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Chapter 241: The Power Of The Heart Of The Forest

I felt slightly surprised when I saw "x thing spirit summon" so I decided to ask the Guider Spirit because I seemed incapable of reading the complete descriptions of the skills I had yet to buy, it only said the most basic of things.

"Indeed, much like your Farmer Class is capable of bringing Farming Spirits now, these other Classes are also supposed to have something similar, the Novice Of All Trades Subclass is an upgrade of Jack of All Trades, so it has a bit of everything." Said the Guider Spirit.

"You see, every Class has their own special thing, even the crafting and creation-oriented classes have something called "Spirit Summon" Skills of each profession, by summoning not only these spirits can grow stronger with their master but they can considerably boost their power. whenever you finally find someone that has mastered these professions to a degree, they might be able to summon a spirit of such profession. Other classes got similar things, such as the Paladin's "Holy Guardian Spirit" or the Necromancer's "Death Reaper Spirit", and so on."

"Huh, so it is like that..."

"The developers didn't wanted to make a game where some classes ended as the bad ones, so every class got something special for them that might be ultimately shared by many but that each one is different... But well, due to the efficiency of how classes work and grow, separations were still made between players and, at the end, many classes are still considered trash, even though they really aren't..."

"That's really nice of them though I wonder how these developers are..."

I quickly decided to not pick anything for now, as I was a bit mentally exhausted to think properly. I was also still not the best in the game either, or I had friends with me waiting as well. Titan (Mark) was exceptionally well versed in the game as he had done even more research than I did, and he knew stuff that the Guider didn't knew about as well, such as stuff from the forums, so I'll ask him about what to pick.

Before leaving, I quickly decided to take a look at my own appearance, which I've been ignoring this entire time. Looking at myself in the mirror, I noticed I grew... taller. I was roughly twenty centimeters taller than before. My chest was also very heavy it had grow considerably in size too... Thankfully, I increased my STR a lot, so even this big chest won't be an impediment to me!

Noticeably, the rest of my body had also changed, alongside my fair pale white skin there were many green tattoos showing growing trees and leaves, and even flowers. Especially around my legs and arms, and a bit around my neck. My chest also had a strange glowing green orb, similar to the one in the tree behind me. This was also called Heart of the Forest, and was literally my core... If it gets hurt, I might end up getting to weaken, so it is nice I can grow wood over it and then simply hide it from plain sight.

My eyes were gold with a hint of green hue. And my ears were long like those of elves, despite not being one. I also had two antlers made of branches growing out of my head and my hair was brilliant green,

with many small and colorful flowers and leaves growing in between. But that was about it, I guess I had not changed that much.

At the end, I finally reached my party. Acorn, Florie, and Nieve had arrived while I was still preparing my classes and setting everything up. It seems Acorn and Nieve had physically changed as well. Acorn was now even fluffier, and around ten centimeters taller. His fur had now gained white and gray stripes, and he had a small white horn made of crystal over his forehead.

He had evolved into a Mystic Horned Squirrel-kin, while Nieve looked slightly similar than before, but a bit bigger, she also had a small horn made of ice growing from her forehead, she had become a Frost Winter Fairy, from merely being a Fairy. It seems that although she had the talent for ice, she wasn't really an ice fairy before until she evolved.

"You took almost half an hour!" Rita immediately complained.

"I am sorry! I was so busy..." I sighed.

"Well, it is good you're back. And it seems that you caused quite the fuss." Said Titan. "That tree over there... is that something you did when you evolved? It still alive, and it has been producing a lot of spiritual essence everywhere... We all feel quite comfortable around it, but it kind of makes me a bit worried..."

"Indeed, Planta, what is that? I had never seen you create such a tree before, it has an incredible amount of power, almost in comparison to the Tree of Beginnings..." Titania said.

"R-Really?" I asked.

"Yeah! It has the same aura, if not even more comfortable than the Tree of Beginnings..." Sai Acorn. "I don't know why but it feels like it makes me want to take a nap near it."

"It feels especially well for us fairies..." Nieve pointed out. "Though with so much spiritual essence around, its hard to properly control my ice magic without letting it go out of control..."

"Feels comfy!" Florie said.

"Well..."

I quickly decided to explain to them what it truly was, alongside telling them how a Hamadryad worked. Apparently, Titania and the fairies seemed very surprised.

"So that's why Hamadryads are so important, I had not much knowledge about it as I would had wished to have, but it seems you can truly expand the forest across the continent, and quite possibly fill it with nature... But it all depends on if we can properly purify the Miasma around here. There's still some lingering miasma and Miasmatic Monsters in the forest, especially in the underground." She said.

"Underground?" Titan asked. "The Forest of Beginnings has a hidden underground map?!"

It seems we were about to go into our next quest.

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Chapter 242: A Brand New Quest!

"Indeed, thanks to Planta's Heart of the Forest, a wave of spiritual mana is cleansing a lot of the surrounding Miasma, but the underground area of the Forest is still quite filled with it. I had thought and considered going to help the Brownies and the Gnomes there, and even the last surviving Myconid, but I've lost a lot of my former strength, and the barrier protecting this area also depends on me. So I can't really leave at will." Sighed Titania.

"Brownies, Gnomes, and Myconid?! In here?" I asked happily.

"Yeah, they're races that enjoy living underground in caves, which they fill with their own special plants and mushrooms. Brownies and Gnomes live near the surface, they have enormous secret gardens in the northeast of the forest. They're generally very small and frail, so they hide from most of the time and are very elusive." Said Titania. "Myconid mostly never wander out of the caves unlike their ancestors, and often remain always within the underground. Although the resurrected Kings are dealt with, this Miasma is still there. If you're willing, could you go check if everything is alright? I remember you were able to cleanse Mana by changing the Terrain, could it be possible to do that with them?"

"Sure thing! I am up for visiting some new place." I said. "Although I have yet to fully explore the fairy country, if those people are in dire need of help I should go asap, the Tree of Beginnings gave me that major quest to help everyone here and cleanse the miasma."

And I also want to meet tiny people!

Also, Lily seems to have chosen a Brownie as her race, so she suddenly appeared in their village, if we go there we can meet up with her, killing two birds with one stone. Apparently, according to Titania, Brownies are similar to gnomes as they're a small race of spiritual people that live in forests, they often enrich soil and create gardens to let nature expand and grow. While gnomes do something similar, they're also good at mining and at magic, similar to dwarves but not really.

The major difference between the two is that Brownies specialize in Green Magic, the only other race capable of conjuring it aside from Dryads and Ents, and they always retain a very young, almost child-like appearance, they're depicted as adorable children of the forest, while gnomes are often old looking by default, males got long bears like dwarves, and they're good at pure Earth Magic, which is their greatest specialization.

Maybe Lily choose a Brownie due to looking very young, she seemed to have quite the complex for her age and appearance and wanted to probably look younger. Well, I hope she's happy about her avatar. I had already sent her a friend request and she accepted it right away, sending me a quick live chat message, which I could easily answer through something like telepathy.

"Ah, Elayne, are you there?"

"Yeah, I am here! Lily, how is it going there? We are about to go to the brownie town..."

"Ah, it is all good, the people here is overly nice with me. They were surprised when I showed up, but some began calling me a god-messenger or something..."

"Oh I guess they really are happy for your appearance. I'll be bringing some friends, so try to call me by my in-game name pretty please... There's a coworker which doesn't know I am playing the game with me, so I would die if he knows my name..."

"Oh, sure thing then "Planta"." She said. "You can just call me Lily, I don't really mind."

"Alright then. We are on our way, wait for us!"

"Sure, this place is very interesting- Eh?"

"Hm? What's wrong?"

Suddenly, I heard a lot of voices around Lily suddenly beginning to panic...

"Monsters!"

"Damn it, did they came from the depths again?"

"T-There are a bit too many this time..."

"Run!"

"Uwaah! Planta, hurry! There are a lot of monsters... I'll run for now, I don't know if I can beat high level stuff yet..."

"Yeah, you do that, wait for us!"

And like that, our call abruptly cut. It seems the Brownies and Gnomes were already being attacked by a swarm of underground monsters. We had to quickly hurry there! I wish I could go back to my farm though, but it seems that I'll have to leave it to the Mushroom Brigade that went back there for now.

"Then we are going there? I thought we would chill out for a bit in the farm..." Said Titan. "Well, I am all up for some adventure anyways but still..."

"Yeah, we did a lot back then but I guess I can't really say "no" to Titania... Also Lily, my friend, is in that place, she made herself a Brownie, so we'll get a new party member of that race soon." I said.

"Ooh, a Brownie player? That's interesting." Nieve said. "I wonder if she can wield maces or hammers. Brownies are known for their unexpectedly incredible physical strength; they can wield big weapons despite being small."

"Eh?! They can? I thought they were pure magicians..." I said.

"Well they're imbued with the strength of nature and earth, and they might be small and stocky, but they carry quite the punch." Nieve said.

"Maybe Lily could fight better then... Well, I hope." I said.

FLASH!

The Spiritual Projection of Titania quickly appeared in front of us, as she seemed more than willing to accompany us through the journey there in this form.

"I'll accompany you in this form for now, as I don't want to leave behind my kingdom. I hope it is okay for you guys." She said humbly.

"It's fine, we would love to have you with us." I said.

"Yeah, your help was very big yesterday." Titan added.

"I'm coming too! I'll level up and grow stronger like everyone!" Florie said cheerfully.

"Make sure to stay behind me, okay Florie? Don't do anything reckless." Nieve reprimanded her little sister who was a bit too pumped up.

"Okaaay..." Florie answered, although she was so childish that she might end up still getting in some kind of trouble.

Florie also decided to come in person, as she was eager to be with her sister in an adventure, and it seems a new quest was already assigned to her to aid us in anything to get herself a Player Privilege Title, she might as well grab some levels, as she's still Level 2, apparently.

"I'm also going, don't forget about me!" Acorn ran towards us, quickly jumping over Titan's shoulders, his favorite spot.

"Sure bud, you're our greatest support so there's no way we would go without you." Titan said, already having grown as a good friend of the squirrel-kin alchemist.

Acorn also came as he was rather free, he spent the morning back at his village and seemed to have prepared new potions and bombs using his alchemy, which I'll want to spend some time learning at his side later after we are done with today's little quest.

Ding!

And just as we walked to the Brownies and Gnomes Village, a sudden Quest emerged before us.

[A new Quest has been generated: [Save the Brownies and Gnomes from the Menace of the Underground!]

[A strange group of monsters imbued with Miasma had emerged in the underground of the forest of beginnings, threatening the lives of the three tribes that had been living in harmony there for many generations. Their power and appearances are unknown, but it is your duty to investigate the case and defeat this evil before the Miasma once more spreads into the surface of the forest!]

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Chapter 243: A Touching Conversation 1

"Did everyone got the new quest?" I asked, seeing the notification in front of my sight. Everyone nodded, they got the same quest as well as I did.

"I guess we are already starting a new one!" Said Titan. "Planta as long as we stick with you we'll always get Quests, don't we?" Laughed my friend.

"I-I guess..." I sighed. "Sorry if it was a bit forceful."

"Not at all, I like this game for all wacky stuff that happens which I never expect even in my wildest dreams. I like that aspect a lot in fact, so let's go into an adventure already." Achlys said, my friend Rita seemed to have become quite the addict of the game at the end.

"I am up to help the Brownies; I am also excited to see a new friend of Planta." Said Acorn. "She's a Brownie, right?"

"Yeah she is!" I said with a smile. "Her name is Lily. She's someone that loves plants and especially gardening, I wonder what's her class..." I said, as we quickly decided to hurry towards the Brownies village with the guidance of the Fairy Queen.

"I am all for it as well, now that I've been accepted in this party, I want to do anything I can to help you, Planta. I owe you more than you imagine. Also... well, I've always had that dream of going into the outside world." Nieve confessed.

"Heheh, my big sis seems to be just like me at the end!" Florie giggled. "You act all serious and mature but you still want to explore and seek new adventures!"

"I am not as childish!" Nieve said while crossing her arms. "But I feel like when I was invited and all... I felt like it was my destiny in a way. And if we can somehow defeat the Demon King and destroy his machinations in the process, then I am all up for it."

"You two girls are very refreshing to have with us." Said Titan. "And cute."

"Huh? Are you into little girls, pervert?" Asked Achlys while laughing.

"Eh? Ah? T-That's not it! Achlys you're always getting things mixed up and assuming the worst, aren't you?" Sighed Titan. "I am not a lolicon..."

"Hahaha, I was joking!" Laughed Achlys. "...Unless?"

"Unless what? I told you I am not..." Sighed Titan. "I just... well, they're cute, right? Fairies are like children... Deep down I've always kind of wanted to build a family myself and have some kids. Been a dream since I was in college."

"Is that so?" I wondered. "Why don't you find someone then? I am sure you're a handsome man, Titan."

"How can you tell when I look like a pile of wood?" Laughed Titan. "But I am already kind of in love with someone... The thing is, I am terrible at confessing my feelings, I am awkward, and weird, and stupid... And... I just ruin everything with my awkwardness and shyness."

"A-Aww, come on, don't get like that now." I said.

"Titan I don't really get what you're talking about. You're a strong and brave man, one I had never seen so brave since the ancient hero. Whatever is troubling your mind, it must be something very small that you're letting get in the way of your confidence." Titania said as if she were a mother comforting her son.

"Ahaha... I appreciate the compliments." Sighed Titan. "But its not as simple, I guess it is not something an NPC could properly understand."

"Hmm... I see." Titania sighed.

"Ah, sorry if that sounded rude... It is something from our own... well, world." Said Titan.

"The world where Players go when they disappear for some time?" Wondered Titania.

"Yeah, that place... I am impressed NPC know as much." Said Titan.

"Hey Titan, are you sure we should be talking to her about this? Does she even gets it?" Wondered Achlys.

"Of course I get it." Titania said. "We are all aware that Players go to somewhere else once they disappear. We call that the Realm of the Gods." Said Titania. "Ah, there's a force stopping me from... addressing this as much."

"Well, it is better to not talk about this, the system doesn't like that NPC get this type of info." I said. "For the moment, Titan, you should cheer up a bit, okay?"

"It is not so easy but thanks for worrying about me." Titan said. "Aside from someone at work, you guys are... like my only friends. I am happy to have you all. I think you've helped me cope with my own life... I have so many problems in real life, it is sometimes hard to even wake up."

"I can relate! I've got a whole family I need to take care of..." Sighed Achlys.

"Eh? You're a mother?" Titan asked.

"You bet I am! Kids are hard to deal with... I can't believe I just had one like two years ago. I should probably try to use better contraceptives with my man." Said Achlys.

"Ahahaha... Y-Yeah, I suppose." Said Titan, feeling slightly awkward at Rita talking about this stuff.

"For now, how about you try to be more confident on yourself? What makes you feel awkward in the first place?" Nieve wondered.

"Ah... I just.. I don't know. Lack of experience talking with women?" He wondered.

"But aren't we all women here except Acorn?" I wondered.

"Right..." Titan said. "Well this is a game so it feels different. I don't know if I can draw any experience from here."

"Hmm... I guess you could put it that way." Said Achlys.

"For now it would be nicer if you start thinking what you could improve of yourself, or... better than that, to accept yourself with your flaws." Said Titania.

"That's easier said than done, Titania." Sighed Titan.

"Well, I've lived a long live, but even now I am still struggling just as much as you do... We all have our flaws, our mistakes, our regrets... A way for us to mature and grow as people is to accept our flaws and mistakes and keep moving forward, to not let them get in the way of our dreams." Titania said.

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Chapter 244: A Touching Conversation 2

"Damn, that hit a bit hard." Said Titan. "I guess... trying to be perfect or simply trying to be flawless is impossible, huh?"

"I suppose it is." Said Titania. "I don't think even the gods are perfect. We all have our flaws, our mistakes. Although we can accumulate experience to not commit mistakes, to know more, and to try to stop accidents and other things from happening, we can't never truly have a full grasp in everything. Even the wisest man will commit a mistake, even the most experienced person might one day fall into the same trick again... We have to accept ourselves with all our flaws and what makes us... well, people."

"Titania, that's a bit deep." I said. "But you're right..."

"I guess..." Achlys shrugged. "Though I didn't understand half of it."

"Ahaha, sorry if it sounded confusing. I was trying to just make a point that... No matter the mistakes you commit and no matter how many flaws you find in yourself, what matters is to accept yourself. Women love a confident man that accepts their own flaws and still finds something good within themselves to make themselves shine. Even the old hero had many flaws. He was naïve, childish, and a bit dumb... And every now and then he tripped over a rock because it was hard for him to walk over non-paved places as he grew inside a noble district without forests." Laughed Titania. "That clumsiness was charming."

"So in resume, stop giving a damn." Said Achlys.

"Eh? Is that it?" Asked Titan.

"Well, technically..." Titania said.

"Yeah, don't worry so much, just relax and be you. If someone doesn't like you by who you are, despite acting like a decent human being that is respectful with people as the bare minimum, then someone else might." I said.

"Yeah... I guess I am okay with being friends if things don't work at the end. I am still having a lot of problems with my family and all. I'll have to resolve them eventually. I wish I could have you guys with me all times. Maybe I would feel more relaxed when I have you taking care of my back." Sighed Titan.

"I also sometimes wish I could use plant magic in real life to improve my garden!" I said. "I can relate to that, Titan!"

"HAHAHAHA!" Laughed Achlys. "Typical of you... But yeah this game is a big break time for me, so I really love being with my friends."

"Whatever difficulties you're facing in your own world, let me tell you that we'll be there with you anywhere you are, Titan. Right here." Nieve said chivalrously, touching her chest.

"Ah, the heart..." Said Titan. He seemed to chuckle a bit. Nieve's words were deep but at the same time, it was exactly what a knightess would say, she's really stuck to her script, huh?

"Yeah!" She said. "I've also felt fear and doubts before in my life. I was once very afraid of things, I was always afraid, in fact. But over time, I kept training myself, I kept helping people, and knew many more. I meet lady Titania and then... I thought I finally found my way of life, to protect her..." Nieve glanced at Florie. "But then I realized that my life truly began when I meet Florie, and I took care of someone else. Now I also live for her, my little sister. Do you have someone you want to live for, Titan?"

"I... do." Titan said while nodding. "I'll take your words to heart, Nieve, thanks a lot... This is the first-time people listen to my problems without judging me... I feel like I am super happy to have meet everyone here."

"Me too!" I said.

"Yeah, we are friendos." Said Achlys. "That's what friends do buddy."

"Yeah Titan!" Said Acorn. "You're a bit worried about small stuff, just don't worry about it. I sometimes begin doing alchemy to forget my sad thoughts, it always helps to keep ourselves busy doing what we love. Eventually, those sad feelings become our strength, and then they become the reason that we keep moving forward, like my parents and my grandma... They might be gone, and I cried a lot when they were gone... but now every time I think about them, I don't cry, I feel happy and keep moving forward, because I know they're watching over me as I improve and walk towards my dreams."

"Woah..."

"Damn..."

"Acorn..."

We were left surprised by what our little squirrel friend told us. He was perhaps the most grounded of all of us in here. To think he overcame such pain and was happy now as he was, moving forward steadily towards his dreams... Maybe we all have something to learn from him especially I...

"I also lost someone I loved a lot, he was... part of my entire life, my life itself, perhaps." I sighed. "Even now, after so many years, I still cry many times when I think about this person, Acorn... Do you have anything you could recommend me to do to overcome this?"

"Hmm... Well, I don't really know. I didn't do anything fancy. But I just kept thinking every day that what I was doing was for them. That every day I lived, I did it for them too. Every smile I had, every good meal, everything was for them. I kept pushing myself in alchemy for them too... It is hard, and there's not really any definite answer, but I think you're doing it well, Lady Planta! Just keep moving forward, I know you can do it!" Acorn said.

Aww... I feel like crying right now, oh my god.

"Thank you..." I sighed. "I guess you're right! I just gotta keep doing what I like and living for that person... Like Nieve said, the people we love will always keep living and accompanying us inside of our hearts. It sounds corny and childish but I like to think that way, because simply thinking the opposite only makes us sadder."

"It was an enlightening conversation, everyone, but we have arrived." Titania said, quickly interrupting our emotive conversation, pointing at a beautiful village covered by colorful flowers, resembling a garden. "Welcome to Earthen, the Village of Brownies and Gnomes."

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Chapter 245: Visiting The Town Of Brownies And Gnomes!

I checked the map right after Titania said those words, as she was right, it was named "Earthen" but it never showed in the map until we arrived here. Is it a secret area players cannot really access normally unless they're guided by an NPC?

"This village is hidden with the magic of the Gnomes, because of that, unless you're guided by someone that already knows where it is, you will never be able to find the village, losing yourself in the woods and walking in circles." Titania explained.

"Is there such magic?" Wondered Nieve.

"Indeed, it is special of the gnomes, who can create magic items with what they had learned from the dwarves, their close cousins." Said Titania.

"How are gnomes and dwarves related aside from being little bearded men?" Achlys wondered.

"Well they were once the same tribe, but they separated in the past. A group decided to live in the mountains extracting ores and forging, polishing their mastery over weapons and more. Meanwhile, the other tribe decided to connect more with nature and the spiritual essence, being close to plants as well, and forming an alliance with the little Brownie, who are similar to us fairies, born from the forest." Said Titania. "Gnomes over the years have specialized in alchemy and magic item creation, but only small items. Unlike dwarves, who like to create big things and constantly push themselves towards something innovative."

"That's quite interesting, so how were they called when they were a single tribe?" I wondered.

"I don't know, but some called them Gnomies. Their creation was around the same time as my own. They were made by the Goddess of Earth, shaped from mud and soil. Ancient Gnomies might live somewhere, but their descendants separated into the Dwarves and Gnomes." Titania said.

"That's interesting, they sound funny." I laughed a bit.

"Yeah, I suppose. Now let's go. The village seems to be protected by a nature magic barrier erected by the Brownies. It is made out of the many plants they have taken care of, which they connect their magic with and form powerful spells." Said Titania. "It is a specialty of Brownies, apparently."

The Spiritual Projection of Titania led us to the entrance, an old-looking rock sitting right in the middle of the forest. She told me to touch it three times.

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

The rock shone brightly three times, as it suddenly shot a flash of green light, covering my body and that of everyone with me. A few second passed and nothing happened. However, after around ten seconds of waiting, the stone suddenly opened, as if split wide open, and the village interior greeted our sight.

A group of five Brownies were guarding the entrance from the other side, immediately noticing us. They had weapons, maces made out of bones and wood reinforced with magic runes. They looked tough for not being made of metal, perhaps the gnomes made those for them.

"Intruders?"

"No, if the rock allowed them to enter, they must be people that are connected with the forest..."

"Huh? A big woman! No, two big women!"

"A big... walking tree? Ah, an Ent?!"

"That's a big squirrel, hehe..."

"Fairies! Two of them!"

"And... is that a big fairy made of light? Ah... There's only one big fairy!"

"QUEEN TITANIA!"

The Brownies all recognized her; they were acting very playfully despite being startled that we showed up out of nowhere.

"Hello, dears, I have come to check how things are. These are all my friends; they saved my country from the menace of the Snake Queen. I was worried about your wellbeing. It seems that the snakes were unable to find you, thankfully." Titania said with a gentle demeanor. "May we come inside and meet with your chief?"

"Sure thing! But we first need to know who exactly they are. Telling us what they did won't do the job, Queen Titania."

"Yeah, a bit of information wouldn't hurt."

"Please."

"Sure thing... Everyone?"

Titania quickly made us say our names and introduce ourselves.

"I am Planta, a Hamadryad, and a Player, I am good at using healing magic and making plants grow and develop, and spirit magic as well! I hope we can get along."

"I am Titan, a Treant and a Player. I am a Druid that specializes in invoking the spirits of beasts in their elemental forms. I am also close to nature. I am glad to meet you all."

"Name's Achlys, Night Elf and Player. I like to absorb the malice of people, heheh..."

"Achlys be more gentle!"

"Ahem! I mean... I hope we can get along."

"I am Nieve, a Magic Knight Commander of the order of magic knights of the Country of the fairies, loyal servant of lady Titania, my queen."

"I am Florie, nice to meet cha!"

"I'm Acorn, an Alchemist and Medic of the Squirrel-kin tribe. If you have any sort of disease or curse to deal with, I would like to help you out."

The Brownies looked at our entire party and nodded.

"I have never seen Players before, but you all seem to be nice people and good hearted. You can pass!"
The brownie that seemed to be in command easily let us enter after our introductions.

"Much like some of us Fairies, Brownies can see through people's hearts and their truest intentions. They trusted us all because they knew we came in goodwill." Said Nieve.

"Amazing, spirits are really something else..." Said Titan. "But how were the fairies tricked by that one Player before?"

"Nor all of us fairies have such an ability, I was weakened back then as well, so I couldn't completely see through that man's true intentions, our artifacts were stolen due to my own foolishness." Sighed Titania.

"Well, that's on the past, let's look for Lily now!" I said, looking around as the Brownies guided us through the large village.

We quickly noticed something as we walked around, a lot of people looked like they had just come from running a marathon.

"Was there any monster attack recently?" I wondered.

"Oh, how did you guess?" Wondered the brownie.

Ah, I knew it...

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Chapter 246: Healing People In A Flash!

The village of the brownies and gnomes was beautiful, it felt like visiting the village of the hobbits from the lord of the rings and the village of the smurfs combined. Gnomes seemed to live inside of big mushroom-shaped houses, while brownies used trees or large mounds of dirt they covered with plants and then dug inside and made houses in there. It was a beautiful place.

Some areas were even paved rustically with large stones. However, we quickly noticed something as we walked around, a lot of people looked like they had just come from running a marathon.

"Was there any monster attack recently?" I wondered.

"Yeah, just half an hour ago the mine where we help the gnomes extract ores, roots, and mushrooms suddenly was attacked by a large quantity of Miasmatic Beasts. We managed to use magic and the gnomes help to escape and seal the mine. There was a brave Brownie that decided to stay behind to protect everybody else. We are worried about her, but she said she was a Player that couldn't... die, or something. I am worried, but the chief said we can't open the mine until some time." Sighed the brownie.

We all looked at one another with great concern.

"That's definitely her." Said Titan.

"Yep... Never knew that old lady was this brave though." Said Achlys.

"When it comes to protecting cute people, I bet even Lily becomes a heroine." I sighed. "We have to go help her. She'll be constantly dying there in a loop if we leave her there. It might be bad for her mental health..."

"Oh, you know her?" Wondered the brownie.

"Yes she's our friend and we need to help her like... ASAP!" I said.

"I-I get it! We all want to go rescue her but we can't... Maybe you can talk things out with the chief though, here he is." The Brownie said, leading us to a big mushroom-shaped house with an orange cap.

We entered the house to find several gnomes and brownies working together to attend many wounded people resting over small beds made of leaves and flowers, using both potions, bandages made of magic leaves, and magic to attend them. Some of them looked quite bad, with big wounds covered by black goo they couldn't completely clean.

"Someone bring me an antidote potion; we are losing him!"

"I need more bandages to stop the bleeding!"

"Someone bring more leaves; we ran out of them!"

"Can someone bring a disinfectant?"

"Where is the spirit water? We can't clean this miasma without it!"

Things got very grim really fast.

"What happened here?!" Asked Achlys, as an old gnome man wearing blue clothes showed up behind us.

"Who are ya? What do you want?" He asked. "Outsiders are usually not allowed to enter, who are you- Huh? Queen Titania?!"

"Hello Darg, I've come here to bring you help. These are my champions. I believe there's no time for introductions, let them aid you." Said Queen Titania.

"I-Is this a projection of yours using spirit magic?! Only someone amazing could even bring you in such a way- You! You're the one?!" Darg looked at me.

"E-Eh? Yeah! But can I help healing the people? We can't stand here looking while everyone's suffering..." I said.

"Hah... well, try your best. There's no way to heal miasma-infected wounds normally. Those damn miasmatic beast got us good by showing up out of nowhere. To make things worse the mine got closed with someone inside. People's panicking and we don't know what to do..." The chief said, sighing. "And-EH?!"

As he rambled, we were already moving, as we rushed towards the wounded people with Florie, Titan, and Acorn, and used a combination of potions and magic to heal them all.

Acorn used the potions we used an imitation of the potion we used to heal his tribe from the miasmic disease over the infected wounds, easily destroying the miasma in the process and disinfecting the wounds. I used my magic to heal them properly and close wounds with Titan's assistance.

But we mostly used a ton of potions. After that, we made them heal my vegetables and fruits I've harvested, which enhanced stamina, health regeneration, and magic regeneration too.

"Wh-What? What happened? Eh? Huh? AH?!"

The chief was going crazy because he couldn't even understand how we did everything so fast, he was completely perplexed, in fact.

"Darg I told you they were my champions. They were the ones that defeated the Snake Queen." Said Titania.

"WAIT, THOSE ARE THE ONES?!" The old gnome man almost jumped out of his house through the ceiling in surprise.

"Ah, thank you so much..."

"I feel so relieved now..."

"I-I thought I was going to die, buaaaahh!"

"This fruit is yummy, eat and don't cry, sister."

"Thank you so much little squirrel!"

"M-My wounds... they're cleansed? And this orange is so refreshing... I feel so relieved now..."

It seems hat things turned out just fine thanks to our quick intervention, nobody died thankfully, although many were about to kick the bucket... The food I brought was also useful, enhancing their regeneration and also filling them with the energy they lost.

After some time, the Chief quickly brought himself back up and offered a private meeting inside of his room, where we were given small little seats where we could barely seat.

"Thank you so much for your help, sorry for doubting you before, I was very nervous myself so I kind of lost it..." He sighed. "I-I amazed by your abilities, that potion you used... just how did you even make that? We had been trying for so long to find a recipe to clean miasma from wounds or the body but we never could figure it out... And that healing magic was even more effective than ours as well, it felt just... stronger, even when most of us are proficient in magic since we were children."

"Well I am a Hamadryad." I said. "Maybe that makes my healing magic stronger?"

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Chapter 247: Going Into The Mines

"H-Hamadryad? Yeah sure..." Said Darg while laughing a bit at my comment. "Hamadryads went extinct-
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"Darg stop being so skeptical, everything they will tell you is the factual truth. She's a hamadryad, I saw her evolve with my two eyes." Titania reprimanded the grumpy gnome.

"E-Eeeh?! Really?!" The gnome asked.

"Yes..." Sighed Titania.

Darg looked at me while opening his eyes wide.

"Y-You're really something else..." He said. "Hamadryads are beings from ancient times when the gods created them to fill the world with nature... They went extinct due to the damage provoked by the Seven Demon Kings."

"So that's what happened..." I said. "Well, they're no longer extinct, I guess!"

"R-Right...." Darg still was skeptical, but whatever. "More importantly, that potion..."

"We could share the recipe later." Acorn said. "I don't really mind."

"We'll pay you as much as you want." Said Darg.

"Ah, no, don't worry. I am not a doctor for money, if I can save another life with my medicine I'll give away any recipe." Said Acorn.

"You're such a pure hearted boy..." Sighed Darg, as he was almost in tears. "Thank you."

"More importantly...!"

Rita was already tired of waiting, slamming the table.

BAAM!

"Let us inside your mines ASAP! We got a friend there and if something happens to her... you'll pay for it!" She said furiously, pointing her staff at the gnome with black magic surging from it.

"HYEEEEEE...!" Darg cried in horror as he stepped back. "T-That dark magic...!"

"Achlys behave yourself!" I said angrily, quickly forcing her to sit back again. "I am sorry, we are a bit desperate."

"A-Ah..." Darg muttered. "We were afraid, I am sorry but we closed the mines. She said she was going to hold the beasts until the mine were closed... She was a player, apparently. She said she could die as much as she wanted or something. I've heard players are immortals. Is this... really true?"

"Yeah but dying too much can still be rather annoying or might be tiring for her mental health." Said Titan. "We have to quickly get to her. May we have permission to enter the mines?"

"N-No! You definitely can't! If you try to enter the mines the entrance will be opened and countless Miasmatic Beasts are going to rush inside! Everyone might die!" Darg said. "You have to wait a bit longer until things calm themselves... Give it a week."

"You're insane or something?!" Asked Rita, slamming the table again.

BAAM!

"GYAH!"

The gnome fell off his chair in fear, he really feared dark magic.

"Is there no other entrance to the mines afar from the village?" Asked Titania.

"Y-Yes, there is one outside the village, near the river, it is abandoned though. It is covered in vines and trees so it is almost impossible to get inside, and I bet monsters use that hole as their home..." Said Darg.

"Can you lead us there?" I wondered. "If you don't want us to enter through the entrance to the mines from here, we'll have to take that route... Unless you want us to force our way inside?" I asked with a smile, trying to act a bit intimidating like Rita, although I am really bad at that.

"S-Sure, whatever... It's your choice if you want to go there and throw away your lives." Sighed Darg.

"Darg don't be like this to the people that just saved your people's lives!" Titania reprimanded him again.

"Ugh... But they seem to have no common sense, Miasmic Beasts are extremely dangerous, anybody that fights them most of the time dies!" Said Darg.

"We have fought and killed multiple miasmic beasts, too many to count." I said.

"Yep." Acorn said. "Their dropped items are the major ingredient to the potion I used."

"Eh? It is?!" Asked Darg.

"So please... let us in." Said Achlys with a malicious smile, quickly intimidating Darg again.

"F-Fine, sure, okay! I'll send a guard to guide you there... Please come back safe with your friend...!" Darg quickly agreed at the end, as we made our way outside the village where the same Brownie guard guided us there. His name was Rosetta, and she was a tomboyish girl with red hair, brown skin, and bright green eyes. She held a big hammer.

"I am surprised you were able to heal all those people so fast and easily! You're really our heroes already!" She said happily. "Ah, this is it."

In front of us a large hole in the middle of the forest appeared, but it was covered by grass and other plants, and the roots of several trees had gotten inside and seemed to be deep in there, making the entrance very convoluted.

"Can you even get inside?" She wondered.

"We can try something." I said. "Sunlight Spirits, can you help me?"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

I used [Dragon Vein Detection] and [Sunlight Spirit Call] together, bringing forth several sunlight spirits as they shone bright red, like small little stars.

"Please, burn everything so we can get inside easily."

"Foo!"

"Fofoooo!"

"Fueheheh..."

The last one laughed a bit maliciously-

BOOOOOOMMMM!!!

All three of them unified and exploded inside the hole, flames erupted into the sky and consumed all plant life within ten meters around us...

"T-THAT WAS A BIT TOO MUCH, DON'T YOU THINK?!" Rosetta asked, as I protected everybody using Spiritual Barriers.

"Ahahah... I didn't thought it would be this chaotic! I-I swear! The tiny spirits never had this much firepower before... What just happened?" I wondered.

"It is due to your INT, if you increase it you deal more magic damage, that also applies to magic spells." The Guider Spirit told me.

"Yeah, what your guider said." Titan said. "We all are rather high leveled now so even our lesser magic is powerful." He looked down into the clean stairs leading down. "But I guess that's more convenient. Let's go everyone."

"Alright!" I said, moving down, everyone followed our lead.

"Wait a second, I also need to go, the chief told me to guide you through the mines! Agh, don't be so reckless, there might be monsters in here too!" Rosetta said while chasing us down.

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Chapter 248: A Variety Of Magic Ores

We quickly decided to descend downstairs, as we found ourselves in an extensive cave with many routes. The stone was completely black, and there were blue and red crystals growing around, illuminating everything. Alongside that, we found a few ores melded together resting over the walls or ceiling. There was probably iron ore, bronze ore, and even gold.

But I don't think if such normal metals are so valuable. However, we also found some strange and colorful ones imbued with different elements and abilities, it was very impressive to find all of these treasures down here.

[Red Crystal (F Grade)]

A red crystal that grows due to overaccumulation of Mana. It glows red and seems to be used as a natural illumination. Once it is cut from the ground, it stops glowing after a couple of days. It is rather easy to break and can be used as a cheap material for magic accessories, as it is capable of channeling mana, but not too much or it'll break.

The Blue Crystals had almost the same description, it seems they're very cheap beginner-friendly materials anybody can easily extract. But we didn't came here to mine for stuff, so I decided to calm myself and only inspect things as Rosetta guided us through the right path.

[Flare Iron Ore (D Grade)]

A special Iron Ore that has been imbued with the power of the element of fire over many hundreds of years, growing red-colored. It can be used as a material for the creation of fire attribute weapons, magic items or accessories, and even bombs with alchemy. A very useful item for all beginner alchemists. Its usage as fire powder and fuel is still popular even amongst high ranked blacksmiths or alchemists.

Woah, this one looked mighty useful! I had to contain my urge to mine it. Maybe I could turn my weapon into a pickaxe... Or try out opening that legendary weapon box and see if I can get a pickaxe of legendary grade? No, that would be a bit too exaggerated, right?

[Aqua Bronze Ore (D Grade)]

A special Bronze Ore that has been imbued with the power of the element of water over many hundreds of years, growing blue-colored. It can be used as a material for the creation of water attribute weapons, magic items or accessories, and even special types of items with alchemy. A very useful item for all beginner alchemists. It can also be used in special magic items for the creation of clean water.

Oooh! A bronze ore that can produce water?! I never thought such a thing could exist... Ah, if I keep looking at the ores I'll get dragged into mining. For now I should really get my things together and do what I must do...

"How strange, there are no monsters around, I really thought they would come here..." Rosetta said.

"Were there monsters in here before that your people saw some time ago?" Wondered Titan.

"Why yes, sir Treant..." Rosetta said, rubbing her chin, she was so small she only reached my hips, so she was very cute indeed. Looking at her was like looking at a little girl pretending to be an adult. Ah, that sounded a bit offensive, I cannot say that to short people directly, never!

"We saw some time ago a large quantity of Gray Wolves living here, they made a big nest. We didn't bother them and they didn't bother us, so we let them be. They're part of nature at the end, and seeing their cubs playing around hit our hearts too hard, we wouldn't had been able to forgive ourselves if we killed them..." Sighed Rosetta.

"I see, Brownies are very soft..." Said Achlys.

"Hey! Would you really kill a little puppy?!" Rosetta angrily said.

"W-Well, if it's a monster... this also a game..." Achlys said.

"You're only making things worse, stop please." I told her, petting her head.

"Anyways, I wonder where all those guys go, I was sure there was no wolves when Lady Planta destroyed those roots, she would had gotten EXP, right?" Rosetta wondered.

"Yeah, I didn't got any hint of EXP or any dropped items, so they were not there." I said. "I can assure you of it. I wouldn't had done that if I knew they were there too. I might had tried to chase them away."

"Hm, then they escaped?" Asked Achlys.

"No, they're brave too." Rosetta said. "Also this place is a nice spot for them to hunt other monsters to eat. Monsters don't get dropped items; you see. When they hunt another monster, they can easily eat it and it usually doesn't turn into items."

"Interesting..." I said.

"So it is a good hunting spot because there's a river nearby, they also got water from there, and they were happily multiplying their numbers, if you mentioned the cubs." Said Titan. "Yeah, it doesn't make sense they ran away without a reason."

"A reason..." Said Acorn. "Rosetta, has there been any Miasmic Monsters attacks here? They had decreased in most of the forest so I am quite surprised they appeared in the mines out of the blue."

"Not particularly, we haven't seen any." Said Rosetta. "But now that you mention them, only Miasmic Beasts hunt anything alive relentlessly, even other monsters. They also only cooperate with other Miasmic Beasts or monsters infected with Miasma." Rosetta said while analyzing the situation.

"Right? It really doesn't make much sense once you think about it coherently, there's something fishy here." Said Acorn.

"Yeah, I can tell. I can feel Miasma nearby." Said Nieve. "Could the Miasmic Beasts from here chased down the wolves? Or... Ah, blood."

Suddenly, we found blood all over the cave's floor, and as we walked forward, we found even more blood, bones with meat, guts, and even gray fur. And the worst of all, small little wolf pups, all dead. And they died rather gruesomely, bitten all over, with their guts out.

Of course, there was also the horrid scent of both blood and miasma all over the place...

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Chapter 249: A New And Intimidating Foe!

"This was... the Miasmic Beasts killed all the wolves!" I said while panicking a bit. "Ah!"

I quickly noticed inside of my map a lot of red dots rushing towards us.

"It seems so." Said Titan.

"We've got company too!" Achlys said.

"No, the puppies..." Cried Rosetta, suddenly beginning to sob. "You poor things..."

"Nieve, Florie, protect Rosetta for us, we'll fight the Miasmic Beasts!" I said.

"Got it!" Nieve said, unsheathing her magic sword as an air of ice emerged around her.

"Leave it to us!" Florie said, as pink-colored light emerged from her hands.

I glanced at the map, as I saw the red dots getting closer. Their auras were not weak or ordinary at all either!

CLASH!

Suddenly, an enormous black claw emerged from within the left corridor, scratching the hard walls as a monstrous and enormous monster, of at least five meters of height slowly began to move its head to look at us.

"GGRRRR...."

Its body resembled that of a giant monitor lizard, covered from head to toe into black scales, and its head looked like that of a vicious viper. Its red eyes were decorated with a third one in the middle of the other two, and the strange monster had a long tail... The creature by itself was monstrous and enormous, a beast we had never found before in this forest.

[Lesser Miasma Drakon: Lv32 (ELITE)] [Status: Enraged]

Description: Lesser Drakon are a type of dragon-type monster that dwell in the depths of the underground layers of the world. It is said that they eat ores for sustenance and are incredibly territorial, easily being provoked by someone stepping into their feeding nests, which they will respond with aggressiveness and will not stop until they chase down or kill their foes. This version of the Drakon Monster has been infested with Miasma, granting it incredible enhanced capabilities.

Skills: [Miasma Breath] [Claws of Darkness] [Shadow Trap] [Tail Slam] [Eyes of Intimidation] [Aura of Miasma]

Title: [Merciless Predator]

Not only its very presence was very intimidating, sending shivers down our spines. But the monster's status already said a lot about how strong it was. It was Level 32 and with several skills that all looked rather deadly.

"T-This monster is bad news!!" Said Acorn in shock. "It is barely two levels below us..."

"S-So strong... How can we find something so powerful in this beginner area?!" Titan wondered.

"Don't just stand in there, it's coming!" Achlys cried.

"And it's more than one!" Acorn said.

From behind the one that showed up, four more emerged, they all were just as big and strong, emanating menacing auras of darkness and miasma. From where exactly they came from to begin with?!

"T-Those are Drakon?! I heard that the people was also attacked by such monsters..." Said Rosetta.

"Their presence alone is too much...! I can't even move?!"

"You can't move?" Asked Titan. "Ah, that must be their Intimidating Eyes Skill, it paralyzes anyone that is intimidated by their gaze!"

Is that also the reason I couldn't move myself?!

Crap! I have to move!

I might die and it doesn't matter because I am a Player, but if Rosetta dies... or Florie, Nieve, or Acorn, they cannot come back, this is the only live they got! I choose to bring NPC with me knowing the risks of their single life. And I won't simply stand as they get slaughtered in front of me!

"GROOOARRRR!"

The first Drakon fixated its sight into me, immediately pouncing towards my way and pointing its enormous claws at me, with a single swipe of them, it could easily slash me into pieces!

"Spiritual Barrier!"

CLAAASH!

A barrier emerged around my body, quickly protecting me. The claws were powerful, however, infecting my barrier with miasma and literally melting it, making the barrier disappear almost instantly!

"Take... THIS!"

I grabbed my staff as it quickly shapeshifted into an enormous Scythe, and I used the power of my newly acquired [Spirit Farming Tool Mastery] Skill!

SLAAAASH!

The attack unleashed a shockwave of spiritual energy from within, which pierced through the Drakon's hard black scales, piercing its flesh and leaving a large slashing wound... Blood sprayed from within the wound, as the Drakon stopped moving, shocked by the wound over its chest...

"GRAHHH...!"

And above all... it was completely paralyzed.

Yes, this is the skill's Stun Effect! Now it has become a 100% chance to stun a target without resistance to the Stun Status Effect when hit for five seconds! Drakon seem completely unresistant to the status effect!

SPARK!

And not only that, but the [Paralysis] Status is also stacked with [Stun] forcing the monster of menacing appearance to just stop moving, standing like a statue right in front of me. The attack I made took around 8% of its total HP, so it has a lot of HP and Physical Defense, I am not a specialized physical attacker, so that small damage was to be expected, but if I hit that thing another nine times, it might be a different story!

TRUUUUUMMMM...!

And that wasn't the entire effects of my Evolved Skill, as a shockwave of power emerged from within the Drakon I hit, impacting the other four Drakons as well and dealing 60% of the damage dealt to the Drakon, while Stunning and Paralyzing two out of the four as well!

"GRAARRR...!"

"GRAAAH?!"

"GRYERRR...!"

"We can do this... We are not as weak as before, we a fight!" I roared, running forward as I shapeshifted my weapon into a large shovel.

"HYAAAA!"

FLUOOSH!

Suddenly, my shovel was engulfed in flames out of nowhere! This was also thanks to the power of the Skill, having a 50% chance each time I initiate an attack to imbue my weapon with an element for a single attack, and this time, it was the element of fire!

BOOOOMMMM!!!

When the shovel hit the Stunned Drakon, it unleashed a blazing explosion that took over the entire monster's body, dealing a whopping 25% damage into its HP!

"GRUUAARRR!"

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Chapter 250: Against The Mighty Drakons!

"GRUUAARRR!"

The Drakon roared, unleashing an explosive shockwave of Miasma using its Miasmatic Aura, and freeing itself from the Stun Effect which cannot be overwritten when it is hit again when stunned, using this loophole to attempt to attack me once more!

"Soil Domain!"

TRUUUUMMMM...!

However, combining Green Magic with Soil Domain generated an enormous change below my foot, as the soil moved around as if it were alive, making the Drakon fall into a small hole, losing its momentum!

BAAAAM!

"GRAAAH?!"

I could tell the monster was shocked.

"This is how farmers fight!" I said, smacking its head multiple times.

SMACK! SMACK! SMACK!

"GRAARRRR!"

The Drakon was once more stunned, as each of my hits let out a shockwave that hit the nearby Drakons while my friends were taking care of them. My abilities were making things easier than I had thought!

"ROOARR!"

Barely hanging at 20% of its HP, the Drakon jumped out of the hole, reaching up to me once more and swinging its tail against me. I used several barriers to protect myself, but they ended braking due to the enormous difference in raw physical power alone. I had to use my shovel and defend myself with it!

CLAAAASSSH!

"Ugh...!"

BAAM!

I hit the ground, as I saw my HP dropping dramatically to 50%! Damn it, I am still super frail! However, my HP was recovering very rapidly, in just a second, it was already at 55%! So I recover roughly 5% HP each second?! That's insane... Is this all my restorative effects stacked together?

"GRRRR...! GRAAAHH!"

The Drakon roared without wasting a second, opening its jaws and concentrating a deadly blast of miasma, firing it against me!

FLAAAASSSSH!

"Frost Domain: Winter Fortress!"

However, the voice of Nieve echoed in front of me, as she suddenly conjured one of her strongest magics, conjuring a domain of Ice and then generating a small fortress made of ice, protecting me from the Breath of Miasma.

BOOOOOOMMMM...!!!

"T-This attack is so strong...!" She muttered, trying to make the fortress not break.

"Don't worry, I got this!" I said, quickly standing back up and calling forth the Land Spirits and merging them with Green Magic and Soil Domain. "Land Spirits, please, give me your help!"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Within the various Dragon Veins spread around, several Spirits of the Earth popped out one after the other floating around, one was bigger than the others, resembling a big golem. They heard my words and immediately did as I asked them, roots of trees began to pop out of my own body and seeping underground, merging with them in mere seconds through Spirit Enhancement's effects, and then, the soil itself also merged with them, until...

TRUUUUUMMMM...!

"GRUOOOHHHHH!"

An enormous giant made of wood and stone appeared! Woah, it was at least fifteen meters big?! It wasn't as big as I would had wanted, but it easily smacked the Drakon into the floor with its enormous fists!

BAAM! BAAAM! BAAAAM!

"GRYYYYAAASSHEEE...!"

The Drakon gave a last groan of agony as it was completely demolished into the floor, exploding into particles of darkness, and disappearing. Phew, that thing was finally dead!

Ding!

[You have defeated [Lesser Miasma Drakon: Lv32 (ELITE)] x1!]

[You gained the [Lesser Drakon's Scales] x10, [Shattered Miasmic Core Fragment] x5, [Lesser Drakon's Meat and Bones] x10]

[You earned 32000 EXP]

[You gained 4000 Gold]

32K EXP from a single monster?! Ah, that's a high-level monster for you! By slaying just two I would had been able to level up. I have to help everyone defeat the other four-

"You damn thing, stay still!!!"

Titan roared, as his entire body suddenly grew several times bigger, countless branches wrapped around one of the Drakons, piercing its entire body countless times, as he absorbed the monster's blood to recover his HP through his new [Root Life Drain] Skill while sustaining and tanking the damage from the Drakon!

"GROOARR!"

The Drakon roared furiously trying to kill Titan before it could die itself, but a pack of furious hawks made of light attacked the Dragon from all over its body, as Titan used the time they bought to him to generate an enormous sword made of wood, piercing the Drakon's chest!

CLAAASH!

"GRRAAAARRR...!"

POOF!

The Drakon died on the spot, exploding into black particles in an instant!

At the same time, Rita was dragging another Drakon into the Gates of the Underworld, while showering the monster with Darkness Blades, a new spell she had acquired that materialized darkness and allowed her to fire them as powerful projectiles in the shape of swords.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

"GROOARR...!"

The Drakon she captured within the Underworld Gate's abyssal hands began to struggle to free itself, firing its miasma breath around, but ultimately failing to free itself and then dying from all of Rita's attacks.

"Hahaha! I've gotten pretty strong myself, haven't I?!" Laughed Rita, celebrating her victory as she looked at the monster dying over the floor with a victorious smile.

The last Drakon was caught in constant explosions from Acorn who fired his bombs at the monster constantly. My Summons and Tamed Monsters were supporting him and stopping this Drakon from interfering with the fight I had with the one I was trying to kill, this is probably why they were not able to assist me back then, they were already fighting.

"Bombs alone won't do much... Can someone give me a hand here?" Acorn asked.

"Here, have a big one!" I said, as the Giant Spirit Titan roared, rushing towards the Drakon trapped on Loki's vines as it pushed the palm of its enormous hand down.

BOOOOMMMM!!!

The enormous blow flattened the Drakon into the floor. The monster was somewhat still alive, unleashing a miasmic breath that wasn't effective at all against the Titan. However, the Titan quickly delivered another powerful fist attack, flattening the Drakon a second time, this time, its HP was finally 0%

POOF!

And like that, the last Drakon died, the other one that remained, as they were five, had been frozen by Nieve with the same defensive spell she used before, and then slain alongside the first one I killed promptly after as the shockwave generated killed it... pretty efficient, I would say so myself.

[You and your Party have defeated [Lesser Miasma Drakon: Lv32 (ELITE)] x4!]

[You gained the [Lesser Drakon's Scales] x10, [Shattered Miasmic Core Fragment] x5, [Lesser Drakon's Meat and Bones] x10..]

[You earned 102000 EXP]

[You gained 10000 Gold]

[Your Race and Class Level has increased from Level 34 to Level 36!]

[Your Subclass Level has increased from Level 30 to Level 32!]

[You gained Stat Points and Skill Points]

Huh, I didn't earned the complete EXP from the four, but that's surely more than half of it. Is the rest of the EXP the bonus I get from the Titles and other things that enhance EXP earned? Well, whatever the case, I leveled up twice! And I got 30 Stat Points and Skill Points out of just two levels, that's insane... Race, Class, and Subclass all give 5 points each, so that's 15 per level, and in two levels, 30! Damn, having a Subclass really feels like cheating.

"And we are done, phew, that was more exhausting than I imagined." Sighed Titan.

"We avenged you, little pups..." Sighed Rosette.