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Chapter 541: Time To Hunt Down Some Dragons!

Once we got the quest, we didn't had time to waste, we rushed to the Dragon Nest's, passing through the heavily guarded entrance and into its depths. What we needed to primarily hunt were Lesser Blue Dragons, Cave Drakes, Little Red Dragons, and Poisonous Viper Drakes. According to the map's information, these four Dragon-type monsters were all Level 90+ and lived within the first of the three layers that made up the Dragon Nest.

"Here we are, and it is just as empty as I imagined!" Rita said, looking around the beautiful caves, beautifully decorated with colorful crystals that illuminated the surroundings.

"It is quite a pretty sight, it reminds me of the mines of the Forest of Beginnings." Said Lily. "Drakons used to live in there I remember... Well, it is mostly still filled with high level monsters down to the deepest parts, but mostly there's no issues anymore."

"Yep, well, there's still some strong monsters in there, sometimes they go hunt for them." Said Nieve. "They offer good materials and their meat is often edible as well."

"More importantly though, aren't we surrounded?" Jenny wondered.

"Ah... Right." I realized.

Just a few hundreds of meters inside the Dragon Nest's labyrinthian caves was enough for us to all be surrounded by a colorful cast of lizard monsters- I mean, dragons.

"GRRRRRHHHH...!"

"SHAAAAAH!!!"

And it just happened to be two types of the dragons we've been looking for. One was a group of around six large Cave Drakes, giant quadruped lesser dragons without wings, covered on rocky scales and holding enormous, turtle-like heads. Bulky and slow, yet fierce, they were around 5 meters each.

And then their much different cousins, resembling purple colored snakes as long as seven meters, covered on sleek, metallic scales, and whose limbs have become much smaller, Poisonous Viper Drakes, they gathered by the dozens, and were the most populous around here. Most likely, there was a nest of them around.

"GRUOOOHHHH!!!" The six bulky and powerful Cave Drakes stepped forward, charging like a group of ferocious rhinoceros against us. They seemed in good terms with the Viper Drakes, so they worked alongside them to fend off intruders.

TRUM! TRUM! TRUM! TRUM!

They moved their enormous bodies and made the entire caves tremble with each of their steps. However, our tanks quickly stepped forwards. Because I wasn't in my forest anymore, I wasn't as overpowered, so I preferred to leave tanking to those better suited to it.

"I guess it is finally my time to step in!" Roared Mark, stepping forwards, his bulky body suddenly started growing larger. "[Overgrowth]!"

FLUOOOSH!

Absorbing the energy of the caves themselves, Mark placed his roots deeply into the underground and began growing larger and larger, resembling a giant made of spirit wood and blazing flames.

"[Provoking Flames]!"

FLAAASH!

Dark red flames surged around his body, glowing so red and brightly that the Cave Drakes were instantly drawn towards him, beginning to attack him with their giant horns.

CRAAASH! CRAAASH! CRAAASH!

"Heh, I got you right where I wanted!" Mark roared, his entire body engulfing itself on deadly, spiritual flames as he rose his gigantic Berserk Blade, something we acquired as a drop from Gaston, a very strong Berserker Player. "[Blazing Spirit Blade Arts]: [Infernal Slash]!"

FLUOOOSH!

Unleashing a brand-new Skill technique, Mark released a barrage of overwhelmingly powerful blazing slashes using the gigantic Berserk Blade, slashing through the body of three of the Cave Drakes at once and managing to easily pierce through their scales!

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLAAASH! CRAAAASH!

"GRUUUOORRRGH!"

The Cave Drakes groaned in pain, being pushed away, but not quite dead yet... They were an extremely bulky type of lesser dragons, and their auras exuded the power of earth itself, the caves surrounding them strengthened their stats.

"Let me step in as well." Lily smiled, quickly swinging her gigantic hammer, hitting the Drakes in front of her. "[One With The Earth]!" She roared.

FLUOOSH!

Roots of spiritual energy flowed out of her legs and reached the ground below, which instantly spread everywhere, surging new power into her body, her muscles quickly grew bigger and an aura of pure power surged from within her.

"[Crystal Hammer Barrage]!!!"

CRAAAAAASSSHH!!!

A single powerful hit blew away two Cave Drakes off the vicinity, the two behemoths landed several meters away into the floor, their scales and bodies covered in cracks, yet still alive, though heavily wounded.

"Good! Looks like you guys can handle the bulky ones for now." I said with a smile. "Alright! Belle! Mimy! It's your turn to fight too!" I quickly summoned Belle and Mimy to fight this time, realizing that bringing a few summons per battles would be much better for their growth.

"MEEEEHEEEE!"

A giant and fluffy white goat emerged, with long and golden spiraling horns, and a majestic appearance. Her entire body exuding an aura of divine lightning.

"Guuu! Guguuu!"

A dark knight emerged, shapeshifting around into different shapes, but retaining its humanoid-like shape. Mimy's rusty black armor, which was actually her shell, had now become like new, and was exuding a powerful cursed dark aura.

"Belle! [Lightning Horn]! Mimy [Cursed Blade Slash]!" I ordered both to attack, as Belle swiftly rushed with all her furious nature against the Viper Drakes, her holden horns unleashing a storm of lightning strikes.

"MEEEHHEEEE!"

CRAAAASH! CRAAAASH! CRAAAASH!

Her deadly blows hit three Viper Drakes at once, electrifying them at the same time as piercing their scales, one of them ended dying on the spot after being pierced on the stomach, while the other two jumped away in fear, attempting to fire Poison Arrows at her.

"Guguguuuuh!"

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLAAASH!

However, Mimy appeared right behind them, swiftly moving despite holding a very heavy armor-like shell, the dexterous mimic swiftly slashed the backs of the two Viper Drakes and covered their wounds with deadly curses, weakening them severely and finishing them off!

BAAM! BAAM!

Their huge bodies fell into the floor, the other Viper Drakes furiously roared at us for having felled their members so easily, immediately attacking with even more anger.

"SHAAAHH!!!"

RUMBLE!

However, something even larger and intimidating suddenly started approaching, brought here by the commotion...

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Chapter 542: The Venomous Viper Drake Queen Appears!

As we were fighting the Viper Drakes, we sensed the presence of something even larger approaching. With a huge bulk and a powerful, dreadful presence. It resembled a huge shadow in the distance, and as it slowly made its way towards us, its two red eyes glowed brightly.

"SHAAAAAAHHH!!!"

Ding!

[The [Venomous Viper Drake Queen: Lv120] has spotted you and seen you as invaders of her nest!]

[She's slowly approaching you, be careful!]

"Looks like there's a boss on the way!" Rita laughed. "Let's quickly clean the small fries before she gets here!"

FLUOOOSH!

Her darkness magic flowed around her body and then gathered within the top of her head, in a sphere of pure obscurity, the malice overflowing from these monsters feed her magic really well.

"[Dark Void]!"

FLAAAAASH!

A gigantic void of darkness emerged right in front of Rita, beginning to drag the viper drakes towards there and constantly inflicting damage to them, like a mini black hole, it was trying to absorb them and tear them down to pieces.

"Now... [Abyssal Shadow Spears]!"

Waving her hands and her staff, Rita summoned hundreds of spears made out of materialized darkness and shadows, firing them at the viper drakes trapped within the dark void.

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!

"[Shadow Detonation]!"

And right after that, countless explosions covered the battlefield, annihilating four vipers in a single second!

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOOMMM!!!

It was an amazing combo that Rita's magic was capable of, Darkness Magic was one of the strongest offensively speaking magics, with very little capable of resisting it and with high damage percentages as well.

And with Rita's Class and Race going so well together, she was able to constantly conjure deadly nukes of magic one after the other. The best part was how her magic spells allowed for "chain spells" where one spell could come right after the other without casting time to generate explosive damage combos.

Seeing this, it made me wish we could have such advanced magic back on Earth... but well, most enemies there aren't as deadly and overpowered as the ones in Arcadia, for now.

"Gotcha!" Jenny smiled. "You guys might be resistant to poison or even immune to it, but what about melting acid?!"

Jenny started bouncing around the battlefield, evading the bites of the Viper Drakes and the rock magic projectiles of the Cave Drakes with ease, and then, while they were distracted trying to catch up to her amazing speed and evasion capabilities, she gathered Mana into her entire body and fired large watermelon-sized spheres of green acid rapidly, like a gatling gun all over the lesser dragons!

SPLASH! SPLASH! SPLASH! SPLASH! SPLASH!

FRSSSSHHHH!!!

At first they looked confused when they were covered in some sort of slimy acid, but the acid instantly started to burn their skin and melt their scales, weakening them severely. Some were hit in deadly areas and died on the spot, but most of them remained alive, but horribly hurt.

"Geez, that's not a pretty look." Jenny sighed. "Let me just end your suffering for a bit! [Poison Spikes]!"

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

Purple poison spread around the Drakes and started piercing their bodies, even while being mostly immune to being poisoned, these spikes were solid, almost metal-like spikes, once they were all pierced, their bodies instantly fell one after the other, turning into particles of light.

"I'll take care of this area...!" Nieve said, flying around dexterously with her wings, while leaving trails of ice around magically. She swung her thing, magic rapier against the powerful Viper Drakes and some Cave Drakes that had arrived.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLAAASH!

With rapid strikes and slashes, the monsters were covered in freezing wounds, which slowed them down severely, right after that, Nive swiftly unleashed several spikes of ice without even conjuring them and pierced their bodies with them.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CRAAASH!

"GRYYYYEHHH..."

The Viper Drakes fell one after another, Nieve's small size made them underestimate her, despite her being a rather mighty magic knight capable of keeping up with all of us, and stand out.

Meanwhile, near Nieve, Acorn was fighting physically as well. After taking a small sip of his special potion again, he gained a Beastly form, with sharp claws, fangs, and a bigger body, which he used to swiftly attack the Drakes.

CRAASH! CRAASH! SLAAASH!

With sharp claws he slashed their scales, and with his giant rodent fang he pierced through their flesh, savagely tearing them down with berserk-like fury. Vipers were frailer than Cave Drakes, but they came in dozens of numbers.

I also saw Mark and Lily working together as our tanks, keeping the majority of the monsters away so we wouldn't get overwhelmed, while Belle and Mimy supported me and protected me at all times... Maybe in the past I would had been glad by this, but I've grown to like fighting head-on a bit myself.

I grabbed the [Gaia's All-Purpose Tool], which took the shape of a big Axe capable of cutting down the biggest trees out there, and then I jumped into battle, activating the [Spirit Farming Tool Mastery] Skill and charging it with Spirit and Mana Energy.

"HYAAAAHH!!!"

CRAAAAAASSSHH!!!

I landed right over the head of a large Cave Drake, slicing through its head cleanly with a single, powerful strike.

TRUUUUMMM...!

The very strike caused a shockwave of spiritual energy everywhere as the giant monster dissipated into particles of light. The surroundings, completely devoid of any plant life, instantly started to overgrow with vegetation. Grass, flowers, and even small trees started sprouting everywhere.

This wasn't just the power of the [Spirit Farming Tool Mastery] Skill, but its abilities combined with several other Skills, such as Geomancer, Terrain Expansion, and more.

Ding!

[You have expanded your Terrain by 10 Tiles!]

[You have expanded your Terrain by 7 Tiles!]

[You have expanded your Terrain by 16 Tiles!]

[You have expanded your Terrain by 20 Tiles!]

FLUOOOOSH!

The spiritual light didn't stop expanding, and the more vegetation grew, the more energy and power I gained back, generating an amazing loop where I could slowly continue expanding my reserves of Mana and Spirit Energy.

POOF! POOF! POOF! POOF!

Ding!

[Dozens of Spiritual Sprouts have been born, Lesser Spirits are slowly gathering around you!]

And the spirits were just the cherry on top.

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[You have expanded your Terrain by 16 Tiles!]

[You have expanded your Terrain by 20 Tiles!]

FLUOOOSH!

After slaying that single Cave Drake, a shockwave of spiritual and nature energy spread across the caves, making nature grow everywhere, grass, small trees, flowers, and even mushrooms popped up out of the ground instantly.

With that, several of my skills activated as well, enhancing my stats as I was stepping within "nature" or even "small forests" were being taken into consideration. This loop created a beautiful cycle where I could enhance my power constantly, while also regaining Mana and Spiritual Energy for my stronger attacks.

POOF! POOF! POOF! POOF!

Ding!

[Dozens of Spiritual Sprouts have been born, Lesser Spirits are slowly gathering around you!]

And of course, aside from these bonuses, there were also the Spirits. Spiritual Sprouts would emerge constantly, resembling oversized flowers of all the colors of the rainbow, and from them, elemental spirits of Fire, Wind, Water, and Earth constantly emerged.

Most of them were Lesser Spirits, weaker than normal Dragon Vein Spirits, but their creation was much easier and swifter, and even if they were weaker than the conventional spirits, when unified all together, they were every powerful.

"[Spiritual Infusion]!"

FLUOOOSH!

Countless of Lesser Spirits, resembling small spheres of all colors gathered into my fists, as I closed them and imbued their very powers into my own body.

Ding!

[You have imbued dozens of spirits into your own body through the [Spiritual Infusion: Lv10] Skill Effect!]

[Due to the effect of Titles such as [World Boss Authority], the limit of 5 Enhancements has been lifted.]

[Your body is constantly gaining several enhancements to all your stats. The Elements of Fire, Wind, Water, and Earth are overflowing across your body!]

[Each time you spend the power of a spirit, this power will weaken, but it can also be replaced easily with more Spirits.]

"SHAAAHH!!!"

"GRUOOORRRR!"

Dozens of Viper Drakes and a few Cave Drakes immediately roared against me, charging furiously. They were mostly all between Level 95 and Level 98, very strong monsters' way above my level... but it wasn't as if that mattered in the lightest.

With an enormous quantity of buffs conjured over my body, from Green Magic Spells to Spirit Magic Spells, and with all the stat bonuses I received from my temporary enhancements and Skills, and even more with Spiritual Infusion, it could be said levels didn't matter as much...

"[Spiritual Attack]!"

SLAAAAAASSH!!!

I swung my weapon without saying another word, shaped into a scythe, a powerful, overwhelming explosion of spiritual energy and mana was unleashed, landing directly over the group of Lesser Dragons.

BOOOOOOMMMM!!!

A huge explosion spread further, covering everything with green and red spiritual energy that blew away several lesser dragons on the spot. Meanwhile, those that survived did so very weakened, the Cave Drakes were the tankiest, somehow surviving the hit with less casualties.

"Fire Spirit Call! [Sunlight Beam]! [Blazing Explosion]!"

FLUOOOSH!

I called upon the power of the Fire Spirits, as they gathered in front of me by dozens, fusing together into masses of flames and then firing themselves at my foes.

BOOOOOMM!!! BOOOOOOMMMM!!!

Two enormous explosions landed on the weakened lesser dragons; a dozen were vaporized before they could even move again. Utter destruction spread across the caves; we were completely taking these pests down.

"SHAAAAH!"

"GRUOOORRRGH!"

Another group came from my back, they were an even larger group beforehand, but they were split and weakened by my friends. Nonetheless, they knew how strong I was, so they always left a big group for me.

"[Land Spirit Call]! [Land Spirit Combination]!" I roared, raising my weapon into the skies.

FLUOOOSH!!!

The Land Spirits were the most common around here, and dozens emerged one after the other, fusing together and then imbuing themselves into my body.

"[Spiritual Infusion]!"

TRUUUUMMMM...!

Ding!

[You have temporarily fused with the Land Spirits, transforming into a [Pseudo Dryad Earth Titan Spirit]!]

[All your Stats have temporarily increased, and so your size and attack power!]

My body suddenly grew several times larger, as I became a mix between a dryad and a golem made of ores and earth, I charged forward, unleashing a barrage of gigantic, rocky fist attacks against the lesser dragons.

CRAASH! CRAASH! CRAAASH!!!

"GRYYAARRGH!"

"GRUOOHH...!"

With my mere attacks, shockwaves of spiritual energy continued spreading my terrain, strengthening me as a result. The dragons were being thrown away with mere fists, much like Mark did so.

"And here comes the big one!" I smiled, raising my weapon, and imbuing it with Land Spirits, making it transform into a gigantic hammer. "[Spirit Fusion]!"

Ding!

[You have fused dozens of Land Spirits into your [Gaia's All-Purpose Tool], temporarily transforming it into the [Earth-Shattering Hammer of Destruction: Terran] High Spirit!]

BAAAAAAMMMMM...!

TRUUUMMM....!

With a single, overwhelming hit, dozens of lesser dragons were flattened into the ground instantly, exploding into particles of light one after the other, while the ground shook and countless spikes of earth emerged, piercing through the bodies of those that managed to evade.

CLAAASH! CLAAASH! CLAAASH!

I quickly pursued them, swiftly landing some lethal hits and ending them quickly. As they dissipated, and as our party continued annihilating them, their numbers grew much smaller, before a gigantic figure emerged before us, stopping our charge from reaching deeper into the Dragon's Nest.

"GRRRH... SHAAAAAHHH!!!"

A gigantic, over forty meters large Viper Drake greeted us, her body finely decorated with golden tattoos and with gigantic, spiraling golden horns overflowing with magic power. The aura of a much higher-level monster exuded from within her body.

Ding!

[The [Venomous Viper Drake Queen: Lv120] has decided to stop you from stepping further into the Dragon's Lair!]

[Due to the fury of her anger after seeing her children perishing so much, she has activated her [Furious Venomous Dragon Queen Authority] Skill!]

FLUOOOOOSSSHH!!!

Her aura grew larger and larger, spreading everywhere. The terrain suddenly started to change as well, venom and poison started spreading everywhere, corrupting my own terrain quite easily...

"ROOOOAAAARRRRR!!!"

Ding!

[While Active, the [Furious Venomous Dragon Queen Authority] Skill will automatically spread a [Dragon Venom Terrain] everywhere, which will deal constant damage to all her foes, while decreasing all stats by -30%!]

Things got much more serious now...

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Chapter 544: Fighting A Level 120 Boss!

The supposed Boss of this area of the Dragon Nest appeared, perhaps not as strong as the rumored Black Scaled Dragon, but that looked to be still on a league of her own, the Venomous Viper Drake Queen.

"GRRRHFFF... SHAAAAAHHHH!!!"

Ding!

[The [Venomous Viper Drake Queen: Lv120] has decided to stop you from stepping further into the Dragon's Lair!]

[Due to the fury of her anger after seeing her children perishing so much, she has activated her [Furious Venomous Dragon Queen Authority] Skill!]

And with her came a deadly Skill that began to disrupt my own playstyle quite a lot.

FLUOOOOOSSSHH!!!

Her aura grew larger and larger, spreading everywhere. The terrain suddenly started to change as well, venom and poison started spreading everywhere, corrupting my own terrain quite easily...

Ding!

[While Active, the [Furious Venomous Dragon Queen Authority] Skill will automatically spread a [Dragon Venom Terrain] everywhere, which will deal constant damage to all her foes, while decreasing all stats by -30%!]

[At the same time, as long as she's within her own Terrain, all her stats will increase by a further +40% and her health regeneration speed will increase exponentially...]

"ROOOOAAAARRRRR!!!"

The Viper Queen roared, rushing forwards. Her legs, unlike her children, were much larger, and helped her to move faster alongside her snake-like sliding movements around the cave. Opening her gigantic jaws, she started breathing a large quantity of oxygen, her throat began to swell, like a balloon.

"SHYYYYAAAAAHHH!!!"

FLUOOOOOSSSHH!!!

An enormous Venomous Dragon Breath was exuded, poisonous gases were unleashed everywhere, which even had acidic properties! The ground started to melt and become ponds of poison, the ceiling melted and even the walls! My Terrain was instantly devoured by her poisonous breath, and to make things worse, it continued spreading everywhere.

"S-Step aside! I got this!" Jenny said, jumping forward and stopping the deadly poison with her own body by spreading it all around us, creating a barrier made of her own body. "[Slime Shapeshifting Arts]: [Slime Bubble]!"

FLAAASH!

Her entire body started absorbing all the poisonous gases while protecting us, instantly cleaning the area so we wouldn't breathe the deadly poison. Maybe it wouldn't be a big deal for us Players, but if Acorn and Nieve get too poisoned, they might actually just die, and that's not something we can allow.

"Amazing, you're doing it!" Rita said. "Okay, maybe Slimes are pretty cool! I admit it!"

"Careful, Jenny!" Mark warned her.

"GRYYYYAAARRGGHH!"

The furious Viper Queen didn't wait any second either, she swung her gigantic claws at Jenny and easily slashed apart her entire body into pieces!

SLAAASH! SLAAASH! SLAAAASH!

SPLAAASH!

Her body splattered into countless pieces all over the floor, it was a horrendous sight! D-Did she die?!

"JENNNYYY!" I cried in shock. "I'll avenge you!"

"I-I am not dead!" Jenny quickly rearranged herself, her HP had still taken a big hit, but she had not died...

Amazing, Slimes can even take such deadly hits and get their bodies destroyed, yet not die? They're surprisingly resilient too!

"If Queen Titania was here, handling this beast would be much easier, she had a special magic that could nullify poison, the one she used to help us against the Spider Queen." Said Nieve, unleashing a barrage of icicle spears against the Viper Queen.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLAAASH!

"SHYAAAAHH!!!"

The Viper Queen suddenly groaned in pain, scared of the cold, she stepped back a few meters. Right! One of the common weaknesses of non-ice-type or water-type Dragon Monsters was the element of Ice! As our only Ice Wielder, Nieve was helping us tremendously.

"If Ice is her weakness and beings that can resist or absorb poison can help us handle her then..." I said, quickly summoning two more familiars. "Saphee! Silver! Come!"

FLAAASH! FLAAASH!

Two large magic circles emerged in front of us, as two enormous serpentine monsters were summoned on the spot. The silver-scaled River Dragon, Silver, and the purple-scaled great snake, Saphee.

"ROOOAARRR!"

"SHAAAHH!"

"Silver! Saphee! Stop the Viper Queen from stepping forwards!" I said. "Silver, use your Ice Magic! Saphee! Absorb any poison or venom she throws at us!" I ordered.

"SHHYAAAAHH!!!" The Viper Queen noticed the emergence of two new serpentine foes, both were half as big as her, and couldn't compare to her entire bulk, but were still big enough to, together, be a threat.

Especially when Mimy and Belle were also there, offering their support with lightning attacks and cursed sword techniques.

"Ah well, you might as well come out, Huginn!"

FLAAASH!

"CRAAAHHH!!!"

The last familiar I brought with us was summoned, a gigantic crow, Huginn, who exuded a powerful, overwhelming shadow aura.

"Support the other Familiars and attack from the skies!" I ordered.

"CRYAAAHH!"

Huginn flew into the ceiling in a single second, flashing through and evading the Viper Queen's deadly attacks while unleashing a barrage of shadow feather projectiles.

All five Familiars attacked her at the same time, while Saphee made sure to absorb any poison she was unleashing with her blows. For a moment, we managed to get things a bit better!

"Alright!" I nodded. "Jenny, stay with us! Mark, Lily, let's charge forwards! Acorn, Rita, Nieve, attack from behind!"

"What?! But I can fight in the frontlines!" Acorn complained. "Lady Planta!"

"I know you can, dear." I sighed. "But this is a danger I don't want to expose you into. Unlike us, you won't be able to revive if you fall, be careful!"

"F-Fine! Well, I've developed this form just for this case!" Acorn roared, suddenly concentrating his Mana and Divine Power into his chest. "[Magician Form]!"

FLUOOOOSH!

His gigantic body suddenly reduced size, as he became almost the same size as his usual form, but his tail grew to a tremendous size, and it grew a single, red jewel on top of it, emanating large quantities of Mana. The hair atop his head shaped like the hat of a magician as well, and he even grew a long beard. He swiftly grabbed his Grimoire and conjured magic of lightning, ice, and fire consecutively.

"[Elemental Triad]! [Lightning Strike]! [Frost Punishment]! [Blazing Explosion]!"

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOOOMMM!!!

"SHYAAAAAGGHH...!"

The Viper Queen was hit three times in a row, her HP slowly going down as she glared at Acorn with fury.

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Chapter 545: It's All About Expanding The Terrain!

After taking a Brand-new form as a magic damage specialist, Acorn unleashed powerful magic, which were actually the three basic elemental spells his Grimoire allowed him to conjure.

"[Elemental Triad]! [Lightning Strike]! [Frost Punishment]! [Blazing Explosion]!"

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOOOMMM!!!

"SHYAAAAAGGHH...!"

The Viper Queen was hit three times in a row, her HP slowly going down as she glared at Acorn with fury. Lightning, Frost, and Flames were conjured above her body, constantly shattering her powerful and hard scales, and opening the way for my familiars to deal more damage with their attacks as well.

"Amazing, Acorn!" I said with a smile. "Everyone, take this! [Spiritual Barrier]!"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

I conjured Spiritual Barriers on Mark, Lily, and Jenny, just in case they needed some more extra protection. My MP dropped in an instant, but swiftly recovered back as I drank an MP Potion using my own hands, like a root absorbing water for nutrients, I could do the same without even needing to drink potions with my mouth.

However, merely drinking MP Potions won't do, I need to keep expanding my Terrain as well! All of my Skills give me benefits as long as my Terrain and surroundings are filled with nature, or are even considered forests, to regain my fast MP and Spiritual Energy recovery, that's the only way.

"HYAAAAH!" I roared, raising my gigantic hammer, my body still merged with the Land Spirits, this transformation only having a few more seconds.

BAAAAAMMM...!

I hit the pointy tail of the Viper Queen with all my might, making the beast scream in agony while a shockwave of energy spread everywhere, Spiritual Energy clashed against the poisonous tiles of terrain, and overpowered them.

Ding!

[You have expanded your Terrain by 10 Tiles!]

[You have expanded your Terrain by 7 Tiles!]

[You have expanded your Terrain by 16 Tiles!]

[You have expanded your Terrain by 20 Tiles!]

[The [Poisonous Swamp Tile] has become [Healthy Soil]!]

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[...]

Much like it had happened when we battled the Spider Queen and also the Demon King back in the Forest of Beginnings, as long as I tried hard enough, the tiles would be purified with mine instead.

"HYAAAH!"

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

Countless hits reached the ground around me, as I constantly purified the poison and venom flying everywhere and in the floor, while constantly spreading my Terrain instead.

[The Special Effect of [Soil Domain] has been activated, you have gained [Farmer's Authority]

[All converted Tiles have become temporarily your [Spiritual Farm]!]

FLASH!

All the Tiles began shining with beautifully incandescent light, as my eyes shone brightly in shock and amusement at my own powers.

[The Special Effect of [Terrain Manipulation] has been activated, all [Farm] Tiles under your [Farmer's Authority] have combined to create a [Terrain Effect]

[The enemy domain's effects have been weakened by -70%!]

[Dozens of Spiritual Buds have been born, Lesser Spirits are slowly gathering around you!]

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Several colorful flowers started to emerge everywhere, Spiritual Buds opened and flourished by my mere presence, feeding off the spiritual energy and mana that the Terrain constantly generated.

"SHAAAAHHH?!" The Viper Queen, on her struggle to regain terrain, realized it was getting harder for her, plant life and nature began spreading everywhere, and countless colorful spirits started popping up one after the other.

POOF!

My fusion with the Land Spirits ended right in that moment, as my hammer went back to its original form as Gaia's All-Purpose Tool, which I swiftly decided to shape into a scythe this time.

And as I continued spreading my Terrain and gathering Spirits for a powerful attack, Mark and Lily charged forwards. Mark channeled the power of his Totem Spirits, bringing out the Phoenix Spirit and the Dragon Spirit together, his strongest ones.

"[Phoenix Spirit Totem Summon]! [Dragon Spirit Totem Summon]!"

TRUUUM! TRUUUM!

By gaining MP and Spiritual Energy thanks to my Terrain, he attained enough power to bring out the strongest Spirits right away.

"[Spiritual Fusion]! [Spiritual Infusion]!"

FLAAAAASH!

Both giant wood-made and flame-covered totems flew into his body, fusing with him. His wood-made body quickly grew to a gigantic size, becoming as large as the Viper Queen.

"SHAAAAHHH!!!" The Viper Queen roared furiously, the dragon swung her gigantic claws around, throwing away Huginn, Silver, and Saphee while rushing towards Mark, her jaws opening as she unleashed a deadly venomous breath attack.

"That won't work anymore!" Mark roared, as Jenny jumped from above him, expanding like a mantle while being in midair and absorbing all the poison and venom.

FLUOSH!

"Got it, Mark!" She said. "Punch that damn bitch!"

"On it!" Mark roared, his gigantic spirit wood blazing fists reached the Viper Drake Queen, each fist at least being as big as fifteen meters each. "[Infernal Dragon Totem Fist Meteor]!"

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! CRAAASH!

The blazing fist attacks covered the Viper Drake Queen on deadly blows, her entire body covered on holes, although none of them bleed out nor became wounds. Dragons were naturally very resistant to the fire element after all.

However, within Mark's flames, the shape of a furious blazing dragon emerged, roaring ferociously and clashing against the Queen, wrapping around her gigantic body and holding her up tight.

And then, Mark's body once more shapeshifted, as his chest grew the shape resembling the head of a Phoenix, while his back gained enormous wooden wings covered on flames.

"[Infernal Phoenix Totem Spirit Blast]!"

"CRAAAAHHHH!!!"

The Phoenix cried furiously, opening its sharp beak and unleashing a massive beam of flames, hitting the Viper Drake Queen directly into the head!

BOOOOOOMMMMM!!!

"SHYAAAHH...!"

CLAAAASSHHH!!!

The Viper Drake Queen fell into the floor, rolling over it, her face looked slightly charred, and her HP had finally dropped to roughly 70%!

"[Crystal Magic]: [Diamond Spikes]!" Lily roared, summoning countless spikes made out of sharp diamonds from the ground, piercing the gigantic body of the dragon.

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! CRAAASH!

We can definitely do this now!

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Chapter 546: Going All-Out!

Right after Mark blasted the Viper Drake Queen away with his strongest magic attack, Lily stepped forward, utilizing her unique magic to conjure deadly spikes made of diamonds.

"[Crystal Magic]: [Diamond Spikes]!" Lily roared, summoning countless spikes made out of sharp diamonds from the ground, piercing the gigantic body of the dragon.

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! CRAAASH!

"SHYAAAHHH!!! GRRRRRHHHH...!"

The Viper Drake Queen started growing more and more furious, quickly standing back up and unleashing a powerful shockwave of energy, taking away the diamonds from her body, as they dissipated into particles of light.

"ROOOARRRR!"

"SHAAAH!"

Silver and Saphee attacked her again, coiling around her body and not letting her go, while administering a series of biting attacks and magic. Silver's ice magic was the most effective.

Meanwhile, Belle, Mimy, and Huginn attacked with long-ranged spells and skills. Mimy unleashed slashes made out of darkness and curse magic from her sword, while Belle let out powerful lightning strikes, and Huginn a rain of black feathers.

"Stay right where you are!" Lily smiled, jumping over large rocks that grew off the ground constantly, and raising her hammer into the air, while enchanting it with Crystal and Earth Magic so it could grow to a gigantic size. "[Mountain-Splitting Diamond Hammer]!"

CRAAAAAASSSHH!!!

The gigantic hammer hit the Viper Drake Queen in the head, a good chunk of her HP instantly lowered as she fell into the floor, her eyes looked confused and tired, and it couldn't move properly either... Much like my own attacks, Lily's attacks were able to inflict Stun and Paralysis on foes.

"SHYAAAHH!!!" The Viper Drake Queen roared furiously, swinging her two gigantic claws, Lily managed to defend using her giant hammer and the spiritual barrier I conjured on her, but her small body was launched into the air.

CLAAASH! CLAAASH!

BAAAMMM...!

"Ugh... that thing's strong..." Lily muttered, slowly standing back up to see the viper drake queen rearing closer.

"SHYAAHA! ROOOAARRRR!" The beast opened her jaws, about to devour her whole, only for Mark to emerge from the side and push the beast away.

CRAAAAAASSSHH!!!

At the same time, I saw Rita and Nieve attacking.

"Okay, how about this one?" Rita said, several magic circles around her appeared one after the other, conjuring darkness and shadows. "[Shadow Void Restraint]! [Death Spikes]!"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Shadows and the void itself gathered around the Viper Drake Queen, stopping her movements completely and at the same time, spikes made out of phantasmal and death energy emerged, piercing her body and soul, and cursing her at the same time, weakening her temporarily.

"Then allow me to demonstrate what my Ice Magic can do now!" Nieve roared, her entire body had changed slightly, as it seemed to have become larger, with bigger and beautiful blue butterfly wings, a long dress made of sparkly silver jewels, and a crown of ice decorated with blue jewels.

Ding!

[By merging with her own Spiritual Projection summoned through your Spirit Magic, [NPC: Nieve] has undergone a special transformation!]

[NPC: Nieve] has met the requirements and has been temporarily granted the power of the [Frost Fairy Princess] Title!]

[All of her Stats have increased by +100%, and her Ice Magic and Rapier Skills Attack Power and Conjuration Speed have increased by an additional +250% for 10 Minutes.]

This was the form she would attain through fusing with her Spiritual Projection, something I was able to summon thanks to Titania's Blessing Skill and Spirit Magic, alongside her came an army of Frost Fairy Spirits, [Winter Knights] and [Winter Witches].

By combining their strength together with her, her magic grew even stronger. Imbuing Mana into her Magic Rapier, and then Spiritual Energy, her rapier suddenly grew to a tremendous size, more or less resembling a gigantic spear made of ice!

"I feel like I am mastering this power the more I use it!" Nieve smiled. "For Lady Planta, my new liege! Everyone, combine your power with mine! [Ice Rapier Arts]: [Frozen Rose Garden]!"

FLAAASH!

Suddenly, a pseudo domain emerged around Nieve as everything within the Viper Drake Queen's surroundings turned into a beautiful garden made out of rose-shaped ice, and then, Nieve emerged as countless clones of herself made of Ice Essence, flashing through the entire beast, and slashing at its entire body consecutively!

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

"GRYYYYAAARRRGHH...! SHAAAAH!"

The Viper Drake Queen's wounds were tremendously severe, as Nieve's fierce attacks constantly covered her entire body with frost and ice, weakening her more and more. Each wound that was frozen began shattering into pieces of frozen flesh, the beast's HP plummeted so fast it was insane.

"SHAAAAH!" The Viper Drake Queen, however, wasn't as weak as other snake-like monsters we've battled before. Her entire domain spread once more, forming into countless snake-like heads resembling a hydra, and attacking Nieve with countless bite attacks!

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLAAASH!

"Ungh...!" Nieve had to step back as the attacks were sever and powerful. If she stayed in the frontlines for too long, she would get poisoned and die quite easily.

I couldn't let that happen either!

"Well done, Nieve, everyone!" I smiled, channeling the power of my equipment into my body, the bonuses they granted were utterly insane, especially the powerful Armor I acquired from Nieve, which gave me the ability to imbue the Frost Element into my attacks and magic, despite there not being any Ice Spirits available yet... I could do a simple trick like this one.

"[Spiritual Fusion]!"

FLAAAAAASH!

All Spirits merged into my weapon once more, alongside the power of my armor, which spread into the rest of my body, covering me with a helmet made of ice and even my wings turned blue like Nieve's.

Meanwhile, the scythe-shaped weapon transformed into a beautiful frost scythe, overflowing with spiritual energy and frost attribute mana...

Ding!

[By merging the powers within your Magic Armor and several Spirits together into your weapon, the [Gaia's All Purpose Tool] has temporarily transformed into the [Freezing Scythe of Cold Death: Skadi] High Spirit!]

"HYAAAAAHH!!!"

I flew into the air and landed directly towards the ferocious Viper Drake Queen, slashing with all my strength against her neck, combining this blow with a powerful [Spiritual Attack]!

SLAAAAAAAASSSHHH!!!!

"SHYAAAAHHHH...!"

The gigantic dragon, unable to contain any more damage, succumbed to this last attack, that took down over 40% of her remaining HP in a single hit!

BAAAAAAMMM...!

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Chapter 547: End Of The Ordeal & Learning And Fusing New Skills

"Phew... We're finally done with this; this dragon was really tough." I sighed in relief. "It was much stronger than even the Snake Queen."

"Indeed... But it also shows how much we've grown." Nieve smiled, looking at her own body as it slowly went back to her original form. "Lady Planta, that form you took, was it because of the special armor you had?"

"Something like that." I nodded. "I acquired this armor thanks to your friendship, Nieve, thanks a lot."

"A-Ah... It is nothing, really." Nieve smiled, blushing a bit. She was too cute so I gave her a head pat.

"You're such a good, hardworking girl!" I said. "You were the one that helped us the most too."

"Please, don't say such things, Lady Planta, everyone helped here." Nieve giggled a bit.

"But you were awesome! You used that same technique you used against the Snake Queen a while back then!" Mark said in excitement. "But it was much stronger..."

"Yeah, girl, you were slaying there." Rita smiled, crossing her arms.

"Also Acorn's new magician form, I didn't expect that!" Lily said with a giggle, giving him a head pat.

"Hahaha, it is still experimental- Ugh... My head's spinning a bit. I'll need to rest..." Acorn sighed. "Phew, and we haven't even caught the blue and red dragons yet!"

"I know, for now let's take a small break." I nodded.

Ding!

[You and your Party have defeated [Venomous Viper Drakes: Lv90 ~ 95] x48!]

[You and your Party have defeated [Cave Drakes: Lv90 ~ 95] x15!]

[You and your Party have defeated [Venomous Viper Drakes Queen: Lv120] x1!]

[You received: [Venomous Viper Drake Queen's Draconic Heart (A+ Grade)] x1 [Crystalized Dragon Soul Fragments (A+ Grade)] x25 [Venomous Viper Drake Queen's Meat (A+ Grade)] x250 [Venomous Viper Drake Queen's Bones (A+ Grade)] x250 [Venomous Viper Drake Queen's Claws and Fangs (A+ Grade)] x250 [Venomous Viper Drake Queen's Draconic Eyes (A+ Grade)] x2 [Venomous Viper Drake Queen's Draconic Blood (A+ Grade)] x50 [Venomous Viper Drake Queen's Internal Organs (A+ Grade)] x100 [Venomous Viper Drake Queen's Soul Orb (A+ Grade)] x1 [Venomous Viper Drake Queen's Egg (A+ Grade)] x1 [Unique Potential Cubes (A Grade)] x10 [Unique Gear Enhancement Scroll (A Grade)] x10]

[You earned 1560000 EXP!]

[LEVEL UP!]

[LEVEL UP!]

[LEVEL UP!]

[Your Level has increased from Level 91 to Level 94!]

[All your Stats have increased!]

[You earned Stat Points and Skill Points.]

[You earned +4000 Bonus Community Points from showcasing the might of your Territory.]

[You earned +500 Bonus World Boss Points from defeating a powerful Boss.]

[Reminder 1: You can Fuse Skills together to create brand-new, unique Skills spending Skill Points.]

[Reminder 2: You can also learn new Skills available in your Race, Class, and Subclass Skill Trees spending Skill Points.]

"Ah, I guess I could also do that." I nodded while reading the System messages.

Although we handled it just fine, maybe I wouldn't had to rely so much on specific strategies if I learn new Skills, or fuse some into even stronger ones, but the MP and Spirit Energy cost might increase even more, so I am quite worried about that...

Well, while we have a small snack with the sandwiches and drinks I had prepared inside of my Inventory, I decided to take a peek at the new Available Skills first.

<[Skill Trees]>

[Skill Tree: Yggdryad]

[Yggdrasil's Protectors: Lv0] [Cost: 25 SP]

[Yggdryad's Spiritual Presence: Lv0] [Cost: 25 SP]

[Spiritual Sanctuary: Lv0] [Cost: 25 SP]

[Skill Tree: Yggdrasil's Spirit Farmer]

[Yggdrasil's Gardener: Lv0] [Cost: 25 SP]

[Spiritual Synthesis: Lv0] [Cost: 25 SP]

[Spiritual Farm Domain: Lv0] [Cost: 25 SP]

[Skill Tree: Spiritual Chef Alchemist]

[Spiritual Cooking Magic: Lv0] [Cost: 25 SP]

[Spiritual Alchemy Magic: Lv0] [Cost: 25 SP]

[Divine Spiritual Chef Alchemist's Talent: Lv0] [Cost: 25 SP]

Huh? They are only three per Race/Class/Subclass? They are way fewer than before. I wonder why? I guess the more we advance, the fewer yet stronger the Skills become. I guess this lack of too many Skills to replace previous ones is a way to incentivize the player to fuse Skills together, huh?

Though, I do wonder if I could fuse these new Skills with old ones. Maybe even stronger versions of them could be generated. Hmm, also their costs has increased to 25 Skill Points each instead of just 5 from before. Are these new Skills much more expensive to Level Up?

I suppose that also makes up for them being fewer... Still, the Skills I haven't picked from other classes are still available, though, I've mostly taken anything that interested me by this point from Races and Classes, the only thing left are all those weird Subclass Skills from the All-Trades Subclass.

Alright, let's learn the Yggdryad Skills for now at least...

Ding!

[You exchanged 25 Skill Points.]

[You learned the [Yggdrasil's Protectors: Lv1] Race Skill.]

[The [Yggdrasil's Protectors: Lv1] Skill is reacting with the [Forest's Guardian: Lv10 (Max Level)] Skill.]

[To awaken a Superior Skill, you can merge them together.]

[Combine Skills by exchanging 100 Skill Points?]

[Once you accept, the Skill Forge Mini-Game will begin.]

Oh, they can fuse automatically? Interesting... Fine, let's do it.

Ding!

[You've exchanged 100 Skill Points!]

[The Skill Forge has opened, two Skills are being merged together!]

FLAAASH!

Suddenly, I found myself within the small Skill Forge once more. Both Skills appeared like two glowing spheres of energy, as I was given a Skill Forging Hammer, while Divine Flames flowed below the forge.

[The Skill Forge Mini-Game has begun!]

[Hit the Skills with the Hammer and combine them together. Make sure to time up the moment you hit the Skills and the moment the flames meld their strength together.]

[If you successfully hit several times in a row, the Skill Fusion will not only succeed, but there's a chance the resulting Fusion Skill might be even stronger!]

FLUOOOSH!

The flames started melding both Skills together, while my hammer hit them both rapidly. I had played this before to create that one Skill that boosted all my Stats, so I wasn't too unfamiliar with it.

CLANK! CLANK! CLANK!

FLUOOOSH!

I continued playing it with the rhythm, until finally...

FLAAASH!

The two Skills came together as one, floating above my head like a sphere of pure divine light.

Ding!

[SUPER SUCCESS!]

[The Merged Skill has undergone as Special Evolution and has gained new Effects and +10 Bonus Levels!]

[You have created the [Yggdrasil's Divine Guardians: Lv10 (Fused Skill)] Skill!]

[The New Fused Skill cannot be fused with other Skills that aren't from your next Evolution's Skill Tree.]

And like that, I created a new, improved version of Yggdrasil's Protectors Skill...

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Chapter 548: Three New Overpowered Skills!

Ding!

[SUPER SUCCESS!]

[The Merged Skill has undergone as Special Evolution and has gained new Effects and +10 Bonus Levels!]

[You have created the [Yggdrasil's Divine Guardians: Lv10 (Fused Skill)] Skill!]

[The New Fused Skill cannot be fused with other Skills that aren't from your next Evolution's Skill Tree.]

[Yggdrasil's Divine Guardians: Lv10 (Fused Skill)]

As a Yggdryad, you're not only the heart of the forest and nature itself, but you're also its guardian. While fighting to protect your Forest against your foes, All Stats will increase by +100%, HP and MP Recovery Speed will be multiplied by x3, and Skill and Magic Damage and Effects will be boosted by +150%. Your Keen Senses will also allow you to detect any ill presences or dangerous beings within your Domain.

However, a single Yggdryad simply cannot guard her entire domain by herself, after all, she's the greatest fighter but also the most important member of Nature, because of this, you can select five powerful allies to become Divine Guardians of Yggdrasil, which will gain the same Stat Boosts and other Bonuses as you, and a new and strengthened forms depending on their Race, Job Class, and Skills, which will evolve and become even stronger, gaining Divine Auras and Divine Skills.

Divine Guardians: 1/5

Amazing, it is a super evolved and improved version of Forest Guardian! I guess this is what it meant by fusing these two Skills, they were probably quite similar, but now by merging together, their bonuses combine wonderfully. Even more, it seems they can even acquire Divine Auras and Divine Skills? Whatever that is, seems unique to only Divine Guardians I select.

I gave a peek at Mark, but he didn't seem to have changed one bit, so I guess it might be something that'll present itself automatically when the time is needed... Which other guardians should I pick? ...I don't know if I could trust on Rita completely but, she's my friend.

Also Lily sounds fine to me, though maybe I should skip her in favor of more NPC that always stay here, so they receive boosts all the time instead of Players that might be logged out. Nieve? She's a keeper. Nieve, Rita... Titania could work well as a guardian, she's always in the forest anyways, so she's perfect. And then Acorn, I suppose Acorn too. Well, and the four are already selected just like that.

Ding!

[You've selected [Player: Achlys] [NPC: Titania] [NPC: Nieve] and [NPC: Acorn] as your [Divine Guardians]!]

[They will attain new forms and powers once they reach their next Evolution.]

[And while protecting the forest and territory, and fulfilling the conditions, they will automatically gain these buffs.]

Nice, nicely done! Now, let's continue learning some of these Skills...

...

Like that, I ended learning the other two Skills of the Yggdryad Skill Tree, which were also fused together, spending 250 Skill Points in the purchase and fusion. And luckily for me (I have high LUK Stat), all of them were Super Successes!

Ding!

[SUPER SUCCESS!]

[The Merged Skill has undergone as Special Evolution and has gained new Effects and +10 Bonus Levels!]

[You have merged the [Yggdryad's Spiritual Presence: Lv1] [Daughter of Nature: Lv10 (Max Level)] [Photosynthesis: Lv10 (Max Level)] Skills!]

[You have created the [Yggdryad's Divine Spiritual Presence: Lv10 (Fused Skill)] Skill!]

[The New Fused Skill cannot be fused with other Skills that aren't from your next Evolution's Skill Tree.]

[SUPER SUCCESS!]

[The Merged Skill has undergone as Special Evolution and has gained new Effects and +10 Bonus Levels!]

[You have merged the [Spiritual Sanctuary: Lv1] [Life Drain: Lv10 (Max Level)] [Spiritual Barrier: Lv15 (Evolved) (Max Level)] Skills!]

[You have created the [Spiritual Sacred Sanctuary: Lv10 (Fused Skill)] Skill!]

[The New Fused Skill cannot be fused with other Skills that aren't from your next Evolution's Skill Tree.]

[Yggdryad's Divine Spiritual Presence: Lv10 (Fused Skill)]

As an Yggdryad, you're the very source of Divine Spiritual Nature Energy. By merely being somewhere, Nature comes naturally to you, without you needing to do absolutely anything. By spending 100 MP per second while walking or simply staying idle, in any place, any surrounding Tiles will automatically transform into [Spiritual Forest Tiles] (Max 100).

While being close to a place with a high concentration of nature, or any Tile related with it, including the [Spiritual Forest Tiles], your Stats increase by +120%, your Spiritual Energy, HP, and MP Regeneration is enhanced by +200%, and any ally near you receives an enhancement of +50% to All Stats and Spiritual Energy, HP, and MP Regeneration per Skill Level. Additionally, there's a 50% chance for nature surrounding you to protect you from lethal blows.

Additionally, while bathing on the sun directly, or by being within the [Spiritual Forest Tiles], Stats are increased temporarily by +100%, your recovery of Spiritual Energy, HP and MP increases by +200% and the power of all your Skills and Magic Power and Effects are enhanced by +100%. And if you're within [Spiritual Forest Tiles], reduces Damage Taken by 10% of total WIS Stat (Max 50%), and you can summon your [Divine Aura] to enchant all Skills and Magic with [Divinity].

[Divinity]: Increases the power of Magic and Skills by +500%, Ignores -50% of foe's Defenses. Can ignore Invulnerability Status.

And...

[Spiritual Sacred Sanctuary: Lv10 (Fused Skill)]

An Yggdryad's presence is said to be utterly divine, by merely existing, they exude a beautiful, powerful sacred energy forming a sanctuary around their bodies, where Spirits and the Energies of Nature converge together to protect her automatically from all Damage or Status Effects.

While activated, the Spiritual Sacred Sanctuary will form a powerful Great Spiritual Barrier around the user, which will take 100% of the damage for the user. This acts as a Passive Skill that can be turned on

and off, and the cost of MP varies depending in the damage taken, the Barrier might break if MP runs out or its durability limit is reached.

The Barrier can be conjured several times in a row to create layers, and it can also be conjured over party members or friends as a Buff that lasts 30 Minutes. Summons and Tamed Monsters share your own Great Spiritual Barrier. Spiritual Barriers can be freely shaped into different forms and can naturally float in midair. They can be set as bubbles to protect items, or other people from farther away. MP Cost to maintain and create barriers is reduced by -50%.

By activating the Skill's True Effect, the [Spiritual Sacred Sanctuary] will be summoned, which will have double the durability of normal Great Spirit Barriers, and enhance all Stats by +250%, while being able to automatically absorb Spirits in the air to strengthen itself, however, Spiritual Energy will be drained in great quantities per second. While having the [Spiritual Sacred Sanctuary] Activated, any attacks will drain 50% of the damage dealt as HP and MP. Any attacks Drain Effects and you are able to combine this Skill with your [Great Spirit's Aura] to passively drain your foes HP and MP by 2.5% per minute.

At the same time, if foes hit the barrier with physical or magical attacks, 25% of the damage to the barrier in physical damage will be drained as HP and 25% of the damage to the barrier in magic damage will be drained as MP.

Both Skills had enormous descriptions, I guess it is because they're fusions between Skills, but still, they were insanely good!

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Chapter 549: The Power Of The [Spiritual Sacred Sanctuary] Skill

Seeing the brand-new Skills I came out with, I felt like I should had learned them when I could instead of waiting until we fought the Boss... With these, fighting it would had taken much less time, although I might had stolen a bit more of the spotlight if that was the case.

Aside from this, it seems the cost to level up Skills has also increased... Now each Level costs 25. Max Level is 20, so to max these Skills I need to spend... 750 Skill Points?! That'll leave me with almost nothing afterwards! I know they're strong Skills, but this is a bit excessive.

They're amazing by themselves, though, so I'll leave them be for now. I might Level them Up later, or on another occasion. After all, I also want to learn the other six Skills available, though, I'll also do that later...

"Elayne, come eat with us, what are you doing all the way there?" Asked Rita, waving her hand.

"O-Oh, right!" I nodded, quickly joining with everyone else.

Eating in the middle of a dangerous hunting ground wasn't something normal, but well, it wasn't as if we were going to get attacked, even less when I had my new Skill.

"Let me set this up really quick." I said with a smile, quickly expanding my Mana and Spiritual Energy.

"[Spiritual Sacred Sanctuary]!"

FLAAAASH!

The energy gathered into the formation of a large building, resembling a castle, made purely out of my own Spiritual Energy and Mana. Yeah, it drained Spiritual Energy and MP constantly, but that wasn't a problem when everything around us had been engulfed on plants and trees, so I was constantly getting the energies back in an infinite loop.

Ding!

[You have activated the [Spiritual Sacred Sanctuary] Skill!]

[A protective sanctuary made out of your own Mana and Spiritual Energy is protecting you and your friends from all damage.]

[However, MP and Spiritual Energy are being constantly consumed...]

"W-Woah! What is this magic? I've never seen something like this before..." Said Acorn surprised.

"I have seen... something similar." Said Nieve. "Queen Titania has a similar power, where she can create barriers in the form of castles or buildings to better protect us, and isolate us from the dangers outside... Also, I've seen that angel-like player use something similar, remember?"

"Oh yeah, the library guys obsessed with story and stuff!" Rita laughed. "But this far surpasses whatever those could do! Holy shit, Elayne you've become so amazing... I am a bit envious. Wait, maybe I could make something similar but in the shape of an evil castle... or a tower... Ah, I'll leave that for later though." Rita shrugged, eating a sandwich.

"It sure is amazing looking, is it a new Skill you learned from the Yggdryad Skill Tree?" Wondered Mark.

"Yep, it can also help me drain HP and MP from those that hit the barrier, like that guy over there." I pointed at a Cave Drake that had just arrived, he was constantly hitting the barrier with his horns.

CLASH! CLASH! CRASH!

However, a single monster wasn't going to drain all my MP or Spiritual Energy, even less when I wasn't attacking either.

Ding!

[The [Cave Drake: Lv93] has dealt 1320 Damage to your Barrier!]

[You have recovered 330 HP and MP.]

[The [Cave Drake: Lv93] has dealt 1142 Damage to your Barrier!]

[You have recovered 285 HP and MP.]

[The [Cave Drake: Lv93] has dealt 1230 Damage to your Barrier!]

[You have recovered 307 HP and MP.]

[...]

"So yeah, let's just ignore that guy over there for now." I said. "Anyways, about the Library Guys? It is not that they've been not present because they're lazy or something... Actually, I get messages from

them almost daily. They're all adults, so they work the majority of the week except the weekend, they can't log-in every day either, sadly. Though lately they have gone to an adventure to the other side of the Continent of Verdant, where there are reports from people that had seen large ponds of Nether, a liquid related to the Demon King of Death... It might be our next stop after we're done solving this mystery over here."

"Oh, I see, so they had not been just ghosting us..." Said Rita with a sigh.

"Who are these nerds you guys are talking about?" Jenny wondered.

"Well..." I said, as I explained to her who they were.

"Oooh! I see, they're pretty strong friends you've got there then." Jenny giggled. "Anyways, how long till we meet the quest requirements for the materials?"

"Let me see..." I checked the quest again.

[Bring Richard the following Materials]:

[Lesser Blue Dragon's Blood]: 0/10

[Cave Drake Scales]: 20/20

[Little Red Dragon's Claws]: 0/5

[Poisonous Viper Drake Guts]: 10/10

"Obviously, based in how many we've killed, we've already meet the requirements for the Viper and Cave Drake materials." I nodded.

Once the monsters died, they simply explode into particles of light and become items, which you can simply grab and store, the same happened here, after all the dragons were dead, scales, meat, limbs, eyes, and other materials were left behind, including a lot of gold too.

"So we need to kill at least ten Lesser Blue Dragons and five Little Red Dragons..." Nieve said. "Well, this time we should make it quick, facing another Boss wouldn't be the best decision. I am beginning to suspect every Dragon Race might have some sort of King or Queen in the Dragon Lair..."

"Yeah, a Cave Drake King could be near, so we shouldn't really risk facing that." Mark nodded. "The map shows where the blue and red dragons are located, luckily they share a same habitat, so we can pick them all easily."

"Nice." Said Acorn. "Then let's get to it! After eating these sandwiches all my energy's back to full! Even the dizziness I felt is gone, amazing. Your food is really the thing of miracles, Lady Planta."

"Indeed, and it is really tasty." Nieve smiled sweetly.

"Aww, you two are making me blush a bit..." I sighed. "Well! Let's get going then."

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Chapter 550: Hunting More Dragons

"ROOOAARRRR!" A group of seven Little Red Dragons roared in unison.

Their body size wasn't "little" at all! Even though they were considered small in comparison to their brethren, these flightless, red scaled dragons were over three meters tall each, easily being taller than any of us on our base forms.

And above all, they were also very good at utilizing the element of flames. By concentrating in large groups while calling for the tankier blue dragons to protect them, they launched a barrage of fireballs into the ceiling, which started falling like a deadly, blazing rain above our ranks.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

And the worst was that non-spiritual flames burned through my terrain, weakening my buffs and self-regeneration! Ugh, we have to take them down asap!

Thankfully, my barrier still shielded me from the flames, and Mark was standing in the frontlines absorbing them as well. This area in specific was covered on lava and flames, and was really hot.

Not a good place for a Dryad at all!

"Ugh, you damn blue scaled lizards!" Mark roared angrily, his fists hitting the four Lesser Blue Dragons he was fighting. Unlike the red dragons, they were bigger, around five meters each.

They were also flightless, but their scales were almost metallic, and their claws very sharp, making them amazingly resilient and at the same time, agile and dexterous. We couldn't take this last hunt any easier.

"Mark, stay put! [Shadow Cursed Chains]! [Death Spikes]!"

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH!

"[Ice Rapier Arts]: [One Hundred Frost Strikes]!"

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!

Rita and Nieve were giving Mark some support from the sides. Rita conjuring darkness and shadow spikes and chains, to stop the blue dragons from advancing, while Nieve's ice magic and her ice rapier techniques pierced through their high defenses quite easily.

"Don't worry everyone, keep fighting! I'll handle things here!" I said, making it so they wouldn't be distracted trying to protect me.

Of course, it wasn't as if I was sitting here just looking, my mere presence near them granted several buffs from all my Skills, especially the new ones. And as I kept constantly growing new Terrain of the [Spirit Forest Tiles], our HP and MP Regeneration kept itself at an all-time higher, all coupled with insane stat buffs.

Usually, Players would normally attack a single of these giant dragons in a party of a minimum of five, they were tough, powerful, and agile. However, thanks to all my tremendous amounts of buffs, it was possible for us to handle dozens at a time.

Ding!

[The Intense Flames of the Dragons are burning through your Tiles and taking over them!]

[The [Spiritual Forest Tile] has been burned, becoming a [Burned Coal Tile]!]

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"Ugh, dammit! I won't lose!" I said angrily, stepping forward as I raised my weapon, each of my steps constantly spread my Spiritual Forest Tile, while the flames constantly burned them, only for them to regrow anew.

It was a constant battle between the dragon's flame terrain and my own spiritual forest terrain. Their terrain gave them stats and bonus damage with fire element, of course, so it the red dragons were constantly trying to convert mine into theirs.

"ROOARR!"

"SHAAAH!"

"GRYAAR!"

A group of five Red Dragons appeared behind me, attacking my Spiritual Sacred Sanctuary with blazing claws and powerful bites and dragon breath attacks, several cracks spreading over my barrier.

Normally, I should be afraid of the element of fire, it is the one I am the weakest after all! but with my barrier's special effect of draining HP and MP from the damage it takes, I could regenerate even as my HP went down due to the intense flames.

And of course, fight!

CLASH! CLASH! CLAAASH!

My hammer-shaped weapon hit the heads of all the Red Dragons, stunning them on the spot thanks to my Spiritual Farming Tool Skill, and even paralyzing them.

Ding!

[You have Stunned a Target!]

[You have Paralyzed a Target!]

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Paralysis was rarer, but two out of five of them were paralyzed, while everyone else was stunned for a few, tiny seconds before gasping back to reality. This was one of the most amazing powers, though it had a very lowered chance against Boss monsters. The Viper Drake Queen only got stunned like twice at most.

"GRRRHHH...?!"

"GRYYAR?!"

"GAAAAH...!"

The five Red Dragons instantly realized I wasn't someone so easy to mess around with. Their faces filled with fear quickly knew the pain of being smacked by a gigantic, dirt hammer made out of Land Spirits merging into it.

"[Land Hammer Smack]!"

BAAAM!

BAAAAAMM!!

BAAAAAMMM!!!

With several hits over their heads, their instantly lost large quantities of HP and died one after the other, dropping items and gold, and leaving no bodies behind other than their particles of light dissipating into the thin air.

"Phew!" I sighed in relief, cleaning the sweat over my forehead. This area of the Dragon Nest was so hot it was making me, someone that always walks half-naked, feel the heat too much.

"Hey! Why are you not using my magic a bit? Feels like you're just ignoring me!" The Great Spirit appeared at my said, angrily.

"I've not been using you because you grow exhausted after a while." I said. "I'll only call for your magic when I really need to."

"Ehh? Not fair! I also want to fight a bit! Come on! Do some of my magic!" She started complaining behind me. "I can still drain your own MP and Spiritual Energy, so I won't grow as tired as other times..."

"Ugh, fine!" I sighed, quickly stepping forward and landing in the middle of the battlefield where Mark and my friends were battle. "Let's do this then! [Grand Harvest]!"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!