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Chapter 671: Destroying The Invaders

While maintaining a specific set of footwork while holding a heroic sword, it is possible to enhance my DEX and AGI by +200%! It was an amazing new technique that I acquired after the Skill reached Level 2.

However, its effects ended the very moment I stopped doing that specific footwork movements. Nonetheless, it was a very useful buff to enhance my precision and movement speed whenever I truly needed.

And lastly, Holy Ascent was a very powerful long-ranged sword attack that unleashed a wave of divine light, it was specifically made to slay large quantities of monsters at once, but it sufficed well enough to slay those three Level 130 Liches.

Thanks to the buffs I acquire while being in my Forest, or near it, my stats have skyrocketed to the five digits, so my attack power might be comparable to a min-maxed berserk at around Level 200...

It has many conditions, and once I step out of my forest, those buffs become much smaller because I need to expand the terrain and all, but yeah, it's pretty broken, isn't it?

"Graaaahhh!"

The army of Undead noticed their three lich leaders perishing and immediately set their empty eyes into me, rushing towards me as fast as they could.

Their levels varied from Level 80 to Level 150, but they were still "mob" monsters, that weren't exactly sub-bosses, or bosses, their stats were much lower than the liches.

Well, even the liches died in one hit...

"[Divine Sword Slash]! [Holy Ascent]!"

I greeted the incoming Undead by transforming my Gaia's All-Purpose Tool into a Second Sword, and swung both of them at the same time, unleashing a devastating storm of slicing light slashes.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! BOOOOMMM!!!

The monsters were blown off into pieces, the Undead instantly turned into ashes, even the Level 150 Bone Beasts, which there were dozens, couldn't take more than two hits before breaking apart.

My Avatar's strength is just in a completely different level compared to my IRL body after all, did Thanatos really thought he could even stop me as long as I was in my territory?

At this point, this feels like just an EXP fest for me and all my friends and subjects, everyone in my Kingdom's going to level up like crazy.

And because my terrain keeps expanding, fused with other Skills, their health points and mana points recover rapidly, and they're even being protected by mighty spirit barriers.

"Well, let's try this one as well..."

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...]

"Graaaah!"

"Gruoohh!"

"Raaaahh!"

A mass of Undead Zombies, Skeletons, and Bone Beasts rushed towards me, beginning to hit the barrier surrounding me, which glowed with a rainbow, reflective light.

Ding!

[The [Mad Skeleton Warrior: Lv147] has dealt 2634 Damage to your Barrier!]

[You have recovered 1243 HP and MP.]

[The [Bone Beast: Lv150] has dealt 3123 Damage to your Barrier!]

[You have recovered 2003 HP and MP.]

[The [Poisonous Zombie: Lv122] has dealt 1938 Damage to your Barrier!]

[You have recovered 954 HP and MP.]

[...]

My HP and MP kept regenerating endlessly as their damage turned into energy to fuel my Skills. At the same time, another Skill kept spreading spiritual grass, flowers, and trees everywhere.

Ding!

[The effects of the [Yggdryad's Divine Spiritual Presence: Lv10 (Fused Skill)] have been activated, by consuming 100 MP per second, [Spiritual Forest Tiles] will be created alongside the [Spirit Farm Terrain]!]

[Your [Spiritual Forest Tiles] are overtaking the [Poisonous Nether Tiles] spread by the Undead.]

[Spiritual Energy and Mana is constantly surging from the Tiles, restoring your Health, Mana, and Spiritual Energy!]

[Several Skills are further boosting you and your allies Stats!]

[Because their [Poisonous Nether Tiles] have been overtaken, the Undead Army is growing weaker! All their Stats decrease dramatically as they step into your Spirit Forest Tiles, or related Tiles and Terrain.]

"Graaah?!"

"Gryyaah!"

"Gruoohhh...!"

The Undead started falling to their knees one after another as they tried to step into our terrain, their stats dramatically decreasing the moment they touched the Spiritual Energy. This was working wonderfully!

I kept standing still as I spread out my Terrain and the Tiles containing them, while calling over the Spirit Ranch and opening a portal where many more Spirits emerged, which quickly started to retaliate, manifesting into colorful firework-like explosions of elemental magic.

Giant Sun Flares, Slicing Wind Tornadoes, Overwhelming Tsunamis, and Giant Stone Hands crushed and devastated the Undead Army, that kept pouring out of their portals endlessly.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

"RAAAAHHH! YOU DAMNED YGGDRASIL!"

And one of the Bosses from the two Nether Portals finally stepped in, immediately directing his rage against me. His size was tremendous, above thirty meters of height, resembling a Cyclops, but zombified, and wearing an armor of black bones.

Ding!

[The [Nether Portal Boss]: [Mad Zombie Cyclops Warrior: Lv100] has stepped out to battle you!]

[His presence among the Undead troops increase their Stats by +100%, and while he's surrounded by his army, his Stats increase by +200%!]

"DIE!"

He swung a gigantic black axe against me several times, clashing against my transparent barrier and letting out several sparks of black electricity. The moment he appeared the rest of the army went insane, despite his rather low level.

Boss-type Monsters are always much stronger than normal ones, even if they're Level 100, they could be comparable to a normal monster at Level 200, or something. Well, not like it would make much of a difference, even with all those stats.

CRASH! CRASH! CRAAASH!

Ding!

[The [Mad Zombie Cyclops Warrior: Lv100] has dealt 5473 Damage to your Barrier!]

[You have recovered 2357 HP and MP.]

[The [Mad Zombie Cyclops Warrior: Lv100] has dealt 5284 Damage to your Barrier!]

[You have recovered 2122 HP and MP.]

[The [Mad Zombie Cyclops Warrior: Lv100] has dealt 5135 Damage to your Barrier!]

[You have recovered 2093 HP and MP.]

[...]

"W-Why am I not doing any damage?!" The boss suddenly glanced at his own axe, thinking there was something wrong with it.

"Well, I should get over with you." My two weapons glowed brightly, as I combined both my Heroic Swordsmanship with Spirit Farming Tool Mastery.

"Goodbye."

"Huh?!"

CRAAAASSSSHHH!!!

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Chapter 672: And They Keep Coming!

Gram glowed with Spiritual and Holy Light, while the Gaia's All-Purpose Tool, shaped like a sword, gathered the power of several Spirits at once, one of the passive effects of the Spiritual Farming Tool Mastery Skill!

"[Divine Sword Slash]! [Elemental Spiritual Attack]!"

With both swords at once, a huge slicing wave of light and spiritual energy impacted the cyclops before he could even understand what was happening, his entire body being sliced apart into two perfect halves, which quickly exploded right after.

SLAAAAAAASSSSH!

"W-Wha ... ?! Urgh?! AAARRGGHH ...!"

BOOOOMMM! BOOOOMMM!

His body dissipated into particles of light, as I smiled at the dropped items that quickly flew inside of my Inventory, including a lot of those Nether Coins, the new Event-only currency.

Normal Undead barely dropped those, I think I killed over fifty and I only got less than ten, but this boss immediately dropped almost a hundred!

Ding!

[You have defeated the [Nether Portal Boss]! The Portal has closed permanently.]

FLUOOSH!

The portal instantly closed, as if it had been never there to begin with. The Undead pouring out of it also stopped coming, but those that already were outside stayed, rushing toward me to avenge their Boss.

"Die!"

"You killed our boss!"

"How dare you, a mere tree!"

"A mere tree you say?" I sighed, as a huge dragon claw emerged out of my back, like a third arm, and slashed apart the skeletons and zombies into smithereens. "[Yggdraconic Claw]"

SLAAAAAASSSSH!!! RUMBLE!

The ground right below the attack was fractured, as countless pieces of stone flew into the skies, the attack range wasn't as wide as my weapon attacks, but it sufficed, and it was pretty cool.

My Dragon Spirits kept spreading their damage around the battlefield, keeping things clean around my side, and assisting my other warriors. They also took advantage of the Lesser Spirits appearing everywhere, absorbing them to remain without dissipating.

It was a special ability of Dragon Spirits, they usually don't stay around for longer than five minutes, but if they absorb Spirits, they can stay much longer by increasing their summoning time, and even their magic power goes up a bit.

Like this, I can keep them around indefinitely as long as I supply them with Lesser Spirits to "eat", as rough as that sounds, they just fuse. So, while there's Terrain to produce their food, they're not going anywhere, hehe.

"Woah you sure are a monster!" Laughed the Great Spirit of Harvest. "Hehehe, feeling grateful yet? Without my almighty blessings you would had never achieved this, you know?"

"Yeah, I'm well aware of your help so far, do you have to act cocky about it though?" I sighed.

"Hey come on! The stronger you grow, the more I grow too, so once you get very powerful, I might be able to fully materialize and revive my Great Spirit self!" The Great Spirit laughed.

"Revive? You were dead all along?!" I was surprised.

"N-Not exactly dead, but a big part of me is kind of like... dead, weakened, maybe sealed? I'm not so sure, but part of what happened to this world also affected us Spirits the most. There are also other Great Spirits out there, somewhere, looking for a compatible partner." She said. "Maybe we could find them on our journeys... Who knows."

"Hahaha, for being a know-it-all, you really know little about your kin, huh?" I giggled.

"D-Don't make fun of me!" She complained.

"ROOOAARRHHH!!!"

Suddenly, as my barrier and domain took care of the Undead while I had a chat with the Great Spirit, the Second Boss stepped in, a huge wyvern of over thirty meters, with a decaying body, fleshless wings, and empty eyes flaring with phantom flames of blue color.

Ding!

[The [Nether Portal Boss]: [Wrathful Zombie Wyvern: Lv100] has stepped out to battle you!]

[His presence among the Undead troops increase their Stats by +100%, and while he's surrounded by his army, his Stats increase by +200%!]

Oh, the second Nether Portal Boss finally appeared! And it appeared right in front of Mark and the troops of Ents he's leading alongside the Ent King.

Yep, he's dead.

The Wyvern, that's it.

"Huh? A level 100 wyvern? Seriously?" Mark sighed in disappointment. "I thought it would had been a big shot but..."

His entire body started to grow larger, he was already a giant ten meter blazing Ent with the appearance of an armored knight made of wood, but he grew giant wings, sharp bird-like claws, and a huge beak, immediately growing as big as fifty meters, and this wasn't even his largest form.

"CRAAAAH!"

With a furious eagle-like cry, he descended towards the Wyvern that was letting out a poisonous gas that was weakening the other Ents, clashing against its huge body with his two enormous bird-like claws.

CRAAAASSSHHH...!

"ROOOAARRR...?!"

The Wyvern tried to defend himself, biting Bark's legs and unleashing a barrage of Darkness Spears he conjured in a second, however, Mark tanked them without a care in the world, his claws tore apart the Wyvern's wings so it wouldn't escape.

SLAAAAASH! SLAAAAASH!

"GRYYYAAAARGH...!"

The Wyvern was already screaming in agony, the other Undead glanced the scene in utter disbelief, as Mark's huge phoenix beak flared with spiritual flames and...

BOOOOOMMMM!!!

With a huge explosive strike, blew off the wyvern's neck and its entire head, the rest of its body turning into ashes...

"Hmph, not even worth a warmup..."

Ding!

[Player: Titan] has defeated the [Nether Portal Boss]! The Portal has closed permanently.]

The Ents went euphoric after seeing that scene,

"Oooh! That's our champion!"

"Amazing!"

"Titan's so strong!"

"I never thought one of us could ever achieve such a form before!"

"It is the combination of his Druid Talents, he has permanently fused with the Spiritual Soul of a Phoenix, becoming one himself!" The Ent King admired his disciple.

"Incredible, that's a first for all of us Ents..."

As they praised my boyfriend's awesomeness, I noticed that the Undead army decreased in numbers drastically, with both Nether Portals gone, the only army left is the higher leveled one coming from the Underworld's Gates.

And-

Ding!

[The [Underworld Gates Boss] is furious after you've taken down two bosses so easily!]

[Borrowing some of the power from the Demon King of Death, he has summoned five more [Nether Portals] at the other side of your territory!]

[Hundreds of Undead are quickly coming out of them!]

Are you serious?!

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Chapter 673: Reinforcements Have Arrived!

Although Nether Portal monsters can only be up to Level 100, five of them at once is a bit too much! Well, I can't really complain about "game balance" as my own Avatar is not balanced at all.

But still, it'll take a bit to get over there! Should I tell Mark to go take care of that? But he's leading the Ents, and they're all fighting the Level 150 and above Undead.

And if we don't get inside the Underworld Gate quickly, it'll flood with even higher-level monsters over and over, it's going to get really chaotic.

I'm not really worried about myself or my friends, but everyone else that's not a Player might take a lot of damage, and even with all my buffs... I still can't revive others easily.

But for now, I should probably concentrate on what's going on over there, if I go quickly and-

FLAAAAASSSH!!!

However, before I could take a decision, a huge pillar of light emerged from above the skies, the clouds dissipated to reveal an angelic figure, a woman with long blonde hair and angelic wings.

Her very presence sent a huge pillar of light into the army of Undead at the other side of our territory. I was able to see it all clearly with my Watchtower's abilities.

"We came just in time." She smiled, her eyes glowing with divine light as she summoned a beautiful golden spear, which she charged with as much Mana as she could. "[Valkyrie Spearmanship Arts: Heavenly Strike]!"

TRUUUUMMM...!

She fired the huge spear down into the army of over a thousand Undead, the spear which had grown to the size of over ten meters impacted the ground, impaling a few Undead on the way, before generating a terrific tremor.

A flash of blinding light surged from within the spear, generating a tremendous shockwave that disintegrated all the Undead within the vicinity in a single second, over five hundred of them died on the spot!

BOOOOOMMMMM...!

That's... it's her!

"Well, well, you took half the army already, huh, Angelina? Leave some for us at least!"

An old grandpa wearing regal magician clothes appeared, flying in midair as if he was using some sort of Telekinesis, or a flying magician spell.

He raised his beautiful staff, made out of spiritual wood, and engraved with many magical jewels, as several magic circles of red, green, blue, and yellow color appeared above the many Undead.

"[Multi-Elemental Arch Magic]: [Infernal Meteors]! [Tempestuous Winds]! [Punishing Lightning]! [Almighty Frost]!"

CRACKLE...!

The clouds around him gathered as countless lightning strikes descended, vaporizing the Undead. Giant blazing meteors descended, burning them to ashes. Tempestuous tornadoes engulfed them all. And lastly, an almighty frost consumed everything within a large area.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

It was an incredible showcase of high-level elemental magic, and not only just a single element, but four at the same time, without relying on Spirits at all either! It was just his pure magical power, coming out of his own body.

The one thousand Undead were decimated in a single second, only for hundreds of more to pour out of the Nether Portals, alongside their many bosses, further boosting the Monsters Stats! And there were five of them! The stat stacking was insane.

With those buffs, they were as strong as Level 200 Monsters even at Level 100, if not a bit higher!

However, the angelic lady and the powerful Archmage weren't the only ones that have arrived. A catlike lady with two long pink-colored tails and wing colored hair with cute cat-like ears leaped into action, wearing a cute floral kimono, and lifting a wooden staff decorated with cherry blossom flowers. "Well, well, aren't you guys trying to flood us too much now? Don't get too cocky, nya!" She said angrily, as hundreds of Undead rushed towards her. "[Divine Dance of Fire And Winds]! [Spiritual Bellflower Barrier Domain]! [Ancient Yokai Shrine]!"

Three Skills were activated at once, as her surroundings quickly changed, shaking as a huge bellflower tree popped out of the ground, spreading out a wonderful spiritual barrier that enchanted the Yokai she summoned, increasing their stats.

A shrine had also emerged right below her, lifting her off the ground as she adorably glanced down at her foes, Yokai of all shapes and sizes popping out of the shrine and being further enchanted with her magic.

And while this happened, she started dancing majestically, winds and flames converging together, resembling a tornado of spiritual and mystical energies converging together.

The Yokai, who were all around Level 200, started massacring the Undead, even if their numbers didn't surpass 50, their power was vastly superior.

And her dancing further boosted their power as winds and flames veiled her summons, giving them even stronger elemental attacks while pink-colored fireballs and tornadoes of cherry blossom petals devastated a Nether Portal Boss in a single second.

"Take this, you low-level scrub! NYAAAAH!"

BOOOOOMMM!!!

The huge Skeleton Giant was reduced to smithereens... And that wasn't all, a fourth figure emerged, sitting above a throne of bones while smiling rather deviously.

"Fufu, pathetic! Is this what the Demon King considers Necromancy? These low-level trash can't even compare to my own Undead! Now look what a true Necromancer can do! Rise, my Undying Army! [Great Undead Pandemonium]! [Netherworld Graveyard Domain]! [Phantasmal Empowerment]! Bwahahaha!"

The surroundings changed once more, as just as the Nekomata girl, this Necromancer man erected a huge domain of death, a large temple of death manifested itself, summoning hundreds of skeletons wearing armor and wielding magic weapons.

Graveyards popped out of the ground, summoning many more Undead, roaring furiously, they were Level 200+ Zombies, looking rather normal, but much stronger than our foes, tearing huge skeletons with their bare hands.

And above all, a veil of phantasmal energy protected the Undead from most damage, making them virtually indestructible against these Level 100 "scrubs".

"[Undead Fusion]: [Sword of Death]!"

And he raised his hand while leisurely sitting over his throne, dozens of skeletons merged together in that split of a second, as a huge black sword made of bones flared with phantasmal flames and descended over another Boss resembling a huge salamander, completely destroying it.

CRAAAAASSSSH!!!

Yeah, without a doubt, I can leave this to my Alliance Friends. They came just in the right moment.

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Chapter 674: Confronting The Underworld Gate Boss!

"Who are those guys? Do we know them?!" Rita wondered, rushing to my side.

"You don't remember them? They're four powerful Guild Masters. Looks like in the time they've been absent; they have reached Level 200 already." I laughed. "They've gotten pretty strong!"

"Wait, what? You mean those guys are the nerds from the Alliance?!" Rita gasped. "No way! I thought we had finally gotten to their level and they became even stronger!"

"Naturally, they wouldn't be slacking off, they're very well-known Players, among the top fifty Rankers." Said Mark.

"Well, if they're here, we can leave the work on dealing with incoming Nether Portals to them! We should go to the Underworld Gate and clear that boss, or more portals will keep popping up." Lily said.

"Well, yeah, although the rewards for killing the Portal Bosses are really good, I did read that the limit of how many the boss of a Gate could spawn was five." Mark pointed out. "So there's little point in letting him summon more."

"Nice, let's go then!" I nodded. "Acorn, Nieve, Titania, Ent King, Sporegon, I'm leaving you guys to secure this place. We'll go inside the Underworld Gate!" I said.

"Alright!" Acorn nodded. "Leave the rest to us! ORRAH!"

With his huge Divine Beast form, Acorn crushed several Undead at once with an enormous display of mighty physical prowess, his claws devastating them easily.

"Rest assured, milady."

Despite answering my commands, Nieve's concentration never broke, in her special Frost Fairy Queen Transformation, she covered a large chunk of the battlefield on ever-growing frost, her rapier easily shattering the frozen Undead into countless of pieces.

"Go ahead, Queen of the Forest!"

The Ent King roared, swinging his titanic wooden arms as he used the Golden Lion Axe I had gifted to him from a weapon that the Knight Alliance had dropped after being defeated. He dexterously crushed his foes with almighty strength, despite being very old.

"Leave the healing and buffing to me."

Titania smiled at me, as her Aura kept expanding, countless of butterflies flew around the battlefield, exploding into pink-colored explosions, while leaving a trail of pink energy that healed a bit of Health and restored Mana to our allies.

"Don't worry about us, milady! Our mighty army shall suffice against these monstrous beasts!"

Sporegon and the rest of the Mushroom Brigade massacred the Undead in front of them with smart tactics and formations, while allowing all the newbie warriors and magicians they had trained to get a good amount of EXP as well, helping them with their kills.

"Everyone's so reliable! Let's do this then!"

I quickly jumped over Belle's back, as we rushed into the Underworld Gate, I left the rest of my Familiars with the NPC, so their mighty skills and magic could cover their backs much better than staying with us.

"MEEEEHEEE!"

Belle roared, her body charging with large quantities of electricity as she flew in midair, carrying all of us inside the Underworld Gates, as we landed right in the middle of a huge ruinous-looking castle.

CRAAAASSSH!

"So this is the interior of an Underworld's Gate, it did said it was like a dungeon!" Said Mark, quickly leaping off Belle.

"Look!" Rita panicked, pointing at the end of the huge hall we had landed into.

There was a large throne made of blue stone, and sitting above the throne was a giant made of stone and rotten flesh, half of his face was like that of a zombie, while the other devoid of flesh, a clean skeleton.

His empty eyes glowed with bright blue flames, as he stood up, what barely was left of his long, silvery-white hair moved lightly as he glanced at us with wariness.

"So you've arrived, Yggdrasil, the sworn enemy of my Lord!" He roared, raising his only weapon, a huge silver-colored hammer.

He was wearing leather armor, nothing too fancy or heavy either, but his size was ridiculous, the man was almost a hundred meters tall.

"I've used all my power to summon as many Undead as I could, just so we could completely destroy your pitiful Forest." He smiled maliciously. "I might not be a Death General, but I was known as the mighty Uller! One of the strongest Ancient Giants that once led our army against your detestable and corrupted church!"

"I never led a church; you've got the wrong person." I sighed. "But I'll still take responsibility for what you've provoked, and bring your soul to the afterlife, Uller."

"You might have never participated in such wars, nor seen such horrors, but you still accepted and inherited the powers of a corrupted being such as Yggdrasil! As you said, you must also bear her sins as your responsibility!" Roared Uller.

Ding!

[The [Underworld Gate Boss]: [Ancient Giant Warrior: Uller: Lv 170] has stood up from his throne!]

[His mighty [Giant's Aura] is exuding a powerful force around his body! All of his Physical Strength and Defenses have increased by +200%!]

"Of course, I won't let you fight as you please. This is my domain after all." He spoke, giving us a wicked smile. "And that means that you-"

Before he were to even set whatever rules he wanted, Mark transformed into a giant Phoenix and kicked his face with a tremendous, explosive force.

BAAAAAMMMM...!!!

"GRUAAGH?!"

His head flew off his body, shattering into pieces in that very instant. His body, even without a head, still moved, only hundreds of Spirits to gather around his legs.

"We're not playing by your rules. [Spiritual Explosion]"

"W-Wha ... ?!"

Uller's soul spoke in utter disbelief seconds before countless explosions were to blow off his legs into pieces.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

"Sorry, but we don't have the mood to prolong an event boss fight, haha."

Lily appeared right above his torso, her huge hammer descending and crushing his ribs into pieces, his arms flew off, trying to escape.

"Yeah, sorry not sorry though, fuck you."

Rita materialized two giant snake-like dragons made of Darkness Spirits, using their sharp jaws to capture Uller's arms and devour them...

CRUUUNCH! CRUUUNCH!

"How dare you...! Defile my body like this!"

Uller's soul emerged like a huge, phantasmal beast, only to be greeted by my two swords as I jumped to fight him.

"Goodbye. [Divine Sword Slash]! [Elemental Spiritual Attack]!"

SLAAAAAAASSSSH!

"AAARRGGHH...!"

BOOOOOMMMMM...!

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Chapter 675: Defeating A Boss With Ease! Ending The Event Invasion!

With a combination of my Heroic Swordsmanship Techniques and my classic Farming Tool Mastery Strike, the soul of Uller was instantly purified, turning into blinding golden light, and incapable of fighting against us as a ghost!

"T-This can't... be...! To be defeated so easily..." His entire soul faded away. "So humiliating..."

The rest of his body dissipated into particles of light as well, leaving behind a lot of items, which I swiftly stored inside my Inventory, there were a lot of Nether Coins included.

"That was fast! We weren't taking shit from that guy." Rita laughed.

"He was surprisingly weak though..." Lily wondered.

"The buffs from the outside were still active, it was good that we slain him quickly." Mark said. "Now we should quickly get out of here, it might soon collapse."

"Agreed, let's go!" I nodded, only for a system notification to surprise us.

Ding!

[The [Underworld Gate Boss] has been defeated! The Gate is now beginning to close. Your party will be automatically evacuated in 5 Minutes.]

[There might be hidden treasure chests around the entire Dungeon, find them before the time is up!]

"Wait, hidden treasure chests?!" Rita panicked. "We have to find them!"

"But the place's so huge!" Lily sighed.

"Hmm, let's separate for now, maybe we could find something if-"

"Let's leave it to my Spirits." I winked at my friends. "Everyone! Can you find us any hidden treasures?"

"Fooo!"

"Fowah!"

"Fuuah!"

Hundreds of Lesser Spirits started flying around everywhere, looking for every single nook and cranny they could come across.

In just a couple of minutes, they came back, most came empty-handed, but a few dozen carried with themselves small black and gray colored chests, six in total.

"I think this is all in here, and we did it in three minutes!" I said proudly.

"T-That's cheating." Rita said.

"Did the developers ever intended it to be this way?" Lily wondered.

"Well, this is a real world and all, so I doubt they thought about it too far, they still mix game elements into this world and everything else thanks to the almighty System." Mark said. "Ah, even now, we know little about Nexus Corporations. I wonder what they think about us. I don't know if it would be dangerous to go to their company and try to get in contact with their CEO or something."

"I doubt everyone knows, probably only the most trusted people of the company, the CEO is probably not even aware either, only taking care of the game marketing." I sighed. "But there must be a reason

why they want it to still be just a game, instead of trying to reveal the truth to the world... Maybe the truth, even for us, is so overwhelming we wouldn't be able to believe it."

"Can't be THAT bad, right? But yeah, they probably do have some sort of plan." Rita crossed her arms. "But going into their company will simply get us expulsed from there, they'll think we're crazy or something."

"The Gods themselves, probably are working together with the mastermind behind turning this world into a game." I wondered. "But for what purpose, exactly? What purpose could bring them so far as to disregard the risks involved with this, such as when the Demon King opened the first Gates and let out the monsters and Mana..."

"Earth already had supernatural things, and mages, we learned that. So it didn't made such a big change as we believed." Mark said. "Well, it still great because it ended making most of the population develop skills, and there's more monsters than ever before but yeah."

"Maybe that's it." Rita said, smartly enough. "Masking this world as a game so it gets popular world-wide, so many people connect to this world... Maybe Players themselves are the pillar to this world. You said something about the Great Reset, right? There's no way Players are just there for nothing, isn't it?"

"You mean like... to prepare us?" I wondered. "To prepare us for what?"

"Maybe so we could adapt to the world as it is becoming now, but even then, it doesn't make sense, we're the only ones so far that have developed powers based in our Avatars." Mark said. "I think what happened with the Demon King of Miasma was something... they did not predict, and their goal could go farther than just that."

"Sigh, so many questions without answers, so many mysteries~" I sighed. "Well, at the very least we're getting a bit closer to the truth, yet every time we get an answer, we suddenly have even more questions."

"To find out more about that Reset or whatever, we should investigate you-know-what." Said Rita. "In that Kingdom over there."

"Yeah, yeah, I know. We'll get there eventually." I nodded. "Let's go home for now."

"It is really complicated, huh?" Lily wondered. "Well! Let's concentrate in the present for now!"

As Lily said, it was better to concentrate in the present instead of wasting time wondering and speculating things that we don't have a concrete answer to.

Yet, deep down, I feel like there might be a connection between Arcadia and Earth, a much bigger connection than just the connection made between Players and Avatars.

And the Gods... I do remember them saying that they were not as strong as the true ones. Does that means that... they're not the real Gods?

The flavor text of the Hephaestus Successor Title also alludes over this God of Blacksmithing dying against the hands of the Demon King of Destruction.

And I've never heard about any other God other than the main Elemental Gods, this means that... there were once dozens of Gods, not just these guys.

If I connect the dots together as much as I can, even with large gaps in information we don't know yet...

Could it mean that the Demon King of Destruction not only destroyed the world, but... killed all the gods?

Then the Reset happened, resetting the world back to the past, but because it failed, everything became convoluted.

And the Gods, maybe only the main gods survived and the rest stayed dead?

Still, this feels way too far-fetched, but maybe, it could be closer to the truth...

Ding!

[The [Underworld Gate] has closed permanently.]

[Congratulations! You've suppressed the [Horde of the Dead] and completed the Special Event Raid!]

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Chapter 676: Many Rewards And Lots Of Level Ups

Ding!

[You and your Party have defeated Thousands of Undead (Lv80 ~ 150)!]

[You and your Party have defeated Seven Nether Portal Bosses (Lv100), and one Underworld Gate Boss (Lv170)!]

[The earned EXP and Gold has been distributed evenly. Undead you've not defeated yourself, but that you helped defeating will grant half of their EXP and Gold to you.]

[Thanks to the event buffs, EXP and Gold earned has been increased by a +50%!]

[You earned 673.000.000 Gold!]

[You earned 186.000.000 EXP!]

[Level Up!]

[Level Up!]

[Level Up!]

[Level Up!]

[Level Up!]

[Level Up!]

[...]

[Your Level has increased from Level 124 to Level 137!]

[All your Stats have increased.]

[You earned Bonus Stat Points and Skill Points.]

[You acquired [Nether Portal Treasure Chest (B Grade)] x4 [Underworld Gates Treasure Chest (A Grade)] x6 and [Nether Coin (S Grade)] x338!]

[For having slain a large quantity of Undead and strong Bosses, you've showcased your might as a World Boss.]

[You earned +10000 Community Points and +5000 World Boss Points.]

[You acquired the [Merciless Undead Slayer] Title!]

[Merciless Undead Slayer]

Acquisition Conditions: Defeated over one thousand Undead-type foes.

Equip Bonus: +50% Damage against all Undead-type Foes. Ignores -15% of their Total Defenses. Increases Stats by +25% when fighting Undead-type Foes.

A Special Title only given to those that truly despite the Undead. By defeating above a thousand of them, you've clearly shown you hate them to death!

A Special Event Only Title, effects are active at all times, even without equipping the Title.

Once we stepped outside the Underworld Gate, I was showered with many system notifications. Not only I Leveled Up 13 times, but I gained a lot of other precious resources. Oh, and an Event-only Title, pretty nice and fitting for this.

Everyone else seemed to have fend off the Undead well, and there were no casualties either. We were pretty overpowered, so such a thing wasn't going to happen as long as that huge tree over there existed anyways!

Naturally, everyone leveled up quite a lot. Even the higher leveled NPC such as Titania gained several dozens of levels, and the new warriors and magicians trained by the Mushroom Brigade got pretty high level too.

Overall, this event seemed to have come right in time, we needed a bit of mindless action to unwind from what happened back in my daughter's high school...

Oh right, and our saviors, who were obviously the other guild masters from our guild alliance, Angelina, Gandalf, Erdrich, and Anikitty joined us, as we made our way to my mushroom castle to have a huge feast to celebrate.

"I'm so happy you guys came! It was right in the time we needed you the most! Are you some sort of superhero or something?" I laughed. "And your Levels are all so high!"

"Yeah, we've been in our own adventures since our last meeting, with our respective guilds, we decided to power-level a bit more so we wouldn't fall off the Rankings as much." Angelina laughed, her gorgeous long, blonde hair shone like liquid gold.

"It looks like your Territory has grown a lot as well, Planta! Amazing nyah! So much life, and your farms are huge!" Anikitty took a look at the huge fields I had erected using my Farming Skill, there were hundreds of Farm Spirits floating around, attending the fields.

"Would you stop saying "nya" all the time? You honestly sound weird, Anikitty." Sighed Gandalf, stroking his beard.

"What?! I'm literally the cat girl I've always wanted to be, why shouldn't I say as much "nya" as I want?! Fuck off old man!" Anikitty got really angry.

"Hahaha, come on now, let's get along." Laughed Erdrich, he was the most lax of the group.

"You're saying that while sitting over your moving bone throne..." Gandalf sighed.

"W-Well, what's wrong with that? It's an undead too!" Erdrich said.

"Yeah but can't you walk nyah?!" Asked Anikitty.

"Nah, what a pain~" Erdrich laughed. "Since I got the [Undead Fusion] Skill I've made a lot of useful Undead! This moving throne is my magnus opus!"

"A-Anyways, looks like things have gone fine." I laughed.

"Seriously, how did you hit Level 200 so fast?!" Rita asked. "We're not even there yet..."

"It wasn't really that fast, was it? It has been almost three whole weeks since we decided to go power-level. The Dungeons appearing in the latest update were really useful too." Angelina explained.

"So that's how it is." Mark nodded. "Looks like you guys have fused a lot of your skills too, you've reached the point where incredibly strong skills become available through fusing many."

"Yep, more, or less. After hitting Level 200 you get a sudden boost in stats too." Said Angelina. "You guys should get to leveling too! Though managing this whole territory must be jarring, compared to our large guild houses or the library in Nexus City, it feels like you guys are managing a whole country."

"I don't do much, it's mostly on Planta's side of things." Lily said with a lax smile.

"Me neither, she's the one that wanted to manage stuff here." Rita shrugged.

"You guys should help your guild master a bit..." Gandalf facepalmed.

"Nah, it's fine, the NPC help more than anything, they do everything at this point. I only supply them with buildings, and resources. Everyone else is really hard working!" I smiled.

"Hoh, I see." Erdrich nodded. "I can tell you've got a huge army, and those NPC are mighty strong! Queen of Fairies Titania, the Ent King, that Acorn kid, and that frost fairy too! Ah, you've got a Fairy Princess as well?! It feels like you pulled the best Ultra Rare units out of a Gacha, ma'am."

"Gacha?" I wondered. "Ah, those types of games..."

"Just ignore him." Laughed Anikitty. "Oh, we're here now?!"

"Indeed, welcome to my Castle! I built it off a blueprint I got gifted, it is part of the Territory Management System, did you guys never get something similar?" I wondered.

"Of course not! This is the first time we heard about something like that! You can manage a territory and create buildings like a Civilization Game?! The hell!" Erdrich was shocked. "I want that too! How do I get it?!"

"I-I don't know the details myself, it just happened when I was acknowledge by the people here." I said.

"So you need NPC acknowledgement... Yeah, that's hard to accomplish by itself." Angelina laughed.

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Chapter 677: A New World Quest!

"It is nice to see you guys again." Titania commented as we entered my castle. "It has been a while, Angelina, Erdrich, Anikitty, and Gandalf. It seems you've grown much stronger than before."

"Oh, Titania, so you remember us." Angelina giggled.

"But of course, what do you think I am to not remember my saviors? Your help back then was crucial for the survival of my people and my city. We've almost finished our reconstruction by now as well." The Queen of Fairies said with a smile.

"That's nice to hear!" Angelina smiled happily.

"Well, you're so majestic we thought we were just background noise before you, hahaha..." Gandalf seemed slightly enamored by the Queen's beauty. Sadly for him, she's asexual and aromatic...

"Background noise? Why, I would never see you all as such a thing." Titania laughed. "You're very funny, Gandalf."

"I-Is that so? Hahaha! I-I guess!" The man was happy by making the lady laugh.

"I hope my Undead do not upset you, Queen Titania." Erdrich commented.

"We already know that there are good necromancers out there thanks to you, Erdrich, so my people is not afraid of the Undead that serve you." Titania added. "Also yours seem much stronger than the army of the Demon King..."

"Yeah, they overlap with my own Level." Said Erdrich. "So they're all Level 200! Of course, not as strong as actual players, but combined we make a strong army."

"Hey, stop ogling the Queen's attention all for yourselves, perverts!" Said Anikitty. "Queen Titania rub my tail, please~!"

"Oh, hahaha, sure thing." Titania caressed Anikitty's tail gently. "So fluffy!"

"Who is the attention seeker here?!" All her three friends cried the same words at her.

Honestly, they were making us laugh to almost death, they had such funny interactions, and made the atmosphere very lively out of nowhere.

Once we arrived inside the castle and into the dinning halls, all our warriors and soldiers sat down, as Chef, the cook of the Mushroom Brigade, went to look for his kitchen assistants, while asking for my help to prepare a good meal for everyone.

Naturally, I joined him and we cooked several delicious dishes with the ingredients we've hunted and harvested in our territory, with the help of the Food and Cooking Spirits I could summon, the food not only became extremely delicious, but could also restore our Satiation very quickly, one of the stats my buffs cannot easily refill.

From all that cooking alone, I ended earning some nice bonus EXP out of it, which became a new level, bringing me to Level 138/180, still a long way to go to reach the Level Cap.

As we enjoyed our meals, which included delicious Grilled Spirit Lake Fish, Spaghetti with Wild Boar meatballs and Magic Tomato Sauce, Crystal Deer Meatloaf and Steak, Jumping Mushroom Soup, Giggling Beans Tacos, and more, Angelina and her friends quickly placed a huge bag with things over the table and handled them to me.

"Here, this is almost four hundred Nether Coins, you can keep them." She said.

"Eh?! Why are you handling us such valuable event items?" Mark was shocked.

"It's because we came here stealing you guy's kills and all, it would make us feel bad if we took the rewards too, the EXP and Gold was plenty enough." Erdrich explained.

"I didn't liked the idea but well, they're not wrong... So just take it already nya!" Anikitty said.

"Go on!" Gandalf smiled gently.

"T-This is so nice, well, thanks!" I smiled.

Ding!

[You acquired [Nether Coin (S Grade)] x398!]

[Total Nether Coins: 736]

[You can exchange the Nether Coins with an Event-only NPC in the nearest Town.]

[Nearest Town: Luminous Kingdom Capital.]

"I wonder what I can even get out of these coins..." I wondered. "Though, I feel like you guys also want something out of me..."

"Well, you caught us." Anikitty smiled teasingly. "We only happened to stumble upon the invasion, we actually came here to ask for your help, Planta."

"Yeah, we finally found something, but we can't really... get through everything, even at our high level. We need someone with a lot of charisma that can get along NPC really well, and you posses several titles that make them favor you positively." Angelina nodded.

"You came for my help? Okay, if it's dealing with NPC, sure... But for what?" I wondered.

The four remained in silence as they smiled back at us.

"We finally found a World Quest!" They said at the same time, celebrating.

"Wait, what?! No way!" Rita was shocked.

"You guys... Your primary mission was to find these and you finally found one! Congrats!" Mark laughed.

"Is that a nice thing? I'll assume it is." Lily wondered.

"World Quest... Those quests that are important to the world, isn't it?" Titania asked.

"Y-Yeah, more or less..." I nodded. "That's amazing guys, but where is it?"

"It's nearby here, that's why we were able to get in here so easily." Anikitty smiled. "It's, well, you can guess it, right?"

"Don't tell me, the Luminous Kingdom?" I asked. "We were already going to go there to look at something we learned from the Dwarf King and his daughter, a Half Ancient Elf and Half Dwarf Princess named Brisingra!"

"Wait, what?! Really?" Angelina was surprised. "Then this'll make things much more easier for the two of us! What is your World Quest about, you guys?"

"It's about finding the fragments of Cloudia, a fallen Ancient Continent where the oldest races of this world once inhabited." Said Mark. "Does it rings any bells?"

"No, we didn't knew about that at all, and it sounds fascinating!" Anikitty was surprised. "NYA! Tell us more about it!"

"Anikitty, calm down..." Gandalf sighed.

"Well, our Quest is about investigating the Demon King of Miasma's Cult. Remember those guys that attacked the forest back then? Their cult is apparently still working, and their roots go all the way to the Luminous Kingdom all along." Angelina said.

"So that's how it is... We would be killing two birds with one stone." Rita smiled, rubbing her chin. "Let's do it then, right?!"

"Yeah, let's help each other!" I smiled, nodding, as we quickly shared a handshake with Angelina and her friends.

It was time for new adventures!

...And dangers.

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Chapter 678: The Demon King Of Miasma's Cult Remnants

Ding!

[You have accepted the [World Quest]: [Find The Root Of The Demon King of Miasma's Cult And Stop Them!]

[After hearing the words from your friends, you and your allies have decided to cooperate on their search for the Cult of the Demon King of Miasma, which has yet to be dissolved after their idol's death.]

[They are still alive, moving and doing things in the shadows. The fate of your neighboring Kingdom might now be in your hands... And above all, your mission of seeking the Fragment of the Fallen Floating Continent of Cloudia remains.]

[If you still desire to look for clues about the Fallen Continent too, why not call Brisingra, the Dwarven Princess? Her Bloodline as an Ancient High Elf could come in handy.]

[Completion Rewards]: [EXP] [Gold] [???]

[Time Limit: 7 Days.]

And right as I shook hands with Angelina, I ended getting the Quest. This time, it was much more cryptic. It made me feel a bit unease, is there something special or dangerous there hiding?

Well, I know the Cult is especially dangerous but now that their "god" is long dead, what else could they be trying to do now other than simply being a band of criminals?

Maybe... could they be trying to worship Thanatos? But he's not exactly the Demon King of Miasma, and his past and motives are also different.

Well, whatever, we'll find out once we get there. I could probably also try to investigate more about the Kingdom of Sorrow if we ever get to have a talk with the royal family of the Luminous Kingdom.

And of course, I should go pick up Brisingra so she can come with us. Also, before leaving, I would like to upgrade my Territory, and maybe build a few more buildings and stuff to help protect it.

Perhaps learning a new World Boss Skill too, and... Maybe fuse a few Job Class and Subclass Skills while we're at it.

"I think we could depart tomorrow, if things go alright." I commented after drinking some tea.

"Sounds good." Angelina nodded. "We'll stay around here until then. Are you guys alright with waiting?"

"Sure, we've got a whole week to do the quest." Erdrich shrugged.

"I think we could do it through the weekend." Gandalf said. "I won't have much time in the week because of work."

"Boomers and their jobs. Why don't you just live off the money you make from the game already?" Anikitty laughed.

"It's not near as enough! My country's quite expensive, you know?" Sighed Gandalf.

"Come to think of it, from where are you guys?" Wondered Rita while snacking on a huge wild vison rib covered on barbeque sauce.

"I'm from California." Angelina smiled.

"Ah, Japan." Anikitty added.

"Mexico." Erdrich said while looking at a huge skull he was filling with tea. Was that his mug?

"England..." Gandalf sighed.

"Oh, so we've got a brit here!" Laughed Rita. "Oi mate!"

"Shut up!" Gandalf had little patience. "I know I'm bri'sh and shit but that doesn't matter now."

"It's interesting how the game help us translate what we speak, so we can always know what the other is saying!" Said Lily with a smile.

"Well, only Anikitty is actually not that good at English." Erdrich sighed. "I can speak it well, no problem."

"Hey! You know how difficult is to learn English? It's like... whole letters and words that don't make sense. A completely different alphabet!" Anikitty complained.

"I see, so you're from Japan." I giggled. "It must be nice. We're all from Canada. We know each other and live in the same city too."

"Oooh, really?!" Angelina wondered. "That's so niceee! Maybe we could meet up one day!"

"Sounds good to me." Mark nodded while crossing his huge arms.

"Well, I guess." Rita shrugged.

"I would love to!" Lily seemed very eager.

"Ah, there's another friend who's currently at work right now, she's a Poison Slime player, you'll know her when you see her." I said. "You don't mind her joining? She's a bit lower leveled than us but she's competent. She helped us defeat all those dragons I uploaded vids about."

"Oh, I do remember a purple slime player in those." Angelina said. "Amazing, slime players are very rare because of how weird it feels to be one. A body without bones, giggly, and stuff... It makes some people feel sick and puke. She must have a really good motion control and tenacity."

"Well she's often drunk all the time so maybe she's used to be a mess." Laughed Mark, he ended making most of us laugh with that.

"Come to think of it! Those videos you uploaded recently got a lot of views! Especially the fight against Fafnir! It already surpassed the five hundred thousand views mark some hours ago. Oh? It's already up to six hundred thousand!" Angelina was checking a few other system windows, checking the online page where we uploaded the videos.

"Really?!" I wondered. "Ah, the Ad Revenue's going to be rather nice..."

Well, not like I need any money now that I sold some magic items and gained Millions... But still, it's fun to earn money with my own efforts through that method as well.

And I could end up wasting all of that money buying other products from Earth too, so I might as well treat it as a different income for other, much bigger purchases, while I leave what I earn through livestreams and videos organically as the income that maintains my life and my daughter. Yeah, that thought process might help me keep my sanity and not lose touch.

As everyone enjoyed the feast, I decided to begin what I had decided to do today. I checked my Status one last time, seeing how many Community Points and World Boss Points I've accumulated so far...

[Community Points: 63500] [World Boss Points: 23755]

That's a rather generous amount! With that I could either upgrade something big like my castle or walls or build something completely different instead.

I tried to check on my Blueprints, but I've already used all the ones that looked useful.

"How can I get new Blueprints again?" I wondered.

FLASH!

The Helper Spirit materialized above my head.

"You don't remember? Just think about the design first!"

"The design? Oh!"

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Chapter 679: Creating New Facilities!

"You received a few Blueprints at the beginning to start things out, but Blueprints aren't that big of an item. You first need to grab some papers and start drawing what's on your mind. Once your creation is complete, spend a few Community Points and the Blueprint will be created. The System will correct all things that might seem "weird" so don't be shy about your drawing skills being terrible." The Helper Spirit said with a cocky voice, as ever.

"Hey! I am not THAT bad..." I crossed my arms, sitting over a root-made seat and then creating a little table with my own wood as well, taking out a piece of paper I bought in the Fairy Queendom and a pencil, and started drawing.

"Let's see... I've been thinking for a while now. We've got the walls that can resist a lot of things, the watchtower that shoots lasers and helps me see through everywhere, the castle that gives a lot of buffs and other facilities, and all, but I was thinking we need something else." I continue drawing. "Like... Some sort of recreational plaza! You know? So people can be happier and maybe we can build special events, and add shops, and maybe other things... Like this."

I finished my drawing, as the paper suddenly started floating in midair.

"Oh, it's working!" The Helper Spirit said.

"Really?! That was fast!" I was excited.

Ding!

[The System has recognized your poorly drawn blueprint.]

[You have exchanged 1000 Community Points.]

[Your terribly drawn piece of nasty paper has begun to transform!]

[It has become the [Recreational Nature-Friendly Plaza] Blueprint!]

"Wow, so rude... And I put all my heart into it." I sighed, as I grabbed the blueprint. "W-Well, you certainly fixed it a lot... It does looks much better now."

I ended giving up, my drawing was indeed quite pathetic, the System fixed it, made it much clearer, and added a lot of the things I wanted, without any of the excess fluff.

But sometimes it's the fluff what truly matters, you know?

Oh well...

"Anyways. Construct [Recreational Nature-Friendly Plaza], immediately level it up as high as possible."

Ding!

[You have activated the [Territory Management System], the [Blueprint: Recreational Nature-Friendly Plaza] has begun construction!]

[You have exchanged [20000 MP], [x5000 Large Stones], [x10000 Wood Pieces], and [25000 Community Points]!]

Right away, the materials, Mana and Points were distributed. They flew around everywhere magically, as if the System itself was assembling everything automatically.

Wooden planks were constructed, the stone was pulverized and then made into some sort of cement, which then materialized into pavement.

A huge pool was created in the middle of the place, resembling a beautiful fountain, made out of stones, and decorated beautifully, in the shape of a huge tree with the face of an old grandpa, was it a tribute to the Tree of Beginnings?

The beautiful, paved plaza wasn't just that and a fountain. It also materialized huge buildings resembling small houses, where shops and other things could be set. Lastly, food carts of all sorts of shapes and colors emerged, made of wood and stone, surprisingly.

I decided to imbue some of my Spiritual Energy into its creation, but it changed very little. This plaza was beautiful, but it also looked "plain". However, no building made through the Territory Management System had no effects.

Even if they looked like just buildings, they possessed innate abilities, and this was no exception. Its abilities were also the most intriguing.

Ding!

[The [Recreational Nature-Friendly Plaza: Lv5/5] has been constructed!]

[Recreational Nature-Friendly Plaza: Lv5/5]

[Building Type]: [Plaza] [Multiple-Buildings] [Recreational]

[Building Quality]: [A+]

[Level Up Cost]: [30000 MP] [x10000 Large Stones] [x20000 Wood Pieces] [30000 Community Points] (Cannot Level Up, Level Cap Reached)

[Effect]: [Recreational Plaza] [Morale Boosting Entertainment] [Nature-Friendly Environment] [Fountain of Beginnings] [Alchemy Atelier] [Crafting House]

[Description]

A beautiful and enormous conjunction of many small buildings stretched through the center of the Village of Beginnings. This beautiful Plaza symbolizes the beginning of a brand-new Nation within the Forest of Beginnings, one ruled by the successor of Yggdrasil themselves. This special facility possess many smaller buildings, each one with their unique functions.

[Recreational Plaza]: [A Beautiful Plaza where citizens can perform all sorts of recreational activities, from just hanging out, to making a picnic, to buy from the food cars, or even play in the variety of areas. Citizens can develop abilities and earn EXP through these activities.]

[Morale Boosting Entertainment]: [By performing all sorts of recreational activities, citizens can unwind and relax, performing much better their duties as they never on constant stress. Increases all citizens Morale by +100%, Potential and Talent by +50% and Earned EXP by +25%.]

[Nature-Friendly Environment]: [The Plaza has been built so it can exist in harmony with Nature. All sorts of special trees and plants grow around the paved grounds, giving out special fruits, flowers, herbs, and seeds of C Grade or Higher. Fruits, Flowers, Herbs, and Seeds grown in the Plaza are Randomized, but can be useful for Alchemy and Crafting.]

[Fountain of Beginnings]: [A Fountain with a beautiful stone statue resembling the Ancient Tree of Beginnings, who have sacrificed his life to let the new Yggdrasil's Successor continue on. This fountain creates a rich, Spiritual Spring Water that can be used for Alchemy or be drank as it is. When drank as it is, increases INT and WIS by +20% for 24 Hours and can recover Mana over time.]

[Alchemy Atelier]: [The Plaza comes included with a small Alchemy Atelier, equipped with a few instruments and facilities for the reproduction of items through the synthesis of materials with Alchemy. Increases Created Items Quality by +50%. Includes a [Basic Alchemy Recipe Book] that develops more Recipes over time.]

[Crafting House]: [The Plaza comes include with a small Crafting House, which includes many tools necessary for the crafting of weapons, armor, and even the creation of furniture with efficacy and speed. Increases Created Items Quality by +50%. Includes a [Basic Crafting Recipe Book] that develops more Recipes over time.]

"Oh, these effects are amazing!" I said, as I stared wandering around the plaza.

It was really huge! It finally felt like this village was shaping itself to be a big city!

And it included around fifty buildings with itself, ready to be used by more citizens.

And that's without including its many effects!

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Chapter 680: A Big Expansion On The Town!

Once the plaza was done, the rest of my citizens were alarmed, walking around, and discovering that the city had gained a tremendous, big plaza for recreation! The children were the most excited, wandering around and running across the hue segment of the still-in-progress city.

With my friends and Titania, we checked the facilities slowly. The fountain's water was indeed pure spiritual spring water, recovering Mana and even giving an amazing INT and WIS buff for 24 Hours, with no side effects either!

The other buffs, especially the one where their Morale keeps high all the time are really amazing, and it immediately showed the moment everyone's spirits were lifted after that hard battle against the Undead invaders.

"This place is sure spacious!"

"Woah, did Lady Planta made this?!"

"It appeared out of nowhere... Only gods could create things so fast!"

"Well, she's already a goddess to us anyways!"

"Lady Planta, Lady Planta! The water is yummy!"

The children Myconid, Brownies, Squirrel-kin, and Gnomes were all playing together over the fountain, drinking the water, and feeling their minds much clearer thanks to their buff.

"Come on now children, don't play around too much, the fountain water must stay clean, alright?" I reprimanded them, as the children swiftly jumped off the fountain and apologized.

"Sowy..."

"Sigh, it's fine! Go play around! Oh, there's a lot of new trees too!" I pointed out. "There'll be games and stuff later, once I find people to maintain them."

"Looks like we've got a whole new place to enjoy." Mark said, wandering around and then returning to my side. "It feels like a festival, a carnival, and a plaza all fused together."

"It could work, I guess." Rita said. "I bet this'll make the people happy all the time at least."

"It seems very interesting!" Titania was fascinated. "Do you not mind my citizens coming over to check the place, Planta?"

"Oh? Of course not! We all share the same territory, so we're like friendly neighbors!" I giggled. "In exchange, I hope my people can be allowed to enter your place at all times."

"For sure, they are all trustworthy." Titania smiled. "But seeing this beautiful place has made me wonder if I should build one of my own. Though, without your special powers, that might end up being much harder to do."

"Certainly... But I could build another of these back in your city! As long as I gather enough Community Points for that..." I wondered.

"Oh no, don't waste those precious resources on my city. I shall take responsibility for it, you've helped us rebuild everything already, I couldn't ask for more, it would only make me feel guiltier." Titania sighed.

"So this is the power of the Territory Management System. She materialized a huge plaza out of nowhere!" Erdrich gasped. "It's really like those Civilization-type games! So cool..."

"And also so complex, didn't you said it had effects, Planta?" Asked Angelina.

"Yeah, a lot of them. Each building I make using this System holds a Status, which includes many skill-like effects. They're like passive abilities that work for literally everyone!" I said. "Sometimes they also produce a unique resources, such as the water, and these new trees and flowers that just popped up."

The new trees were fruits I've never seen before, some called Trombe Fruits, White Apples, Cherubin Cherries, and herbs such as Blue Selofasia, Red Embers, and Golden Roses.

They were all high quality, rare Alchemy Materials to make all sorts of special Potions, Bombs, and other items! They came in small numbers though, but as long as they keep growing over time, there'll be a small yet constant supply of them.

With the help of the Mushroom Brigade, who had been administrating the city rather well, I was able to quickly appoint a lot of citizens into the many facilities. Some were placed in charge of the games, others into the food cars, and a few into the Alchemy Atelier and the Crafting House.

The last two were our final tour around the Plaza. Both buildings were as huge as manors, filled with many tools and rooms. The Alchemy Atelier included three Mid-Quality Alchemy Cauldrons, and a lot of other tools for alchemy such as a Mana Stone Processor, a Magic Stabilizer, and a Material Purifier.

The Crafting House was just as interesting, it came with tons of crafting tools, sewing tools, hammers, and even two huge furnaces! It was incredible what it created with just stone and woods, and well, lots of Mana. That must have done the magic I guess.

"We're done ma'am. I've assigned some of my better chefs to maintain the many food cars so we can offer the people some tasty and healthy snacks to keep the morale high! This'll also generate a nice income to keep the city going!" The Mushroom Brigade cook master, Chef, said, with a rather excited smile.

"Thank you for your help, Chef!" I gave him a head pat. "I'll leave Cooking and Food Spirits to make the food tastier and more healthy too."

"Oooh! If that's the case, even I might come cook here! Those spirits are always amazing at making everything delicious!" Chef was very happy.

"We're also done preparing things." Magius, the purple-capped Mushroom Girl walked in. She was the magician of the brigade. "With Alice, our Alchemist, and Apothecary, our Medicine Specialist, the Alchemy Atelier will be in good hands. They've gotten a lot of apprentices lately! I'll also cooperate whenever I'm not hunting monsters or teaching magic."

"Yep, what she said!" Alice, the adorable green-capped mushroom girl nodded.

"Indeed..." Yawned Apothecary, who looked scruffy and with a big beard, with a brown cap.

"That's nice to hear! I'll join you guys whenever I can. I'll leave Alchemy Spirits there as well, so they can be of assistance." I said with a nod.

"That'll be of great help!" Alice was the most excited. "Alright, my apprentices! Let's go! W-We've got so much to make now! Uwaahahahah!"

She was really, really excited, huh...

"And as for the Crafting House, the duty will be left to Hammer, our Blacksmith and Crafter." Sporegon said, as the largest and most muscular of the mushroom brigades stepped in, with a black colored cap.

"Leave it to me, ma'am! I'll make some mighty good equipment now that I've got a proper place!" Hammer said happily, lifting his huge forging hammer.

"Yeah!" A tiny, rainbow-capped Mushroom Brigade member said. "I-I'll do my best to keep learning too, Lady Planta!"

This was the weakest of them all, he was named Jack, and as of now he hadn't participated in most battles, still learning. He was the youngest, an apprentice with the ability to learn from the rest, maybe that's why he's named Jack, to make him a "Jack of all Trades".

"I'll be looking forward to your progress, little Jack!" I smiled, gifting him a few gold coins. "Here, for your great efforts so far!"

"Uwaah! Thank you so much! I'll spend it wisely into crafting equipment!" He said happily.

"Come on kid, just spend it on whatever you want!" Hammer laughed, patting his head. "Lady Planta gave it to you so you can have fun! Go on, take a rest, and join the other kids!"

"R-Really? W-Well, thanks!" Jack was really excited, rushing to meet the other kids playing in the plaza.

His presence has slowly become more prominent lately, I wonder what sort of person he'll grow up into in the future...

Anyways, for now, I should spend the rest of my Community Points and upgrade the other important buildings while we are at it.

Oh right, I should probably ask Hammer about Hephaestus later... he might know something.