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Chapter 731: Miasmic Mud Slimes

We started following the trails left behind by the spirits, which were sparkling quite notoriously. The more we advanced forward, the more this darker energy became stronger, until we finally sensed some life forms lurking a bit farther away.

"I can sense something ahead, be careful. Get ready for any fight." I told my friends, as we hid behind a wall until Mark decided to step forwards.

"Let me stay in the front, I'm the tankiest of the group." He said.

"Well, I would be the tankiest if I transform- but yeah." Lily nodded.

"Alright, let's stay behind him then." I agreed, as Mark slowly started moving forwards, all the rest of us staying behind.

The path was very narrow, so if we fight too aggressively, we might end up falling into the nasty sewer water down below, and that's the least we would ever wish for!

Slowly, Mark made his way to the other side, but found nothing there...

Yet the life signals kept drawing closer.

Until...

"H-Hey, what's that?"

Jenny pointed into the ceiling right above us, several patches of black mold started... moving.

"That's not just mold!" Lily cried.

"GRAAAH!"

The several masses of mold slowly extended their bodies, taking the form of aberrant creatures, resembling slimes, but made completely out of black mud and trash, with several creepy eyes on them!

Ding!

[You have been detected by several [Miasmic Mud Slimes: Lv 140]!]

"They're coming! Watch out!" Mark said, as he quickly punched one of those Slimes that dared to jump straight into his face, making half its body blow up from his flames!

BOOOOMM!!

"Gryyaargh!"

"Gruoohh!"

The other four Miasmic Mud Slimes quickly targeted us. Two of them gathering their slime into their bodies and firing projectiles towards us.

The other two jumped into the floor, expanding their bodies into tentacles to drag us down into the water!

"[Blazing Sunlight Beam]!"

By calling forth the might of Sunlight Spirits, I combined their power into my staff, unleashing several small yet powerful beams composed of blazing sunlight!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

The beams pierced through the bodies of two, one of them was hit into their core, instantly splattering into the floor, and dying on the spot.

However, the other one jumped towards Rita, trying to drag her legs down!

"You disgusting thing!" Rita cried. "[Shadow Dragon Claws]!"

Her claws themselves suddenly grew black scales and larger claws than before. Dark Elves by themselves had the power to fight using their nails, which they could grow into large knife-like structures.

Now that she became a Draconian Dark Elf Sorceress, she easily imbued magic power into her hands, growing sharp claws and slashing apart the monster, shattering its core after a few swipes!

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

"We'll take care of these!"

"Yeah!"

Meanwhile, Lily and Jenny already clashed against the two Miasmic Mud Slimes resting on the ceiling. Lily quickly conjuring several spears of sharp crystals, while Jenny shoot her acidic poison at them.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

The two Miasmic Mud Slimes were tough, evading attacks and leaping away to survive while shooting their own bullets, but were eventually overpowered not long after their initial dodges.

"Phew, well, that wasn't so hard!" I said with a nod.

"It was only five?" Wondered Mark. "Hmm, still strange. Just what are these things?" He began examining their dropped items, a bottle filled with miasmic mud and a shattered black crystal core.

"Miasmic Mud Slimes..." Jenny said. "I guess they are what their name indicates! What else?"

"Probably something the cultists made." Rita said. "But they were much weaker and dumber than the other creatures we fought back then, the Miasmic Aberrations."

"Yeah, that's for sure!" Lily agreed. "I think they might be something like... offshoots. I bet those things are created somewhere, and these Mud Slimes might be what's left behind from their creation, or failures of them?"

"If that's the case, it is a bit dangerous. If they happen to infest any freshwater areas that people drink every day..." Mark muttered.

"It might as well mean the death of many, or... something even worse." I said, beginning to realize how important was to clear this place from these critters.

"Could these monsters be part of their plan?" Rita asked.

"We don't know about that yet, but we should investigate further." I said. "Let's keep going, we're not even at the origin of this miasma..."

We kept moving forward, but not even a couple of minutes later and we ended confronting another three Miasmic Mud Slimes, which went down quite easily.

However, they kept appearing on intervals of a couple of minutes, as if they've been on standby somewhere else, and once they found us, they immediately rushed towards us.

After around fifteen minutes of exploring, we've hunted roughly twenty-five of these guys...

The unsettling thing about this is that we haven't even found any Cultists yet. This Dungeon was either abandoned or they're hiding somewhere else where they had either not detected us or are simply waiting for us to die against their monsters.

"They sure are slow, I'm getting bored by just hunting small groups like this!" Rita complained.

"You shouldn't be saying that it's better this way than having to fight a whole swarm of them..." Mark sighed. "Look, there's- Eh? Actually, there's something over there!"

Mark suddenly noticed a dark purple glow at the distance, emerging from what seemed to be a room in the sewers.

Ding!

[The Mysterious Dark Energy is beginning to grow stronger as you move closer...]

[Its dark purple glow is beginning to alter those that have secreted from within its core...]

[Their wounds are bleeding miasma... Their monstrous children begin to awake.]

What...?

SPLAAAAASSH!

Suddenly, after I read those unsettling messages, the surrounding sewer water started splashing everywhere, from within its depths, dozens- no hundreds of Miasmic Mud Slimes emerged, one after another!

"Graaahhh!"

"Gruoohhh!"

"Shaaaggh!"

With their aberrant shrieks, they started rushing towards us, surrounding us as the sewer waters kept moving everywhere chaotically, something else was emerging from them, something much bigger!

RUMBLE!

"GRUOOOHHHH...!"

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"GRUOOOHHHH!"

RUMBLE!

Ding!

[The Bleeding Miasma has activated its dark guardians! The entire swarm of [Miasmic Mud Slimes: Lv140] has emerged to attack you and stop you from reaching their creator!]

[The strongest of the Miasmic Mud Slimes, born from the fusion of hundreds, the [Miasmic Mud Slime King: Lv200] Boss Monster has appeared!]

[The very Presence of the King imbues the weaker Miasmic Mud Slimes with greater strength, increasing all their Stats by +100%!]

Not only were there hundreds of the Miasmic Mud Slimes, which wasn't that concerning anymore, but there was a huge one, made from... hundreds?! And it was Level 200!

Well, the Miasmic Aberrations we fought back then were all around this level too, but this is also a Boss Monster, so it possess even higher stats as a modifier.

But as if things couldn't get any more complicated, its presence alone enhanced the power of all other Miasmic Mud Slimes... Yeah, this wasn't going to be easy, especially on this narrow area, right below the city!

If we make too much of a fuss or we end up destroying something, a part of the city might end up collapsing, and we certainly don't want that.

"GRAAAHHH!"

The Mud Slime King quickly moved its huge slimy arms, which ended on giant crystalized miasma claws! Naturally, the son of a sewer targeted me!

SLAASH! SLAASH! SLAASH! CLAAAASSHH!!

Several slashing attacks reached me, clashing against the sewer waters and the narrow path, making the entire surroundings tremble!

I evaded as I could, using my high Agility and whatever buffs I could conjure in this little time frame, all while I began activating some Skills to start things going!

"I can't go into Yggdragon form in such a small space, but I can do this at the very least!" I roared.

"[Yggdrasil's Spiritual Farm Terrain Authority]!"

The moment I activated the Skill, I hit the narrow floor, as countless of vines and roots materialized in a split of a second, small trees, flowers, all sorts of nature emerged endlessly.

Ding!

[The Effects of the [Yggdrasil's Spiritual Farm Terrain Authority: Lv10 (Fused Skill)] has activated!]

[The power of your [Yggdrasil's Spiritual Farm Terrain Authority] has been exerted, cancelling the foe's Authority! Your Terrain and Tiles are increasingly expanding everywhere!]

[You have created 3 [Spiritual Farm Terrain] and [Spirit Forest Terrain] Tiles!]

[The Tiles have been multiplied! 30 Tiles have been automatically created!]

[You have created 2 [Spiritual Farm Terrain] and [Spirit Forest Terrain] Tiles!]

[The Tiles have been multiplied! 20 Tiles have been automatically created!]

[You have created 1 [Spiritual Farm Terrain] and [Spirit Forest Terrain] Tiles!]

[The Tiles have been multiplied! 10 Tiles have been automatically created!]

[Your Terrain is beginning to grow above your body! All of your Stats are further increasing based in the ever-expanding Nature of your Tiles!]

My terrain rapidly spread across several Tiles, which I quickly absorbed into my own body to further reinforce my physical strength and defenses!

After all, among all my friends I was the weakest against Miasma due to my natural body composition, so the more stats I had to resist it, the better.

"Everyone, these buffs should be enough! Wreck them all!" I roared, leading my party to battle.

"Alright!" Rita smiled, swinging her staff as she summoned several blades of darkness, cutting down several Miasmic Mud Slimes at once. "These things are easy to kill with swords! So let's do this and THIS! [Abyssal Shadow Magic]: [Vampiric Dark Blades]!"

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLAAASH!

It was really fantastic how great she became at magic, improvising new Spells by combining her Magic Circle Runes and her Skills together, making up spells that didn't even exist in the game beforehand!

Each blade was imbued with a dark red energy, which cut through the lifeforce of her foes, absorbing a part of their health and increasing her stats as well!

"[Abyssal Shadow Magic]: [Vampiric Shadow Bat Swarm]!"

She quickly combined Malice Energy with Shadows too, unleashing a swarm of bats that trapped many Miasmic Mud Slimes on place, helping her cut their cores as well!

FLUOOOSH!

This was most likely using a similar principle to her Special Transformation that she used back then, which turned her into a giant bat-like creature with vampiric abilities.

She hadn't used that transformation since we fought the Dragons back in the Dwarven Country, but I'm sure she'll use it again once she's desperate enough, especially because it might have received some upgrade after her evolution that granted her a "Draconian" Race.

Honestly speaking, Rita had a lot of untapped potential, and she was finally beginning to tap into it further!

"Let's just be careful with not making anything collapse!" Lily commented, she couldn't transform either, relying on her Earth Magic to fight. "[Spiritual Geomancy Magic]: [Gaia's Fingers]!"

She hit the floor with her small hands, several fingers made of stone emerged one after another, crushing the Miasmic Mud Slimes one after another!

Her attacks were usually very big and devastating, but as long as she could lower their size like this, they became convenient and strong spells!

"HYAAAH!" Lily roared, swinging her huge hammer, which she fused with her own Earth and Mountain Spirits. "[Earth Spirit Hammer Arts]: [Consecutive Hill-Splitting Blows]!"

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH! CRAAASSHH!!

By containing her explosive power into smaller, yet numerous attacks, Lily crushed the cores of a dozen Miasmic Mud Slimes on a couple of seconds, beginning to slowly learn how to properly control her brute strength!

"Gryyaargh!"

"Shaaaagh!"

"[Divine Crystal Spirit Walls]!"

TRUM! TRUM! TRUM! TRUM!

Whenever more Miasmic Mud Slimes emerged trying to attack me, she summoned several walls made out of Earth Spirits and Crystals as well, protecting me and herself at the same time.

"Thank you for all the support, Lily, Rita!"

Once I noticed enough vegetation had grown all around the ceiling, walls, and even the sewers below, I quickly started to control it and harness it into my body, fusing with it to further boost my power, all while I conjured Walls of Yggdrasil Wood to defend against the Boss' claws. Mark was also clashing against it, distracting it!

"Become one with my body, Nature! [Yggdragon's Nature Spirit Gardener]!"

FLAAAASSSHH!!

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Chapter 733: The Power Of Dragon Skills!

"Become one with my body, Nature! [Yggdragon's Nature Spirit Gardener]!"

FLAAAASSSHH!!

Ding!

[The Effects of the [Yggdragon's Nature Spirit Gardener: Lv10 (Fused Skill)] Skill have been activated!]

[The Nature Surrounding you is responding to your call! It is constantly beginning to merge with your body, as you make a garden out of your body and your surroundings!]

[All your Stats have further increased! Spirit Energy, Mana, and Health Regeneration Speed has increased tremendously!]

[Your body is beginning to grow larger and stronger! Wounds are being regenerated instantly.]

[Several other Skills resonate with this combination of Powers.]

Most of the Nature I had spread and created in these last seconds quickly went back into my body, infusing itself and compressing into my arms, legs, torso, head, everywhere!

My appearance changed slightly, as I also decided to learn a very useful Skill while I was at it, one that could help me harness more of the Yggdragon's powers without having to turn into a gigantic dragon all the time!

Ding!

[You have exchanged 100 Skill Points!]

[You learned the [Draconification: Lv1] Skill!]

The second and last Skill on the Yggdragon's Skill Tree... Despite being just two Skills, both Draconification and Dragon Spirit Summon were incredibly strong Skills without even needing to be fused!

[Dragon Spirit Summon: Lv1]

A Special Unique Skill of the Yggdragon.

With this Skill, it not only possible to harness the power of the Spirits, but also of Dragon Spirits, a different yet mighty form of Spirits of Ancient Times, which were so rare they were considered mere folklore.

However, within your Dragon Heart resides the Dragon Spirits you will create contracts with. Not only will the Dragon Spirits progressively grow stronger as you do through your contract, but you're able to call for their aid at any moment.

The more the Dragon Spirits fight, the stronger they will grow, increasing Stats and gaining new Magic and Skills as well. With each Skill Level, all contracted Dragon Spirits will receive a boost of +25% to All Stats, and +50% to Skill Power and Magic Power, on top of their already existing passive bonus of +100% to All Stats and +150% to Skill Power and Magic Power.

Additionally, with each Skill Dragon you summon, it is possible to not only fuse with them to gain a part of their stats, skills, and magic power temporarily, but also combine them together to create stronger, temporary Divine Dragon Spirit Fusions.

To Level Up further, this Skill requires a combination of both Skill EXP and Skill Points.

New Dragon Spirit Magic will be unlocked with each Skill Level:

Level 1: [Dragon Spirit's Elemental Claws] [Dragon Spirit's Elemental Breath]

Level 2: [???

And the new one...

[Draconification: Lv1]

A Special Unique Skill of the Yggdragon.

Because transforming into a huge dragon is not always convenient or the best option out there, it is possible for you, as the Yggdragon, to harness a part of your Draconic Powers into your much smaller Body.

Through the power of [Draconification], you can grow [Yggdragon's Spiritual Golden Scales], [Yggdragon's Sharp Spiritual Claws], [Yggdragon's Spear Spirit Tail], and [Yggdragon's Mystical Spirit Eyes] once activated, but Spiritual Energy and Mana will be drained continuously, although at a much slower pace than when turning into a full Yggdragon.

Once you undergo [Draconification], All Stats, Skill Power, and Spirit Magic Power increase by +150%, with an additional +25% with each Skill Level. The power of your [Divine Yggdragon Flames of Life and Nature] will grow in power by +250%, with an additional +50% with each Skill Level.

To Level Up further, this Skill requires a combination of both Skill EXP and Skill Points.

New Draconic Techniques will be unlocked with each Skill Level:

Level 1: [Orichalcum Scales] [Dragon's Almighty Aura]

Level 2: [???

With both of these Skills ready, I quickly summoned the Dragon Spirits awaiting within my Dragon Heart, at the same time as I activated [Draconification]!

"[Draconification]!"

FLAAASH!

My body swiftly gained golden scales all over, a long and sharp spear-like tail, wings, horns, and strong draconic eyes, alongside even larger claws and more!

I could do something similar through normal shapeshifting, but this form of transformation was on a completely different level than by "doing it myself"!

Ding!

[You have undergone [Draconification], All Stats, Skill Power, and Spirit Magic Power have increased by +175%!]

[The power of your [Divine Yggdragon Flames of Life and Nature] has increased by +300%!]

[Additionally, you can now use powerful Draconic Abilities and Techniques!]

[However, your Spiritual Energy and Mana are being constantly drained away...]

Perfect!

Without further ado, I immediately went to help Mark and my Dragon Spirits handling the boss! Mark was pretty strong, but without being able to go all-out transformation-wise, he was getting constantly thrown around like a ragdoll...

"Hey, over here!"

I called the Miasmic Mud Slime King's attention, its countless red eyes glaring directly at me, as the monster instantly pounced towards my direction, its sharp claws swinging furiously!

"GRUOOOHH!"

SLAASH! SLAASH! SLAASH! SLAAASSHH!!

"[Draconic Techniques]: [Orichalcum Scales]! [Dragon's Almighty Aura]!"

Ding!

[You have activated the [Orichalcum Scales] Draconic Technique, your Scales have been temporarily reinforced with even tougher scales, increasing their defensive power by +500% for 30 seconds.]

[You have activated the [Dragon's Almighty Aura] Draconic Technique, an almighty aura encompassing your latent draconic power is emerging from your body, intimidating your foe and further boosting the power of all Dragon-type Skills and Magic Spells by +200% for 30 seconds.]

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH!

Its slashing attacks barely did any damage, my body covered on an almighty armor of golden scales that even grew above my own clothes and armor, excellent!

It only lasted 30 seconds per cast, but these techniques were sure amazing! And that wasn't all either!

"ROOOOOAAARRRR!"

The ferocious figure of the Yggdragon's true form emerged from my body, intimidating the Miasmic Mud Slime King, and making it step back in horror!

All while reinforcing my Dragon-type Skills and Magic Spells power even further.

Let's make sure to use it properly then.

"[Dragon Spirit Magic]: [Dragon Spirit's Elemental Claws]! [Dragon Spirit's Elemental Breath]!"

I called forth my strongest Dragon Spirits, alongside many tiny ones that emerged through the effects of my [Yggdragon's Nature Spirit Gardener] Skill.

A barrage of elemental claws and breath attacks rained down above the Boss Monster!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

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Chapter 734: The Might Of Dragon Spirits

"Pitiful beast, you've got the privilege of dying before my almighty magic!" The Venomous Viper Drake Queen Laughed.

"Let's see how many of my flames you can take at once!" The Red Dragon Queen smiled.

"Don't get in the way, miasmic aberration!" The Blue Dragon King roared mightily.

"I'll open the way!" The Cave Drake King said.

The combined strength of my four strongest Dragon Spirits, combined with the dozens of Lesser Dragon Spirits created out of my very body fell over the Miasmic Mud Slime King on a single attack.

Sharp claws of various elements, such as poison, earth, flames, and darkness constantly cut it down, while explosive breaths of similar elements blew it into bits.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

At this point, I almost felt bad for the Boss Monster...

"GRUOOOHHHH...!"

It hid its core really well, but as it constantly had its entire body splattered into pieces, it ended opening the way for the core to be finally seen!

"SHAAAGH!"

Desperately being defensive about it, the Boss Monster suddenly attempted to absorb the remaining Miasmic Slimes nearby!

However, it meet with something of an equal... when doing so.

"It's usually pretty rare to find someone of my same kin!" Laughed Jenny. "But I guess we can't be friends, can't we?!"

Her entire body had grown large, almost of the same size as the Miasmic Mud Slime King. She didn't risk collapsing anything due to her very soft slime-made body, making her the ideal fighter for these kinds of situations.

Above all, she absorbed the Miasma and Sewer water into her body, as disgusting as that was, and made herself bigger!

"Now take this! [Poisonous Slime Fist Meteor]!"

Her entire body shapeshifted, showcasing incredible talent over the slime-type body that many players couldn't even control properly, and usually felt sick when using only once.

Hundreds of giant fists made out of her own purple slime body clashed over our foe, making its entire body crumble down!

BAAM! BAAM! BAAM! BAAM! BAAM!

"Now...!"

I ran forwards, my claws opening through the miasmic mud as my dragon spirits constantly attacked with elemental claws and breath attacks, bombarding the beast with all the elemental attacks imaginable, and not too big as to make a huge commotion either!

"MARK!"

I called for Mark as I saw a glimpse of the core again. He quickly ran towards me, with his blazing wings, he clashed into the beast's miasmic body as it was constantly disintegrating and regenerating, his huge Berserk Blade quickly rushing down!

At the same time, I summoned Gram out of my Inventory, imbuing my Spirit Energy into it and unleashing my own powerful attack!

"[Holy Ascent]!"

"[Phoenix's Fall]!"

With an ascending attack that unleashed a devastating explosion of light, and another mighty slice attack that unleashed a descending phoenix made of flames, the core received both attacks at once!

CRAAAAASSH!!! CRAAAAASSH!!!

"GRYYAAAEEEGGHH...!"

The Miasmic Mud Slime King gave a terrifying shriek, as its entire black core gained countless cracks before shattering into pieces! The rest of its body exploded, splattering everywhere.

BOOOOOOMMMM!!!

As if the King was controlling the smaller fry, the other Miasmic Mud Slimes suddenly became incredibly cowardly and afraid of us, attempting to run away on the spot!

However, with Jenny, Lily, and Rita's quick cooperative work, they captured and slain them all before they could get lost into the sewers.

I cooperated too, utilizing my plants and body to reach very far into every path of this maze-like sewer dungeon, catching and killing them all, to make sure they wouldn't contaminate the potable waters.

And to make extra sure it would stay clean, I left my plants all over the place, constantly purifying the entire area!

Ding!

[You and your party have slain [Miasmic Mud Slime King: Lv200] x1 and [Miasmic Mud Slime: Lv140] x237!]

[You earned 84.250.000 EXP!]

[Level Up!]

[Level Up!]

[Level Up!]

[Level Up!]

[Your Level has increased from Level 150 to Level 154/180!]

[All your Stats have increased. You gained Bonus Stat Points and Skill Points.]

[For having defeated a Mighty Dungeon Boss and showcasing your power as a [World Boss], you have gained +8000 Community Points and +4000 World Boss Points.]

[You gained 50.000.000 Gold.]

[You received: [Miasmic Mud Bottle (B Grade)] x100 [Decayed Miasmic Slime Eyes (B+ Grade)] x100 [Shattered Miasmic Mud Slime Core (B+ Grade)] x60 [Royal Miasmic Mud Bottle (A Grade)] x1 [Shiny Red Miasmic Slime Eyes (A+ Grade)] x1 [Shattered Royal Miasmic Mud Slime Core (A+ Grade)] x1!]

"Phew... That was much more work than I imagined." I sighed in relief, sitting over a huge branch, my transformation and spirits disappearing.

"Y-Yeah, let's take a small break before continuing any further." Laughed Mark. "But we did a good job... Though, was that the final boss?"

"Looks like it wasn't..." Rita said. "I haven't gotten any notification about it! It only said Mighty Dungeon Boss, not Final Dungeon Boss..."

"Yeah, I guess whatever is the Final Boss, we might find them across that metallic door where the purple light is coming from." Lily pointed out, looking at the metallic door.

"I think so as well." I nodded. "Let's eat something first before advancing, I don't have a good feeling of whatever might await us in that place."

I quickly distributed the food I had in my inventory with everyone, some I even made back home, and some of what Ambil had left for us as well, the onion bread sticks were everyone's favorite.

I had even bought some potato chips, shortcake slices, and iced tea bottles from the supermarket, and they worked just fine in this world as well, this Inventory ability I had was truly fantastic!

The things from Earth also gained funny summaries and became items, fully absorbed into this world... And they could be retrieved back any time too, making it even cooler.

"Phew.. All done?" I asked, everyone felt much more refreshed.

"Yeah, let's get this done before dinner!" Mark nodded.

"I agree." I looked into the door, quickly pushing it with my hand.

And what we found inside was...

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Chapter 735: Infiltration

"Angelina are you sure this is the place?"

"Yes, yes, I'm sure this is the place Anikitty, stop asking every ten seconds."

"The place sure looks sus as hell, if there's any evil cult hiding somewhere, this place's definitely a candidate."

"Erdrich, would you shut your mouth for five seconds? We're supposed to come undercover here. Stay quiet!"

"Hmmm, do Players always fight this much? Being alive certainly has benefits, but... the energy and anger that comes with it is something I would rather not have within my rattling bones."

A group of four Players, each one a prestigious Guild Master, and a small Skeleton Merchant that have been accompanying for a couple of days made their way through the dark alleys of the Luminous Kingdom's Capital.

Some minutes ago, Angelina received a message from Planta regarding where she had "sensed" the origin of the Chimeras they fought yesterday. And because the whole group has been trying to find clues about the remnants of the Cult of the Demon King of Miasma without any results so far, they decided to do as Planta asked them to, and check the perimeter, trying to find if there was anything suspicious.

They had already been walking for almost twenty minutes from street to street, and aside from the usual thugs that ran away the moment they saw their levels, there wasn't anything much else...

"Well, aside from that small band of thieves we just found, we haven't really found anything else..." Erdrich said. "I guess Planta might have been wrong."

"But she said the spirits told her that they were around here. If it comes to Spirit Magic, nobody is better than Planta, even I as a Shrine Maiden has to admit it nyah!" Anikitty said.

"Hold on... Stop." Angelina suddenly sensed something, her sharp golden eyes glowing brightly, as she stopped her whole group, who quickly fell into silence.

"What's wrong?" Gandalf asked on a lower voice.

"There's something strange over there. Look." Angelina said, grabbing a small pebble and throwing it into the alleyway to the left.

FLASH!

The pebble suddenly disappeared the moment it reached a certain area, sucked into the empty air... Everyone felt flabbergasted, and then quickly recalled how it felt the same way as when that Chimera and the Miasmic Aberrations trapped them in some sort of Domain.

"Is it a Domain?" Wondered Erdrich.

"Hmmm..." Gandalf activated his Magic Detection abilities, trying to discern. "I can feel a very strong amalgamation of Space-attribute Runes, it is certainly some sort of different space... There's no way some thugs could ever make this, this is the power of a High-Ranking Magic Array Sorcerer."

"Huh, we do have a huge tower over there filled with them." Erdrich squinted his eyes.

"You damn...! Are you implying that the prestigious and honorable magicians of the Magician Guild are members of the Cult?! They're all amazing wizards!" Gandalf suddenly got defensive over his guild.

"They would never sell their souls to some dumb Black Magic Cult!"

"Gandalf stop it already, there might be a chance for them to be involved too." Angelina sighed. "Now, let's concentrate. I wish we could be more efficient than Planta and her friends are... So much bickering."

The group slowly started moving towards the alleyway, after throwing a couple more of pebbles and seeing no response, they tried to enter...

And succeed.

FLAAASH!

The moment they stepped in, they found themselves in a dark and lugubrious looking dungeon, with a long, black staircase leading into a lower stratum.

Ding!

[You are the first ones to discover the [Hidden Dungeon: Laboratory Of Madness]!]

[The Hidden Dungeon's depths invite you to step further...]

"A hidden dungeon?!"

Once they calmed down about the sudden surprise, they looked into the stairs depths... Pure darkness was the only thing greeting their eyes.

"Do we go down?" Wondered Gandalf.

"Well, what else would we do? We need to make some results!" Anikitty said.

"Hmmm, I can sense a lot of Nether and Miasma down there, both of them..." The small skeleton pointed out. "Not only cultists, but nefarious beasts might be awaiting you."

"Good, we wanted some EXP anyways." Angelina smiled.

"Then let's go." Erdrich smiled.

The party slowly walked downstairs, until they found themselves on the first floor, a wide area separated by several smaller rooms, connected by a long hall leading directly towards the next stairs.

As they walked across the hall and opened the rooms, they found strange sightings, such as several broken laboratory tools, many alchemy materials laying around, mostly all covered on nasty miasma and nether.

And also, broken tubes where things might have crawled out from...

"A Laboratory of Madness... Alright, I guess I can tell why the dungeon's name is like that." Anikitty commented, as they were about to walk downstairs into the next floor.

Except that something suddenly emerged behind them, lurking amidst the darkness...

"Intru... dersss..."

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(Planta's POV)

We silently and slowly opened the metallic door in front of us, but what we found in the other way wasn't what we expected, just a swirling mass of colors, from purple, pink, and black...

"What is this? There's some sort of wall, an illusion?" Asked Rita.

"It looks like the walls of a domain of sorts..." Mark pointed out. "Perhaps whatever is inside of here has isolated itself from the outside world."

"Maybe that's why the cultists have not noticed our presences yet?" Lily asked curiously.

"Yeah, most likely." I nodded. "Great Spirit, can you help me analyze it?"

"Okay..."

The Great Spirit manifested herself in front of us, as we touched the strange swirling mass of magic, suddenly detecting several runes arranged tightly into a special "isolation domain".

"Whatever they're doing there, they don't want anybody to find out. Well, they left all those mud slimes to fend off intruders too." The Great Spirit said. "However, this arrangement of Runes... It's not something hard to destroy for someone like me. As long as it isn't some sort of Domain made up of Miasma...!"

FLAAASH!

The Great Spirit channeled her powers through me, as we touched the wall of magic power and quickly disrupted its composition, making it fall apart into pieces.

And finally revealing us what was inside...

"Intruders?!"

"Who are you?!"

"They broke through the Isolation Barrier?!"

A bunch of cultists greeted us.

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Chapter 736: Confronting The Cultists!

Ding!

[You've discovered the Secret Area within the Hidden Dungeon!]

Not only the cultists scattering and running away like cockroaches greeted us, but a wide dark hall filled with desks, tables, and blood and guts splattered over the floor.

There were all sorts of strange materials scattered inside many small pieces of furniture, the floor not only had blood and guts, but countless runes inscribed, creating a gigantic circle surrounding a huge, floating... thing.

It was inside a glass tube, and it seemed to hold no actual shape, amorphous and strange, it looked to be made of many pieces of several creatures, humans included.

But I could notice several black tentacles, red eyes, and fangs... Its appearance somehow reminding me of the true body of the Demon King of Miasma!

[The Origin of the Darkness greets you.]

[It calls for help...]

It calls... for help?

["Please... end me... end my suffering... kill... me..."]

What?!

"Just what is that thing?!" I asked, seconds before Rita pointed into the distance.

"There... is that...?!" She muttered, suddenly feeling disgusted.

"No way..." Mark said, feeling disheartened.

"T-This is... wow..." Jenny muttered.

Lily didn't said a single word, resisting the urge to vomit, her cheerful eyes showing clear horror.

"Huh?"

I looked into the left, hiding beneath the shadows, there were the corpses of... countless people. Some still had their clothes on, they seemed to be mostly commoners and citizens, there were elderly, and children too, even... babies.

"Ugh...!"

Suddenly, I felt utter disgust as I felt the smell of the rotten corpses covered on flies and worms, the entire place was rotting with not only the smell of Miasma and Nether, but the smell of corpses they had been throwing in here!

"You monsters...!" I couldn't contain my fury any longer, glaring at the dozens of cultists we caught red-handed. "YOU BASTARDS!"

"Don't let them get to our test subject! Attack!"

Aside from a few ones escaping into the nearby corridors leading deeper into this maze, dozens of them pointed their wands and other magical weapons at us, harnessing their Mana and the powers they had acquired, and firing countless spells against us!

Hundreds of Black Fireballs, Poisonous Bullets, Miasmic Arrows, and Spears of Darkness reached us in mere seconds, as I quickly kicked the ground with all my might and generated several barriers made of Yggdrasil's wood!

"[Yggdrasil's Walls]!"

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

The projectiles quickly started bombarding the barrier as a few cracks emerged, which I constantly regenerated using my Mana. I continued spreading my Domain like I had done beforehand, bringing it from the outside into this place, enhancing the power of the walls.

"Those bastards have been using innocent people for their experiments?!" Rita was still trying to process it. "Okay, that's enough, I'm going to blast a few holes through their damn brains!"

"This is terrible... These people are rotten to the core..." Lily cried. "We've been fighting monsters so far but this is... Ugh, and knowing this world is just as real as our own..."

"If you don't want to do it, I won't force you to." Mark said, suddenly beginning to walk around the barrier. "I'll make it quick."

"W-Wait...!" I tried to stop him. "What are you planning to do?!"

"I'll kill them." Mark's eyes flared with blazing flames. "What else is a fitting punishment for people like them? But... you don't have to do it. I won't let them put any weight into your conscience."

"..."

I couldn't really say a word. This was all too fast and out of nowhere but... He was kind of right, and Lily as well.

We've been fighting monsters so far, even the previous cultists ended turning into abominations, and the Undead were no longer people, but reanimated corpses controlled by their accursed souls.

To fight these cultists, that looked clearly human... and just kill them for it.

What would that make me?

Maybe in the past I would have hesitated more though, but right now, after everything I've gone through, and after I saw the atrocities they did.

And how they even killed children and babies for sacrifices to their abomination...

I just can't forgive them.

They don't seem like people anymore, someone capable of so much horror is no longer a person to me, they're just the same as the monsters we've been hunting so far.

I've changed more than I can even recognize myself sometimes.

But I know that doing the right thing is not always... what one truly wants.

Because to me, killing them is the right thing.

And the System itself has also detected them as enemies, not NPC that I cannot harm.

Ding!

[The Cultists within this area have committed terrible atrocities against many innocent souls, you're allowed to slay them and make them pay for their crimes.]

[For felling these criminals, you will be rewarded greatly.]

It almost feels like it is trying to comfort me and make me think its what I should definitely do... And I guess to an extent, I agree.

Maybe I have not really changed as much, and I've simply become braver. Because for those I love, and for the innocent souls that were taken away so bitterly, I'm willing to do these things.

Just thinking that these children could have been the kids of many mothers, who can no longer meet them again.

Just thinking that one of these children... might have been my own daughter.

"I'll go as well."

I gripped my fists tightly; I had already made my resolve.

There was no point in whining about it.

"A-Are you sure?!" Mark asked in surprise.

"Just thinking about how those children will never be able to see their mothers again fill me with anger, I have to do it, or I might not be able to sleep well tonight." I sighed, summoning Gram into my hands, and transforming Gaia-All-Purpose Tool into a long green and golden spear. "I won't hesitate!"

"Kill them! Keep firing the spells!"

"They're only a few, as long as we can destroy them with our magic, we can also sacrifice their souls!"

"Our Great Leader will-"

CLAAASSHH!!

My spear pierced the man's throat before he could even say another word.

"Uuaarrghhh...!"

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Chapter 737: Learning To Be Ruthless

My Spear reached the cultist's throat, his HP quickly going down with each second the spear was piercing his throat, making him bleed.

"Graaarggh!"

He quickly forced it out of his throat, his hands revealing sharp black claws and miasmic and nether energies surging from several runes, his form beginning to change.

"You damn...! RAAARRRGH!"

His appearance quickly transformed, becoming some sort of chimeric werewolf! Wait, so even the normal cultists that look like people have turned themselves into... creatures?

Ding!

[The [Corrupted Miasma Cultist: Lv150] has undergone a special [Chimeric Miasmic Transformation], increasing All Stats by +100%!]

[Filled with new strength, it has no sense of fear anymore!]

Well, I guess it certainly makes things simpler...

"I'm not even going to engage on a conversation with you." I said. "[Yggdrasil Magic: Divine Root Spears]!"

FLAAASH!

My surroundings quickly shook as the roots spread around his body and summoned dozens of spears imbued with spiritual energy, piercing his body several times, blood and miasma splattering everywhere.

"Graaarggh!"

With a furious roar, the cultist furiously freed himself from the roots entangling him, even with his body covered on spears piercing his flesh, he ran directly to me.

"DIE!"

Swinging both of his huge claws, several slashing waves made of dark energies were fired towards me rapidly, as I moved Gram and picked back up the spear, shaping it into a sword and utilizing the Heroic Swordsmanship Techniques to block the attacks as I made my way through!

Ding!

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

I made sure to move correctly as I ran forwards, focusing completely on channeling my energies into my legs to move as quickly as possible. The effects of the [Heroic Swordsmanship's Footwork] naturally activated quickly.

"[Heroic Parry]!"

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

Each of his frantic attacks were easily blocked by my swords, as each parried blow released explosions of light, blinding him.

"Gryyaargh!"

Once he finally gave me an opening by closing his eyes, I took the chance.

"[Divine Sword Slash]!"

Channeling a large quantity of Mana into both swords, I unleashed a single sword attack that released a gigantic slash of pure light, slicing him into two halves.

SLAAAASSSHHH!!!

"Gruuaaagh...!"

The especial effect of Gram activated in that instant as well, generating "illusions" of the same attack, multiplying it five times, as two other Cultists nearby were cut down to piece as well, albeit involuntarily so.

SLAASH! SLAASH! SLAASH! SLAASH! SLAASH!

"Gruuaagh!"

"Arrrgh...!"

They fell into the floor into pieces, as I ended gaining EXP from them and all... I felt slightly disgusted with what I had done, but there was no sense of guilt over having taken their lives.

Based on all the things they had done; they deserved no mercy at all!

"S-She must be that Yggdrasil woman!"

"Kill her quickly!"

"DIE!"

More and more cultists kept rushing towards me, and when I was about to conjure some Spirit Magic to send them away, dozens of dark spears started falling from the skies, piercing their bodies, and exploding!

"[Malice Magic]: [Shadow Void Spears]!" Rita roared. "DIE YOU FUCKING SHITHEADS!!!"

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

Rita was completely furious, blowing the cultists into pieces, managing to kill a few without them turning into monsters beforehand...

Meanwhile, the survivors quickly turned into aberrant, chimeric half-beast forms, attempting to get her as she floated in midair.

"Oh no, that is not going to be as easy as you imagine, fools!" She laughed. "[Shadow Dragon Claws]!"

Her darkness quickly gathered around her hands as gigantic draconic claws made of shadows materialized, much like the powerful spells she had conjured beforehand, she unleashed several slashing attacks using these claws!

CLAAASH! CLAAASH! CLAAASH!

Devastating the cultist ranks, she also conjured several spheres of darkness, summoned from her Dark Spirit Magic...

"[Malice Magic]: [Dark Spirit Orbs Abyssal Orbs]! Attack!"

The dozens of black orbs started floating around her, firing lasers of darkness-attribute spiritual energy everywhere, acting as both protection and also as automatic attacks and offense, it was simply amazing!

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

As this happened, Mark jumped into battle, leaping from the skies and clashing into the ground with a huge explosion of spiritual flames.

BAAAAMMM...!

"None of you is getting away!"

His skull-like face, resembling the skull of a huge bird now, blazed with flames as he grew two huge blazing wings from his back, while his enormous arms transformed into cannon-shapes, firing cannonballs made of blazing wood towards everyone!

"[Totem Body Transformation: Blazing Spirit Cannons]!"

Each cannonball seemed simple, yet the impact alone generated huge explosions of flames much more potent and cheaper in mana costs as well!

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

He kept firing them everywhere, blowing the cultists into bits and burning them. They transformed into monsters but that did little against him, he grew a second pair of arms and swung his Berserk Sword, set on flames, and temporarily fused with Totem Spirits and Fire Spirits.

"[Spiritual Phoenix Sword Arts]: [Rising Phoenix]!"

SLAAAAASSSHH!!!

Mark furiously swung his sword upwards, generating the illusion of a gigantic phoenix made of flames erupting from his sword, the world was suddenly filled with flames, burning all of his surrounding enemies!

TRUUUUMMMM...!

"Gryyyaagghh...!"

"Raaaggh...!"

The resilient Cultists turned into monsters as they burned, but Mark simply moved forwards towards them, his body quickly summoning several Totems.

"[Blazing Spirit Totem Magic]: [Volcanic Draconic Stakes]!"

Channeling the power of the Fire Dragon Spirit, he summoned several gigantic stakes in the shape of dragons, rushing towards his foes and piercing their chests, filling them with flames as they were pierced.

CLAAASH! CLAAASH! CLAAASH!

Meanwhile, as we all kept purging them, Jenny and Lily rushed towards the two other corridors, which I followed them through my extended senses using my Domain which expanded everywhere.

In there, the cultists were hurriedly trying to grab as many things from smaller rooms, including containers filled with what seemed to be floating souls!

"Jenny, Lily, take them down and retrieve those souls! They are most likely the souls of the people!" I told them through the roots and branches. "They might be dead, but at the very least we have to let them rest in peace!"

"Got it!" The two nodded, decided to fight as well.

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Chapter 738: The Hidden Dungeon's Final Boss Emerges!

"They're almost here!"

"That Yggdrasil Witch's magic is spreading everywhere! Don't touch the plants!"

"Quickly! Open the emergency gate! While the rest is fighting, we have to at least bring these things to our master! Bring the fetuses of the chimera prototypes as well!"

The cultists were all carrying many things from the other rooms in the small underground facility, rushing towards the gate which was still sealed.

One of the magicians quickly waved his wand, attempting to open the gate so everyone could run away from the massacre happening right next to them.

However...

SPLAAASH!

A purple slime emerged in front of them, blocking the gate that had just open, her entire body quickly shapeshifting to gain many spikes which she constantly expanded everywhere.

"Nah, you're not getting anywhere, bastards!"

"A-A slime?!"

"Arrghh!"

"She's poisonous, watch out!"

"Urgh...!"

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

As she pierced their bodies with deadly poisonous slime spikes, she also fired poison and acid bullets, sometimes even melting a few into flesh and blood.

"Ugh, this is gross, but you guys are even grosser!" Jenny had already decided to just go all-out without hesitating, stopping them from advancing further and even tanking most of their deadly spells, which were poisonous and so, could be absorbed by her quite easily.

"You don't have to do this alone either, Jenny!" Lily stepped forward. "I'll punish all of you, evildoers! What you've done will never be forgiven! [Divine Earth Spirit Magic]: [Gaia's Punishment]!"

While covering her entire body on an armor of stone, metals, and crystals, Lily hit the ground with tremendous strength, generating a huge rampage of countless of giant arms made of stone, spears, swords, and axes made of crystals, and fingers made of combined ores.

The multiple attacks were all part of her Gaia's Punishment Spell, a very strong spell she had yet to try out on her foes until now!

The results, as if it wasn't obvious enough, were utterly devastating.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

Countless of explosions rained down over the cultists, countless died on the spot. The surviving ones, shapeshifting into aberrant monster-like appearances tried attacking with stronger magic, shattering some of Lily's mighty magic spells, only for acidic poison bullets and poisonous slime spears to fend them off quite quickly.

As the cultists were going down rapidly, I sensed one of them raising a strange item, a wand made out of bones with a red jewel on top of it. He looked desperate, panicking as he imbued his energies into the wand!

"Hey, what do you think you're doing?!" I instantly ran towards him, to stop whatever machinations he had in mind.

"We are not going down without taking you down with us!" He cried. "Wake up, you useless chimera! You're more than just a farm of endless miasmic fragments for us! After all, a small piece of that Demon King is within your core!"

FLAAASH!

The wand glowed brightly before my branches and roots could reach him, activating several magical mechanisms around the largest glass tube in there.

The magic circle surrounding it activated, its white and red runes glowing brightly with crimson light, emanating an ominous blood-colored energy!

"A-Ahhh... AAAHHH...! GRAAAHHHH...!"

The entity within the tube started groaning and screaming with the voices of hundreds of people. Whatever this chimera was, it was suffering!

Ding!

[The Evil Cultists have released all the seals containing the Origin of the Darkness within the depths of the Hidden Dungeon!]

[The Hidden Dungeon's Final Boss is beginning to become free from the shackles containing it within the glass tube! Its powers are overflowing!]

Crack, crack...!

CRAAASH!

The beast broke free from its prison, its small body quickly beginning to grow larger and larger, growing countless arms, legs, eyes, and jaws from the countless lifeforms it has been made out of, including the people that might have been captured as well.

"GRUOOOHHHH...!"

Ding!

[The Hidden Dungeon's Final Boss [The Failed Copy Of The Origin of Darkness: Lv225] has fully awakened!]

[Its powers are beginning to constantly grow as it had been freed from its restraints!]

"Hahahah... HAHAAHAHA! You're all going to die!" The cultist that freed the chimera laughed. "Even Players can die if their souls are shattered! And this entity... it has inherited a little part of the Demon King of Miasma's powers! It will SHATTER all of your damn SOULS- GRAAGH...!"

"Shut up already."

I didn't let him continue speaking his nonsense as I pierced his body with countless sharp Yggdrasil's wood spears surging from the ground, destroying his Demonic Heart before he were to turn into a monster too.

"I've had enough of all you monsters..." I sighed. "Shatter our souls? Do you think we are afraid after all the shit we've gone through?"

"Yeah, those words are not that intimidating anymore, honestly." Mark said, his flames spreading around his body.

"Alright, so this guy's the final boss, huh?" Rita wondered, floating nearby.

"GRAAAH... RAAAAHHH...!"

The aberration kept growing larger, countless rivers of miasma and nether spreading everywhere. Suddenly the corpses of the cultists were... reanimated?!

Ding!

[The Hidden Dungeon's Final Boss [The Failed Copy Of The Origin of Darkness: Lv225] has begun to infect the nearby corpses with its Miasma and Nether, bringing them back from the dead as aberrant [Miasmic Cultist Chimera Zombies: Lv180]!]

[The Hidden Dungeon's Final Boss [The Failed Copy Of The Origin of Darkness: Lv225] very presence exudes a mighty and nefarious power, further boosting the strength and magic power of its subjects, increasing All their Stats by +150%!]

[A powerful [Corrupted Divine Barrier of Miasmic Nether] is surrounding the Hidden Dungeon's Final Boss, blocking 90% of all Damage!]

Not only it rose an army of Undead out of nowhere with its strange powers, but it even mutated them into even stronger monsters, and to boot, it gained a barrier that negates 90% of damage?!

And as if things couldn't get worse, my Domain was being constantly consumed with incredible speed! If we don't do something quickly to stop its expansion, we might be in quite a problem.

Good thing I've got a plethora of powerful skills and spells to rely on!

"We both can play the same game!" I roared. "[Spiritual Sacred Sanctuary]!"

FLAAASH!

A powerful Spiritual Barrier spread around us, while constantly burning the Miasma and Nether!

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Chapter 739: Draconification Abilities

The barrier was erected around all of us, including Jenny and Lily which were rather far away from where the rest of our group was, quickly blocking the miasma and nether from flooding the entire area.

However, most of my domain and terrain had been devoured by the miasma and nether, so I quickly started spreading it from my very body, constantly expanding it with each passing split of a second.

"[Yggdrasil's Spiritual Farm Terrain Authority]!"

Ding!

Ding!

[The Effects of the [Yggdrasil's Spiritual Farm Terrain Authority: Lv10 (Fused Skill)] has activated!]

[The power of your [Yggdrasil's Spiritual Farm Terrain Authority] has been exerted, cancelling the foe's Authority! Your Terrain and Tiles are increasingly expanding everywhere!]

[You have created 1 [Spiritual Farm Terrain] and [Spirit Forest Terrain] Tiles!]

[The Tiles have been multiplied! 10 Tiles have been automatically created!]

[You have created 2 [Spiritual Farm Terrain] and [Spirit Forest Terrain] Tiles!]

[The Tiles have been multiplied! 20 Tiles have been automatically created!]

[You have created 1 [Spiritual Farm Terrain] and [Spirit Forest Terrain] Tiles!]

[The Tiles have been multiplied! 10 Tiles have been automatically created!]

[...]

[Your Terrain is beginning to grow above your body! All of your Stats are further increasing based in the ever-expanding Nature of your Tiles!]

[The Skill Effects have activated; several Bonuses increasing HP and MP Regeneration Speed have activated. Damage Reduction Bonuses have begun taking effect!]

FLAAAASH!

I summoned the Tiles from my Divine Tile World as well, filling our surroundings with nature and completely deleting the Miasma and Nether from existence!

A Divine Radiance spread across the entire surroundings, the miasma couldn't be contained, being purified into ashes constantly, but it seemed to be pouring out of that monster almost endlessly!

Despite being of a much lower level than the chimera, it had a much stronger ability to create these elements.

However, that wasn't the only Skill I could set up!

"Alright, here comes a really good one!" I smiled. "[Yggdragon's Nature Spirit Gardener]!"

Ding!

[The Effects of the [Yggdragon's Nature Spirit Gardener: Lv10 (Fused Skill)] Skill have been activated!]

[The Nature Surrounding you is responding to your call! It is constantly beginning to merge with your body, as you make a garden out of your body and your surroundings!]

[All your Stats have further increased! Spirit Energy, Mana, and Health Regeneration Speed has increased tremendously!]

[Your body is beginning to grow larger and stronger! Wounds are being regenerated instantly.]

[Several other Skills resonate with this combination of Powers.]

FLUOOOSH!

Vegetation and Nature kept spreading and growing at an incredibly rapid pace and beginning to be absorbed into my body at the same time! I became everything around us.

"Now! [Yggdragon's Nature Spirit Garden]!"

My chest glowed brightly, my [Dragon Heart] overflowing with Draconic Energy, fusing with Spirit Energy, and transforming a large part of the spirits being summoned into Dragon-type Spirits, transforming their appearances, and making them look even mightier!

Ding!

[Your body has begun to transform into the [Yggdragon's Nature Spirit Garden]! Skill Effects have been amplified greatly and a large part of the Spirits being summoned out of your own body and from your surroundings are transforming into Dragon Spirits!]

The tiny Lesser Spirits suddenly underwent a special evolution, their power increasing exponentially out of nowhere, becoming tiny dragon spirits, much stronger than even normal elemental spirits!

The cost efficiency was insane, lesser spirits, which were the most common, instantly began to transform into Dragon Spirits stronger than Elemental Spirits!

And if I combine this with this other Skill...!

"[Draconification]!"

FLAAASH!

Just like before, my body swiftly gained golden scales all over, a long and sharp spear-like tail, wings, horns, and strong draconic eyes, alongside even larger claws.

Ding!

[You have undergone [Draconification], All Stats, Skill Power, and Spirit Magic Power have increased by +175%!]

[The power of your [Divine Yggdragon Flames of Life and Nature] has increased by +300%!]

[Additionally, you can now use powerful Draconic Abilities and Techniques!]

[However, your Spiritual Energy and Mana are being constantly drained away...]

With all these power ups activated, there was the last thing I needed!

"[Sunlight Spirit Call]! [Multiple Spirit Summoning]!"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Dozens of Sunlight Spirits were summoned in a matter of seconds, shining brightly above the ceiling while unleashing their bright, tasty sunlight, which my body took very happily!

Ding!

[Due to being directly exposed to strong sunlight, the [Yggdryad's Divine Spiritual Presence] Special Skill Effects have been activated!]

[Several Tiles surrounding you have transformed into [Spirit Forest Tiles], further enhancing all of your Stats as long as you're within them.]

[Spirit Summoning Rate has amplified within these special Tiles!]

[The direct Sunlight covering your body has further enhanced your Stats and Energy Recovery Speed!]

[Additionally, as long as you're within [Spiritual Forest Tiles] while taking direct sunlight, you can reduce Damage Taken by 10% of total WIS Stat (Max 50%), and you can summon your [Divine Aura] to enchant all Skills and Magic with [Divinity]!]

There it is!

This is an incredibly powerful buff that I haven't used that much because it is troublesome to set up, but now that my Spirit Magic has evolved, it is easy to summon dozens of basic elemental spirits, easily giving me access to this effect.

"GRAAAH!"

The monstrous chimera roared in the back, pointing its appendages and tentacles towards me, dozens of their aberrant miasmic zombies leaping towards me, slowly breaking through the Spiritual Sanctuary Barrier that could only block so much damage.

"I'll show you, fragment of the Demon King of Miasma..." I said. "You're not fighting the same person from back then!"

Even if I am not within my Territory back in the Forest of Beginnings, I am not someone you can easily mess around with!

"[Orichalcum Scales]! [Dragon's Almighty Aura]!"

Ding!

[You have activated the [Orichalcum Scales] Draconic Technique, your Scales have been temporarily reinforced with even tougher scales, increasing their defensive power by +500% for 30 seconds.]

[You have activated the [Dragon's Almighty Aura] Draconic Technique, an almighty aura encompassing your latent draconic power is emerging from your body, intimidating your foe, and further boosting the power of all Dragon-type Skills and Magic Spells by +200% for 30 seconds.]

FLUOOOSH!

My scales became even tougher and my body erupted with draconic might.

I leaped towards the zombies, swinging my gigantic draconic claws, as several dragon spirits flew inside of them, fusing themselves into them through my Divine Spiritual Fusion Synthesis Skill!

"[Dragon Spirit's Elemental Claws]!"

SLAAASH! SLAAASH! SLAAASH!

Three almighty slashes charged with Fire, Wind, and Earth Dragon Spirits was unleashed from my claws, the devastating claw-shaped elemental attack cut them down into pieces, their bodies attempting regeneration were greeted by something else as well, my blindingly shining sword!

"How about I combine a Spell with my Heroic Swordsmanship Arts?" I wondered, quickly doing so.

"[Exorcizing Holy Blade]!"

FLAAASH!

I combined the spells I had learned back on Earth with my Magic Circle into Gram and Gaia's All-Purpose-Tool on its sword form, a twin slash of pure exorcizing holy light engulfed the zombies into pure burning holiness!

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

Each slash released a wide explosion of pure holy light, their bodies quickly turning into ashes, as their souls were completely purified.

Ding!

[The [Exorcizing Holy Blade] Technique has been added into the [Heroic Legendary Sword Arts] Skill!]

"GRYAAAGH!"

The chimera stepped back in horror, generating countless layers of protection as it directed its minions towards me!

["Please... kill... me...! I can't... control this... body!"]

That voice again...

Are these the souls trapped in that body?

Don't worry, I'll give you the eternal rest you deserve, it's the very least I can do!

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Chapter 740: Dragon Spirits Against Zombie Cultists!

"Graaaggh!"

"Die! Die! Diee!"

"Raarrggh!"

"We'll drag you to hell with us!"

The Miasmic Zombies could even speak, their monstrous faces groaning back at me with utter resentment and fury, yet I faced them all head-on without hesitating!

"I felled all of you once, and I'll slay you a second time if that's necessary to rid this world from you!"

I swung my swords relentlessly as the Dragon Spirits around me kept unleashing their breath attacks or fusing into my claws to unleash elemental claw attacks.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

I kept mostly spamming my new Exorcizing Holy Blade Technique, which was even added to the Skill itself, facilitating the activation process!

"[Divine Sword Slash]! [Heroic Parry]! [Exorcizing Holy Blade]!"

I unleashed large waves of holy light against them, while those that leaped from behind were quickly blocked by exorcizing blade slashing blows, magic attacks were blocked through Heroic Parries!

The Dragon Spirits kept fusing into larger ones, gigantic draconic heads of many elements emerged around me, blasting the never-ending undead into smithereens.

And that wasn't all...

Ding!

[The [Divine Spiritual Fusion Synthesis] Skill special effect has been activated!]

[The more Spirits you're surrounded of, the more your Stats are rising!]

[Dragon Spirits count as Elemental Spirits even if they were born from Lesser Spirits, further boosting your stats by +5% with each one!]

And there were almost fifty right now! And that's without taking into consideration the over a hundred Lesser Spirits, each one giving me a buff of +1% to All Stats. These Skills combinations and synergies were incredible.

"Now! All together!" I roared. "[Dragon Spirit Summon Magic]: [Dragon Spirit's Elemental Breath]!"

"ROOOAARR!"

All fifty Dragon Spirits roared in unison like a small chorus of little dragons behind me, their breath attacks resembling beams of flames, winds, light, water, ice, and sands, blasting through the zombies one after another!

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

"Amazing, Elayne!"

Mark was right behind me; his transformation and magic skills were just as amazing as well. He had been summoning dozens of Totem Spirits in the shapes of Phoenixes, Red Dragons, Volcanic Salamanders, and even Hell Wolves, each one as huge as ten meters, rushing around the battlefield and covering areas I couldn't properly reach.

At the same time, he combined his phoenix cannons with his phoenix sword techniques, unleashing explosions of holy spirit flames, which seemed even more effective than my spirit magic at instantly burning and killing these unholy beasts, as it takes me several hits to do so.

To be honest, I had some superior things myself, but he was also evening the field with his explosive damage and incredible bulk.

Even with all my stat boosts and damage reduction, the miasma and nether were still constantly trying to consume my body as I constantly healed it back, meanwhile, Mark seemed almost completely immune as his flames were always covering his body.

"You're the amazing one here, but let's focus!"

"GRAAHHHHH...!"

The chimera gave a monstrous roar once more, as we kept drawing closer to it. It suddenly swung its many appendages, rising the waves of the miasma and nether sea surrounding it.

SPLAAASH!

The black and slimy waters fused together into countless of gigantic arms and fists, rushing towards us at incredible speed!

"Is this thing trying to punch us?!" Mark was surprised. "Not a chance! [Spiritual Phoenix Sword Arts: Phoenix Fall]: [Lightning-Speed Blazing Feather Slashes]!"

Suddenly, Mark completely focused on his giant Berserk Sword, imbuing it with his Totem Spirits and changing its appearance into an even larger wooden sword, the flames shaping into many roaring animals and then into hundreds of feathers!

Each strike was like one of these blazing feather projectiles striking his foes, and the strikes were almost a hundred in just a couple of seconds, devastating the giant miasmic arms trying to crush us!

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH!

I even saw Lightning coming out of his attacks, this meant that his sword techniques were not really locked on his main phoenix theme, he could imbue other elements born from his Totem and Beast Spirits!

"[Beast Totem Spirit Transformation]: [Divine Lightning Cheetah]!"

FLAAASH!

At the same time, he activated a new Skill, his large and muscular body suddenly becoming much leaner, and gaining the patterns and slight appearance of a golden cheetah, even reflecting on his wooden armor!

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

With his newfound lightning speed, he devastated the hordes of zombies while slashing apart any attack from the chimera with his giant sword, leaving behind trails of lightning which he gathered into his body.

"[Lightning Overcharge]!"

TRUUUUMMM...!

After gathering enough electricity, he unleashed it all into an almighty shockwave, combined with his holy spirit flames, it killed dozens of zombies at once!

"Hey, you're doing amazingly well, but what about me?!"

Rita emerged from the skies, channeling her powers as she began to absorb the Malice Energy flooding all our surroundings.

"I'll open the way for you two!" She roared. "[Abyssal Shadow Magic]: [Void Dragon Spirit Summon]!"

FLUOOOSH!

She combined all the Malice Orbs together with her magic, generating a huge black hole that then opened to reveal a massive spiritual entity, a dragon made of pure black void of over thirty meters large, it looked like a skeleton dragon, but completely made out of black energy!

"ROOOOAAAARRRR!"

With a furious roar, the Void Dragon Spirit leaped out of the black hole, hitting the ground, and beginning to absorb everything into its own gravitational force!

Its claws and tail devastated its surroundings, while anything it touched would suddenly be covered on small, temporary black holes that would absorb miasma and nether, or any unfortunate zombie.

With its massive body, the endless flood of miasma and nether was finally cleared, as Mark and I thanked Rita, rushing towards the chimera in front of us!

"GRAAAHHH!"

With a panicking shriek, the chimera holding what I heard must have been a small fragment of the Demon King of Miasma himself, swung its multiple tentacles and claws against us, trying its best to stop us from reaching it!

CLAAASH! CLAAASH! CLAAASH! CLAAASH!