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Chapter 831 Upgrading The Dungeon, Getting A Second Floor

[Your Dungeon has gained 350 EXP for placing two Facilities.]

[EXP: 1000/1000]

[Your Dungeon has Leveled up to Level 2!]

[A New Floor has become available!]

[EXP: 0/10000]

[Your Stats gained a Bonus of +1000 for becoming a Level 2 Dungeon Master.]

"You did this faster than I thought! I guess having a lot of EXP accumulated helped!" Said Alice.

"Yeah, though I could accelerate the process even more, I don't want to just dump all my EXP into the Dungeon alone." I said. "After all, it can be used to Level Up skills, create powerful items, make System Seeds, and so on...."

"You're right." Alice nodded.

Ding!

[The [Dungeon System] is wondering what theme you want your second dungeon floor to be? The available themes are the same as the ones from before.]

"Then this time let's make Labyrinthian Themed Dungeon Floor!" I said.

TRUUUM...!

Suddenly, stairs leading downstairs emerged before my eyes.

"Wow, fancy."

I walked downstairs, quickly finding out a small labyrinth emerged in front of my eyes. It was at least ten times as bigger as the first floor though.

"Damn, it is larger than the first floor." I wondered, looking around. "So how does this one works?"

[The [Dungeon System] explains that to make the Labyrinth-type Dungeon Develop, you must bring monsters that can be assimilated. Alive, if possible. Trap Devices are the same.]

[Of course, there are new Dungeon Facilities that will offer Monster Production and some basic Dungeon Trap Devices.]

"Interesting, I guess I can't do this one right away..." I said. "Let's see the shop at least, before I get out of here for now."

[Dungeon Facility Shop (Level 2)]

[Available Items: 3/3]

[Set of Trap Devices of Suffering (D+ Grade)] [Cost]: [2000 DE]

[Dungeon Slime Nest (D+ Grade)] [Cost]: [2500 DE]

[Dungeon Spider Nest (D+ Grade)] [Cost]: [3000 DE]

"Looks interesting..." I nodded. "I would need... A bit over seven million EXP to get everything approximately. And if I do, I can produce slimes and spiders as dungeon monster pets? That sounds kind of cool..."

"Ugh, fine, I can't resist!" I cried.

Ding!

[You have exchanged 7500000 EXP and Large Quantities Of Mana!]

[The Dungeon has absorbed the energy and generated 8850 Dungeon Energy!]

[You have purchased [Set of Trap Devices of Suffering (D+ Grade)] [Dungeon Slime Nest (D+ Grade)] and [Dungeon Spider Nest (D+ Grade)]!]

I placed the Devices around the Corridors, near the places I plan to open the Dungeon Gates, meanwhile, I put the Slime Nest to the northwest, while the Spider Nest to the southeast, like that, they're far away from one another and don't engage on fights as much.

I'll find some rats later and assimilate them into the dungeon with the remaining Dungeon Energy I get so I can create a proper food chain for them. I think you should take a look at

Ding!

[You have placed the [Set of Trap Devices of Suffering (D+ Grade)] around the Dungeon! Deadly traps emerge! Who will be unlucky enough to enter your dangerous dungeon now?]

[You have placed the [Dungeon Slime Nest (D+ Grade)] in your dungeon! Slimy and ferocious [Blue Slimes (Tier 1)], [Green Slimes (Tier 2)] and [Red Slimes (Tier 3)] are beginning to crawl around, seeking anything to eat!]

[You have placed the [Dungeon Spider Nest (D+ Grade)], a [Spider Queen (Tier 4)] is born, and is beginning to lay eggs by herself to create a small family of subjects such as [Black Spiders (Tier 2)] and [Giant Black Spiders (Tier 3)]...]

"Interesting... They are born almost instantaneously... This feels like I've become a summoner of sorts." I wondered, walking around the dungeon, the traps didn't work on me. "Oh, hello there."

I was suddenly greeted by a huge Red Slime wandering around, it timidly approached me as I petted it, and gave it some food, which it ate happily, and then, it began moving away.

I better not make any bond with these guys, I'll be pretty much using their lives as resources, so I can't harbor any deep feelings with them nor think of them as pets.

[Your Dungeon has gained 2500 EXP for placing three facilities and producing a large quantity of monsters.]

[EXP: 2500/10.000]

[Dungeon Energy is slowly being produced...]

[You gained +16 Dungeon Energy.]

[You gained +3 Dungeon Energy.]

[You gained +1 Dungeon Energy...]

"Cool, I'm even getting this naturally now!" I smiled. "Alright, let's go on a hunt! [Dungeon Gate]"

[A Dungeon Gate will be created.]

FLUOOOSH!

Opening the gate once more, I walked outside and jumped out into the wilderness outside. Quickly and easily finding what I was looking for, rapidly multiplying critters that can be good food for anything.

I caught several Tier 1 Big Rats, some Night Horned Rabbits, also Tier 1, and a few Timid Crickets, also Tier 1. Assimilating things cost Dungeon Energy, so for now I choose weak prey animal that can multiply easily.

And what are they going to eat? Well, I'll also introduce a bunch of tasty mushrooms I have in my inventory, all of them mostly rapidly multiplying D+ Rank Dungeons that'll feed on the Mana to grow easily.

I have endless Mana, so food for the lowest of the low won't be an issue.

Ding!

[The Dungeon has assimilated [Big Rats (Tier 1)] x6, [Night Horned Rabbits (Tier 1)] x4, and [Timid Crickets (Tier 1)] x3!]

[You have spent 650 Dungeon Energy to assimilate the Monsters Completely!]

[New Types of Monster has been added to the Dungeon Second Floor!]

[Dungeon Rats, Night Horned Rabbits, and Timid Crickets will begin multiplying as they eat food and procreate.]

Ding!

[The Dungeon has assimilated [White Mushroom (D Grade)] x10 [Brown Mushroom (D Grade)] x10, and [Black Mushroom (D Grade)] x5!]

[You have spent 625 Dungeon Energy to assimilate the items completely!]

[New types of Mushrooms have begun multiplying rapidly around the Dungeon as they absorb your Mana!]

[The smaller monsters have begun consuming the mushrooms.]

[The stronger monsters have begun hunting the smaller monsters for sustenance, multiplying their own population too.]

And this is how you create a food chain.

Chapter 832 The Vengeful Spider

Within the depths of a large, insect-infested dungeon, a gigantic demon woman with her lower half of an utterly titanic black spider, and her upper half of a big and beautiful, purple-skinned giantess frowned with her graceful yet domineering face at what she was sensing...

The presence of the heroes was growing closer with every passing hour. In a day, or less, they might finally arrive in her domain. Despite all the strength she has been cultivating this entire time, she felt frustrated and even rather angered.

This wasn't supposed to go this way... Her Swarm had attacked several areas, destroyed many villages, and she was slowly making her way to the Elven Territory.

She was supposed to destroy Agartha and kill the Queen of Elves, creating utter chaos all across the continent!

Her powers and her retainers, capable of even leveling the heroes when undergoing their strongest transformations through True Demonification assured such a plan, even if they might die after fighting enough.

The heroes had grown rusty. If it wasn't for their children, who were growing strong so incredibly fast, she would have been able to surely crush them... She held within her the power of the Evil Spider Goddess Lolth after all!

Yet... those children!

"That red-haired girl's powers are like nothing ever seen before..." She muttered in anger. "Even surpassing that other white-haired girl, or the boy... Just what is she?! To be able to cancel the power of my True Demonified servants, and even gain the power to ignore physical defense and magical defense to an extent, and that's without even talking about her many other powers. So frustrating! Is this what the heroes have been so busy creating? A monster that can kill all the demons?!"

As Arachne roared in fury and frustration, she hit the crystal orb in front of her, shattering it into pieces with her fists alone.

CRAAASH!

"RAAARGH! DAMNED HUMANS! ISN'T IT NOT ENOUGH WITH EVERYTHING YOU'VE TAKEN AWAY FROM ME?! WHY CAN'T I DO THE SAME?! WHY CAN'T I TAKE AWAY EVERYTHING FROM YOU THEN?!"

She roared with fury, as she started to remember the past Demon King, her comrades, and Beelzebub, her mentor and father figure...

"You've taken everything... I'll kill you all, I won't let this slide... Not at all!" She roared furiously. "Come to your deaths then! I don't care..." She talked to herself. "As long as I possess control over this dungeon..."

"Talking to yourself again?" Suddenly, the voice of a cocky young human emerged behind her.

"Hm? You..." Arachne glanced at the pale-skinned, gray-haired man with red eyes wearing a long black robe, covering most of his head. "What do you want, human?"

"I have come to report you that we're no longer working together. I've already done my part. I am not going to risk my life and fight those monsters. Three of them at once... you stand no chance, Arachne. Escape now while you can." He spoke.

"You coward! Escape, ME?!" Arachne roared, gritting her teeth. "I will never escape... I will fight them all! I will KILL them all! I will avenge my tribe, I will avenge the demons that were massacred by those monsters... With the almighty powers of milady Lolth, why should I fear them? And why should I need your support?"

"Alright, be my guest." The man, Gray, sighed, opening a portal to the Demon Continent. Before leaving, he glanced back at her one last time. "Before leaving, Arachne, I want to tell you that every person that has dedicated their entire lives on revenge ended dying anyways. You won't be any different because Lolth is backing you. In fact, that monster might just be using you for her own goals, you're her puppet."

"And what are you to the Evil Dragon of Dungeons then, you filthy human garbage?!" Arachne roared furiously.

"I am merely someone cooperating with him. We're striving to an end of a cycle, not for revenge. And as you can see, I don't do everything he asks me to do. I'll be leaving because I value my life more." Said Gray. "And quite honestly... I don't want to hurt them, if possible."

"HMPH, I SHOULDN'T HAD EXPECTED ANY LESS FROM THE SAME FITLH THAT KILLED MY KING!!!"
Arachne roared furiously, her giant claws about to reach Gray. "I'LL FIRST HAVE YOUR HEAD!"

CRAAAAAASSSSH!!!

However, before she could realize, Gray had already left, and her claws only hit the floor, shattering it apart...

"Tsk..." She groaned, glaring at the crater. "Cowardly, traitorous, filthy... All of you humans are the same... I will kill you all... I'll cleanse this world of your filth."

She glanced at the small, tightly wrapped with spider silk girl at her side, which was hanging out from the ceiling. From within her, a powerful divine blessing existed.

"I wish I could devour you now, you little lamb..." She sighed. "But my Goddess has told me that I need two at least for the ritual to be complete... That small and weak boy, I need him... Once he's here, the ritual shall begin, and your powers, the divine blessings of heroes, shall be mine..."

She laughed evilly, caressing the little girl who was currently completely unconscious.

"Asarashk."

Right after uttering those words, a gigantic, humanoid insect in the shape of a large black beetle with a feminine, curvilinear body appeared.

Only her face seemed slightly humanoid, while the rest of her body, aside from its shape, was covered on a hard black exoskeleton that resembled an incredibly hard metallic armor, wings behind her allowed her to easily fly in midair.

This was Arachne's strongest retainer, a powerful Insectoid Demon that has served her since she was very young, since Beelzebub and the past Demon King were alive.

"Yes, milady?" She asked with utter devotion.

"Prepare everything. Bring as many Swarms as possible. The other Insectoid Generals... tell them all to prepare." Arachne said. "The heroes are coming, and we shall not run, we will fight them, and kill them all."

"Heh... So the time has finally come." Asarashk smiled maliciously. "Very well, milady..." She said, quickly flying away.

"Soon... You shall surrender your lives to me..." Arachne said, filled with madness, as she held a silver bracelet imbued with blue jewels, emanating a dimensional energy that granted her full power over this Dungeon...

Chapter 833 Feeding The Dungeon

Once the next morning came, I felt like exercising a bit, and while nobody was awake yet, I went inside my Dungeon to check it again while running around and getting accustomed to my new Stats, which greatly improved my physical strength and magical might by... well, quite a lot. I got one thousand to all stats, permanently! It was certainly worth it.

I only wonder how much I'll get out of the Dungeon when it reaches Level 3... Maybe only another thousand? Or maybe more... It feels like I can finally level up! Although in a weird way, and maybe it isn't even leveling up though.

And first thing first...

"Sylphy, hurry! Something terrible seems to have happened on the second floor!" Alice panicked, as she led me to the second floor, where I found a huge wasteland!

Countless slimes and spider carcasses were spread everywhere, as if hundreds fought on an all-out battle.

"How did this happen so fast? I thought I introduced prey monsters!" I said.

"T-The thing is..." Alice sighed.

Ding!

[The [Dungeon System] apologizes for not having clarified something...]

[Whenever you step out of the Dungeon, time inside pass on really fast so a proper growth can be generated in a good time for you.]

"Eh? Such a thing is real...?" I wondered. "Okay..."

"Looks like after a few months, the monsters grew in quantity severely, and started fighting for supremacy and territory." Alice indicated.

"Hmm? Let's see..." I quickly walked around the second floor, finding that the two factions, the Slimes and Spiders, have multiplied to... thousands!

And not only that, but the Slimes gained a Slime Queen, which was Tier 4, the same as the Spider Queen. Both generated a rivalry, and constantly generated offspring to fight one another.

This led to an evolutionary race of some sort, where both tried to create stronger offspring with new abilities. therefore, there's now several variants of Blue, Red, and Green Slimes, and also of Black Spiders.

Although a lot have been massacred, the Queens ascended to Titer 5 after eating tons of their rivals, and their weakest children are always Tier 3 now.

"Well, it was healthier than I imagined, their growth was exponential thanks to that!" I said with a smile.

"Y-You don't really mind it?!" Alice was shocked.

"Nah, the stronger and more battle ready they are, the better, actually." I nodded. "And if there's thousands, then that's even better."

Ding!

[The [Dungeon System] says that you have the power to stop the time acceleration even when you're out, if that's what you want, and resume it whenever.]

"I see. For now, let's keep it up, but stop their fighting for now. Slimes, Spiders, I want you to feast on these ones." I said, taking out hundreds of corpses of huge Demonic Insects we've fought before. "Slime Queen, Spider Queen, your offspring can become stronger if you eat these, right?"

The two seemed to nod, although they didn't get closer to one another, they clearly hated each other quite a lot...

"Alright, for now, don't fight and produce strong soldiers." I smiled. "I'll provide you with enough food, so you don't have to desperately eat everything."

"Guuuuuhh..."

"Gishhaaa!"

The Slime Queen and the Spider Queen came to some sort of agreement. But even if I had an army of thousands, would that be enough against the Swarm? Well, as long as I buff them first using Class Skills, Magic, or my Yggdragon's Aura, it might be just enough to hold them back much better.

Leaving that problem aside, which wasn't that much of a big deal, I moved to the first floor and saw several crops flourishing. Seems like the time acceleration made them grow even bigger, the trees were larger, although they had yet to give some fruits.

"Looks like the plants are soon to mature, they might give out items in less than an outside world day now. Also, seems like you can leave this place accelerated if you want to too." Alice said. "Separated from below."

"This Dungeon is rather crazy; I can manipulate it to such an extent?" I wondered. "Ugh, my common sense is fading away even faster than before... Well, for now, I wonder what the Forest Monsters are up to..."

I walked to the forest to meet them, finding the place strangely peaceful. It seemed there was now a "Forest King" an evolved Giant Bear at Tier 5 which had a big group of Giant Bears serving him.

The Gray Wolves were still strong, but none of them had yet to have a Tier 5 leader, their strongest was a Tier 3 Gray Wolf Pack Leader.

And the horned rabbits... were still rabbits, nothing to report there.

"What do you think, can you fight outside?" I wondered, asking the Forest King.

"GRRRHHH... GRAAH..." He seemed to not mind helping out. "GROAR."

However, he pointed at a pile of food.

"Oh, so you want some compensation. I am the Dungeon Master, I could just force you to obey me, big guy..." I sighed. "But fine, how about this?" I offered him and his large family demonic insectoid carcasses, which they happily started chewing.

"Alright, that's enough for now..." I walked outside my dungeon, having cleared more what I should do next, I'll let them develop for a bit more. Hopefully by the time we fight Arachne, I can show off this power.

"Sylphy! Time for breakfast!" Aquarina said, entering my alchemy room. "You stayed the entire night here! I wanted to cuddle!"

"R-Right, sorry about that, haha." I laughed a bit, apologizing. "Let's go have breakfast with everyone then." I nodded.

"Okay! I made pancakes for you this morning!" She smiled.

"Oh? Sounds nice~" I walked by her side downstairs, greeting the rest of my family.

"Good mornin' Sylphy!" Mist said first.

"Hey, were you working making potions all night? Do you even sleep?" Celeste sighed.

"Good morning Sylphy, how are you today?" Celica asked politely.

"Sylphy, come eat at our side, you look a bit pale, have you eaten enough?" My father wondered.

"Good morning everyone! Ah, yeah, I'm a bit exhausted... Huh? Where's Zack and Luck?" I asked.

"Both of them are sparring outside since this morning." Said Shade, crossing his arms. "They're getting along quite well."

"Oh? Interesting..." I looked through the mirror, the two were fighting with all they've got.

Luck's personality had given a sudden shift, as he seemed much more decisive than before. Also Zack was no longer the petty young boy from before, acting much more maturely, and helping out Luck train as much as he could, while trying out his own abilities.

"Hey you two! Come to eat breakfast already!" I said.

"Oh, right..." Zack nodded.

"Hahhh... We've been sparring for at least a few hours, hahah." Luck laughed. "I'm starving..."

"Me too, let's go!" Zack nodded.

"Nope, nope, nope, first of all, take a shower." I said, splashing them with water.

SPLAAAAASH!

"Wuuuaaggh...!"

"Uuuggh...!"

Both fell to the floor as I splashed them with tons of water to wash all their sweat. And then, a warm breeze to dry their clothes and bodies.

FLUOOOSH~

"And done!" I nodded. "Much better!"

"Ugh, you never change, Sylphy." Zack sighed.

"S-So she has always been like that, huh..." Luck sighed as well.

"Hey! I was just being nice and-"

RUMBLE!

TRUUUUUUMMMM...!

Suddenly, the earth right behind the two of them opened wide, as a huge worm emerged from within, roaring furiously!

"GROOOOAARRRR!! I've finally found YOU, HEROES!"

Ugh, another bug?

Wait, this is actually good, more food for my dungeon monsters!

Chapter 834 Ambush

Right before we could enjoy our breakfast properly, trouble arose. I honestly was surprised of how peaceful things were, these bugs are very persistent, and to think they gave us almost two days of peace was amazing.

But I guess things cannot be so easy, can't they? And this time, instead of two centipedes, our attacker was a huge talking worm, resembling something like the sand worms I've seen in monster encyclopedias back home, with its head holding the small humanoid torso of a really fat and ugly guy, with a jawless, circular mouth filled with fangs, similarly to the one in the worm head...

"RAHAHAHAHA! I'VE FINALLY FOUND YOU, HEROES! NOW, MY CHILDREN, COME AND FEAST ON THEM!"

RUMBLE!

Before we could even comment on what was happening, the entire forest surrounding our little house trembled even more, dozens of enormous Sand Worms popped out of the ground one after another.

"GRUOOOHHHHH!"

"SHAAAAARGHH!"

"GRYEEEEEEHHH!!!"

"How annoying." Uncle Arafunn yawned, drinking from his cup of tea, as he waved his hand. "[Divine Tempest Barrier]"

A second before all the Sand Worms were to destroy the house I had created, their heads ended hitting a huge barrier made out of spiraling divine winds, which quickly left ugly wounds over their faces.

CLASH! CLASH! CRAAASH!

"Phew, you saved us there, Arafunn." Luck sighed in relief.

"Well, isn't this a good opportunity to try out our strength though?" Asked Zack, cracking his knuckles. "They're all Tier 7, I think. That big guy is at least Tier 8 though."

"THIS BARRIER CANNOT PROTECT YOU FOREVER!"

The monstrous Sand Worm Demon roared, hitting it with his huge body. His jaws suddenly opened, unleashing a destructive beam of pure darkness, the barrier barely moved though, it was really tough!

BOOOOOOMMMM!!!

"UGH?! DAMMIT!"

It was struggling quite a lot... Usually Uncle Arafunn doesn't set that strong of a barrier, he must have been really pissed off he was interrupted while enjoying his morning herbal tea mix.

"Can you kids go take care of it?" Uncle asked. "Allan, Shade, this time leave it all to them, they've grown strong enough already."

"Well, if you say so." My father nodded. "Sylphy, take care of Luck for us."

"Go for it, Aquarina." Shade said calmly.

"Sheesh, any other person would be panicking a lot right now but you three are so relaxed." I sighed.
"Being the heroes children have really killed our common sense..."

"Hahaha." Aquarina laughed a bit. "Well, let's go!"

She quickly leaped into action, as I followed her closely. For now, I didn't wanted to reveal my Dungeon Abilities, and I wanted my monsters to grow stronger before anything else happens.

"Well, I guess we got no other option." Sighed Celeste. "Time to do some warm-up exercise!"

"Eeh? I have barely eaten my third plate of pancakes though..." Mist complained, although she still joined us.

"Maybe it should be about time I build more friends..." Celica wondered, walking out of the house.

"AHA! YOU'VE COME TO YOUR DEATHS, CHILDREN?! PERFECT! THIS'LL MAKE THINGS EASIER!"

The big worm guy was really strange, however, he was still an intelligent... person, even if he was part of the Swarm. The bare minimum I could do is tell him to retreat.

"Please retreat while you can. We won't chase you down... This is not the way, you don't have to obey Arachne, you have your own life! Don't waste it away like this!" I said. "Please, just-"

BAAAAAMMM..! I think you should take a look at

"LIKE I CARE WHAT YOUR STUPID WORDS MEAN! I'LL KILL YOU ALL AND EAT YOU! HAHAHA!"

He was completely brainless and acted very much like a barbarian. All of the insectoid demons we've meet since the Nymph Goddesses Ruins Dungeon has been like this.

They seem completely different than other Demons we've fought, they are... very basic in mind, and seem to just be puppets. It makes me pity them a bit because they might be controlled.

But at the same time, their monstrosity and what they've done against the many innocents they've killed cannot be forgiven.

If they're so hellbent into killing us all to the point they would rather die than surrender or escape... Then there's no point in trying anymore.

"Don't say I didn't give you a chance." I sighed, leaping into action, as my entire body surged with the power of Sunshine and my Yggdragon Aura combined together. "Ignatius! Naturia! Give me your strength!"

"Okay! Got it!" Ignatius roared, imbuing himself into my Aura.

"Okaaay! Fofoo!" Naturia nodded, doing the same.

FLUOOOOOOSH!

My entire body slightly transformed into a slightly older form thanks to the power of the Sunshine Ability within the Heavenly Sun Skill, sunlight was really strong this morning, and that coupled with the might of my Yggdragon Aura made for a killer combination.

My eyes blazed with angered flames, as my hair became blazing fire, my fists overflowed with draconic aura, as I swung them while claws and scales grew on my hands and then across my arm and body.

"[Infernal Dragon Claw]!"

SLAAAAAAASSSH!

A powerful blazing slash reached the Sand Worm Demon, hitting his huge, monstrous body with a tremendous, explosive might, his body squirmed, thrown several meters away!

BAAAAMM...!

"URGH?! YOU DAMN... BITCH!"

TRUUUMM...!

Suddenly, a darker aura surged from his body, as he started exuding a Demonic power akin to True Demons! A red jewel shining on his chest said it all.

The power of this red jewel, which was most likely a True Demon Core Shard made his body overflow with might, as he was covered by a hard, red colored exoskeleton armor.

"I'LL CRUSH YOU AND EAT YOU ALL!"

Ding!

[The [Giant Sandworm Demon: Gregeronh (Tier 8)] has undergone [True Demonification]!]

[His wounds are beginning to heal at a rapid pace, and all of his stats have increased by +200%!]

[Additionally, a deadly [Aura of Demonic Pressure] is weakening all of his foes, decreasing All Stats by -30% and draining all nearby foes Health by 0.1% with each second!]

"No, that is not going to work anymore!" I roared, unleashing my own Yggdragon Aura everywhere, clashing against the Aura of Demonic Pressure!

CRAAAAASH!

Ding!

[The power of the [Yggdragon Aura] has overpowered the [Aura of Demonic Pressure], cancelling its effects!]

"W-WHAT?!"

Chapter 835 Not Soft

The mighty pressure coming from my Yggdragon's Aura emerged furiously, fusing with Ignatius powers, and becoming the manifestation of a huge, blazing dragon.

CRAAAAASH!

The very impact of Auras was enough for my Aura, with the aid of Naturia and Alice, to quickly overpower the Aura of Demonic Pressure, stopping it before it could harm any of us.

Ding!

[The power of the [Yggdragon Aura] has overpowered the [Aura of Demonic Pressure], cancelling its effects!]

"W-WHAT?!"

The deadly Aura of Demonic Pressure vampiric properties and terrific debuffs were cancelled instantly. The huge worm was shocked, but instead of realizing he didn't have a chance, he simply charged against me recklessly.

"Maybe you could do that... BUT LIKE HELL I CARE!" He roared back, his new and enhanced body thanks to True Demonification had increased all of his Stats by more than double, and he felt confident even without his Aura of Demonic Pressure.

However, he was soon going to find out that wasn't the case anymore either! I quickly imbued Mana into all of my equipment, as their bonus stats started flowing across my body, strengthening me even further.

Among my equipped items, I activated the power of one of my newest Rings...

"Curse! Beelzebub! I'm counting on you for this one! [Beast Magic]: [Parasitic Beast Manifestation]!"

"Alright!" Beelzebub merged into my Aura.

"Fine." Curse nodded, doing the same.

FLUOOOSH!

My Beast Aura surged in combination with my Yggdragon Aura, which then absorbed the Spiritual Powers of Curse and Beelzebub to further boost the power of my newest Parasitic Beast Ring!

"GRAAAARRGH!"

"SHAAAHH!"

"GRUOOOHHH!"

Suddenly, a part of my red and green aura changed color to purple and black, as from within, several centipede, spider, and wasp-like beasts made of aura were imbued into my sword, Scarlet, as I swung it against the sand worm demon at the same time as his huge body was about to strike me.

"[Demonic Dark Dragon Blade Arts]: [Infernal Dark Blaze Slash]!"

SLAAASH! SLAAASH! SLAAASH! SLAAASH!

My aura condensed into the shape of huge dragon claws made out of blazing black cursed flames, which swung furiously against the sand worm demon!

His defenses were amazingly strong, but it still dealt some deep damage, piercing his tough exoskeleton armor, even if only a bit.

CRAASH! CRAASH! CRAAAAASSH!

"HAHAHA! PATHETIC!"

The Sandworm Demon laughed, suddenly summoning a sandstorm with his very will and without any sort of conjuration, as it surged from underground and engulfed my entire body.

"[Dark Sandstorm Vortex]!"

FLUOOOOOSH!

"Nnghh!"

I resisted the terrific force as I overcharged my sword with my aura, and spun around, piercing through the deadly sandstorm and then hitting the Sandworm Demon's head a few more times, splattering a few of its many eyes!

SLAASH! SLAAASH! SLAAAASH!

"AAARGH...! Y-YOUU!"

With his huge tail, he quickly attempted to kick them down, only to hit a blazing barrier instead! I think you should take a look at

[The Power of [Blazing Sunshine Ward] has been activated! Due to the overflowing Sunlight Energy, damage has been negated completely!]

[A huge explosion based in the damage taken will ensue!]

"HUH?!"

BOOOOOO MMM!!!

A blazing explosion engulfed the Sandworm Demon, as I quickly flew with my draconic wings into the skies, glancing at him from below.

I quickly noticed that his body was covered on small wounds all over, with five deadly Parasitic Beast Manifestations infecting his larger wounds...

[The power of the [Gluttonous Parasitic Beast Ring]'s [Parasitic Beast Manifestation] Ability has been activated! Five Deadly Parasitic Beast Manifestations are infecting the wounds of your foe!]

[Health Points are being drained by 0.5% with each passing second for 5 Minutes.]

"UNNGHH?!"

Suddenly, the sandworm demon quickly realized something was really wrong... It started to groan and struggle to move, feeling his body much heavier. His wounds weren't regenerating either.

At the same time, I noticed the rest of my friends constantly fighting the rest of the Sandworm Monsters, which didn't had the ability to speak like this guy over here.

Aquarina was exceedingly amazing as ever, while Luck was doing amazingly well by mimicking the power of the Gray Fenrir once more, boosting his strength through the roof.

I wouldn't be able to go all-out like this if I didn't had them to guard my back and slay all the rest of the annoying, powerful army this guy brought.

"URGH...! M-MY BODY... IS GROWING WEAKER?!" The Sandworm Demon groaned at the same time, hitting the floor with fury. "I-IMPOSSIBLE!"

"Having difficulties?" I asked. "I'll say it again, you can retreat and not even cross paths with us again, we'll forgive your life. You don't have to fight us... You won't win."

"Y-YOU...! YOU TRICKY BITCH!" He roared. "I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR PITY!!! DIEEE!!!"

His enormous tail started hitting me constantly while he moved around the forest, destroying all nearby trees in the way and causing a huge mess.

I intercepted his blows using the combination of my Aura and my Sword Techniques, while bathing him on as much Magic Attacks as I could without trying to damage the forest.

"[Accursed Blazing Meteor Rain]!"

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOOM!

Dozens of tiny meteors exploded over his enormous body, blazing black flames spreading constantly, his entire body beginning to both weaken and hold more damage.

"This is your last chance!" I roared, hitting him in the head with a powerful kick. "GO AWAY!"

BAAAAAMM...!

"URGH...! HAHAHA.. YOU'RE SOFT...!" He suddenly started to laugh. "YOU'RE A PATHETIC GIRL THAT CAN'T KILL SOMEONE TRYING TO KILL HER?!"

His enormous body exuded a powerful aura of darkness, as it suddenly shaped into hundreds of monstrous abyssal worms with sharp fangs, attempting to tear me to shreds by trying to bite my entire body apart!

"Nah, I'm just being a bit merciful because I felt bad. I gave you three chances, this is on you now." I sighed. "[Parasitic Beast Manifestation]: [Detonation]!"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

"URGH?!"

Suddenly, all five of the Parasitic Beasts infecting his wounds shone brightly with a purple, deadly light, as they quickly exploded, right inside of his already worsened wounds.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

"UUUAAAARGGGHHHH...!"

His entire body was quickly torn to shreds.

Chapter 836 Reaching The Last Destination

"To be... killed by this... pathetic... human... Ungh..."

His last words ended with his entire body falling apart over the bloody forest floor. Ugh, my entire body ended covered on bug juice too.

"I gave him three chances, I think that was fair, right?" I sighed.

"I guess so, these demons seem to be hell-bent on barbaric acts, they are not deserving of any pity or mercy, in my opinion." Alice said.

"They're different than my Insectoid Tribe, and the related ones." Beelzebub suddenly commented. "They're monstrous and seem to have shit for brains! They're weird, any other normal demon would had run away in his situation... Well, it often also depends in their own convictions, but still..."

"Well, he's definitely nor a normal demon, he is one of those born in the Swarm." Furoh explained, appearing above me. "They're more monsters than demons."

"Whatever's the case, we should go help out everyone else while we can." I said.

No matter how much I searched while slaying the monsters, I couldn't detect any Dimensional Stone, all these Sandworm Monsters came all the way here on their own, surprisingly...

The rest were all Tier 7, when our strength was combined, even an army of over twenty Tier 7 Sandworms died after just half an hour.

I tried capturing one alive, but they were so big and strong that any chain or binding spell was broken in seconds... Bringing a creature like that inside my Dungeon would had been hellish, and later, the Dungeon System told me the dungeon wouldn't had been able to assimilate it anyways, welp.

Ding!

[You have defeated the [Giant Sandworm Demon: Gregeronth (Tier 8)] x1!]

[You and your Party have defeated [Giant Demonic Sandworms (Tier 7)] x26!]

[You earned 8.500.000 EXP!]

[The [Advanced Fire Magic: Petit Meteor: Lv2] Skill has Leveled Up!]

[Natura] [Ignatius] [Beelzebub] [Curse] [Furoh] [Glutton] [Sapphire] and [Scarlet] Levels have increased from Level 43 to Level 46!]

[Nephilim] Level has increased from Level 20 to Level 21!]

[Violet] Level has increased from Level 35 to Level 38!]

[Brownie] Level has increased from Level 31 to Level 36!]

[Aquarina] gained 10 Levels, she has reached Level 10/50!]

[Luck] gained 6 Levels, he has reached Level 16/30!]

Wow, Sandworms give much more EXP than the usual giant insects from the Swarm, even if they're in a similar Tier... Is it because they're more ancient monsters? I guess these guys were most likely mind controlled or enslaved by Gregeronh or something and weren't exactly born out of the Swarm.

Wait, does this means that Arachne is most likely cutting down on costs now? Maybe she knows we're approaching and is preparing everything she can to greet us with a big feast of EXP.

Meanwhile, this guy most likely came to attack us by himself...I think you should take a look at

After storing all the monster corpses, and feeding some of them to my Dungeon's Monsters, we finally regrouped to have breakfast... It was a wild way to start the morning.

"Well done, everyone, you've certainly grown stronger." My father congratulated us. "A-Also, I didn't expected Sylphy to be able to solo a Tier 8 being yet..."

"Maybe this one was easier, but I suspect that other Tier 8 monsters might be even stronger if they're much older." I sighed. "I wouldn't give myself much credit, this demon was most likely recently born from the Swarm Summoning Powers Arachne has, dad."

"R-Right." He nodded nervously. "Still, that was amazing... I wonder if you'll surpass me by the time you reach the age of 18..."

"Nah, you'll still be the strongest, dad!" I giggled.

"I don't know if I should take that as a compliment or as irony... But I'm really happy to see you grow this much." He sighed with pride, shedding a small tear. "My little Sylphy is all a big and strong hero now..."

"I-I haven't even reached 14 yet..." I facepalmed. "Anyways, there wasn't any Dimensional Stone though."

"Yeah, I checked as well, it was weird." Said Shade. "It seems that demon came by his own accord and brought Sandworms that might be living near the faraway desert."

"There's a desert in this continent?" Aquarina asked.

"Yeah, to the faraway wastelands of the north." Shade nodded. "It is a dangerous place, dominated by powerful Monsters... But that's not our destination, Arachne, however, might be nearby, based in how we're moving with your compass help."

"I see..." I nodded. "Well, we're getting really close. I think we might arrive at her territory today if we hurry up. We need to prepare for what's to come."

"Well, if she didn't let him summon her endless army of bugs, I'm assuming she might be growing short on supplies or resources..." Uncle Arafunn analyzed. "I think Arachne might be trying her hardest to amass as much power to greet us, already having figured we were coming for her by now."

"I think the same, uncle." I drank some tea. "Let's make sure to have everything prepared before departing! I'll go make some more elixirs to refill ourselves, as we're growing lower in quantity. Everyone should at least have ten of each in their Spatial Pouches, alright?"

I quickly ran upstairs to prepare the Elixirs to heal both HP and MP, which I was able to make using materials and herbs I had gathered back in Agartha's Emerald Forest, combined with the special fruits and vegetables I can create using skills, such as the Divine Fruit of Knowledge, the Leaf of Life and Mana Fruit from Naturia, and the Potatoes and Radishes from my Harvest Familiars.

"W-Wait Sylphy, you haven't finished your pancakes yet!" Aquarina chased me down while carrying my plate behind me.

"I'll finish the while preparing the elixirs! Come help me out!" I said.

"Geez... Fine!" She sighed.

Like that, we prepared all we could, and once all things were said and done, we flew across the skies over Arafunn's Familiar, Tempest, the huge eagle.

After a few hours of traveling, the rather plain-looking scenario of our surroundings changed. The terrain darkened, as several lakes and ponds of miasma appeared one after another.

And the origin of all this Miasma was a large, ruined temple that had become a dungeon, where I could sense Lara's presence inside, and also, where Arachne most likely was...

"We're finally here..."

RUMBLE!

And right as we arrived, the ground down below shook!

Chapter 837 Clashing Against High Tiered Monsters

The infested wastelands right below us suddenly shook, as huge holes in the ground opened instantly. And from within, a swarm of Giant Demonic Wasps emerged!

BBBBZZZZTTT!

It wasn't a few hundred, it was at least over a thousand of them! And they weren't all ordinary ones at Tier 7, I detected several ones mixed in between the rest that were around Tier 7 Rank 8 or even Rank 10! Maybe there was even some Tier 8!

"So is this her wonderful idea? To throw us just a bunch of flies?" My uncle sighed, swiftly standing up and glancing from above, as he summoned a beautiful emerald flute.

"I guess there's no helping it, I doubt you kids can beat all of this while in the middle of the skies." My father sighed. "Time for us to get moving." He quickly summoned a large blazing sword.

"Finally, I was getting rather tired with leaving everything to them. I even thought I was getting a bit rusty..." Shade smiled, summoning two daggers made out of abyssal shadows.

"You're going? But I think we could-"

"Save your energies until we get inside the actual dungeon, Sylphy, leave this to the adults." My father smiled. "Tempest, bring them near the ruins, we'll catch up after we're done."

"Alright!" Said the huge emerald feathered eagle, rapidly moving across the skies and evading the gigantic wasps coming for us one after another.

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Meanwhile, our parents leaped into the air, quickly beginning to action. My father immediately summoned a pair of phoenix wings, while an armor of flames covered his entire body. The half of Shade's body transformed into his Abyssal Embodiment, becoming pitch black and opening several red eyes, while shadow tentacles surged from within.

And Arafunn was encompassed on a divine spiritual wind, transforming his clothes to become even more beautiful and regal, while he gained a pair of fairy-like wings and a crown made of winds.

Their auras exuding the almighty power of the heroes that defeated the Demon King... All of them beyond Tier 10, beyond our comprehension, even...

BBBBZZZZTTT!

Hundreds of wasps surrounded my father, each one as big as a whole house, their sharp stingers quickly attempting to pierce his body. Any normal person in his situation would get torn to shreds... Not even I am sure if I would come unscathed if I was engulfed by over a thousand giant wasps at once.

Yet my father didn't even falter, with a calm and composed expression on his face, the spiritual divine flames around his body flickered and danced majestically as his huge phoenix wings flapped rapidly.

"[Phoenix Feather Blade Storm]!"

Suddenly, his wings unleashed a storm with millions of small, knife-sized blazing phoenix feathers at once, piercing and slashing against the hundreds of wasps, while protecting my father's body!

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

And it wasn't all, each of all the thousands of feathers quickly began to explode upon contact, countless of explosions filled the sky, turning it bright red, orange, and yellow.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

The power of his magic attacks was much more potent than my petit meteors, and above all, they weren't even spells, they were like... techniques just using his own spirit abilities!

"Let's see... One, two, three!"

Without even saying a technique name at all, my father raised his sword upwards and counted up to three. Once he reached the count of three, he swung his blade at an incredible speed, as a storm of flames that could destroy a whole city entirely was unleashed!

BOOOOOOOOMMMMMM...!

The wasps were unable to do a single thing! Over five hundred of them died on the spot, roasted alive, and even turned into ashes...

I was stupidly thinking I was slowly reaching my father's level.

But there's still such a huge gap between the two of us! I think you should take a look at

He's... so awesome!

And he wasn't the only one fighting. At the same time, uncle Arafunn unleashed several storms of emerald winds at once while calmly playing his flute.

"[Melody of Tempest]: [Act I: Storming Butterflies]"

FLUOOOOSH! FLUOOOOSH! FLUOOOOSH!

Three spiraling tornadoes surged from his own spiraling wind aura at once while playing along with his beautiful melody, the tornadoes then transformed into thousands of huge butterflies, and started flying at an incredible, sonic speed!

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

As they did, the wasps didn't even realized what happened before they found themselves cut down into pieces, the wind butterflies were as sharp as blades.

"[Melody of Tempest]: [Act II: Celestial Tornado]"

Suddenly, all the winds gathered above his own body, as a tremendous, golden mass of spiraling winds surged, hitting both the skies above and the ground below!

FLUOOOOOOOSSSH!

TRUUUUUMMM...! TRUUUUUMMM...!

As this happened, he flew straight across all the wasps, as they were completely disintegrated the moment his tornado touched them. In just a few seconds, uncle killed at least three hundred of them...

And lastly, it was Shade, Aquarina's father, his rapid and precise movements were now combined with the overwhelming might of his Abyssal Embodiment transformation.

Hundreds of tentacles with sharp, scythe or blade-like tips attacked everywhere as he leaped from place to place, literally just walking in midair.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

His daggers unleashed countless of slashes each time he swung them once, all while shadows constantly emerged everywhere multiplying with his very presence and devouring it all.

At the very least, four hundred wasps were killed in just the blink of an eye! More kept coming from below, but they were all instantly destroyed before they could even approach us.

Our parents followed us from behind rapidly, as Tempest led us deeper into the dark, wastelands that Arachne had corrupted using the Miasma of the Dungeon.

The Dungeon Entrance finally appeared within our sight, but at the same time, two large towers made of black crystal, probably something like Demonite, a lesser form of the Demon King's Crystal surged!

TRUUUUUMMM! TRUUUUUMMM...!

Ding!

[The [Twin Towers of Despair] have been summoned by [Dungeon Master: Arachne]!]

[Within the Towers of Despair, hundreds of souls from innocent victims are being sacrificed to combine thousands of Insectoid monsters together!]

RUMBLE!

From within both towers, huge behemoths suddenly surged... insectoid monsters like we've never seen before.

[Two [Insectoid Chaos Chimera Behemoth Kings (Tier 9)] have been summoned!]

"ROOOOAAAARRRRR!!!"

Chapter 838 The Heroes' Overwhelming Strength!

Not only was Arachne a Dungeon Master as I suspected, but she had such advanced Abilities?! She was able to summon facilities outside of her dungeon territory, and even sacrifice the souls of the people her Swarm has been killing to summon even stronger monsters by fusing already existing lesser monsters.

That damn spider! How many people has she been killing for her to have hundred of souls available to use so leisurely?! So Luck and Lara's village weren't the only ones affected... If we haven't found any villages or signs of life all this way, she must have already wiped out anybody within her territory already...

Ding!

[The [Twin Towers of Despair] have been summoned by [Dungeon Master: Arachne]!]

[Within the Towers of Despair, hundreds of souls from innocent victims are being sacrificed to combine thousands of Insectoid monsters together!]

[Two [Insectoid Chaos Chimera Behemoth Kings (Tier 9)] have been summoned!]

Both towers suddenly summoned two enormous purple colored magic circles, and from within, gigantic behemoths that resembled to be chimeras made up of many insect parts stuck together emerged. With their body shape being mostly like that of dragons, but covered on exoskeleton, possessing sharp insectoid mandibles, abdomen, many arms with sharp claws, and... wings!

The two huge Behemoths were almost identical in appearance, and once they noticed us, their huge, fly-like wings started moving rapidly, both of them flying directly towards us at an incredible speed!

BBBBZZZZTTTT...!

They were as huge as over fifty meters each, yet they could fly through the skies so easily! It was as if we were fighting dragons themselves, the pressure alone was tremendous...

"ROOOOAAAARRRRR!!!"

"SHAAAAAAAAHHH!!!"

Ding!

[The two [Insectoid Chaos Chimera Behemoth Kings (Tier 9)] have unleashed the power of their [Insectoid King's Mighty Roar]! All affected foes Stats will drop by -40%, and their HP and MP will decrease by -0.5% with each second!]

[Duration: Approximately 10 Minutes.]

Again with these effects! I swear, our foes before never had them! Is this the effect of them mastering the ability to utilize True Demon's materials and Demonic Energy, which is an otherworldly substance that negatively affects the bodies of living beings of this world?

"Ungh...! Such a mighty pressure... Those monsters are half True Demons!" My father said in shock. "My strength feels like it's beginning to fade away...! Hahaha! It is just like back then."

"Even if you drain our strength, it will not have the same results anymore." Shade said, rushing across the skies and descending with my father.

"What a pitiful demonstration, is this all you can do, Arachne?" My uncle smiled. "[Melody of Inspiration]: [Act III: Heroic Sonata]"

Using his flute, Arafunn created a beautiful, inspiring, and heroic melody which transformed into pure spiritual energy, surrounding all of us together. It felt as if the deadly energy the Behemoths exuded was partially neutralized right away!

Ding!

[Arafunn]'s [Heroic Sonata] has neutralized 80% of negative status effects and stat decreases, alongside restoring HP of all allies by +1% with each second!]

[Additionally, Spiritual Energy is beginning to fill the bodies of all allies listening to the melody!]

[Duration: 10 Minutes.]

"Thank you, Arafunn!" My father smiled proudly. "Kids, stay put, you don't need to step in when we're here!"

"For now, save your strength, the real trial will begin once we enter that dungeon." Shade nodded, as he and father descended, clashing against both Behemoths at once!

My father's blazing sword swung vertically with tremendous power, a huge explosion of phoenix and spiritual flames covered the entire body of the Behemoth he attacked!

CLAAAAAAAAASSSH! BOOOOOOMMM!!!

Meanwhile, Shade started spiraling in midair, spinning through the entire Behemoth's body with both of his daggers and half of his body transformed into his Abyssal Embodiment form.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLAAAASSH!

"GRYYYYAARRGGHHH...!"

"SHYAAAAAAGGHH...!"

Both behemoths screamed in agony as they were forced to step back. Their huge bodies didn't stop them from attacking rapidly though, as they immediately swung their many arms, unleashing a barrage of slashing blows against our parents!

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CRAAASH!

"Oh no, they're being overwhelmed!" Mist panicked. "Maybe I should use some healing or something?!"

"Those huge monsters are way too powerful, their bodies are tremendous, how can they even fight against them properly?!" Luck asked.

"You two seem to not be completely aware of how strong those two are." Celeste sighed. "They'll be just fine... Right, Sylphy, Aquarina?"

"Yeah." Aquarina nodded. "Nobody can beat papa."

"Just carefully look at what's really happening." I said, pointing at our parents.

Suddenly, they quickly realized that amidst the clouds of smoke generated by the impacts of the behemoth's claws, both of our parents were fine, both floating in midair while unleashing thousands of attacks at once.

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! CRAAASH!

"Hey, what's wrong? For being a Tier 9 Monster, you're pretty weak compared to the Tier 9 beings I've fought!" Laughed my father. "Certainly, mass producing monsters will only yield mediocre results...!" His soul suddenly emerged out of his own body, blazing with spiritual and divine flames, encompassing his entire sword. "[Divine Blazing Sword Arts]: [Infernal Purgatory]!"

SLAAAAAAAAAASSSSH!!!

With a huge slash of his sword, a tremendous explosion of flames reached the behemoth in front of him, as the beast started to burn and explode into pieces. Desperately, it unleashed beams of darkness and spears made of chaotic energies, but father simply burned all attacks to ashes by swinging his sword to all sides as if he had arms and eyes everywhere around his body.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

"That's not going to work, buddy." My father laughed. "Now Sylphy, take a good look. This is what you'll one day surpass!" My father raised his sword into the skies, gathering both his own divine blazing spirit energy and also the sunlight of the sun itself...

TRUUUUUUUMMM...!

A huge sphere of flames surged, larger than any other spell we've seen before, so enormous that it would surely explode right away if I tried doing the same due to the lack of stabilization of my own Magic Powers...

Yet my father seamlessly created a small star!

"[Celestial Nova]!"

The sphere of flames, larger than three hundred meters fell right over the Behemoth, who desperately tried to destroy with its claws...

But it simply couldn't fight against such overwhelming power.

BOOOOOOOOOOMMMMMM!!!

Chapter 839 Arachne's Last Stand

Father was not only using the same Skills I have, Heavenly Sun, but he was unleashing it to its fullest, most mastered potential, unleashing the power of Sunshine and gathering all the sunlight he could to literally one-shot the Behemoth before it could dare to regenerate back...

He called that Spell "Celestial Nova" and I can tell, he probably used something like that against the Demon King if he was a being that surpassed even Tier 10, which is what most common folk believe is the "peak".

"GRYYYYAAARRGGHHHH..!"

The Behemoth tried to fight the Celestial Nova, but it was completely futile, it began to vaporize and disappeared into ashes, and whose ashes then disintegrated to an almost subatomic level.

I can tell why my father is always careful to measure his strength whenever we are near civilians, or in the city. If he used such explosively powerful techniques in the middle of Agartha, or with us around, or even just near Agartha, everything would disappear.

Maybe he even feels happy he can go all-out for once in here, so he can properly showcase to me what he's capable of... It only wants me to make to work harder to one day become as strong, no, to surpass him...

Meanwhile, Shade was fighting against the other Behemoth, and he had just the same thing in mind. The rest of his body completely was taken over by his Abyssal Embodiment, as he was suddenly covered by a black, demonic-like armor.

"[Abyssal Demonic Embodiment]"

FLUOOOOSH!

"W-Woah..." Aquaria swallowed saliva as she saw her father's ultimate form, or something close to that.

"Once you master the power of the Abyssal Embodiment, you'll be able to fully unlock and inherit the might of our Darkage Bloodline, Aquarina." Shade said calmly, as the huge, wounded Behemoth opened its mandibles, reaching towards Shade and above to devour him.

"What our bodies can become and transform is only limited by our imagination." He said, his red eyes glowing brightly.

"ROOOOAAAARRGHH!"

As the Behemoth's jaws grew closer, Shade's daggers merged with both of his arms, which then also merged together, transforming into a gigantic, black, and abyssal, fleshy cannon, with countless eyes, fangs, and tentacles, as huge as a whole house...

"[Abyssal Void Cannon]!"

FLUOOOSH!

A huge mass of darkness and shadows gathered within the monstrous, fleshy cannon, distorting space itself and then unleashing a devastating, all-destructive beam of utter annihilation...

TRUUUUUUUUMMMMMM...!

"GRAAAEEERGGHHHHH!!!"

The Behemoth ended taking the beam into its enormous jaws, which quickly broke apart into pieces, and so the rest of its huge body, which collapsed into pieces!

BOOOOOOOOUMMMMMM!!!

The entire cannon beam pierced through its entire gigantic body and then left a massive hole underground... It was just as destructive as father's attack, but the beam was much more concentrated in a single spot, dealing even more devastating damage.

It was insane!

"A-Amazing..." Aquarina muttered. "Daddy's so awesome!"

Despite being an agile and dexterous assassin-type of fighter, Shade had an incredibly powerful, overwhelming attack like that... This probably means that all heroes reached a point where their strength surpassed whatever class or talents they had, and simply became weapons of mass destruction.

Maybe... this is why they fear so much to use their powers, and the reason why they hold back so much when fighting foes near cities or people they could harm. To hold and control such power from not harming others, I can understand it must be a painfully hard thing to do. I think you should take a look at

"Seems like they're done." Arafunn laughed. "And we're getting closer. But those towers, might as well destroy them before-"

RUMBLE!

And as if reading my uncle's mind, both of those towers ended doing something suspicious! Their entire crystalized bodies started melding together into a single mass of black and purple crystals, suddenly gaining arms and legs, and several huge red eyes.

Ding!

[Utilizing leftover Soul Energy and tremendous quantities of Miasma, the [Dungeon Master: Arachne] has merged both [Twin Towers of Despair] into a brand-new summon!]

A gigantic, over 100-meter-tall knight-shaped titan made of pure Demonite surged, protecting the gates leading to the dungeon's entrance, while materializing both a gigantic spear and a shield... This is most likely Arachne's last stand!

"GRUOOOOOOOOHHH!!!"

[The [Demonite Titan Golem Knight (Tier 9)] has been summoned!]

[His very presence exudes deadly and toxic otherworldly Demonic Energy and Miasma, all foes that enter this deadly [Aura of Deadly Demonite] will have their Magic Power and Physical Strength reduced by -50%, while HP decreases by -0.5% with each second!]

[Duration: Indefinitely.]

"I see that you're growing desperate, Arachne." Arafunn sighed. "Well, you two already had the spotlight, may I take care of this little guy?"

"Sure thing." My father nodded.

"I need to rest a bit after using this much power, so be my guest." Shade smiled.

"Very well then, let's make this quick. The little Lara must be waiting for us." Arafunn smiled, his flute suddenly transforming, gathering wind spiritual energies, and growing larger and more beautiful, until it completely changed into a long flute staff!

"GRUOOHHHHH!"

Furiously guarding the Dungeon Gates, the gigantic titan made of Demonite quickly glanced at uncle Arafunn as he grew closer, its huge body moving slowly, gathering tremendous quantities of demonic energy and miasma into its huge spear, made out of the same material.

"RAAAAAAAAAAHHH!!!"

With furious might, the spear was launched directly towards Arafunn, so big yet so fast that it was swiftly engulfed on demonic, miasmic flames.

FLAAAAAASSSSH!

Despite the imminent danger, Uncle calmly glanced at the scene, gathering the powers of his Magic and Spirits, especially Melodia, his strongest spirit.

"[Melody of Tempest]: [Final Act: Oblivion's Farewell]"

The winds shaped around him as if they resembled musical notes. The entire skies above started swirling. The clouds, the lightning, the winds, all of them obeyed his commands.

The skies themselves, oblivion, became one with him, as a tremendous, spiraling mass of lightning, winds, clouds, and atmospheric pressure descended from the skies.

TRUUUUUUUUUUUMMMMMMM...!

And then both the Demonite Spear and the huge titan were completely shattered into countless tiny pieces...

Chapter 840 Entering The Dungeon

Thanks to Arafunn's previous melody, even the overpowered debuffing aura of the Demonite Golem Titan wasn't that big of a deal, and with his ultimate magic spell, which quite literally unleashed something akin to the wrath of a god of winds, the entire Tier 9 titan was destroyed...

Ding!

[Your Party has defeated [Giant Demonic Wasps (Tier 7 ~ 8)] x1023 [Insectoid Chaos Chimera Behemoth Kings (Tier 9)] x2 and [Demonite Titan Golem Knight (Tier 9)] x1!]

[You earned 4.530.000 EXP!]

Over four million EXP from watching is insane! I can't imagine how much would they give individually if I had defeated them myself...

"We're getting closer!" Said my father. "Prepare yourselves!"

Tempest carried us down into the miasmic territory, as we flew across the entire landscape. Smaller insectoid monsters jumped towards us the moment we descended, but our parents swiftly took them down one after another.

SLAAASH! BOOOM! CRAAASH!

"There!" I said, quickly glancing in front of us.

"Tempest! Charge at full speed! Break the gates if necessary!" Arafunn roared.

"CRAAAH! VERY WELL!"

The huge Tempest Eagle roared, his entire body overflowing with Spiritual Energy as his beak was suddenly covered by a sharp, spear-shaped aura of spiraling winds.

"RAAAAAAH!"

CRAAAAAASSH!!!

The gates didn't even budge against his strength, as we all arrived inside the dark depths of the ruins. Darkness momentarily engulfed us all, as I ended falling into the floor, but I wasn't really hurt, so it wasn't anything bad.

"We're here!" I said, quickly standing back up and glancing at everyone else. "Huh?"

However, I couldn't find anybody. Everything became pitch black for a split of a second and then... Everyone disappeared! What in the world?!

"Huh? What the...? Where did everyone go?!" I looked around, only to find myself inside a huge room, which had three gates leading to three different paths.

Ding!

[The [Dungeon Master: Arachne] has activated the [Dungeon Shift] Ability!]

[All of your party members had been teleported to other locations randomly.]

[This ability cannot be used more than once per day.]

[Due to the strong connection, your Familiars and Spirits have remained within your Soul Scape and have not been teleported away.]

[Equipment is not affected either.]

She had such an ability?!

"Alice! Everyone! Come out!" I quickly summoned all of my army of Familiars; they were just as perplexed as I was. I think you should take a look at

"Looks like that witch was waiting for all of you to enter the dungeon from the beginning!" Ignatius sighed. "See? This is what I always tell you, you're too careless!"

"Careless? We did everything we could to make sure something like this wouldn't happen. But I guess willingly entering the domain of a Dungeon Master is still very bold... But we needed to rescue Lara." I sighed. "There was just no other way around it, sadly."

"I guess you're not wrong." Beelzebub said. "I never thought Arachne would become a Dungeon Master though. She must have most likely come across a special ancient relic that allowed her to become one."

"A special relic?" Asked Curse. "Is there such a thing aside from Sylphy's bracelet?"

"That bracelet she has is actually something very similar to these relics, they're called Ruin Control Devices. They originally worked as devices to control the ruins through the god's technology." Beelzebub explained. "However, as the ruins become dungeons, these devices powers also change, and through the accumulated energy and other resources, different types of new abilities are gained. Those who hold these devices and have been accepted by them can wield them... Usually, they need to be blessed by some sort of God. Arachne is blessed by Lolth, most likely, so she was able to use the device to her advantage..."

"That's way too much to take in, hey..." I sighed. "But I think I kind of get it? So it pretty much works like my own Bracelet, but she's much more advanced... Ugh."

"It could be said that's a good way to put it." Beelzebub sighed. "Nonetheless, we can't stay still, a Dungeon Master of her caliber can shape and change her dungeon to her advantage as long as she has Mana and resources!"

"We must press on and find Lara using your eye power, Sylphy!" Ignatius said.

"Yeah, I agree. Come, I'll carry you on my back." Furoh said with a confident smile, kneeling down and giving me his back so I could sit over it, as he had already transformed into the white Fenrir form.

"Okay!" I nodded, quickly leaping over his back. "We can't waste time here after all. There are three ways... Furoh, can you smell where Lara could be?" I showed him a piece of her hair that Luck had found.

"Sniff, sniff... Hmm, I can feel she's to the left, over there." Furoh said. "She's... wrapped around something though. Can your eye go to the same direction?"

"Yes, the compass is indicating there. So she's most likely to that direction! To the left path then!" I commanded, as Furoh made haste, rapidly running at full speed across the dungeon.

However, as we arrived at the long hallway, things wouldn't become so easy, several doors opened around, where huge insectoid monsters began emerging. They were all not that strong though, Tier 6 to Tier 7.

Was Arachne underestimating me? Certainly, she is probably using most of her resources for our parents, the strongest, wasting resources on me would be unwise, especially because she doesn't even know what I'm capable of.

"For a pitiful girl like you, be devoured by countless insects." Her voice suddenly echoed around the walls. "You'll never find that precious little lamb! And certainly, you're nothing without your parents or friends to protect you! Hahahahaha!"

"SHAAAAAH!"

"GRUOOOHH!"

"ROOOAARRGH!"

Dozens of gigantic insects started rushing towards us, as we were left standing there... Well, she was quite wrong at that.

"Oh no! I'm going to die! F-Furoh, run!" I cried.

"E-Eh? Sure...?" Furoh quickly ran to the opposite direction.

"Bwahaha! I don't even need to worry about such a pathetic little girl. I'll absorb your power once your soul stats wandering around after my children devour your body." Arachne laughed, as she quickly stopped giving me attention.

Good, let's begin.

"[Dungeon Gate Summon]!"

FLUOOOSH!