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Chapter 631 Defeating The Boss And Finding A Treasure Chest

"Sylphy!"

Aquarina ran to my side, but I quickly stood back up.

"No worries, I am fine!"

I stood back up, glancing at the golem who was being attacked by everyone else, explosions of various elements distracted him.

"Zack, Aquarina, use your senses to detect the other three golem cores, let's destroy them all before things get out of proportion!" I said to my friends.

"Eh?! And how exactly do you plan us to do that?!" Zack asked in disbelief.

"The golem's already pretty mighty, Sylphy..." Aquarina said.

"And finding the cores in all of that debris is...!" Zack muttered.

"Use your senses! The same way Teddy did! Expand your Mana and utilize it to detect a large source of Mana... We don't have much time, we've gone through a lot together, so I am trusting on your judgement!"

"Shit... alright then!" Zack said while smiling. "I'll figure out a way."

"Me too... If Sylphy really think I can do it, I cannot betray her and say I don't trust myself." Aquarina smiled.

"Then let's!" I roared, we all jumped off the ground once more, like three blurs of red, blue, and green color, reaching the giant Golem's body and running over its stony exterior!

I glanced at Aquarina and Zack, both closed their eyes while expanding their Mana Senses, and then their eyes quickly opened.

"I found one!" Zack said.

"Me too!" Aquarina agreed.

"And me, of course." I said.

I had already detected it even before getting here.

I merely ran to where the core was, rushing over the stone path, which shaped as piercing spikes whenever I got too closer, the golem was trying to distract me.

However, it was already late.

His fate was decided by a single slash of my newly evolved Living Sword with her Stone Breaker Skill.

SLAAASH!

CRACK!

At the same time as that golem core shattered, Zack and Aquarina's attacks shattered the last two other golem cores, finally stopping the golem's movements.

"GRAAAAAH!"

A bright light emerged from the golem's chest, as it gave its last roar, and then, it began crumbling apart, falling over the floor into a pile of stone.

BAAAM!

As the golem crumbled, we finally achieved tranquility and peace, even if only for a little bit. I sat down over the pile of stones while looking at my surroundings, at the same time as I glanced at the EXP I got...

Ding!

[You and your party defeated the [Ruined Treasure Golem (Tier 5: Rank 1)] x1!]

[You earned 70000 EXP]

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

[Scarlet] Level has increased from Level 10 to Level 12!]

[Scarlet] Stats have increased!]

"And done... Finally... Finally done, uegh..." Aquarina cried, getting into the floor and gasping for air. "Gosh that thing was sure a pain in the butt!"

"A big boss after another, fate sure doesn't take kindly of our existences." Nephi said, quickly bringing some drinks to everyone. "Here, this is a mix of medicinal herbs that can heal exhaustion and muscle pain."

"Thank you Nephi." Zack sighed.

"Thanks a lot!" Aquarina drank it.

"Thanks, did you made this yourself?" I asked her.

"Yeah, I've been foraging for herbs on our way here and made something up with the Alchemy I've seen the young lady practice. The meld is quite simple but I hope it can relieve your exhaustion." Nephi said. "I've imbued my own restorative magic into it as well."

"Let's see..." I drank the herbal mix, and it was rather bitter, but not so bad. It had a magical infusion to it and worked as a nice Stamina Potion as well!

Ahhh~ And it made me feel so nice, it had painkilling herbs in them because the pain in my shoulders I feel when I unleash powerful sword slashes was completely gone. My father says that once I grow strong enough I won't feel any more muscle pain when going all out... But how long that's going to take me?

"It's pretty good, well done!" I said to Nephi. "You've got the knack as an herbalist, Nephi!"

"Herbalist... Me?" Nephi wondered, feeling slightly embarrassed.

"Yeah, not even Sylphy is as attentive as you, she was just concentrated into mining spirit stones." Laughed Aquarina.

"True, you've definitely got a talent." Zack said.

"Hmm, that's right. If you were able to blend these herbs in just these last hours, that's certainly talented, especially without proper tools and all of that, out of your own sheer talent and magic." Celeste added.

"And that's pretty amazing already!" I said with a smile.

"You're exaggerating..." Nephi said while feeling more embarrassed.

"Well, anyways, are we opening the chest or not?" Aquarina was already at the side of the treasure chest. "Six Tier 4 Monsters and one Tier 5 Monster, whatever this chest has gotta be something big or I'm quitting this."

"Alright, let's open it and see what's up then." I said, as we quickly walked towards the treasure chest and opened it at long last.

Creeaaak...!

The Treasure Chest finally opened, and from within... something resembling a little statue showed up. The statue was blue and gold and was in the shape of some sort of mermaid, it really resembled the goddess I remember seeing back then, the mermaid goddesses whose names I don't even remember anymore.

"This is... some sort of little statue?" Asked Aquarina.

"Huhh... I never saw something like this before." Said Zack.

"Weird..." I said.

"Has this treasure chest even been reported to the adventurer's guild?" Asked Celeste.

"No this Dungeon is not one of those special Dungeons Modified by the Ancient Archwizard, so it is a very simplistic and rudimentary one." I said. "In fact it's also an Ancient Ruin from the Age of the Gods. There are tons of these around. It transformed in a dungeon through Miasmatic Infection over many years, but it doesn't produce as many monsters as the new age Dungeon that many explore in the Human Continent. Atlanta, a continent where the Gods once made their home, is filled with these types of "Ancient Ruin Dungeons"." I explained.

"Interesting... So this could be a first time found treasure, but what the heck is it even?" Wondered Aquarina.

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As we glanced at the statue, I suddenly noticed Nephi's face, it was filled with a slight amount of discomfort, as if she was feeling something by staring at this small statue made of gold and others stranger materials.

And when I took a peek at it with my Divine Eyes...

Ding!

[The Level of [Heavenly Eyes] is not enough to fully display the item's information.]

[Monolith of the Sea Nymphs (??? Grade)]

A Special Monolith made by the Gods long ago, in the Age of the Gods. It contains an unseen Divine Power, and it is the Key to the Ruins of the Nymphs, opening the Path towards its Depths.

It was made using a mixture of Orichalcum and the Soul Fragments of Nymphs. As one of the Divine Monoliths, it can activate the true power of Divine Artifacts, imbuing into them the Element of Water.

A special Divine Artifact? So something like Nephi in a way... Though it is used on other Divine Artifacts? Now that's weird. Wait... Nephi could use it, maybe?

"I've used my Heavenly Eyes..." I said, quickly giving everyone the brief description I got.

"Wait, what?! This is big!" Zack said.

"A Divine Artifact!" Celeste reacted.

"Amazing... To think we could find this in our first dungeon trip!" Zephy said in surprise.

"It has the Soul Fragments of the Nymph Goddesses?" Aquarina wondered. "And it can enchant other Divine Artifacts, like swords or other items? But how did they use this? And... is this the Gods treasures?"

"We are most likely the first ones to find this treasure, and it has indescribable value as well, if its really a Divine Artifact..." Aquarina suddenly touched the artifact, as the monolith reacted to her.

"Wait, Aquarina!" I tried to stop her, but light covered my eyes.

FLAAAAASSSHH!!!

An enormous flash of bright blue light engulfed all of us, including Aquarina.

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When I opened my eyes again, I found myself within the depths of the sea. Wherever I glanced, there were beautiful coral reefs, large forests of algae, schools of colorful fishes swimming everywhere... Is this a dream?

As I continued gazing my surroundings, I found everyone else here, they were with me. We were all startled at what we were seeing, it felt like a living dream.

"We are... in the depths of the ocean?" Zack asked.

"No, this place is... it's something else." Aquarina said.

Suddenly, a crest shaped as a trident began shining brightly in her left hand, this was... something related with her Divine Protection, most likely. The light of her crest quickly began to influence our visions, as the things slowly started to change, moving forward to a different vision. It felt like a projection.

We saw an enormous white castle in the middle of the sea, beautiful yet strange looking, "futuristic" as Alice would call it. The place resembled a construct of the gods. Inside of this beautiful castle, we found a large amount of people and animals living together.

They all looked like Aquatic Anima, with fish-like parts. They swam around bringing all sorts of materials and items, serving larger and more majestic people, similar to them, yet with a different air of majesty.

Within this group of people, we saw three beautiful mermaids, these were the Nereid Goddesses in person too. The same ones I remember seeing long ago, which have also given their Divine Protection to Aquarina.

"Lady Amatheia, the preparations are soon to be complete!" A merman said.

"Lady Amphinome, the Treasure Vault is almost empty of Materials..." Sighed a mermaid.

"Will this truly work, Lady Amphithoe?" Asked a second merman.

The three sisters looked at one another, sighing.

"You're merely creations made to serve us, children. Please do not doubt what we're doing." Sighed Amatheia rudely.

"Amatheia, don't be so rude, they're simply concerned." Sighed Amphinome.

"If everything goes alright, we'll be able to gather the Essence of the Sea, perhaps this way, we will have a higher chance at winning against the Demon King and reclaim the rest of the seas, which our Father owns..." Amphinome said.

As they said that, all of us felt speechless.

"Wait, those three are goddesses?" Zack asked.

"Did they said the Aquatic Anima, the Mermen and Mermaids... They were just made to serve the Gods of the seas? Perhaps humans and even elves... Do we descend from slaves?" I wondered, being revealed such a truth, it made me felt slightly... well, it made me hate the gods a bit more now.

"I don't know but... Those three, they're the trio of nereid goddesses... They're acting way too serious though, I only remember them as cheerful a slightly childish..." Aquarina said.

"How odd, what is this leading us to?" Celeste asked.

The visions slowly changed, as we found ourselves watching a ritual in the depths of these seas, inside a large temple room, the three goddesses gathered around a giant monolith containing a Primordial Power, a small drop of what was called Essence of the Sea.

"Extracted from the Primordial Sea Core, this Planet is truly filled with many treasures." Sighed Amphinome.

"What a beautiful sight... If this truly works, we might even be able to rise into Great Goddesses." Said Amatheia.

"But if it doesn't work... It would bring our dooms." Sighed Amphithoe.

The three Nereid Goddesses gathered their power together, as shining lights emerged from their chests, at the same time, over a hundred Mermen and Mermaids maintained a massive Magic Circle using all their magic.

"For the Nereids! Aghh!"

"For our Goddesses triumph! Ungh!"

"I give my life for my mothers! Gyaagh!"

"Uunnggh...! For... the Nereid Goddesses...!"

The more their divine light fused with this drop of Essence of the Sea, the more mermen and mermaid dropped into the floor and began floating lifelessly, as their mana and life force were completely emptied by the magic circle.

What... what the heck is this?!

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I didn't understand what exactly was going on... But these three goddesses, which I only remember as acting childish and nice were sacrificing all these people so this magic circle could work properly?! And the worst part was that they were happily sacrificing themselves as well!

"They're dying too soon, it is not enough!"

"We'll simply have to hurry."

"We can't help it, let's use our souls as well...!"

The trio quickly decided to use their very souls for the creation of this Divine Artifact after seeing how all the "sacrifices" were perishing very soon and out of the blue. Their souls emerged out of their bodies, resembling shining pieces of ice.

The souls quickly began cracking, and then, three small fragments, from each one of them emerged one after the other, flying into the drop of Essence of Sea, and converging with it. The Mana coming from the magic circle flew into the convergence, and so did their divine powers.

FLAAASH!

And then, the item in question, the very one we have just found... was born. It resembled a beautiful statue of either of the three Nereids, and shone brightly. All three of them suddenly dropped to their knees, gasping for air.

"Hahhh... W-We did it!"

"My soul... it hurts...! Ungh..."

"W-We barely managed to but..."

"Hahhh... My life force... its draining away so rapidly..."

"What is this... a curse? What is... going on?!"

"AAAGGGH!"

The nereids screamed in agony as they felt like a large piece of themselves was lost. We saw this scene almost in horror. And when they finally woke up, they felt... strange. Almost childish, they started laughing more, and being more cheerful. The item they just made was left behind, and a Merman saved it inside a treasure chest in the depths of the castle, guarded by golems.

Is this... the origin of the Nereid's mental state? And the Gods never helped them either. What? Maybe they didn't know they did all of this or something? I sure hope that's the case, it would be weird they wouldn't help them out of just... spite.

When the vision ended, everything went back to normal and we found ourselves in the room. Aquarina quickly dropped the monolith into the ground, feeling afraid of such a strange artifact.

"So this entire Dungeon, or the ruins where the Dungeon showed up... They're the ancient castle of the Nereid Goddesses?" Wondered Aquarina, feeling utterly shocked by the news.

"More or less, yeah." I said while nodding, as I analyzed the entire situation. "Now that we know this... I guess that's that. Not like we can do anything about it."

"Ah, I prefer them as they are now... To think they were so cold they sacrificed the lives of innocents just to make this thing..." Celeste said. "But even then, that item... It has a lot of power."

"Yeah, we have to be careful with it..." I said while analyzing it from afar. "Maybe giving it to our parents would be better idea."

"I-I don't know about that..." Sighed Aquarina. "What if they get attacked by this thing? It's a dangerous item..."

"Well, it's not like we can give up on it now that we have it, Aquarina." I answered. "The best we can do now is keep exploring the dungeon and then see what we can do later. We've still got a quest to do."

"Right..." Aquarina sighed, feeling slightly affected.

I felt bad by being harsh with her, so I quickly hugged her back.

"Are you okay?"

"Y-Yeah... I was just a bit shocked. It was merely a glimpse, but was this how the gods were really? and how... they just designed us to be their slaves?"

"I... I can't really tell you if that's how all of them area, but maybe that was how the majority could had been, or still is... It still all a mystery."

"This was a bit horrifying, to be honest." Said Mist. "But that description you gave us, Sylphy... it said something about this monolith being a key or something, right?"

"Yeah, it is some sort of key, to something. And it can also react with other divine artifacts. Those Nereids made it so it could be used as a weapon, most likely referring to the first Demon King, the monster that was created by the World itself to fend off the invading Gods, or so is what I think it might be." I sighed.

"Heh, I guess the argument those cultists often used doesn't seem to matter as much, even humans, elves, anima.. Everyone was just made to be slaves. We demons might had been made from the first demon king's corpse, but aren't we lost children as well? The same as the other races..." Celeste sighed. "The more I think about it, the more pointless the fights, wars, and enmity feels to me."

"A slave race..." I sighed. "I wonder if mom and dad know this truth?"

"Perhaps..." Said Celeste. "I can understand if they didn't wanted to tell you this part of history, it is rather irrelevant to our mostly peaceful daily lives."

"Well I'll ask mom and dad after we're done here... For now, how about we continue? I can sense a large gust of winds coming from afar, probably coming from the staircase to the floor 2!" Said Aquarina.

"Yeah, let's go for now." I nodded, quickly wandering back into the caves with everyone else, careful of traps, of course.

I ended storing the artifact inside of the Dimensional Bag. It seemed to react to Mana, whoever grabs it and imbues Mana into it might attain greater water attribute magic power, or something like that.

Nephi seemed rather afraid of the item, as if she didn't wanted to touch it for some reason, but I decided to not pursue the issue with her, as I didn't knew exactly how she felt about the whole situation.

But still, she worried me a little bit.

Maybe seeing these visions of her ancient masters and creators has given her some sort of PTSD...

"How many floors does this dungeon has?" Wondered Celica.

"Three." I said. "And- Oh, the stairs!"

We quickly ran towards the stairs, which finally showed up at the end of a corridor.

RUMBLE!

However, in the last moment, something began moving, trying to stop our path!

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In front of us there was a large amount of corals and stones everywhere it was a rocky and rough path towards the stairs, but it seemed mostly untouched. Once we got there we could advance to the second floor, and then the third and last one.

Yeah, of course that's what I thought it would happen... But nope.

RUMBLE!

The stones, corals, and everything began to move, we suddenly discovered they were not just a beautiful scenery, but they were all part of a big, and larger being. A monster made of stone and colorful corals, moss and algae growing all over.

"GRUOOOHHHH!"

It was yet ANOTHER golem! And this one was also Tier 5!

Merely analyzing it, I quickly learned it was a [Coral Stone Golem], a Tier 5 Rank 5 Monster. I've heard about this guy from the adventurer guild already. They call this the "guardian of the first floor".

Not everyone is Tier 5 of course, so the way to defeat this thing is by ganging on it with many strong people, minimum Tier of 3 in Physique and Magic Circle at least. Our citizens are vastly stronger though, unlike the normal humans, normal elves usually are between Tier 3 to 4.

A group of around ten of them comes here sometimes to pickup materials and hunt for monsters for their valuable meat and magic crystals, and they can easily get down to the last boss of this place.

However, it was often reported this boss sometimes didn't spawned, it takes a few days to appear again once defeated, but I guess the little guy revived faster than normal.

Well calling it little guy is a bit of a stretch, this thing was a giant golem of over fifteen meters, it was bigger and more terrifying than the previous big guy we killed.

Its hands were covered on colorful corals, and its whole head was a big coral as well. It was completely covered on corals, I guess that justifies the name enough.

"Damn it, another Boss?! Alright after this we're taking a break!" Zack said while sighing.

"It's a Dungeon, what did you expect?" Sighed Aquarina. "Sylphy, are you feeling alright? Can you fight?"

"Yeah I can! Don't worry about me." I reassured Aquarina and Zack, looking at the monster in front of us. "Let's take down this coral golem."

Ding!

[A Special [Chain Quest] has been generated: [Defeat the Guardian of the Dungeon's Floor 1, the Coral Golem!]

[You have made it till the end of the first Floor of the dungeon and standing in front of your Party's path is a ferocious and dangerous opponent, a titan made of stone and corals, and with a powerful physical strength and defense, the fearsome Coral Golem makes its appearance! Defeat it so you can advance further into the Dungeon and finally obtain the necessary materials for the items you want to make for the Aquatic Anima back at Agarth! Make sure to not lower your guard, this is not a foe you can take on leisurely!]

[Completion Rewards: [100000 EXP] [50000 Shared EXP] [Muscle Strengthening Herb (D Grade)] x3
[Random Skill Proficiency Potion (D Grade)] x1 [???] x1!]

[Time Limit: 1 Hour]

[Complete this Quest under half of the Time Limit to obtain a Mysterious Bonus Reward!]

Oh, Muscle Strengthening Herbs and Random Skill Proficiency Potion at D Grade! That's an upgrade from E Grade... Is this because this guy's a dangerous and powerful Boss? Alright, with such rewards in front of me, it's kind of hard to mess around.

Ding!

[You have Temporarily modified your 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]: [10290000/%4g3#]

[Class]: [Farmer] -> [Stone Shattering Blade Warrior]

[Subclass]: [Alchemist] -> [Lightning Magic Swordsman]

[HP]: [10/10]

[MP]: [20/20]

[Strength]: [4] -> [154]

[Defense]: [3]

[Magic]: [50]

[Resistance]: [10]

[Agility]: [6] -> [76]

[Luck]: [-10]

[Charm]: [20] -> [-200]

[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]

[The Effects of [Class]: [Stone Shattering Blade Warrior] have been activated!]

[Damage Dealt Against Stone-type Monsters or any type of Stone is increased by +200%. Penetration Damage increased, being able to ignore -30% of the target's defenses.]

[Attacks generate more cracks on the foe.]

[The Effects of [Subclass]: [Lightning Magic Swordsman] have been activated!]

[Sword Damage Dealt can now become Lighting Element.]

[Lightning Damage Dealt increases by +100%. Enhanced electricity conductivity on targets. Lightning can deal damage per second at higher speed and attack power.]

This should be more than enough! With this I already felt strong enough, but I can feel even stronger once I go all out. Especially with the new Job Class and Subclasses Effects.

FLAAASH!

This time I won't ask for Zack's spell, my sword can very well enchant itself with lightning as well! The moment I modified my stats to get these Class and Subclass, my sword began generating lightning naturally. The power of Classes and Subclasses was sure convenient in this situation.

But even with this, unlike Zack's natural affinity, my lightning wasn't as potent, but it was good enough anyways. Meanwhile, I looked behind me, seeing Zephy hiding behind Nephi. Celeste, Celica, and Mist formed their own squad which attacked in the distance and protected Zephy and Nephi as well, while the three of us with Zack and Aquarina often charged forwards.

"GRUOOOH!"

BAAAM!

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"GRUOOOHH!"

The giant Coral Golem advanced rapidly, its enormous fists falling over the ground as it tried to sluggishly catch us. It was big and slow, so it wasn't hard to evade its hits. It seemed to have a simple pattern of advancing and following one of us, which then would result in more fist attacks.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

TRUUUM!

The ground shook as the golem's fist hit the ground once more, larger shockwaves than before emerged, accompanied by magic that generated powerful waves of water.

SPLAAASH!

"This thing's slow but we can't get near it so easily..." Said Aquarina. "Every time I begin climbing it, the golem unleashes that attack, I cannot control that water properly either."

"GRUOOH!"

"Watch out!" Zack said, as all three of us jumped away.

The golem's fist suddenly began flowing with oceanic water currents, increasing their speed as they fell like meteors over the ground.

BAAM! BAAM! BAAM!

The enormous fists carried with them powerful shockwaves, shaking the surroundings wildly. The rest of the place remained still, but from within the ceiling, large stalactites began falling, like natural spears formed from rock growth.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

Nephi, Celica, Celeste, and Mist intercepted them, while firing magic attacks from afar against the Coral Golem. We did the same thing, going as far as firing lightning slashes using my sword, but that didn't really do as much. To break that thing, I had to get closer.

BAAAM! BAAAM! BAAAM!

The ground continued shaking as the Coral Golem got fiercer. Aquarina rushed forward as she ended getting desperate to fight this thing and end it. She unleashed the largest amount of Mana I had seen her conjure as her two spirits gathered around her, imbuing her with their Ice and Water elements.

Gigantic spears made of ice emerged out of thin air, pointing at the Coral Golem from afar. Aquarina smiled as she unleashed dozens of spears, the Golem detected them, however. It quickly swung its arms, intercepting and breaking most blows with ease, only for Aquarina to suddenly emerge behind it, unleashing a devastating downpour of high-pressure water,

SPLAAASH!

"GRUOOH!"

The Coral Golem roared, as a part of its body began crumbling, only for more corals to grow in the wounds. It suddenly kicked the ground with its foot, shaking it and then manipulating it with earth magic, conjuring enormous rock spears, aiming at Aquarina!

CRAAASH!

However, just in that moment, as Aquarina evaded, I attacked! Reaching the Coral Golem's head, I unleashed my strongest blow utilizing this new lightning-related Subclass and with the combination of the first Class's effects.

"Thunder Blade Arts: [Lightning Slash]!"

SLAAAASSSHHH!!!

"GRUUOOOHHHHH!"

The Coral Golem roared in agony, falling into the ground and glaring at me dreadfully as a part of its head and half its torso were... completely gone!

BAAAM!

Its body fell into the ground, crumbling apart rapidly! Without wasting a single other second, we rushed to kill it. Zack and Aquarina combined their attacks, lightning, winds, ice, and water, while Celeste arrived, pointing her spear at the Coral Golem from above and firing a powerful beam of darkness right into its chest!

BOOOOOOMMMM!!!

CRAASH!

The combination of elements ganging over the golem was utterly superb, and as that was happening, I jumped into battle once more, with everyone's opening, I pierced through the golem's chest, its resistance ended giving me a few good blows, but I went through them, piercing through its hard as steel Golem Core!

CRAAAAASSSSHHHH!!!

TRUUUUMMM...!

The crystal golem core began shining brightly as it received damage, the entire golem's body started crumbling apart as well, it was defeated! That took longer than I would had wanted though, it loved to stall for time doing that same pattern.

Ding!

[You and your Party defeated [Stone Coral Golem (Tier 5 Rank 7)] x1!]

[You earned 100000 EXP!]

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

[Scarlet] Level has increased from Level 12 to Level 14!]

[Scarlet] Stats have increased!]

FLUOSH!

I saw Scarlet glowing brighter as she gained more stats, her power slowly beginning to rise. This was the amazing thing about System Seeds, it could help even things that couldn't, evolve and grow even stronger. It opens a path for endless growth!

And... did I do it? I couldn't count the time right, but did I manage to complete the quest in less than thirty minutes? It sure felt longer...

Ding!

[You Completed The Special [Chain Quest]: [Defeat the Guardian of the Dungeon's Floor 1, the Coral Golem!]

[Congratulations! With the Guardian of Floor 1 gone, not only have you gained a generous amount of EXP, but you've been able to open the path towards Floor 2! You're only two more Floors before reaching the Fishman King's Castle! Do not give up!]

[Your Rewards have been increased due to completing the Quest in less than thirty minutes. Total Time: 29 Minutes, 34 Seconds.]

[Completion Rewards: [200000 EXP] [100000 Shared EXP] [Muscle Strengthening Herb (D Grade)] x4
[Random Skill Proficiency Potion (D Grade)] x2 [Coral Golem's Shield (D Grade)] x1!]

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

[Scarlet] Level has increased from Level 14 to Level 16!]

[Scarlet] Stats have increased!]

[Scarlet] Learned the [Lightning Blade: Lv1] Skill!]

[Lightning Blade: Lv1]

By imbuing Mana into the Sword, powerful electricity of incredible potency will emerge, which become stronger based in the current Lightning, Wind, or Light Element Runes of the wielder's Magic Circle. This electricity 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 Lightning can change into different types of Thunder.

[Your Status has returned to normal.]

Wait, what?! No, I am not surprised over the better rewards, that's pretty nice and all, but what I am surprised of is that somehow Scarlet acquired a Lightning Blade Skill? Even though that wasn't even her primary element.

Is this because she absorbed my own lightning? Now this is pretty unique...

Chapter 636 Having A Seafood Feast In The Dungeon

D i n g!

[You Completed The Special [Chain Quest]: [Defeat the Guardian of the Dungeon's Floor 1, the Coral Golem!]

[Congratulations! With the Guardian of Floor 1 gone, not only have you gained a generous amount of EXP, but you've been able to open the path towards Floor 2! You're only two more Floors before reaching the Fishman King's Castle! Do not give up!]

[Your Rewards have been increased due to completing the Quest in less than thirty minutes. Total Time: 29 Minutes, 34 Seconds.]

[Completion Rewards: [200000 EXP] [100000 Shared EXP] [Muscle Strengthening Herb (D Grade)] x4 [Random Skill Proficiency Potion (D Grade)] x2 [Coral Golem's Shield (D Grade)] x1!]

Phew, I barely completed it! Only a few seconds more and I would had lost that sweet bonus to the rewards. And what the heck is a coral golem shield? Did the quest just gifted me a piece of equipment? Now that's new... I got a lot of EXP as well, this coupled with the golem is a total of 300k. I'm earning EXP in buckets nowadays.

Stronger monsters surely give nice amounts of EXP, with this Scarlet leveled pretty fast and now she's level 16, just as the System was showing me right about now...

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

[Scarlet] Level has increased from Level 14 to Level 16!]

[Scarlet] Stats have increased!

[Scarlet] Learned the [Lightning Blade: Lv1] Skill!

[Lightning Blade: Lv1]

By imbuing Mana into the Sword, powerful electricity of incredible potency will emerge, which become stronger based in the current Lightning, Wind, or Light Element Runes of the wielder's Magic Circle. This electricity 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 Lightning can change into different types of Thunder.

And yeah, she got that one Skill in question. It sounds very similar to Blazing Sword, and it does literally the same but with the Lightning Element. However, I am pretty sure I could couple both Lightning Blade with Blazing Sword to obtain a powerful combined effect. That would end up being pretty amazing if I could even manage to do so.

Scarlet is shaping to be an amazing new Familiar- well, she's no really new, she's been with me ever since the beginning since I was a kid and my parents gifted her to me... Wait, doesn't she have dragon parts? Yet she hasn't manifested any draconic skill yet.

Well, analyzing how she got her skills, it seems based in the different ways I handle her or use special magic or abilities, she'll learn skills accordingly, sometimes, at least. So if I channel Ignatius power in the future into her blade, I could probably get a draconic skill? Maybe.

And if I channel Naturia... or Beelzebub, or even Curse? Maybe I should try out different combinations! But for now, that's that.

"PHEW!" Aquarina sighed, sitting over the floor. "Oh my god I want to eat! Ugh, so much fighting..."

"Golems... I don't want to meet golems anymore in my entire life..." Sighed Zack.

"They're sure a pain to deal with." Celeste agreed.

"I'm feeling kinda hungry, but we didn't catch any food, we only fought golems in here." Mist said.

"Don't worry about it, don't you remember the big crab we killed when we were about to enter the dungeon? Well, it still there waiting to be boiled." I said with a smile. "How about a second serving of crab, everyone?"

"Alright!"

Like that, using steam, we began to quickly boil the giant crab. Well, it was too big even with all our hunger we wouldn't be able to eat it all, so I just cut down a few legs and a gigantic meaty claw and started cooking it with tons of steam. Meanwhile, I started purposely activating traps and catching the fish inside.

These piranha fishes were obviously edible, and I caught a few dozen of them, plus some Scissor Crabs, which were big crabs with scissor-shaped claws and big, beady eyes. They emerged off another types of traps, which were all pitfalls.

The Piranhas are supposed to eat you alive, and the scissor crabs would cut you down to tiny pieces. They're certainly creative traps that would bring unaware people to their eternal doom, yeah. However, despite their deadliness, they were still just animals, too small to even fight like monsters aside from their instant attack power they get if you fall into their pit.

"Ah, those are the piranha fishes! You brought them here?" Asked Zack.

"Yeah I had considered it, but they could be totally cooked and eaten!" Mist said.

"And those tiny crabs with sharp claws... They look interesting as well." Celeste said.

"Yep, let's make these guys roasted, they're tiny enough we could probably eat them whole." I smiled.

Like that, after a few minutes, our midday meal was done. The enormous crab's claws were gigantic, once we broke them, a massive, three-meter big chunk of white and shiny meat emerged from its shell's cracks, like a hidden treasure.

"Oooh! So big and fluffy looking! I want! Let me give it a big bite!" Mist jumped into the claw, but was quickly stopped by Celeste.

"Don't be like this now." She sighed. "Sylphy, can you serve everyone?"

"Sure! There's a ton here! You guys come out to eat too!" I quickly called my familiars, as the familiars of everyone else also emerged, all of them came to enjoy the massive amount of food.

The meat of the Giant Crab was incredibly tasty, soft, fluffy, even creamy. The more I ate the more I felt like I was in heaven, crab heaven! And the Piranha fish meat was more flavorful than I thought, with some salt and sauce, it ended being surprisingly good. And lastly, the tiny Scissor Crabs, once completely roasted, were like small crunchy snacks.

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The entire meal took us a bit over twenty minutes to finish, mostly because we were enjoying ourselves way too much. When we finally finished, we were all satisfied, even my belly grew a bit bigger because I ate too much... But we couldn't help it, there's nothing better than a nice meal after working so hard.

"Hahh... My Mana has recovered rather quickly." Nephi said. "The last fight against this crab ended emptying most of my Mana..."

"Eh?! Why didn't you told me that?" I asked her.

"Sorry, I didn't want to bother Lady Sylphy..." Sighed Nephi. "You've used your Mana so much already, wouldn't it be bothersome if you used it even more with me?"

"What are you talking about? I would happily do so! I've got plenty of Mana, don't worry. In fact, it pretty much never runs out. Everyone knows this, hasn't my parents told you?" I asked her.

"Err... well, not really..." She sighed. "I am worried as well, wouldn't it hurt you to give me more Mana?"

"Don't worry about it, a little amount of pain is nothing anyways." I smiled back, touching her shoulder and infusing my Mana into her, refilling her Mana Core in an instant.

FLAAASH!

"Ahhh... This endlessly flowing Mana... It is just like the first time we meet." Nephi sighed. "Thank you, Young lady."

"Don't worry about it, if you ever need more just ask me." I smiled back.

However, I quickly sensed an ominous presence... Aquarina was staring at the two of us with her eyes glowing red... she had an ominous, shadow aura coming from her body as well.

"You two are pretty close... And so fast since you meet..." She started saying.

"H-Hey, Aquarina... I think you're misunderstanding something..." I sighed.

"I-I am not... I haven't said anything..." Aquarina looked elsewhere, pretending that she wasn't annoyed or something.

"Did I said something wrong?" Nephi seemed worried.

"Don't worry about her, she's a bit grumpy." I sighed. "Anyways everyone, we should get going, onwards to Floor 2!"

"Alright!"

Like that, we packed all our things and we made our way to Floor 2. At the same time, I quickly began feeding stuff to Scarlet to see what works and what not.

I tried giving her another Fire Spirit Stone, Water Spirit Stone, and then Golem Cores, the Golem Stones, Corals, and even the metal the tridents were made of.

Ding!

[Scarlet] has absorbed [Fire Spirit Stone]!

[Scarlet] MP has increased by +20]

[Scarlet] Magic has increased by +20]

[Scarlet] Cannot absorb more power from this type of material, try something of higher quality, or different!]

Ding!

[Scarlet] has absorbed [Water Spirit Stone]!

[Scarlet] MP has increased by +1]

[Scarlet] Magic has increased by +1]

[Scarlet] Cannot absorb more power from this type of material, try something of higher quality, or different!]

Ding!

[Scarlet] has absorbed [Guardian Statue Golem Core Shards]!]

[Scarlet] Defense has increased by +30]

[Scarlet] Resistance has increased by +20]

[Scarlet] Cannot absorb more power from this type of material, try something of higher quality, or different!]

Ding!

[Scarlet] has absorbed [Sea Gold Trident]!]

[Scarlet] Strength has increased by +90]

[Scarlet] Defense has increased by +50]

[Scarlet] Agility has increased by +40]

[Scarlet] Learned the [Sea Blade: Lv1] Skill!!

[Scarlet] Cannot absorb more power from this type of material, try something of higher quality, or different!

[Sea Blade: Lv1]

By imbuing Mana into the Sword, powerful oceanic water of incredible potency will emerge, which become stronger based in the current Water and Ice Element Runes of the wielder's Magic Circle. This water 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 Water can change into different types of Water.

Oh, a Water Element version of the Blazing Sword Skill! Nice, that trident seemed pretty powerful, but it seems only one was enough for her... Even then, she got a Skill that wasn't even compatible with her. Nonetheless, she got tons of bonus stats. I think she might have the highest amount of stats compared to everyone else...

But she's the sword I always use, so that's for the better. Also her HP is pretty much her durability, it would be better if she's left with a large amount of that at all times, she might shatter into pieces if it reaches zero after all. The stronger she gets, the stronger my weapon becomes.

"Woah, you've been feeding your sword a ton of weird stuff, Sylphy! What's up with that?" Mist peeked over at what I was doing.

"As I said, my sword seems to have gotten... stranger. And hungrier too." I said while sighing. "I guess it got cursed or something, oops."

"It might be something related with it being cursed, yes." Said Celeste. "I heard it was made with True Demon Materials, right? Maybe it gained some sort of "natural" curse within."

"Yeah, let's leave it at that, I don't really have any idea. But it seems to gain power as it feeds on materials. I wonder if I can feed her equipment though..." I said while wondering that.

Come to think of it, this also reminds me of Cursed Equipment as a whole, that sort of equipment that has amazing benefits but terrible backlashes sometimes. I had considered how they wouldn't even affect me because poison cannot kill me, nor they can drain my MP or HP until I die, or anything of the sort.

Maybe I should begin gathering Cursed Equipment... I've heard it is sometimes found in Ruin Dungeons around the place, "failed" creations of the gods. This continent is quite famous for these pieces of equipment.

Perhaps I am the only person in this whole world that could put them into good use and not be affected by their terrifying side effects as much, if not at all... But for now, I should concentrate in the present.

Chapter 638 Already Spilled The Beans

After having made our way to the end of Floor 1, we defeated the powerful Tier 5 Coral Golem and we swiftly decided to make our way to Floor 2 after taking a break. Aquarina had been acting a bit jealous lately. I have grown rather immune to her at this point, she's still a bit insecure of herself, maybe. I may have to make her feel more loved to reassure her. It is rather weird to get jealous of Nephi, who seems completely devoid of romantic interest at all though.

However, through our break I managed to smooth her a bit more, but she was still slightly grumpy... Honestly, she's the cutest when she's all grumpy, it makes me want to pinch her cheeks a bit and pet her head... But I should not do that or she'll only get more mad.

So... I've got the perfect thing for her, and it is tightly packed inside of my Dimensional Bag!

"Aquarina, are you still angry?" I wondered.

"Huh? A-Angry? Why would I be angry?" She said, trying to pretend she didn't acted jealous before.

"Heheh... I know you were a bit jelly before~" I giggled. "You can't really hide it from me~"

I began to whisper to her ear as she suddenly grew redder than a tomato.

"I-I didn't said anything... I was just... a bit worried, that's all..." She sighed. "Sorry if it was... weird, or you felt awkward."

"Its fine, well, it is nice that you apologized for it though. Here's a little gift." I said, giving her a pink-colored candy, it was the size of her fingertip, yet it was one of the candies she liked the most.

"Oooh! You made more of these!" She said happily.

"Yep!"

These were Vitality Cherry Candies, made with a special Cherry that enhanced vitality. They had an addictive sweet flavor to them which Aquarina loved a lot. However she also likes that they last a while, even when the candy's gone, there's a special gum inside which she can chew for over an hour.

"Nom!" She quickly ate it while happily smiling. "I thought there weren't anymore...!"

"I made some for you because I know you love them." I said back, giving her a head pat.

"Heheh... You always think about me Sylphy..." She smiled back.

"Well of course I do." I told her. "So don't go thinking weird things just because I am friendly with people, okay?"

Most of the time I always had her in the back of my head. I often researched and dedicated a lot of time in alchemy just so I could make her new things.

"Yeah..." Aquarina sighed. "I kind of get it now... I don't know why I get these fits sometimes. Whenever you think I'm acting a bit dummy, just tell me, okay?" She smiled back, holding my hand.

"Sure...!" I felt slightly happy as she seemed to have reconciled with me.

I guess what might be happening to her is just part of our adolescence, teenager hormones and all of that. I learned a bit about this from my Teacher back in my previous life. She often called us "horny teenagers", and always said "hormones makes you go insane, calm down!". For being an assassin, she knew a lot of stuff.

I never really asked her what she did before getting into her new profession, but we gossiped between her apprentices that she might had used to be something like an Alchemist, or a researcher of biology.

And well, thanks to Alice teaching me tons of stuff from Earth, including science, math, language, and other "common sense" things from there, I've enhanced my repertoire of knowledge, while also drawing in new ideas for the creations I make, such as the Vitality Cherry Candy, the gum wasn't something that existed in this world, but I got the idea once Alice showed me images of various candies and sweets from Earth within her vast database.

As I chatted with Aquarina while walking downstairs, I caught out friends behind gossiping about us. They were not even being subtle at all about it!

"Oh my, look at them now..." Celeste giggled. "They're literally just being lovey-dovey shamelessly."

"Heheheh..." Mist giggled. "They're cute together."

"Will they marry when they grow up?" Wondered Celica.

"I guess so? I don't know what else would they do." Zack sighed.

"Big sis is deeply in love... I saw them mooching the other day!" My little brother Zephy spilled the beans.

"You did?!" Asked Zack.

"So they're really making out, huh?" Celeste laughed.

"Oooh! That means they're going to marry now, right?" Mist said.

"A-A kiss... Mommy says that a lady cannot kiss someone that is not married with them... S-So I guess they will now..." Celica said.

Oh my gosh why are they have to be like this?! Also my little brother just spilled the beans like that! He didn't even hold back to our promise! Ugh, that little brat!

"S-Shut it already! I can hear you!" I roared back. "Concentrate... in what we're doing right now!" I was completely embarrassed. "Look, we're here now...!"

"R-Right!" Aquarina heard most of it too and she couldn't contain herself. She quickly let go of my hand in her attack of panic over such a tiny secret of ours being shared so shamelessly.

"Come on we're all friendsh here!" Mist said. "I always hoped you would end up together!"

"W-We're not together!" Aquarina said while blushing.

"Eh? We're not?" I asked a bit disheartened.

"I-I mean... Not yet..." She blushed a bit. "R-Right? Or do you... want to right away?"

"Ah... I-I..."

RUMBLE!

Before I could come out with an answer to such an unexpected proposition, the floor in front of us trembled. We quickly analyzed our surroundings, finding ourselves in the middle of a forest of enormous and colorful corals growing all the way into the ceiling! And hiding within the corals there were powerful presences approaching, by the dozens!

"SHAAAAAAH!"

Suddenly, a giant eel showed up, slithering around the coral forest, and hissing angrily!

That's a Tier 3 Giant Amphibious Eel!

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"SHAAAAAAH!"

Giant Amphibious Eel emerged! Their appearance was much like normal fresh water eels, long, black, and with yellow eyes. They had long gills and incredibly sharp teeth though, and they seemed to be incredibly aggressive and territorial, a whole family of them emerged the moment we stepped into the Coral Forest, the second floor of the Dungeon.

"How many of these guys are out there?!" Asked Aquarina in shock.

"T-There's probably... six of them? No, way more than six... seven, eight, nine! Ah, there's over ten already! Ugh, they're all slippery!" Celeste said. "Well not like it matters! [Darkness Spear]!"

Celeste was quick to act, quickly conjuring several spears made of darkness and launching them at the eels, the spears were strong, piercing through their slippery skin and exploding afterwards.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOOM!

"SHAAAAH!"

"GRUOOH!"

Two of the Eels were hurt the most, sustaining most of the damage as they jumped in front to attack and ended eating the hits. Their bodies were covered on wounds and began bleeding, their movements lethargic.

"Alright Scarlet!" I said, quickly jumping into action. I decided to try out my sword's newest abilities unleashing a large quantity of lightning from within the weapon through the [Lightning Blade: Lv1] Skill!

FLAAAASH!

Golden lightning erupted from the tip of my blade, as I jumped into midair by boosting my boots with mana to aid me in unleashing an easy [Air Jump] and then reaching up to the nearest Eel!

"I'm gonna have you for dinner! [Lightning Dragon Claw]!"

TRUUUMM...!

I merged the power of my Draconic Heart with the Lightning Element within the sword's skill, suddenly generating a giant dragon claw made of lightning, a new technique I had envisioned!

CLAAAASH!

The giant claw hit the eel in front of me furiously as I swung my sword, pushing it down and slicing it into several pieces at the same time!

CRAAAAASSSSHHH!!!

Not only the Tier 3 Eel was completely eliminated, but the attack I unleashed generated several shockwaves of electricity, which spread around the corpse and made the other eels move back in fear.

It seems these guys are not the electric type eels at all, and they rely more in their giant sizes and sharp jaws to get the job done... But wouldn't there be at least a magician between all of them?

"SHAAAHH!"

Another two Eels moved forward, slithering their way towards us, and trying to destroy the coral forest surrounding them with their long and muscular tails, shattering the sharp corals and throwing them at us like deadly projectiles!

"Agh damn it, they're not dumb, huh?!" Zack angrily said, quickly gathering his Mana into the tip of his two axes, as he unleashed a powerful gust of winds by swinging both of them at the same time. "[Storm Cross]!"

FLUOOOOOSH!

The enormous cross-shaped wind was unleashed, storming the surroundings, and easily reflecting the coral projectiles. The eels were attacked by the slicing winds mercilessly. Several of them taking heavy damage and several cuts over their bodies.

BAAAM!

Two eels fell after Zack's powerful attack, only for the other wounded ones to rush towards us. Suddenly, I noticed a larger figure behind them, a magical aura appeared from within the back of their group!

"Wait, something's there!" Aquarina said, as she just defeated one eel herself.

"GRAAAAH!"

A larger than normal eel roared behind the others. But this one was... different. Its scales were blue, and it had four green eyes, gills were larger, and it had... arms?! It had a pair of limbs with sharp claws. It did look like an eel, but way stronger and more menacing.

"That's no eel!" Said Ignatius, as he was supporting me with the rest of my Familiars. "That's a Sea Snake! They're usually Tier 4: Rank 10! I know them well because these bastards live everywhere in the water dragon territories, they're Dragon-type monster themselves, much like wyverns!"

"Is that Sea Snake commanding the Eels to attack us so recklessly then?!" I asked, as I evaded an enormous eel's jaw before Naturia summoned dozens of wooden spikes and fired her seed projectiles, killing the eel with her massive spam of abilities.

CLAAASH!

"Most likely, usually dragon-type monsters have monster-controlling Abilities, other monsters within our element simply tend to obey us due to our [Dragon's Authority]! Heh, aren't we awesome?!" He laughed in his small fire dragon body floating in midair.

"I don't think that's something we should praise right now!" Alice reprimanded him, as she unleashed several smaller beams of light from within her little body, piercing through the body of yet another eel coming from above me, killing it on the spot.

BAAAAM!

"SHAAAAH!"

And just as those two eels fell, another one came straight towards me, opening its jaws fiercely to devour me whole.

"[Heavenly Sun]"

FLUOOSH!

An enormous sphere of flames emerged in the tip of my right hand index finger, as I fueled it with my Dragon Power and Ignatius Spirit Flames, alongside Ember, of course!

"[Draconic Inferno]!"

The flames shaped into a furious blazing dragon, attacking the eel's open jaws and entering the monster's body, which was over ten meters long!

"GRUOOOHHH...!"

BOOOOOOOOMMMMM!!!

The eel groaned in agony before exploding from the inside out into pieces. I ignored the spectacle, as I set my eyes into the slightly far away Sea Snake, which was conjuring magic of some kind. Several magic circles appeared around its enormous body, and then it called upon a large concentration of water, which then shaped as hundreds- no, thousands of spear-shaped projectiles!

"ROOOOOOAAAARRR!"

With a loud and angered roar, the Sea Snake mercilessly conjured thousands of spear-shaped water projectiles, launching them all against us at the same time! An enormous catastrophe fell from above!

"Defend! [Blazing Wall]!" I roared, conjuring my Blazing Wall Skill countless times without caring about the pressure it could put into my soul.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

Chapter 640 Shadow Embodiment

FLUOOOSH!

A Blazing Wall emerged in a split of a second, which I reinforced by fusing it with multiple Blazing Walls at the same time, I conjured the usually Tier 2 Spell over fifty times in just a few seconds, Mana flowing through my body almost endlessly!

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

The Water Projectiles were as powerful as Tier 4: Rank 10 Spells! It was almost Tier 5 in that sense. Aquarina could only protect us as much with her Water Control before the pressure and Mana spent overwhelmed her.

"Get behind me!" I called everyone.

"S-Sylphy! Let me handle this! I can control water!" Aquarina said.

"No, you can't just waste all your Mana into this!" I told her.

"But hold on! Isn't Fire the weakest element against Water?!" Asked Zack. "Also you surely don't have endless Mana either!"

"Just shut up and fight the eels- Ah, they're able to absorb water magic?!" I looked back at the Eels, they were not even affected by the Sea Snake's magic, and in fact, their wounds began to regenerate!

"ROOOOAR!"

The Sea Snake seemed to know we realized this, and roared back at us... as if mocking us.

"SHAAAAH!"

"SHAAAAARRRH!"

"SHYAAAA!"

Over eight Eels rushed at us, this time, the water conjured by their leader constantly regenerated their wounds. And as my Blazing Wall made the water projectiles explode, magic water rained everywhere, which healed them even further... And to make things worse, they became stronger too!

"RAAAAH!" Zack roared furiously, fighting two Eels at the same time. The two of them seemed way stronger, tanking his hits as his electricity and winds bounced from their bodies.

"W-What the-"

CLAAASH!

Zack was suddenly slammed into the floor by one of the eel's tails, as the other quickly came after him with its jaws wide open!

"ZACK! [Holy Light Arrows]!" Mist cried, quickly unleashing several arrows made of light against the eels, distracting them.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOOM!

"SHAAAAH!"

One of the eels quickly jumped towards her, smacking the floor with its own massive weight and making Mist to trip over the floor.

CLAAASH!

"HYAAAA!" Mist cried desperately, as she fell over the floor and began rolling.

"Mist!" Zack quickly caught her, just before the head of a eel almost ate her whole.

BAAAM!

The floor shattered into pieces, as Zack swiftly ran away, quickly calling his spirit to unleash lightning and winds concentrated together.

"[Lightning Storm]!!!"

TRUUUUUMMM...!

The enormous spell was conjured in a mere second thanks to the aid of his Spirit of Winds and Lightning, the eel was caught in the middle of a spiraling tornado of slicing winds and lightning. Although its enhanced defenses thanks to the Sea Snake were good, after being caught in Zack's attacks, it had too many attacks to tank and ended being slowly shredded.

"SHYAAA....!"

BAAAM!

It quickly perished, but there were seven more of them! Celeste and Celica were fighting together by utilizing their dark magic in conjunction with their spirits powers. Celica seemed to be gathering Mana into her Mister Teddy.

"Mister Teddy! Go All Out! [Beast Mode]!!!"

FLAAASH!

Her small plushie suddenly began glowing with pure darkness, growing in size up to six meters and then turning into a more feral-looking bear than the adorable teddy bear. It roared furiously, rushing towards the eels in front of him and slashing their slippery skin with his incredibly sharp claws.

"ROOOOOAAAARRR!"

SLAAASH! SLAAASH!

"SHYAAAH!"

The two eels struggled, their bites were easily tanked by Mister Teddy's soft and spongy body, and its claws easily ripped apart their scales and flesh. Meanwhile, Celeste utilized her own Cursed Weapon this time, flying around with Celica behind her, as she started to pierce the bodies of the eels' multiple times, inflicting weakening curses before blasting them.

"[Shadow Bomb]!"

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOOM!!!

Two eels fell after Celeste and Celica's efforts, but there were several more coming. Aquarina and my familiars were covering my back. She was utilizing her own Spirits as well as her Familiar, the adorable

Slime Pyuku, who bounced off several blows while attacking however he could, even when his magic, which he copied from eating magic stones from monsters, couldn't really damage these high tiered monsters buffed through the roof by a dragon-type mid boss monster.

"Resist there Sylphy!" Aquarina said, as she smiled. "If water's no use against you then...!"

Aquarina quickly began to gather darkness and shadows from within her chest, as her blue eyes suddenly turned red! This was a special characteristic of her father's family, not only their eyes would turn red once they exuded a strong bloodlust, but they would gain enhanced reflexes and speed as darker energies flowed across their bodies.

"This is something my father taught me these last years...! The innate power of the Darkage Bloodline. [Shadow Embodiment]!"

FLAAAASH!

Aquarina's entire body was shrouded in shadows, as she literally became shadows themselves, disappearing from her current possession in mere seconds and emerging right above one of the eels, her two specialized daggers resonating with her powers.

"[Shadow Weapon Resonance]...!"

CLAAASH! CLAAASH!

Her two daggers pierced the eel's eyes, as their enhancements helped them resist the damage a lot, but they still roared in agony! Shadows engulfed the wounds, exploding and damaging the monster's interior.

But that wasn't all...

Aquarina smiled evilly, as her eyes glowed bright red!

"[Reaper's Scythe]!"

SLAAAAASH!

Her two daggers suddenly fused with the shadows, transforming into an enormous scythe that sliced apart the eel from its inside, beheading the monster in a second!

BAAAM! BAAAAMMM!!!

The enormous eel fell into the floor, right after its head, making two loud noises.

"Aquarina's strong!!!" Zephy said, he was stuck to me and being protected by Nephi, Beelzebub, Furoh and Ignatius. He was in fact inside a barrier made by Alice and Nephi with their strong Light Attribute Magic.

"Zephy I am surprised you're so relaxed in the middle of this battle..." I sighed.

"Battle's amazing! I gain tons of insight!" He said, excited to fight, but knowing he didn't stand a chance against these overpowered critters.

"Amazing, I never knew Aquarina had this hidden power... Darkage Bloodline, huh?" Alice said while analyzing her battle while I tanked the Sea Snake's attacks by conjuring multitudes of Blazing Walls.

Indeed, her potential seemed quite endless.