

EPIC OF CATERPILLAR

Chapter 7: Dark Empress...?!

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"Uuuh... wha... Ah?! This! It is the evolution menu! Hmm, let's see... it's still charging..."

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"What's taking so long...?"

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[Loading evolution choices information]

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[Elemental Quartet Atlas Butterfly]

[Champion Atlas Butterfly]

[Lower Crimson Demonic Fairy]

[Lower 9 Elements Spiritual Fairy]

[Dark Moon Illusion Butterfly]

[Awaiting the approbation of user]

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"Gah! So many choices! I should not read the name out loud because the system will probably think that it will be my choice..."

"Can I see the evolution details?"

[Awaiting the approbation of System Master: #####]

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[System Master: ##### has approved your request]

[Loading evolution details]

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[Elemental Quartet Atlas Butterfly: A massive butterfly with 4 different wings, one of each elemental color]

[Special Traits]

[Very high affinity with the elements: Fire, Water, Wind, and Earth]

[High MP pool with fast MP regeneration]

[High magic growth per level up]

[Stronger magic spells]

[Weak and frail body]

[If one wing is broken up, user cannot cast magic based on the wing color]

[Can not evolve anymore]

"This one is a quite interesting, very high affinity with 4 elements, in particular, better MP pool and regeneration, but I can't evolve anymore? Therefore, it is like the last stage was you get massively strong but cannot grow anymore kind of a deal... No way, pass..."

[Champion Atlas Butterfly: An extinct kind of butterfly that specialized in strong physical combat, it has massive jaws and a swift body, having a myriad of physical skills and buffs]

[Special Traits]

[High affinity with physical combat and attack elements like a blow, slice, penetration, and shooting]

[High HP and Stamina pool, very high HP regeneration rate and auto Stamina regeneration without the need to sleep]

[Strong and sturdy body]

[High-Speed stat]

[Can not use any type of magic, low element affinity]

[Very low resistance, very weak to any type of magical attack]

[Can not evolve anymore]

"I see, so it's like the contrary than the previous one... quite interesting in his own niche, but I can see why it went extinct, even if it has a strong and sturdy body, it's still a butterfly and it will be overpowered by other stronger monsters... Pass..."

[Lower Crimson Demonic Fairy: A now-extinct race of fairies that lived in the Demonic Realm, vicious in nature, it specializes in Fire and Dark magic, with a myriad of status inducing skills]

[Special Traits]

[Very high Fire and Dark affinity]

[Large MP pool with good MP regeneration]

[Able to communicate with other humanoid beings]

[Possess a myriad of Status Effect related skills to slowly kill its enemies]

[Very frail body]

[Very weak to light element]

[Future evolution choices: Low]

"Haah... This one is quite the oddball, I mean it would be amazing if I could communicate with humans and form alliances and such, but being a weak fairy will probably make me get hunted or something, also its evolution choices are low, let's see what the other two have to offer..."

[Lower 9 Elements Spiritual Fairy: An extinct variant of ancient fairies that once lived very close with the spirits of the old world, specializes in spirit and mythical circle magic]

[Special Traits]

[Large MP pool and fast MP regeneration]

[Very high affinity with the 9 Elements and Spirit Magic]

[Can use the power of the spirits and share MP cost with them]

[Possess a myriad of ancient and long-forgotten spells]

[Very high magic, Resistance and Speed growth]

[Mediocre HP, Stamina and Attack growth, fine Defense]

[Future evolution choices: Mid]

"I see, it's kind of like the Shaman class of the Monkey Emperor, I probably got this choice thanks to him, it looks pretty decent to be honest if the next one doesn't have high future evolution choices I will choose this..."

[Dark Moon Illusion Butterfly: Very little is known about these butterflies specific data, it has never shown up in the world until now, you are the first being able to evolve into this]

[Special Traits]

[Specializes in the Dark Arts of Illusions, possess countless Illusion related spells]

[Proficient In controlling others and using their power as yours]

[Jack-Of-All-Trades stat-wise, not very good in anything but not bad in anything either]

[High affinity with the Ancient Dark Arts spells]

[Future evolution choices: Very High]

"Is this for real...? I am the first being able to evolve into this? This is awesome! Also, it rather fits my style of making others help me defeat strong enemies, and a jack-of-all-trades fits both my physical and magical skills, paired up with the very high future evolution choices, this is an obvious choice! I choose DARK MOON ILLUSION BUTTERFLY!"

[Dark Moon Illusion Butterfly has been selected]

[Initializing Evolution]

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[Evolution Success]

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[DAY 10]

"Uuukiiiiii!!!! Master Kireina has been replaced by this black butterfly!! Help!"

"Uukiaaa! Burn it before it wakes up!"

"Wh-whats going on..."

When I opened my eyes, I saw a whole bunch of monkeys freaking out in front of me, they were yelling things about my appearance and that a black butterfly brings bad omens.

"Wait you brainless monkeys! It is I! Kireina! I did not die, I just evolved! Idiots! Now go back to your duties!"

"Uukiii! Master Kireina, so it was you! We are sincerely sorry! Ukiiii!"

The group of monkeys slowly left my room (or cave section).

"Sigh... these monkeys are a real pain in the ass... Now, about my appearance..."

[Congratulations, you have successfully evolved into the Dark Moon Illusion Butterfly!]

[Your level has been reset to 1/30]

[All your stats have been increased]

[You've obtained a the following Titles]

[Loved by Dark Beings]

[Dark Empress]

[First of a Kind]

[You've learned the following Skills]

[Basic Illusion Magic: Level 1]

[Puppet Master: Level 1]

[Brain Share]

[Power Share]

[Defense Share]

[Basic Illusion Shield: Level 1]

[Summon Dark Elemental Being: Level 1]

[Max amount of minions that you can possess have increased 10/40]

[You can now use the Item Box 0/20]

[NAME: Kireina

[CLASS: None

[RACE: Dark Moon Illusion Butterfly

[level: 1/30 EXP: 0000/2100 STATUS: FULL

[HP: 65/65 MP: 140/140 STAMINA: 132/130 (+10)

[STRENGTH: 46 (+3)

[DEFENCE: 48 (+3)

[MAGIC: 74

[RESISTANCE: 53

[SPEED: 65 (+3)

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[ITEM BOX: 0/20

[SKILLS: [Trash Belly] [Forest Caterpillar Weak Body] [Blessing Of
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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] [Basic Illusion Magic Level 1] [Puppet Master Level 1] [Brain Share 0/3] [Power Share] [Defense Share] [Basic Illusion Shield Level 1] [Summon Dark Elemental Being Level 1]

[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] [Loved By Dark Beings] [Dark Empress] [First Of A Kind]

"Guuuuaaaahh! Hahahah! It feels good to evolve! So many new powers to experiment with!

Also, an item box?! No way! That will be extremely convenient!"

I started to look all over my body, finding out that my size almost doubled, my aquamarine-colored wings, were replaced by some black and purple ones, they were twice as big as before, I was able to smell a strong flower fragrance from them.

My head was still the same as that of an Undine Butterfly, but my antennae were doubled in size and purple-colored, my eyes had a purple glow on them and in the middle of my forehead, a tiny red and purple colored horn glowed when exposed to the light of the sun.

"This horn evolved with me...? I wonder if I add more body parts, will they evolve along with me to make me something completely different."

[Purple Crimson Magic Horn: A horn made of pure and concentrated magic power, it has evolved along with your body and it can regrow on its own if it is lost. Effect: Grants 30% extra affinity to Dark and Fire Elements, also 10% extra affinity to Illusion Magic]

"I see! So even body parts can evolve like this! This is an impressive system! Not even the slightest detail is forgotten!"

After inspecting my body, a feeling of uneasiness started to appear in my heart.

"Wait... where's Rimuru and Wagyu...?"

"Oh right! I can look at the location with the Party Menu option..."

I opened the Party Menu option to find that Rimuru and Wagyu were together in the forest, near the West River.

I quickly used the Party Menu to send them a direct message.

Meanwhile, in the West River.

"Hahaha, we have caught so much fish now, Senior Rimuru, I am sure Master Kireina will be pleased when she sees this!"

"Yeeee! Mastaaa... Happy! Guu!"

Suddenly, a System message appeared out of thin air, surprising the two servants.

Beep!

[A direct message of party leader: Kireina has been sent]

["HEY YOU TWO SCOUNDRELS! WHERE ARE YOU? COME BACK IMMEDIATELY! I CAN'T DEAL WITH ALL THESE STINKY MONKEYS WITHOUT YOU TWO!"]

"Uagh! Master Kireina sounds very angry! We better hurry Senior Rimuru!"

"Y-yes! Mastaa... Scary... Guuuuu...!"

Some minutes later.

"Hmmm! I see! You guys were catching walking fish for me! Hahaha! You two are very good servants indeed, I apologize for my misunderstanding! Hahaha!"

"Haha, there's nothing to worry about Master Kireina! If you let me add, your evolution appearance is beautiful! Just as expected from my Master!"

"Mastaa... beautiful... I... love... you! Guuu!"

"Geeh! Wh-what are you two talking about? Stop speaking nonsense! Anyways, let's call the Cooking Team so they can prepare these fishes in different ways!"

In a matter of seconds, the Cooking squad led by Chokumotsu started to cook the fishes in different preparations listed by me.

The recipes were quite simple, so they were able to make the most basic things like fried fish and soup.

Rimuru and Wagyu caught so much fish that we decided to open a feast with all the monkeys so they can enjoy a delicious meal before going off to work or hunt.

Sip sip

"Bwaaah! This fish soup is so refreshing! Even if there aren't any noodles, the little veggies and potatoes give it a lot to munch too! I feel like cooking in this world has some kind of magic properties, because I feel like all my stat has increased temporarily!"

I was right, it seems like after granting names to the squad monkeys, they all obtained new classes overnight. With Chokumotsu obtaining the Novice Chef class, she told me that all her stats increased by a little, and her cooking affinity increased by almost 30%; she also got a skill that makes every meal that she prepares obtain some kind of active buff after consumption.

"Can I see the rest of the meals? Hmm"

[Fish and Veggies Soup: A delicious soup made with River Walking Fish and forest veggies.

Effects: grants +2 to every stat for the next 24 hours, heals 40 Stamina and 10 MP]

[Fried Fish and Potatoes: A delicious plate made of Fried River Walking Fish and Forest Potatoes using Mountain Pork grease as oil.

Effects: grants +3 to Strength and Defense for the next 24 hours, heals 50 Stamina]

"Ahhh! This is awesome, these monkeys are awesome, they can cheat having classes even tho they are monsters! I just need to wait until Chokumotsu levels up more and she will be able to make all those delicious Earth meals, even Beer! Yes! HURRAY TO MONKEYS!"

After yelling that without thinking, all the monkeys became happy and started to cheer with me.

"Thank you Master Kireina! Ukiiii! HURRAY TO MONKEYS!"

"Ukiii! Hurray!"

"Ukiiaaa! Hurray to this delicious meal too!"

"Yes! After eating this meal, I feel like I can do anything! Ukiii!"

On my right and left side were Rimuru and Wagyu looking at me with happy expressions.

"Hahaha, it seems like Master Kireina has fallen in love with the Monkeys cooking!"

"Guuu!"

"Shut up Wagyu! It is not as if I am happy or something! Anyways! Quickly finish your meals, today we depart to the peaks of the Rocky Mountains, I want to eat chicken for dinner! Hahaha!"

After Rimuru and Wagyu finished their breakfast, we saw the five main Monkey Squads go to the forest to train and hunt, I told the Leaders that they could call me whenever something bad happened using the Party Menu message system that I recently found out about.

"Haha, I really should pay more attention to the Menu settings and functions... This message system could have proven useful before..."

I knew that the Bird Emperor was in the peak thanks to the monkey's Intel, they also told me that the Bird Emperor once had a big fight with the Monkey Emperor for territory, but ended ultimately losing. Since then he has sent King Class birds to harass the Mountain Monkeys for many years.

"So the Bird Emperor seems to be quite a tough guy to be able to fight such a strong Mage like the Monkey Emperor and still live to count the tale... It will be quite the fight... Haha, I can't wait to try out my new skills, thinking about that, I need to see what they can do in detail."

[Title Loved by Dark Beings: You are loved by every creepy dark being, congratulations!]

Effect: Dark Element Affinity +20%]

[Title Dark Empress: Your power over the Dark Arts have surpassed common sense, and every Dark Being of lower power than you will obey you, my beautiful Dark Empress!]

Effect: Dark Element Affinity +30% Illusion Magic Affinity +20% Grants easy domination over Dark Beings]

[Title First of a Kind: You are the first being of your kind, congratulations!]

Effect: Grants +2 to Strength, Defense, Magic, Resistance, and Speed]

[Basic Illusion Magic: Level 1: Using your knowledge of the Ancient Dark Arts, you can create basic illusions.

Effects: Can create a basic illusion of yourself, can camouflage your smell and sounds for a limited amount of time and you can make illusions of other beings (weaker than you) Cost 25 MP]

[Puppet Master: Level 1: Use this spell to control every action of a minion for a set amount of time Cost: 30 MP]

[Brain Share: Using the power of the Ancient Dark Arts, share the brain of a minion, making you able to increase your thought process, facilitating multi-tasking. Cost: 50 MP]

Conditions: Minion must be on a sleeping or coma state, stored inside your Item Box.

Max amount of Brains: 3]

[Power Share: Using the power of the Ancient Dark Arts, share the power of a minion with you, being able to increase your power based on 30% of their max offensive stats. Cost: 50 MP]

[Defense Share: Using the power of the Ancient Dark Arts, share the defense of a minion with you, being able to increase your defense based on 30% of their max defensive stats. Cost: 50 MP]

[Basic Illusion Shield: Level 1: Using the power of the Ancient Dark Arts, craft an illusion shield that can lower your damage taken by a certain extent. MP cost 50 MP]

[Summon Dark Elemental Being: Level 1: Using the power and knowledge of the Ancient Dark Arts, summon a Dark Elemental being. MP cost 40 MP]

"Gueehh! This is too much! I can control my minions now?! I can even use their power as mine! Even to the point of having multiple brains to make multitasking easy!"

"Alright, first of all, let's make some filler minions increase my brainpower!"

I went with Rimuru and Wagyu to my room and I started to summon Dark beings, I ended up summoning three, they looked just like Rimuru did before but were dark to purple-colored, they were all very strong, I could not keep them so I quickly ordered them to sleep. I activated my Brain Share skill and then stored them inside the Item Box.

[You successfully have increased your amount of brains TO 3/3]

[Connecting]

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[Generating parallel thinking and parallel personalities]

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[Parallel personalities successfully created, Connecting]

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[Successfully Connected]

"Gah! Is it true that I have three more minds now? No way!"

"Yeah, it's true you idiot!"

"Why I am even here..."

"Hey! Let's go train! We must become stronger no matter what! Let's work those muscles! Oooooaaaaaaahhhhh!!!"

Out of nowhere, three voices in my mind resonated, they were exactly like mine, but had different tones and personalities!

"So it is like this, Hahaha! Very nice!"

"What's so nice you idiot?"

"I don't want to be here... I don't want to do anything..."

"Hahaha! That is right! We are your three new personalities, at the same time, we are you and you are we! We are one, and whole!"

"Please don't say such complicated things, you're making me get a headache..."

"Ouch, if you have a headache, we also get one you know..."

"Ahh, it hurts..."

"Gah! Sorry about that, hahahahaha!"

"Master Kireina, do you feel alright?"

"Mastaaaa...? Guu..."

Wagyu and Rimuru looked at me with concern on their faces, as if I was having a very hard time.

"Ahahaha! I am fine! Do not worry... Just let me... handle things inside my mind for a second..."

I quickly went back to talk with my parallel minds.

"Alright then! The one with the cocky personality will be the one in charge of my reflexes!"

"Wh-why would I do that?! Well... not like I have something better to do you, idiot..."

"The lazy one will be in charge of my Magic skills!"

"Haahh... Really? Are you sure? I'm not really that trustworthy..."

"And the energetic one will become the one in charge of handling active buff skills and physical combat!"

"Alright! Leave it to me!"

Outside of my mind, Rimuru and Wagyu started to look at each other with doubt on their faces.

"Hahaha! Sorry guys, it is done, alright, let's get going!"

On the journey to the Rocky Mountains peak, we found a flock of Big Birds, they were being led by three King Class Big Birds.

It would have been an impossible feat for the Caterpillar me to get rid of these and I would have been devoured alive. However, this is a present for me! I do not even have to fear these stupid birds ever again!

"I have come to take on your Emperor, I know that he sent you idiots to destroy my old nest, this is why I came here to finish you all for good! (And maybe get some of that chicken meat...)"

"Squeak!"

"Here they come! Prepare yourself you two!"

Suddenly, more than 20 birds started to rain in the sky, pecking and throwing wind attacks everywhere!

Bam! Bam!

Flash! Flash!

From the rear, the three Big Bird Kings were casting strong wind spells!

"Oooh? They are quite organized; these chicken bastards will become my dinner! Alright, lets clean them up with some area-of-effect attacks!"

As if I only needed to think about it, my Mana Zone was already activated over me and accumulating magic density to cast a strong multi-elemental attack.

"Ah! That must be my Lazy mind! Haha! You're not lazy at all!"

"Shut up... I don't want to do this, but I don't want to die either..."

Suddenly, eight birds came out for a sneak attack on my back!

"Squeaaacckk!!"

BAAM!

However, as if I already knew this, all my defensive buffs were activated in advance and I was able to catch up they combined attack with Mountain Monkey Emperor Strong Blow!

CRASH! SPLAT!

The birds were blasted on the spot! Blood and meat started to rain, and some of the birds that saw this cowered in fear!

[You've gained 2345 EXP] [The rest of your party gained 1172 EXP]

[You've gained one level!] [Level 2/30 EXP 0245/2150]

[Rimuru level 5/20 EXP 1266/2250]

[Wagyu level 5/25 EXP 1309/2500]

"Ah! That must be my Energetic mind!"

"Haha, I can't just destroy them like this, what about their meat?"

Suddenly, several magic projectiles started to rain over the flock of Big Birds in the distance.

Flash! Flash! Flash!

Boom! Boom! Boom!

"Squeaaacckk!"

"Squaaaaaaaack!"

"Squaaack! Demon! Demon!"

Some birds tried to avoid the projectiles but there were too many! The battlefield was filled with the dying cries of hundredth of birds!

[You've gained 3549 EXP] [The rest of your party gained 1774 EXP]

[You've gained one level!] [level 3/30 EXP 1644/2200]

[The rest of your party gained one level!]

[Rimuru level 6/20 EXP 0790/2300]

[Wagyu level 6/25 EXP 0583/2500]

"Demon? Me? I wish! I am no more than a stupid bug after all! Hahaha!"

The rest of the birds fled away in fear!

"Master, your power has increased once more..."

"Guu! Mastaa... Strong...!"

"Haha, its nothing! All right, let's keep going!"

Meanwhile in the Big Bird Nest.

A massive bird was sitting on a bird nest made of hundreds of wood branches, skulls, and corpses of different types of monsters.

It had a red-colored body with black colored wings, a long and sharp yellow beak, and black eyes, which looked deep into the nothingness, as if he was lost.

"He-here it is... the "Different One", just as the Wyvern Overlord said... he will change how this whole forest works, and he would kill each one of us... Why? Why?!"

"How could I, the glorious Gale Bird Emperor fall this low... it's all fault of that damned Monkey..."

"Since when did I become such a coward? Where's my bravery? My courage? I... I am no more than a husk of what I once was..."

"I fear death... I fear it so much, why? Why can't I get stronger? Maybe if I won that monkey fight, I could have evolved again..."

The Gale Bird Emperor started to cry tears of grievance, covering his old and rusty nest.

"No... not get... that monster was able to kill the Monkey, right? Then, if I kill it, I will surely be able to evolve!!! Yes! I must use every cheap tactic at my disposal, use every little life that I can!!! Every spell, every status condition that I can stack on him, I will chip him down slowly, and then! AND THEN!

I WILL DEVOUR HIM! HAHA! HAHAHAHAHAHA!"

A big and sick laugh could be heard from very far, every Gale Bird started to cower in fear, and they knew it. The once-beloved Emperor had already lost the last bit of sanity on him, and that death was close. The calamity was close.

Outside the Birds Nest.

"Haaah... we finally cleared those birds, so many... Even if they were all very weak, the way this Emperor uses them all like expendables, is he trying to tire us as much as he can first? That's not going to work stupid bird, you're dying today."

"Master Kireina, we are getting close to the Nest, but it seems that the flock of birds get denser and denser as we get closer, I will distract them with my aggro skill, just as before, you and Senior Rimuru must take this opportunity to strike down the Emperor!"

"Very well Wagyu! I'm counting on you!"

Wagyu went ahead and used his aggro skill [Midnight Wolf Emperor Loud Howl] to attract a big pack of Gale Birds that started to pursue him.

BAAAM!

As we got inside the bird's nest, we found a massive bird silently awaiting us, this reminded me of how we fought the Monkey Emperor.

"Ahh... Will all the Emperors have some kind of boss room and a dramatic story; I hope you are not a crybaby, Chicken Emperor! Give me a good fight at the very least!"

"Guuu... chicken... for dinner! Guuu!"

The Gale Bird Emperor looked at me with twisted and desperate eyes, and started to laugh maniacally!

"GEEHEHEHEHE! You are here! You will be my last meal as an Emperor! After this fight, everyone will know me as the graceful Gale Bird Overlord! Buwahahaha! TAKE THIS!"

Suddenly, as if already prepared, the Bird Emperor showed a dense green colored aura, and the air around him started to absorb towards his body, making it so maintaining myself in a secure distance very hard!

FLOORS!

"Geh! What kind of cheat skill is this?! GUUUAAHHH! , Rimuru, help!"

"Guuuuu!"

Rimuru swiftly expanded its body and wrapped it around mine.

"Hahaha! Gotcha!"

The Bird Emperor suddenly flew at a ridiculous speed and kicked me right on the spot!

BAAM!

CRASH!

My body was launched several meters away, crashing on the cave walls!

"GUUAAAAAAAAHH!!!"

BAAAM!

"Masta!!!"

[System Message: You have been inflicted with Severe Poison and Paralysis]

"Ugh! I can barely move... Aaah!"

My body started to secrete a purple ooze while particles of electricity made my entire body numb!

"Hahaha! And you are the "Different One" Are you kidding me?"

The Bird Emperor looked at me with a smug face while laughing at my misfortune.

"HERE! I got a lot more of those!"

The Bird Emperor opened his massive wings and started to shot big red-colored feathers as if they were projectiles!

Bam Bam Bam Bam!

"Guuuaaakkh!"

The feather projectiles were filled with poison and paralysis!

The poison in my body started to worsen out and the paralysis started to inflict direct damage to my HP every time I tried to force any movement!

"So this... is status ailments... huh? Not bad... You are not bad at all Chicken Emperor..."

"Hmm? Did the poison make you hallucinate? Do you even realize the position you are right now? Just die already and become my EXP!
BUWAHAHAHAHA!"

"Rimuru! Now!"

"Guuuuuu!"

Rimuru sneaked behind the Bird Emperor and extended its body, wrapping himself around it!

"What?! You lowly slime! What are you trying to do! Quack! I can't use my Magic? How?!"

What kind of slime are you?!"

When the Bird Emperor glanced at my position, he only found the hole made in the cave walls!

"Where did he go?! How could he move with my paralysis in him?!"

Suddenly I appeared right in front of him!

Flash

"Hahaha! Did you really think that it was going to be so easy, Chicken Emperor? I am merely holding back because I want your meat intact!"

"Wh-what?! No way! This is impossible! Are you toying with me? For my meat?! What kind of being are you... why do you want to eat me so badly?!"

You are... a demon! You are a demon! Aaaaaaahh!!!"

"Hahaha! You are very funny! Let's end this, from the very start this was never a fight it seems..."

My Lazy mind already had prepared a nice spell that would easily end the life of the Bird Emperor without destroying his meat; it was crafted using Basic Illusion Magic in combination with Fire and Water Magic, creating a silent but lethal mist that would slowly poison its target.

"I call this spell, Poisonous Illusion Mist! It's already better than your cheap Poison, that's for sure, now... Sleep well, Chicken Emperor!"

Some minutes ago, outside the Gale Bird Emperor cave nest.

"Alright Rimuru, I feel like if I go all out on this one it might end up destroying the entire meat..."

"Guuuu..."

"Hey, how about this? I will make an Illusion Shield and let him think that he is winning!

And when he gets all smug and confident over his victory, you wrap him and use your MP and Stamina to create a magic shield around him, negating most magic spells this doesn't apply to my Mist because it's a combination of different elements, becoming a high leveled spell, let's go with that... I really want his meat to be intact!"

"Guu! Okay... Mastaa!"

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The Bird Emperor struggled as much as he could, but the Mist was already inside his brain, and he slowly started to feel sleepy.

"I... Can't die... why... this world... must be so unfair..."

The Bird Emperor slowly feel asleep and stopped breathing, dying on the spot.

"Unfair? You are right, but that is why it is so exciting to break your limits! You were never fit for such world, maybe you would have enjoyed a life as a human on Earth..."

[You've gained 6756 EXP] [The rest of your party gained 3378 EXP]

[You've gained three levels!] [level 6/30 EXP 1650/2350]

[The rest of your party gained one level!]

[Rimuru level 7/20 EXP 1868/2350]

[Wagyu level 7/25 EXP 1461/2550]

[Certain conditions have been accomplished]

[You've learned the following Skills]

[Fake Body Illusion]

[Poisonous Illusion Mist: level 1]

"Haha! This really was somewhat unfair to him! It really seems as if I cheated completely on this fight! Hahaha! Now I can even use these cheap spells without the need to combine multiple ones beforehand."

Inside of my head, my Cocky mind started to complain.

"Geez, you are so heartless, there wasn't any need to kill the Emperor like this, you stupid monster... Also who came with the idea of such scummy skill like Poisonous Illusion Mist?"

"Haah... It was obviously me... I wanted to make a special skill to kill weaker enemies easily, so the main mind doesn't bother me anymore... It took some time to formulate, but the combination of spells was just right..."

"Well done Lazy Mind! You are talented! Hahaha! That Emperor was very pathetic!"

"Can you guys shut up already? Now let's go eat, I am starving!"

"Wh-who are you telling to shut up? You insolent!"

"Hmmm... Fried chicken..."

"Hahaha! Finally, we can taste again the delicious fried chicken from Earth! I can't wait anymore!"

Outside of my head, I easily wrapped the former Bird Emperor with my strong threads and saved it in my Item Box.

"Alright, let's go back Rimuru, make sure to call Wagyu back."

"Yeeesss... mastaa... guuuu...but... how will you... take the poison out?"

"Oh, right, that... Can you suck it out? I'm sure the poison won't affect elemental beings like you, here..."

I quickly opened my Item Box and took out the massive Bird Emperor body.

"Okay, masta! Guu!"

Slurp slurp

Rimuru expanded its body and completely covered the Bird body, and then it started to absorb the poison on the meat until almost everything was out.

After absorbing the poison, Rimuru gained purple pigments on his body.

[Party Member: Servant Rimuru learned the following Skills]

[Poisonous Body]

[Poison Heal]

"Eeh?! You even got skills from that! What a wonderful little blob you are! What I am going to do with you?"

"Masta, your poison tasted very... gud! Guuu!"

"Rimuru... is so cute... I cannot resist... the urge to hug..."

"Wa-wait Lazy Mind! I don't want to hug this blob!"

Squish

"Aaaaaahh! Mastaaa...! Hug me...! I am... so happy...! Guuuu...!"

Rimuru expanded his body and hugged me with all his strength!

SQUISH

"GUEEEEEHH! S-stop! You stupid blob! You are going to kill me!
Guuuaaaahh!"

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When we arrived at the main base, Wagyu was already awaiting us, he said that he didn't have to kill any of the birds at all because they all went flying away when they felt that the Bird Emperor died. According to him, they even seemed happy.

"Good work Master Kireina! This is another Emperor less, I wonder how many more there are..."

According to the intel from the highest-ranking monkeys that were very close with the Monkey Emperor, there was around 8, these included; The River Emperor, Crimson Wolf Emperor, Mountain Monkey Emperor, Gale Bird Emperor, Dark Squirrel Emperor, Foggy Swamp Alligator Emperor, Flame Salamander Empress, and the Hairy Spider Empress.

Afterward, we went to the kitchen and the cooking team was surprised over the massive Bird Emperor body, led by Chokumotsu, the cooking monkeys started to pluck and drain the blood of the whole body.

In the meantime, while we waited for the meals to be ready, the Training and Hunting squads came back, they all seemed a lot stronger than before.

Kizuato and Yukan'na were leading with the most levels on 18/30! While Goruden, Meiji, and Jinsoku we are on 16/30.

They all showed the new skills they learned from their classes. It seems like thanks to being named by me, they even got special classes.

Kizuato and Yuka'na got Mountain Warrior Class, a class focused on strong blows with axes hammers or clubs.

Goruden got Mountain Shadow Thief, a class focused on sneak attacks and status ailments, it also possesses a special skill "Steal" that cannot even easily steal possessions but even stats buffs!

Meiji got Three Elements Spirit Magician; it seems to be a novice Shaman, following the footsteps of the former Monkey Emperor.

And Jinsoku got Dark Moon Ninja, he got it thanks to his abnormal speed stat talent, it's a class focused around stealth and lethal surprise attacks, it also got a myriad of spells named "Ninjutsu".

It seems that you can learn skills just by leveling up when you have a class, and even access a special "Bonus Point" system that gives you a set amount of bonus point when you level up that you can relocate to any stat you want!

In addition to a determined skill tree and bonus stat points, there is the equipment system. They can wear five different types of equipment, one weapon and sub-weapon, chest armor, arms armor, and foot armor.

Increasing their stats permanently until these are taken off or destroyed.

The Crafting and Alchemy team are the ones in charge of making armor and weapons for the Squads using the materials they bring from their hunts.

"That's so cheat! I want a class now! Just tell me how to get one Mysterious Voice!"

[System Message: You can acquire a class after evolving into a humanoid being]

"Ah! Therefore, that is how it is! I need to go for a humanoid evolution tree... wait, can fairies have classes then?!"

[Lower and Mid Fairies cannot acquire a class, only High or Superior variants can]

"Haaah... that's going to be a very late game, I already can tell... But I am not giving up!"

Before I could finish I complain the cooking team started to bring the plates with the food is already done, this time I give them three different recipes!

The ever delicious Karage, a fried chicken recipe originated from Japan, the chicken is cut in little pieces and marinated with different sauces, covered in bread crumbs and fried multiple times to obtain an incredibly crunchy texture!

The classic American recipe for fried chicken, the chicken is cut in bigger pieces, covered in buttermilk and delicious spices, and then directly deep-fried! It is very crunchy and delicious, ideal for those who like to eat big pieces of meat!

Moreover, a classic one, Simple Chicken Soup, especially used to recover from colds in my world, but it is still a delicious and nutritious meal!

The cooking monkeys started to serve the big plates of food to all the monkeys around, and a harmonious atmosphere was created all around the cave, every monkey was talking about the adventures and hardships they had today, sharing and laughing.

"Hahaha, I never thought that something like this could be recreated in this world, it is truly charming... As a shut-in on Earth, I never had such experiences... It is truly something else..."

"Why are you getting all emotional already you idiot? The chicken is ready, just eat it already!"

"Chicken... give me..."

"Hahahaha! I agree! This atmosphere is very charming, it really fills my heart!"

"Ugh, why do I feel like Energetic Mind is the most normal of all of you..."

"We are all you, so by calling us weirdos, you're insulting yourself, you know that?"

"Gaah! You are so harsh Cocky Mind! Anyways, time to eat! Thanks for the meal!"

[Gale Bird Emperor Karage: Delicious little pieces of meat marinated and fried multiple times to perfection!

Effects: Grants +4 Speed for the next 24 hours. Restores 45 Stamina and 20 MP]

[Gale Bird Emperor American Style Fried Chicken: Delicious chunks of meat covered in Mountain Pig buttermilk, Forest spices, and deep-fried to the perfect texture!

Effects: Grants +3 Strength and +4 Defense for the next 24 hours. Restores 60 Stamina.]

[Nutritious Gale Bird Emperor Meat And Veggies Soup: A charming and warm soup full of the strong flavors of the Gale Bird Emperor meat and Forest Veggies.

Effects: Grants +2 to every stat for the next 24 hours. Restores 60 Stamina and 30 MP]

"Hmm! This Karage is just on point! I can feel the marinated sauce combined with the juices of the meat, this is heaven! I think I really found a big reason to kill every Emperor, to have such amazing dinners! HAHAHA!"

"Master Kireina, I never knew that you had such knowledge of the human recipes, these meals are indeed heaven! Hmmm! slurp..."

Wagyu slurped the Chicken Soup as if his life depended on it, fascinated with the strong flavors.

"Nom nom nom, Hmm... mastaaa... this is... delicious! Guuuuuuuu!"

On my side, Rimuru ate big quantities of Fried Chicken, increasing its size.

"Hehe... I am glad you like my recipes! H-hey Rimuru, do not eat everything, you scoundrel! Leave something for me! Hey!"

"Guuuuu! No way... Om nom nom..."

"Hey!"

[You've obtained a new Title: Gale Bird Emperor]

[You and your party learned the following Skills]

[Poisonous Claw: Level 1]

[Paralysis Claw: Level 1]

[Gale Bird Emperor Impossible Tenacity]

[Gale Bird Emperor Feather Projectiles]

[Very High Wind Element Affinity]

[You've learned the following Skills]

[Magical Wind Zone: Air Void: Level 1]

[High Wind Element Magic: Level 1]

"Hmm! Those are quite the interesting skills... Now we can use poison and paralysis on our physical attacks... that's ver-"

"Uuuuukkiiii? What is this?!"

"Hmm? How can this be?"

"Uki... This..."

"Ukii! Unbelievable!

"Is this... skills from the Bird Emperor... Ukii?"

The leaders of the hunting monkey squads were surprised over the news of their new powers.

"Ah! I forgot to tell you guys, after becoming my minions you can obtain skills from the living beings you consume. Hahaha, my bad!"

"Master Kireina! This power is incredible! Thank you so much for granting such a gift to us! Ukii!"

"This is amazing, Master. Thanks! Uki!"

"Master! I do not deserve such a gift, thank you very much Ukii!"

"Master, I will use this power to grow even stronger, and become someone you can rely on! Ukii!"

"This... Thanks... Ukii..."

"Hahaha, I know I know! No need to tell how awesome I am, Bwahaha! You better get working early tomorrow! Become strong enough to be part of the main party!"

"The main... party... with Master Kireina and Seniors Wagyu and Rimuru... this is a dream... I must work harder! Ukii!"

"The main party! Yes! This is what I must strive to! Ukii!"

"The main party💎💎 doesn't sound so bad heh... Ukii"

"If I become part of the main party, I will be able to see Master Kireina use her spells in detail, I must do my very best! Ukii!"

"Main party... I wonder if I can evade other Emperors attacks... Ukii"

"Haha... they seem pretty hyped about it... but in reality, I don't want some loud monkeys to follow me around, it's enough with this dog and blob..."

My minds inside of my head started to express their opinions.

"Yeah, some stinky monkeys following around don't fit at all with my gracious self!"

"Monkeys... are loud... so annoying..."

"Hahaha! It wouldn't be so bad to have more companions to travel with!"

"Ugh... you all are so weird..."

After the feast I talked more with the monkey squads Leaders, they said that they would eat every monster they killed from now on, even the most disgusting ones.

I also asked them for some more Intel, they told me that after killing the Gale Bird Emperor, the closest one was the one in the hot springs volcano area at the north of the Rocky Mountains, The Flame Salamander Empress.

"I wonder how strong this Empress is! I hope she can put a good fight... Moreover, how will her meat taste...? Haaahh... Every Emperor must be a delicacy..."

"Hey, idiot! Do not forget the hot springs! Such miraculous water! It will heal all my wounds and muscular pain in this tiny and delicate body of mine!"

"Hot Spring... relaxing... I really want to go..."

"Haa! A Hot spring would be the perfect place to be with our friends in a relaxing and friendly aura while drinking some beer!"

"Stupid Energetic Mind! You reminded me of Beer... haahh, also hot springs won't help us at all, we are a butterfly after all, not human-sized, we will just boil on it"

"That's... certainly true... Sigh, why must I be cursed on the body of a pitiful bug? When will I become a beautiful humanoid being?"

"Cocky Mind, you are very weird sometimes..."

"Silence, idiot, I am no more than the interpretation of your deepest desires made into a mind."

"Ughh, I am already fed up with all of you, pause Brain Share!"

[Brain Share has been paused]

"Much better..."

Meanwhile in the Item Box.

"What happened?! Did he just paused us?! That's unfair! Hey!"

"Finally I can rest... bye..."

"Hahaha, funny as ever! Let sleep for now!"

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"Very well, tomorrow to the Flame Salamander Empress!"

"Good night, Master"

"Mastaaa... gud night... guuu..."
