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Chapter 741: Ultimate Spirit Fusion Spell!

We evaded, blocked, and attacked back against the creature's constant attacks, while making sure to purify as much of the endless Miasma and Nether coming from its entire body.

The beast was constantly groaning and roaring furiously, it seemed to be in pain, and wasn't fighting with all of its potential either, it seemed that the many souls and bodies that made it were in constant conflict with one another.

Perhaps this is the reason why they didn't use it as a fighter, and ended sealing it away, turning it into some sort of Miasma and Nether-producing machine...

"GRUUAAAAGGH! GRAAAHHH...!"

["Please... kill me..."]

["It hurts... I don't want this body..."]

["Mom..."]

["My child..."]

["Grandpa..."]

["Where is my son?!"]

The voices of countless souls were speaking to me at once, it almost made my head explode due to all the pressure it put into my mind. But I had to bear with it as we got closer.

"Mark! Can you restrain it for a second?!" I asked him, as he was right at my side fighting against the aberration.

"Yeah, leave it to me!" Mark roared, his body was overflowing with Mana and Spiritual Energy. "[Blazing Spirit Totem Magic]: [Volcanic Draconic Stakes]! [Sealing Blazing Spirit's Monoliths]! [Totem Spirit's Multi-Elemental Chains]!"

He conjured three Spells at once, summoning a dozen gigantic dragon-like stakes to seal the beast's limbs and then several monoliths, piercing the rest of its body!

BAAM! BAAM! BAAM! BAAM!

And as if that wasn't enough, he moved his large wooden hands, the flames quickly shapeshifting into giant chains made of blazing wood, tightly sealing most of the monster's body!

"GGRYYYAAGGHHH...!"

The aberration gave an annoyed and struggling shriek, as it started to attempt to break free from its chains and other totems keeping it on place. The miasma and nether constantly trying to summon new zombies, which were taken care of by my Dragon Spirits and Rita.

"Uuughh...! This is harder than I imagined, I can at least keep it for a couple of seconds!" Mark said.

"More than enough!" I nodded, running towards the sealed creature. "[Yggdrasil's Magic Power Aura]!"

Ding!

[You have activated the [Yggdrasil's Magic Power Aura] Ability within your [Yggdrasil's Spirit Magic: Lv10/30] Skill!]

[By constantly consuming Spirit Energy, increases All Magic Spells Power, Conjuration Speed, and Effects by +500%, in exchange for making the spells cost five times more MP.]

"And now...!"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Several magic circles emerged one after another around my body, runes beginning to assemble automatically as I merely gave them mental commands, while pouring a near endless source of Mana into them.

I combined both the Spells engraved within my Magic Circle with the ones from my Skills, creating a completely new Spell!

"[Celestial Heavenly Sun] + [Exorcizing Heavenly Purifying Light] + [Spirit Combination: Spiritual Elemental Triad] + [Holy Healing Celestial Light] = [Ultimate Spirit Fusion Spell: Yggdrasil's Celestial Purifying Tree]!"

FLAAAAASSSHHH!!!

I touched the beast's chest the moment I unleashed this almighty combination of spells, an explosion of pure light and spiritual energies emerged, shaping into the form of a beautiful tree growing from every inch of the monster's body.

CRAASH! CRAASH! CRAASH!

Each branch and root made from holy light pierced the miasma and nether, burning it into ashes as it constantly kept growing everywhere, filling everything with light!

There were hundreds of Spirits into this spell alone, it was perhaps the strongest spell I could conjure right now, and it was ideal to deal with Demon Kings, or well, a piece of one of them!

"GRYYAAAAARRGGGHH...!"

The aberration gave one last agonizing scream, trying to reach me with its giant appendages, only to fail miserably as the roots made of light grew around that tentacle and engulfed them into pure light.

FLAAAAASSSHHH!!!

The light covered everything, every zombie, miasma, or nether spread everywhere else was instantly purified, everything was cleansed completely!

A moment of stillness quickly came, followed by all of us falling into the floor, completely exhausted. Even with all the buffs we had, they always put a certain weight on me, the more of these powers I have stacked, the further I have to push both my body and soul.

Ding!

[You and your Party have defeated [Corrupted Miasma Cultist: Lv150] x47, [Miasmic Cultist Chimera Zombies: Lv180] x47, [The Failed Copy Of The Origin of Darkness: Lv225] x1!]

[You earned Bonus EXP for completing the Dungeon and Defeating the Final Dungeon Boss!]

[You earned 170.500.000 EXP!]

[Level Up!]

[Level Up!]

[Level Up!]

[Level Up!]

[Level Up!]

[Level Up!]

[Level Up!]

[Level Up!]

[Your Level has increased from Level 154 to Level 162/180!]

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

[For having defeated the fragment of a Demon King as and showcasing your power as a World Boss, you gained a Bonus +10000 Community Points and +5000 World Boss Points.]

[Several of your Skills have Leveled Up. Those that need Skill Points to Level Up after gathering Skill EXP have Leveled Up automatically, consuming some Skill Points in the process.]

[You gained 500.000.000 Gold!]

[You acquired: [Shattered Heart Core Fragment of the Failed Copy Of The Origin of Darkness (SS Grade)] x1 [Failed Copy Of The Origin of Darkness Ashes (SS Grade)] x25 [Corrupted Divine Miasmic Nether Bottle (S Grade)] x10 [Accursed Cultists Robes (B Grade)] x20 [Accursed Cultist's Chimeric Beast Body Parts (A Grade)] x20 [Nether Coin (S Grade)] x2500 [Unique Potential Cubes (A Grade)] x30 [Unique Gear Enhancement Scroll (A Grade)] x30 [Greater Spirit Elixir (S Grade)] x3 [Heroic Strength Elixir (S Grade)] x3 [Legendary Potential Cube (S Grade)] x10 [Unique Gear Enhancement Scroll (A Grade)] x10 [Unique Gear Repair Scroll (A Grade)] x10 [Failed Copy Of The Origin of Darkness Themed Treasure Chest (SS Grade)] x1]

So many dropped items... this Boss was at the level of Fafnir based on the loot alone!

Yet, although I'm happy for the rewards, I can't help but feel a bit bitter about it all.

It wasn't an evil monster, but the trapped souls and bodies of many innocent people, turned into an uncontrollable abomination.

It is... quite sad, honestly.

"Hahhh... W-We did it..." I sighed in relief.

"That was... more tiring than I imagined." Mark sat down.

"Ugh, my back hurts a bit." Rita said. "Are my tits too big in this avatar? Yeah they are!" She suddenly started grabbing her breasts.

"Oh my god Rita why are you talking about that out of nowhere?" I couldn't help but laugh over her randomness. "Hahaha, you're dummy."

"Well, I at least made you laugh a bit." She giggled.

"I can tell why you two are such good friends." Mark commented. "But now... What should we do?"

"I think it would be better to keep the corpses of the cultists left behind, well, the ones that didn't turned into items, and also the corpses of these people." I said. "We should call whoever acts as a police force in here, probably the Knights Order that follows the Kingdom's Laws, and report that we found an hideout of the cult in here."

"But we would also be risking the possibility of making more enemies if the royal family are involved..." Mark said, thinking about it.

"There's no helping it." I shrugged. "It is what I think we should do, especially with all these innocent people that they killed, they need to be reported as dead and... to be notified of their death to any family member they could have left behind."

"Right... I guess you're right." Mark nodded. "Let's do that then."

"Yeah..."

I hope they can rest in peace now; the nightmare is finally over.

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Chapter 742: Paladin David

The process was much faster than we thought, by contacting Granny Austucia through the Spirits, she quickly called a large squad of Knights, led by a prestigious Knight Commander that was also a renowned Paladin.

They followed our instructions and quickly arrived in the scene, seeing the destruction and everything else. They brought some Court Magicians as well to analyze the scene and everything else.

"It seems that it is as you said, this place was being used by Cultists to create abominations." The Paladin sighed, a man on his thirties, with short black hair and a small beard, with sharp green eyes. His name was David, and he was well known around the entire city as an enforcer of justice. "We are grateful for your help at taking them down. Even now, I am unsure we would had been able to defeat them all before a few were to escape, even less without casualties."

"The Spirits called us here after we were ambushed by chimeras some days ago." I explained. "Due to the lack of evidence, we couldn't really report it... But they seemed to be targeting Ambil, for some reason."

"Ambil, the last son of the Ember Family?" Wondered David.

"Yeah, the very same. We are working with him and helping him get his shop into a good shape." Said Mark. "He pays well and it's a good way to learn Blacksmithing."

"I see." David nodded. "I wonder why they targeted him; we'll have to put some knights around his perimeter, the danger of these monsters roaming our streets must be eradicated."

"Sir David, look at these papers!" Suddenly, a few knights came running towards David.

"Hm?" David looked at them carefully. "What...?! A chimera made using fragments of a demon king?! Did you... fought such a beast?"

"We did." I nodded. "It was most likely one of the many victims here... All these people that was killed... It was all to create that abomination. I used Spirit and Holy Light Magic to purify its existence."

"I-I see..." David swallowed saliva. "Players are sure in another level... Nonetheless, what they did here sure is awful. It is sad that there were no survivors though, we could had interrogated them a bit."

"There were." I sighed. "We tried to keep a few, but they committed suicide once they realized they had no hope of escaping."

After the battle, there were a few cultists that survived, we sealed their magic and bodies and kept them restrained until the paladins were to arrive.

However, they activated what was inside their chests, and ended exploding into explosions of darkness... making the entire effort pointless.

"So they have gone this far..." David analyzed, as the many corpses left behind were covered on clothing and carried away one after another. "It's terrible though... So many innocent lives taken away. If only the Lords allowed us to patrol the more dangerous and darker streets of the Commoner District, this... it could have been prevented."

He seemed visually frustrated and angered, gripping his fists tightly.

"Do the Nobles dislike taking care of the commoners?" Rita asked. "Unless we go close to the Noble District, we never see you guys anywhere."

"T-There are guards near the gates... But they seem to only care about their own safety. Even with the great wealth they possess, nobody desires to protect commoners at all." Said David. "I had implored several Lords, and even the King to create some sort of Squadron that could be placed in the Commoner District, but he often just says "he'll think about it" while never giving me a clear answer."

"I shouldn't had expected much from rich bastards." Jenny commented.

"Jenny! Think about what you just said, you're in front of knights!" Lily panicked, as many knights glared at her angrily.

"S-Sorry, that's my pet slime, she sometimes talks nonsense." I laughed nervously.

"Who are you calling a pet slime?!" Jenny cried. "These knights should- Mmgghh...!"

She was quickly silenced by Rita's shadow tentacles wrapping around her and shutting her up once and for all.

"Anyways, this place will be below our jurisdiction for now. We will be investigating these clues with the rest of the knights. This is also a good excuse to mobilize a part of our robust squadron to these more dangerous areas." David seemed slightly happy about that. "However, I am in no way telling you to move away. We would gladly cooperate with you, even if you're Players. We've sought through your antecedents and you're Adventurers already, so you've been registered as citizens."

"Well, yeah, I didn't knew that counted us as citizens though!" I said while wondering about it.

"That makes it much easier." Rita shrugged.

"Thanks, we will gladly cooperate in this investigation. We've learned about the Cult of the Demon King of Miasma for a couple of days, but because we lacked evidence, we found it would only bring suspiciousness if we tried to report them to authorities." Mark explained, he was exceptionally good at dealing with NPC and also explaining things well.

"Well, we can't blame you for that." David nodded, crossing his arms. "For now, you've done enough, we have reported the Adventurer Guild about your amazing feat, you can collect some rewards there, alongside some renown too."

"Oh really? Thank you so much!" I smiled.

David blushed a bit after seeing me smile, laughing a bit nervously.

"It is nothing, Lady Planta." He smiled, suddenly holding my hand. "I am amazed that there's such a beautiful and dazzling dryad in this city, and someone so strong and righteous too. I will be looking forward to working at your side so we can solve this mystery together." He gallantly kissed my hand.

"E-Eh?!" I felt slightly surprised, I couldn't help but blush a bit myself. "O-Okay, thank you..." I slowly dragged my hand back.

"..." Mark was glaring at him from behind but didn't said anything... He is well behaved even when he's a bit jealous.

"Whenever we find some news, we will report them to the Adventurer Guild for you to be notified." He said, waving his hand.

"Alright, thanks for everything!" I said.

Like that, we moved back to the Adventurer Guild.

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Chapter 743: Great Rewards

"I'm sure Angelina and the rest are going to get happy once they heard we got the support of the Knight's Order." I smiled.

"Well, yeah, I hope they don't end up betraying us or something." Rita said. "That's always such a boring cliché. I want knights that are just good people for once!"

"Honestly, same." Mark said. "That David guy... I don't like him much but he was good natured. The spirits didn't hate him nor any of the other knights. If they had been modified or something, the spirits would immediately tell. They didn't harbor darker energies nor Malice either, right?"

"Yeah." Rita said. "I want to believe in them..."

"Damn, a lot happened today..." Jenny yawned. "I think I'll go eat dinner and then to bed."

"Honestly, same." Lily nodded. "I need to rest my thoughts in bed..."

"We are all quite tired, more mentally than physically..." I agreed.

"Well, here we are. Let's grab the rewards and log off. Should we order dinner?" Asked Mark.

"Oh? Sure! Sounds fine." I nodded.

Like that, we entered the Adventurer Guild, which at these hours was filled with even more adventurers having a meal after their jobs of the day.

The receptionist greeted us with some panic and surprise, bringing forth several rewards from the Knights Order.

"C-Congratulations on discovering a cultist hideout and... a hidden dungeon." She sighed. "You've served the Kingdom well, s-so Knight Captain David... has decided to reward you well t-too."

She was having a hard time wording her things properly, most likely because she was deep down quite angry that "non-humans" had done something so heroic and worth praising for.

Ding!

[You've completed a special [Knight's Order Mission] and [Evil Cultists Bounty]!]

[You earned 100.000.000 Gold]

[You earned 50.000.000 EXP]

[Level Up!]

[Level Up!]

[Your Level has increased from Level 162 to Level 164/180!]

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

[You gained [Skill Book: Basic Swordsmanship (B Grade)] x1 [Skill Book: Paladin Techniques (A Grade)] x1

[Shining Golden Knight Armor (B Grade)] x1 [Knight's Golden Sword (B Grade)] x1]

[You earned +20000 Adventurer Guild Merit!]

[Your Adventurer License has improved from E+ Rank to D+ Rank!]

Not only I got two Levels, but we also all got some amazing rewards! Exclusive Skill Books for Knights and Paladins, and also some shining armor sets and a sword! Wow, David really went out of his way.

And above all, we got 20k Merit, enough to jump all the way from E+ to D+ Rank as Adventurers!

"A-Amazing... You are really something else..." The receptionist was flabbergasted. "I guess... Maybe I was wrong about thinking of you guys as suspicious. Thanks for... serving the city."

"Even the cocky blondie's surprised?" Rita laughed. "Oh wow, this is really amazing!"

"Alright, now that we're done here, we should log off for now." Lily yawned. "I'm so sleepy..."

"Me too, by guys!" Jenny quickly logged off.

"I guess we should also log off and order something." I smiled.

"Yeah, let's relax for once." Mark agreed.

As we logged off inside the Adventurer Guild and disappeared from there, I opened my eyes back on Earth, taking away the VR headset and stretching my arms and legs.

Mark was also there doing the same, I ended hugging him tightly for a bit. I really needed a hug after all that rollercoaster of emotions I went through.

"Ugh, so many things happened..." I sighed. "I need a long nap."

"Same." He said, caressing my hair. "Let's process things slowly."

"How about we order some Chinese food for a change?" I asked.

"Sure, sounds good!" He said.

"Alright!"

I quickly walked out of my room, greeting Monica and Elena who were eating ice cream right in front of the kitchen, while playing what seemed to be Mario Kart on the living room's TV.

"You guys are finally out of the game." My daughter said.

"Hello... Elena offered me ice cream so I..." Monica was still a bit nervous.

"It's fine, I'm glad you girls were able to wait us out." I sighed. "We were quite busy, and a lot happened, honestly..."

"Really?" My daughter asked. "Did you discover something about the cult, mom?"

"More than you can imagine..." I said, quickly looking at my phone to order something. "We'll order Chinese food, do you girls want too, or something else? I'll order whatever you want too."

"Chinese Food sounds nice, but I would prefer a burger for once." My daughter said. "With a lot of fries, nuggets and barbeque sauce... Ah, and a Sunday too!"

"Fine... But you better spend those calories tomorrow morning on the gym!" I giggled.

"Ugh... Y-Yeah." She nodded, looking defeated.

"I-I'm fine with anything you prefer, auntie." Monica said.

"Are you sure? You don't have a preference?" I asked her.

"I-I usually just ate... instant ramen or a sandwich, I didn't had much money to buy anything else back home..." She said.

"A-Ah... I see." I said. "Okay, but what do you usually like? Meat, chicken? Rice? Noodles?"

"Hmm... I would like something else other than noodles... M-Maybe rice with... chicken?" She asked timidly.

"Alright! I'll get you some fried rice with chicken chop suey... Let's get some wonton, gyoza, and all the other goodies..." I giggled. "We'll have a big feast!"

"Looks like you ordered already?" Mark walked out of the room as well as he went to boil some water to drink some tea.

"Yeah, I also got your favorite too." I nodded.

"Alright..." He yawned, looking at the TV. "Oh you're playing Mario Kart!"

"Yeah, she's always losing." My daughter giggled.

"Uwaah!" Monica panicked as her kart was smashed by a flying blue shell. "Noo... And just when I thought I would get it!"

"Better luck next time!" Elena laughed.

"Elena, don't be so mean." I said, reprimanding her. "Let her win sometimes, okay?"

"Eh? Ugh... okay." Elena sighed.

"It's not fun if you let me win, I-I'll win on my own..." Monica said while trying to muster some willpower.

However, a few minutes later, she was crying again because she kept losing...

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Chapter 744: Blocked Path

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH!

Angelina and her group kept hitting a strange magical wall in front of them. They had only advanced for a bit over a few rooms within the Hidden Dungeon before they could not even advance anymore.

Gandalf, the greatest magician in the team, still only relied on skills for spells, and had no idea how to actually deal with Runes and Magic Circles, so they had been pointlessly trying to destroy the domain barrier to infiltrate further.

But after pointlessly trying for a while...

"It's useless, we can't get past this..." Angelina sighed. "Ugh, I feel so embarrassed, I bet Planta and her group made some results while we barely did much!"

"Well, we've hunted about a hundred of those weird Frankenstein monsters, I think that's enough for now, nyah..." Said Anikitty.

"It's useless... I feel embarrassed as well! I'm supposed to be an amazing magician yet... All the magic I know is just based on Skills. I have no idea how the NPC arrange these things, it truly is something beyond just Skills. Runic Arrays, Magic Circles, Rune Creation... All these things I haven't learned yet. I have been seeking some sort of Rune Master Subclass Quest but nothing..." Gandalf sighed.

"Well, let's go back. My new Undead will surely be of some help, right guys?" Eldritch asked, looking at his many new Undead, he had limits to how many permanent ones he could keep, but he replaced some of them by these stronger Chimera Undead.

"GRAAAHHH..."

The chimeras had all shapes and forms but seemed more like "failures" compared to the previous ones they had fought. If the hidden dungeon Elayne and her friends explored was where they gathered Miasma, Nether, and Souls to sacrifice to their experiments, this was the place where such experiments were done and tested.

All the failures were most likely left in the dungeon side, as guards to defend against invaders or something else... But now that they had finally reached the place where they could find the cultists, the area was tightly sealed by a powerful Magical Domain Barrier.

"Yeah, let's go back for now." Angelina agreed. "We'll tell this to Planta and her friends, so we can get some more clues, we might come back again with them as well. Maybe one of her NPC friends could be able to manipulate Runes too! Let's not lose hope, friends."

Angelina was always the cheerful leader of their party; her leadership abilities were superb and so was her charisma and well... beauty. However, she was sometimes quite clumsy, and her sense of justice and righteousness puts her on dangerous places sometimes as well, so her friends were also like her voice of reason and covered her back too.

Nonetheless, they had to admit that her personality always helped them on moving forwards, even in their real lives. Despite being guild masters of their respective guilds their friendship was strong enough that it made them create a whole Alliance with them.

And now, Planta and her friends were slowly being absorbed into their little circle, looking bad in front of her was the least they could have wanted, but there was no helping it. At least Angelina's cheerfulness helped them look forwards to what they could try to do tomorrow, instead of loathing over what they couldn't do.

"At least, based in the few books and papers we found; it looks like this is a place where they created their chimeras." Angelina said.

"What might be waiting for us beyond the barrier could either be even more ruins, or the cultists hiding." Said Anikitty.

"It's a bit disgusting how they were using people of the town for their experiments, aside from monsters or animals..." Sighed Gandalf. "I know it's a game, but does it has to be this realistic sometimes?"

"Even as a Necromancer that deals with that sort of stuff, I felt a bit disgusted." Erdrich sighed. "I appreciate when they are long dead, and maybe just bones preferably, or ghosts. And not innocent people too! Though, I guess a graveyard with long dead people... Yeah that's fair game."

"Stop it, you're just going to make me puke already... Just use bones." Gandalf was nervously stroking his beard.

"Hahaha, do you guys have to be such a bad match?" Anikitty laughed.

"All that talk has taken away my appetite for dinner." Angelina cried.

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A group of cultists gathered around a tall, old man wearing a black tunic, sitting over a throne of bones, his hands wearing many shiny and magical rings and bracelets, imbuing him with greater powers and effects.

However, one hand in specific held many tattoos, and a large black and red jewel imbued into the palm of his hand, strange powers emerging from within.

In front of him, and surrounded by the cultists, there was a large black and purple jewel, containing something within... it was glowing, pulsating with life.

It had just finished its "meal", absorbing hundreds of souls...

"Bring the next souls batch, this isn't going to be enough." The man said. "How long until we can get a breakthrough?" He asked a skeleton at his side.

"Not so long..." The Lich spoke. "But we need many more souls..."

"S-Sir! Something terrible has happened, the area where we harvested the souls and the miasma...!" Suddenly, a cultist came running from outside. "It has been raided by players and then the Knight Order! All the cultists are dead...!"

"WHAT?!" Their leader suddenly roared in utter fury and disbelief. "You mean... Everything?! Even the souls?! Wait, what about the Fragment I left there?! It was very precious even if it was a failure!"

"I-It was destroyed... According to the reports." The cultist lowered his head.

"No...!" The old man roared in utter anger, flabbergasted about what had happened. "Who...?! How did they found out about that place? I made sure to seal it with my strongest Runes and Magic Arrays! There were hundreds of dangerous Miasmic Mud Slimes there too, even that larger one could had swallowed almost anybody!"

"It was reported that the Player leading the party that found the hideout was... Player Planta." The Cultist spoke.

"That woman again?!" The furious old man groaned. "How did she even found out about it?!"

"I heard the knights said she could speak and be guided by Spirits..." The cultist spoke again.

"Not even that old swamp woman could do something like that though!" The old man cried. "How is it... possible?! A spirit just told her where our hideout was EXACTLY?! It doesn't make sense! Is there some traitor among our ranks?!"

"We've all taken a full loyalty contract with you, my lord..."

"If one of us ever dared to betray you, we would have our souls sucked..."

"So, it doesn't really make sense."

"Indeed!"

"Hmm..." The old man glared at his own subjects with suspiciousness.

"Yggdrasil is moving quickly." The lich laughed at his side. "You better move even faster, if you don't want to be caught by her branches..."

"Tch! Shut up!" The old man roared. "I won't let that filthy dryad get away with this!"

The man quickly stood from his throne and walked towards a dark altar right behind the giant and mysterious jewel, in there, the corpse of a certain someone was resting within a stone coffin.

"I was planning on taking things slowly, yet steadily... But their presence is really ruining everything." He sighed. "We might have to hasten our plans..."

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Chapter 745: The King Of The Luminous Kingdom

In the capital of the Luminous Kingdom, the King sat down over his throne. The King of the Luminous Kingdom was a descendant of the Ancient Hero, and carried some of his traits, such as sharp blue skin, golden blonde hair, a tall, and imposing body, and a strong, powerful Aura.

However, his daily routine of drinking tea while looking at the newspaper was suddenly interrupted by David once more. Who had been pestering for the last months over making a Knight Squadron near the Commoners District, which he couldn't care less about.

Because of how peaceful he heard his Kingdom's Capital was, he thought that David's words were mere exaggerations, and he even thought he might be looking to make some sort of underhanded profit out of this squadron he desperately wanted to create.

It wasn't that he was... a bad person per say, he was simply a very ignorant man.

"My King, I've come to report you what has happened yesterday. I was told that you were sleeping already, so I decided to wait until this morning." David bowed before the king.

He was a rather young king at the age of 32, still acting slightly spoiled due to his luxurious upbringing, and lacking the experience of the previous old king, that died only five years ago due to old age.

The young man sighed, glancing at David's green eyes. He was only two years older than him yet acted like someone ten years younger sometimes, David was the one that needed to have patience with him.

"What is it, David? Don't you see I am quite busy? Can't I even enjoy my daily routine in peace?" He asked, glaring at him with a tired expression. "Speak! What is it?"

"The hideout of one of the cultists we've been looking for so long was found by a group of talented Players! Not only we've secured proof of their existence still within this city, but we also saw that they held... many victims, hundreds of commoners had been captured and killed, used as sacrifices for their evil black magic." David sighed.

"W-What?!" The King was shocked that such a thing was the truth. "You're telling me that the Cult is still... existing?! I thought that was just some rumors from the more paranoid nobles! I-Is this the truth?"

"Yes, your majesty, I swear on my family's name." David lowered his head.

"Hahh..." The King sighed.

After so many years of a rather peaceful governance, something truly serious was finally coming. He had not trained enough for this, and naturally felt incredibly nervous.

"I wonder what father would do now..." He thought. "W-Well, bring my advisors and the court magician as well, and all papers and... whatever else you found there! Anything! Let's have a conference to talk about this properly. I'll call my wife too."

"Ooh! Yes, your majesty! Immediately!" David felt surprised over the King's rapid response to the whole situation, even though he had only said whatever came to his mind as he was panicking.

As David left the scene, the King quickly ran to look for his wife, finding her playing in the flower field with their only child. Her beautiful silvery-white hair and sharp red eyes made her stand out among the other women of the entire Kingdom.

She had pale, snow white skin, and a beautiful body, with voluptuous proportions yet a graceful appearance. She was happily playing with her child, the young fruit of the love between Queen Camila and King Luminous VII.

"Mommy, mommy, I found this! Look, a huge bug!"

"Uwaah! D-Don't get it too close to me, dear! Hahaha... but well done! I'm sure you will become a good hunter in the future!"

The boy was on his eight years of age, having been conceived a couple of years before Luminous became the King, and after his father's death, as the oldest child, he immediately inherited the throne, making his wife the new Queen and his son a prince.

Honestly, he had to stop for a bit, looking at the two play around happily, he would love for this scene to last forever. He wanted and dreamed of a world where his family could be happy together.

And until a few minutes ago, he believed he was already living in such an easygoing world... But now, learning about the great darkness lurking in the shadows, he couldn't stay calm.

"Camila." He called her.

"Dear?" Camila quickly stood back up.

"Daddy!" Little Gustav, with his adorable face, long golden hair and cute red eyes ran towards his father, hugging his belly. "Look at this bug I got!"

"I-It is rather large, yes, I used to catch larger ones though!" His father laughed a bit. "Now leave the critter be, a prince shouldn't be handling around creatures like this!"

"Okay..." Gustav nodded, letting the beetle free into the garden.

"What is it? Weren't you busy reading the newspaper?" His wife asked him.

"Well, yes, until just now." Luminous sighed. "David... Well, I'll tell you once we're there. Leave Gustav with your mother and the nannies for now."

"O-Okay, alright." Camila was surprised over her husband's sudden change of aura; he had become nervous out of the sudden.

"We'll come back for lunch later! Mother, take care of him, okay?" Camilla said.

"Sure dear..." Camilla's mother looked into the distance as King and Queen walked away rapidly towards the Conference Room.

"I wonder what has gotten the two so hasty out of the sudden..." The lady wondered.

Her appearance was rather different than Camila, as Camila was an adopted girl, both weren't related by blood, but the Queen considered the lady her true mother, and the King allowed her to live in the Castle, giving her a private room and all.

It was very useful when they were useful to leave little Gustav to her as well...

"Mom, dad..." Gustav wondered, with his shiny red eyes.

As the Conference started and information about everything that was found out was given to the King and the Queen, the name "Player Planta" was dropped.

"Planta?" Camila suddenly wondered, feeling surprised to have heard that name, but then, she smiled, her sharp crimson eyes glowing brightly. "Fufu... To think she's here already, being a hero and all. I'm looking forward to her growth since our last meeting."

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Chapter 746: A Strange Dream

I dreamed of countless rivers of rainbow light reaching into the skies.

I don't know why I even dreamed of that, but I was there, seeing the spectacle occur before my eyes.

Was it truly a dream?

It felt too real...

The rivers seemed to be carrying things, tiny, little beings. Souls, or maybe Spirits, I couldn't tell.

I can recall my body feeling very light in that dream, I was floating amidst this interconnection.

The surface of Earth, I remember I could see it very clearly, the rainbow rivers of light connected to another place, another world.

Was this... Arcadia?

And then, as if things couldn't be more mysterious, there was a voice.

"The connection is becoming stronger... Will you be able to stop it?"

"Who is it?" I remember asking.

"Or will you help make the connection even larger?"

"Larger?" I had asked.

"What will it be, Yggdrasil's Successor?" The voice kept asking. "Will you merge both worlds... Or will you keep the separated?"

"Merge... or separate? You mean... Earth and Arcadia?" I asked.

"Precisely, you've become the strongest bridge." The voice said. "In you lies the fate of both worlds... Even as strong as I might be, I am merely the Voice."

"...Voice?"

"You will learn more once you understand the principles of what you're comprehending, my child... Or should I say, child of two worlds?"

As I heard that voice, I remember looking down once more, into the entire world, Earth. Its beauty had no comparison, yet the voice seemed to be coming from there.

From its very depths...

"Are you.. the Voice of the World?" I asked.

"That you can occasionally hear me was not a coincidence. I allowed you to do so, so you could properly understand your abilities." It spoke again. "And now, we can even talk after you've absorbed the Principle of Dreams, long ago stolen by the Demon King from the Hands of the Goddess of Dreams and Nightmares."

"W-What?" I was confused.

"Wake up for now, there is plenty of time for you to decide... But eventually, you will have to choose." The voice reiterated. "I will be watching over you, Gaia."

"That's not my name..." I sighed. "I'm Elayne...!"

"Of course it is." Giggled the voice. "That is the name that your soul bears."

"Wait, what?"

FLAAASH!

And then, after that strange yet mystical encounter, I woke up, as if nothing had happened. I don't even understand the point of that whole conversation.

But it seemed like the Voice of the World wanted me to make a decision. Between... merging the worlds or keep them separate?

I doubt I can even have a say about that! I'm still just a little person compared to the greatness of creation, what can I even do?

Oh well... She also said my Soul was bearing the name of Gaia.

It must be because I hold her Divine Protection, do I become something like a child of the Goddess by doing that?

Well, anyways, it was really fantastical. And she seems to also know about Arcadia's history really well, saying that thing about the Goddess of Dreams and Nightmares.

And... the Principle of Dreams?

So many questions, and no answers... These god-like beings really love to be cryptic about it, huh?

For now, I better just start my day as usual.

I had some breakfast with my daughter, Mark, and Monica, and then we got together with Rita and Lily, jumping right into the gym to get some exercise and improve our physiques.

And on the way back, we suddenly sensed some Hollows nearby, so we decided it was the perfect opportunity to give my daughter some fighting experience.

They were right in some alley that was empty, they were three large ones, probably comparable to E Rank Monsters, good enough for a newbie.

"Graaahhh..."

"Guuuhh... Ma..."

"Manaaa..."

The three entities slowly noticed Elena stepping towards them, she swallowed saliva in a bit of nervousness mixed with anticipation.

Their bodies were made of a black sludge and malice energy, these three were the "humanoid" type, being tall and lanky, with large claws on their hands and legs, long tails, and faces that wore white masks resembling skulls.

"S-So these are the Hollows you mentioned before..." My daughter said nervously. "Y-Yikes! They're sure large... Damn, seeing this IRL is totally different than in that game... well, it's no longer a game but yeah."

She was tightly holding the slightly long silver-red-colored dagger I had made as my very first item through Blacksmithing, the [Fiery Bronze Spirit Dagger]. I had some swords, but none were low rank enough for me to transform to Earth...

"You can do it dear! You've practiced your Spells enough, right?" I asked her. "You've also got me here. I'll heal you and give you some Mana, so go ham!" I said from afar.

"O-Okay!" Elena panicked as she held her dagger tightly. "Ugh, good thing my secondary weapon is a dagger... sometimes... A-Anyways, how do I do this again...?!"

"GRUOOOHHH!"

The smallest of the three Hollows couldn't wait any more, quickly rushing towards her, raising its claws! I was about to conjure a barrier to protect her in case she were to panic too much, but Elena, on her own panic, activated her spell!

"[Blue Oni Demoness Transformation]!"

FLAAASH!

Her body underwent a sudden transformation, this was one of her core spells, and also part of what made my daughter's Magic Circle so incredibly unique.

Unlike us who mostly develop spells similar to our skills and all, but still had to gain physiques and other things to undergone physical changes... She was different.

Her Avatar was so connected to her own soul that through her Magic Circle, she was able to create a Spell that temporarily transformed her appearance into something similar to her Avatar!

BAAAAMMM!!!

The moment the claws reached her while she transformed, a huge explosion of darkness spread around our surroundings.

And amidst the smoke, my daughter seemed unscathed, the Hollow's arm suddenly gaining countless of cutting wounds...

"[Pseudo Sword Ki Aura]..." She said, her eyes glowing bright red.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

Her very aura became as sharp as a sword, cutting the Hollow's entire arm into pieces!

"GRYYAAGGH...!"

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Chapter 747: Elena's Amazing Abilities

"Wow, she cut the entire arm in seconds!" Jenny said at our side, she had also accompanied us to the gym to exercise enough. "Did you said she was a newbie?!"

"She certainly got potential!" Rita was amazed as well.

"W-Wow, didn't her vibe... kind of changed?" Asked Lily.

"She sure changed more than just appearance..." Monica nodded. "S-She's a bit scary..."

"Her appearance... It really looks like her Avatar, even you don't change that much either. You can't turn into an Yggdragon as well, right?" Mark wondered.

"Yeah, I can't." I nodded. "And you can't become the giant you're in Arcadia either. At most, we can partially shapeshift parts of our bodies but... a total, complete transformation is impossible. Yet..."

"Your daughter just kind of did it..." Mark laughed over the ridiculousness of Elena's potential.

"Maybe all those years playing the game kind of made her identify herself with her Avatar to a completely different level than us!" Rita wondered.

"I wonder..." I smiled.

FLUOOOSH!

A mighty Aura emerged from Elena's body, as her pale white skin turned clear blue, she gained two black horns growing from her forehead, and her black hair turned silvery-white, while her eyes gained a fierce sharpness, glowing with crimson light.

"You had to just run into me like that..." Elena said, her personality suddenly switching to her Avatar's persona. "You damn bastard, I'm going to cut you down into pieces!" A smile surged in her lips.

FLAAASH!

In a mere second, before the Hollow could attack again, she suddenly disappeared, resembling a blue blur as she ran right behind the monster!

The dagger she was holding overflowed with darkness energy, her aura turning completely black, as several swords made of this Darkness Aura were fired at the Hollow's back!

"[Summon Darkness Swords]!"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

The Darkness Swords flew down, impaling the Hollow's body on several parts, making half its body get stuck on the ground!

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLAAASH!

"Gryyaaarrggh! Gruuaagh!"

The Hollow started struggling and groaning, its mouth opened wide, pointing it at Elena and firing a mighty beam of corrupted mana!

TRUUUMMM...!

"They can shoot beams too?!" Elena said for a second, surprised but still somehow calm. All her nervousness and panic was gone once she transformed. "Oh well, this'll do! [Summon Darkness Sword]!"

She started running in circles, evading the beam as her dagger suddenly absorbed her Aura of Darkness, growing into the form of a Darkness Sword! So it as a multi-purpose spell! Not only they can be used as projectiles, but also to summon a stronger weapon.

FLAASH!

She leaped into midair right above the Hollow with perfect precision and tenacity, her black sword gathered her Mana, as the dagger's special ability activated, increasing the weapon's ATK even further by +30% temporarily.

And on top of that...

"[Might of the Oni]!"

FLUOSH!

Her Aura suddenly combined Darkness with Phantom Energy, making a huge muscular female blue Oni emerge behind her back, giving her even more strength!

CLAAAASSHH!!!

With a single strike channeling her powers, the Hollow was quickly flattened over the ground, its entire body splattering over the alley and leaving behind some black goo...

"Amazing..." I said. "So this is the power of her Dark Abyss Sword Magic Circle, a truly unique magic circle!"

"GRUOOHHH!"

"GRAAAHHH!"

However, the other Hollows weren't going to just watch, quickly rushing towards Elena from the back, their long and sleek arms reaching her.

"[Phantom Blade]... [Mana Slash]!"

Her Darkness Sword suddenly changed appearance again, taking the form of a katana made of phantasmal energies, which she swung with all her force against the nearby Hollows with the power of a Mana Slash!

SLAAAASSSHHH!!!

The mighty slash of darkness and phantasmal flames slashed not only through their arms, but one of them ended being sliced into two halves, its core shattering on the spot!

CRAAASH!

"G-Graagh..."

The other managed to save its life, its body shapeshifting into a huge wolf-like form and leaping towards her with its jaws wide open!

"MANAAAA!"

"Not even enough!" Elena smiled. "[Pseudo Sword Ki Aura]! [Summon Darkness Swords]! [Might of the Oni]!"

Suddenly, to go even more over the top, she conjured all three spells at once, her aura resembling a giant and muscular blue Oni gained two darkness swords and two phantom swords, unleashing a rush of slashing attacks against the wolf-shaped Hollow, slicing it into pieces!

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLAASH!

"GRYYYYAARGHH...!"

With an agonizing shriek, the Hollow was no more, perishing on the spot without even managing to touch my daughter at all!

We were all left completely speechless... And she's still Tier 1!

"She's amazing! She's incredible! S-She could be a superhero..." Monica seemed fascinated.

"So cool! Your daughter's not bad at all!" Rita laughed.

"Yeah, for sure..." Lily nodded.

"W-Woah, I also wanna be cool like her!" Jenny complained. "Not fair! I'm going to do cool stuff too! Where are more Hollows for me to defeat?!"

"Hahaha, I guess you should get some training too." Mark nodded.

"Yeah, look, the battle attracted a few more." I said, pointing at the buildings.

From across the walls and ceilings, dozens of Hollows started slowly making their way here. Some walked like bugs around the walls, others moved like slugs, some even flew.

"Not another step!" Suddenly, my daughter pointed her multiple swords through her Oni Aura at us. "They're all mine..." She smiled devilishly.

As the Hollows got closer, she seemed to be growing more and more confident!

"And I'll- Ugh?!"

POOF!

Suddenly, her appearance went back to normal, running out of Mana, and falling to her knees in exhaustion.

"Aghh... Uuugh... Oof, I'm tired..." She cried. "My whole body hurts! And- Uagh!"

She quickly gave a very unbecoming little shriek as the Hollows were right next to her!

"Hah, I knew this would happen, you shouldn't be overconfident!" I sighed, quickly conjuring a barrier before their claws could reach her!

CLAAASH! CLAAASH! CLAAASH!

"Hahhh... Thank you mom." She sighed in relief.

"Alright, let's take care of these guys while Elena takes a break then!" I commanded my small group.

"Monica... Do you want to give it a try and fight too?"

"C-Can I fight?" She wondered.

"It should be possible as long as you're willing." I explained.

"T-Then... I-I'm willing...!" Monica nodded, suddenly gaining more resolve after seeing my daughter fight.

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Chapter 748: The Danger Of Hollows

Monica wanted to try out fighting after seeing what my daughter was capable of. She had been left behind with a lingering magic power even after being completely freed from Dorothea, this power has been simply resting within her.

However, it felt strange she was so confident, has she been practicing with her powers secretly? Or maybe she just instinctively knew how to use them somehow? Like an imprint left behind by Dorothea into her body...

"T-Then maybe I should try... this?" Monica said, slightly timidly as she pointed her hands at the Legions far away. "Life... Draining Curse?"

FLUOOSH!

The darkness gathered into her hands, quickly firing towards a nearby Hollow we were fighting, and suddenly covering its entire body on black flames.

"GRYAAAAGGHH...!"

The Hollow slowly started to melt, as I sensed their life energy being drained away back to Monica, until it ended dying, turning into a splattered mass of black mud, with a tiny black crystal on top.

Due to how powerful it was, we were all left quite speechless. Above all, Monica didn't even have a magic circle of her own, nor a physique or something.

That was all just her innate powers, supernatural abilities independent of magic circles engraved inside of a person's body.

"T-That was... quite something." I muttered. "You don't even have magic circles like us, yet you're so strong!"

"That was really amazing." Mark agreed. "Your power seems to be Curse-based, perhaps? A life draining curse seemed deadly enough. I can't imagine what else you could create."

"Maybe I should also learn how to conjure curses. I can, right? Seeing I'm a dark sorceress and stuff." Rita wondered.

"That was splendid, Monica, well done!" Lily clapped.

"Yeah... You seem not tired at all either, you maybe got a lot of Mana." Elena nodded.

"A-Am I?" Monica looked at her own hands. "Ahh... T-This is scary..." She stepped back, doubting herself.

She seemed afraid of her own powers after seeing how destructive they ended being, I couldn't really blame her for that either.

However, she needed to know that she wasn't alone anymore.

"Don't worry." I said, gently patting her shoulders. "You're not alone on this. Your power is strong, but if it ever goes awry, we're here to solve the problem."

"Yeah, we've revealed so much of our secrets to you because we trust we can deal with whatever you've got in store." Mark nodded. "Calm down and breathe slowly."

"But it is so dangerous..." Monica cried. "I-Is this even okay? For me to have this power...?"

"It's certainly not okay if you didn't want it to begin with." My daughter suddenly said. "But you can use it to help others, maybe? It doesn't really have to hurt people."

"I-I guess." I agreed. "Though, you didn't had to be so rough around the edges, Elena..."

"Anyways, just calm down, it's alright. You can keep using this power to destroy these things anyways." Rita said. "Look, they keep coming for a while. They're called Hollows and... I think they're born from corrupted mana and negative emotions."

"Negative Emotions?" Monica wondered. "Just how does that works?"

"All people, even people without Mana, exude energies from their bodies." I explained. "When we go through a lot of stress, anger, frustration, and other things catalogued as "negative emotions" we tend to let out a dark energy from our bodies. This energy would usually just dissipate. But in big metropolitan areas where there are millions of people constantly letting out this energy, the energy will form invincible clouds and, once it absorbs mana from the environment, will give birth to them, Hollows. Perhaps the most ancient and primitive of all monsters. They're like rats, you can find them anywhere. Especially on big cities."

"I-I see... So this whole time, we've been living with these things around us?" My daughter asked, she was just as curious.

"Kind of... I think?" I wondered. "But we can't see them. Usually, normal people without Mana won't be victims of them. Hollows ignore them. They only chase Mana; they devour it and desire it to continue growing larger and evolving. The desire for survival and evolution most monsters possess. The Great Spirit told me they can also reproduce once they devour enough Mana, and divide into smaller ones."

"Though sometimes, they will undergo evolution if they absorb enough mana, or eat one another." Mark said. "We've only fought a few Evolved forms, but they're much stronger. The Hollow Legions is one of them."

"Yikes, and we have to fight these guys anywhere?" My daughter asked. "I'm beginning to regret my decision of gaining supernatural abilities."

"It is part of the responsibility any super-powered person has ever had, even before the Awakening." I explained. "Though, Awakened People can now see them too, but are not actively hunting them because of how elusive they are. They often hide and come out at night. But we know ways to call them here, as I had done just now."

"So normal people can't even see these guys?" My daughter wondered, after having drank some Mana Potions I gave to her, she had refilled her Mana and was slaying a few as we spoke. "These guys are sure troublesome for how common they are!"

"Well, not really, seeing how we're hunting them right now." I said. "They're good to warm-up to, and if we gather a lot of their Crystals and purify them, we can use them to get stronger. Though it has gotten much slower now."

"I didn't know that..." Monica said. "I wonder... what can they become?"

"Well, I can explain that." The Great Spirit manifested above my head. "Hollows usually go through special stages of evolution! From mere Hollows, once they absorb a lot of Mana, they can either fuse together with more to become Hollow Legions, or keep evolving on their own and become Life Draining Hollows, which gain the dangerous ability to drain Life Force, no longer being just a threat for people with magic powers, but to all..."

"I didn't know of that evolution. We've not meet one like that yet..." I was surprised.

"And that's not all... If A Life Draining Hollow ends up draining a lot of people, they can turn into the even more dangerous form." The Great Spirit said. "Soul Eaters."

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Chapter 749: Back Home

"Soul Eaters?" I wondered. "What's that? Like the Undead we fought back then?"

"Undead such as ghosts and so on are different than Hollows." Said the Great Spirit. "Hollows are beings born originally from negative energies and corruption. Because of that, they might desire a soul and life even more than Undead, who once had it. Soul Eaters are incredibly dangerous Hollows born every dozens of years. It takes several Life Draining Hollows to devour one another to reach this form. A Soul Eater not only can drain Mana and Life but devour Souls. The more it devours, the stronger its own soul will become. With this, they also become incredibly intelligent, cunning, and malicious!"

"You're scaring us now..." Rita sighed. "Well, let's make sure something like that never shows up in here. We can always just hunt a few every week, that should do it anyways."

"It's not like we're the only ones hunting either." I said. "Rose and the others from SWORD, there are several members scattered across the city, they hunt them regularly as well."

"Then there's little to worry about!" Rita nodded. "Now let's get done with these guys, I need to go make lunch already."

"Alright...!" I nodded. "Monica, if you don't want to fight, it's alright. You can just watch for now."

"I-I can try fighting a bit more..." Monica said, it felt like she was forcing herself. "The only way I'll ever get over this fear I have is by doing this."

"Well... Alright, just do it slowly and don't force yourself." I smiled, trying to guide her.

Her abilities were amazing, but also very dangerous. I had to make sure to guide her through the right path, so she doesn't end up growing corrupted by her powers alone.

We managed to defeat the Hollows in a couple of minutes, Monica ended finishing a few more with her strange curse magic, although after the third one, she got tired and couldn't conjure anymore spells.

After collecting the Hollows mud and their corrupted crystal, we moved back home, where we had a nice lunch together. Rita and Lily went back home, and while we were washing the dishes, I asked my daughter a few things.

"So when are you getting to the Luminous Kingdom's capital? Been a couple of days already... Is it that hard to travel?" I wondered.

"Well... We were really, really far away. And Elisa is always complaining about being bored, so we usually take some stops and explore new towns, or sometimes when there's a dungeon, I immediately go to explore it so... We've been delaying it a bit, haha..." My daughter took it really carefreely.

"Oh well, I hope you can make it in time before the big boss is already defeated." I giggled, teasing her a bit.

"The big boss?! You've already fought it?" She asked in surprise. "Wait, how strong is it?!"

"We haven't, haha... And Elena, remember this is still a real world. There are a lot of dangerous things happening there. The Cult of the Demon King of Miasma, and perhaps even the Demon King of Death cooperating with them. We're slowly trying to track everything down. But some extra help from some top tier players would help a lot too!" I said, washing her plate.

"Right, I'll try to tell everyone to hurry a bit, we can't miss this World Quest either... A-And as you say, if that's all really... real, I also want to help them." Elena sighed. "I've lived in that world myself, and I love that world as well, so I want to see if I can help the people there. Especially the innocents that might be victims."

"Well said." I nodded.

Knock, knock!

Suddenly, however, someone knocked on the door. Mark, who was cleaning the table, quickly went to see who it was, only to be greeted by a redheaded girl, Anna.

"Yo, Mark. Is Elena here?" She asked.

"Oh, Anna, yes, yes, come in." Mark happily let her in.

"Hey, you're a bit late for lunch." Elena greeted her with a slightly angry expression.

"Elena, don't be so rude..." I sighed.

"Hahaha, sorry, sorry. I was busy with mom... I helped her make lunch, something we've not done in ages and... I ended having lunch with her instead." Anna apologized.

"Well, that's actually wonderful, dear." I smiled.

I noticed her clothes weren't the usual either, she was using mostly new clothes, black jeans, a red blouse, a black choker, and some bracelets too. And what seemed to be a red bow over her head?

Also her hair seemed much silkier too... Did she get all tidied up for my daughter, I wonder?

"Are you two going somewhere, by any chance?" I broke the awkward silence.

"Y-Yeah... I came here to looking for her..." Anna blushed a bit. "W-We're going out... to like, do what friends do, ahah."

"Is that so?" I smiled. "Dear, you don't have to wash the dishes, go get ready for your date." I whispered to my daughter.

"Really?" She asked.

"Yeah, yeah, you can also take some money from my wallet too, so you can have some physical cash." I told her.

"Thank you mom." She gave me a kiss in my cheek before rushing to her bedroom, where Monica was throw out from, she was playing Smash Bros.

"Oh, Monica's here, what's up?" Anna tried to make some conversation.

"S-Sup..." Monica said. "Is Elena in a hurry?"

"Kind of." Anna laughed a bit, she was a bit tense.

After Elena came from her bedroom, wearing a beautiful black and white dress, some black boots, and a black bow over her beautiful silky black hair, Anna was left rather paralyzed.

"Do I look alright?" My daughter asked, oblivious of her beauty.

"Y-Yeah, I mean... Of course." Anna smiled a bit sweetly. "You're beautiful, actually."

Damn, she was really in love with my daughter, wasn't she? It was so obvious. I can't believe it took me this long to realize her crush.

"W-What are you talking about?" My daughter felt embarrassed. "A-Anyways, let's go... Bye mom, bye Mark, bye Monica!"

"Bye, have fun, dear!" I waved my hand. "Morpheus, make sure to watch over the girls."

"Very well, milady." Morpheus disappeared as I gave him a command.

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Chapter 750: Elena And Anna's Date

By her mother's recommendations, Elena decided to invite Anna to a date. It was something quite embarrassing for her to even ask for, but Anna accepted the invitation incredibly quickly. She wanted something only between the two of us, without any friends getting in the way.

Something more personal, so they decided to go out only between the two. Anna, despite her cheerful demeanor, felt incredibly nervous herself.

"Soooo where are we going today? You only said we should go out somewhere." Anna said with a curious smile.

Looking at her face, Elena blushed a bit. Despite often being called ugly back at their former high school, Elena always found that Anna had a unique beauty.

She didn't have the most delicate of features, but her face was pretty without a doubt, and her freckles over her face, combined with her often messy redhead made her look quite attractive and unique compared to the lot.

Above all, Elena always liked her big eyes, filled with curiosity and energy, something she often lacked on her own.

"W-We can go anywhere you want... Maybe we should go to the park first? Do you like it?" She asked timidly.

"Sure, I don't mind." Anna smiled. "Lookin' forward to it!"

"Good, then let's go..." Elena said, timidly.

As they moved there, Anna was battling with her internal thoughts.

"Uwaaagh! Why is she so damn pretty?! Is she an angel or something?! W-What do I do now? Am I being too pushy?! Or was that too disinterested? How should I even act in a date?!"

Meanwhile, Elena's head was rather different.

"Hmm... I hope she likes it there. She's hard to upset at least but... Is this enough? I kind of want to hold her hands, but I don't know how I should even do that... Will people look at us weirdly?"

Both had concerns of their own, but they seemed really interested in pleasing the other...

The two girls wandered across the park aimlessly, trying out things as they wanted. Anna mostly led the duo, as she was much more energetic.

They tried out several attractions, Anna constantly trying to make Elena smile or giggle a bit. Even the slightest tiny smile from her flawless face made her heart beat a hundred times faster out of the blue.

Because it was so hard to change her face expression, seeing her smile was more rewarding than with other people, and Anna was always looking to help her smile.

Perhaps because of this, Elena appreciated Anna so much, she had gone through a lot herself, and after her father's passing, she had stopped smiling and laughing as she used to.

Yet Anna was one of the first people after years that made her smile with her dumb things.

"Want to try mine?" Elena offered her pistachio ice cream to Anna as the two were drinking some soft serve while walking across the park.

"Didn't she lick all over it though?!" Anna thought, swallowing saliva. "A-An indirect kiss..."

"And you give me some of your chocolate one." Said Elena, smiling gently.

"Y-Yes, sure..." Anna nodded. "Whatever you want." She gently licked Elena's ice cream; it was slightly warm from all the licks she had given to it.

"Hm, it's bitter chocolate again, you really like that flavor, don't you?" Elena asked.

"A-Ahahah... Yes, I do!" Anna giggled. "Your pistachio was really tasty, though I don't know why it is green, is that seed even green?"

"Dunno, but I like it." Elena shrugged.

"Well, the extra flavor you gave to it was pretty good too." Anna smiled teasingly.

"What extra flavor?" Elena tilted her head in confusion, only to quickly realize and blush. "W-Wha...? Don't say that, dummy...!"

"Hehehe, but that was the best part of it." Anna admitted. "Didn't you like mine because of that too~?"

"T-That doesn't have anything to do w-with it!" Elena was getting cuter with every word she said while being embarrassed.

The two girls made their way to a free seats around the park's interior, where they were able to finally sit down a bit.

"So... Why did you just invited me to a date out of the blue?" Anna wondered. "Feelin' curious about that for a while now..."

"B-Because... I just... well, I wanted to spend some time with you, and make memories together... W-What's wrong with that?" Elena asked, giving her a sharp glare.

"There's nothing wrong with that, hahah..." Anna laughed nervously. "Agh, I shouldn't had asked that, isn't it?!" She thought.

Elena's hand slowly touched hers, holding it tightly...

"I just want... us to step further... Y-You like me, don't you?" Elena asked while feeling embarrassed, more than ever. "S-So... Ugh... T-This is harder than I imagined..."

"Elena... Does she...?" Anna thought, her heart beating faster. "No, I can't just let her do everything! I have to do something myself as well...! O-Okay, let's do it as I practiced t-then!"

"Yeah, we like each other so..." Anna smiled, approaching her face to hers. "Want to become my girlfriend?"

"A-Ahh... Uwaahh..." Elena felt surprised Anna ended asking her first! "O-O-Okay! Y-Yes! I-I want to...!"

"Hehehe, you're so embarrassed about it! So cute." Anna giggled, caressing her soft face, her lips growing closer to hers.

Elena knew what was coming, as she happily greeted her lips with her own, the two adorable girls kissed rather lovingly... Elena was in absolute bliss due to Anna's warm lips, which she couldn't help but find delicious to kiss.

Meanwhile, Anna was melting inside, kissing Elena's little soft lips was always something almost divine... She couldn't help but embrace her into a warm hug, with her much larger arms, as their kiss ended prolonging for a bit, their tongues touching one another...

"Hmmm~ Ahhh... I love you..." Elena muttered, without thinking about it.

"M-Me too..." Anna smiled sweetly. "Oh my gosh, you're so cute..."

"You're pretty too..." Elena smiled back.

"A-Am I? Everyone always found me ugly..." Anna sighed.

"You're not ugly! You're very pretty, you're beautiful." Elena said, caressing her face and giving her another kiss. "Never believe those idiots... I like you."

"E-Elena... Geez, do you want me to eat you with kisses so badly? Come here!" Anna embraced Elena.

The two girls ended enjoying their date much more than they imagined, and Elena was happy to know that her mother's recommendation ended working wonders.

As the two walked back to Elena's home while holding hands tightly, Anna was so happy about everything she couldn't stop talking.

"So now that we're girlfriends, what should we do next? Go to multiple more dates? I-I want to invite you too! So next date, it will be on my money." Said Anna, trying to be someone Elena could rely on.

"Sure, if you want to..." Elena smiled, looking at her girlfriend with enamored eyes. "This was so hard to muster though... Thanks for asking me first, I don't know if I would had been able to, based in how embarrassed I was..."

"Hehehe, it's fine." Anna smiled, giving Elena a kiss in her forehead. "Good thing I realized what you meant...! See? I'm not THAT oblivious."

"Hmmm... You talk too much I think, let me silence you." Elena started giving her little kisses, the two girls playing and running around until they reached Elena's home.

"So, wanna come eat dinner?" Asked Elena.

"Sure!" Anna happily obliged. "My mother-in-law always makes the best dishes!"

"You're already calling mom like that?!" Elena felt even more embarrassed.