Chapter 31: [Bonus] Intense Battle: Spirits VS Dead Wood Golems!

I had used the power of Spirit Magic, but it really surprised me! The ability to detect Dragon Veins was great, but summoning Land Spirits? It was amazing! Even at Level 1, the Skill was already showing its worth as I was given the ability to summon different spirits. Of course, four was my limit because my Mana was around 30 by now...! Of course, it was recovering at dozens per second, so it slowly filled up. In a few minutes, it should go back to a suitable range where I could keep summoning more Spirits if I want to.

The Spirits were not permanent and after a certain amount of damage taken or time, they will disappear and I will need to summon new Spirits... Of course, I had just summoned them, so they wouldn't go away any time soon. The Small Rocky, the Boulder Golem, and the Land Titan were bravely fighting right about now! The best thing is that after conjuring them, I didn't need to constantly give them Mana, so only one time summon is enough, if I had to give them Mana constantly, that would be really a pain to deal with.

BOOOM!!!

The Land Titan's enormous fists clashed against a golem's chest, completely breaking it into pieces and throwing it down into the ground. The entire golem was splattered into many pieces of wood, which all suddenly turned into particles of light...

"W-Wow, that's amazing!" Said Acorn.

Isn't this Magic a tad bit overpowered...?!

Ding!

[You defeated the [Small Resentful Dead Wood Golem: Lv6]!]

[You received the [Dead Wood] x2 and [Shattered Golem Core] x1 Items!]

[You gained 120 Gold]

[You gained 600 EXP]

BOOOM!!!

The Boulder Golem caught a Dead Wood Golem, using his enormous stone arms, it crushed the not so strong dead wood into the ground, cracking the entire dead wood golem into several pieces and then using its enormous legs to crush it over the ground. This spread the dead wood everywhere, all while the red-colored core that the dead wood golems had in their chest was also shattered, killing it as well.

Ding!

[You defeated the [Small Resentful Dead Wood Golem: Lv7]!]

[You received the [Dead Wood] x2 and [Shattered Golem Core] x1 Items!]

[You gained 150 Gold]

[You gained 700 EXP]

CLASH! CLASH!

The two Small Rocky were strong despite being the smallest and weakest of all the Land Spirit Summons, they worked in conjunction and jumped high into the air, abusing their lighter bodies, they began to jump and fall over one of the further Dead Wood Golems, crushing its body slowly, taking apart the dead wood and making it crumble after hitting it consecutively

BOOOOM!!!

Ding!

[You defeated the [Small Resentful Dead Wood Golem: Lv6]!]

[You received the [Dead Wood] x2 and [Shattered Golem Core] x1 Items!]

[You gained 120 Gold]

[You gained 600 EXP]

The golem fell to the ground in an instant, being torn apart easily! Wow... these Land Spirits were really amazing fighters! However, after each one of

them killed a Dead Wood Golem, they all suddenly became more and more transparent and disappeared!

W-Wait! Don't leave us yet! They just suddenly disappeared, but they took down three Dead Wood Golems at the very least. However, I had yet to recover enough Mana to summon more of them yet.

However, there was more! Belle and Loki were in the fight, and although Acorn grew excited after seeing the amazing power of my Land Spirits, he quickly realized they would go away pretty quickly, so he quickly took out his potions and began throwing combustion flasks over the nearby golems, setting all three on fire.

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!

"GRUUUOOHHH...!"

The three Dead Wood Golems left suddenly cried in pain as their entire bodies slowly began to burn, their HP was slowly going down as well, so it was the perfect opportunity to smack them! This didn't feel as bad when you think that they're just a pile of walking wood, were golems even alive anyways? These were made of dead wood, so perhaps not... Could they be some sort of Undead? Ah! This was no time to think about these things!

"Acorn, the flowers! Go pick some while it's still not 2 PM! Hurry!" I said.

"B-But the Mushrooms and the Crows must be nearby! What if you can't fight them?!" he said.

"I can! Don't worry about us! Quickly go pick them up, we'll support you, and we won't let any monster touch you!" I said.

"O-Okay!"

Acorn trusted me as he ran into the garden, ignoring the golems that were being distracted by Belle's powerful horn attacks. Belle's efforts made one of them finally break its left leg, losing its balance and falling into the ground!

BOOOM!!!

"GRUUUOOH..."

"MEEE!"

The warmonger Belle roared angrily, as she enhanced her horns with the deadly power of her Berserk Mode Skill, making them glow with red color, and then headbutting the Golem in the ground, hitting right into its chest, the weak spot!

CRASH!

The golem's core broke right at that moment, shattering into pieces as the golem slowly crumbled into mere dead wood and "died" on the spot.

Ding!

[You defeated the [Small Resentful Dead Wood Golem: Lv6]!]

[You received the [Dead Wood] x2 and [Shattered Golem Core] x1 Items!]

[You gained 120 Gold]

[You gained 600 EXP]

Even if a Summon defeats a foe, as long as it was my summon, it was as if I defeated it instead... I feel like I am stealing her kill, but that's the playstyle I decided to embrace, I was more of a summoner/tamer than anything else! Although I was pretty good at plant manipulation, I guess.

There were two other golems, and as I kept my distance from them, Loki was annoying one of them by using her vines, which she used to parasitize the golem's legs, piercing the wood, and absorbing what little energy it had from the inside out.

Crack... CRASH!

The golem's legs cracked, and it fell into the ground as well. It seemed that the way to reach them was by breaking their fragile legs! I saw Loki giggling maliciously, as she used her long vines with the new Skill she got "Vine Attack" and began to whip the Golem's chest, all while Belle caught the golem's log-like arms that were trying to crush Loki and began to headbutt them until they broke.

CRAAASH!

"GRUUOH...!"

Ding!

[You defeated the [Small Resentful Dead Wood Golem: Lv6]!]

[You received the [Dead Wood] x2 and [Shattered Golem Core] x1 Items!]

[You gained 120 Gold]

[You gained 600 EXP]

And like that, Loki suddenly broke the golem's core and killed it by merely whipping its chest! Weren't my Summons amazing? Oh, and I got enough Mana to summon more spirits once more! But where were the crows and mushrooms Acorn said? I looked back at Acorn and he reached the garden, picking several flowers in an instant and saving them inside his Item Bag, which was like an Inventory that could save many things inside.

However, as he was picking the flowers, I saw them! Several shadows moved atop the trees, flashing through the air at incredible speeds, there were also other smaller shadows approaching, jumping around as they were said to be walking, but had no actual legs, these were not walking mushrooms, those were jumping mushrooms! And the crows as well, those were the shadows atop the trees, they're here!

"GRUUUOOH!"

One of the Wood Golems was still alive, and angry, its entire chest suddenly began to glow, as if it was trying to gather energy, and then, it unleashed a red beam from its very core towards me! W-Wait a second, golems can do that?!

"Wood Shield! Wood Shield!"

TRUUM! TRUUM! TRUUM!

BOOOOMMM!!!

Three Wooden Shields showed up, protecting me from the powerful beam, as all three of them were broken easily. Yet the beam almost reached me if it wasn't because I jumped to the side and began to roll through the ground!

"Uwawawaahh...!"

TUMP!

I ended up hitting a nearby tree with my head, and it really hurt a lot! But I was fine, my HP was down a bit but it was constantly recovering, Dryads had amazing regeneration in the forest, and this was my domain! I won't let these monsters do as they want with the little Acorn, and that damn golem, I was going to kill it!

I looked at the last Dead Wood Golem, as I ran towards it and then shaped my hand into a wooden branch, a sharp wooden branch spear!

"GRUUOH?!"

"You damn pile of wood!"

I stretched my arm into a long spear, reaching the golem's core in an instant, and piercing it through!

CRAAAASH!

"GRUUAAAAAH...!"

The golem's core shattered into pieces, and the golem's very life essence dissipated quickly after! Heh, this is what you get for messing around with me!

Ding!

[You defeated the [Small Resentful Dead Wood Golem: Lv7]!]

[You received the [Dead Wood] x2 and [Shattered Golem Core] x1 Items!]

[You gained 160 Gold]

[You gained 700 EXP]

[Loki] Level has increased from Level 3 to Level 4!]

[Loki] has learned the [Vines of Steel: Lv1] Skill!]

Oh, even Loki leveled up now! She learned a new Skill named Vines of Steel, by briefly checking it, I learned it made her vines as hard as steel in exchange for MP, and any Summon could drain MP directly from the Summoner as well, so she could keep it up for a while, that's an interesting Skill.

However, I didn't have any time to look at the changes Loki underwent, I had to quickly move towards Acorn to help him out, after all I promised him that I wouldn't let anyone touch him.

"Uwaah!"

"CRAAA!"

An angry Vengeful Crow of almost 50 centimeters big flew down towards Acorn, attempting to attack him with the crow's sharp beak!

"Belle, Loki!"

My two Summons obeyed my commands, as Loki and I jumped over Belle and Belle quickly brought us towards Acorn! Loki then extended her vines and enhanced them into becoming as hard as steel, catching the bird midway through the air and then smacking it into the ground!

CRAAASH!

"Craaa...!"

Ding!

[You defeated the [Vengeful Crow: Lv4]!]

[You received the [Black Crow Feathers] x1 [Black Crow Meat] x1 Items!]

[You gained 80 Gold]

[You gained 400 EXP]

[Belle] Level has increased from Level 4 to Level 5!]

[Belle] has learned the [Unstoppable Strength: Lv1]!]

That Crow died super-fast! Loki had really become stronger now, she just grabbed it and threw it down into the ground and smacked it to death...

Terrifying! And to boot, Loki had become stronger now that enemies couldn't easily attack her vines that were as hard as steel all thanks to her new Skill.

Belle had acquired a new Skill right after Leveling to Level 5 to boot, which was named Unstoppable Strength, this Skill enhanced her strength while

charging against an enemy, and also passively increased her STR by +20%! Amazing, I felt like this Skill shouldn't belong to a normal Goat... Is the Nature of the Summon affecting the Skills she could learn? If that's the case, then it was quite interesting... Also Summons learned Skills by merely leveling up, which was such a cheat compared to normal players... But unlike us, they only had 10 slots for Skills, which were all Race Skills, they didn't have Job Classes to have Job Class Skills.

"Acorn! Did you pick the flowers?" I asked, as Acorn quickly jumped over Belle's back.

"Yeah, I did!" he said. "But there are so many crows and mushrooms..."

"We'll have to defeat them to get out of this place, so get ready to fight... We are making that medicine today without a doubt!" I said.

"Alright!

"CRAAAA!"

Several crows quickly flew towards us, letting out angry cries that sounded just like real life crows, and began to unleash dark auras from within their bodies... these were not normal crows!

Wait, were there Dark Beasts mixed with them?!

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There were Dark Beasts mixed with the Crows, I saw them! I didn't know that monsters would allow Dark Beasts within them, I thought they were still different in some regard? Dark Beasts were born from the miasma of the Demon King of Miasma, while the Monsters were more like natural animals in this world, so they would easily conflict with one another. However, these crows welcomed the Dark Beasts and fought with them... Oh well, that made it easier to get the Black Cores and Darkness Essences we need!

"CRAAA!"

A trio of Crows flew right down to catch us, it was composed of a normal Vengeful Crow and two Dark Beast Crows! The Dark Beast Crows gathered their power within their bodies as darkness started to pour outside, suddenly becoming several spheres of darkness, which flew towards us at fast speed! It was using that one Skill the Dark Beast Mushroom King once used, Dark Bullets!

These bullets were super deadly and could easily reduce our HP quickly! I had to protect everyone before it was too late and the bullets reached us. Almost by instinct, I ended conjuring the "Wood Shield" Spell that I always use to protect myself, but this time I merged it with Plant Manipulation and controlled the nearby trees, combining both spells took a big chunk of my Mana, but the protective shield that emerged was powerful, a whole wall made of super hardened bark that came from the ground!

BOOOOMMM!!!

The shield protected us wonderfully, as the darkness bullets were turned into black smoke and dissipated rather quickly after. I had to quickly move and attack. If I stay in a single spot for too long like I always do, it will only be detrimental for us. I might have new Skills but they all need Mana, and anything big I make always devours most of my MP! Now that I have protected us, my MP was down once more and I had to wait a bit more time to get it back to do something noticeably strong, but that didn't mean that my allies couldn't do anything!

"Take this!"

Acorn quickly grabbed his shiniest Acorn nut from his Item Bag, and threw it with amazing precision and accuracy towards one of the Dark Beast Crows that were in the trio, hitting it in the head and making it fall to the ground!

CLAAAASH!

"C-Craaaa...!"

The Dark Beast Crow felt that one pretty hard, as he fell from the skies and crashed to the ground right after that acorn hit. The Dark Beast was still somewhat alive, trying to get up and struggling to do so. I quickly pointed my index finger to it and converted the finger into a sharp thorn, firing it like a bullet!

CLASH!

The bullet hit the Crow from the distance accurately, and the crow quickly exploded into black smoke and died on the spot, only leaving items and EXP behind.

Ding!

[You defeated the [Dark Beast Crow: Lv6]!]

[You received the [Dark Essence] x1 [Black Core] x1 Items!]

[You gained 100 Gold]

[You gained 600 EXP]

[Your Race and Job Class Level have increased from Level 5 to Level 6!]

[You gained Stat Points and Skill Points]

[All Your Stats have increased]

Nice! I leveled up! Just in time! When you leveled up, your MP and HP refilled automatically, so my MP was back to full for now, how wonderful! This is what I like about games these days!

The other two Crows, which was a normal Vengeful Crow and the other a Dark Beast Crow completely ignored their companion dying, but Loki and Belle didn't ignore them, the two quickly charged forward. The greatest mistake they committed was actually trying to engage us in close-combat using their sharp beaks and claws!

CLAAAASH!

Loki stretched her vines reinforced with her newest skill, and entangled the normal Vengeful Crow, crushing it with the power of her vines, entangling it and making the creature splatter through the entire place. Well, that was gory, but she's so strong now! What the...?

Ding!

[You defeated the [Vengeful Crow: Lv4]!]

[You received the [Black Crow Feathers] x1 [Black Crow Meat] x1 Items!]

[You gained 80 Gold]

[You gained 400 EXP]

"MEEEE!"

Meanwhile, Belle jumped off the ground carrying all of us, and clashed against the Dark Beast Crow who was about to throw another Dark Bullet attack at us, using her sharp horns, she impaled the beast directly, using the enhancement of the Berserk Mode Skill, which had yet to run out!

CLAAASH!

"CRAAHH...!"

Ding!

[You defeated the [Dark Beast Crow: Lv6]!]

[You received the [Dark Essence] x1 [Black Core] x1 Items!]

[You gained 100 Gold]

[You gained 600 EXP]

We defeated the crows, but there was another group of over six moving towards us, no, wait, over six of them! How many are there?! And then there were the Jumping Poisonous Mushrooms lurking around us and slowly beginning to use their poisonous spores to leave clouds of purple-colored poison spores everywhere. Did they really not have any other tactic? Stupid mushrooms, I was tired of mushrooms! I quickly decided to conjure Spirit Magic and bring on the Land Spirits again.

"Land Spirits, please, help me out!"

FLAAAASH!

The Land Spirits quickly heard my plea for help, as they began to surge from the ground one after the other, and they were all ready to smash! The energies from the Dragon Veins easily materialized four new Land Spirits, and this time there were two Boulder Golems and two Land Titans! I got lucky! Was this Spell influenced by the LUK stat? Well, mine is quite high.

"GRUUUOOOHHH!"

The enormous Land Titan, which was this time over five meters tall suddenly moved his enormous and muscular arms made of stone, crushing over four Crows with a single swipe of his enormous arm!

CRAAAASH!!!

Ding!

[You defeated the [Dark Beast Crow: Lv6]!]

[You defeated the [Dark Beast Crow: Lv5]!]

[You defeated the [Dark Beast Crow: Lv7]!]

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"GRUUUAAAAH!"

The other Land Titan roared angrily, as he looked at the mushrooms around us and suddenly gave a glorious heel sweep, crushing the mushrooms surrounding us en masse! His enormously heavy legs were able to flatten them into the ground like pancakes!

BOOOOMMM!!!

Ding!

[You defeated the [Jumping Poisonous Mushroom: Lv4]!]

[You defeated the [Jumping Poisonous Mushroom: Lv3]!]

[You defeated the [Jumping Poisonous Mushroom: Lv3]!]

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J-Just how many died there? I think that was over ten... I couldn't even pay attention to the system messages now; things are getting too intense! A large quantity of the monsters died on the spot, but after that, the Land Titans dissipated into the air. It seemed that after doing a big attack, they went away, sadly. I wonder if they could stay more if I level up the Skill, but that would probably cost more MP that I can handle.

"GRUUUOH!"

The other two Boulder Golems were left, and the two began to crush the rest of the jumping mushrooms, flattening them into the ground as if they were mere worms, and crushing them until nothing remained other than sparks of light that made various notifications emerge one after the other...

Ding!

[You defeated the [Jumping Poisonous Mushroom: Lv4]!]

[You defeated the [Jumping Poisonous Mushroom: Lv3]!]

[You defeated the [Jumping Poisonous Mushroom: Lv3]!]

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"A-Amazing! You cleaned up all those monsters!!!" said Acorn. "Ah, some crows are still left!"

Acorn pointed at the sky, as the last group of ten Crows continued chasing us down as we were already quite far from the garden, they were really not giving up, I could see why they're known for being Vengeful and territorial... My MP was almost zero, and despite how many monsters died, it was still not enough to level up and get my MP back! Acorn didn't have MP Potions, so I decided to take one from my inventory and then... I spammed Land Spirits again!

"Please, help us out in this last little struggle!"

TRUUUUUMMM...!

Suddenly, the Dragon Veins resonated once more, gathering spiritual essence. I even used Spirit Enhancement to make the spirits even stronger, exhausting all the mana that drinking two MP Potions gave to me!

"GRUUUOOOOHHH!!!"

And then we saw it, it was an enormous single Land Spirit, it was as if many Land Spirits fused together, from the smallest one to various Titans, forming a giant the size of half a mountain!

"W-What the heck?!" Acorn cried out in utter disbelief, I couldn't help but open my mouth wide! How was Spirit Magic so strong? Was it because this place has a lot of Dragon Veins and spiritual energy?!

CRAAAAASH!

The Land God, as I called him, spread his arms and that was more than enough to crush the last ten Crows, which also came accompanied by a mysterious giant crow that we didn't see yet. Was he lurking behind them and commanding them? Oh wait, that was a Mini Boss?!

BOOOM!!!

"CRAAAHH...!"

Well, the five-meter big Vengeful Crow was crushed by the enormous fists of the Land God, and ended turning into black smoke- oh, so it was a Dark Beast boss at that! Damn... I-I guess I one-shotted a Boss? Oops?

Ding!

[You defeated the [Dark Beast Crow: Lv6]!]

[You defeated the [Dark Beast Crow: Lv5]!]

[You defeated the [Dark Beast Crow: Lv7]!]

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Ding!

[You defeated the [Dark Beast Vengeful Crow King: Lv10 (ELITE)]!]

[You received the [Dark Essence] x4 [Black Core] x4, and [Vengeful Crow King Soul] x1 Items!]

[You gained 3000 Gold]

[You gained 2500 EXP]

[Your Race and Job Class Level has increased from Level 6 to Level 7!]

[You gained Stat Points and Skill Points]

[All Your Stats have increased]

[You gained the [Solo Slayer] Title!]

[You gained the [Legendary Warrior] Title!]

[Solo Slayer]

Acquisition Conditions: Defeat a Boss-type Monster by yourself within your Level Range.

Equip Bonus: +40 HP +40 MP +100 All Stats

A Title given to an incredibly strong Player that has managed to defeat a Boss-type monster by himself! Boss-type monsters are incredibly tough, even at low levels! Congratulations!

[Legendary Warrior]

Acquisition Conditions: Defeat a Boss-type Monster within your Level Range with a single hit.

Equip Bonus: +300 HP, +150 MP, +250 to all Stats, +30% Bonus Boss Damage.

A Title given to a Legendary Warrior who has one-shotted a Boss within their Level Range, somehow! Congratulations, you're one of the few (less than 50 Players) that has done such an incredible feat!

W-What are these Titles?! Eeeeeeh?! +30 BOSS DAMAGE?! W-Wait, +300 HP, +150 MP, and... +250 ALL STATS?! Oh my god, save me! I was about to have a stroke! W-What was this? Was this illegal? Was I going to get banned? But I just started playing!

Just what was happening right now? Not even my mind could properly process the insane events that were happening right now, from the giant Land God born by fusing many Land Spirits to the Giant Crow Boss getting one-shotted... I was left completely speechless.

I-I guess I won... Hahah... Ah.

"A-Amazing! That was amazing!!!" said Acorn as he clapped his little hands. "You're really the daughter of the Goddess Gaia, Lady Dryad, you've awakened your divine powers already?!"

"D-Divine powers? What are you talking about... I-I think that was just some weird bug... I might get banned for something I didn't intend..." I sighed.

"Huh? What?" Asked Acorn without understanding what I was saying.

"Don't mind it," I said.

The Guide Spirit suddenly appeared behind me as he looked at the scene, countless dropped items were flying towards my inventory, and I had gained an awful lot of EXP as well, I ended up getting to Level 7 already... T-This was not the way I wanted to play the game.

"I-Incredible... I didn't know that the Land Spirits would like you so much, I guess your hidden Charm Stat is pretty high," he said. "Although the factor of your passive skills enhancing the Spirits was something I didn't know, did the developers really intended this to happen? So the spirits you summon get boosted by your passive skills... This is crazy, you might really get banned."

"Aagh! Don't say it like that!"

"Don't worry I saved the video and uploaded it to the Live Ranker System. The Devs will look it up and see if it's fair or not."

"Y-You did what?!"

"I am merely doing what I was programmed for, don't complain!"