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Chapter 661: Back Home

After my daughter woke up, Anna and Elisa woke up a few hours later, and lastly Monica. Their parents quickly came to look for them as well, Anna's mother is always working, but she came here running the moment she heard her daughter was hospitalized and left today in the morning to come later to pick her up.

The other students were still sleeping, some woke up, and were quickly discharged after the doctor made sure they were healthy and fine mentally. It was a really quick process, and there were annoying press everywhere outside, some parents decided to talk about their experience, some students too, so there were a lot of content for the news there.

Monica and Elisa, however, had no parents that came for them. Monica had no parents, the doctor told me both had passed away in this very hospital after a car accident. She had been living alone ever since then, with a government person coming to check her up every now and then.

And about Elisa... Well, her two parents are outside of the country, in their own... things. But her butler and guardian, Steiner, came running and had been staying in the hospital ever since she was put there, but he's not someone that talks a lot, so he had barely shared a few words with us.

"Seriously, who would had thought a damn dungeon break would have appeared in your school, Anna?! I was dying when I heard it was there!" Julieta, Anna's mother, who looked just like her but around my age, with short red hair and sharp green eyes sighed. "Ugh, I was so worried! I almost died!"

"Geez, as if you would had cared if I died." Anna sighed, crossing her arms.

"H-Hey! How can you say that to your mother?! I love you!" Her mother sighed, facepalming as she felt embarrassed that her daughter was saying such things in front of us. "C-Come on now... Sorry if I am a bit... rough sometimes. But I... Hahh... It's not like I hit you or anything!"

"It's fine." I said. "Let her be, Julieta. Girls at her age are at their rebellious phase after all." I gave her a few pats in her shoulder.

"Seriously..." She sighed. "I just work all day for her... Sometimes I just get dumb, but... I do it all for her..."

"Come on Anna, can't you forgive your mother?" I asked. "She genuinely cares for you."

"..." Anna looked at me and sighed. "Yeah, yeah, ok, thanks, mom, for coming, here..."

She said it very robotically, but at least she said it...

"Well she did her best." I laughed.

"At the very least I can be proud she's a strong girl." Her mother gave her a head pat.

"Milady, are you surely, truly alright?! Wouldn't it had been better if you stayed for a week at least?!" Asked Steiner at Elisa.

"I'm fine Steiner! You're so annoying!" Elisa sighed, crossing her arms like a spoiled rich lady. "Leave me be, I don't even remember what happened... seriously. But I'm glad... I'm glad everyone's alright."

"Hahh... Next time, I won't leave your side! I'll walk at your side at all times and... I've already gotten myself a magic gun, even if I have yet to awaken, I-"

"Steiner! Enough!" Elisa reprimanded her butler.

He was surprisingly emotional with her, he has been at her side for years now, so I guess he probably thought of her as his own daughter, or a little sister.

"But seriously I can't believe my stupid parents didn't even bother coming here! They just sent me some messages and more money..." Elisa sighed, filled with resentment. "As if I ever needed more money... I just want... to see them again..."

"M-Milady..." Steiner sighed. "W-Well, they said that at the end of the year, surely...!"

"They had been saying that for the last three years!" Elisa cried. "Ugh, I'm so sick of them, pretending to be worried, they don't even care about their own daughter..."

"At the very least there's Steiner with you." Elena said. "He's like your dad."

"He's not my dad!" Elisa blushed a bit, as Steiner's eyes seemed to shine in surprise.

"Me... milady's father figure?" He wondered. "Haha... Y-You're really funny, Elena."

"Don't hide your excitement when she said it!" Elisa said angrily. "Ugh, seriously..."

"Well, honestly, you're better off than miss gloomy over there." Anna pointed out Monica walking at my side in complete silence.

Since she woke up that she had barely said a few words, and nobody wants to talk about her possession either.

"What... I'm going to do now..." Monica sighed, her hands were trembling. "Hahhh..."

She was sighing constantly, feeling tired, exhausted, nervous, all at once. Jesus, this girl needs a big hug right now.

And I am there to help!

"E-Ehh?!"

I hugged her tightly.

"M-Miss Elayne?!"

"It's alright... Monica, you were just a victim on this."

"..."

"You can stay at my house if you want to, I'll protect you from any ghost!"

"W-Wha... Why? Why do you care so much..."

"Why can't I?! You're my daughter's friend, right?"

"Sniff..."

Monica stared crying as I hugged her, everyone stopped walking as they waited for us. Monica had a lot of things saved up in her heart and let them all out as she cried in my shoulders.

This girl... She just deserves a better life. All the things she was forced to do, and what she was forced to become... She doesn't deserve anything of that.

"Everything's alright, you won't be alone anymore, alright?" I sighed, gently caressing her fluffy black hair. "It's alright now..."

After that, Monica was still silent, but her hands became much warmer as she held mine, and we walked back home.

Tonight, we decided to celebrate the girls recovery, so I decided to cook a big feast of my best dishes.

"I-It's so spicy... Uwaah!" Monica cried as she ate my curry.

"Hahaha, it is the least spicy curry I've ever eaten!" Anna said. "You really need to build up some resistance!"

"Here, drink some water at least." Elena offered her a cup of water.

"Phew... T-Thanks..." Monica smiled a bit.

Some of us might have small families, or some might even be alone, but together, we make a big family that won't let anybody feel lonely.

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Chapter 662: Taking A Rest

We enjoyed a huge dinner with everyone. Rita and Lily came to join after we arrived back home, and Anna's mother agreed on staying to eat before departing with her daughter back home. Steiner had no objections either as long as Elisa wanted to eat here. He was slowly trusting us more, it seemed.

Monica was opening up a bit more, eating and feeling much better. She even smiled a little bit, which warmed my heart. Seeing someone so unfortunate smile at long last is really a nice thing.

Come to think about it... It was thanks to the skeletons that I arrived there quickly, as they sent me a telepathic message. The charms I had set up worked but they were too faint and slow. Also, it seems they didn't worked detecting Monica's magic because... well, it was inside of her.

Now that I think about it, well, the school's half destroyed, the students will most likely move out to other schools, I should look up where to send my daughter now. There's a few more schools, but I can't remember any other all-girls schools that had enough quality.

It's going to be a bit hard to find something, and honestly I would prefer if she didn't wasted the year and ended up having to repeat it... I'll have to look this online.

If possible, we could arrange something with Anna's mother and Elisa so the girls can go to the same school as Elena, as they're good friends. Well, Monica as well, I hope she agrees.

And about the other topic. Elena knowing our identities shouldn't be that much of a problem, she took it surprisingly easy, though it will be hard to explain her about the connection between Arcadia and Earth.

Her friends don't remember anything unlike her, so there's no need to reveal them anything, Elena said she wouldn't tell anyone, so I hope she does as she said.

And about giving her magic powers... Ugh, I don't know if I should do it. She will be able to defend herself, yes, but that'll also give her problems too, because it might bring the attention of unwanted people, and even worse, of monsters!

But now that she was targeted by Thanatos, it can't be helped, things can't get worse than they had already become. Might as well awaken her magic circle and maybe a physique later if she trains well enough physically.

Come to think of it... I wonder if there's any school that can help someone develop their abilities? Well, hunters are quite new, so I doubt there's anything like that. Maybe something like that could pop up next year, for all I know.

Ugh, so many things to think about and consider now... Okay, let's just do things one step at a time. For now, what I must do is find a new school online, then once we got some time alone, explain my daughter things out, might end up getting a lot more support from her part in Arcadia too if I do that. Lastly, make her a magic circle.

And about Monica, I don't know. She doesn't know our true identities either, so for now, let's leave her on her own in the meaning of her abilities, though I'll inspect their development if there is any in the coming days.

If her abilities happen to be similar to Dorothea, and they're dangerous, I might have to seal them, but if she can control them, and they don't take over her or something, she might keep them. This is why keeping her in my house for now would also be a good way of monitoring her.

The night came and it got quite late. Anna and her mother set off back to their homes, I sent a few Spirits to monitor them and protect them from anything that might try to do something funny, the same was for Elisa and Steiner.

Monica at first felt too embarrassed to stay in here, but ultimately agreed after Elena showed her a bed she had prepared at the side of hers. The girl sighed but ended accepting the hospitality.

I told Morpheus to check on her while we were sleeping, he could become completely ethereal and invisible as a Spirit, so it wasn't hard.

Rita and Lily left quite late in the night, as we stayed drinking and talking with Mark up to like 3 AM. Once they were gone and the girls were sleeping, we had some fun in bed, to let out some steam.

Despite how tired we were, Mark was very intense tonight as well, he's getting the hang of it despite having lost his virginity a few days ago. I'm loving how he lovingly embraces me...

And after mating like rabbits, it was already 4 AM! We had to sleep.

"A lot happened yesterday and today... I'm so exhausted." I sighed.

"I guess we should log-in tomorrow, we are too tired." Mark yawned.

I cuddled with him, resting my head over his chest, and he hugged me back, his warmth made me feel at ease. We fell asleep right away, too tired to even talk anymore...

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Meanwhile, inside the tallest skyscraper in the city, Rose and Albert gathered with a few other SWORD Agents inside the office of their boss, Reagan.

They had spent most of the day discussing what had transpired yesterday, and everyone had already come to the conclusion the "masked heroes" were Elayne and her friends.

Their voices, powers, and everything else matched way too perfectly.

"So it was really them, huh? They did quite a lot now, and we couldn't even get there in time." Reagan facepalmed. "If news about Canada's anti-supernatural government agencies being incompetent, we're going to get a lot of backlash."

"Well, we could always pretend they worked for us all along." Rose smiled.

"Would they be okay with that though?" Albert raised an eyebrow.

"Yeah, won't Miss Elayne get really pissed off? It would be better if we have a good relationship with them." Reagan said.

"Nah, she'll understand as long as we explain things to her, also, we can always offer something in return too." Rose seemed to have a plan. "Let's help her keep her identity a secret to the public masses."

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Chapter 663: A New Opportunity

"So you came! Nice to meet you again, Elayne! You've become quite famous now."

"Rose... Why did you call us so early in the morning?"

As I yawned, a cute red-haired Dhampir girl greeted us, I had hastily gathered Rita and Lily and brought them with me and Mark after she called me to have a very "important meeting" in the nearby coffee shop.

While Rita and Lily ate donuts and Mark drank coffee, Rose smiled, explaining slowly why she had called us here. Aside from easily guessing that the masked hunters were us, she had other things to talk about.

She explained that they had placed most of their personnel dealing with a Dungeon Breaks that had happened at the same time as we went inside the Dream Dungeon! We had no idea of that one either, it was covered up so no media had any idea it ever happened.

It seemed synchronized with the Dream Dungeon too, as it kept popping out Undead Monsters without having any interior whatsoever, and it closed only after the Dream Dungeon was destroyed.

It seemed that it was a plan from the Dungeon Boss to distract us with that while she kept expanding her own Dream Dungeon, but it didn't end up working properly, thankfully with the agents of SWORD here, we were able to do our work without worrying about that.

However, that wasn't all, she explained that still, because no government agents were seen in the place where the Dream Dungeon appeared... they'll get some backlash from the government itself because they weren't doing their job properly, and instead left it to some masked anonymous heroes.

Not only would they risk getting their entire agency changed or their boss replaced, but they could even risk losing a lot of their backers, which keep everything going.

So for that... they needed to pretend we were part of their organization, or partially working for them, just saying we were mercenaries worked.

"Eh?! So you want us to say that publicly?" Rita asked. "No way!"

"N-No, it's not like that. You don't have to say a word, we're pretty much asking you guys permission to say that to our backers and the government officers." Rose sighed. "O-Of course, in exchange, we'll give you something equally good."

"I guess as long as it is just saying we were temporary mercenaries or something... And as long as you don't spread our contact information, it's alright." I nodded. "But what are you offering in return?"

"Well, aside from a few paychecks so our boss doesn't feel so guilty about having been relieved of his duties by anonymous heroes, we'll offer you a great opportunity to keep your identities a secret from the public." Rose said. "You know that Hunters must be registered and all, right? It is a government campaign so we keep tabs with all superpowered people, so if they ever get dangerous, we can track them down and catch them. Making them public figures also puts a sort of pressure on them to not try to do anything funny, as even if they're masked, their abilities will easily give away who they are."

"I-I see, I guessed it was something like that." I drank some coffee.

"So... In a few more months there'll be a law that will make it illegal for people to use supernatural abilities without being registered as hunters. And you guessed it, you're going to be the government's first targets when that happens." Rose sighed.

"Yikes..." Rita gasped.

"Seriously?!" Mark asked.

"Ugh... Those words made the donuts taste bitter..." Lily sighed.

"Yep, that's where we, SWORD, enters! We'll tell the government you guys are just incognito agents! And done! You can be masked superheroes with secret public identities, and only SWORD will know who you truly are, well, we already know." Rose nodded. "How about it?"

"I-It would be a big relief." I sighed. "But is it really that good? You won't pull any tricks on us?"

"Nah, there's a few documents you need to sign, just read them carefully." Rose said. "It is no binding contract or anything either. It is so you agree to become "allies" and you also sign a contract saying you'll never make us your enemies." Rose said.

"Well... From what I've learned, you guys are not anything corrupt, and Reagan seems like a good man." I sighed. "I'll trust you for now... But if you try anything funny."

"O-Of course, the contract also says that we cannot target you as an enemy... And that you will be generally protected by us. You and all allies you decide to add to your little group." Rose said.

"It just feels too good to be true, but if you'll get a lot of benefits out of just saying we were working for you, even as just mercenaries, then I guess it does seem a bit fair." Mark read the papers carefully one after another. "I think we should sign this, yeah. It is an opportunity we won't get anywhere else."

"I guess... Are you girls fine with it?" I asked Rita and Lily.

"A-Anything to not become a criminal..." Rita sighed.

"Yes!" Lily nodded.

"Okay then..."

After doing things as carefully as possible, we signed the documents and sealed a deal. Rose also deposited our "pay" not long after, our bank accounts now were bursting with millions of Canadian dollars...

"The usual pay for what you did is around twenty-five big ones." Said Rose. "So we've given you that. If you want to purchase magical items in the Magic Market later, you'll see how easily money goes away too, so be careful."

"E-Eh? I-I'm rich too?" Mark was trying to process what had happened.

"Uwaaaah!" Rita screamed.

"T-This is... T-This... T-That... T-The..." Lily was trembling.

"They're not taking it easily, huh?" Laughed Rose. "It honestly not that much compared to the big magnates and companies out there, some big bosses of supernatural agencies have hundreds of billions. Much richer than that dude that bought Tweeter, I don't know what his name was..."

"I-I see..." I sighed. "A-Ah, before you go, I was wondering if the government has any plans on setting up some sort of Hunter Academy or something?"

"Oh! How did you guessed it?" Rose was surprised.

Wait, I guessed it?!

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Chapter 664: Compared To Europe, Canada Is Quite Lax

I was honestly just guessing around! Was there really a plan for such a thing? Well, not like I plan to put my daughter there anyways, unless she really wanted to become a public figure, and I doubt it, knowing how she is.

"There's something like that in the works, but it might not be ready until like... Next year or something." Rose said. "It will help young people that have awakened powers to learn how to use them properly- Actually, there'll also be one for adults, anybody needs to learn."

"Makes sense, seeing how powers were a thing of secret some time ago, but now that they had spread globally so much, it should be about time they do something like this." Mark nodded. "Though, I wonder if there had been any reports of criminals using their newfound abilities yet?"

"Yeah, all around the world there's already recently awakened people causing quite the disasters, but its nothing the organizations already existing there couldn't handle, after all awakened usually get one or two abilities, and suck at using them proficiently, they can easily be restrained even for non-superpowered soldiers with a few martial arts or a gun." Rose said. "Nothing like a Superhuman has appeared yet, haha."

"Well that's a relief." Rita sighed. "The monsters are already enough annoyance, having super villains roaming around would make things even worse!"

"W-Well, I mean, I'm only talking about the most normal things, there's still quite the villains in almost every country." Rose said. "Way before the Awakening, that's why we exist to begin with, to deal with them. Josuke, a friend, had to go to Japan for a similar issue, something about Onis and Yokai. Japan's filled with those."

"They exists?!" I was surprised. "My husband who passed away... His father was from Japan. We got a whole family there; I wonder if it would be safe for them."

"Well, it should be, Japan has a good anti-supernatural agency there. Josuke went there mostly out of personal family issues, and I can't divulge more than that." Rose shrugged.

"I-I see... Wait, what about Egypt... Are there mummies and stuff?" I asked. "Ah... And what about the Netherlands?! Europe? Are there giants and...!"

"Well, well, yeah, kind of. But their numbers are very few nowadays, back in the old medieval ages, or even before that, they were much more common, but as agencies were formed across the globe, their numbers reduced and many had been sealed." Rose nodded. "So yeah, most things you would only find in myths and stuff did exist at some point, or might still exist, sealed or hiding."

"Though, now with Mana filling the world even more than before, I doubt that'll stay like that forever..." I sighed. "Isn't it?"

"Y-Yeah..." Rose sighed. "Luckily Canada doesn't have many monsters, or giants... Though we share quite a lot of the cryptids from America. Still, not at the level where we need to make a whole organization to fight an endlessly growing family of Onis led by an ancient demigod Yokai like in Japan."

"Yikes, they have it harder than I imagined." Rita sighed.

"Yeah, in here's quite lax, that's why I moved here to begin with. Europe too, it's too much. Trolls and Giants living in mountains, ancient ruins being constantly raided by bandits trying to get ancient relics, and all of that, too much for me, to be honest." Rose sighed. "Also don't let me get started in the annoying Vampire and Werewolf Families that dominate like half the continent over there... Nope, not dealing with that again. The Vatican can do it themselves."

"Now I'm beginning to think we are lucky to be Canadians..." Lily giggled a bit. "We only have to deal with the new monster threats instead of the old, much stronger ones. Phew..."

"Don't jynx it now." Rita drank some coffee. "Anyways where's your demon boyfriend?"

"Albert's not my boyfriend!" Rose blushed a bit. "We're just comrades... And he couldn't come, he has been immersing himself on training and controlling his abilities much better, so what happened before doesn't ever happen again."

"A-Ah, I see... Maybe I went a bit too harsh on him." I sighed, remembering how harsh I was on the demon.

"Nah it's fine, Hellberos deserved a good beating for being a traitorous bastard, and you showed him he wasn't all that immortal, so he has been humbled quite a lot lately. Finally beginning to realize the value of the bonds he had created with Albert." Rose sighed; her eyes seemed filled with concern for her friend. I could tell she was in love with him, even though she always denied. "Albert's still angry at the demon and... Well, I'm a bit worried, he's getting too focused on training and forgetting about everything else lately."

"Well, give him some time. I am sure he's doing this not only for himself but also for you." I smiled. "And well, the rest of the agency. He seems like a diligent young man!"

"Give him some time and maybe talk with him here and there." Mark said. "Don't be too forceful, but slowly, he'll surely open up again."

"You guys... Wait, are you boyfriends? The way you talk feels a bit annoying!" Rose said, crossing her arms.

Was she jealous of us having a relationship while she didn't? I remember her saying she didn't care about love or whatever, but now look at her! She really wants to find love after so long.

"Hahaha... W-Well, yeah." I giggled, holding Mark's hand.

"For a few days now." Mark smiled.

"Ugh, I'm so jealous..." Rose murmured to herself. "A-Anyways, that Albert got a new ability thanks to you, Elayne, did you know?"

"He did?" I wondered.

"Those chains you put around his soul, he can kind of control them now, and they're really strong. He uses them to keep tabs on his Demon, and he can also use them to restrain targets, attack, or seal a quantity of magic power from a target, the weaker they are, the more their power can be sealed. You're amazing to be able to just give someone a magic ability without realizing..." Rose sighed. "I'm sure of it, you'll become Canada's greatest hunter eventually."

"E-Eh? I did all of that?!" I was just as surprised.

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Chapter 665: A Daughter That Wants To Fight Too

After having breakfast with Rose, we moved to the gym for our daily routine, distracting ourselves with some good exercise was always good to let out some steam and just focus on something else than the pile of problems there is now.

Rose was as talkative as ever, I think we were her only friends aside from her colleagues, so she really didn't wanted to leave our side for the rest of the day... After a lot of Gym activities, we went back home to prepare lunch, where Rose meet Blackie again, and also my daughter and Monica.

We decided to leave it a secret that Monica was possessed, and it seemed no other students remembered what happened aside from my daughter and her friends, which were right next to Monica, and they all agree on keep it a secret so Monica doesn't get unwanted attention.

She was a victim, but things might escalate and people would end up blaming her for everything anyways, and we don't want that... So Rose only realized she had Mana within her, and nothing else.

"Hey, hello~ I'm one of your mommy's friend." Rose smiled; she was quite sociable.

"I've heard a bit about you, Dhampir Rose." Elena smiled with a smirk.

"Geh...?! She knows?!" Asked Rose, looking back at me.

"She knows it was us that rescued her, so it couldn't be helped." I shrugged. "We told her a few things, don't worry, my daughter won't open her mouth. I mut a charm on her, if she goes around trying to talk something, a seal will shut her mouth forcefully!"

"Eh?! You did that?!" Elena was shaken. "W-When?! Where is that charm?!"

Of course, I was actually lying, I never did that, but it was a way to make it as if Elena couldn't do it even if she wanted.

"I see, well, that's alright. She doesn't seem to have any talent but maybe you'll give her something?" Rose asked. "Be careful though, underaged kids can't easily go around using powers."

"Don't worry, we'll keep tabs on her." I tried to reassure her. "A-Anyways, Monica, are you feeling alright?"

"Nn." Monica nodded. "I-I went back home and brought some things... Elena and Blackie accompanied me."

"That's good." I said. "So you're okay with staying here for a bit?"

"Y-Yeah, if you don't mind, miss Elayne..." Monica sighed, blushing a bit out of the embarrassment.

"Of course I don't mind!" I gave her a head pat after kissing my daughter's cheeks. "Anyways! Let's make some lunch!"

Like that, we prepared lunch and had a hearty meal with everyone together. My daughter told us Monica played a bit of BNLO with her and created her own account. I guess she'll help her level up a bit with the rest of her friends.

Anna and Elisa came home just as we were having lunch, and joined the meal while looking at Rose with eyes wide open... It wasn't every day they would see a half-vampire after all.

And after we were done, Elisa had some sort of proposal.

"I was thinking on bringing Monica to my house instead, she would be too much of a bother to you, Miss Elayne." Said Elisa. "She'll get her own room and all..."

"Eh? But why are you doing all of this for her?" I wondered. "I never thought of you as someone so generous, Elisa!"

"E-Eh?! I am!" Elisa sighed. "Well, I prefer her in my house than having her in here... With Elena and all. Anna agreed too."

"Yeah." Anna nodded, hugging Elena. "Monica, are you okay with that?"

"I-I..." Monica seemed a bit embarrassed.

"Well, how about she stays another week before deciding?" I said. "You two are being a bit too hasty, let the girl take a breather, alright?"

"Ugh." Elisa and Anna sighed at the same time.

"Thanks for the hospitality, E-Elisa." Monica blushed. "A-All of you... Mean a lot to me... Sniff..."

Suddenly Monica started crying, perhaps out of happiness to have friends at her side. Honestly, it made me a bit angered that they brought her to tears...

"E-Eh? Come on, don't cry now..." Elisa sighed, she got a bit red herself.

"Ah, she's really crying a river..." Anna said, giving her a head pat.

My daughter glared at her two friends slightly angrily. "See? Don't be so pushy with her!"

"Ay, sorry." Anna sighed.

At the end, the girls gathered inside my daughter's room, and when Rose decided to go back home, I called my daughter to explain her things more clearly while her friends were logged-in on Arcadia.

We explained her how things were interconnected, starting from the Demon King of Miasma's powers, and how he caused the beginning of the Awakening in our world.

"So that event, those portals back then... They weren't just some fancy cinematic?!" My daughter was taken aback. "D-Damn... So the Demon King of Death... Those Dungeons?"

"Yep, all him." I sighed. "Because I inherited Yggdrasil's legacy, I am kind of... a protector now, it has become my duty to get rid of him and stuff."

"Wow... Mom you're so awesome... You've been doing all of this in secret, saving our lives and everything..." My daughter was surprised, she could barely muster her words. "Agh, I wish I could brag about it."

"I'm... doing what I can. I can't give you any fancy speech about why I'm doing things except that... It's because I love this world and the other world too. And all of its people." I smiled. "I'm glad you recognizing my efforts, but you shouldn't feel forced to help me."

"Nah, that's the least I should do..." She said. "A-At the very least for self-defense, right? Like you did with Jenny! Come on, that girl at the mini market got it too!"

"Fine, we had already decided to make you a magic circle, so come with us and stay still over there." I led her to my room where the magic circle was already set on the floor using a variety of materials.

The process was swift with the aid of the Great Spirit, a magic circle was engraved on my daughter's heart, as several runes made her body overflow with magic power.

And then, suddenly... her skin turned blue and two tiny black horns grew in her forehead, as her eyes shone bright red!

"H-Huh?!"

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Chapter 666: Elena's Special Magic

As Elena acquired her new Magic Circle, a lot of crazy things happened at the same time, more than we could had thought possible. Originally, we always thought that these things were straightforward, you get an element and spells for that element and that's it.

But Magic Circles aren't just that, thanks to my ability to create a connection between the Magic Circle and the user's "other self", their Avatar from Arcadia, their abilities from that world can be inherited to an extent.

And it seemed that with Elena, such a thing was even greater, as she had an unnaturally strong connection with her Arcadia's Avatar, something I finally realized as I saw her body temporarily transform, gaining a few of her Avatar's traits.

Of course, the Voice of the World made this very clear too.

[You have awakened a [Magic Circle (Tier 1: Rank 6)] within [Elena]'s Heart!]

[The [Dark Abyss Sword Magic Circle] has gained 600 Darkness Runes!]

[The [Magic Circle] has acquired the following Engraved Spells: [Summon Darkness Swords], [Mana Slash], [Phantom Blade], [Blue Oni Demoness Transformation], [Pseudo Sword Ki Aura]!]

"W-What with my appearance?! I became like my Avatar in BNLO?! There's no way this is real..." My daughter was shaken, even her height had increased a lot, and she had developed a few muscles.

This magic somehow worked as a kind of Physique as well. It had a transformation Spell included within her Magic Circle, and the rest of her abilities weren't like Rita's at all, even if they had the same Darkness Element.

"C-Calm down honey." I gently patted her shoulders, which had grown almost twice as large. "Breathe and relax."

"A-Alright..." She slowly closed her eyes and concentrated, her body slowly started to go back to normal, emanating an aura of rich Mana.

"Phew... Ah, I'm back to normal." She sighed in relief, glancing at her own hands and the rest of her body. "Was that... my ability?"

"Something like that, we call that an Engraved Spell, the more runes you have inside your magic circle, the more spells you can have, and the stronger they become." I explained. "Usually we all begin at Tier 1, Rank 1, but you're so talented you're Rank 6 out of Tier 1... And you got a lot of spells too, check them."

I showed her a paper where I had written everything the World's Voice had whispered to me. My daughter was surprised because the Spells were like her in-game Skills.

"This is awesome..." She was amazed. "But- Ugh, my stomach hurts... And my head too..."

She felt sickly right away, that transformation drained mostly all her Mana in one go, and now she was experiencing Mana Sickness, which happens when you overuse Mana and exhaust it all in one go.

"There, there."

I comforted her while she rested on my bed, and then she suddenly fell asleep. I guess we'll have to leave the magic practice for later, she's exhausted.

"Incredible, your daughter seems to be the most talented out of all of us so far." Mark said. "And her spells are surely unique. I assume it allows her to exert a fraction of her Avatar's powers. DarkReaper is one of the strongest Sword Users in BNLO after all, so even a fraction is a lot."

"Wait, what? She can make up swords? Darkness and Phantom Swords? That's cheating! I only get some bullets..." Rita seemed a bit jealous of my daughter.

"She can also transform into a Blue Oni despite not having a Physique related to it yet, impressive indeed." Lily nodded. "But I guess it makes sense, seeing how our powers also are derived from our in-game Avatars!"

"Indeed." I nodded. "What do you think?" I asked the Great Spirit.

The Great Spirit floated around Elena, analyzing her with her sharp green eyes while nodding, and then flew back to me.

"She's alright, don't worry. She'll get better soon. However, to get used to her spells, she has to exercise quite a lot, she's not in the best form. I think she felt so exhausted because her transformation forces her body to get all... you know, swollen and big." The Great Spirit explained. "She couldn't take it, so she ended too tired. Bring her to the gym from now on at the very least."

"Ah, sure... Is that it?" I asked. "I feel like she's a bit special."

"Well... I guess!" She sighed, crossing her small wood-made arms. "Her connection with her In-game Avatar is incredibly strong, and when you gave her a Magic Circle and made this connection an ethereal bond, she gained a lot more of her Avatar's powers than usual. It's all about the mind, you see. She has a really strong emotional connection, to the point she believed her Avatar was just herself even before learning that Arcadia was not just a video game."

"T-That's the power of chunni for you." Mark laughed a bit.

"I-I guess she really liked her Avatar, huh?" Rita contained her impulse to laugh at my daughter.

"Heheh, that's a bit cute." Lily giggled.

"Hey now! That thought process is what gave her this much power, so don't be like that..." I reprimanded them. "Anyways... Let's bring her back to her room."

While her friends were logged-in BNLO, I gently placed my daughter over her bed to let her sleep, leaving a note in her phone saying that we also would go to Arcadia for the time being.

With that done, and after Rita and Lily got back home, we logged in. Mark said that if he was being annoying, that he could go back home, but honestly I like if he's around, so I let him stay for the time being.

Logging-in at the same time as him in the same room is a bit romantic... Maybe.

Once I opened my eyes again, I found myself in the Forest of Beginnings, inside of my Mushroom Castle, sitting above the wooden throne.

"Alright then, now that we're done with that, what should we do?" I wondered, only to be surprised by a sudden System Window popping up.

[A New Update Patch has been added to the Game. The [Invaders of the Underworld] Season has begun!]

[Warning! A [Underworld's Gate] and two [Nether Portals] have spawned outside of your Territory!]

Wait, what?!

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Chapter 667: A New Update Patch!

Just as I logged-in, I wasn't even able to catch a break, as several notifications appeared in front of my face one after another!

Ding!

[A New Update Patch has been added to the Game. The [Invaders of the Underworld] Season has begun!]

[This new Season brings the might of the slowly awakening Demon King of Death, Thanatos!]

[As the Demon King slowly gathers the strength for his resurrection, [Underworld Gates] and [Nether Portals] will spawn all across the World's Map!]

[Undead of all Levels and Types will begin invading areas, changing the terrain into deadly Nether and Miasmic Terrains. They especially fancy areas with large populations of NPC, such as cities.]

[The [Nether Portals] vary from Levels 10 to 100, while [Underworld Gates] spawn Undead from Level 110 to 300!]

[While Portals only spawn monsters and then a Boss, which once defeated will make the Portal disappear, [Underworld Gates] are considered Mini Dungeons, and contain their own internal structures, with powerful Bosses inside that must be defeated for the Gates to close.]

[But it's not all bad! All Event Monsters will drop special, event-only items, while also having increased Drop Rates of +25%, and increased Gold and EXP by +50%!]

[Unique Event-only Armor Sets, Accessories, Weapons, Upgrade Materials, and more can be obtained through this Event from the Undead's Dropped Items!]

[There's even the rumor of Special Mythic Grade Equipment dropping from the Gate and Portal Bosses...]

[Additionally, dozens of new Event-only NPC have spawned across the entire World, with Quests ready for you to accomplish and gain additional points.]

[A new Event-only Currency has also been added, the [Nether Coins], which can be obtained only by completing Quests from the Event NPC.]

[You can exchange [Nether Coins] for a variety of items and equipment in the Themed Shops, now located in most Cities across the World's Map.]

[What are you waiting for? Adventure awaits! Will you protect the Realm of the Living from the Evil Demon King of Death? It's only up to you now!]

The stream of messages ended with a big video, showing a gigantic skeleton in the depths of the Underworld, both of his eyes glowing with bright blue phantasmal flames, laughing evilly.

"The World of the Living... It shall be mine."

And it ended as it all faded into black, showing the logo of Nexus Corporations, the company behind BNLO... The mysterious company I have yet to even begin tracking.

"Mark did you see that?" I asked, as Mark had just appeared at my side.

"Y-Yeah..." He was waving his hand and trying to move away all the notifications. "Is this really an update? Why would they do this? Is this to make the player base stronger? But wouldn't this also strengthen the Demon King by expanding his territory?!"

"I-I have no idea." I sighed. "But it seems to be something we can at least take some advantage of... Maybe."

"Heeey! What's up!" Rita came running to the throne, sitting over her giant spider familiar. "There's a new update! Should we go kill some zombies?"

"I just saw it too." Lily joined her as well. "I wonder if Jenny's going to log-in today?"

"She's probably busy working." Mark said. "Can't blame her. For now, we should-"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

However, out of nowhere, several red notifications appeared around all of us, shocking us out of our calmness, the sound of the notification, which was a small dinging sound, became extremely loud as well.

DING!

[Warning! A [Underworld's Gate] and two [Nether Portals] have spawned outside of your Territory!

[Undead of all Levels have begun appearing across your Territory.]

[Two Nether Portal Bosses have spawned, leading the armies.]

[The Underworld's Gate Boss is beginning to send his Elite Troops outside of his Dungeon.]

[A horde of over one thousand Undead have quickly gathered, surrounding your entire Territory!]

"Wait, we're being attacked already?!" Rita cried in surprise. "This is bad!"

"We have to hurry!" Lily panicked.

"Yeah, I guess there's no helping it." I sighed. "From one problem to the next. Well, at the very least we did rest quite a bit."

"Wait, there's something else..." Mark pointed at the System Notification with his huge wooden arm.

Ding!

[The Forest of Beginnings is in grave danger!]

[A New [Emergency Event Quest] has been generated: [Protect the Forest of Beginning and Yggdrasil!]

[The Demon King of Death, Thanatos, has not given up on his desire to relinquish Yggdrasil from the face of Arcadia, his loathing hate against her only growing larger with every single day that passes before his Resurrection!]

[On a fit of rage, he has sent three Undead Hordes towards the Forest of Beginnings, emerging from two Nether Portals and one Underworld Gate!]

[Defeat all the Undead invading the territory and protect the [Heart of Life] from being corrupted by the forces of Death!]

[Based in how many Undead you defeat; you will receive several rewards.]

[Quest Completion Rewards: [EXP] [Gold] [Event-only Items] [Nether Coins]

"A quest?!"

It felt way too convenient that all of this was happening one after another. I can't tell if the System is trying to screw me over or helping me...

"Well... This is certainly convenient. I am sure everyone in the whole Territory got the same thing. Time to mobilize all the troops we've been building so far!"

At the same time as this happened, I suddenly got a report from my Watchtower, a mental input that reached my head telling me that there was a huge army of undead rushing in.

I can tell!

We moved outside the castle as fast as possible, not everyone was catching up on what was happening yet, some were confused and others weren't paying attention.

After all, because they were "NPC" they couldn't get Quests like Players, aside from the ones that already got Player Titles, or were highly sensitive to the Nether the Undead emanated.

"[Spiritual Stone Walls], activate [Spiritual Empowerment]! Use the accumulated Mana to reinforce your defenses and hold off the army from entering!"

I gave a command to my living Spiritual Stone Walls, as I immediately felt their Spiritual Aura erupting with great power.

FLAAAASH!

Good thing I built a wall...

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Chapter 668: An Invasion Of Undead!

Through the Watchtower, I was able to see what was happening, the large quantities of Mana accumulated in the Spiritual Stone Walls started to be absorbed all at once, as the walls strengthened themselves to their limits, while generating a magical barrier surrounding the entire Forest of Beginnings all at once!

The thousands of Undead attacking the wall were seeing their attacks being completely useless, as Physical and Magical Defenses have been increased by +1000% in the walls as long as they had Mana to use. Even powerful Magic Attacks from Lich-type Undead were being futile, for not, that's it.

The moment we stepped outside, our friends all arrived at once, Acorn and several other Squirrel-kins assembled in front of us, alongside Nieve and Florie, led by Queen Titania. The Mushroom Brigade Members also arrived, leading their army of soldiers, from squirrel-kin, to Brownies, Gnomes, and even other Myconid, which they had been training using the Mushroom Castle's Special Training Grounds area.

The Ents were already in the outer areas of the Forest, assembling themselves there, but I could hear the voice of the Ent King saying that they were ready to go into battle whenever I gave them the signal.

My Familiars also assembled all in here, ready for battle, and quite hungry for some new challenge, they had yet to reach Max Level, but they were getting closer. Unlike players, familiars seem to have much higher EXP requirements after reaching certain types of rarities or grades.

"Let's go!" I roared, leading my Army as we moved rapidly across the forest. There was little time for explanations, and mostly everyone already guessed what was happening anyways.

"There's no need for explanations, we all kind of guessed what's going on! I've brought with me my strongest knights, led by Nieve." Queen Titania said. "There's also the Golems that are led by Florie alongside several Magicians. I'll lead the Fairies, so don't worry about them!"

"Thank you, Titania!" I said in relief. "You're a real help!"

"Of course, this is also my territory, we have to protect our home together!" Titania smiled, flying across the skies as countless magic circles emerged around her.

She had recovered a lot of her former magical powers since then. I've heard she had been training by hunting monsters and also using Mana Breathing Techniques, a way that the people used to grow stronger before using the System's leveling powers, which even NPC have now.

"Lady Planta! My kin also wants to fight! We've all been trained quite well thanks to Sir Sporegon! They're also quite good alchemist, so they're bringing their bombs and potions!" Acorn said, leading his army of over sixty Squirrel-kins. "We're not the strongest out there, in fact, we've always been quite weak... But that doesn't mean we can't help on our own way!"

"Don't worry, Acorn, my Titles and Skills should increase everyone's Stats by a lot." I reassured him. "Just keep them out of imminent danger. I'm leaving that role to you as my General!"

"G-General?!" Acorn was shaken. "Y-Yes! Of course! I'll do my best, Lady Planta!" He began wagging his tail happily.

"Milady, our troops have been assembled! Armor and Weapons made by you and your Spirits have also been distributed accordingly to the plans we've thought about before." Sporegon roared. "The entire Mushroom Brigade is assembling with us as well; we shall strike at once whenever the enemy emerges!"

"Well done, Sporegon! I can feel everyone gained a lot of Levels and Skills thanks to your Training! That Order I gave using Community Points was really useful! I'll leave the task of leading them to you, one of my Generals." I reassured him.

"Thank you so much! I shall not disappoint you, milady!" He roared, unsheathing his Spirit-enchanted Sword I had created for him. I had mass-produced a lot of equipment using available materials a few days ago, using my own wood as well as dragon scales and spirits.

The armies emerged out into the open as we reached the end of the Forest and reached the beautiful green plains surrounding us, the army of the Ents joined us just as we spoke.

"Queen Titania, Lady Planta! We're here to fight! How shall we do things? The walls cover everything... Should we move outside? If we open the walls, they'll get inside instead!" The Ent King seemed troubled. "We could move outside through the usage of the underground, as roots! But..."

"Don't worry about it, I've already thought about how to do this." I smiled, quickly gathering my Mana, and spreading it around everywhere, a wave of rainbow spiritual light emanated from my surroundings.

"[Land Spirit Call]! [Sky Spirit Call]! [Spirit Fusion]!"

TRUUUUMM...!

The ground below us suddenly started lifting off the floor, until it completely separated, becoming a gigantic piece of floating land where we were all on top!

"I'll call this [Sky Island Creation] for short."

The combination of Land Spirits and Sky Spirits allowed me to easily lift off a huge piece of land off the ground and make it float with ease, as long as I had the Spiritual Energy and Mana to supply the creation of such a thing.

"I-Incredible, Lady Planta's magic is god-like!" Acorn said.

"I never thought you would do something like this, hahaha, but I should had guessed." Titania found it hilarious.

"S-So cool!" Florie cried, she seemed slightly scared of heights.

"Now, let's do this!" I roared, as the Mini Sky Island brought us outside the Forest of Beginnings, quickly landing above a hundred Undead and crushing them into smithereens in the process!

BAAAAAAMMMM!!!

"Gryyyaargh!"

"Gruuaagh!"

"Greehhh...!"

Countless of screams greeted our eardrums the moment we descended from above, as our army of over three hundred warriors quickly started moving, led by their brave leaders as they roared words of inspiration and bravery.

The Ent King and his children started their massacre almost instantly, as the hugest and meanest of our members, their gigantic bodies were complete powerhouses, massacring dozens of Undead with each swing of their gigantic wooden arms and weapons.

I quickly told the Assistant Spirit to film all of this with as much detail as possible, as several Drones appeared by his command, beginning to film this huge horde of Undead getting completely massacred.

This'll make good content for my channel! Thanks a lot, Thanatos!

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Chapter 669: Changing Class And Subclass!

FLAAAASH!

The Watchtower wasn't just a Watchtower, as it quickly loaded with its accumulated Mana, beginning to shoot down powerful Rays of Destruction made of Spiritual Energy from its eye-shaped ceiling.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

Several explosions spread across the Undead-filled battlefield, the powerful Spiritual Beams from the living Watchtower vaporizing all low-level Undead they touched, while killing a few of the high-level ones and weakening the rest.

Alongside the charge of the Ent King and his army of Ents, the Fairies started attacking with magic, remaining behind the golems, which were also piloted by them. The golems, large and sturdy, reinforced with the Mithril we got from the Dwarf Mountains, easily overpowered most mob Undead.

Magic Missiles, Fireballs, Icicle Spears, Light Beams, Spiraling Water Spears, and more elemental spells were conjured by all the Magician Fairies, led by their Queen who summoned two huge hands made of pink and purple spiritual energy.

"[Spirit Queen's Palms]!"

Using the gigantic hands, she crushed Undead with ease, dozens after dozens of these undying monsters perished quickly, Titania's magical might after having recovered a part of it were already amazing.

BAAAM! BAAAM! BAAAM! BAAAM!

"Everyone, I know you can do this!"

Florie in the other side was unleashing a bright, pink-colored Aura, right at the side of the Queen of Fairies, as the Fairy Princess her special magical powers activated, increasing everyone's magical power and their stats, alongside increasing the Mana Recovery Speed greatly.

FLAAAAASH!

Below the comforting veil of magic that Florie conjured, Sporegon led the army he had built on this time, they mostly wielded swords and spears, and varied from Brownies, Gnomes, some Squirrel-kin, and several Myconid as well.

Thanks to the Spirit-enchanted weapons and armor, each of their attacks unleashed elemental explosions as long as they supplied the weapons with Mana, increasing their range of attack and firepower.

We had landed right in front of the army, behind us were the walls, this made it so it was not possible for the Undead to surround us easily, and ended being forced to fight us head-on, giving us a great advantage.

Mark and Lily were the first of my friends to step in, utilizing their huge bulk and larger transformations to instantly swept the floor with the monsters in front of us. Mark's Phoenix Flames devastated most Undead, even Level 120 Undead could not even face him head-on, instantly exploding into smithereens.

Lily's huge size and weight easily crushed those that tried to get in our way, and her massive hammer devastated the battlefield most of the time, generating huge earthquakes that opened up large holes where the Undead fell off, only to get impaled by Crystal Spears growing on the bottom.

Rita stayed by my side, absorbing the Malice overflowing from the Undead and repurposing it through her Malice Orbs to generate a Shadow Domain that swallowed any Undead that stepped in, crushing them with countless Shadow Tentacles... And when that didn't work, she blasted them with beams.

She also had her Underworld's Gate Spell, which we guessed wouldn't do much damage to Undead already coming from an Underworld's Gate... So she instead used her new Magic as a Draconian Dark Elf...

"[Malice Abyssal Darkness Magic]: [Shadow Void Dragon's Breath]"

Her eyes glowing redder as she summoned a huge magic circle that created the gigantic head of a dragon made of pure darkness, opening its jaws, and unleashing a devastating breath attack!

TRUUUUUUMMMM...!

The powerful beam of darkness and void impacted the Undead army, as Beast Skeletons, Zombies, and Flying Death Wyverns ended being vaporized as the beam pierced through their numbers with ease...

And as for me, I was calmly changing my Job Class and Subclass, as I had already evolved and I could Rank Up at any time after completing the Rank Up Quest in the Dwarf Kingdom.

[Current Job Class]: [Yggdrasil's Spirit Farmer]

[Available Job Classes]

[Great Dragon Tamer (Mythic)]

[Spiritual Dragon Gardener (Mythic)]

[Yggdragon's Spirit Farmer (Mythic+)]

The available Job Classes were branched out versions of previously available ones, although slightly changed now, as everything acquired the "Dragon" Element, it was quite annoying, and it felt a bit forced, but at the end, I decided to continue walking on my path as a Farmer.

Ding!

[You've selected the Mythic+ Grade Job Class: [Yggdragon's Spirit Farmer]!]

Done with that, now into Subclasses!

[Current Subclass]: [Spiritual Chef Alchemist]

[Available Subclasses]

[World Shaper (Mythic)]

[Great Spiritual Chef Alchemist (Mythic+)]

[Hephaestus' Successor (Mythic++)]

And this time, the answers weren't as obvious as before! All three of the Subclasses available had strange and much different descriptions this time around, and their names were also different.

World Shaper specialized into the shaping of the world around me, helping me build all sorts of things with it, and change my surroundings appearances.

Great Spiritual Chef Alchemist was the same as the one I already had, but better!

And lastly... Hephaestus' Successor came out of absolutely nowhere. The description said that its requirements to unlock were to "Forge or Replicate a Heroic Weapon".

And that's what I did, didn't I? With Gram...

Not only once, but twice!

Although I want to keep improving on my cooking and chef stuff, I think it wouldn't hurt if I choose this much epic-sounding Subclass for a change, right?

Let's try something new for once!

Ding!

[You've selected the Mythic++ Grade Job Class: [Hephaestus' Successor]!]

The moment I selected the Subclass, I felt a strange fiery wave of power coursing through my body, it felt almost the same as when I evolved into the Yggdragon.

It felt as if somebody ancient transferred a part of their knowledge and powers into my body. I don't remember any God in Arcadia named Hephaestus though.

But I am fairly sure that the God of Smithing in Greek Mythology had that name.

Ding!

[Your Job Class and Subclass have Ranked Up to [Yggdragon's Spirit Farmer] and [Hephaestus' Successor]!]

[All your Stats have increased by +100!]

[The [Divine Draconic Heart: Lv1] Skill has Leveled Up!]

[The [Yggdrasil's Spirit Agriculture: Lv6] Skill has evolved into [Yggdragon's Spirit Agriculture: Lv7]!]

[The [All Trades: Lv6] Skill has Leveled Up!]

[The [Crafting: Lv10 (Max Level)] Skill has evolved into [Hephaestus' Blacksmithing: Lv1]!]

[You gained the Title [Hephaestus' Only Successor]!]

[An incredible feat! DEX has increased by +500!]

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Ding!

[Your Job Class and Subclass have Ranked Up to [Yggdragon's Spirit Farmer] and [Hephaestus' Successor]!]

[All your Stats have increased by +100!]

[The [Divine Draconic Heart: Lv1] Skill has Leveled Up!]

[The [Yggdrasil's Spirit Agriculture: Lv6] Skill has evolved into [Yggdragon's Spirit Agriculture: Lv7]!]

[The [All Trades: Lv6] Skill has Leveled Up!]

[The [Crafting: Lv10 (Max Level)] Skill has evolved into [Hephaestus' Blacksmithing: Lv1]!]

[You gained the Title [Hephaestus' Only Successor]!]

[An incredible feat! DEX has increased by +500!]

[Hephaestus' Only Successor]

Acquisition Conditions: Change Subclass to [Hephaestus' Successor].

Equip Bonus: +500 DEX, Created Item Quality Boost +250%, Item Creation Super Success Rate +50%, Hephaestus Flames Summoning Ability, Hephaestus' Legacy Inheriting Rights.

A Title bestowed to the one and only successor of the Ancient God of Blacksmithing, Hephaestus. Before his death by the hands of the ~~###mon K###g of Des####io#~~ in the [Forgotten Era], he gathered his last knowledge, soul, and powers, imbuing them into the depths of the [Fate Matrix].

Whoever that could manage to replicate or create a Heroic Weapon by themselves would inherit his powers, and his legacy. This Title triggers the creation of new Quests related with Hephaestus Legacy. All Bonuses are active at all times.

[Because you've become Hephaestus' Only Successor, new Quests have been generated across the world. Seek the Blacksmithing God's legacy by finding what he had left behind!]

[New Special Areas known as [Hephaestus' Ancient Forgeries] have been Unsealed. You can find them by navigating through the [World Map]!]

[The weakened [Divine Will of Hephaestus] has yet to fully wake up. Whenever you create new pieces of equipment and weapons, he will gain a part of the leftover energy, until he can fully wake up.]

This is incredible, it almost feels unfair for all those Blacksmith Players that had been working hard to get a stronger class, I might have gotten the best in the whole Arcadia now...

I guess I can check this in more detail later, I should get moving now!

Ah right, might as well learn some new Skills!

Ding!

[You have exchanged 100 Skill Points, you learned the [Dragon Spirit Summon: Lv0] Skill!]

[Four Great Dragon Spirits dwelling within your [Dragon Heart] have answered your call!]

"Come out now, you guys!"

FLAAASH! FLAAASH! FLAAASH! FLAAASH!

All four Great Dragon Spirits emerged one after another from my body. They were the very Great Dragons we had defeated back in the Dwarf Kingdom's Mountain. The four Great Dragons that were

killed and enslaved as Undead by Fafnir, now having made a contract through their bare souls with my own Dragon Heart, turning into Dragon Spirits as a result.

Ding!

[The [Blue Dragon King] Spirit has manifested himself!]

[The [Red Dragon Queen] Spirit has manifested herself!]

[The [Venomous Viper Drake Queen] Spirit has manifested herself!]

[The [Great Cave Drake King] Spirit has manifested himself!]

Four gigantic Dragon Spirits emerged, landing on the battlefield with huge elemental explosions! Although they lacked physical bodies, their ethereal spiritual souls were more than enough to bring utter destruction to our enemies.

"Alright, finally, we can come out easily now!" Roared the Blue Dragon King. "Take this!"

The furious Dark-Attribute Dragon swung his gigantic claws, slashing through the Undead Army and cutting down over thirty Undead with a single swipe of his deadly nails.

SLAAAAASH! SLAAAAASH!

"We won't let you invade the forest where our children are growing!" The Red Dragon Queen roared. "Burn, you pathetic servants of Death!"

She opened her enormous blazing maws, releasing a devastating, explosive wave of flames, the Undead were incapable of resisting, burning into ashes.

FLUOOOOSH! BOOOO-MM!!

"Yeah, what she said." The Cave Drake King was a man of little words, quickly getting inside of his huge turtle-like shell and beginning to spin across the battlefield, decimating the Undead one after another.

CRASH! CRASH! CRAAASH!

"I am not as strong as I was with my body, but surely, this strength is more than enough to go against mere walking corpses." The Viper Drake Queen laughed mischievously. "PERISH!"

With a furious snake-like hiss, the Queen of Viper Drakes moved her long snake-like body around, crushing the Undead with her size alone, and then letting out a deadly, acidic venom, which melted the Undead that dared to get any closer.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"S-Such power... And they're just Spirits?! How come she can conjure such power?!" I heard a few Undead talking in the back, they were the smarter Liches, who were guiding and controlling the rest of the mindless skeletons and zombies.

"Our King did said she was deadly, but this speed at responding to our invasion... And that damned wall, it just doesn't break even with the Breath of the Wyverns!" Cried another.

"We can't retreat, we've come here to at least deal some damage to her so she can weaken, even if a little bit, our sacrifice will be worth it! Everything for our King!" A third said.

"You sure are dedicated!"

FLAAASH!

In a single second, I flew towards them using my Replica Fairy Wings, while holding onto Gram with both hands, imbuing the sword and my body with a powerful Heroic Sword Aura!

Ding!

[You have activated the [Heroic Sword Aura], All Stats have increased by +110%, Damage Dealt has Increased by +55%, and Damage Taken has Decreased by -55% for 15 Minutes.]

"Huh?! Yggdrasil?!"

"How did she move so fast?!"

"Stupid! Attack her!"

The Level 130 Liches all pointed their staffs at me, unleashing a wave of Phantasmal Flames, Darkness Bullets, and Fireballs that could wipe out small town on their own.

As the attacks came towards me, I reached the floor, and moved my entire body rhythmically while changing my stance, through the Level 2 [Heroic Legendary Sword Arts] Technique [Heroic Swordsmanship's Footwork]!

Ding!

[The Effects of the [Heroic Swordsmanship's Footwork] Technique have been activated, AGI and DEX have increased by +200%!]

With the speed boost, I rushed in front of them and swung Gram vertically, rising its blade into the skies, as a burst of spiritual energy and light emerged from within!

"[Holy Ascent]!"

SLAAAAAASSSSH!!!

A slash of pure divine light pierced the Liches magic spells, blocking them before they could reach my body, as the slash of light continued its trajectory, slicing the three powerful Level 120 Monsters all at once, followed by three huge explosions of light.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

These Swordsmanship Techniques are just amazing!