

EPIC OF CATERPILLAR

Chapter 6: The Monkey Emperor

[Day 9]

I woke up early this morning because of very loud noises all around the cave.

"What is going on? Can't you two let me sleep? Eh?"

After I woke up I found two completely different monster in the cave!

"Wh-who are you two?! Where's Rimuru and Wagyu?!"

"Master! It is us, we have evolved!"

"Ma...ster...! Guuuu!"

In front of me two strong monsters called me they Masters!

"Is that you Rimuru?! You can talk! And Wagyu, you don't look at all like the former Emperor, what happened to you?"

After calming down, Rimuru and Wagyu explained to me that they couldn't choose any evolution branch and they were instantly evolved into these forms.

[NAME: Rimuru

[CLASS: None

[RACE: High Triple Elemental Being

[Level: 1/20 EXP: 0000/2000 STATUS: Fine

[HP: 65/65 MP: 50/50 STAMINA: 137/150

[STRENGTH: 35

[DEFENCE: 34

[MAGIC: 45

[RESISTANCE: 38

[SPEED: 43

[CHARISMA: 10

[LUCK: 0

[SKILLS: [Water Shot: Level 3] [Blessing of the Undine] [Pure Water Being] [Basic Water Regeneration: Level 1] [Servant Affinity] [Water Affinity] [River Emperor Iron Body: Level 4] [High Water Affinity] [Big Bird Tenacity] [Big Bird Strong Tackle: Level 4] [Big Bird Binocular Vision] [Wind Element Affinity] [Big Bird Gale Wings] [Crimson Wolf Emperor Silver Body] [Crimson Wolf Emperor Strong Senses] [Basic Fire Ball: Level 1] [Crimson Wolf Emperor Strong Tackle and Bite: Level 1] [High Fire Element Affinity] [Very High Triple Element Affinity (Fire, Wind and Water)] [Triple Elemental Body] [Triple Elemental Regeneration] [Triple Elemental Magic Attack: Level 1]

[TITLES: [Named Servant] [Blessing of the Three Elements]

Rimuru's size almost tripled, it also gained green, yellow and red tones combined in his water body, after inspecting his stats it said that he became a "High Triple Elemental Being", surprisingly he was also able to talk, but very slowly as if it was very difficult still, its voice was very cute, it reminded me of cute mascot character's voices in anime.

[NAME: Wagyu

[CLASS: None

[RACE: Midnight Wolf Emperor

[Level: 1/25 EXP: 0000/2300 STATUS: Fine

[HP: 95/95 MP: 35/35 STAMINA: 137/180

[STRENGTH: 62

[DEFENCE: 55

[MAGIC: 38

[RESISTANCE: 43

[SPEED: 75

[CHARISMA: 8

[LUCK: 1

[SKILLS: [Crimson Wolf King Pressure] [Crimson Wolf King Iron Body]
[Crimson Blood] [Fire Element Affinity] [Weak Fire Ball: Level 1] [Strong Bite]
[Strong Claws] [High Stamina Efficiency][Crimson Wolf Emperor Silver Body]
[Crimson Wolf Emperor Strong Senses]

[Basic Fire Ball: Level 1] [Crimson Wolf Emperor Strong Tackle and Bite:
Level 1][High Fire Element Affinity] [High Dark Element Affinity] [Shadow
Transformation: Level 1] [Shadow Claws: Level 1][Increased Night Vision]
[Midnight Predator]

[TITLES: [Crimson Wolf King] [Crimson Wolf Emperor] [Named Servant]
[Midnight Wolf Emperor] [Blessing of the Dark Spirits]

Wagyu body size doubled, and his entire red fur was replaced by a black and hard fur.

He had red markings all over his fur and his eyes glowed in a bright golden color, he became some extinct species of Wolves, named Midnight Wolves, they were a different branch of variants from Crimson Wolves, specialized for hunting in night, they also have a high dark elemental affinity and can become shadows for some time.

"Master Kireina, after eating the former Emperor meat and obtaining his skills and title, a different evolution for me was generated, my power is almost double of the former Emperor, I am now a Midnight Wolf Emperor!"

"Damn, I never thought that we could cheat the system like this... and also Rimuru, why did you became a High Triple Elemental Being?"

Rimuru tried to speak as clearly as possible.

"Maaster, after... eatin'... birds... and wolf... I got... more element... affinity... I could... evolve... stronger! Guuuu!"

"Oh? So it was because of your three elemental affinity skills? Yeah that kind of makes sense... so what kind of monster will I evolve into then? I hope it's not a bizarre mutation of different monsters..."

Wagyu proudly shouted: "I'm sure Master Kireina will evolve into a majestic and powerful being!"

Rimuru followed after him: "Mastaaa... will become... strong! Guuu!"

"Bwahaha! I-it's not like I wanted you two to compliment me or anything you brainless servants..."

"Now let's eat the rest of the former Wolf Emperor and head to the East! Today we will explore the Rocky Mountains!"

"Yes Master!"

"Yaaay! Guururu!"

After backing up loads of stamina thanks to the former Wolf Emperor nutritious meat we went to the East Rocky Mountains in look for minions.

On the way we found some black colored squirrels, they had big red colored horns on their heads and had strong fire magic spells, but thanks to my minions power I didn't even need to move an inch.

[Party Member's: Servant Rimuru and Servant Wagyu gained 2357 EXP]

[You've Gained 1179 EXP]

[Party Member: Servant Rimuru gained one level!] [Level 2/20 EXP 0357/2050]

[Party Member: Servant Wagyu gained one level!] [Level 2/25 EXP 0057/2350]

[You've Gained one level!] [Level 14/20 EXP 271/1100]

"What are these annoying squirrels? They seem incredibly violent and ugly, they got bloodshot eyes and giant fangs, they don't look at all like the cute squirrels on Earth!"

"RAAAAWRRR!"

CLASH!

A squirrel tried to bite me with a sneak attack but its jaw was completely blasted after biting into my body.

"Do you really think that with such low strength you will be able to even put a dent on me? Admire the combination of every active buff!"

Flash!

A strong pressure started to exude from my body, every Dark Squirrel started to run for their lives!

"Yeah... just go away, I hope this wasn't the attack of another Emperor because those squirrels were pretty pathetic, hahaha!"

The Dark Squirrels' meat was deep black and it tasted bitter and bloody, but I ate at least three to make sure to get whatever skills they had.

After we ate some of the squirrel corpses we resumed our journey.

[You've obtained a new Title: Merciless Squirrel Killer]

[You and your party learned the following Skills]

[Dark Squirrels Strong Bite]

[Fire and Dark Element Affinity]

[Dark Fire Ball: Level 1]

[You've learned a new Skill]

[Red Horn Creation: Level 1]

"Hmmm I've never seen a skill that combined more than one element, except from Rimuru's, so it's not really a unique thing then, even such weak monsters are capable of having double affinities, interesting... I wonder how strong their Emperor is then? Well I don't really want to fight one for now... Also, what is this Red Horn Creation about? What can a red horn even help me with?"

[Red Horn Creation: Level 1: Spend MP and Stamina to create a red colored horn on your forehead, it will increase your Dark and Fire element affinity by 20% permanently until the horn is broken. Cost: 30 MP and 40 Stamina]

"What? So it's like a active buff that will always stay activated as long as the horn doesn't break? That's pretty cheat! It must be the special trait of those Squirrels... All right then, why not? Activate skill Red Horn Creation!"

Fuoosh!

A little red horn grew on my tiny butterfly head.

[Your Dark and Fire element affinity have increased by 20% permanently until the horn is broken]

"Hmm! Now I look like some kind of demon butterfly! Ooh! I wonder if I will evolve into something like that! That would be awesome! Anyways, let's keep going!

"Master Kireina, that horn really makes you look very adorable!"

"Mastaaa... cute...!"

"Wh-what are you talking about? I did it for the affinity! I'm not cute! I am manly and strong! Now shut up and keep walking!"

"Yes Master!"

"Yeeeeesss! Guu!"

The rest of the road was peaceful and we were not attacked by any type of monster.

When we finally arrived at the East Rocky Mountains I was finally able to see it in detail.

Immense rock formations decorated the mountains in different shapes, the land was almost desolate of vegetation life except from some cactus looking plants.

A pack of little birds were flying in the distance, probably running away from the strong pressure that Wagyu exudes.

We crossed some roads and we found a strange monkey in the distance, it was breaking a coconut looking fruit with a rock.

The monkey had a ugly and long nose on his face, it was completely covered in brown hair and seemed pretty unclean!

"Ukiiii...!"

BAM!

With a hit of the rock, the coconut was destroyed into pieces! The monkey slowly started munching the inside coconut meat.

"Ahh! Master Kireina, these are Mountain Monkeys! They have a high affinity with the Earth element and are one of the strongest tribes in the mountains

[Party Member: Servant Rimuru gained 2345 EXP!]

[You and the rest of the party gained 1172 EXP]

[Rimuru gained one level!] [Level 3/20 EXP 0868/2100]

[You've gained one level!] [Level 15/20 EXP 0509/1150]

[Wagyu level 2/25 EXP 1661/2350]

" Uuukiiiiiiii!!!"

More than 20 monkeys surrounded Wagyu and started to attack with punches and rocks!

"Lowly beings! You shall know the power of an Emperor!"

Flash!

Wagyu flashed a deep dark aura that enveloped all 20 monkeys, suddenly the monkey's shadows started to grab them into the void!

"Uuuuukiiiiiiii!!!" Uuukiiiiiaaaa!!!"

"What the hell?! That's some insane skills Wagyu! All right then, I will not hold back! Let me try something new!"

I concentrated all my mana in one place and started to cast all my other elemental spells in it, creating a multi elemental magic ball over my head.

"Now... concentrate...! There it is!"

Inside the magic ball a strong concentration of magic started to accumulate, until it took form and flashed outside of it!

Out of nowhere, the monkeys were welcomed with a gigantic meteorite!

BOOOM!

CRASH!

"Uuuuukiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiii...!"

A big crater was formed in the middle of the battlefield, the monkeys that were directly hit became dust instantly!

[You've gained 3427 EXP] [The rest of your party members gained 1713 EXP]

[You gained three levels!] [Level 18/20 EXP 0336/1300]

[Party Member: Servant Rimuru gained one level!] [Level 3/20 EXP 0481/2150]

[Party Member: Servant Wagyu gained one level!] [Level 3/25 EXP 1024/2400]

The monkeys couldn't even tremble in fear before other projectiles started to rain from the sky!

This time big balls made of Dark, Fire and Wind elements started to explode onto the ground, the battlefield was filled with countless monkey cries!

BAAM! BAAM!

"Uuuukiaaaaa!!!"

[You've gained 2454 EXP] [The rest of your party gained 1227 EXP]

[You've gained two levels!] [Level 20/20 EXP 0140/0000]

[Rimuru level 3/20 EXP 1708/2150]

[Wagyu level 3/25 EXP 2251/2400]

"Gaah! I-I think I went overboard... I never expected the combined spells to get this strong..."

[Certain conditions have been accomplished]

[You've learned Skills: Mana Zone and Quick Spell Fusion]

"Whhhat?! So what I did already existed in the system as actual skills? Damn, I'm so awesome! Hahahaha!"

"Master! Please slow down your spells, we are having a hard time evading them, the monkeys already started running away!"

"Mastaaa... stoop! Geeeeehhh..."

I quickly deactivated the mana zone and the leftover mana slowly dissipated in the air.

Fuoosh...

"Gaah... Thank you for stopping Master Kireina... I am sorry for provoking the monkeys, all of this was my fault, I am ready to accept any punishment!"

"Do not worry Wagyu, this event has given me the opportunity to test my capabilities to a certain extent..."

I looked at the ground below to see the various sections of the Rocky Mountains were completely destroyed. A big crater in the middle of the battlefield was still in flames, with multiple monkey bodies burned to the crisp, and others completely unrecognizable.

"No way... I didn't know that I could just do this..."

Wagyu slowly came to my side.

"Master, do you feel fine, you look lost..."

Rimuru slowly jumped to my other side.

"Mastaaaa... fine?"

"Ah...! Yes! Of course I am! Aren't you proud of your Master? I am so powerful! Hahaha!"

"Well done everyone, let's keep going, the day has just started!"

"Haah... Yes, Master, I'll follow your lead."

"Guuuu!"

Before departing we all ate all the still edible monkey corpses, they tasted like a very rough meat, with a very bitter flavor.

"Gueeeh, these taste horrible, I miss those delicious River Fishes! But we are too far away from them now..."

[You've obtained a new Title: Merciless Monkey Killer]

[You and your party learned the following Skills]

[Mountain Monkey Rock Throw: Level 1]

[Mountain Monkey Flexible Body]

[Mountain Monkey Strong Punch: Level 1]

[You've learned the following Skills]

[Earth Element Affinity]

[Basic Earth Formation Magic: Level 1]

"Hmm? Rimuru and Wagyu couldn't get the rest of the skills? I'm pretty sure they ate as much as me... is my power nerfed on them somehow?"

Suddenly, a system message appeared out of thin air.

[Due to not being the original wearer of the Skill: Blessing of #####, party members cannot learn certain amounts of skills from a consumed being]

"Ah! So this power comes from this skill?! I see! So this was my cheat power given to me by Mysterious Voice, now I feel kind of bad insulting him before because I thought he didn't help me in anything to survive here..."

I started to browse through my skill list while Wagyu and Rimuru devoured some monkey meat.

"Hmmm, here it is... let's see what this skill does in detail, I must have been pretty stupid to not have checked it before... Hahaha, I'm sorry past self!"

[Blessing of #####: A special blessing granted by the System Master ##### himself, feel honored lowly being! The effects are as follows:]

[You are able to acquire the skills of the living beings that you consume, eating only one being will not grant all his skills, unless it's a very strong class.]

[You can access the "Epic of Caterpillar" special function]

[System Master ##### is looking at you]

"What?! "Epic of Caterpillar"? What kind of function is this?! What do you mean? Also why are you watching me you sicko?! At least explain what the hell is this!"

[System Error]

[You cannot completely access the system function: "Epic of Caterpillar"]

[Certain conditions must be accomplished]

[They are as follows]

[Become a god class being]

[Lead a country]

[Have more than 1k minions]

[Steal the destiny of another epic's user]

"Another Epic's user?! What even is an Epic? Is that some kind of predetermined destiny? That cannot be..."

"Also... Stealing the Epic of other, does that mean that I steal their destiny? What kind of characters would these individuals be?"

Every time I tried to figure out what all these system functions meant, the more confused I became.

Seeing how I was freaking out my Servants came close to me.

"Master Kireina, are you okay?"

"Mastaaa. Worried? Guu..."

"I... I'm fine...! Hahaha! Do not worry about me! Did you two finished eating? Then let's keep going!"

After a walking for a while (or for me, flying), Wagyu told me that he could feel a strong aura to the north of the Mountains, it's probably the monkey Emperor!

"If it's really the lair of another Emperor bastard, he probably already knows that I am here. Should I go for a surprise attack?"

"Master, if you want, I could act as a decoy and attract the attention of most of the monkey army while you and senior Rimuru infiltrate the Emperor's cave."

"All right then, let's do it! I was already bored of beating weaklings! If I want to get stronger I must defeat someone strong!"

"Very well, master"

After setting up a plan, Wagyu told me the exact location of the Monkey Emperor cave and went to distract the monkey army for us to infiltrate easily.

Meanwhile, inside the Monkey Emperor cave.

A massive humanoid being was sitting on a stone throne, his body was completely covered in golden fur, his face seemed old and experienced, with two bright golden colored eyes, he was holding a gigantic staff made of black wood from the forest, decorated with bones and skulls from different monsters.

"Hmmmmm... He's here, the "different one", the Wyvern Overlord wasn't wrong, this being is completely different to any Emperor that has been born in this forest. I can sense different types of auras, from River Walking Fishes, Gale Birds, Crimson Wolves... He's an incredible existence... How is he able to obtain they skills and power by just consuming their flesh?

Such power has never been seen in this forest since ancient times, those times were spirits wondered freely, before the humans sealed them..."

"As the only monster able to choose a class, I dedicated my life to serve the spirits, in return they would give me they power, a Shaman they called me... but now that the natural spirits are losing their power, so does my power decays in the sands of time, is it finally my hour? If it is, so be it! I shall give him the fight of his life! He will know what a true Shaman really is!"

The Monkey Emperor slowly stood up, before him, a majestic little butterfly was flying around, followed by a slime-like being of different colors.

"I was waiting for you, Kireina."

"Geeh! Ho-how do you know my name stupid monkey?!"

"HAHAHA! You really are different! Hahaha! I never thought someone like you would answer like that! Hahaha! You are really unique!"

Some minutes ago.

"AWOOOOOOOOOO!"

"Kiiiiii! What was that?!"

"What? A wolf! A black one! It's that bastard from before! Get him! Ukikiii!"

"It's the wolf! It's the dark wolf! Call the whole group! We will kill him and grill it for dinner! Uukiii!"

"Yes! Grilled dark wolf! Uukiiii!!!"

A massive army of monkeys started to follow Wagyu to the west!

"Now it's our chance Rimuru, let's get in!"

"Leeeets... gooooo! Guuuruuu!"

We quickly moved through the massive cave, it had paintings all over it, from bones to even little weapons.

After arriving to the last section, we were greeted by a massive golden colored monkey, it looked very old, holding some kind of massive staff.

Present.

BOOM!

BAAM!

FLASH!

A incredible magic battle was unfolding, I never expected the Monkey Emperor to be such a strong magic user, I almost cannot keep up with him!

Suddenly, the Monkey Emperor used a strange spell and a gigantic barrier protected him, while the barrier took my magic attacks, he started to cast a strong spell, using some ancient language.

Out of nowhere little different colored lumps of light started to dance around him.

"What are those?! Are they... Elemental spirits?! No way... Does this guy possess some kind of class?"

"Hahaha! You are very quick to catch up Kireina! Yes! I am a Shaman, I master the power of the natural spirits of this world! They grant me their power for free, without the need to expend MP!"

"Now prepare your best spell! My barrier cannot be broken but I cannot attack either, so I'll need to dispel it to unleash my power, quickly cast your best spell, or you will be a crushed bug! Hahaha!"

"Geeeh! Why did you even tell me that you idiot?! You will see! Activate skills! MANA ZONE! QUICK SPELL FUSION!"

I activate every elemental spell at my disposal!"

I activated my Mana Zone again and started to fuse my strongest spells at max speed! Multiple forms of spells showed in my mind, but I needed to decide the best one!

Meanwhile, Rimuru was holding back some of the monkeys that came back from the Wagyu persecution, so he couldn't give me hand on this!

"Uuuuggghh! I bet he got a super strong Resistance stat! I need some kind of spell that can deal physical damage and at the same time penetrate a strong magic damage spell! Think! Think!"

In my mind only one option showed.

"Ahhh that's right! Gate of Bab- I mean Gate of Bjarmia! But I need to refine the weapon projectiles to form a rocky texture for the physical damage!"

I quickly added Basic Earth Element Magic Formation to the mix! Forming a refined rocky texture around the hundreds of magic projectiles.

Some looked like flaming lances, other like axes made of ice and rock and others were powerful swords made of wind.

"This is consuming my MP at a increasing rate... Do I risk it with only this attack?"

"If I do it then I must give it my all! Affinities please don't disappoint me!"

I quickly used almost all my MP and Stamina in one go! The Mana zone over me increased in size and looked like a flaming sun of different and beautiful bright colors.

"Hahahaha! Amazing! Excellent! I see you're betting everything on this! That's the way of a true mage! We aren't fit for long and tiring fights!

We finish everything in one attack! I'll give it my all too!"

The monkey king laughed as if it was having the time of his life, using every drop of MP on him!

Even more lumps of light started to show up and his spell circle tripled in size!

"Th-this is it! , he's going to open his barrier at any moment!"

Suddenly, the strong barrier protecting the Monkey Emperor was dispelled!

FLAAASH!

"Here you have it! My all! Hahahaha! MYTHICAL ELEMENTAL RING, NINE WORLDS OF YGGDRASIL!"

Fuoosh!

An incredible amount of Mana started to exude from the Monkey Emperor and everything around it became green colored!

A big tree made of magic started to grow from his back, and then a powerful nine colored magic laser was shot from it!

FLAAASH!

"Uooooooooohh! Here it comes! I WILL GIVE IT MY ALL TOO! OPEN! GATE OF BJARMIA! SECOND ACT!

ELEMENTAL QUARTET!"

Suddenly, the Mana Zone over my head opened completely and thousands of gigantic, weapon shaped magic projectiles started to rain over the Monkey Emperors ultimate spell, and then over his body!

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"Uuoooooo!!! Th-this! This magic! It's so beautiful! So majestic! It's as if, it is being cast by a god!"

The weapon shaped projectiles were able to keep up with the Monkey Emperor Ultimate Spell until it suddenly dissipated and strong explosion blew the entire cave!

BOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOM!

Suddenly, the ceiling of the cave started to fall, destroying everything inside of it!

Crash! Crash!

"Uuuaaah! No way! Rimuru!"

Rimuru quickly noticed what was going on and came to my side, casting different active buffs to boost his defense, and expanding his body, completely covering me from the ceiling.

BAAAM! BAAM! CRASH!

"Uuuukiiiiii!!!"

"Uuukiaaaaa!!!"

The rest of the monkeys that were fighting Rimuru died getting crushed by the ceiling!

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When I woke up, I was greeted by the bright pale light of the sunset.

"Aaah! What is this place? Oh right... the cave... and the Monkey Emperor!"

"Master... is finally... awake... Rimuru... worried... Guuuuu...! Snif Snif"

Rimuru was sitting with me and started to cry in front of me, covering me entirely in tears.

"Gaaah! Hey stop crying! You are a monster! Monsters don't cry! Now let's-"

"Hehehe... You are alive..."

"The Monkey Emperor?! You are alive?!"

At the distance, below a pile of big rocks was the old and bloody body of the former Monkey Emperor, he was completely covered in the magic projectiles from my spell. Around him were some little monkeys crying, lamenting their Emperor last moments.

"Uuukiii!! Father! Please don't die! Ukkkiiaaaaaaa! Snif Snif"

"Faaaather!!! Don't die!!! Uukiiaaaaaa! Snif!"

"Ukiiii!"

"Uuuukiaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa! Snif"

Suddenly, the Monkey Emperor got angry and slapped his underlings.

Slap!

"Ukia!"

"Father, why? Ukii!"

"Stop crying you pathetic rats! It is as Kireina said! Monsters don't cry!"

"Faather... Uukii..."

"Ukii! Okay father, we understand, ukii!"

"Ukiiii..."

The monkeys started to clean they faces and looked at me with a determined face.

"You are now in charge of these guys, Kireina, take good care of them..."

"Me? Wait! I can't possibly take care of so many monkeys! Are you kidding me you old ape?!"

"Haha... You are very unique, Kireina... Ughh!"

"Father! Ukii!"

"This is it... Before dying, let me give you this, Kireina..."

[Mountain Monkey Emperor has offered you his Title: "Beloved by the 9 Spirits"]

"Wh-what?! Why are you doing this?! You're literally helping me for no reason!"

"Haha... there is a reason, but you must find it by yourself... please, accept my gift..."

"B-but...! Aaah! Okay! I accept!"

[New Title obtained: Beloved by the 9 Spirits]

"Good... good, that magic fight... was the best I have ever had in my long life... Thanks you so much... If you ever met the Wyvern Overlord in the future, tell him that I gave you this title, he will spare you..."

"Wyvern Overlord?! Who is that?! Hey! Wait! Don't die yet you stupid ape!"

"Haha... Make sure to eat every part of my flesh, Kireina... Become stronger..."

Suddenly, the Monkey Emperor closed his eyes and his breath stopped.

He was dead.

[You've gained 5468 EXP] [The rest of your party members gained 2736 EXP]

[Party Member: Servant Rimuru gained two levels!] [Level 5/20 EXP 0094/2250]

[Party Member: Servant Wagyu gained two levels!] [Level 5/25 EXP 0137/2500]

[Kireina level 20/20 EXP 5608/0000]

"Faaaaather!!!! Uuukiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiii! Snif Snif"

"Uuukiaaaaa!!!"

"Noooo! Uukiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiii! Snif"

More than a hundred monkeys started to cry on the spot, filling the former Emperor body of tears.

"Why... was he so nice to me...? What was his reasons behind it? And who is this Wyvern Overlord? Sigh... so many questions again, and every time I become stronger, even more questions appear..."

In the distance a black wolf slowly approached me.

"Master Kireina, I see that you have successfully defeated the Monkey Emperor, congratulations!"

"Guuu!"

"Yeah... I guess I did! But it really left me a bitter taste on my mouth... Well, he gave me his monkeys so let's move them to our cave then, I don't want to eat his body in front of them."

"We'll do as you command, Master! Let's go Senior Rimuru!"

"Yeees! Guuuuuuuuu!"

And so we did, surprisingly the monkeys accepted me as their new leader very easily, with almost no conflict, after arriving to their new home, the monkey started to accommodate themselves and some even brought skins to make improvised beds.

The amount of monkeys left after all the fights and events were quite a fine amount for me to handle, exactly 78 monkeys.

What I found out is that I only had a quantity of exactly 20 minions at max, so I couldn't add them all, and to be honest I really don't want to, they're mostly very weak.

I decided to do a competition to find out who were the strongest monkeys so I started an improvised monkey tournament, the 5 strongest would become squad leaders and would lead other monkeys in parties to train and hunt in the forest. They would also become my minions and therefore receive a name and my powers.

After two hours of fighting 5 very tough looking monkeys were victorious, one had a scar on his whole face, the second had golden fur and was very slim, the third had a very brown fur and some magical talent, the fourth had black

hair and a strong personality and the fifth had a very high speed stat for some reason, which made him almost untouchable.

I named them in the following order: Kizuato (scar in Japanese), Goruden (golden in Japanese), Meiji (Mage in Japanese), Yukan'na (Brave in Japanese) and Jinsoku (Swift in Japanese).

They were surprised by the new names they got, and were very thankful, some even swearing total loyalty till the day they die.

And so I made 5 different squads that would help the monkeys grow in strength while I don't have to worry so much about training or feeding them.

Each squad had 12 monkeys (including the leader), I left the weakest 18 monkeys to work on the cave in different activities.

I put some to practice Earth cooking, yet they failed horribly.

Others had some talent for crafting and even alchemy so I put them to practice those things with tools they themselves made before.

Some monkeys had talent in constructing furniture and carpentry so I put them to work doing that for now, Kizuato's squad will bring them wood from the forest.

After some thought and the suggestions of Meiji and Wagyu I decided to make 3 squads for the weakest monkeys too, so they all could concentrate on their work more efficiently.

I named the Cooking leader Chokumotsu (Food in Japanese), the Crafting and Alchemy leader Kusuri (Potion in Japanese) and the Furniture and Carpentry leader Shokunin (Crafter in Japanese).

Each team will have 6 members including the Leader.

"Sigh... I'm so tired... Organizing these monkeys was really a chore, my brain hurts! Aagh... but it also makes me happy, I have never had so many

companions in my previous life, this cave will be very lively from now on!
Haha!"

"Good work Master! Please rest for now, I will bring you the former monkey Emperor meat now, I'll make sure to chop it well so the other monkeys don't recognize it!"

"Thanks you Wagyu, I'm counting on you..."

"Haah... I really hope that the Cooking Team can figure out how to make beer, I really miss it, damn it!"

In the distance, I could hear multiple joyous monkey voices talking and having fun, for some reason a little bit of grievance bloomed in my heart.

"I can hear that they are very hyped over they new jobs, haha I'm glad for them... I hope you are too, Monkey Emperor... whatever you did in the past doesn't matter, you give me a title out of nowhere for no reason, this is why I owe you something, I will repay it taking care of your stupid children... Sigh... so tired..."

"Hmmm... let's check the new title at the very least..."

[Loved by the 9 Spirits: After becoming a Shaman, your connection with the 9 elemental spirits have become a bond of mutual love. Effect: Grants 50% extra affinity to the 9 elements, spirits will easily help you, reduced MP cost - 20%, MP regenerates twice as fast]

"GUUUEEEEEEEEHH???!!!! TH-THIS! THIS TITLE IS INSANE! What the heck Monkey Emperor?! You were a total monster after all! I can't believe this!
How did I even beat you?!"

After a while, Wagyu and Rimuru were back with big pieces of a "mysterious meat", we quickly eat it all without the monkeys noticing.

"Aaaah, even if he was a very old man, the Monkey Emperor meat was a very high quality! It was on par with the Wolf Emperor! Are all Emperor meat this delicious? It makes me want to try the bird Emperor now! Maybe we will just go raid his nest next! Buwahahaha!

Now that we have a Cooking team it wouldn't be far from reality to make something like fried chicken again!"

[You've obtained a new Title: Mountain Monkey Emperor]

[You and your party learned the following Skills]

[Mountain Monkey Emperor Sturdy Body]

[Mountain Monkey Emperor Strong Blow: Level 1]

[Mountain Monkey Emperor Strong Pressure: Level 1]

[Basic 9 Elements Resistance]

[High Mana Affinity]

[You've learned the following Skills]

[Basic Mythical Circle Magic: Yggdrasil 9 Worlds: Level 1]

[Basic Spirit Magic: Level 1]

[High Spirit Magic Affinity]

"Ooooooohh!!! Fitting of a Shaman class Emperor! Amazing! Thanks for those amazing skills Monkey Emperor!"

"I shall use this power to protect you even more, Master!"

"Guruuu! Thanks...Mastaaa!

After we all went to our beds, I realized that my thread manipulation skill was already at max level so I decided to evolve it.

[The Skill: Weak Thread Creation: Level 10 successfully evolved into > Strong Thread Creation and Manipulation: Level 1]

"Hmmm! Very nice! Is there any skills at level 10 left? Ah! Here"

[The Skill: Water Shot: Level 10 successfully evolved into > Water Bullet: Level 1]

[The Skill: Basic Water Magic: Level 10 successfully evolved into > High Water Magic: Level 1]

[The Skill: Basic Water Manipulation: Level 10 successfully evolved into > High Water Manipulation: Level 1]

"That should be it for now..."

"Ah! So many things happened that I almost forgot, tonight I will be able to evolve again! I hope I get some strong options! Hahaha! Very well, let's make a quick look at our status and then we can sleep!"

[NAME: Kireina

CLASS: None

RACE: Undine Butterfly

[Level: 20/20 EXP: 5608/0000 STATUS: Full

[HP: 49/49 MP: 79/79 STAMINA: 162/120 (+10)

[STRENGTH: 41 (+3)

[DEFENCE: 43 (+3)

[MAGIC: 52

[RESISTANCE: 48

[SPEED: 52 (+3)

[CHARISMA: 25

[LUCK: -1

[SKILLS: [Trash Belly] [Forest Caterpillar Weak Body] [Blessing Of #####] [Iron Teeth] [Strong Bite: Level 4] [Caterpillar Basic Regeneration] [Steel Belly] [Strong Thread Creation And Manipulation: Level 1] [SPIDER'S 8 Eyes: Level 1] [Underwater Breathing] [Fish Strong Gills] [Dry Skin] [Water Element Affinity] [Group Command: Level 1] [Attack Command: Level 2] [DEFENCE Command: Level 2] [Silver Belly] [River King Strong Body: Level 7] [River King Strong Claws: Level 6] [River King Strong Bite: Level 6] [High Water Element Affinity] [Water Bullet: Level 1] [Underwater Sense] [Sturdy Fish Scales] [High Water Magic: Level 1] [High Water Manipulation: Level 1] [Mana Usage] [Basic Magic Water Shield: Level 8] [Summon Lower Water Being: Level 2] [Water Spear: Level 7] [River Emperor Iron Body: Level 8] [River Emperor Incredible Endurance: Level 6] [River Emperor Pressure: Level 5] [Control Minions: Level 3] [Very High Water Affinity] [BIG Bird Tenacity] [Big Bird Strong Tackle: Level 1] [Big Bird Binocular Vision] [Wind Element Affinity] [Big Bird Gale Wings] [Crimson Wolf Emperor Silver Body] [Crimson Wolf Emperor Strong Senses] [Crimson Wolf Emperor Strong Tackle And Bite: Level 1] [Crimson Wolf Berserk Mode: Level 1] [Crimson Wolf Emperor Hell Aura: Level 1] [High Fire Element Affinity] [Blessing Of The Fire Spirit] [Basic Fire Ball: Level 5] [Dark Squirrels Strong Bite: Level 1] [Fire And Dark Element Affinity] [Dark Fire Ball: Level 4] [Red Horn Creation: Level 3] [Mana Zone] [Quick Spell Fusion] [Mountain Monkey Rock Throw: Level 1] [Mountain Monkey Flexible Body] [Mountain Monkey Strong Punch: Level 1] [Earth Element Affinity] [Basic Earth Formation Magic: Level 4] [Mountain Monkey Emperor Sturdy Body] [Mountain Monkey Emperor Strong Blow: Level 1] [Mountain Monkey Emperor Strong Pressure: Level 1] [Basic 9 Elements Resistance] [HIGH Mana Affinity] [Basic Mythical Circle Magic: Yggdrasil 9 Worlds: Level 1] [BASIC Spirit Magic: Level 1] [High Spirit Magic Affinity]

[TITLES: [First Kill In The New World] [Trash Eater] [Merciless Aquatic Killer] [King Of The River] [Loved By The Water Spirits] [River Queen] [River Emperor] [Merciless Avian Killer] [Born Bellow A Lucky Star] [Merciless Squirrel Killer] [Merciless Monkey Killer] [Beloved By The 9 Spirits] [Mountain Monkey Emperor]

[NAME: Rimuru

CLASS: None

RACE: High Triple Elemental Being

[Level: 5/20 EXP: 0094/2250 STATUS: Fine

[HP: 70/70 MP: 55/55 STAMINA: 137/150

[STRENGTH: 40

[DEFENCE: 39

[MAGIC: 50

[RESISTANCE: 43

[SPEED: 48

[CHARISMA: 12

[LUCK: 0

[SKILLS: [Water Shot: Level 6] [Blessing Of The Undine] [Pure Water Being] [Basic Water Regeneration: Level 1] [Servant Affinity] [Water Affinity] [River Emperor Iron Body: Level 7] [High Water Affinity] [Big Bird Tenacity] [Big Bird Strong Tackle: Level 7] [Big Bird Vinocular Vision] [Wind Element Affinity] [Big Bird Gale Wings] [Crimson Wolf Emperor Silver Body] [Crimson Wolf Emperor Strong Senses] [Basic Fire Ball: Level 1] [Crimson Wolf Emperor Strong Tackle And Bite: Level 3] [High Fire Element Affinity] [Very High Triple Element Affinity (Fire, Wind And Water)] [Triple Elemental Body] [Triple

Elemental Regeneration] [Triple Elemental Magic Attack: Level 4] [Dark Squirrels Strong Bite: Level 1] [Fire And Dark Element Affinity] [Dark Fire Ball: Level 1] [Mountain Monkey Rock Throw: Level 1] [Mountain Monkey Flexible Body] [Mountain Monkey Strong Punch: Level 1] [Mountain Monkey Emperor Sturdy Body] [Mountain Monkey Emperor Strong Blow: Level 1] [Mountain Monkey Emperor Strong Pressure: Level 1][Basic 9 Elements Resistance] [High Mana Affinity]

[TITLES: [Named Servant] [Blessing of the Three Elements]

[NAME: Wagyu

CLASS: None

RACE: Midnight Wolf Emperor

[Level: 5/25 EXP: 0137/2500 STATUS: Fine

[HP: 100/100 MP: 37/37 STAMINA: 171/180

[STRENGTH: 67

[DEFENCE: 60

[MAGIC: 39

[RESISTANCE: 45

[SPEED: 80

[CHARISMA: 9

[LUCK: 1

[SKILLS: [Crimson Wolf King Pressure] [Crimson Wolf King Iron Body] [Crimson Blood] [Fire Element Affinity] [Weak Fire Ball: Level 1] [Strong Bite] [Strong Claws] [High Stamina Efficiency] [Crimson Wolf Emperor Silver Body] [Crimson Wolf Emperor Strong Senses] [Basic Fire Ball: Level 1] [Crimson Wolf Emperor Strong Tackle And Bite: Level 3] [High Fire Element Affinity]

[High Dark Element Affinity] [Shadow Transformation: Level 4] [Shadow Claws: Level 4] [Increased Night Vision] [Midnight Predator] [Dark Squirrels Strong Bite] [Fire And Dark Element Affinity] [Dark Fire Ball: Level 1] [Mountain Monkey Rock Throw: Level 1] [Mountain Monkey Flexible Body] [Mountain Monkey Strong Punch: Level 1] [Mountain Monkey Emperor Sturdy Body] [Mountain Monkey Emperor Strong Blow: Level 1] [Mountain Monkey Emperor Strong Pressure: Level 1] [Basic 9 Elements Resistance] [High Mana Affinity]

[TITLES: [Crimson Wolf King] [Crimson Wolf Emperor] [Named Servant] [Midnight Wolf Emperor] [Blessing Of The Dark Spirits]

"You've all gotten pretty strong... uugh... Wagyu stats are higher than me, this will change tomorrow! I swear!"

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[The requirements for evolution have been completed]

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