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Chapter 971 Mother And Son

After looking at Aquarina's Spirits Status, I wondered what else I could get if we gave one to Pyuku too. He was certainly the strongest and most mysterious, we've never seen slime monsters other than him either, so it would be really interesting to know.

Once we finally find him, I'll make sure to give him a System Seed so we can help him become even stronger, and see what's up with his Skills and Race!

"Oh, you're back. Just what happened?" My mother asked.

"You ran away out of nowhere, did you find a rare monster roaming around?" Nepheline wondered.

"Pyuku ran way out of nowhere!" Said Aquarina. "He went to the Evergreen Forest... Can we go look for him together?"

"Oh? That lazy slime ran away out of nowhere?!" Her mother asked. "What the...? I'm going to teach that damn thing a lesson once we find him! Familiars shouldn't be running away from their masters like that!"

"Hmm, it sure is strange." Shade agreed. "Well, how about we depart to the ruins while we are at it, Faylen? Allan?"

"Sure, I'm ready anytime. We've already had breakfast!" My father said, patting my head. "Wanna go on an adventure like old times, Sylphy?"

"You know I'm more than ready dad!" I nodded happily. "I remember I only explored that mysterious forest very little; I want to give it another try!"

"Hahaha, I can tell you're super excited." My father laughed. "Then what are we waiting for? Arafunn, Ninhursag! Are you ready?"

"Sure, we are!" Arafunn nodded. "Anytime!"

"Gladly, I really want to explore this beautiful continent. I can sense the presence of very strong beasts roaming its lands... Maybe its time for me to acquire new Monster Cores to shapeshift into." Ninhursag said.

"You haven't gotten a new year in years, haven't you?" Asked my mother. "What was the last one?"

"The Black Wyvern from Eastgrain's attack..." Said Ninhursag. "I have a limit of them, but I've grown stronger since then, I think I can fit one or two more... I have to choose carefully what will be my next transformations slots..."

Skin Changers had a truly unique way to grow stronger, devouring a prey and then using their magic crystals as catalyst, they could "register" them within their physiques as "shapes" they can later transform into, gaining their stats and skills temporarily in those forms.

It is the ultimate form of the Beast Aura thing she taught us, but perhaps even more evolved and personal, a unique power of her bloodline which can only be barely imitated by us through intense training.

I remember that back then, she was quite conflicted and alone, and once we had to run away from the Amazonian Jungles, she started to slowly open much more better to us. I guess it has to do with having had her revenge in a way, although not exactly against the same person that took away her parents... but a Blue Demon that, agh, I really don't want to remember that to be honest.

"Does that means you get locked to whatever you choose first, mom?" Zack wondered.

"Well, it's not like I'm locked with whatever I assume first, I can switch around too." Ninhursag answered one of Zack's questions. "And choose what I desire to become a permanent transformation. This is why it's good to always have some free slots as well."

"Interesting..." Zack analyzed. "I wonder if I could one day get that sort of power... No, right? I'm not even a Skin Changer like mom... What about Luck?"

"I don't think I could either, that's way too advanced. My transformation is related with the Divine Beast Spirits I was blessed with." Luck explained. "A completely different power I think."

"Indeed, both of you can't get the power... normally. But you could eventually inherit its core aspects and transform them, fusing them with your own abilities." Ninhursag explained. "This is what we'll go do eventually, once the end of the year comes and we must depart."

"I see..." Zack nodded. "It has to do with the inheritance, huh?"lights

"Indeed. It has special techniques and treasures that will help you more than you think. Believe me, you do have the talent. Luck by being a Beast hero, and you... because I've made sure to train you to be able to, despite your shortcomings." Ninhursag said. "To me, you're just as amazing as the heroes, my dear son."

"M-Mother..." Zack felt embarrassed, blushing a bit. "Thanks for helping me grow stronger..."

"It's fine." She hugged him, giving him a kiss on his forehead. "You're my precious family, Zack... Mom would do anything for you."

"Y-You've gotten really close lately..." Zack blushed a bit more.

"What? You don't like it?" Asked Ninhursag with a coquettish smile.

"I-It's not like I don't like it..." Zack was being rubbed by Ninhursag's large breasts as she hugged him. "I-It's just that... err, just forget it."

"Hm?" Ninhursag didn't get it, she was very oblivious of her tremendous beauty.

After all, I have to admit she's too sexy! I think my first crush with a woman was when we first meet her, her body is just so hot though!

Those beautiful and wide hips, her large breasts, her muscular yet beautiful and feminine frame, her gorgeous and flawless face, her long hair...

And above all, that dark brown chocolate skin, covered on white tattoos... She has such an exotic beauty!

Ah, I better stop, Aquarina is my everything now.

But yeah, I did had... quite the strong crush on her, it lasted very little, though I still find her very attractive...

"Anyways, let's get going." My mother made me snap out of my thoughts. "Sylphy?"

"Y-Yeah!" I nodded, as Aquarina wondered what I was even thinking about.

"Hm?" She wondered.

"Ahahaha, I was just wondering about the spirits." I smiled, trying to act innocently.

"Oh, they're fine, don't worry about side effects." Aquarina smiled.

"I've noticed they got stronger out of nowhere!" Said Lara. "What happened to them?"

"Err, we can explain later, nothing too big." I smiled.

"Yeah!" Aquarina nodded.

We couldn't just talk out-loud about the system in front of our parents...

Chapter 972 Into The Evergreen Forest, And New Quest!

Once we were done and had packed everything for traveling, we set off into the gigantic Evergreen Forest. It was very beautiful, being much larger than the forest surrounding Agartha.

The forest held all kinds of beautiful trees, some bearing large and edible fruits of all kinds. The shade was comfortable below the strong sun of Cloudia, and there were all matter of little critters walking here and there, though most immediately ran away the moment they heard our footsteps.

The sound of birds singing, cicadas ringing, and all kinds of other creatures made the background of the forest all the more soothing, somehow.

You could really feel absorbed by the atmosphere of summer and a nice, green forest. I had the small desire to just sit down below one of them and take a nap with Aquarina...

Oh, of course, it was also covered on all sorts of exotic and rare plants. Some I had never seen before, so I started picking a few as we moved, my mother explaining this place to us.

"The Evergreen Forest is the largest forest of Cloudia, it expands over hundreds of kilometers all across the southeast area, it has three very large rivers that divide into smaller ones all across the entire sector." She explained. "It is also the home for most of the life in the continent, all kinds of animals and monsters make this their home, some extinct species of monsters roam in here as well, which you can't find anywhere else anymore, such as the Six-Legged Giant Lizards, for example."

"Really? Is it THAT big?" Lara wondered. "Woow... Makes sense because there are so many Spirits! Right Naturia?"

"Foo!" Naturia nodded. "I can sense and feel so many of my kin here! Though, not Dryads..."

Despite her change of form, Naturia could still float in midair and turn ethereal, so she had an easy time coming along as always and didn't even need to walk! I was a bit envious of that.

"This is my first time having my senses so far into the forest..." Yggdra said. "I did help it grow a bit with my own children as well."

"Oh, I guess you've made the Evergreen Forest even larger now, Yggdra." My mother giggled a bit. "Anyways, any questions? This is the perfect opportunity to learn things."

"What sort of materials are in here?" Celeste asked.

"Oh, are there strong monsters we can hunt?" Mist asked.

"I wonder where those are ruins you talked about, auntie..." Celica said.

"Is there some Spirit Sanctuary nearby?" Lara wondered.

"Now, now, one question at a time, girls..." Sighed my mom, feeling slightly overwhelmed.

As my mother answered all kinds of questions, I noticed Aquarina looking around, sniffing the air. She was looking for Pyuku.

"Hmm... He's farther away, I can sense him still running..." She sighed. "Pyuku, you dumb rascal, where are you even going to?"

"Don't worry, we'll make sure to find him no matter what." I smiled, patting her shoulders.

"I hope so..." She sighed.

And then...

Ding!

[A New [Special Quest] has been generated: [Level Up Aquarina's Spirits and Find Pyuku]!]

[After the mysterious disappearance of Pyuku, Aquarina has been worried sick of that rascal! However, to cheer her up, you've also given Systems to her Spirits, because you felt bad her Spirits weren't as strong as yours after seeing Naturia's amazing evolution.]

[Now, how about we kill multiple birds with one stone? Help Aquarina hunt monsters and level up her partners, while looking for Pyuku at the same time!]

[Help Undine and Leviathan reach Level 20 before finding Pyuku, and then find Pyuku afterwards to receive bountiful rewards!]lights

[Though, where might Pyuku have even gone to?]

[Quest Completion Rewards]: [5.000.000 EXP] [???] [???] [???]

[Time Limit]:[3 Hours]

[This Quest has been shared with Aquarina.]

Wow, a quest out of nowhere?! It's been several months since then!

And it is quite challenging at that, with several mysterious Rewards and 5 million EXP... not bad. If I do this quickly, I can get even more EXP as a completion bonus before the time limit too.

Level 20 shouldn't be hard for E+ Rank Spirits, a few dozen strong monsters would do the trick!

"Alright, how about we make your spirits stronger after the little gift I gave to them?" I proposed her.
"While looking for Pyuku, so we can kill two birds with one stone?"

"Hmm... W-Well, I guess. Though with our parents here, no monsters are approaching us..." Aquarina sighed.

"Mom, dad, everyone, can you lower your auras? While we are at it, we want to hunt monsters too!" I protested.

"Hmmm, I guess it wouldn't hurt to let you all warmup a bit, it has been a little while since you trained."
My father agreed.

"I suppose there's no helping it." My mother agreed. "Alright everyone, let's let the monsters approach!
Time for the young heroes to have some training for once."

FLAAASH!

The Auras of all our powerful parents recede in a second, we also hid our owns, only letting go the aura of just our life force and rich mana.

Our footsteps and our voices quickly attracted the attention of many monsters roaming around, looking for easy prey... though they were being fooled into believing we were easy prey.

"Alright, looks like something's getting closer!" Zack said, smiling. "Time to check what the monsters of Cloudia have to offer!"

"Don't be too reckless though, Zack!" Mist said. "Let's analyze the situation as they get closer."

"Well while you're sitting analyzing the situation I'm going to get them all for myself." Aquarina smiled with a cocky smirk. "Leviathan and Undine gotta get stronger after all! I'm going to make them evolve until they get as strong as Naturia!"

"Now that's the spirit!" I nodded. "Oh? They're here..."

I looked into the distance, realizing there were several shadowy figures approaching, they had six legs, and were covered in blue and green scales, their sizes varying from four meters to six meters each.

They exuded powerful Auras of Tier 4 to 5 Monsters... Not bad for our welcoming party!

"SHAAAH!"

[A large pack of [Six-Legged Giant Lizards (Tier 4)] have cornered you!]

[They're being led by stronger [Eight-Legged Giant Lizards (Tier 5)], be careful!]

Be careful? These guys are just walking bags of EXP!

Chapter 973 Aquarina Is Way Too Cool!

Aquarina was pumped up to level up her Spirits, so she was the first to leap into action. This time, however, she didn't brute force her way through, summoning her two spirits and telling them to fight alongside her.

"SHAAAH!"

Several of the six-legged lizards ran towards her. They were roughly a dozen, and three of them chose her as their opponent.

A bad decision, quite honestly.

"Alright, Undine! [Sharp Spirit Trident]! [Turbulent River Currents]!"

"Alright Aquarina~!"

Undine was summoned by her side, as she conjured her new Skills, combining them with Aquarina's fighting style as she leaped into battle.

FLUOSH!

Five enormous currents of spiraling river waters emerged around her, hitting the three six-legged lizards attacking her, and pushing them away.

SPLASH! SPLASH! SPLASH!

The water was so strong and with so much pressure within that the attacks even pierced through the monster's defenses, leaving them covered on several wounds.

"Now...!"

Aquarina rushed towards them once she leaped into the air, her hands quickly summoning a huge trident made of pure Water Attribute Spirit Energy.

"RAAAAH!"

With a mighty roar, she pierced the head of one of the lizards with it, killing it on the spot!

CLAAASH!

"SHYAAGH!"

"GRUOOH!"

The other two aggressively attacked her, responding with tail attacks, slash attacks, and bites! However, Aquarina's body was suddenly covered on glistening silver-colored scales.

"[Ice Crystal Scales]! Well done, Leviathan!"

"ROAR!"

The little Leviathan wagged his tail happily to be praised, as Aquarina's body was covered on a hue armor made of frost scales, she looked amazing!

The lizard bites were strong, but her armor resisted the powerful bites and their tail wipes with ease, even easier their slashing attacks with their sharp claws.

"HYAAH!"

Aquarina started leaping from one lizard to another, piercing their heads with the trident Undine kept summoned, while spears of frost emerged around her, rotating as they attacked the lizards trying to get her.

"[Icicle Spears]!"

Leviathan summoned dozens of icicle spears, piercing the bodies of the weakened six-legged lizards, while Aquarina killed them once she pierced their heads!

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH!

As she was massacring the monsters, everyone was watching in awe in the back, me included! I guess she's really pumped up today.

Although she was so sad over Pyuku, it seems she's letting off some steam now with this monster hunting. And well, maybe what we did last night is still lingering in her mind.

"Amazing, have her synchronization with her spirits become stronger?" Wondered my mother. "She's using their abilities much better now; they're working as a single being."

"Yeah, I just noticed." My father agreed.

"Sister-in-law is strong!" Zephy agreed. "I want a spirit too though!"

"You'll get one eventually!" Celica said. "Well, you could always get a Familiar like me too."

"Ooh, right, that's also a possibility." Zephy nodded.

"Aquarina... She seems to be working harder than before, while limiting all her abilities to let her Spirits do a lot of work." Said Nepheline, analyzing her daughter's fighting style.

"Looks like after seeing Sylphy's Spirit Evolution, she must have wanted something similar." Shade laughed a bit. "She's a hard worker, that's for sure."

"She's just killing every single one!" Zack complained. "At least leave one for us, no?"

"Leave her be, Zack." Mist giggled. "She's having fun!"

"If we get in the way we'll only end up slowing her down. If more monsters show up, let's act, but for now, let's leave her on her own little world." Celeste shrugged.

"Woah! Her two Spirits... they got much stronger!" Lara said in surprise. "Hmm, I wonder if Sylphy has something to do with it~"

"I... Uuuh, nah." I simply feigned ignorance on the situation. "She's just really motivated! That's all... Her Spirits are merely answering to her motivation."

"She sure fights wild." Luck said. "No matter how many times I watch her fight, I always hope to never become her enemy..."

"Dummy, we're all friends, that's never happening." Lara giggled. "But I guess you can ask her to spar with her!"

"W-What?! No way, she's going to demolish me..." Luck wasn't really confident about a 1v1 against Aquarina.

"Heh, from all the spars we've had, I've won a fair bit!" Zack said. "She might look very strong but she got a few weaknesses. She also lacks physical defense, her body's nimble and all, but she's not good at taking too many blows... Well, that's a bit different now, that ice armor she's covered on... It looks tough."

"Very tough..." Mist nodded.

"SHAAAAHHH!!!"

The Eight-Legged Giant Lizard stepped in once all its lackeys died. Our friends weren't even able to touch any monster because Aquarina just hunted them all in a flash.

"Oh? Are you mad I hunted your pack?" Aquarina smiled defiantly, her eyes turning from blue to red, a strong aura of darkness emerging from her body. "I'll take you on!"

"ROOOAARR!"

The Eight-Legged Giant Lizard exuded a mighty aura of its own, enhancing its power temporarily just like Aquarina! Both clashed against one another right away!

CLASH!

Aquarina's armor constantly shattered and recovered thanks to Leviathan, while she swung her fists against the lizard, imbuing shadows, and water into the tridents she created thanks to Undine's powers.

Meanwhile, her opponent attacked with a myriad of claw attacks, it had so many arms that it was to be expected! Both seemed to be on a slight stalemate.

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH!

"I don't want too much of my powers but...!" Aquarina smiled, her red eyes glowing even brighter, as one of her arms transformed, gaining countless black spots until her fingers turned into giant, sharp claws, encompassed on the water of Undine and Leviathan's ice. "This should count, right?! [Abyssal Frost Claw]!"

CRASH!

Her claw pierced through the Eight-Legged Giant Lizard's attacks, the beast desperately opened its jaws, unleashing a devastating fire breath attack!

SLAAASH!

However, Aquarina easily slashed through the flames, cutting the lizard's head into two perfect slices, and making the enormous creature fall into the ground!

"Phew... Well, that wasn't half bad to let out some steam." Aquarina sighed in relief, covered on blood.

I know I should feel a bit scared, but the only thing I can think of is that my girlfriend is amazingly cool!

Chapter 974 Hunting And Exploring

Ding!

[Your Party has defeated [Six-Legged Giant Lizards (Tier 4)] x14!]

[Your Party has defeated [Eight-Legged Giant Lizards (Tier 5)] x1!]

[You gained half of the earned EXP!]

[You earned 800.000 EXP!]

[Aquarina] has gained 2 Levels!]

[Undine] and [Leviathan] have gained 12 Levels!]

Oh? Seems like Aquarina gained two levels, nice. Also her Spirits are already midway through! If we fight yet another group of monsters this size, they might get to max level or close to.

"Nice, they got pretty strong." I ran towards Aquarina to help her gather the corpses. "I think another pack or two of monsters this strong and they might hit max level."

"Really? Well that's super fast!" Aquarina was surprised. "It wasn't so fast with us, was it?"

"I don't really remember, but Spirits tend to level up quicker thanks to the bonuses to EXP I give them with my Spiritual Blessing." I said. "It's a Skill that boosts their Stats and Skill earned!"

"Wait, what? You had such a Skill?" She was amazed. "So cool! Don't you have one that boosts our EXP though?"

"Nope, nothing like that, haha. Hey be happy with what you got already, don't be greedy." I winked to her. "Feeling better now?"

"Y-Yeah, while fighting I started to realize I was being a bit... A bit rude with you." She apologized. "Just because Pyuku got lost doesn't mean I have to act so selfish. You were just trying to cheer me up and I was just thinking about myself... Sorry."

"A-Aquarina..." I felt a bit surprised. "D-Don't worry, it's alright! I did feel a bit hurt but... If you apologize! It's fine."

"Sorry, really..." She hugged me tightly. "You gave your body to me last night and I was just ignoring that while acting like an idiot... I love you... Sowy."

"Hehehe, it's alright..." I giggled, giving her a kiss. "Don't feel so guilty, we sometimes get like this. It's normal. As long as you understand and apologize, then it's fine."

"You're always so nice with me..." Aquarina sighed, caressing my face. "Uwaah, I don't deserve you, Sylphyyyy~!" She hugged me tightly and started rubbing her face on my shoulders.

I felt overwhelmed by her love. One of the things I love about Aquarina is that she's always considerate and quickly realizes her mistakes.

She's someone that is constantly trying to be the best version of herself.

"Okay, okay, that's enough, no more weeping!" I said. "I want your Spirits to get strong anyways, so let's quickly pick this up here and there and let's keep moving."lights

With Glutton's help, all the materials were stored inside the Inventory, as we decided to continue our journey. Our friends were talking about how brutal and badass Aquarina was, she felt just a bit embarrassed about it.

"Your connection with your Spirits has become stronger." Nepheline commented. "Well done. If you continue like this, your Spirits might continue to progress and become stronger. The key to help our

Spirits progress is to combine their actions with us, to make their abilities and spells our own as we fight as together as one. This is also something for everyone else to learn."

"Indeed." Shade nodded. "Also, if you can connect your souls with them more, and imbue them into their magic, your connection will strengthen and they will become stronger over time too. This is something called Spirit Soul Connection Strengthening, it's a type of Cultivation method. Usually you'll learn this on the Academy."

"Wow, sounds fun!" Said Mist. "Maybe my little Spirit can get stronger like that too!"

"I hadn't thought about that..." Zack was surprised.

"I want a Spirit even more now..." Zephyr sighed.

"Me too, but with my Familiars I'm happy already!" Celica giggled.

"Eventually in the Academy you will get a Spirit if you can't get one until then." My mom stepped in to explain that. "There's a special area known as Spirit Sanctuary, where anybody can get a Spirit from it once you enter. Only one per person though. And if you already had one, you can't get another from there."

"Oh, I remember that." Uncle Arafunn laughed. "It is a big deal sometimes, like some sort of Ceremony for younglings to show off how talented they might be. The more talented you are, the stronger the Spirit that will appear for you will be... Or so I've heard. I already had one by then."

"Me too, but some others wait until this moment to get one. After all, there's a rare chance to get very strong ones." My mother added.

"Oh I got my first spirit from there now that I remember about it!" Father said. "Nepheline too, no?"

"Yeah, we both had little affinity with spirits back then." Nepheline nodded. "Magicians have better affinity from the start, for us, it took a while to assimilate the Elements into our Physiques through Cultivation enough for Spirits to feel naturally attracted to us."

I guess it could be said the System emulates this Spirit Soul Connection Strengthening that Shade mentioned before and makes the connection stronger while making the Spirits stronger even faster.

In a way, the System is a very overpowered cheat that can make everyone grow several times faster than normal, on top of their Cultivation!

It's a pity I can't level up myself... But well, there's Quest Rewards, Skill Evolution and Leveling, and my System Modification Spell to make up for it. And of course, my Infinite Mana!

"Now, should we move forwards?" Ninhursag interrupted our talk. "Aquarina, is Pyuku nearby? I can smell his scent, he smells like soap."

"Yeah, he's running on a straight line to somewhere..." Said Aquarina. "Let's chase him and fight monsters on the way then!"

"Sounds like a plan, we'll leave the hard work to you kids then!" Arafunn laughed, my uncle was quite lazy actually, he wasn't even running himself, just floating in the air. He relaxed as if sleeping while floating, folding his arms behind his head. "Now, let's go~ I'll take a little sunbath while we are at it."

"I can't believe you're my father's brother sometimes..." My mother facepalmed.

Chapter 975 Golem Nest

We kept rapidly moving across the Evergreen Forest, its beautiful trees, wonderful rivers, and glistening unique and rare materials made it a heaven for an Alchemist such as myself!

I didn't wanted to take too many things, but I couldn't stop gathering everything I could find with my hands, greedily taking it all away! Glutton was coughing a bit as I stuffed all sorts of plants, fungi, and crystals into his jaws.

And as we were halfway through to where Aquarina could sense Pyuku going, we found a large area in the middle of the Evergreen Forest resembling a crater.

According to my mother, there were many craters like these all around the continent, this was because the continent was so high up the skies it usually shielded the ground below from meteors that occasionally fell from the sky.

"Oh, this is the Evergreen Crater, it is an area where there's a few monster nests." My mother said. "Too many perhaps, now that we've left for a while... How about we get down there for a quick hunt? I can sense at least a hundred creatures down there."

"The more beasts you fight, the stronger your Physique will develop as it exercises in each battle and naturally absorbs mana from defeated creatures." My father said. "So if you kids want to get as strong as possible quickly, go down."

"Using Mana to Cultivate your Physiques is also a good way to grow stronger, but that is considerably slower. It's always better to combine both methods together for the best effect." Shade recommended. "While fighting, make sure to imbue your entire bodies with your Mana, and make it constantly move across your muscles and bones. Your senses will naturally become enhanced."

"Over time, you'll get used to do this and you'll do it almost naturally." Nepheline added.

And of course, if we combine all of that with the Leveling System for them on top, it makes their growth even faster! Sadly I can't level up myself, but I'll do what they just said as well.

"So? What are ye waiting for?" Ninhursag smiled, quickly transforming into a huge bird. "I'll supervise you guys from above! I can bring you to where large groups of beasts are! Follow me!"

"Alright then! Let's go!" I roared, leading my entire party as we jumped down. Our parents following us from farther away to not disturb our hunt.

Ninhursag quickly led us to a small cave filled with gigantic creatures made of stone, ores, and crystals, each one of over three meters of height, the largest reaching heights of six to seven meters.

They were all Golems! A Golem Cave! These monsters are so rare outside of Dungeons, to think Cloudia harbors them naturally...

"Golems are more common inside of Dungeons because they need a lot of Natural Mana and other Resources such as Ores and Crystals to be born." Ninhursag explained. "But Cloudia's filled with that everywhere! Hunt to your heart's content! They're tough enemies, so don't go easy on them!"

"OOOOHH!" We roared in unison, the golems quickly noticing us, their large eyes, made of crystals, glowed brightly once they heard our roars.

Ding!

[A large group of [Giant Stone Golems (Tier 4)], [Giant Crystal Golems (Tier 5)], and a few [Giant Metal Golems (Tier 6)] have noticed your presence!]

[They quickly rush to attack you, deciding to protect the caves where they were born from their walls and natural resources!]

A huge group of a dozen Stone Golems rushed forwards greeting us with furious groans and by swinging their enormous arms towards us.

Because they missed their targets as we swiftly evaded the moment they got closer, they hit the ground instead, making it tremble several times with each of their blows.

BAAAM! BAAAM! BAAAM!

"Uwaah!"

Mist lost her balance and ended tripping over the ground, two Golems caught up to her and swung their gigantic arms towards her!

"HYAAAH!"

However, Zack appeared right in front of her, defending her against both attacks as he imbued the power of his Spirit into his body, winds, and lightning surging from his arms.

His two axes, which I've reinforced with Alchemy and upgraded with new materials, swung against them at the same time.lights

"[Divine Axe Arts]: [Thunderous Repel]!"

CLAAASH!

His double attack blew up both of the golem's arms as a huge explosion of lightning and winds emerged from his attacks. The two golems gained countless cracks over their bodies, but quickly attempted to stomp over him.

"[Celestial Light Bow Arts]: [Holy Light Arrow Rain]!"

She fired a single arrow that then multiplied into hundreds, clashing over the golems and exploding several times, their entire already weakened bodies started crumbling down!

"RAAAH!"

Zack finished them off by swinging his axes against them, their bodies fully crumbling apart, leaving their exposed, deactivated cores and piles of stones.

CRAAASH! CRAAASH!

"Phew...!"

As Zack and Mist sighed in relief, I quickly ran in front of them, greeting two Crystal Golems and a Stone Golem that quickly came rushing towards them.

"Don't relax yet, you two!" I said, using my shield to take on the powerful blows one after another.

BAAAM! BAAAM! BAAAM!

"Uurggh...! N-Now you've done it, bastards!"

Sapphire laughed as she was overflowing with energy she absorbed from their blows. A smile surged in my lips. Her black and blue scales overflowing with black and purple flames!

"Now!" I roared. "[Black Dragon Flame Riposte]!"

TRUUUMMM...!

The shield released all the accumulated energy, an explosion of black flames surged from within, consuming all three of the golems. The flames danced around their bodies, shaping into several snake-like dragons made of black fire.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

Several explosions overwhelmed them, their arms crumbled down, I quickly leaped towards them to finish them off, swinging Scarlet with all my strength.

"Now, Scarlet! [Demonic Katana Infernal Dance]!"

"Alright!"

Scarlet's katana blade overflowed with crimson and golden flames, as I swung her several times while spinning around the golems, evading their arms and hands.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

BOOOM!

Their bodies were covered on countless slashing attacks, the flames bursting into explosions until all three crumbled down to pieces.

Chapter 976 Everyone Showcases Their Abilities

"Wow! Sylphy you're so strong!" Mist clapped her hands happily after seeing me.

"T-That's... three at once?" Zack was amazed. "I-I can do the same too!" His competitive spirit surged.

"Okay then, let's see who can beat these guys faster!" I smiled. "Like good ol' times, let's compete! The one that kills the most will get a reward, a... custom made item from me!"

"What if you win though?" Celeste asked, flying over her cursed spear.

"If I win then all of you have to do what I say for a whole day!" I giggled evilly.

"What? No way!" Celica was surprised. "We won't lose then!"

Not only did she brought her three gigantic Golem Familiars, Mister Teddy, Mister Jester, and Mister Wolf, but also she unleashed her Phantom Soul Realm Skill, bringing the souls of the monsters she has defeated as Specters.

Yeah, it has been quite obvious since we've analyzed her abilities more, but Celica's... quite the Necromancer! Not only a Necromancer but also a golem creator and puppeteer. Even my mother and the other heroes admitted her magic abilities and talent were incredible and held overwhelming potential.

"Heheh, sounds like a nice challenge!" Lara laughed, as she was running towards the golems recklessly while holding her scepter and activating its ability.

Hundreds of small spirits gathered around her, summoning forth the might of many elements at once as giant fireballs, enormous icicle spears, swords made of wind and lightning, and even hammers made of stone descended upon the golems one after another.

Alongside Celica's three overpowered Golems and her army of spectral beings, these two girls were like armies of their own, the advancing golems were swiftly caught in several attacks from all sides.

Elemental explosions made their arms crumble down, while the giant golems kicked and punched them, Mister Jester even had special abilities such as flying and creating special illusion tricks, dividing itself into many illusory clones to confuse the golems.

"Gyhihihi~!"

The giant draconic jester laughed, suddenly its illusions exploded into pink mist, weakening the golems, and reducing their stats, all while the Celica's own golems crushed them one after another with brute force.

Her specters mostly protected her from damage by circling around her like a barrier of their own, but she could combine them into huge phantasmal claws through her Phantasmal Magic.

"A-Amazing... Celica's so strong!" Zephy said while watching her move forwards.

"Hehehe, you think so?" Celica wondered with an innocent giggle. "Come Zephy, don't stay behind! I'll let you guard me!"

"Really? I-I'll do my best to be your knight!" Zephy was really head over heels for this girl, running to her side with his two swords imbued with his Dark Blood Aura.

"GROOHH!"

A Metal Golem got through Celica's defenses and stomped Lara's spirit magic, its metallic body imbued with greater resistance to elemental damage and physical damage, it was quite the behemoth.

"I won't let you through!"

Zephyrus held his two swords as his Aura kept surging from his body. Although he hadn't been part of any big battles before, my little brother has been training nonstop with us.

Even if he couldn't enjoy the benefit of the System, he had been strengthening his physique and magic circle, training, and also was wearing a lot of equipment I made, enhanced to boost his stats further.

Especially those two swords, which were reforged with special materials we got from Arachne and her many demonic followers, giving them Darkness and Blood attribute affinities that resonated well with his!

And Zephyrus fighting style was slowly shaping itself as he continued training and growing up. His Aura was finally beginning to manifest too, and it was incredibly strong. Although we couldn't yet understand what it was, it brought him tremendous power when he channeled it temporarily!lights

"HYAA!"

He leaped into midair with his small and nimble body, his two blades shining with black and crimson red auras as his own aura erupted from his body, resembling an almighty giant of darkness and blood, with several eyes.

"[Dark Blood Sword Arts]: [Heart Piercing Crimson Blades]!"

SLAASH! SLAASH! SLAASH!

Countless slashing attacks of crimson and black color descended upon the Metal Golem at once. Zephy's amazing might was being shown, the tough as hell Tier 6 Monster started being pushed back, stepping back constantly, overwhelmed by the crimson storm that my brother had become!

"Now... Like big sis...!" Zephyrus roared, his Aura growing stronger. "Hahh...! [Crimson Blood Dragon]!"

FLUOSH!

His Aura fused with his attacks, suddenly summoning a gigantic, menacing red dragon that opened its gigantic jaws and gnawed through the golem's metallic arms as they attacked him back!

CRAAASH!

One of the arms shattered and fell apart, the other gained countless cracks and only managed to attack Zephyrus with a weak blow, which he defended against by transforming his special overpowered aura into a barrier.

BAAAMMM...!

He landed on the floor but was mostly unscathed. His left eye changed color, the iris turned deep black while his pupil became red, this was a special effect of his mysterious Blood and Darkness Aura.

"Ooof... That was a bit strong..." Zephyrus sighed.

"GRUOOHHH!"

The Metal Golem quickly ran towards him, rising its leg to stomp on him. Zephyrus usually felt a bit tired after using his Aura, and needed a few seconds to rest in intervals, so he was quite exposed there!

"Thanks for taking care of him, Zephy!" Celica smiled. "[Phantasmal Magic]: [Spectral Queen's Hand]!"

Celica raised her hand, dozens of Specters fused together into a gigantic phantasmal hand, clashing against the Metal Golem, abusing the cracks Zephy created to make it crumble down into pieces!

CRAAASH!

RUMBLE!

"Amazingly done, Celica!" Zephy said. "You're so cool as always!"

"Heheh, you were really cool too!" Celica smiled gently. "Let's go now! We have more golems to grind! I need the EXP!"

"S-Sure! I don't really know what that is but I'll help you!" Zephy nodded, running to her side.

The two made an honestly adorable and cool couple, though there was a noticeable age gap of four years... But I am still believing my brother can get her heart eventually!

You can do it Zephy! Your big sis is cheering for you!

Chapter 977 Sylphy's Might

As my Friends kept advancing and clashing against the Golems, even more motivated than ever after I promised them a custom-made equipment piece for them made by me, fully knowing how much that could boost their stats, they all set off to defeat more golems than me.

And well, also the thing about making them obey everything I say for a day... I actually wasn't going to do that, but I guess it was also a good incentive.

"GRAAAH!"

"GRUOOH!"

"OOOHH!!"

Five Golems stepped out of the caves as I was the fastest to get there, with Aquarina right by my side. She wasn't acting competitive though and was just working alongside me.

"Three Crystal Golems, two Metal Golems!" I said. "Aquarina, can you take care of the Crystal ones with your Spirits? Make sure to use their Skills the most so they level up too!"

"Sure! Leave it to me!" Aquarina nodded happily, leaping into battle.

We currently had two hours and fifteen minutes before the Quest time limit ended, so we had to hurry up and rack all the EXP possible to level up her Spirits to max and also find Pyuku within this time!

She leaped into the air, her body overflowing with her Mana and Spiritual Energy from her Spirits. Undine and Leviathan constantly danced around her body, channeling their powers into her.

She summoned several tridents at once, firing them at the golems and temporarily paralyzing them by hitting their crystal eyes, a tactic I had taught her.

CLAAASH! CLAAASH! CLAAASH!

"Now...! You two, imbue everything you've got into my hands!" Aquarina said. "Like we did before, remember?"

"Oh, I see!" Undine nodded.

"ROAAR!" Leviathan wagged his tail, understanding.

She was handicapping herself quite a lot, not overusing her magic nor her Abyssal Embodiment, she wasn't even using her daggers this time either, just her bare hands.

This was also a training for Aquarina. She wanted to train her physical body for what has to come next year in her trial. Her mother told her physical body was strong, but it was far from what her Physique Tier should be.

For that reason, she told her that she had to fight tough enemies with her bare hands, to strengthen the strength of her fists and the toughness of her skin and bones while enhancing the regeneration of her muscles by tearing them down over and over again.

It was a harsh training, but Aquarina didn't seem to mind at all, using this opportunity to also train her Spirit Connection, for the first time leaving aside her precious daggers gifted by her parents.

FLUOSH!

The power of her Spirits glowed into her body and fists. Leviathan generated a beautiful armor of ice dragon scales over her body, reinforcing her defenses, while her fists turned deep black and merged with ice and water, forming into giant sharp claws.

"I can do this at the very least, right?!" She smiled with a cocky smirk. "[Abyssal Frost Claws]!"

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

A barrage of devastating attacks befell the Crystal Golems she was fighting, their arms and shoulders crumbling down, one of them had their entire head destroyed but kept on moving.

"GRUOOHHH!"

Their arms reached her, trying to push her down. Some of their fists clashed against her body, throwing her into the ground.

BAAAM!

"Ungh...! Bastard... I want to show off to my girlfriend! Can't you just let me kill you?!"

She grew angrier as her eyes glowed bright red, her leg turned deep black, overflowing with shadows, her frost scales fusing with them as she kicked one of the golem's legs, making it trip into the floor.

CLASH!

"You're mine."lights

She leaped into the golem's chest, summoning a huge trident made of swirling water from Undine, and firing it into the golem's chest.

CRAAASH!

The Golem was utterly destroyed, and the destruction of the other two was soon to come, as she quickly leaped towards them and started kicking them and punching them.

I could notice how her skin was getting torn apart, how her bones were cracking a bit, and how her muscles were overexerting themselves until breaking down.

But Undine kept her healthy, conjuring Healing Spring Water, and she also had the leaves of Natoria, which she was constantly munching to recover HP.

I felt a bit bad she had to force her body to become tougher in such a way, but golems were the ideal targets for this method of fighting, and she fought while smiling...

She was enjoying it, wasn't she? She's such a battle junkie.

Well, I'm not that different either...

"GRUOOHHH!"

The two Metal Golems attacked me, immediately attempting to stomp me and crush me like the mere bug they thought I was.

It wasn't going to happen though.

"Naturia, Ignatius, show em'!"

FLAAASH! FLAAASH!

Both Spirits appeared in front of me as I called them. Naturia having already been present, semi-transparent, and flying behind me.

"[Grand Flare Explosion]! [Volcanic Wrath]!"

Ignatius roared with mighty draconic power, his size being almost the same as the golems, as he attacked one before it could stomp me, his body unleashed an explosion of flames and an eruption of volcanic magma, melting half the metal golem in a single second.

BOOOMMM!!!

"GROOOHHH...!"

"I'm not done yet, fucker!"

Ignatius smiled cockily, flying into the skies, happy to have grown so far to be a Juvenile Dragon of this size, after having been confined to be an egg for so long.

"[Fire Absorption]!" He absorbed all the flames he let out, gathering them all into a giant mass of magma and flames. "[Volcanic Dragon Claw]!"

It shaped into a titanic dragon claw, descending upon the Metal Golem, and completely devastating it, melting it and destroyed it into pieces at the same time!

CRAAASH!

I think he might have gone a bit overboard...

"Hehehe! Time to play then!" Naturia giggled, pointing her tiny hands at the other Metal Golem approaching me. "[Spirit Seed Cannon]!"

Her hands suddenly summoned dozens of seeds made of spiritual energy, each one firing countless rainbow-colored beams at the Metal Golem.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

The Golem, made of hard magical metal, was left with countless holes, it quickly collapsed without even being able to fight back.

BAAAMMM!!

Her former Seed Bullet Skill has really become amazing...

Chapter 978 Clearing Through

"It's clear, let's go in!" I roared, calling the rest of my friends, Aquarina running to my side after she was done. "The cave's filled with golems! Remember what I said! Whoever kills the most gets a custom equipment!"

"They're getting ahead already?!" Celeste said, moving across the battlefield.

She was both summoning her curse magic in the form of chains to immobilize golems and lower their stats while using her mighty spear to pierce their joints, making them crumble down with ease.

"Not fair! You can't just get ahead so easily!" She said angrily. "Spear, come! We're following those two!" She quickly flew right towards us from behind.

"Hahaha, fine, if you really want to have a fair fight, there you go!" I laughed, as Aquarina and I slid through the floor and evaded a huge Golem stepping forwards.

"GROOOHHHH!"

"Hmph, another crystal golem won't be a problem! Don't you remember we've all grown super strong-Eh?!"

However, this golem looked much different than normal crystal golems, it was red, green, and yellow colored instead of just transparent white.

And it was overflowing with an aura of magic and elemental power!

Ding!

[The [Spirit Crystal Giant Golems (Tier 6)] have stepped forwards!]

FLAASH! FLAASH! FLAASH!

Three beams of light, fire, and winds were fired from its chest, reaching Celeste in an instant! The half-demoness panicked, quickly encompassing herself into a barrier of darkness with her Aura.

"[Beast Aura: Abyssal Bat Queen Aura]! [Barrier Form]!"

Her Aura surged in the form of a gigantic Bat made of shadows, encompassing her on its enormous wings as the three beams hit.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

"Urgh! You damn thing!"

Celeste was slowed down a lot as she was left fighting it, but I could hear her conjuring some of her Skills as we moved forwards.

"[Cursed Dark Chains]!"

Countless chains made of darkness wrapped around the golem's body, inhibiting its ability to fire too much magic, but it was still bombarding her with fireballs and wind gusts, and rays of light.

"A magician golem is the least thing I could have ever dreamed of!" She sighed, her black spear absorbing her Aura and growing five times as large. "But this is still not enough! I have over 10k Magic after all! [Abyssal Cursed Spear Strike]!"

CRAAASH!

Her giant spear of darkness pierced the golem's chest, blowing it up and destroying its core in the process, the beautiful and brightly colored golem was no more.

RUMBLE!

As she dealt with them while the rest of our friends were running into the cave, with Aquarina we were dealing with a colorful group of Spiritual Crystal Giant Golems and some Metal Golems as well!

They were seven in total; seven Tier 6 Monsters would be utterly impossible to deal with by normal standards. Most typical adventurers could barely deal with one if an entire group goes against them.

But us? Well that's a different story entirely.

"Aquarina, take the left, I'll go for the right!"

"Gotcha!"lights

Aquarina quickly leaped into the air by kicking the ground with extreme strength, shattering the floor below her boots due to her sheer physical might.

Her bare fists reached the Metal Golem in front of her, the creature too slow to react to her lightning speed movements.

Her fists imbued with two giant black frost claws, she swung them against it several times, even as the claws shattered, she simply regenerated them back, kicking and punching the beast!

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH!

"RAAAHHH!"

With a furious roar, her Aura erupted from her body, her two Spirits reacted to her mighty roar, fusing their strength together with hers, forming a gigantic Frost Trident and firing it into the golem's chest.

CRAAASH!

"GRAAHHH...!"

The Metal Golem couldn't even fight back against Aquarina, quickly falling into the ground and crumbling down to pieces, its core destroyed!

"Hahhh... My hands are burning." She laughed a bit, her hands were bleeding and I could even see a bit of her bone... it was terrifying, but she quickly healed back as she was munching one of Naturia's leaves. "There's nothing like Naturia's leaves! It heals a nice amount and the effects are instant, unlike usual healing magic!"

"You can have as many as you want!" I said. "But please don't push yourself TOO much, okay? I don't like seeing you suffering!"

"It's fine, don't worry about me, sweetie." She smiled. "I love that of you, but I'll be fine! Just watch! I'll inherit that ancient legacy that mother wants, and I'll become the toughest person in my entire tribe! I plan to even surpass her!"

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH!

Aquarina covered her fists with gauntlets made of Leviathan's Frost Scales and her Darkness, punching yet another Metal Golem.

I guess I cannot really reason with her, she has gone into complete battle junkie mode!

"GRUOOHHH!"

Meanwhile, the four Spirit Crystal Giant Golems surrounding me unleashed devastating explosions of light, fire, wind, and even darkness.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

I swiftly slashed through their feeble elemental attacks with Scarlet, my body gaining red scales and a pair of wings, as I flew into the air with them. I barely had a few scratches if any.

"Your magic's nothing compared to monsters like Arachne!" I roared, activating Scarlet's various Skills, and imbuing them with my Yggdragon's Aura. "[Stone Break] + [Lightning Blade] + [Blazing Sword] + [Dragon Fang] = [Stone Breaking Blazing Lightning Dragon's Fang]!"

"ROOOAARRR!"

My sword unleashed an enormous illusion of a gigantic roaring dragon made of lightning and flames, clashing against the crystal golems one after another, huge explosions of these elements overwhelming them, as giant marks of huge fangs piercing through their bodies appeared one after another.

CRAASH! CRAASH! CRAASH!

The Golems crumbled down one after another, incapable of taking all the damage all at once. All while I unleashed yet another of Scarlet's wonderful Skills.

"[Sea Blade] + [Demonic Katana Infernal Dance] = [Demonic Katana's Raging Sea Dance]!"

I moved in midair like the waves of the raging sea, the illusion of a water dragon emerging from the slashes of my sword encompassing the golems and exploding, blowing them up one after another.

SLAASH! SLAASH! SLAASH!

RUMBLE!

Chapter 979 A Tier 8 Boss Appears

As we fought with Aquarina, I could sense my friends approaching with my expanded Spiritual and Mana Senses, plus my Heavenly Sight.

I discovered that by combining the Heavenly Sight's power and effects with my Aura Senses, it was possible to also share a part of Heavenly Sight's incredible sighting powers.

Meaning that I couldn't just sense them coming... I could see them as clearly as day, even beyond the walls and monsters. It was a terrifying ability, especially because if I can master it, I could glance through all things.

Nothing could ever escape my gaze...

I think I've heard from my mother that my Grandfather was also a hero several hundreds of years ago. And he received the same blessing I did, he evolved it to the point he could see through his entire Kingdom and watch for all dangers.

He's a living sentinel! I guess this is where the saying "nobody can escape the elf king's gaze" comes from...

"Hahh! We're getting closer! [Tempestuous Rampage]!"

I could see Zack swinging his axe against several Stone Golems and Spirit Crystal Golems, breaking them apart by attacking the areas Mist's arrows hit and blew up.

CRAAASH! CRAAASH! CRAAASH!

Explosions of lightning and winds erupted with each of his strikes, the golems crumbled down as Mist smiled and fired her arrows with her mighty magic bow.

"[Celestial Starlight Arrows]!"

She imbued the power of her spirit into her attacks as we were taught, her arrows flying around like beautiful stars, exploding one after another once they hit a target.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

The two kept running forwards, followed by Lara and Luck right behind them.

"Hehehe, this is so fun! We're all hurrying up to get to the end!" Lara giggled; she was floating in midair as Wind Spirits encompassed her like a veil of air. "[Divine Saintly Spirit Summoning Magic]: [Spirit Garden]!"

FLASH!

Her surroundings changed, flourishing with all types of plants and nature growing everywhere. All of them made of spirits she fused together.

The garden moved on their own, giant roots and flowers emerging from them and even golems made of dirt, attacking her surroundings!

Could her Magic just do anything she had in mind?! She was so broken!

"I'll copy Sylphy's Harvest Familiars, hehe! [Fire Flowers of Spiritual Flames]! [Sunlight Trees of Saintly Light]!"

She raised her scepter, which shone with a brilliant rainbow light, strengthening all her spirits and even those of her surrounding friends.

Her garden shook, suddenly dozens of flowers made of flames emerged, firing lasers of fire against the golems, and destroying their limbs.

At the same time, giant Treants made of pure light emerged too, swinging their giant claws, and destroying the weakened golems.

And as the Metal golems approached...

"[Dark Pumpkin Reapers of Abyssal Darkness]!"

Even the Spirits of Darkness responded to her call, fusing together into large copies of my Jack-o-Lanterns, surging from the Spiritual Garden, and attacking our foes with their sharp scythes.

SLAASH! SLAASH! SLAASH!

"Hmmm... But just copying is boring." Lara said. "Okay let's do something original! [Spirit Fusion]! [Spirit Weaponization]!"

She suddenly waved her scepter, all the Spirit Garden fused together and then wrapped around her body, transforming into a huge armor of rainbow spiritual metal!

"[Spiritual Rainbow Princess Armor]!"

FLAAASH!

Her armor exuded a bright and pure light of spiritual energy so brilliant even my eyes from afar felt a bit of pain.

"Hehehe, I can punch now too!"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Lara moved leaving a trail of rainbows behind her, as she kicked and punched the golems by creating giant gauntlets of spirit metal, born from spirit fusion and spirit weaponization.

BAAAM! BAAAM! BAAAM! BAAAM!

Her overwhelming attacks were strong and fast, quickly making several Golems stumble down. Luck appeared right behind her, shocked his friend was fighting head-on now.

"You're fighting physically now?! Your physical stats suck though?" Luck was shocked, his appearance having changed as he had white fur and black stripes, tiger-like tail, claws, and ears as well as big fangs.

"Hey! How rude! I can do some fightin' if I want to!" Lara giggled. "Like this! [Spirit Fusion]! [Spirit Weaponization]!"

Her Armor was repurposed again, turning into several gigantic hammers of rainbow light, and smashing down three crystal golems and two stone golems into smithereens.

BAAAM! BAAAM! BAAAM!

"That's ridiculous... I cannot just keep falling behind you!" Luck said. "Golden Tiger! Let's go! [Divine Beast Transformation]!"

FLASH!

His body underwent a further transformation, not only just gaining superficial changes, but his physical form, body size, and muscles were enhanced!

His legs and arms became extremely muscular, his torso grew larger, and his head... suddenly turned into that of a giant golden tiger!

"ROOOAAARRR!"

With a mighty roar, the golems stepped back in surprise, intimidated by Luck's almighty bestial prowess. He leaped into the skies like a flash of pure golden light, reaching the golems and crushing them with his legs, enormous and muscular like those of an actual giant tiger!

"[Divine Beast Aura]! [Celestial Golden Tiger's Blinding Kicks]!"

CRAAASH! CRAAASH! CRAAASH!

By combining the almighty power of his golden aura, which emerged as a roaring golden tiger, and then his blindingly fast lightning kicks, he devastated the golems one after another.

The spiritual crystal golems attacked him with elemental attacks, but he tanked them all as a veil of gold protected his body, his leaps making enormous tremors that caused the entire cave to tremble continuously.

"GRUOOOHHHH!"

Two Metal Golems stood before his path as his giant claws simply flared with golden flames, his powers erupting with tremendous might.

"[Elemental Claw]! [Blazing Golden Tiger's Flames]!"

SLAAASH!! SLAAASH!

His blazing claws pierced through the golems, melting their bodies with each slash until they crumbled down into the ground into pure liquid metal...

"Wow! So cool, so cool!" Lara clapped her hands happily as she saw Luck doing his best.

Meanwhile, Celica and Zephyrus were right behind them, taking down all the Stone Golems and Crystal Golems that were ignored by the rest, accumulating points while advancing steadily.

And about Celeste?

"You damn brats! Did you thought you could escape from meeee?!"

She was right behind us!

"Well, too bad, we're about to fight the boss now!" I laughed at her.

Right in front of Aquarina and I, there was a huge throne made of metal and crystals, and sitting over it, an ancient-looking golem's eyes lighted up with golden light.

Ding!

[The [Ancient Giant Mithril Golem (Tier 8)] has awakened from its slumber!]

[His very presence, imbued with the almighty power of Mithril and Magic Power, exudes Magical Force that protects him!]

[Thanks to the [Aura of Magical Mithril], all his Physical and Magical Defenses have increased by +300%]

"GRUOOOHHHH!"

The giant stood up, surpassing fifteen meters of height. It seemed less bulkier than the other golems though, and much lankier, as if it were agile.

It grabbed a giant hammer made of metal and crystals right beneath it, imbuing it with an aura of blue mana... The axe then lighted up with countless colors.

"It's here, a Tier 8 monster! I didn't thought we would find one this strong in here!" I said in surprise.

"Tier 8 Monsters... Even when we fought Arachne's army, those were still super rare!" Aquarina smiled.
"Alright... Nothing's tougher than this bastard to toughen up my fists with!"

The two of us confronted the Boss first!

Chapter 980 Confronting The Tier 8 Ancient Giant Mithril Golem

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Honestly, as we speed ran this place for quick EXP, we never thought that we would end up fighting some really high tiered monsters. But it did make sense, after all, my parents' explained Cloudia was a place filled to the brim with divine energy.

Monsters would naturally grow stronger by living and adapting to this environment, and these caves formed by the crater of a meteor, were most likely the same.

Even then, this is probably our first time ever finding such a large nest of naturally formed Golems in the wild! It was the ideal punching bags for my girlfriends' physical training.

And to be honest, for me as well!

"GRUOOOHHHH!"

The giant golem gave a roar as it stood from its throne, holding its gigantic hammer made out of mithril and many other ores, including several colorful crystals, Spirit Stones!

Did it make it on its own?! Tier 8 Monsters are sure in another level...

TRUM! TRUM! TRUM!

It didn't even wait for us to get closer to it, the golem immediately ran towards us, furious that we had stepped into its lair, perhaps.

"GRAAAH!"

It swung its huge hammer towards us. For a moment we thought about blocking the blow, but its weight alone was too much, we evaded.

BAAAAMMM!!!

The attack alone made the entire cave tremble, leaving a huge fissure on the ground where the hammer struck, with spiderweb-shaped cracks.

"Damn, this thing hits hard!" Aquarina seemed excited. "Alright, I guess we have to go all-out on this one, better not underestimate it...! [Draconification]!"

FLAAASH!

Aquarina underwent her transformation, gaining both blue dragon scales, sharp and huge claws, sea dragon-like fins, big coral-like horns over her forehead, draconic blue eyes, and a long dragon tail, with a sharp finned tip.

FLUOSH!

A mighty aura of draconic energy and mana erupted from her body, as her Spirits rotated around her body and merged their magical prowess into her, this time not for a little, but for a long time.

"[Frozen Dragon Trident]!" She roared, as a gigantic trident made of spiraling water emerged on her hands, fusing with her two spirits powers and becoming a huge frost weapon.

FLASH!

She reached the golem in an instant, clashing against it with her mighty trident. Despite being made of ice, it was reinforced with her Beast Aura and her Dragon Energy, the impact alone covered the golem's chest with countless cracks!

CRAAASH!

"GRUOOHHH!"

The golem stepped back in agony as it saw its chest shattered, its core slowly beginning to be unveiled as Aquarina's claws gained her Abyssal Embodiment powers and frost magic from Leviathan, growing into a huge claw!

"RAAAAH!"

With a furious and mighty roar, she quickly attempted to break through the golem's defenses and annihilate it with a third blow, only for the golem's hammer to strike her with an explosion of spiritual and magical force.

CLAAASH!

"URGH...!"

Aquarina ended being sent flying like a ragdoll, clashing over the ground and rolling over the floor, leaving behind countless cracks.lights

"Aquarina!"

I flew to her side as I underwent my partial Draconification, using my wings to reach her quickly, and calling forth the power of Naturia to heal her.

"Naturia!"

"Okay!" Naturia nodded. "[Divine Nature's Healing Light]!"

Naturia emerged at our side, waving her hands as a wide circle of green and golden light emerged from the ground, constantly healing our health points.

FLASH!

Aquarina quickly improved, slowly standing back up, showing how tough she truly was as she smiled, with excitement in her eyes.

"Are you alright?" I asked her, as the golem quickly started running towards us.

"I'm fine don't worry! With your healing to help, I'll be fine at all times." Aquarina roared with a confident smile. "Let me fight in the vanguard, please."

"Okay, if you really want to..." I sighed. "But I'll still help, don't get too reckless!"

"Alright!" Aquarina quickly leaped off the ground, leaving behind a huge fissure in the ground as her trident reached the golem again. "Hey, did you miss me?! [Sea Dragon's Rage]!"

FLUOSH!

Leviathan and Undine's powers combined with her draconic ones, the moment her trident reached the golem and struck it, a gigantic sea dragon emerged, splashing against the giant and pushing it back!

CLAAASH!

At the same time, the golem furiously swung its huge hammer again. Aquarina decided to greet it with her bare fists, growing into huge dragon claws!

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH!

As this happened, I asked Naturia to conjure her buffs on the two of us, especially on Aquarina to keep on the damage she was taking.

"Okay!" She nodded. "[Spiritual Healing Aura]! [Life Enhancement]!"

FLAAASH!

Ding!

[Spirit Naturia] has activated the [Spiritual Healing Aura: Lv8] [Life Enhancement: Lv8] Skills on you and your allies!

[For a small amount of time, a Spiritual Aura will encompass the targets bodies, restoring 8% of their health every second.]

[For a small amount of time, a powerful Enhancement to Life Force will encompass the target's bodies, increasing their maximum Health Points by +80%]

[Duration: 10 Minutes.]

They were rather amazing buffs that had improved over the years as they leveled up, now at Level 8, their effects were already quite amazing!

FLASH!

I immediately leaped into the air and flew with my dragon wings, a second before Aquarina's entire body were to be overwhelmed again as the Golem not only swung its hammer constantly, but conjured dozens of spears made of metals from the ground.

It had a very strong Earth Magic it seemed!

"[Stone Breaking Blazing Lightning Dragon's Fang]!"

I combined Scarlet's techniques once more, giving me the lightning speed necessary to reach the attacks and then destroy them with dozens of slashing blows, with the power to destroy stones with ease! Each strike resembled a giant dragon roaring furiously, tearing everything apart with its fangs.

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!
