit? I suppose she doesn't have total control over all water. Due to this, she decided to go with her own water attacks.

The water impacted one another, giving us a chance to strike as it formed a thin veil of mist. I jumped over the crab's claws while Zack followed me from behind rapidly. Our Beast Spirits surging from our

bodies constantly as they boosted our physical abilities even more. Well I was already Tier 4 in both Physique and Magic Circle, so I was even faster and stronger than before.

The angered Crab roared furiously, as it attacked us with "punches" using its claws. Each punch was so strong it sent shockwaves around as it tried to hit us. Yeah this is definitely a Tier 5 monster if it can generate shockwaves like those!

"Zack, go to the left! I'll go to the right, we hit its head with everything we've got!" I said.

"Gotcha!" Zack smiled with tenacity.

We flew around the crab's blows while Aquarina kept it busy with her [Water Hydra] Spell constantly attacking the Crab Queen's body, all while we reached the head of the Crab Queen!

Our weapons overflowed with our elemental essences, as we unleashed a devastating combined attack!

"Draconic Blade Arts: [Infernal Dragon Meteor]!"

"Storm Axe Arts: [Thunderous Storm]!"

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"Storm Axe Arts: [Thunderous Storm]!"

A combination of flames shaped as a furious roaring dragon and the spiraling impact of thunder and winds reached the Crab Queen's head once more, impacting her with all our physical strength!

The Crab Queen roared in agony. The shell over her head began to crack more and more, crumbling apart and showing the living flesh beneath, it was rather tender and pulsated, transparent blood began gushing out of its interior.

Crack... CRACK!

However, it stopped at that, the cracks had yet to end, and right as we were about to throw another hit, the crab's claws reached us, hitting the two of us and sending us flying down into the lake's water!

"SYLPHY! ZACK!"

Aquarina cried in desperation, as I heard her from within the bottom of the lake.

"YOUU...! Damn crab!"

Aquarina furiously unleashed a barrage of blows all around the crab, moving rapidly as if she controlled the water like a current, her blows were barely dealing any damage though. However, when she hit the crab's cracks, the cracks continued to spread.

At the same time, two enormous hands made of water lifted us from the lake as we gasped for air! Aquarina had simultaneously attacked the powerful Tier 5 Crab Queen and also saved us from falling deeper into the lake and drown.

"Cough, cough...! Agh!" Zack began coughing, but quickly composed himself and stood, his Axes thundering with lightning.

I also stood up rather quickly, I felt the Drago Heart becoming stronger as my anger grew.

"We have to go, Zack!" I said. "We can't let Aquarina deal with that thing."

"Yeah, one last time, this time surely!" Zack roared, jumping into the skies by covering his body with winds and lightning.

"Yeah, one last time!" I roared. Flames erupted from my legs as I propelled myself into the skies.
"Ignatius, Alice, Curse, Beelzebub, Natoria!"

I channeled the power of all my Spirits together, merging them into my Blade, their elements converged, as powerful Divine Black Flames surged, an ominous aura surged from within them.

Suddenly, my scales turned deep black instead of red, and so did the horn in my forehead. I see, so the dragon scales and other changes change of element depending on what I use... in fact, this could be called a Dark Dragon form.

"RAAAAAHH!" Zack roared furiously, reaching the crab, and then unleashing a series of blows against its hard claws. The Crab defended itself desperately from his barrage, while Aquarina got some time to catch a breath.

"You damn... giant bug!" Zack roared angrily, his blows continued becoming stronger and stronger as lightning began cursing across his entire body, winds spiraled, forming several spears that hit the crab from all sides. Woah he was going all out now!

The crab hit the lake once more, all the electricity Zack was letting out simply amplified even more with the water, electrifying the giant crab furiously. At the same time, I had gathered power into my blade to finish this thing off.

"[Black Flames of Demise]!"

I swung my sword with all my strength, the black flames grew even larger as they were unleashed upon the crab's entire body. Zack managed to jump away in time, as the flames reached the crab, exploding and spreading a black shockwave into the surroundings!

The crab was completely consumed in the flames, the rest of the smaller crabs were also all overwhelmed by the flames, some managed to run away but those that were about to attack were fried with their mother... Ah, that sounded quite gruesome.

Ding!

[You and Your Party Defeated [Warrior Crab (Tier 3: Rank 3)] x34!]

[You and Your Party Defeated [Berserk Crab Queen (Tier 5: Rank 5)] x1!]

[You gained 1100000 EXP]

[Your Familiars have earned a large quantity of EXP!]

[Natura] Level has increased from Level 23 to Level 24!]

[Ignatius] Level has increased from Level 23 to Level 24!]

[Furoh] Level has increased from Level 23 to Level 24!]

[Beelzebub] Level has increased from Level 23 to Level 24!]

[Curse] Level has increased from Level 23 to Level 24!]

"And done... Ugh, that was more than I thought it would be!" I sighed.

I flew down and gathered back with everyone, Aquarina and Zack needed some serious healing for their exhaustion, so I let them feast on Naturia's fruits and leaves, and my own Wisdom Fruits, while Mist healed them up.

"Well... we did it at least." Zack sighed in relief.

"That damn crab was way too tough..." Aquarina sighed.

"Sylphy don't you need healing too?" Mist wondered.

"Ah, I already healed my wounds, don't worry about it." I sighed in relief. I quickly utilized some magic to also heal the muscle pain on me and my friends, so we could be good to go right away.

"Alright!" Aquarina quickly jumped off the floor. "Ready!"

"Yeah, thanks for the healing girls." Zack sighed. "I hit that damn things so much it felt like my shoulders were about to snap open at any moment..."

"Hahah, yeah that thing was incredibly hard... I've already stored all the crabs inside the Dimensional Bag. We could use its shell to make some armor in the future, it was incredibly hard so it could totally work." I said while thinking of the potential of this new material.

"Totally! I want a crab armor!" Zack said. "You better make me one, I helped a lot this time!"

"Okay, okay, will do!" I laughed. "Now let's get into the dungeon already!"

"Yeah, about time!" Aquarina agreed.

Like that, we entered the dungeon without wasting any other minute...

Meanwhile, within the depths of the dungeon, four pair of red eyes opened, sensing the presence of new prey approaching the dungeon's domain.

Chapter 626 Giving A System Seed To A Sword

While we entered the Dungeon, I took a peek at my Status.

<#23a System>

[System Owner]: [Sylph Natoria Bravo]

[Magic Circle]: [Tier 4: Rank 1: Spiritual Magic Circle]

[Physique]: [Tier 4: Rank 1: Yggdrasil's Dragon Heir Physique]

[Level]: [1/#523a]

[EXP]: [10620000/%4g3#]

[Class]: [Farmer]

[Subclass]: [Alchemist]

[HP]: [10/10]

[MP]: [20/20]

[Strength]: [4]

[Defense]: [3]

[Magic]: [50]

[Resistance]: [10]

[Agility]: [6]

[Luck]: [-10]

[Charm]: [20]

[Skills]: [Royal Elven Lineage] [Agriculture] [Lesser Fire Magic: Ember] [Mana Usage] [Hero Seed] [Divine Protection] [Heavenly Sight] [Alchemy] [Heavenly Sun] [Blazing Sunshine Ward] [Dragon Heart]

[Special Skills]: [Agriculture: Lv10] [Yggdrasil's Endurance: Lv10] [Spiritual Blessing: Lv10] [Divine Fruit of Knowledge: Lv3] [Lesser Fire Magic: Ember: Lv10] [Fire Magic: Blazing Wall: Lv4] [Mana Usage: Lv9] [Heavenly Sight: Lv5] [Alchemy: Lv5] [Heavenly Sun: Lv2] [Blazing Sunshine Ward: Lv2] [Dragon Heart: Lv1]

[System Magic Spells]: [System Seed Creation] [System Modification] [Quest Board] [Quest Helper]

[Curses]: [Great Curse of the Devourer of the Abyss]

[Divine Protections]: [Theia, the Chief Goddess of Sight and Heavenly Light] [Hyperion, the Chief God of Heaven, and the Sun] [Aeolus, the God of Sunshine] [Fiere, the Goddess of Burning Passion]

Ah, I got a ton of EXP now 11 Million! That's a lot... What could I even use it on? More System Seeds, I guess? I've already given the power to level up to all my Familiars. The only thing left would be this mysterious Demon Familiar that has yet to awaken in the depths of my Soul Scape, its really taking a while.

And then... my friends. I have already been planning it for a while now, but the problem is that I would need to explain them what the heck is this power and everything else, and that's sure bound to be a pain. I trust them and all, but one of them might end up spilling the beans to the adults.

The only one I can fully trust right now is my beloved Aquarina. I know she'll understand and keep it a secret, while asking for kisses in exchange. However, I cannot just gift it to her right now, so I'll do it for her birthday.

"You've got tons of EXP now, have you thought about speed leveling a skill using them?" Wondered Alice. "Although you'll need tons of it to level up the strongest Skills you've got, some of them could get to Level 10 immediately with what you've got."

"That sounds pretty tempting..." I spoke with her through telepathy. "But I kind of want to keep saving it for later."

I know that leveling something straight to Level 10 could help me get a brand-new Skill, but that would be a bit too much of a waste in my opinion. Also EXP can unlock brand new functions, so it hurts a bit if I waste it in something I can slowly grow over time.

Unless I really need it, I guess I'll keep the Skills as they are for now... Though Mana Usage is about to reach Max Level, it just needs a bit more proficiency, which I am constantly earning as I manipulate my own Mana.

"Hmm, so you want to level up more things through System Seeds? But you think that your friends might make a fuss or reveal your powers if you give these to them freely, right?" Ignatius said through telepathy. "Well, how about you use it on items? Hah! I bet you never thought about it!"

"On items?" I asked in surprise. "Wait... Alice, is it possible?" I wondered telepathically. It was possible to talk with Familiars through telepathy.

"I... I don't really know. We've never tried it before?" Alice wondered. "It might be worth giving it a try... But everyone's watching right now, as you're entering the Dungeon and all."

"Don't worry, we can do it inside of my Soul Scape, I can put things inside, they might disappear after a while, but if its just a few minutes it won't do much." I said with a smile, quickly putting my sword inside my soul scape, as it disappeared.

The sword appeared inside my Soul Scape in a flash, as Alice quickly created a new System Seed by spending a few hundred thousand EXP.

Ding!

[You've exchanged 700000 EXP!]

[You've created a [System Seed]!]

Alice grabbed the System Seed, and then slowly sent it near the sword. This sword had been my companion for a long while, it even broke and was repaired using high quality materials from dragons and true demons.

Whatever it could become if it can get a System Status, it would be pretty amazing... Maybe I cannot level up myself, but it would be great if I could level up my gear, especially my weapon!

So I hope this works!

FLAAASH!

The Seed easily reacted with the floating sword, as it suddenly melded into it, generating several circuits across the weapon, which then gave it a powerful soul-like aura from within... the power of the sword converged together into a single point, forming a core in the very red jewel of its handle!

Ding!

[You've given a [System Seed] to your Sword!]

[Your Sword has attained a [Soul] and a [Status]!]

[Your Sword can now Level Up and Learn Skills!]

[Please give a name to your Sword...]

A name... So I can give it a name, huh?

Then let's call you Scarlet due to your red color.

Ding!

[The name [Scarlet] has been granted to the Sword!]

<Status System>

[System Owner]: [Scarlet]

[Race]: [Lesser Magic Sword]

[Rank]: [D-]

[Level]: [0/25]

[EXP]: [0/5000]

[Class]: [Blazing Blade]

[HP]: [620/620]

[MP]: [550/550]

[Strength]: [750]

[Defense]: [500]

[Magic]: [500]

[Resistance]: [350]

[Agility]: [400]

[Luck]: [50]

[Charm]: [50]

[Skills]: [Living Sword: Lv1] [Elemental Absorption: Lv1] [Material Assimilation: Lv1] [Aura Blade Slash: Lv1] [Blazing Sword: Lv1] [Demonic Aura: Lv1]

Woah, it really changed! It even got a bunch of new and amazing-sounding Skills to boot! I think it gained abilities it didn't even had before, such as Material Assimilation. If I am reading this well, doesn't this mean this sword can assimilate materials?

Chapter 627 Scarlet, The Living Magic Sword

I stared intensively at my sword once I summoned it back into my sheath.

<Status System>

[System Owner]: [Scarlet]

[Race]: [Lesser Magic Sword]

[Rank]: [D-]

[Level]: [0/25]

[EXP]: [0/5000]

[Class]: [Blazing Blade]

[HP]: [620/620]

[MP]: [550/550]

[Strength]: [750]

[Defense]: [500]

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[Resistance]: [350]

[Agility]: [400]

[Luck]: [50]

[Charm]: [50]

[Skills]: [Living Sword: Lv1] [Elemental Absorption: Lv1] [Material Assimilation: Lv1] [Aura Blade Slash: Lv1] [Blazing Sword: Lv1] [Demonic Aura: Lv1]

It seemed to have gained a soul now, but it couldn't really speak, or anything of that sort. It merely stood there and overflowed with energy. I quickly unsheathed it as we walked downstairs, looking at the blade with fascination. My friends looked at me with weird faces, wondering what's gotten into me out of the sudden.

Hehehe, I guess they cannot tell how powerful my sword has become now! Though... seeing how many materials it has been used on it, I had hoped it would have higher stats than this, nonetheless, it still pretty good.

"Wait, now that the sword has a soul, can I form a Familiar Contract with it?" I asked Alice.

"Just try it if you think it might work." Alice said.

"Alright..." I concentrated my mind and then tried to make a Contract, extending the force of my soul into my sword.

The sword easily accepted my soul's threads, melding them with its own soul.

Ding!

[You've formed a [Familiar Contract] with [Scarlet, the Living Magic Sword]!]

It worked as easy as it could! Now my own sword is my Familiar, this is pretty insane. I can now enchant it with my Mana even more easily, and also channel spiritual power and elemental power into it just as easier as well.

"Sylphy what was that light just now?" Aquarina reacted to what I was doing, feeling surprised and taken aback by the series of bizarre events.

"Yeah, did you sword grew larger out of the blue?" Zack was curious.

"Err... Well, I kind of just discovered it had some extra magical perks, that's all. It has grown stronger for sure. Maybe it has some sort of power." I said, acting as if I wasn't so sure what was going on myself.

"But what was that glow though?" Celeste asked while raising an eyebrow.

"I felt like my Mana and even my soul was connected to the sword... Perhaps the creations of the Witch of the Blue Mountain are more amazing than we thought." I said, giving all the responsibility to this mysterious figure we had yet to see.

"I see, my knives also feel sometimes strange, like they're absorbing my mana and growing stronger." Said Aquarina.

"I haven't felt a single thing." Said Zack.

"My spear is a Cursed Spear, it contains a phantasmal soul inside and its alive, so I am always feeding it blood, flesh, bones, leather and other materials to make her stronger. She's a very gluttonous girl." Laughed Celeste. "Be careful if your sword ever begin acting like that, it might need to be feed before it takes a bite off you."

"I-I see, I'll keep that in mind." I said while nodding.

The Cursed Spear was the only thing remaining from Celeste's life as a member of that Evil Cult, it has been checked multiple times by my parents and they found nothing wrong with it other than... well, being a cursed equipment, so they let her keep it.

After she lost the majority of her powers given by the Divine Protections of the Evil Gods, she has been growing stronger in her own ways through effort and well, this Cursed Spear too, which is now one of her greatest sources of strength.

For now, I should check out Scarlet's Skills to know better what each one does... Although they seem rather self-explanatory through their names alone, there's nothing wrong with being attentive to details, right?

[Living Sword: Lv1]

A Living Sword is a Sword that possess a Soul, and has the power to constantly grow, evolve, and develop. Although its will is small, it will develop over time as it experiences new things and grows stronger. By receiving Mana from its master, the Sword's stats can temporarily increase by +10% with each Skill Level. The Soul Grows larger and smarter with each of the user's levels.

[Elemental Absorption: Lv1]

A Magic Sword most basic capability, by channeling the elemental properties of the master's magic, it is possible to unleash them and imbue the weapon with such elements, increasing total physical damage and elemental damage dealt by +30% with an additional +10% with each Skill Level. Additionally, grants Elemental Properties to offensive Skills and increases resistance to the element it has been imbued with.

[Material Assimilation: Lv1]

A Special Ability that only very unique Living Weapons possess. It grants the capability of absorbing compatible materials into the sword's body to both regenerate damage and to increase stats, or even generate new Skills. After absorbing a certain quantity of that special material, absorbing more won't give any extra benefit. Increases the chances to get Special Skills or Additional Stats when assimilating a material by +10% with each Skill Level.

[Aura Blade Slash: Lv1]

By gathering Mana into the sword's blade, it is possible to unleash a powerful slash made of pure Mana Aura, which can deal an additional 50% more Damage, with an additional +15% with each Skill Level. When imbued with an element, the Aura Blade Slash's element will change to that one.

These Skills were indeed amazing. The Living Sword Skills means that the sword will slowly develop a stronger will, well that's kind of a relief. And Elemental Absorption was something it already had, but it has become even stronger now that it became an actual Skill... However, amongst them all, Material Assimilation got me the most curious.

If the description is really how it works, the sword could be able to grow infinitely stronger by absorbing all sorts of materials!

Should I try it out right away?

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I quickly took out a small Fire Spirit Stone from my Dimensional Bag and feed it to Scarlet without caring much if it were to work or not...

The blade quickly absorbed the piece of Spirit Stone, without any problems, it gained a slight amount of power, as if something powerful was flowing through the sword's entire blade.

Ding!

[Scarlet] has absorbed [Fire Spirit Stone] x1!]

[Scarlet] MP has increased by +25]

[Scarlet] Magic has increased by +25]

[The [Blazing Sword] Skill has gained a large amount of Skill Proficiency.]

Ooh, so that's how it works, it really makes her stronger, bit by bit... Maybe I should overfeed her with tons of materials once we're done with our dungeon exploration. And come to think of it, there's two more Skills I haven't checked...

[Blazing Sword: Lv1]

By imbuing Mana into the Sword, blazing flames of incredible potency will emerge, which become stronger based in the current Fire Element Runes of the wielder's Magic Circle. These flames can be controlled and unleashed in a series of different attacks and techniques, which will deal an additional +60% More Damage, with an additional +20% with each Skill Level. When imbued with an element, the Flames can change into different types of Flames.

[Demonic Aura: Lv1]

The sign that a sword has been tainted with a True Demon's Essence. By infusing Mana into the sword, the blade can unleash an intimidating and powerful Demonic Aura that also enhances damage dealt by +50% and can drain 25% of the damage dealt as HP, each Skill Level increases these effects by +10%.

And the last two Skills I had yet to check were offensive ones, I see. Blazing Sword is indeed powerful and combines great with Blade Aura Slash. Meanwhile Demonic Aura seems to be something similar, yet it also brings an Intimidation Effect? This sword packed more powers than I could had expected.

Hmm... Now let's see what happens if I give you a small Water Spirit Stone now...

Ding!

[Scarlet] has absorbed [Water Spirit Stone] x1!

[Scarlet] MP has increased by +5]

[Scarlet] Magic has increased by +5]

[This Material doesn't have much compatibility with [Scarlet]...]

Oh, I see... Materials with less compatibility will give little stats and perhaps none, while those with high compatibility might end up giving tons of bonus stats, if I am understanding everything correctly.

So the sword's highest compatibility are fire attribute materials, I'll have to find those in specific, I suppose. For now I'll leave it at that though, I would like to try out more gear getting status, but it would be a bit chaotic if I do them all at once, so it'll be for later.

Our surroundings were of a beautiful caves. There were colorful corals growing around the tunnel we reached, and we could hear the sound of water flowing everywhere as well. There were starfishes stuck in the walls, and we even saw small fishes swimming in the pools of salty water.

And of course, red, and blue colored crystals, Fire and Water Spirit Stones, were growing everywhere around us, utilizing their light to naturally illuminate our path. This area was known as the Fishman King's Lair, or something like that, it was a cave-type dungeon with only three floors in total.

The first one was a large section of multiple interconnected caves, the second floor was filled with pools of water where dangerous aquatic monsters ambushed people that walk near them, forming kind of a labyrinth where you need to avoid them, and then the last floor is an underground ruin which is known as the Fishman King's Castle.

"So this place's pretty empty, where's the monsters at?" Aquarina wondered, we were already five minutes into the cave's corridors, walking around and giving turns here and there. It was a small labyrinth by itself.

"Dungeons are not just monsters, they have traps as well, you should be careful." I said to Aquarina.
"Watch on every step you take."

"Okay, I get it." Aquarina nodded.

TRUUUMMM...!

However, she really didn't hear me when I told her to be careful.

Right beneath her feet a magic circle activated, and then the ground below crumbled, as a large quantity of water emerged, a pond!

"Huh?!"

Aquarina began falling into the pond, suddenly finding hundreds of piranha-like fishes in there, opening their jaws happily at a new meal being offered to them in a silver plate.

"This is a trap?!" Aquarina felt surprised. "Ugh, that was way too cheap!"

She quickly swung her knives, as waves of water began dancing around, lifting her from falling into the water, although the piranha fishes tried to jump towards her, attempting to take a bite before she could leave.

"[Blazing Sword]!"

However, I sneaked a powerful blazing sword attack right before they could get Aquarina, burning through the Piranhas, as the flames reached deep underground into the trap's pits, boiling the water and the piranhas altogether.

FLUOOOOSH!

The steam surged from the pit's depths, as it covered the entire place, the smell of boiled fish soup quickly filled our nostrils...

"Phew, that was close..." Aquarina sighed in relief, looking around. "Ah! Sylphy did you do that yourself?!"

"Yeah more or less." I giggled. "This sword's pretty strong, that's all at the end."

"So that was a trap, we couldn't even detect it." Zack analyzed the situation.

"This Dungeon's in another level than the one at Eastgrain, that one was pretty much a beginner dungeon. Sneaky traps like these are dangerous, imagine if you got devoured by thousands of tiny fishes." Said Celeste.

"Uugh, I don't know if I want to imagine that Celeste!" Mist sighed.

"Yeah sounds awful..." Celica said. "Huh? Mister Teddy, what is it?"

Suddenly, Celica's Teddy bear golem began walking towards some place, touching a colorful, red-colored coral.

TRUUUUMM!

And then, a secret door opened right in the wall! Wait, how did that golem find it before any of us did? Does it have special senses or something? Well, I would bet it does.

"A secret door! Where does it leads? Huh, a tiny room?" Mist peeked into the small room.

However, there was something at the end of it!

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"A treasure chest!" Mist excitedly said.

"And there's statues too?" Wondered Zack.

Indeed, there were six statues standing in two different lines, protecting the blue-colored treasure chest in the middle of the room.

They were made of stone and resembled Aquatic Anima holding sharp tridents. The weapons themselves seemed to be made of some sort of special magic metal, and they were golden colored, not deteriorated at all.

"Those tridents look sharp... Is this really safe? I have a bad feeling about this." Celica said. "Mister Teddy has the special ability [Acute Senses] and he can detect secret things sometimes, only sometimes though... But he's not stepping forward, whatever's in here is not safe!"

"Treasure chest! It is my first time finding one!" Mist was too excited to listen, rushing inside the dungeon while rushing forward.

"Wait, Mist!" Celeste flew towards her as Mist suddenly stepped in between the two rows of statues, which were over three meters tall each.

"Huh?"

Mist suddenly noticed the statues eyes glowed bright red, staring at her, and then...!

"MIST!"

Two tridents at once reached her, clashing into the ground!

However, Celeste grabbed Mist in the very last second, while Zack emerged right in front of the two tridents, stopping their movements from having reached her using his two axes.

"Uwaah! They moved!" Mist panicked.

"Of course they moved, this room was obviously suspicious!" Sighed Celeste.

"Uungh, these guys are pretty tough! I haven't fought golems before, they're breaking heavy!" Zack said in surprise, as lightning and winds surged from his arms, being pumped into his weapons and then reaching the two statues.

ZAAAP! BOOOM!

One of the statues gained several cracks, stepping back in surprise, the other, however, didn't received much damage at all, and it quickly attempted to attack Zack once more with its trident!

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

"Unnggh...! Shit!"

Zack quickly stepped away from the powerful trident blows, which shook the ground. However, the other five statues quickly began moving once fight started. And all of them pointed their weapons at him!

"Fuck!"

However, we stepped in before anything could happen to our friend. Aquarina and I were the first ones to attack, as unleashed a spiraling dragon-shaped blazing flame eruption from my sword, while Aquarina generated several hydras made of water, which we used to quickly throw away the statues, forcing them to step back while giving some time for our friend to escape their grasp!

"Hahhh... I owe you girls once more..." Zack sighed while feeling relieved of having his life with him.

"Come on stand up, we don't have much time, these things have begun to move now, we can't just sit still, they'll chase us down!" I said.

"A-Alright!" Zack summoned his Spirit of Winds and Lightning, enhancing his damage. "I realized Lightning element is pretty effective, but wind, water, and fire doesn't seem to have done much." He analyzed how the statues we attacked barely got cracks, while the one his lightning reached destroyed its trident-wielding arm and threw it into the ground.

"Yeah, you're probably right in that." I agreed. "So give us a bit of your lightning then!"

"For sure! [Lightning Enchantment]!"

Zack unleashed a powerful, Tier 3 Thunder Magic Spell, [Lightning Enchantment] enchanted a person or a weapon with the Lightning Element, making their attacks become of that element. He did it on our weapons and also on our very bodies.

ZAAAP!

The sound of lightning clashing over our bodies echoed across the small room, the statues didn't seem to be afraid either, moving towards us to attack us once more mercilessly.

I felt lightning coursing through my body, as I quickly imbued it into Scarlet, making her unleash a powerful aura of thunder. My speed quickly multiplied as I ran at lightning speed towards the nearest Statue, swinging my sword vertically and horizontally as I automatically activated [Blade Aura Slash] consecutively!

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

CRAAASSSHH!

The attacks unleashed lightning, which quickly ran across the statue's body, it seemed that whatever stone it was made of it had a very high electrical conduction capabilities, making it easily break down when overcharged with it!

BAAAM!

The enormous statue fell into pieces into the ground, as I found out a large, red-colored sphere on its center, was this the golem's core? Well, whatever.

CRAAASH!

However, before I could react in time, another trident attack reached me! Nonetheless, it was promptly stopped by Aquarina, her knife attacks were fast and nimble, as they surged like flowing waves of water, slowing shaping themselves into ferocious hydra heads.

Each blow reached the statue behind me, mixed with lightning and the high conduction of her water magic, the statue was utterly decimated, crumbling apart on the spot!

"Be more careful there!" She said.

"Hey, you're the one to talk when you fell into a trap!" I laughed.

"Well, I've given you back the favor now, heh." Aquarina giggled adorably.

"Sylphy!"

Suddenly, my spirits called upon me as three other Statues emerged behind me, their tridents overflowing with mana coming from their cores, as they unleashed a barrage of consecutive blows!

With Aquarina's help, I barely intercepted them, parrying the enormous blows was extremely hard when they were so heavy and fast at the same time though! These Statues are not normal monsters, they're probably as strong as Tier 3 or above? Maybe Tier 4! Their endurance is insane, if it wasn't due to their lightning weakness we would be in even more struggles.

"RAAAAAH! [Lightning Storm]!!!"

Zack jumped into battle, his entire body glowing brightly as Mist enchanted him with buffs from afar, his entire body began rotating in midair, using his axes to spin and form an enormous storm of lightning, engulfing the three statues!

FLUOOOOOSSHH!

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FLUOOOSH!

CLAAASH!

The three statues fell to their demise before Zack's attacks, crumbling apart into piece over the floor. The last standing Statue was quickly taken care of by Celeste and Celica, who ganged over it with their long-ranged magic attacks until it broke down. Zephy as being protected by Nephi in the back and was glancing at the scene in surprise.

Ding!

[You and your party defeated [Aquatic Race Stone Guardian (Tier 4: Rank 2)] x6!]

[You earned 300000 EXP!]

[Your Familiars have earned a large quantity of EXP!]

[Scarlet] Level has increased from Level 1 to Level 10!]

[Scarlet] Stats have increased!]

[Scarlet] Learned the [Stone Breaker: Lv1] Skill!]

[Stone Breaker: Lv1]

A Skill that allows for the facilitation of breaking down stones. By infusing Mana into the blade, it is possible to unleash devastating, stone-breaking blows that deals +200% more damage to Stones, Rocks, and even Stone-type Monsters. It can also ignore -20% of their defenses.

Oh, Scarlet jumped to Level 10 already! I guess all that EXP really did it for her. She might catch up with the rest soon enough. She also started at D- Rank instead of F or E like the others. I guess that's because she's stronger.

And also, a new Skill! With this breaking stones and stone monsters might become even easier. I guess she can learn Skills more easily because I utilize her for combat at all times as my sword? Interesting. Everyone else usually support me by enchanting my magic.

Its only when things get pretty hairy that they jump into battle to help me using their own spiritual bodies, which are often frailer than my own. Of course, Furoh's the exception, but he's Furoh. He's been watching our backs in his Fenrir form.

"And done... I think, that's it right?" I sighed in relief. "This could have also counted as some sort of trap, I guess. It looks enticing but at the end, the six statues will attack. A single person would had perished if they got in here alone."

"Yeah, Mist, don't be so careless inside dungeons." Zack reprimanded Mist.

"Sowy... I didn't knew everything could be so dangerous, but I guess they're dungeons for a reason..." Mist lamented her recklessness but seemed to have learned a valuable lesson at the very least.

"Well, it's alright now." Aquarina said. "More importantly, now that we've got these guys down, let's pick the chest! I bet they must be protecting something pretty valuable if they were so strong and willing to protect it until their last breath, right?"

"Yeah, you're right!" I agreed, quickly running into the treasure chest with Aquarina.

"I wonder what's inside, maybe a legendary weapon!" Said Zephy, excitedly while standing next to Nephi.

"I hope it is something for eating..." Nephi let her thoughts come out of her mouth for a bit there.

As we were about to open the chest, suddenly, behind us, we heard the sound of stones moving around and rolling constantly. As if they were being slowly assembled, a large shadow emerged from behind our group...

"GRUOOOOHHHH!"

It was an enormous golem! All the cores suddenly began glowing and fused together with the rest of the golem's bodies, their tridents became a crown and the claws of this new, and enormous golem of over ten meters. After giving it a quick Identify with my magic eyes, I found out it was named [Ruined Treasure Golem] and was a Tier 5 monster?!

"Maybe we should had crushed those golem cores while we could!" Zack lamented.

"There's no time for regretting things now, let's get ready for battle!" Aquarina said.

"Well, it is just bigger, let's slam it again with all our strength! Zack!" I called.

"Sure!"

Zack quickly imbued the Lightning Element on our bodies and weapons a second time, it hurt a bit the second time though, the more we used this, the stronger the pressure would become, but we didn't had any time to doubt right now.

"GRUOOOOHHHH!"

The enormous golem's fists began falling down like meteors against us, hitting the ground constantly!

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

We swiftly evaded the enormous blows, but they came charged with Mana, each time they hit the ground, shockwaves of mana were released all around our surroundings, impacting us and sending us off balance.

"GRUOH!"

FLASH!

And then, the golem conjured a magic circle, summoning an enormous spear of stone, firing it directly towards... me?!

CLAAASH!

I swung my blade horizontally, parrying the gigantic rock spear and utilizing Stone Breaker through Scarlet!

CRAAACK!

The enormous golem's body began shatter at the same time, as my blow reached and shattered not only the rock spear, but the golem itself!

BOOOOMMM!!!

It was indeed a Lightning Aura Slash after all!

"GRUOOH!"

The golem glanced at me with its various, blue-colored cores, which worked like eyes of their own, the crumbling body parts slowly started to reassemble like nothing! Wait, is this because the golems already made of just several debris pieces stuck together, isn't it?

Then the only way to destroy it is by aiming at the cores! I quickly jumped over the golem's arms, aiming my blade at the large quantity of golem cores stuck together.

CLASH! CLASH! CLAAASH!

My blade danced with flames and lightning, unleashing several consecutive blows. Coupled with Stone Breaker, several golem cores shattered in an instant!

CRAAASH!

However, the golem kept moving, as it had six cores, three of them shattered but there were three left, which quickly flew away, hiding beneath the debris of the other golems that made up this one's body.

"GRUUOH!"

And then, several enormous stone fists with the tips of the tridents reached me in an instant, attempting to crush me into pieces!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOOM!

"Unnggh...!"

I used the sword and magic to intercept, block, and evade blows, but my body ended getting a good beating anyways. I ended falling like a ragdoll over the floor.

BAAAM!

