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#### Chapter 211: The Players Uproar!

Although it was already quite late at night in half the world, the player base of Brand-New Life Online was in another clamor. It hasn't even been a year since Planta had dealt 10% of damage to the World Boss, a % of damage nobody had ever dealt before to the World Boss, and out of nowhere, a new message appeared in front of every player and above every big city with the most concentration of players...

[Player Planta] has completed a [World's Chapter] of the [Chronicles of the World, Volume 3], [Chapter 7: The Fairy Queen's Regrets]!]

[The World rapidly advances; the threat of the Dark Demon King of Miasma is slowly reseeding!]

[Player Planta] has dealt direct damage to the Dark Demon King of Miasma!]

[The Dark Demon King of Miasma has lost 20% of its total HP!]

[The Dark Demon King screams in agony!]

[A new [World's Chapter] has begun!]

Shock! Awe! Insanity!

Most players were surprised, they had never expected the famous and anonymous Planta, who had even yet to step into the Beginner's City where every player has gone to suddenly deal once more an enormous quantity of damage to a World Boss, a monster of incredible power that not even Level 200 and above Players could fathom to deal so much damage.

The highest damage ever registered done to the Third World Boss was from the Top Ranker, someone that had only dealt 5.7% Damage to the World Boss, a very hard-working Player named [Black Haze] who has mastered incredible magic and has one of the best equipment ever made in the game, but even he... even he was overpowered by this charismatic, adorable, and beautiful mother!

"W-What the fuck is this?"

"Is this another out of season April Fool's Joke?!"

"How come this newbie is dealing damage to the World Boss?"

"Wow, that's Planta, right?"

"Amazing..."

"How did she even do that?!"

"Can someone contact this woman??"

"No, she's way too reclusive!"

Players inside the biggest towns of the world inside the game were all talking with one another, commenting about what had been happening lately. Some speculated Planta was even a GM (Gam Master), a game developer that was just messing around with the players or something.

However, the game developers themselves had already declared in social media that they not be involved in this, and that Player Planta was also playing fairly by merely completing the quests, which they had insisted was one of the best ways to actually deal damage to the World Boss.

Suddenly, an uproar in social media once more happened, as the greatest VR Game in all the world had most of its players clamoring over the Player Planta for having already dealt 30% of total damage to the World Boss, who was now down to less than 60% of his total Health Bar.

Although the Developers often choose to be secretive, they ended having to comment about what had happened in social media such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and other pages, especially their own Game Forum.

"We are well aware of all the Player complains about this, but we will not change how things had been designed. World Bosses had been designed as special enemies that Players have to defeat together. Always going for the most direct approach won't be the quickest way to defeat them. The game world has special quests that can help the world advance forward, by working together and exploring the vast world we have designed, we hope that players can both have fun and find these special quests, which will help them defeat the World Boss. Bountiful rewards are awaiting those that do, of course. So please, be more incentive to work yourselves instead of merely smacking the world boss and getting one shot killed."

It was incredible, their response was incredibly rude at the end! It was as if the developers felt they were so high and mighty they didn't even had to please their player base. But the players clamored even more angrily, some complained that this wasn't the game that they sold to them. Countless of comments flooded the game developer's social media...

However, at the end, these people were merely the vocal minority, at the end, there was a large group of players that won't drop the amazing game they love just because of its mechanics. They were enjoying the game themselves, and even the strongest players out there smiled defiantly at Planta's amazing achievements.

"Black Haze! Hey! Did you see the news?!"

A knight clad in red armor ran towards a tall man wearing black robes while holding a black scythe. The man was as pale as candlewax, and had long and spiky white hair, and sharp red eyes, alongside long fangs. Black Haze's Race was a Vampire.

"Yes, I did, Scarlet, don't annoy me so much about it."

"Aren't you angered though? Why is this bitch just beating the boss while we are working our asses here?!"

"Well, isn't it interesting though?"

"What?"

Black Haze walked over a cliff, looking into the barren land in front of him, a gigantic black monster was groaning in agony as it felt the damage dealt to him. Several players had set up a camp in this cliff, a [Safe Zone] designed by the game developers. All of these players were at least Level 180 and above.

"It seems that this game wasn't as boring as I thought. Let's go back to square one then. I think I need to rethink how I've been playing so far."

Black Haze, the Number 1 Player in the game, smiled defiantly, thinking about Planta and how this curious player had changed his perspective of everything.

"What?! Are you serious?" Scarlet cried; the knight clad in red armor began chasing down the Vampire man as he walked away from the World Boss. "Oi! Black Haze! Are you serous right now dude?!"

"Yeah, whoever wants to stick with me, come. Whoever doesn't, just stay here and keep hitting that dummy. I am tired. I'll go look for these "World Quests" that the developers talk about so much... I want some new experiences." Black Haze quickly teleported away using an expensive item, a [Teleportation Stone] and disappeared.

The rest of the players, who were all part of his prestigious Guild, [Blood Roses] were left flabbergasted by their competitive leader's change of heart...

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#### Chapter 212: The Guild Masters Move

As Black Haze left in shock his guild, the rest of the players were euphoric, and the developers seemed to not want to answer more of the pointless questions of the vocal minority, the [World Knowledge Guild Alliance] was calm and composed, although very impressed with what Planta had accomplished. Once more, they all gathered within the large hall where they often did their meetings.

The [Grimoire Collectors], [Knowledge Library], [Akashic Owls], and [Record Keepers] Guild Masters all gathered together once more each of these people were dedicated players not to just level up and grow stronger to endlessly loop for killing monsters, but these Players were interested in knowledge and the lore of the amazing world of Brand New Life Online.

"So she has done it again..." The Guild Master of the [Grimoire Collectors] said, Erdrich, a Ghoul Necromancer with a creepy way of talking, who is secretly a very nice person. "Isn't she exceeding herself too much now? Two times in a row? Is the Forest of Beginnings truly connected the most with this World Boss?"

"It appears to be the case." The Guild Master of the Knowledge Library said with a playful tone of voice, waving her tails around, she was a cute Nekomata Librarian with the name of Anikitty. "Fufu, she's pretty interesting, ain't she? I wanna find her already! Oi, how's that going?"

"We have already found the Forest of Beginnings. It is incredible that there was nobody selling any Teleportation Stones there. The amount of players that originate from there is astonishingly low and all of them except Planta and another two seem to be just... offline? I guess they are casual players or deleted their accounts after finding out Dryads and Ents are a terrible Race?" Wondered the Guild Master of the Akashic Owls, Their guild master is a Gandalf role player named Gandalf, a human wizard to boot, he's one of the oldest player, being at the age of 57, although he looks way older on his Avatar

than in real life due to using accessories, including a false beard. "W-Well, I better take that back, Dryads are indeed good now that we have seen Planta doing all of that. Certainly, the popularity of Dryad and Farmer combinations might rise a lot now, the same way the Vampire Necromancers did."

"So we might get a lot of Planta wannabe in the future?" Sighed Anikitty while feeling slightly pissed off. "Seriously Players really just have to be original, what's wrong with just playing with whatever you want? People always following annoying trends..."

As the three guild masters spoke, the guild master of the Record Keepers, the greatest of the four and the first guild dedicated to research the world's lore, spoke. The guild master of the Record Keepers is an Angel Holy Priestess by the name of Angelina, she's beautiful, brave, and rather playful, and one of her favorite things to do is teasing the other three guild masters.

"Well, that's inevitable, Anikitty." Sighed Angelina. "More importantly, our envoy has already reached the outskirts of the Forest of Beginnings, they got a teleportation stone so we'll be able to get there soon."

"Amazing, finally. It took longer than I thought." The Old Guild Master of the Akashic Owls said.

"Yeah, about time!" Said Anikitty while waving her tail.

"So how are we exactly going to do this though?" Sighed the Grimoire Collector's Guild Master. "Do we request her to join one of our guilds? Do we give her the options...?"

"We'll try everything we can to get her in our alliance, it doesn't really matter which guild, but I would prefer it was mine. After all we are the most prestigious and the ones that created the alliance as well. Don't we deserve it?" Asked Angelina while smiling rather smugly.

"Uhhhh... Nope!" Anikitty said angrily. "We all got the chance to do it, don't get ahead of us!"

"Yeah, we got a chance so we'll have to take it. Going personally might improve our chances." Said Erdrich.

"Hmm... Well, more importantly, what about that new announcement we saw?" Asked the guild master of the Akashic Owls, Gandalf.

"It does seem to align with the new update of the game as well." Angelina added. "Maybe there's a new event involving the world boss? Perhaps another World Invasion Event like it happened back then with the previous World Boss, where themed monsters showed up everywhere."

"That would be annoying... But I guess those monsters always drop amazing items too." Said Gandalf. "I remember a bunch of great cosmetics from the Coin Shop, I wonder if they'll open a new one as well."

"Hmm... Seeing how the game has progressed so far, we could get some amazing items out of the Event Coin Shop. It will be a limited time event so if it ever happens, we'll have to go wild hunting monsters. It will be a big event that will get Players playing a lot." Angelina said. "Fufu, I hope there are more cosmetics, I want a few new dresses..."

"I wonder if this event might feature more story..." Sighed Anikitty. "Oh well, for now, we should really concentrate in getting there."

"Yes, our envoy has already reached the area." Angelina said. "Maybe we should go tomorrow, going right now would feel a bit..."

"No way, we are going right now! I am done with waiting!" Anikitty angrily said.

"Yeah, I agree with her, I am tired of waiting." Agreed Erdrich.

"Well if they say so..." Gandalf seemed to do what the others preferred.

"Sigh... Okay then, but don't complain if she gets angered because we are annoying her or something. And if she ends up blocking us, its game over for us." Said Angelina. "Let's be polite and nice."

"Okay then!"

They were indeed a very unconventional group of players, being polite inside of online game was a very rare thing after all.

Planta was completely clueless about what was about to happen in her life, as she made her way back to the Fairy Kingdom, there was as big festivity going on in there.

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#### Chapter 213: Celebration Festivities At The Fairy Kingdom

(Elayne's POV)

When we arrived at the Fairy's Kingdom location, we found something quite beautiful, the entrance was being decorated with many flowers and there were many fairies flying everywhere. They immediately welcomed us like heroes.

"Welcome!"

"They're back!"

"Our Queen said to prepare a festivity, even after everything that happened two days ago..."

"I am a bit tired but just get it done with, come on, don't be lazy!"

Fairies were playful as ever, pushing one another to work even at these hours. The night had already fallen and the moon was beautifully shining atop the night sky. It was a very relaxing night to be honest, and I was happy to see everyone wanting to celebrate it to their heart's contents.

"Thank you for everything! Don't overdo it, okay?" I said, as we walked inside of the city, there were decorations everywhere, and magical lights were flying atop the skies.

People was holding into some strange things as well, a type of flower as big as a balloon that, by infusing some magic into it, would float around. They also changed color based in the mana infused into them, and if words were engraved using sorcery, they could even explode and unleash words or messages.

"Wow, this festivity is going all out, huh?" Titan wondered, looking around. "Ah, is that a food stall?!"

Titan suddenly ran forward and ended looking at a big stall where fairies were preparing their own plates of fast food, in there they had grilled meat of various animals, and even deep-fried legs of... bugs. Well, maybe they taste like shrimp.

"Oh, the heroes! Have some free samples!" A fairy girl flew towards us, offering us a whole frog stuck into a stick covered with a red sauce and completely roasted. It smelled rather well, to be honest.

"T-This looks a bit yucky." Said Rita, quickly stepping back. She clearly didn't wanted to taste new food.

"Thanks!" Titan was the first to grab one of them and chugged the entire frog, eating it happily. "Woah! It is so soft! Even the bones are easy to eat! Game food's always so insane!"

I guess I was partially in fault for this, I had, after all, given Titan a food addiction inside the game. And even in real life as I bring him lunch to work! I am sorry, Mark!

"I guess I'll try." I said, grabbing one.

I took a bite of the meat and the frog was surprisingly soft. The skin was very soft and delicious, completely covered with flavor, the meat was soft as well, like chicken, and everything inside was also quite tasty. The bones themselves were crunchy but not hard to chew at all! Wow, I never thought I would eat a whole frog so easily... I feel like I am visiting some Asian country.

"Hmmm, this is the Swamp Frog, they're deliciously soft and very tasty, we covered them on a sweet and spicy sauce, they're good whole, even the innards are tasty." Said Nieve, having two of them at each hand.

The mushroom brigade quickly regrouped with us and also took some free samples. The ones selling were growing a bit concerned to give too many things for free, so I ended paying them a bit. Each meal was around 100 Gold, but I had hundreds of thousands, so it wasn't a problem.

As we walked to the castle, I offered Rita a frog but she seemed reluctant, but I continued annoying her until she grabbed it.

"Ugh okay whatever, this is just a game right?!" She said, biting it angrily.

CHOMP!

For a moment, she remained in silence until she swallowed the meat inside her mouth.

"T-This is... so good!"

She even blushed a bit.

"Oh my god I am never judging food based in their appearance ever again!"

At the end she liked them very much.

We also went through other areas of the festival, eating bugs this time. They had giant mantis claws from a big mantis insect they raised as cattle for some reason. Apparently there were two types of living beings in here, much like NPC, "Beasts" were not monsters, and slaying them actually didn't turned them into materials. How interesting... so there are normal animals in this world, while monsters are the more game-like thing that people knows disappear after dying and turn into items.

Perhaps Saphee and the other two were beasts but by being corrupted with miasma, turned into monsters... maybe that's why she disappeared. Well, I don't really want to remember that sad story

again, so I just drowned myself on good food. The mantis claws were actually very juicy and delicious, and had the flavor of crab and shrimp combined, and an unexpected fattiness to it all.

"Wow this is amazing!" Rita said, eating a whole claw which was around almost a meter long.

"Hmm! I can't stop eating! To think that they got cattle animals here! So this game world has actual normal animals and beasts, and then the monsters themselves, huh? It is very interesting... I guess NPC mostly feed on cattle and occasionally hunt monsters and eat their dropped meat items, right?" Wondered Titan.

"Yeah, NPC generally lack an Inventory so when items drop, they just carry them or put them inside a bag, so they can't go on extensive hunting quests like us. Well, that changes with you guys." I said, as I saw Nieve, Acorn, and the Mushroom Brigade chugging on a ton of food.

"Yeah! Inventory is the best; I can save all the yummy food there and it even keeps itself warm!" Acorn said happily.

"The inventory feature is really useful!" Nieve recognized. "I am thankful for this gift, Lady Planta. I will serve you as your squire from this moment onwards!"

Nieve was slightly drunk so she was talking more gallantly than before, as if she was a little fairy knightess. Well, she was technically that though.

"Haha, I am glad to have you in the party, Nieve. What about Florie though?"

"Ah, Florie!"

Nieve quickly realized she had to go look for Florie, flying away back home.

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#### **Chapter 214: Arriving Inside The Castle**

"Our party is getting more complete now." Titan analyzed as we got closer to the Fairy Queen's castle after taking many detours to eat food and enjoy the festival.

"Huh? What do you mean?" Asked Rita while having zero game knowledge.

"Ahem!"

Titan quickly saved the food he was chowing down inside his inventory and got into his gamer mode who was fascinated with technicalities about the game. From all of us, he was the most knowledgeable about the game and how people played it. I honestly never thought Mark would have this side of him.

"You see, in this game people usually play it solo or with a party, our party has been formed mostly out of just happenings, but people usually form specific parties with specific players filling each role." Said Titan. "Usually you have some frontline fighters, a powerful tank, a versatile support that sometimes is a healer, and then a long-ranged attacker. That's the usual party set up. Of course, there are special skill and item combinations that people make, so sometimes you see weird party combinations which are very effective, like a Vampire with a Necromancer, a Sorcerer, and Curse Mage."

"Eh?" Asked Rita in confusion.

"This game even has Party Synergy Buffs when a party of certain roles is made. Our party until now was just the four of us plus summons for aid in damage and hazard effects. I am a weird mix between a Tank and a Summoner Magician, while Rita is a full on offensive Dark Magician, who are usually the strongest magic damage dealers and then Planta is a... I don't know, she's like a jack of all trades, she got good offense, but is mostly a supporter... but her summons can deal some good damage, especially the spirit ones. And later Acorn, who is also a long-ranged pseudo mage and supporter." Said Titan.

"Wait you're not taking into consideration the mushroom brigade?" I asked.

"They're good enough but not strong enough in terms of stats and skills compared to actual players. Of course, they might grow strong now that they got the titles... But nonetheless, our party was pretty unbalanced, right? We really needed another physical fighter, we were all too much into magic. So having Nieve as a swift frontliner with ice magic that can easily stop foes from moving temporarily is super amazing. Even if she's an NPC, she's very smart and got a lot of experience, her Sword Mastery Skill must be very high level." Said Titan with an analytic tone of voice.

"Huh, I guess we are quite the odd party indeed." I said. "Two supporters with me and Acorn, only one magic glass cannon with Rita, and then you have to fulfill several roles together for our entire set up to properly work." I sighed.

"Yeah, I was getting a bit pressured but I've been doing my best. Your new buffs are really amazing at boosting our power. And your occasional Spiritual Attack, which seems to have some sort of cooldown, is pretty good to quickly get rid of a big group of foes. You're really a jack of all trade and master of all in some sense due to how useful you are despite not really being specifically specialized in anything." Titan analyzed.

"H-Hey! I am specializing in my farm!" I said angrily.

"Ahahah, sorry if that offended you, Planta. I guess we have grown good enough through battles that we can all call each other comrades now, right?" Titan asked. I had never seen such a carefree and gallant personality on Mark before. He really changes inside the game, its like... I am finally knowing the real Mark behind all his insecurities.

"I guess so!" I said. "But don't get too ahead of yourself, big man!" I giggled.

"Haha, yeah, we are comrades big dude!" Rita said, patting his enormous wooden shoulders. "Hey, give me a piggy back!"

"No way..." Titan said while quickly rejecting Rita's stupid suggestion.

"Come on you're so big I bet you can carry the two of us!" Laughed Rita.

Was she getting drunk with the alcohol sold here? This game is really amazing if you can get drunk by drinking actual alcohol...

"Yeah, yeah! Carry us big man!" I laughed, wanting to join my friend's shenanigans.

"E-Eeeh?! Agh, fine! Whatever..." Titan sighed, suddenly kneeling and letting us crawl over his back and sit on each of his shoulders, he was really big!

"Hahaha! You're so damn tall!" Laughed Rita while patting Titan's head constantly.

"S-Stop that!" Titan said half annoyedly.

"Hehe, it's pretty nice from up here!" Acorn crawled up to Titan's head and looked from above.

"Yeah, this is pretty nice, thanks for carrying us Titan!" I said.

"I am not your Mount or something..." Titan lamented. "I swear I won't do this ever again!"

"Hahahaha! Don't get so angry big guy!" Laughed Achlys. "Onwards!"

"Okay you're getting down..." Titan was irritated very quickly by Rita's annoying nature and tried to get her down but Rita resisted, kicking maniacally. "Hyayayaya! Super kicking technique!"

"You're not doing any damage!" Titan said.

"Hahahaha! You two are funny!" I couldn't help but laugh at their interaction.

At the end we reached the castle at long last, the Fairy Queen flew towards us and greeted us happily, especially me, as she hugged me tightly.

"Thank you for everything Planta." She said with an honest smile.

"A-Ah! It was nothing, don't worry about it!" I said with a gentle smile, although I felt a bit nervous now that I remembered I pampered her as if she were my daughter. Maybe I had created a very special connection with her now without realizing.

"Sorry for being late, we ended getting out of the route because we were hungry and ate a lot of food in the stalls." Titan apologized.

"Oh, Titan, there's no need to worry. I am also grateful for everything you've done too. Your strength and bravery were almost similar to Lucious, an old friend." Sighed the Fairy Queen.

"I-it's that so? Hahah..." Titan laughed while feeling flattered.

"Now, now, Queen-sama, can we have some booze? I am really in the mood for more fairy booze!" Rita said, raising her hands. She was really the heart of the party when she got drunk.

"S-Sure thing! I got a lot of drinks for everyone, let's go inside the castle!" Titania was surprisingly willing to drink wine with us, so we got inside.

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**Chapter 215: A Big Celebration Feast** 

"Booze!"

Rita was insane for some alcohol, and quite honestly, me too. The wine of the fairies was made out of delicious, sweet fruits and sap, so it was very sweet to the point it got your mouth numb for a bit, drinking a cup or two quickly get you drunk.

It has really been a while since I got drunk myself, I dislike the feeling and I honestly had tried once to use it as an escapism, so I haven't drank alcohol in years because I didn't wanted to repeat that in my life. But the game was different, this world... it was a brand-new life after all, so I could cut myself some slack and leave aside any responsibilities.

We moved inside the castle and we were greeted with a lot of servant fairies and guards celebrating. The queen asked for their help at setting up the banquet and everything else but then let them leisurely join us. Nieve had finally come back as well, with Florie who was still slightly tired.

"We are back! Florie's feeling a bit tired but she insisted on coming anyways..." Sighed Nieve. She had gone to look for her but probably tried to leave her at home after finding out she was still sick, probably. But Florie is Florie, so she tried to come with her big sister.

"I-I am not missing such a big event!" Florie said. "Also you came looking for me, big sis!" Florie adorably pouted.

"R-Right... But I wanted to leave you there if you still felt bad..." Nieve sighed.

"I am okay, don't worry! Hehehe." Florie giggled as she looked at the pastries served over the table, there was a mighty big quantity of them.

I had never seen this type of food in this game, as I mostly cooked and made what I had at hand. I've made some very simple cakes but nothing as beautifully elaborate as this! They definitely had cow milk to make this cream, and probably chicken eggs as well! Maybe if I level up my farm summon I could get those cattle animals as well... I'll definitely do that after evolving.

"Wooooow! This is so sweet and fluffy!" Florie immediately regained all her energy as she began devouring the cakes with happiness clear in her eyes.

"I am glad you're enjoying them, I helped at making them myself. I have quite the high leveled Cooking Skill, and recently I unlocked the Pastry Chef Title." Said Titania with a prideful smile while puffing her chest.

"Eh? You cook!?" Rita asked.

"Yeah, I learned how to cook to feed my children back then when everything just began. After many years they learned how to cook themselves and later formed pairs, adopting newly born fairies, so my role as their mother slowly reseeded and I had more time for myself, but even then I am still cooking. This last year I have begun making cakes..." Titania said while feeling slightly embarrassed of talking about her hobbies.

"Wow, that's so cool! I also love cooking, but I often don't have time nor ingredients to make pastries like you do..." I sighed.

"W-We could join from time to time if you want!" Titania felt slightly excited. "I've also eaten your delicious food, so I am sure I can learn a lot from you."

"Sure thing! Can I come to your kitchen from time to time then?" I wondered.

"Yeah, for sure Planta! In fact I wanted to tell you that you should feel like home here. All of you guys as well, you're free to come and go any time you want without needing any formalities." Titania said with a smile while blushing a bit.

"W-Woah, really?" Titan asked while drinking some wine. "Are you sure?"

"Damn, that's great!" Achlys celebrated. "Does that means I can come sneak out some booze for myself?"

"Not all the time..." Titania quickly glared at Achlys slightly annoyed she was talking so much about alcohol. "But you can come and we can enjoy a cup or two sometime too, Achlys.

"Yaaay! We are going to become drunk buddies." Achlys celebrate by drinking another cup.

"Just how many have you drunk already?!" I complained.

"Hehehehh... Hic..." Rita was laughing like a little girl doing mischievous things.

The party continued, as we went to sit down around a big table, and some people quickly came with a large service of grilled meat and other preparations, delicious broth made out of the meat they raised here, which the queen named "Forest Cow", which were several times bigger than normal cows and they even had some goats and sheep.

"So you got so many cattle animals! I wonder if I could get a few myself? You see I have the Farmer Class so maybe I could get bonuses or something if I begin raising cattle myself."

"I suppose we can sell you some." Said Titania. "Of course with discounts. But our economy is rather frail, I don't think I can gift you many things..."

"Ah, it's fine! I got a bunch of money actually!" I said happily.

I had indeed gathered over a million gold by now- no, I think it's already two million? I don't know how much that in terms of players is but it is probably little compared to what people can grind.

"I guess we could sell you a few for ten thousand each." Said Titania.

"You've got a deal!" I said.

Cattle was surprisingly cheap! I guess they're not really on demand in the player base so they don't even ask for them anywhere. Although maybe 10k Gold per animal would be pretty big for the me in the past. But as of now, I am filthy rich to the point money keeps falling from my pockets.

"Very well then, we'll set things up for tomorrow, or whenever you got time." Titania said with a smile.

"Nice, thanks a lot Titania!" I said with a smile.

"It is nothing Planta, you're a sweetheart. It is the least I could do." Titania said gently.

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#### Chapter 216: This Great Spirit Is Very Cocky

As we celebrated the festivities and gorged on food while talking and laughing with everybody, I heard the annoying voice of two ear talkers.

"Hey, hey, you're forgetting about the big one! I am literally the protagonist here, why am I not getting praised? Without me you wouldn't had accomplished half the stuff you did, Planta! Don't get cocky, my vessel!"

A floating carrot appeared besides me, the majestic appearance she had before was nowhere to be seen. It seemed that the floating carrot was her usual energy-saving form and when she unleashed her beautiful form back then, it was most likely by spending a lot of spiritual essence.

"I am not saying I am jealous or something but you've been talking to me way less lately..." Said the Guide Spirit. "I feel a bit left out... you know?"

"Uuuggh... Okay, okay!" I sighed. "Great Spirit, become visible so you can get praised!"

"Got it!"

FLASH!

A giant floating carrot suddenly spawned in the middle of the banquet, everybody panicked as expected.

"T-That's a carrot?"

"Waaah!"

"Wait! Is that a monster by any chance?"

"No idiot, that's a spirit!"

"Eh? A spirit?!"

The fairies all around were panicking a lot, but they quickly calmed down after seeing that the creature was indeed a harmless spirit, a Great Spirit at that! Titania quickly told them all she was the Great Spirit of Nature, Harvest, and Farming, and all fairies suddenly panicked again but out of shock.

"T-The Great Spirit?!"

"I see, so this is why Planta is so incredible, she was chosen!"

"She is indeed a chosen hero!"

"Amazing... Aren't Great Spirits like Gods?"

"Yeah... This is impressive."

Titania nodded as she heard everyone praising the Great Spirit. The egocentric carrot got happy and the Queen gave me thumbs up. It seems that the plan was well done.

"Ancient Spirits fell in the Ancient Time, but it seems that now after the Rehashing, they might begin to revive one after the other, seeking their new Vessels. The Great Spirit of Harvest might not be the last Great Spirit to awaken and revive completely." Said Titania. "However, that Planta was the first one means a lot, it means she has incredible potential and the one that brought the attention of a god-like entity, even if weakened after reviving, the Great Spirit might bring us great prosperity from now on! Everyone, let's do a toas for the Great Spirit!"

"For the Great Spirit!" All fairies said, raising a small cup of wine.

"Ohohoho! Yes, thanks to me!" Laughed the floating carrot. Everyone found her cute so they forgave her strange personality. And then, she later on began eating offerings given to her, mostly fruits which she could apparently eat.

However, although that problem was resolved, there was another little problem...

"Okay, so you want to be given more attention? Since when you became a little kid, guide spirit?" I sighed, feeling slightly disappointed.

"I-It is nothing like that, I was just saying..." The Guide Spirit acted as if he didn't really meant it.

It might be a bit cruel to say this, but isn't he just a helper? Does he expect to join in our adventurers more or something? I doubt he can actually fight and all of that... Maybe he can offer scouting ability? After all he can detect things, see through objects, fly around and all of that. That alone is useful, if he really wants to become someone praised by the rest and given more of my attention.

"Well, from now on your role as a helper will level up." I said.

"Level Up?" He wondered.

"Yeah, you're also going to be in charge of scouting areas, detecting monsters, see through objects, inspect other people and more. How about that? If you become incredibly indispensable for our adventurers, I'll surely talk to you more as a result." I said.

"I-I don't want to talk more or something...!" The Guide Spirit said shyly. "But I guess that does sound pretty good, there is no protocol saying I can't do that. In fact, it might be a loophole, but I'll let it slide instead of reporting it..."

"Ahaha, so you really want to feel like a party member, don't you?" I sighed.

"T-That's not it!"

The Guide Spirit was there for me since the beginning of the game, he helps me around whenever I am curious about something. But as my group of friends grew, I didn't had much time to talk to him and ask him about stuff. Well, that has changed now as he will take a more active role in things he didn't completely considered before, but that had done before anyways as a way to "guide" me.

"Just take it as if you're just doing your job of guiding me." I said with a smile.

"Hmph... I guess that sounds just fine." He said while considering many things.

Like that, we continued the feast while the Guide Spirit seemed to have made himself visible somehow, and was talking around with the Spirits, saying that he was also a Spirit that helped me, and earned some reputation right away... I guess he really just wanted to interact more.

At the end of the day even the Helpers such as Guides are NPC with their own minds and personalities, perhaps they were made not to interact much with the world and only aid the player, but as they develop more and more, they end up becoming their own persons.

It is kind of frightening to think there is one for each Player, it makes me feel a bit of pity. But I heard that Achlys had yet to even activate hers, and Titan did so, but had left him inside his inventory... I guess

I cannot really force them to treat theirs like I do with mine. At the end, even if things are very realistic, this is a game so everyone can play it however they want, I suppose.

However, as we were enjoying the drinks and food while talking about pastries with Titania and how to prepare a perfect chiffon cake, the Guide suddenly alerted me of something.

"P-Planta, this is bad!" He cried, flying to my side.

"Eh? What's wrong?" I asked.

"Players...! There are four players coming to the Fairy Kingdom, I can sense them from afar!" Said the Guide.

"Eh? Four of them?!" I asked in disbelief.

Who could these mysterious people even be?

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#### **Chapter 217: Meeting High Level Players**

According to the guider spirit, there was a bunch of people moving here right now, and they were coming directly to the Fairy Country! They were all Players to boot. Can Players infiltrate this place? I am pretty sure it is well hidden, and the magic barrier the Fairy Queen set up is still active.

Unless... they force their way maliciously and break the barrier and then assault all the NPC!

Ah... but don't Players get punished if they hurt NPC? Right... I don't think they can go so far I suppose. Players are restricted and cannot directly hurt NPC by any means. If they ever hurt or kill an NPC, they might get banned for several days or even permanently. Well, based in what I've investigated.

"Are they high level!?" I asked.

"Yeah, they're all super high level! All of them are at least above Level 150!" Said the Guider.

"Whaaaat?!" I cried in shock.

With Achlys and Titan drunk right now, I really couldn't count on them right now for what I wanted to do. Acorn was sleeping over his chair too, so I don't think I can bring him either! Will I have to go alone?

"What's wrong?" Titania wondered. "I feel some uneasiness within your gaze, Planta."

"Well, I have a special Spirit named "Guider", he's able to see through many things, and he just told me four Players of Level 150 and above are coming here..." I said.

"Eh?! At this hour of the night?! A-And how do they know of my secret country? Will they try to infiltrate? W-We need to prepare!" Titania hurriedly decided to act, bringing out almost eighty soldiers that hurriedly wore their armor once more and quickly flew into the gates of the country, accompanied by me and my summons, tamed monsters, and Nieve, the only one that wasn't drunk right now.

When we reached the closed gates, I used the Map Function and quickly saw four green dots outside the gates, the people was right there! Should we open the gates for them?

"I don't know if I could open the gates, it is too much... I don't know what sort of intentions they might have..." Titania said.

The other fairies seemed to agree with her. Although Players were punished by physical hurting NPC, they were not punished if they did something like stealing from them or even destroying their territories, apparently.

I have read in the forums of evil guilds of Players that enjoyed torturing the lives of NPC by stealing from their villages. Of course, they couldn't touch them, but they used wild monsters they lured into the villages to kill NPC, or sometimes even paid NPC brigands or bandits to kill NPC as well. There are a ton of loopholes in this system!

They might not be able to directly kill these fairies, but they could easily bring NPC allies to kill them instead... Uh, maybe I am thinking too far into the future, or thinking in the worst possible outcome. There might be a possibility they're nice people.

But why are they her specifically, and at such a high level to boot?!

Wait... could it be because of me?

They're looking for me... Ah, right, I just dealt damage to the World Boss again, makes sense, I guess. I suppose this is my responsibility, I should go outside by myself and confront them. My PvP mode is deactivated so they cannot do much to me other than insult me or something.

If it goes too far, I can report them using the Guider's help. Or maybe I could even force my Title that gives Quests to give them some quest to force them to go away, although that's more of a hopeful idea than an actual thing I think I can do.

"I'll go. Stay here for now." I said.

I quickly used [Spirit Leap] and jumped out into the air while mounting Belle, quickly reaching the other side by crossing the enormous walls. Titania easily let me trespass the magic barrier she had set up.

When I finally reached the other side, I dropped right in front of the waterfall that was protecting the castle, I quickly noticed a group of four very different looking players. I think this is the first time I see new players since Titan.

Quite honestly, I couldn't care less about other players for the most part aside from my daughter's avatar, as I am more interested in the world the NPC had built.

But well... if it means I have to protect them, I guess I'll need to interact with these Players.

I really hope they're not jackasses...

As I descended and reached the ground, the four of them immediately stopped discussing what they were talking about, immediately dropping in silence as they saw my presence.

I guess I looked a bit ridiculous while mounting a big goat...

"H-Hello?" I asked.

In between the darkness, I was able to see the four figures more clearly. There was a very old grandpa named Gandalf, with a long gray bear and gray magician robes, a cute little cat girl with pink hair named Anikitty wearing a kimono, a creepy-looking Ghoul wearing black robes named Erdrich, and lastly a beautiful blonde lady with a tall body wearing white and golden armor, with beautiful golden eyes who had feathered wings behind her back, an Angel named Angelina.

They all looked honestly pretty strong! But I was too nervous to say anything more so I stood there observing them for a good thirty seconds, which was what they took on answering me, because somehow, they were startled by my presence coming out of nowhere.

"Y-You're Planta, right?" Asked the old grandpa.

"Yes...?" I asked. "Do you have anything to do with me or the Fairy Country? I won't let you hurt them!"

"A-Ah! Wait a second, we didn't come here to fight!" the cat girl tried to stop me.

"We are sorry if we gave out that impression." Said the ghoul.

"It is nice to meet you, Planta. You're a fairly popular player out there." Said Angelina

"I am...?"

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## Chapter 218: Four Wild Guild Masters Appear!

The Players seemed to be named Gandalf the Human Archwizard, Anikitty the Nekomata Shrine Maiden, Erdrich the Ghoul Necromancer, and Angelina, the Angel Valkyrie. They were all over Level 150 and could be said to be "late game" players as of now. However, when I checked the limited status shown to me, I noticed they all belonged to guilds which were in some sort of Alliance...

[Player Name]: [Gandalf1982]

[Gender]: [Male]

[Title]: [Master Archwizard Of The Five Elements]

[Guild]: [Akashic Owls (Guild Master)]

[Guild Alliance]: [World Knowledge Alliance]

[Fame]: [3930]

[Race]: [Ancient Magic Human: Lv153/180]

[Job Class]: [Five Element Archwizard: Lv153/180]

[Player Name]: [AnikittyOwO]

[Gender]: [Female]

[Title]: [Shrine Maiden of the Sacred Spirits]

[Guild]: [Knowledge Library (Guild Master)]

[Guild Alliance]: [World Knowledge Alliance] [Fame]: [8604] [Race]: [Ancient Spiritual Nekomata: Lv161/180] [Job Class]: [Sacred Divine Shrine Maiden Of Wind And Fire: Lv161/180] [Player Name]: [Erdrich777] [Gender]: [Male] [Title]: [Ruler Of One Thousand Undead Souls] [Guild]: [Grimoire Collectors (Guild Master)] [Guild Alliance]: [World Knowledge Alliance] [Fame]: [2104] [Race]: [Abyssal Nether Ghoul: Lv167/180] [Job Class]: [Abyssal Necromancer Black Sorcerer: Lv167/180] [Player Name]: [Angelina1010] [Gender]: [Female] [Title]: [Queen of The Sky] [Guild]: [Record Keepers (Guild Master)] [Guild Alliance]: [World Knowledge Alliance] [Fame]: [40302] [Race]: [Golden Archangel: Lv178/180] [Job Class]: [Divine Heavenly Valkyrie: Lv178/180]

Woah, even when I can't see their Skill or Stats, just by seeing their amazing Levels and Guilds I get flabbergasted. These guys are in a completely different dimension than me! The worse part is that Angelina, she's... amazing! Also she got 40k+ Fame?! How famous is she as a player?! And even more, she got a cool sounding Golden Archangel Race and Divine Heavenly Valkyrie Job Class... And to boot she's the closest to Level 180! This is insane.

These Players must had been playing for years to reach this high. I can't help but admire them by merely looking at them. However, things were not just as easy. Even if they were awesome, they could still have bad intentions.

"S-So what if I am a famous player? I only did things out of goodwill, I didn't wanted to be famous!" I said.

"Eh? What?" Asked Gandalf. "You're saying you did it by accident? Completing two World Quests?!"

"Ah... Yeah..." I sighed.

"Wow..." Gandalf began to caress his long beard.

"Oi old man, don't treat that lady so carefreely!" Anikitty furiously roared back at him, as she slowly walked towards me. "Hello, sorry for not introducing ourselves beforehand... We are the World Knowledge Alliance. Each one of us is a Guild Master, if you didn't realized that already by seeing our Status."

"Y-Yeah, I can tell... But why are you here?" I wondered.

"Well, we came here to see you. You're a very reclusive Player so we wanted to get to know you better." Erdrich said.

"And well, if you let us go to the point, you're an incredible Player. Despite your level being so low you've been able to reach heights not any of us had even reached yet. Your luck and your abilities are incredible. Especially the rumored ability you have of being able to grant quests to people. Therefore we wanted to cordially invite you to one of our guilds, so you can join our alliance. Like this, we can help one another seek more World Quest and investigate this world's lore, culture, and the people in here." Angelina spoke as if she was very good at convincing people with her speech. Is she some sort of manager in her job, I wonder?

"E-Err... Well, I had never considered joining any guild, nor I am really interested, sorry." I said.

"Oh..." Angelina was quickly cut short and didn't know what to say. "A-Are you sure? We can even aid you with specific materials for your crafting, alchemy, or even... farming? We could even give you equipment, items, and even let you level up quickly. We could help you with the rest of our members. How about you join my guild? You'll quickly realize how everybody helps one another. We'll shape you into the top player you can truly become."

Angelina quickly stepped forward and pushed Anikitty away.

"Hey! Don't push me!" Anikitty angrily said. "You can also join my guild if you want! Don't listen to this greedy bird! She'll probably force you to do daily Boss Raids for loot like all those other gaming-obsessed neets she got in her guild! Join my guild, the Knowledge Library! We are super chill and we share books with one another. I can help you in anything you want and you can even enjoy a nice time in our great library, some books are magical and have portals to different maps and pocket worlds! Also I can support you with my Support Magic as a Shrine Maiden, you and your party will be a hundred times stronger with me at your side!"

Anikitty tried to convince me as much as she could, while Angelina looked at her with a death gaze.

Meanwhile, behind the two of them, Erdrich and Gandalf felt too intimidated by the ladies to try to convince me by getting closer to me.

"W-Well... You can join my guild if those don't fancy you... Akashic Owls is always looking for new members! We got many Magic Books as well; you could even learn new Skills if you join our Guild! How about that? I can offer you my full support, I have many magics for anything!" Said Gandalf, trying to humbly get me into his guild.

"A-And if that's not enough, you can join the Grimoire Collectors. We got more grimoires than anybody here, all of them with different magics for all purposes. You could have a little magic of anything you want! A-And I also got a thousand Undead Allies so we could become your personal army if you want! I've got my own Castle as well where many Undead servants can serve you as a queen... or something!" Erdrich said, quickly trying to find some sort of atractive thing.

Honestly, all the offers were amazingly tempting!

Should I really... join one of their guilds?

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#### Chapter 219: Great Offers That I'll Have To Pass

As I heard the four Players talk with one another and begin to discuss to which Guild was the best one, I began to think myself. I had been in this game for months now. Should I really join a Guild now from all times? And why? What would I do in a guild? What would be my purpose there? What should I dedicate myself to do there?

These people seem to want me to get there so I can do quest with them. They seem rather good natured and simply want to explore the lore of the world further. As they saw me being capable of find two world changing quests, they got interested in me. And it seems a rumor I can create quests has been created out of speculation as well.

It sounds fun but... being restrained by a guild and their rules is a bit too much for me. I already got enough restrains with having to deal with a job. They say they'll treat me especially but that might not last too long either, right? They could probably slowly change their minds as they discover I am not really a professional player, or someone dedicated enough to spend tens of hours a day playing the game.

"I am a very casual player so I cannot really met with any of your guild requirements." I sighed. "I might sometimes spend whole days without logging in either, so I cannot really... take the responsibility of joining one of your guilds."

"Eh?" Angelina muttered, quickly growing a bit sad, and disappointed. "Ah... Well... My entire guild is very hard working and the one that plays the least still plays like five hours a day, I suppose it would feel unfair for them if I add someone that plays as casually as you said. But quite honestly, how come you've stumbled upon such quests if you play so casually?"

"I... don't know, it just happened? Isn't this game about interacting with people and finding secrets? I know I've been stuck in this forest for too long now but every time I walk somewhere, I find something interesting to look and amazing people to talk and try to help. I am just doing my best... And I am honestly enjoying myself!" I said. "At my own pace, that's it..."

"Hmmm... Well, my guild is chill so I wouldn't mind if you don't play much." Anikitty said.

"Yeah, likewise." Erdrich added. "Though all my guild mates like to roleplay a lot, so it might be a bit cringy for you..."

"My guild is quite fitting for you but it is still up to your own decision." Said Gandalf.

"Thanks for understanding... But if you really are passionate about the world lore, I am sure you're good friends of NPC, right? If you're nice people to NPC, then I can become your friends! I wouldn't mind bringing you guys to my adventures, although it would make them a bit boring if you're so overpowered." I sighed.

"Well, sure, we can add you to our friend list." Said Angelina. "But bear in mind that most conventional quests don't allow for players whose levels are too far apart, the maximum level limit is usually a difference of, at most, ten levels."

"Oof..." I sighed.

"Of course, unless we do the Fair Quest System and lower our level temporarily to join you, I think that should work, right?" Wondered Gandalf.

"Oh yeah..." Anikitty added.

"Planta, have you thought about making your own guild? It is very easy. We could help you around the ropes and you can recruit your friends into your guild and might even become part of our alliance. Alliances have little prerequisites, so it shouldn't be as demanding as a guild." Said Erdrich.

"Oooh! That sounds interesting!" I said. "My friends are currently drunk though... Well, maybe you can join us? As long as you promise not hurting the fairies, okay?"

"Sure, we have never hurt any NPC."

"We hate those that try to indirectly hurt them."

"In fact, Angelina calls herself a "Protector of the People", and she's well known around some NPC countries for being a protector."

"Indeed, I've given my life several times to fight evil players that try to take advantage of NPC or to indirectly kill them or assault them. I don't tolerate villains." Said Angelina with a prideful smile.

"Amazing, I guess you guys are really nice people..." I said. "You're right up my alley!"

I guess I was a bit gullible there by believing them so easily, but at this point I really didn't had the energy to interrogate them around. I quickly decided to summon the Spiritual Avatar of Titania here using Spirit Magic.

FLASH!

"Oooh?!" Gandalf felt like he was having an orgasm by looking at the magic I did. I can already tell he was a magic nerd.

"W-what is this magic?!" Erdrich asked in astonishment.

"Is that the Fairy Queen?!" Anikitty easily guessed.

"Planta! Did you just summon her?!" Meanwhile, Angelina was still wondering if what I did was by my own powers.

"Yeah after getting her Blessing I can summon her into her Spiritual Projection or Spirit Avatar." I said.

"That's a thing...?" Gandalf asked in shock.

"Ahem!" Titania quickly made herself known in the place, as she looked at the four Players from above. "Who are you exactly and what do you want with my beloved Planta?" She asked rather over protectively of me.

"Wow ... she's really attached to her ... "

"Isn't the Fairy Queen like a Boss Level NPC?"

"She's supposed to be super strong..."

"Amazing, you've really made her your ally?"

"Guys can you stop talking about that and just listen to her?!" I asked angrily, as the four quickly snapped back to reality. They were indeed quite the nerds.

Anyways, at the end, Titania received an explanation from all of us about who they were. She was still not trusting them, so she didn't allowed them to enter though...

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#### Chapter 220: Titania Is Not Too Fond Of New People

It is rather apparent already but there are many areas in this game world that are only accessible once you gain the trust of the NPC that rules or the group of NPCs that live in there. The Fairy Country is fairly known by the Player Base as a large hidden map in the Forest of Beginnings, but because many had tried but failed to get inside, it has already been mostly forgotten by the player base.

Being located in a starter map made it even less appealing to the players, so nobody has really cared much, even less when the news about a Player stealing the equipment there spread out. Being the only thing that drove some here, now that such valuable items were gone, nobody really cared about the fairies.

I guess at the end, that's kind of a good thing. This way we can live more carefreely and in peace of not having to get annoyed by other Players coming here all the time seeking something.

Although after the four here realized the Queen could grant special Titles, Skills, and more through her Blessing, they immediately began to beg her for her Blessing to get that little boost. They were all Skill Collectors, a type of player that traveled around the game world interacting with famous NPCs to get the Skills or Titles they gift.

They had gotten a bunch, it seems, so they were quite confident they could convince Titania to give them a quest or something, but she was neglecting them easily, and quite honestly, I didn't wanted to try to convince her, I barely knew these people at the end.

"I'm sorry but I cannot really convince her to give you that. She's my new friend but I am not her master or something." I sighed. "It is all up to her. If she says she doesn't want to, then she doesn't want to. Don't force your way on people, it is very rude."

"My Blessings are not something I can just give to anybody. Planta and her friends healed my people from certain death and even defeated the Snake Queen that almost destroyed my country. She has

done so much that even giving her and her friends a blessing is not enough. But you people seem to have come out of nowhere, and Planta doesn't recognize you either, so trying to tell me you're her old friends won't work." Said Titania rather strictly. She still wasn't fond of all players after all, its just that we were an exception for her.

Gandalf, Anikitty, Erdrich, and Angelina sighed, defeated and prostrating in the floor. They were there because they had even kneeled in front of her to ask for her blessing. They told me that it apparently worked for a lot of NPC, simply prostrating themselves in front of them and asking for their gifts would often trigger some sort of quest after the NPC would get dead tired of their annoying nature.

However, and unfortunately for them, Titania was way more strict with her own morals and the powers she granted to others.

"...Also, giving my Blessing to people cuts a piece of my soul, I can't do this leisurely. Part of the power that my allies here gained was because I literally gave them a piece of mine." Titania lamented. "Nevertheless, even though I can tell by looking at your hearts that you don't seem to harbor evil intentions against us, I will have to ask you to leave. It is very late in the night and my people is growing nervous of you being here."

"Hahh... We are really getting kicked out..." Sighed Gandalf.

"O-Okay, we get it. Don't get mad with us please..." Anikitty said.

"We are sorry for disturbing you." Erdrich apologized.

"Indeed, I am sorry. I hope that one day we can get along." Angelina apologized as well, the four people group quickly began to walk away.

"Aw geez... Titania did you had to be so rude?" I asked.

"I could tell you were nervous yourself. Were these people trying to convince you of something you didn't wanted, Planta?" Titania asked.

"Yeah... But I rejected them. They wanted me to join their guild, which is seeking this world's lore, history, and to advance the world's chapters." I said.

"World's Chapters? What's that?" She wondered.

I had to explain to her that every Player with the System were able to see these "chapters" advancing each time a special "World Quest" was completed. I told her the Mushroom Hero Dungeon and then this one with the Snake Queen were both World Quests, which at the same time also hurt the HP of the revived Demon King of Miasma.

Titania had a really hard time trying to understand everything, but at the end she seemed to get it, mildly at that. But she got it, nonetheless. She seemed rather happy to hear that the Demon King of Miasma was hit twice by me, although I did it without knowing nor realizing. The power of the System was truly something else by giving the power to just face slap the Demon King not once but twice and take out over 30% of his HP even when I wasn't even at the right level to get to his area and hurt him directly.

"This might be some sort of plan of these Gods or the System itself... Maybe the Players are failing at defeating the Demon King of Miasma due to lacking the specific Sacred Items necessary to actually damage him. And they're also doing it wrong, it is very clear their System is telling them that they must complete World Quests yet they're not doing it... I suppose you've become quite popular amongst their community." Said Titania. "Are you okay with this popularity though?"

"Quite honestly... no! I hate it! I don't like to stand out..." I sighed. "When I was in high school I always stood up due to my appearance, and people always bugged me and annoyed me. If it wasn't for my friends there, I would had probably been bullied to death..."

"Hmm, I see..." Titania looked at me with a bit of pity, patting my shoulder. "Well, that's on the past. Let's go back inside, if those people truly want to become your friends, they'll come back someday."

"Well, yeah, I already added them to my friend list." I said.

"Friend... list?" Titania had no idea of these things.