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"Our status hasn't grown as much as I had expected," Femradiel said while Ryan was making the final preparations for his attack. "You forgot to eat the dragon hearts, didn't you?"

"... No... I was just waiting for the right moment to eat them," Ryan forced a smile.

"... While I think that is good that you still can get nervous, you should get your shit together," Femradiel said after a long sigh. "What happened to the cold Ryan that couldn't care less about the results of his action as long as he survives another day?"

"He went on a vacation when he created a perfect place for the invaders to build their forces," Ryan replied. "No matter what, I can't let them get this domain."

"While that is only obvious, you know that will only happen when you die, right?" Femradiel said. "You should focus on what you can do to not die and by proxy, you will succeed in achieving everything else."

That was logical... in theory, but now that Ryan thought about it, he started to feel certain things around the time he began to feel more relaxed, thanks to Furball and Femradiel. Who could have thought that anger could make you so unaware of some obvious problems like the fear of failure?

Regardless, it was time to focus on the fight ahead. While Ryan could attack the enemies from his domain, he decided to expose himself a little more and then wipe out the three groups of monsters at the same time.

"Do you think that you can hold back the minotaurs if you use your two bodies?" Ryan asked.

"Holding them back should be possible if I combine the powers of those two bodies, defeating them in a few minutes is another matter altogether," Femradiel replied. "In any case, the set of abilities of those three species of monsters are bothering me."

"It is because they could work well together, right?" Ryan asked.

"Indeed, and even though they split their forces, they can quickly move and offer support to the other groups if we don't attack all of them at the same time," Femradiel said.

Ryan was aware of that as well. However, not only wasn't possible to attack the three groups at the same time, but it was also unlikely that he will be able to snipe them. Ryan had imagined some scenarios, and he could easily see them taking place in the next few minutes.

"Well, let's focus on decreasing their numbers first," Ryan said. "It is not like we need to defeat all of them in a single attack."

Femradiel nodded at that. In the end, Ryan gave her some time to get used to controlling two bodies. Ryan imagined that doing that would be like typing at two keyboards with his eyes closed and multiplying that already hard task by ten. When the two familiars left the domain, Ryan gave the order to Furball to stay behind. He needed some countermeasures, after all in case something unexpected happens. However, even before he could do anything, something already happened. The centaurs and giant skulls began to move.

"So, they really are going to offer support to each other, huh," Ryan said, a bit annoyed.

Ryan used Teleport and appeared a few hundred meters away from the giant skulls. Then he began to attack them with his Spiritualist Crossbow. The monsters summoned their mana shields and blocked all the damage Ryan tried to cause and even nullified the power of his special bolts. In the meantime, the Centaur Archers dashed toward him. Before the skulls' mana could even reach the midway point, arrows began to rain over Ryan.

"I knew it..." Ryan clicked his tongue in annoyance since he had imagined that scenario taking place.

Ryan used Teleport and appeared behind the Centaurs. After summoning his Magic Bows, he made bolts rain over the monsters. However, much to his annoyance... the Giant Skulls used Mana Shields to protect them.

"Go on, Buddy," Ryan gave the order to Furball.

In just a few seconds, Furball joined the fight and immediately crashed several Giant Skulls. However, before he could cause any real damage to the enemies' troops, the Giant Skulls divided into two groups, one to offer support to Centaurs who still were trying to hit Ryan and another one to defend the group against Furball.

"All right, let's return," Ryan declared.

"Already?" Femradiel asked. "I didn't have to kill even a single one here."

"It is fine," Ryan said. "Let's adapt our strategy with the knowledge we obtained now."

Using Teleport, Ryan brought back Furball and Femradiel to his domain. After using some potions to restore their mana, Ryan also used some STR potions to increase Furball's physical damage and INT potions to boost Femradiel's power.

"Is that it?" Femradiel frowned.

"No, there is something else," Ryan replied. "Try to charge some attacks, I will teleport you to the back of the Minotaurs."

"Isn't it a bit too soon to show them that you can do that?" Femradiel asked.

"It doesn't matter, I have other tricks up my sleeve and I think it will be more effective to let them wonder which one we will use afterward."

Femradiel began to charge Niffelheim, and then when the time came, Ryan teleported her toward the Minotaurs back. When she unleashed her spell, only a few dozen monsters turned into ice statues. Still, then they broke into species when her other body, enveloped by electricity, charged at them. With lightning speed, the Minotaurs reached to their assault and immediately turned around and assumed defensive stances. Ryan watched all of them from above and learned another thing... After using Teleport again, Ryan returned to his domain and brought with him the two familiars.

"Did you notice that?" Femradiel asked.

"Yep... they responded too fast to that attack," Ryan nodded with a serious expression on his face. "They looked like machines... machines that were being controlled completely by something else."

Class: Hunter Lv 96 (+ 03 UP / Elementalist Lv 70 (+ 05 UP) / Monk Lv 16 (-)

Race: Night Demon / Reptilian / Ice Fox (-)

Rank: 66th

Health: 2850/2850 (7,02/s)

Mana: 4455/4455 (7,02/s)

Stamina: 4584/4584 (7,02/s)

Strength: 31 (+186) (+130)

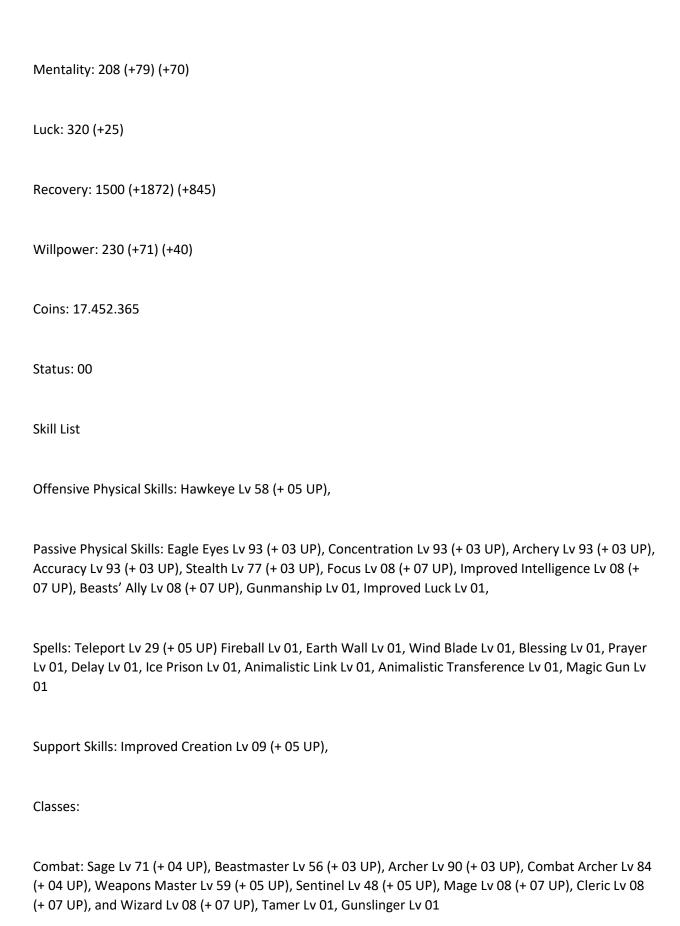
Dexterity: 3250 (+2990) (+220)

Speed: 320 (+1365) (+48)

Intelligence: 381 (+1050) (+33)

Endurance: 128 (+162) (+160)

Control: 226 (+1504) (+10)



Non-Combatant: Blacksmith Lv 40 (+ 03 UP), Whitesmith Lv 22 (+ 03 UP), Alchemist Lv 40 (+ 02 UP)

Race: Centaur, Lesser Dragon

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Ryan and Femradiel were one hundred percent sure that the dungeon masters were participating indirectly in that fight. It was hard to understand how they could control so many monsters at the same time like that, but Ryan had a weaker version of the spell that they were using to do that. It was Animalistic Transference.

"I am pretty sure that the dungeon masters are using a skill much more advanced than that," Femradiel said. "The brain of all living things has limits, you can give commands to all of your golems, but they can only follow at the same pace to a certain extent. Maybe it is illusion magic."

"In the end, it doesn't matter how the dungeon masters are interfering," Ryan said. "We probably can't cut their link between them and the monsters and there is also the fact that they are getting stronger the more they fight us. So, we need to be fast, precise, and destructive."

"So..." Femradiel said.

"I won't use Draconic Transformation," Ryan said. "If I rely on that every time something troublesome happens, I will never obtain true strength."

"You always have to make everything more complicated," Femradiel shrugged.

"We put some restrictions on ourselves, we can become stronger faster," Ryan said. "Or do you really need to use all of your power to defeat small fries such as them."

"Don't try to appeal to my pride," Femradiel said. "Did you forget that you destroyed it?"

"I believe most things can be recovered or repaired," Ryan replied. "You should try to recover your pride, or at least a small portion of it in this fight."

Femradiel recognized that Ryan wasn't just saying empty words. He truly meant that. While it was only natural that it would make her try harder, the same thing could be applied for Ryan. His pride was quite damaged since he got his ass kicked several times in the last six months. In some battles, he only survived due to extremely useful skills such as Power of Money.

Despite the severity of the situation, Ryan caught himself smiling. His worries more or less had disappeared because that was a chance like no other. Beating his foes with brute strength was fun. Overpowering them was quite satisfying as well, but nothing could be compared to what Ryan could do right now... defeat his enemies at their own game. Thanks to his domain, Ryan will have to defeat his foes by relying on his brawn and brain from that point onward.

"What is the next step?" Femradiel asked.

"Annoy the hell out of our enemies," Ryan said. "If they think by working together and relying on strategy, they can defeat us, they are dead wrong."

"What should I do?" Femradiel asked.

"Just focus on strengthening your familiar forms," Ryan said while he was gathering the iron ores that the monsters slain by his golems dropped. "My elemental enchantments are kind of weak, but if you can buff those bad boys with your magic, you can do that."

"I think it is pretty early for you to rely on tricks," Femradiel frowned.

"I told you before, we must make them worry about what we are going to do next," Ryan said. "Once that happens, they will start to get nervous and make mistakes. After that, they will become easy targets."

Femradiel wasn't quite sure that he wanted to win like that, but in the end, she did as she was told and enchanted Ryan's battle machines with ice and electricity. Although they were relatively weak, Ryan

decided to focus on decreasing the number of the Giant Skulls first since they could offer support to the other monsters.

When Ryan teleported, a small tower filled with buffed battle machines, he couldn't help but smirk when the monsters froze and were electrocuted at the same time. They couldn't use their defensive spells when they were receiving elemental damage capable of preventing them from moving.

You obtained 100 coins.

You obtained 100 coins.

You obtained 100 coins.
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In the end, dozens of Giant Skulls died thanks to Ryan's attack. Almost half of them were killed, and the other half only survived because the Centaur Archers came to their rescue.

"Ah, that was refreshing," Ryan grinned from ear to ear.

"You can't relax just yet," Femradiel said while looking at one of the dungeons.

Ryan looked in that direction, only to see a group of fifty Giant Skulls leaving. It was obvious that they were going to take the place of the fallen monsters, but that didn't trouble Ryan in the slightest. Ryan began to make another tower of battle machine, and that made Ryan frown since the monsters would be waiting for something like that. However, naturally, Ryan wouldn't do the same thing. He didn't even ask Femradiel to buff the battle machines.

After teleporting the tower to the middle of the Giant Skulls again, the monsters reacted on time to protect themselves. However, when the Centaur Archers moved from their position, Ryan, Furball, and Femradiel appeared behind them and bombarded the stupid monsters with magic projectiles. Ryan summoned several copies of his Titanium Electric Bow in order to make sure that the Centaurs won't have many chances to react, and just like before, dozens of those monsters died.

"Ah, I love this mobility," Ryan said after returning to his domain. "I guess I owe Yahiko a lot... just clearing four dungeons shouldn't be enough to pay for a spell like this."

"I hate to say this, but while hit-and-run tactics are useful in this kind of situation, I can't see myself getting stronger," Femradiel said.

Ryan nodded. In the end, not even Furball was having the chance to eat the monsters' bodies. Ryan didn't have the chance to make magic weapons with their souls either... it looked like he had to change his tactics a little bit again.

"All right, I guess with the two familiars and Furball, we have a decent front line," Ryan said. "I will let you guys run wild while I offer some support from the backline."

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Femradiel wanted to use her body a little more to feel herself getting stronger, and Ryan decided to give her that chance since it would more or less solve the other problems. It wasn't the wisest idea, but Ryan gave a golem the rights to become a temporary dungeon master. The creature wouldn't do anything without Ryan's commands, so that was fine. After that, he sent his army of golems toward the Giant Skulls. Even from very far away, where their attacks couldn't hit the monsters with precision, the golems began to fire Stone Bullets. Obviously, the Centaur Archers and the Minotaurs proceeded to help them, but Ryan, Furball, and Femradiel blocked the path of the Minotaurs.

The monsters charged at them since that was a golden chance, but those three creatures easily made the Minotaurs fly, after Ryan petrified their arms with magic copies of his Petrification Crossbow. Not only the monsters lost their ability to wield axes, but they also suffered severe damage when their petrified arms broke and became dust.

You obtained 120 coins.

You obtained 120 coins.

You obtained 120 coins.

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However, many Minotaurs managed to land several hits on Ryan's pets' bodies despite the rampage. Despite the difference in level, the wounds were piling up.

"Are you happy now?" Ryan asked.

"Use Full-Heal!" Femradiel raised her voice.

"... Don't give me orders, geez," Ryan said after sighing and then healed his pets.

With renewed vigor, his pets rampaged in the middle of the Minotaurs. Those creatures didn't even notice Ryan flying above them, firing petrification bolts with so much ease that he couldn't help but frown. Seeing Furball biting and then munching the arms of some monsters even made him frown more.

Ryan used that chance to use Seal on some Minotaurs, but their compatibility with long-ranged weapons wasn't that good. So, Ryan didn't obtain any decent crossbow. Fortunately, they defeated one hundred Minotaurs before half of Ryan's golems could be defeated. They weren't that strong, but since they were sturdy, they could work well as a pretty decent wall. When Ryan and the others returned to the domain alongside the golems, their forces had decreased to four-tenths of the original size. Still, since they obtained some corpses to feed Furball and magic items to extract mana, Ryan felt that they had gained more than they lost.

"More Minotaurs are leaving their dungeon, fifty of them," Femradiel said.

"I guess it is safe to assume that their dungeon already reached level fifty," Ryan said while he was summoning more golems. "Do you have any idea how they leveled up that fast, Femradiel?"

"If I have to guess, I would say that the dungeon master took over the boss's body and made his minions attack him," Femradiel replied. "If the dungeon master focuses on healing itself, they should last for quite a while, that would grant a few levels to the monsters and so the dungeon. Once the boss dies, the monsters would level up many times more as well."

"Like that, huh," Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. "I guess we should do that and level up our dungeon... ah, crap. I forgot to check the level of the dungeon."

Much to Ryan's surprise, the experience obtained by the frozen slimes could keep accumulating even when they didn't level up. So, in a single moment, he made them level up from two to level four.

"I guess it is time to deal the last blow to the Minotaurs," Ryan said.

"I don't think it will be that easy," Femradiel said.

Ryan soon realized what Femradiel meant by that. He saw a new group of Centaurs and Giant Skulls leaving their respective dungeons, and they headed straight to the Minotaurs. After that, the other two parties also joined them. Ryan couldn't believe that they decided to stay together like that.

"Are they stupid?" Ryan frowned. "They didn't realize that their dungeons are completely unprotected like this?"

"I guess the dungeon masters don't think that we know that they probably sacrificed the bosses to increase the level of the dungeon," Femradiel said. "In any case, the bosses will return eventually, but we can't just assume that the dungeons are unprotected. They must have left some troops behind to guard the crystal."

That made sense. If the dungeon masters managed to level up their troops only by sacrificing the bosses, then at least a few more hundred monsters were waiting for them inside it... they were trying to bait Ryan.

"I guess I am not the only one who can use mind games in this scenario," Ryan nodded to himself. "Still, that also means that even if we defeat all the troops outside, we will face some other hundreds inside the dungeon."

"That is very likely," Femradiel nodded. "They will try to buy time in order for the bosses to spawn again."

Ryan wasn't so sure if the level fifty bosses of those species would be much of a threat, but then if the dungeon masters keep using them to strengthen their troops... then Ryan couldn't waste any time.

"Defeating three hundred fifty of monsters like that won't be easy, and I also need to keep my focus on the dungeon," Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. "I guess there is no other choice."

"Is it time for Draconic Transformation?" Femradiel asked.

"... Why do you want to see me using that skill so badly?" Ryan asked after a long sigh.

"Because if you do that, I can imagine myself getting rid of those pests," Femradiel said. "I miss a little bit my old form, after all."

"I can't understand that, since my version is more ominous," Ryan frowned. "... Anyway, I don't want to choose the easy way out. I guess this time I will destroy their formation by going melee."

Ryan could use a charged Power Shot to cause devastating damage, but unless he gets really close, the Giant Skulls will react on time, and if he gets close, his own attack might kill him. However, there was another way to do that without risking his life... and that was by starting a melee fight.

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After charging for several minutes Concentrated Strike, Ryan activated all the buffs that increased his strength and then teleported himself, Femradiel, and Furball to the middle of the enemies' camp. Well, he actually teleported his allies to a few dozens of meters above the camp and then he punched a Giant Skull. His attack easily turned the monster into dust and created a shockwave that damaged the other creatures' around while knocking down some of the Centaurs. In the end, he broke his fist but quickly healed after he summoned his magic weapons and made them spin and crush the monsters around.

When the monsters finally recovered from Ryan's attacks, they were stunned by Femradiel and Furball's arrival. Using the ice Wyrm, Femradiel froze the whole terrain, and then Furball and the Electric Drake

the use of mana. In seconds, hundreds of monsters died.
You obtained 120 coins.
You obtained 100 coins.
You obtained 90 coins.
The monsters tried to organize themselves to face Ryan's group, but then Femradiel used Niffelheim and froze their legs. When some of them finally freed themselves from the spell, Ryan had petrified their arms or legs.
Suddenly, upon noticing their imminent doom, the monsters decided to go all-out without caring about their safety or from their allies. The Giant Skulls cast Fire Tornadoes and Ice Tornadoes, and the Centaur Archers fired Power Shot after Power Shot.
"Just try to endure it," Ryan said and then cast Mana Shield on everyone. "Femradiel, try to knock down the Giant Skulls and the Centaurs. I will finish off the Minotaurs."
"They are being controlled, the only way to do that is by freezing them," Femradiel said.
"They turn them into ice cream," Ryan said and then pointed several of his Magic Bows toward the Minotaurs and proceeded to bombard them while ignoring their attacks.
Ryan focused on speed and the special effects of his weapons to decimate his foes, but even though he relied on the buffs that increased his defense when the battle ended, he was covered in blood. His own blood that was rare. He used Full-Heal to close the wounds, but he still felt his body burning for quite a while.

electrocuted pretty much everything around them. Ryan activated Deadly Aim and didn't hold back in

Furball and Femradiel's familiars didn't look much better, but they weren't complaining. In fact, Furball was eating Minotaurs as if his body covered in blood was just a minor nuisance.

"Good work," Ryan said while looking at the ice status that Femradiel made to help Ryan. "It has been a

while since you felt your life in danger, so how do you feel now?"

"A bit refreshed and annoyed," Femradiel replied. "Refreshed because this was a good exercise and

annoyed because these small fries caused me so much trouble."

"Don't feel too bad about it," Ryan said. "We are facing three dungeon masters, after all."

Skull Crossbow (Ghost) (+7)

Effect: fire bolts at the cost of fifty points of mana that might damage your foes mana and health by the

same amount.

Dexterity + 210, Intelligence + 119

Durability: 90/90

Extermination Crossbow (+7)

Effect: fire bolts at the cost of fifty points of mana that causes twenty percent more damage when the

target belongs to the Centaur race.

Dexterity + 210, Intelligence + 119

Durability: 90/90

"Well... not bad, I guess," Ryan frowned slightly.

"It seems you don't like classes and weapons that are only good against a certain type of enemy," Femradiel said.

"I suppose... my memory isn't that good, so if this type of weapon keeps coming, I will probably forget some of them," Ryan said. "I prefer special weapons that are hard to forget like the Spiritualist's Crossbow."

Regardless, it was time to separate the loot, but Ryan and the others didn't find many useful items. As for tomes, he used most of them to power up Furball. Only a single one of them picked Ryan's interest.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Improved Recovery.

Effect: It passively increases your recovery by five points per level.

You obtained 01 status points.

"It is kind of weird that I learned a racial skill that is better than this early on," Ryan frowned. "I guess I need more monsters' DNA, but those are incredibly hard to find."

During the whole fight and even while he was gathering the loot, Ryan and Femradiel didn't feel anything weird coming from the dungeons. It looked like the plan of the dungeon masters to build an army outside the dungeons backfired splendidly, and now they wanted to play it safe. Not that Ryan would let them.

"What do you think, Femradiel?" Ryan asked.

"We can't leave the domain alone, so I guess I will have to stay behind in my Drake form," Femradiel replied. "If I were you, I would use the Extermination Crossbow and try to clear the centaurs' dungeon first, but in the end, it is your call."

[&]quot;I guess I will do that, then," Ryan said.

"How unusual of you to obediently follow my advice," Femradiel said.

"It is just obviously more efficient that way," Ryan said. "Anyway, don't do anything with the domain that I wouldn't do."

Since monsters couldn't enter other dungeons when they were in other worlds, Ryan was confident that he wouldn't be attacked from behind. So, he entered the dungeon without hesitating, but in the end, he had to stop because the miasma was damaging him and decreasing his status.

Congratulations! The skill Poison Resistance has leveled up.

Congratulations! The skill Curse Resistance has leveled up.

"Those are some pretty powerful poison and curse, given that this dungeon only appeared yesterday," Ryan frowned. "Maybe it was thanks to this that the monsters leveled up more than a few times... even if this isn't the sole region, it certainly helped them."

Ryan had trained Furball to withstand curses and poisons since he could use those. As for the Wyrm, he seemed a bit down. While Femradiel controlled that body, she probably won't talk much since she had to keep an eye on the other dungeons.

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After a while, Ryan confirmed his suspicions. The monsters were obviously gathering themselves in the last part of the dungeon. That became evident since Ryan didn't find a single monster while the path was going downward in a spiral for several minutes.

"It has become like a norm lately to fight in an underground massive arena," Ryan sighed after considering that possibility. "Even with this crossbow, it might be troublesome to fight against hundreds of archers."

With Draconic Transformation, hundreds of Centaur Archers at that level wouldn't be a problem, but since that was out of option, Ryan was thinking about what to do in case he finds himself in that situation. In the end, Ryan's worries were confirmed in reality. He saw a massive arena-like room in front of him and hundreds of centaurs in front of him and pulling their bow's strings. Ryan escaped before hundreds of arrows could pierce him by using Teleport, but his mood didn't improve.

"Now, what?" Ryan asked.

Overpowering the enemies alongside Furball and Wyrm didn't seem like an impossible feat. In fact, Ryan was confident that he could do it alone if he chooses the right skills, but doing that wouldn't be enough. Just like before, he had to defeat his enemies in their own games and in the most satisfying way possible.

Ryan smiled when he recalled that he already had the tools to deal with that situation in the way he wanted, making his enemies look like fools. He probably could improve that strategy, but he decided to hurry up since he didn't want to fight the boss when many minions were around.

After equipping his shield, Ryan returned to the last part of the dungeon and then received a storm of arrows. He had a hard time holding back the shield, but he endured all the pressure thanks to Telekinesis. Just as expected, the Centaur received some damage of their own attacks, and Ryan used that chance to attack the monsters with his magic bows. Even though most of the monsters survived his attacks since he focused on hitting all of them, Wyrm used that chance to finish off some and freeze others.

When Ryan completed the first wave of attacks, the Centaurs looked at him, and he could see the same annoyed look on their faces. It was only natural since Ryan destroyed the shoulder of their dominant arms, and now, they didn't have the power to fight back.

"Hey, is anyone there?" Ryan asked. "There is someone controlling those monsters, right? Anyway, thanks for creating a dungeon so close to my domain, thanks to you, it will grow a lot. Before u forget, don't try to invade Earth again, or try to kill me, all right? I will leave your world alone for the time being, but if you decide to be annoying, I will destroy you and your world before you can even understand what happened."

Ryan knew that he was pretty bold, but he needed to make at least his enemies annoyed, or they will keep looking down on him and humanity. In any case, he thought he would hear something from the mouth of the dungeon master, but nothing happened.

"I guess I was mistaken," Ryan frowned. "Someone who threw their pride aside a d joined forces with others to defeat a single foe wouldn't fall for that taunt."

The Centaurs dashed toward Ryan. Even though they couldn't use their bows, they still have their bodies. Ryan teleported himself and Wyrm to the dungeon's ceiling and, while flying, began to finish off the monsters. Although that result was kind of obvious given the fact that the Centaurs were working with two other species, Ryan couldn't help but feel that something was off... The fight ended too easily.

"Something doesn't smell good here... and it isn't the miasma," Ryan frowned.

Ryan couldn't shake that feeling off, but in the end, he decided not to waste too much time about things he couldn't understand. After summoning hundreds of golems and giving them the order to smash everything that appears in there with Stone Bullets, Ryan finally headed toward the treasure chest.

Congratulations! You have cleared the dungeon and obtained its treasure! As a reward for your achievement, you can obtain one of the three following classes: Flame Swordsman, Bounty Hunter, and Toxic Wizard.

Please be aware that clearing this dungeon again won't give you the chance to unlock the other remaining classes. If you want to obtain them, you will have to search for those in other dungeons.

Ryan nodded to himself in satisfaction since he couldn't recall seeing those classes before. Although the classes themselves didn't look that amazing, at least they belonged to the third tier.

Congratulations! You have become a Level one Bounty Hunter!

You obtained the following skills: Evading Shot, Hunt, and Bounty.

Your stamina and dexterity will increase by six points, your health, mana, control, and speed will increase by three points whenever you level up your class.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Evading Shot.

Effect: It grants you the power to fire a special arrow that will instantly move a few meters backward. The distance crossed after firing is equal to the level of the skill multiplied by ten meters.
Cost: 40 mana
You obtained 01 status point.
Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Hunt.
Effect: It passively increases your dexterity every minute when you fight the same enemy. The bonus of dexterity will disappear once you change your target or the foe dies. The bonus in dexterity will be equal to the level of the skill multiplied by ten.
You obtained 01 status point.
Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Bounty.
Effect: It increases the number of coins you can receive based on the difference of strength between you and your foes.
You obtained 01 status point.
Evading Shot seemed pretty neat since Ryan couldn't see a limit to its use, and Hunt would also help him a lot when fighting formidable enemies. Since now he is a dungeon master, Ryan probably didn't have to worry all that much about coins, but as usual, he would welcome all of them.
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Ryan expected to see an army of monsters waiting for him at the exit of the dungeon, but he didn't find

anything. In order to prevent a fight against a boss and their underlings, Ryan decided to clear the next

dungeons as fast as possible, but just when he was about to enter the Giant Skull's dungeon, Femradiel

called him.

"We have a problem," Femradiel said. " An army of lizards are coming from the East."

"What?" Ryan asked in confusion.

That timing was weird... Why would another party try to attack him at such a time? By the look of things,

Ryan assumed the lizards weren't working with the dungeon masters that tried to take his domain, but

Ryan was quite sure they were equally troublesome.

When Ryan returned to his domain, he saw the army of lizards that Femradiel had said. He knew that

army very well... They were the lizards he defeated before when he got his pair of two long fire swords.

The same guy who gave the swords to him was leading the army.

"Echidna's minions..." Ryan said and then sighed. "To think they would show up right now..."

Eci - Lv 285

Health: 12500/12500

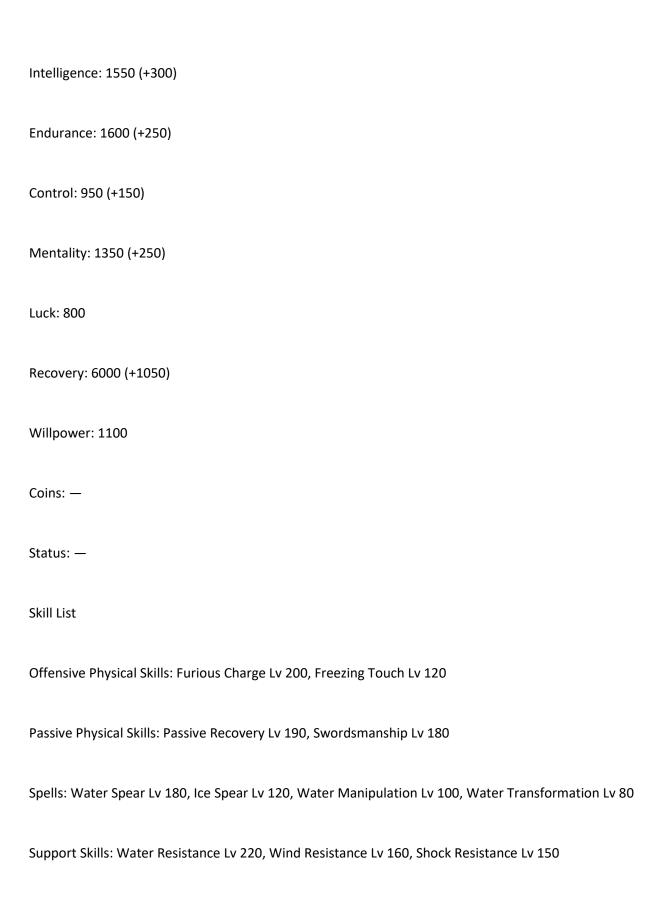
Mana: 8000/8000

Stamina: 12000/12000

Strength: 1750 (+250)

Dexterity: 350 (+100)

Speed: 900 (+150)



Much to Ryan's surprise, before he could think of how to proceed, the leader of the lizards recognized Ryan, and his face distorted in anger.

"How weird... did they come without knowing that I was here?" Ryan frowned. "Femradiel, the presence of the domains can be felt like dungeons?"

Yes, the crystal you have and the crystal that can be found inside the dungeons emit the same presence," Femradiel replied.

In any case, that didn't matter all that much. The reptilians had come to take over his domain, and Ryan had to kill them for getting on his way once again. However, the fact that once they die, the bosses will inform Echidna was troubling. If she sends other creatures to hunt him like Cerberus, Ryan couldn't imagine enduring for long.

"Femradiel, you should focus on decreasing the number of Minotaurs and Giant Skulls," Ryan said. "You can use as many potions as you want, just make sure to open a path for my next classes."

"It looks like you have a story with those guys," Femradiel said. "Just try not to get worked up, all right?"

Ryan wouldn't let that happen since he was too confused to get angry. Eci had become too strong if compared to a few months ago, but what surprised Ryan even more was that he had skills that surpassed level one hundred. Ryan had Passive Recovery, but he only could level it up until it reached level one hundred.

For a second, Ryan thought that the Reptilians would stop and fall back since their leader recognized Ryan, and the last time they fought, Ryan kicked his ass, but much to his surprise, Eci didn't want to retreat. Once his troops got close enough, he gave them the order to enter formation while some of them were setting their camp. Unlike other stupid monsters, the Reptilians wanted the domain by using common war tactics. Ryan decided that they would fight like that because they wouldn't receive support from other of Echidna's minions, which was weird since a domain was supposed to greatly interest her.

"Well, it doesn't matter," Ryan shrugged. "Stay here, buddy and look after our playground. I am going to say hi to our temporary neighbors."

Ryan summoned his Magic Bows, making several copies of the Fire Master Crossbow, and then immediately proceeded to charge several Power Shots as well. Using his most useful skill at the start of a fight didn't seem like the wisest idea, but it wasn't like the Reptilians could do anything against that. Besides, Ryan couldn't imagine a better moment to explode hundreds of enemies.

After using Teleport, Ryan appeared a few hundred meters above the Reptilian's army. From that position, he finally could see how well prepared they were. They really had come ready for a war. Ryan could see several carts filled with supplies and many tents that had been set in a question of seconds.

"I can't leave those alone... I guess I will have to stay here for a while longer," Ryan said after sighing.

Ryan fired his magic projectiles and instantly decimated hundreds of Reptilians when the magic bolts hit the ground and caused massive explosions. Instead of celebrating his successful ambush, Ryan proceeded to attack and destroy the tents alongside the supplies of the enemy. However, he didn't have much time to do that. Hundreds of Ice Spears were fired toward him. Even the gravely wounded Reptilians were trying to ignore their pain and kill Ryan.

After dodging the attacks while flying around, Ryan kept aiming at the supplies. In the end, Ryan quickly destroyed everything they had brought, but Ryan also realized they didn't bring much, to begin with.

"Since they are ready for a war, I guess they will have a steady line of supplies..." Ryan furrowed his eyebrows and then decided to retreat. "I only delayed their plans for a day... I should have focused on decreasing their numbers."

When he returned to his domain, Ryan analyzed his memories. From above, he had seen more or less twenty battalions. It wasn't a big number given that the Reptilians had the chance to increase their numbers for three months non-stop, but that doesn't mean only them will participate in the fight. If others come just like the supply line Ryan had imagined, the barrier won't last long...

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To win that fight, Ryan knew that he couldn't give the Reptilians the chance to attack. Even though they weren't real mages, their magic attacks could cause a lot of damage to the barrier with those numbers. He had to keep them in check by ambushing them as much as possible. However, it looked like that

wouldn't be possible. As soon as they recovered to some extent from the first ambush, the Reptilians began to create massive walls of ice protecting the army from all angles. From above, the sides, their front, and their backs.

"That consumed a lot of their mana, given their recovery, I have ten minutes to do something," Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. "They won't be able to attack me for the next few minutes, after all."

Ryan considered forming some squads of golems and destroying those walls, but the golems really weren't suited for that kind of task. Even if he uses Teleport to help them with some mobility, they weren't really that good at causing damage from a distance.

"I miss the days where I was the attacker, not the defender..." Ryan said and then sighed.

The Reptilians were three miles away from Ryan's domain, so they were within his range. This time Ryan decided not to rely on tricks or strategy since the enemies were in an open terrain in front of him. Besides, given that more Reptilians were probably going to appear the next few days, Ryan's bag of cheap tricks was bound to end. Instead of showing everything he could do to an enemy he would fight for many more days, he decided to just attack directly.

Instead of summoning several Magic Bows, Ryan just equipped his Fire Master Crossbow and bent his right knee to assume a comfortable firing position. Now that he thought about it, that was the best way to keep his main classes leveled. Using a single weapon and only relying on mana to create projectiles.

Without wasting any more time, Ryan activated Reptilian Transformation and Firing Posture. Dozens of fire bolts flew and exploded when they collided against the ice wall blocking their path. In the end, it didn't last for long, and the Reptilians began to be hit by the bolts and die in the droves. Those in other battalions tried to help them. Still, before they could create any decent defense, Ryan destroyed everything on the paths of his bolts. In the end, returning to his original fighting style wasn't so bad...

"How are things on your end?" Femradiel suddenly asked. "I hate to admit this, but it looks like I am going to stay here for a while. The boss just spawned and I barely can defeat more monsters than the dungeon can spawn."

"I will manage," Ryan replied. "Shall I send Furball to offer some support?"

"For the time being, that isn't necessary," Femradiel replied. "Although I will probably need his help once I decrease the number of monsters in this dungeon. I will have to leave one of my bodies here and I won't be able to do the same in the others with one body alone. Even though my strength is currently increasing at a pretty decent pace."

"You should return and grab some battle machines to help you a little," Ryan said.

"That would only make me feel more miserable," Femradiel said.

Ryan wasn't the only one who had some leeway to care about their pride while fighting. In the end, since that was the case, he couldn't just force Femradiel to do what he wanted, even if he had that power.

In the end, before Ryan could wipe out a single battalion, the group that he had been attacking decided to retreat. The other battalions on the side took the place of that one and quickly created an ice wall. Ryan couldn't help but frown at that. They should know better than something like that wouldn't stop Ryan.

Although he felt like that was a bit like moving away from his current goal, Ryan aligned all his DEX potions and then used all of them. Hundreds of potions easily tripled his max dexterity. Without wasting any time, he began to relentlessly attack the Reptilians again. This time each kick of the crossbow caused immense pain on Ryan's right shoulder, but he endured it while smiling. How could he not? His bolts annihilated the ice walls and the thousand Reptilians in front of him. In just a couple of minutes, almost ten thousand of them died, and Eci was forced to make his army retreat.

In the end, Ryan killed a few hundred more, but he was forced

to stop when the effect of his potions ended, and he barely could feel his right shoulder. Even after Ryan used Full-Heal, he could see a blue bruise in there... a sign that all muscles and bones in that area had been deeply damaged and would take a while to fully recover.

Congratulations! Your class Hunter had reached the max level! Reach the max level with two other classes to sacrifice them and obtain a special class! Don't worry. You won't lose the bonuses in status and skills you acquired by sacrificing those classes.

"What the hell..." Ryan muttered in shock.

Ryan, who didn't even want to look for the loot right now due to the exhaustion and the pain on his shoulder, was forced to get up. In the end, it looked like classes could only reach level one hundred. That was too bad, but the prospect of obtaining a special class every time three of his class reaches the max level wasn't. Moreover, Ryan just learned that some potions could even help his class level up faster. Although he killed ten thousand Reptilians, he shouldn't have made his first-class level up four times on such a short notice...

"Well, I have another method to obtain power, but I guess first I need to obtain a certain class to prevent situations like this to surprise me, again," Ryan nodded to himself. "I need Clairvoyance."

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Although Ryan was the one who caused that mess, he didn't feel anything while looking at the red battlefield filled with blood and pieces of flesh that once belonged to the Reptilians' bodies. Was that a sign that he had become a battle-hardened warrior, or it just proved that Ryan's mind was really a mess? He couldn't tell which option was the correct one.

"Oh, boy... finally I got lucky," Ryan smiled in satisfaction after finding a single tome that made him ignore all the pile of crap that was the loot he obtained.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Summon Fire Golem.

Effect: It grants you the power to summon a special variation of the original golem.

Cost: 2500 mana

You obtained 01 status points.

Fire Golem – Lv 01

Health: 500/500
Mana: 500/500
Stamina: 500/500
Strength: 500
Dexterity: 200
Speed: 100
Intelligence: 800
Endurance: 500
Control: 200
Mentality: 500
Luck: 100
Recovery: 500
Willpower: 500
Coins: —
Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Fire Charge Lv 15, Self Destruction Lv 01

Passive Physical Skills: Stone Skin Lv 20, Focus Lv 20

Spells: Fire Arrow Lv 20, Explosive Arrow Lv 10,

Support Skills: Earth Resistance Lv 50, Fire Resistance Lv 50

"Not bad, not bad at all," Ryan grinned from ear to ear.

While Ryan will have to use more mana to summon the fire golems, they were obviously much better than the ordinary ones. Not only their overall recovery will increase the pace at which the mana obtained by his domain will increase, but they will also cause a lot of damage in a vast area with Self-Destruction. In fact, Ryan was already imagining using them as suicide minions on the battlefield since they could easily disrupt even the most organized troops.

Ryan decided to check things with Femradiel, but he stopped when he felt a tremor coming from the Centaurs dungeon. He used Animalistic Transference only to confirm that the boss spawned and was killed by the golems. However, the bastard killed dozens of them before finally getting crushed by their sheer numbers.

"After filling my army with the fire golems, I guess I will make them guard the dungeons," Ryan said. "I need to make sure that they won't have even a single second to get stronger."

Although that wasn't a matter related to it, Ryan just had an idea on how to use something similar to Clairvoyance. He just needed to make the Red Falcons fly around the area and then use Animalistic Transference now and then. At the very least, that would solve the problem until he gets the real skill.

[&]quot;How are things in your end, Femradiel?" Ryan asked.

"You look less tense and angry... did you already defeat that army?" Femradiel asked.

"Yes and for the last time, don't answer a question with another question..." Ryan said and then sighed. "I just learned some interesting things as well."

"Well, good for you," Femradiel said. "I believe I am making some progress here, but I will need some more time." I know that you want to get your new classes as fast as possible, but this is an opportunity for me like no other. The level of difficulty in this dungeon is just right for these bodies."

"You do realize that by taking your time, you are giving the enemy the chance to level up as well, right?" Ryan asked.

"I know, I know," Femradiel said. "But trust me, we will gain more from this that hem. If my calculations are right, in less than a month those two bodies will be as strong as my old self."

While that was interesting, it was also a bit troublesome for Ryan. He wanted to level up his new classes since that initial boost was very useful. Still, in the end, he decided to let Femradiel do what she wanted. While new classes were always welcome, Ryan wanted to train his archer-related classes and make them reach the max level to see what may happen. Based on his predictions, the sacrificed classes will probably play an important role in the selection of the special class.

"What are you going to do about the third dungeon?" Ryan asked.

"I was going to ask you to buy a healing time for my Drake form," Femradiel said. "Soon my Wyrm form will be able to fight alone here, so..."

"I suppose it can't be helped..." Ryan said and then sighed. "I will buy two tomes of Heal, since I am actually getting a lot of coins while you are fighting there."

By doing that, Femradiel's two bodies now could take care of two-tier three dungeons by themselves. It was really convenient to be able to use two bodies and get stronger at the same time... that kind of thing made Ryan consider another hypothesis.

"Hey, Femradiel... even if the monsters of a dungeon dies, the dungeon master still receives coins for some reason," Ryan said. "Also, even if they don't do much, the bosses and other monsters that are defeated instantly also receive some experience, like their resistances to a certain attack increase when suffering a overkill... doesn't that mean that creating a dungeon in the middle of a powerful enemy territory isn't a pretty good way to level up a dungeon?"

"... Now that you mentioned... I frowned when the Giant Skulls leveled up a while ago even though I dodged all their attacks," Femradiel hesitated. "I guess your assumptions aren't that off the mark."

Ryan facepalmed. In the end, despite the fact that he won the fight against those three species of monsters, they will reach at least one of their goals, which was to make their dungeon reach max level as fast as possible.

Just like in games, people and monsters had to fight strong beings to become stronger as well. Since Ryan could clear tier-three dungeons with relative ease, he was obviously the perfect target for some monsters. Move Over, his set of skills was pretty diversified... so, he couldn't help but sigh, imagining that his existence alone was helping some monsters.

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Although Ryan noticed that having a domain was also a bit problematic, it wasn't like he could just let the monsters run wild. Some dungeons will eventually reach the max level, and their dungeon masters will walk on Earth. There was nothing Ryan could do about it. In a sense, it was also quite useful to have a high leveled dungeon inside his domain since Ryan will obtain more coins and perhaps even charge some humans to use it.

Regardless, while Ryan wanted to fight the Reptilians again, those creatures moved to a place, where not even the Red Falcons could see from their current position. So, since he didn't have anything better to do, Ryan decided to fill his army with Fire Golems.

"My magic classes are leveling up instead of the archer ones," Ryan said while frowning. "Well, I guess this isn't so bad since it increases my mana and recovery."

If worse comes to the worst and the Reptilians give up on attacking Ryan's domain, he can always make his golem leave the dungeons and hunt the monsters inside his domain. At the very least, he will be able to fight six monsters per minute, and they were all above tier two, so it wasn't so bad.

In the end, thanks to Mana-Eater and all the loot he obtained in the last fight, Ryan managed to fill his army with Fire Golems alone in a couple of hours. He could increase the army's size by spending some coins or mana in the dungeon masters' interface, but Ryan wasn't so sure about that. While he was hesitating, Ryan noticed that his slimes could reach level eight... as expected. The environment of the other world was helping them.

"I have to consider my next steps carefully," Ryan rubbed his chin. "First of all, I need to have a proper army stationed in my domain in case another army of monsters comes to attack. I also need plenty of coins and mana for the barrier... all that needs to be multiplied by two if I want to leave someday and look for more tier three dungeons. Unless I do that, I will need to keep expanding my domain endlessly."

Ryan could use the dungeon masters' tactics and then fight his Fire Golems or make them fight each other to make them level up. Still, it seemed like a rough and inefficient method, at least from his perspective.

In the end, Ryan decided to strengthen them using another method by teleporting them to other dungeons in the distance. Since Ryan could use Teleport, he will be able to come to their rescue and obtain the coins before they could die. However, considering their level, Ryan could only imagine them succeeding in tier one dungeons.

"I suppose that is better than nothing," Ryan nodded to himself. "No... I should look for the Reptilians and then make the golems self-destruct after causing a lot of damage, that will certainly make them level up pretty fast."

Ryan recalled that he could use Search to track down Eci and his army, so he couldn't help but smile when the skill worked, and Ryan saw them setting their camp twenty kilometers away from Ryan's domain.

Without exposing himself, Ryan teleported the first Fire Golems toward the middle of the Reptilians army. The monsters panicked when those massive monsters covered in fire, suddenly attacking them. Still, once they noticed that the monsters were weak, the Reptilians bombarded them with ice magic... the same ice magic didn't help them when the first golem exploded and caused a chain reaction, making the other Fire Golems explode and creating a massive, deadly area of effect attack.

You obtained 189 coins.
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"This is pretty effective, but I feel like I am moving away from my goal to obtain a special class," Ryan frowned. "Speaking of which, I wonder if these special classes are like the one which Yahiko has I can't imagine a class more special than that. The trigger for him to obtain was weird, though."
In the end, Ryan decided to make Furball play with the Fire Golems while he was going to harass Eci and

When Ryan teleported to a nearby mountain right on the left side of the Reptilians camp, he saw them still trying to recover from the surprise attack caused by his Fire Golems. Ryan hadn't been using some tactics to win some of his battles, so he wasn't sure if the Eci had chosen an excellent position to set up a camp. The place was between two mountains. Since the valley was quite deep and dense, it was supposed to be a pretty decent place to hide a small army, but it looked like a perfect kill zone from Ryan's perspective.

"I guess they concluded the golems attack had been a fluke or an accident since they didn't see me and don't look like they are about to leave this place," Ryan concluded. "That or they are just stupid and think that they can't retreat any more than this."

Before Ryan could start his next attack, he suddenly felt a shiver ran down his spine. Immediately, Ryan tried to return to his domain by using Teleport, but the skill failed, much to his surprise.

his soldiers.

[&]quot;What?" Ryan muttered in shock since that never happened before.

Around the mountain, Ryan saw some pillars of light emerging. Eventually, those four pillars emitted mana toward other directions until eventually, they joined together to create a perfect four sides barrier.

"Shit... now I have done it," Ryan clicked his tongue in annoyance. "Well, let's make sure to learn this lesson and not ever forget this situation.

Hidden in the mountain, several creatures suddenly emerged. Ryan noticed that they were a bit more tough-looking Reptilians, and they looked a bit like Eci. Ryan finally found the other dungeon bosses that had been spawned in the Reptilians' dungeon in the last four months.

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Before the monsters could get too close to Ryan, he tried to see what he could do. His crossbow was working as usual, but not a single spell was being activated. Ryan couldn't even use his Spatial Manipulation.

"I guess this is just like me, one time getting worried about failure and soon after getting carried away," Ryan said and then pointed his crossbow at one of the bosses trying to encircle her. "Let's just learn this lesson and take it to heart."

Fortunately, Ryan could tell that his passive skills were still working. So, the barrier was just a field created by mages to make active skills and spells impossible to use. Mages and archers would have a hard time fighting in there, but not warriors. Unfortunately, the bosses that had been waiting for Ryan to fall for the trap were all warrior types.

After selecting a target, Ryan fired his explosive bolts at a Reptilian armed with a long spear. He tried to destroy his legs first, but the bastard blocked the darts with his weapon. After just a few hits, the monsters' weapon broke, and Ryan clicked his tongue... he was hoping to use that while he recovers some of his mana. His current crossbows consumed a lot of it, after all.

Five Reptilians armed with spears dashed toward Ryan with their weapons ready to stab him. He tried by force by habit to escape by using Teleport and Flash, but he failed. Ryan clenched his teeth and then fired two times against the monsters in front of him. The explosions stopped their charge, and Ryan moved toward them. After jumping, Ryan hit the face of a Reptilian with a dropkick. Still, the monster

only moved a couple of meters. However, Ryan exploded the monster's arms with his bolts and then grabbed its spear.

Spiritualist's Spear

Effect: It drains two percent of the damage caused in the form of the target's mana.

Strength + 80, Speed + 40

Durability: 140/140

For some reason, Analysis worked... probably because it was a skill that doesn't interfere with his surroundings. Ryan clicked his tongue in annoyance... it looked like they had prepared that trap since the very beginning. Eci's surprise when he saw Ryan probably had been an act. Maybe it was just a coincidence, but considering that he could see that every weapon in the bosses hands emitted a light red, blue, or green glow, he doubted that was the case.

After getting his hands on a new weapon, Ryan made sure to pierce it in the neck of the monster he just attacked. Causing damage over time, Ryan was also recovering some extra mana over time. He used that to stop the charge of the other monsters. However, other Reptilians leaped and decided to attack him from above as well.

Ryan raised the body of the wounded Reptilian and used it as a shield. Much to his surprise, that didn't stop the boss from cutting its body into pieces and then trying to cut down Ryan as well.

You obtained 45.000 coins.

Ryan clenched his teeth since there was no place to run and just fired his crossbow wildly, causing some explosions that grew in size and then engulfed him and the monsters. Ryan damaged some of the Reptilians heavily, but others still managed to make their weapons cut and pierce him. While enduring the pain amidst the thick cloud of smoke, Ryan pointed his crossbow and fired in the direction the weapons that hit him came from.

You obtained 45.000 coins.

You obtained 45.000 coins.

After feeling the movement of the wind caused by the swing of some spears, Ryan hurried to grab the weapons that belonged to the fallen bosses. Holding three spears together with a single hand wasn't something easy, but Ryan was forced to do so since the effects of the weapons could stack with each other.

Upon noticing that attacking from all directions wasn't the best of their ideas, the bosses decided to get together and enter a formation. Although not all of them had spears, and not a single one of them had shields, they still entered tortoise formation because some ice shields suddenly appeared before them.

"What the hell..." Ryan frowned.

Ryan thought that magic couldn't be used from inside the barrier, but it looked like some people from outside could interfere. Now that Ryan thought about it, some reptilians mages were probably the ones who created that magic trap. They were also the ones who gave the bosses those shields.

"Eighty-one bosses..." Ryan furrowed his eyebrows. "I guess they also prepared another trap on the other side of the valley. I have to finish this before the others can join this fight since I don't know if the casters of this barrier can open holes for others to enter."

Ryan fired and tried to focus his projectiles on a single point. However, much to his surprise, the shield only cracked a little after getting hit by five bolts. As if that wasn't enough, the ice shield began to repair itself... which was probably once again the mages trying to annoy Ryan.

Ryan sighed while the Reptilians slowly began to march toward him. They sacrificed their speed, but in exchange, their survivability increased tenfold. Ryan's condition worsened since he could only use and recover so much mana without relying on spells or potions.

"Usually, this would be the moment where Femradiel or Furball would come to my rescue and save my ass from this troublesome situation," Ryan said while smiling. "But I guess things won't be that convenient."

It was time to go all-out and care about the small stuff. Later, Ryan pointed his crossbow at the bosses in front of him and then bombarded them with explosive bolts. By using all his mana, Ryan destroyed all the ice shields in front of him and damaged the arms of some of them. He put his crossbow on his back with lightning speed and then dashed toward the monsters with his spears in his hands.

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The monsters' frowned when they saw someone as fragile as Ryan dashing toward them with spears in their hands. However, they changed their minds about his weakness in melee combat when he suddenly disappeared from their sight. Then, four Reptilians lost their eyes.

The monsters around tried to surround Ryan now that he couldn't use his crossbow, but even though they didn't break their formation, he still moved forward as if he couldn't care less about their plans.

The Reptilians that still had their shields pointed their spears toward Ryan and raised their shields as well, but that didn't stop him. Ryan jumped and then landed on the ice shields protecting the heads of the bosses and then, with all his might, attacked them. The monsters frowned when the spears pierced the shields and managed to wound them to some extent. They underestimated Ryan's brute strength. They also couldn't imagine that he has been eating dragon hearts lately, which improved his physical strength considerably in the last few days.

The Reptilians below him tried to stab Ryan, but he only suffered a few scratches in his legs since he jumped skyward with all his might. Unfortunately, that gave the monsters the chance to organize and create a kill zone on the place he was going to land. However, before he could fall, Ryan equipped his crossbow and once again used all his mana to cause several explosions and raise another curtain of smoke in the middle of the enemies.

In the last moment, the Reptilians used their shields to protect themselves, and that gave Ryan the chance to land on some shields instead of the spears. However, the monsters tried to stab him again even though they couldn't see Ryan. That hurt like hell, but Ryan let them hit him. When his legs got pierced, Ryan found exactly where the head of his enemies was and didn't hesitate in impaling them.

You obtained 45.000 coins.

You obtained 45,000 coins.

Ryan made sure to let his spears drain enough health and mana from his foes before the monsters could die and the smoke dissipated.

Before that could happen, several of the Reptilians moved away from the smoke curtain. Then suddenly, two of them got attacked by spears that flew toward their heads. They managed to block the projectiles with the ice shields. Still, those received considerable damage and could withstand the power of a single explosive bolt when Ryan fired them. Once again, two other Reptilians died when explosive bolts landed on their heads.

The smokescreen finally dissipated, and Ryan's figure half covered in blood made the monsters flinch. He was indeed winning the fight, but the angry expression on his face couldn't make anyone think that was the case.

"Stop staring," Ryan said. "I don't have all day to deal with pieces of shit like you."

The Reptilians understood Ryan's words clearly, but they didn't let themselves get taunted by them. They had created that trap knowing that Ryan wasn't someone they could underestimate, after all. Still, it looked like the measures they had made for him weren't enough since his strength and skill set also increased in the last three months.

Regardless, Ryan was already tired of fighting like that. His crossbows had become as useful as his limbs, so fighting without them was beyond annoying or unpleasant. It was time to trust even more on the growth he had thanks to the dragon hearts, or Ryan could look for a less direct solution to the problem. The Reptilians assumed another defensive formation to face Ryan. If anything, they sure were disciplined. Despite being bosses, they never let their pride get in the way of the mission.

In the end, Ryan decided to ignore them and grabbed the Spiritualist's Spears that were on the ground before leaving the area by running. The Reptilians were caught off guard since they didn't imagine that Ryan would do that. Ryan quickly reached the boundaries of the magic barrier and found on the corners several Reptilians wearing robes and equipped with a magic staff. Without hesitating, Ryan tried to attack them with Spiritualist's Spears, but the magic barrier stopped him. However, the barrier was weakened thanks to the effect of the spears. Not only that, but the weapons also drained some mana from it.

"Well, well, this certainly will be useful," Ryan smiled.

When the bosses finally caught off with Ryan, they were received by a rain of explosive bolts. They were forced to slow down again since some of them died. However, Ryan was forced to stop. Eventually, he didn't recover enough mana to keep doing that endlessly. He needed more of those spears...

Before the monsters could push Ryan even more against the wall, he dashed toward them again. However, this time the monsters abandoned all possibilities of assuming a defensive stance. They just pointed their weapons at Ryan in order to wound him with his own crazy charge. That worked like a charm for them. Even when several spears pierced his flesh and broke his bones, Ryan didn't hesitate in moving forward. Not even his energy being drained prevented Ryan from landing another dropkick on the face of a Reptilian. At the same time, he grabbed two more of the Spiritualist's Spears.

The number of weapons on his hands increased so much that Ryan had to carry the spears under his left arm. With that many, he probably could drain enough mana from the barrier and keep using his crossbow endlessly. However, the number of weapons also slowed him down. Before Ryan could turn around and retreat a little, his back was pierced by several spears. The monsters laughed ecstatically when Ryan stopped moving for a second... In the end, he suddenly charged forward and made all the spears under his control pierce a single Reptilian. A lot of colors suddenly returned to Ryan's face, and then Ryan's wounds closed a little.

Congratulations! The Bloodthirst skill has leveled up!

You obtained 01 status point.

"Finally, this crap skill is healing me fast enough," Ryan muttered and then equipped his crossbow again. "I hope you had enjoyed this golden opportunity because you won't have another again."

Class: Hunter Lv Max (+ 04 UP / Elementalist Lv 70 (+ 05 UP) / Monk Lv 16 (–)

Race: Night Demon / Reptilian / Ice Fox (-)

Rank: 66th

Health: 3380/3380 (7,74/s)

Mana: 4915/4915 (7,74/s)

Stamina: 4919/4919 (7,74/s)

Strength: 131 (+186) (+130)

Dexterity: 3650 (+3090) (+350)

Speed: 620 (+1365) (+48)

Intelligence: 481 (+1050) (+33)

Endurance: 358 (+162) (+160)

Control: 526 (+1504) (+10)

Mentality: 408 (+79) (+70)

Luck: 580 (+25)

Recovery: 1850 (+1950) (+845)

Willpower: 430 (+71) (+40)

Coins: 35.956.362

Status: 00

Skill List
Offensive Physical Skills: Evading Shot Lv 01
Passive Physical Skills: Eagle Eyes Lv 98 (+ 05 UP), Concentration Lv 98 (+ 05 UP), Archery Lv 98 (+ 05 UP), Accuracy Lv 98 (+ 05 UP), Gunmanship Lv 01, Improved Luck Lv 01, Improved Recovery Lv 01, Hunt Lv 01, Bounty Lv 01
Spells: Mana-Eater Lv 20 (+ 04 UP), Animalistic Transference Lv 07 (+ 06 UP), Magic Gun Lv 01, Summon Fire Golem Lv 12 (+ 11 UP),
Support Skills: Master's Support Lv 37 (+ 05 UP),
Classes:
Combat: Sage Lv 75 (+ 04 UP), Beastmaster Lv 60 (+ 04 UP), Archer Lv 92 (+ 04 UP), Summoner Lv 46 (+ 04 UP), Combat Archer Lv 87 (+ 03 UP), Sniper Lv 65 (+ 03 UP), Sentinel Lv 53 (+ 05 UP), Ranger Lv 43 (+ 05 UP), Hexblade Lv 19 (+ 07 UP), Tamer Lv 07 (+ 06 UP),
Non-Combatant:

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Race: Centaur, Lesser Dragon

Ryan was feeling like crap. The blood loss might make him fall unconscious at any moment. So, he hurried to empty all his mana again. Thanks to the spears, he recovered plenty of mana while one of the Reptilians was slowly being killed by him. Still, even with that, he managed to slay only three more of them before raising another curtain of smoke. Ryan decided to approach the magic barrier at the nearest point. Still, he changed his mind when he saw another group of heavily armed Reptilians. It looked like another group of bosses decided to join that fight too.

"... Let's move to the other side of the barrier," Ryan said, slightly annoyed.

He hated to admit it, but Ryan wasn't in a condition to fight another group of one hundred Reptilians. As soon as he gets a chance, he should escape and stop pushing his luck after that mess up.

The Reptilians already knew what Ryan might do, so they dashed to leave the curtain of smoke and follow him, but while keeping their formation, they wasted too much time. When they tried to split, Ryan slowed down the fastest ones with a few explosive bolts. In the end, Ryan and the Reptilians reached the other side of the barrier pretty much at the same time, but only Ryan gained something with that. Without hesitating, he pierced his spears in the magic barrier.

The monsters entered a single line formation and raised their shields in order to keep advancing when Ryan pointed his crossbow at them. Much faster than before, he killed the Reptilians. Still, despite the corpses leaving behind, the bosses managed to keep advancing at a steady pace. Even though Firing Posture was working...

However, in the end, Ryan just had to improvise a little bit to solve the situation. Firing at their feet, Ryan caused explosions that not only messed with their balance but also damaged the ice shields in their weakest points: the borders. As if that wasn't enough, Ryan also had a pleasant surprise...

Congratulations! The class Archer has reached the max level. Reach the max level with another class to sacrifice them and obtain a special class! Don't worry. You won't lose the bonuses in status and skills you acquired by sacrificing those classes.

Ryan's bolts suddenly caused more damage, and he started to decimate the bosses by destroying their legs with relative ease. Upon noticing that Ryan obtained a sudden power-up, the Reptilians tried one last all-out attack by throwing their ice shields at him to block his field of vision, but that didn't work. After a few more seconds, all the bosses had been eliminated.

After sighing in relief, Ryan started to focus again and attacked the magic barrier with his explosive bolts. Although Ryan was causing a lot of damage and also draining a lot of mana with the spears, Ryan couldn't see the barrier weakening.

"So freaking annoying..." Ryan sighed. "Still, the other bosses didn't follow us for this side of the barrier, and they didn't show up until now, so I guess the mages who cast this can't just open holes in it to make them enter."

To make sure that was indeed the case, Ryan attacked the magic barrier nonstop. Even if dozens of Reptilian mages were keeping the magic barrier active, they could only do so as long as they have mana, and Ryan doubted that they could keep it active forever while he keeps attacking.

It took a while, but Ryan's predictions were confirmed. He could tell that the magic barrier was getting thinner, and the mana he was draining was decreasing as well. Suddenly, the magical barrier disappeared entirely, and Ryan used that change to return to his domain by using Teleport. Furball greeted him by barking as if nothing had happened, even though he was covered in blood and bruises.

"You have disappointed me, buddy," Ryan said and then fell to the ground. "As if... this mess was solely caused by me."

Ryan used Full-Heal, and then his wounds started to close at an insane pace. However, the exhaustion didn't leave his body when he used Stamina Restoration. He needed a break, but Ryan couldn't have one while such an army was so close to his domain.

"I killed one hundred of the bosses, and one hundred more were ready to ambush me there," Ryan said. "Based on what I know, at least two times more bosses than the army should have... Still, I don't know if those others will come. The Reptilians wouldn't be stupid enough to leave their base behind and bet everything on defeating me... probably."]

If they were really that desperate, they should have brought other species to help them. In the end, they were all Echidna's minions. Given that she was the mother of monsters, she probably had many more species like Reptilians under her control, so why not make them work together?

"I guess being like her wouldn't use such plans to defeat a single human," Ryan nodded to himself. "If she was really serious about hunting me, she would use several monsters like Cerberus to do it. As for the Reptilians, they are working alone to show their might to their master, or something like that."

Ryan felt safe to assume that the Reptilians were the only monsters working for Echidna in North America. While that doesn't mean other creatures will keep coming to take what Ryan had, it was a relief to know that such troublesome creatures wouldn't work with another army.

"Where have you been?" Femradiel suddenly asked. "I noticed that your presence disappeared from my radar for a moment."

"... I just went to check a few dungeons in the area," Ryan replied after a few moments of silence.

"Really? Didn't you fall in some trap after getting carried away?" Femradiel asked.

"If you already know, then don't ask..." Ryan sighed. "Anyway, you should hurry. I want to level up the Combat Archer class, and I don't know if I will have the chance to do it today efficiently thanks to those oversized lizards."

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In the end, Femradiel asked Ryan to be a bit more patient. However, that wasn't his forte. Ryan got used to traveling around and clearing dungeons. Even though he had five dungeons at his disposal to keep training on his domain, it didn't help him to feel less bored.

At some point, Ryan decided to attack the Reptilians' camp by using Power Shot, Mana Reinforcement, and Force. However, even though he amassed ten minutes' worth of energy, his attack didn't do anything. A mana barrier was erected at the same moment his attack reached the Reptilians' camp... the mages who trapped him could be used in many ways, it seemed.

"I guess I will just lay some magic traps around since that skill belongs to Combat Archer class..." Ryan said and then sighed. "I can't let the domain keep sucking my extra mana."

While it was hard to know if the Magic Traps would be of any use, at least Ryan would train his class. It was another tedious work, but Ryan forced himself to do that since nothing else would do. Suddenly, to free him from his boredom or to make his headache increase, even more, Ryan received a telepathic call from Yahiko... he took quite a while to do that.

"It has been a while, Ryan," Yahiko said. "How have you been?"

"Too busy, haven't you been as well?" Ryan asked.

"Not really, Haruna has been helping me a lot, and the burden on my shoulders lessened," Yahiko said. "Even though a few other dungeons appeared around Tokyo, things have been going well here."

Ryan frowned when he heard that. It didn't make any sense... maybe Yahiko was trying to mess with him since he was much more powerful, and the problems Ryan was facing could be easily dealt with by him. However, Yahiko wasn't that type of guy. Even the arrival of some tier three dungeons wouldn't change many things from his perspective, but from his people, on the other hand...

"... Did you want to talk about anything specific?" Ryan asked.

"It seems you are busy, so I will tell you what I discovered," Yahiko said. "I have been able to move around more freely, and thanks to it, I checked how things were in other nations. Well, I only checked things in India and China. I decided to check those countries first since their population was quite high before the monsters' arrival."

"I assume you learned some interesting things," Ryan said.

"Indeed, it looks like China's new leader is someone like me," Yahiko said. "A man who obtained a special class by accident. While we have our history about warriors in Japan, things are on a whole different scale in China. They have registers of several millennia of mighty warriors, and they also experimented many years of conflict over the unification of the country that had been divided into several realms along with their history."

"So, their leader is even more powerful than you, and he has the same ability," Ryan said.

"Yes and no," Yahiko said. "He is indeed more powerful than I am, but he has another type of power. He can learn all the skills of guardians and of the fallen he faces. At the same time, he can also grant the same skills to his friends."

"That is quite convenient..." Ryan frowned. "It looks like you watched him for a while, but you didn't talk to him. Are you afraid that he might do something troublesome?"

"No, but I know that our methods are far too different," Yahiko said. "He is giving too much power to those who are close to him, and that is causing a division among his people. The difference in power is becoming too drastic. Aside from that, he is also hunting fallen and guardians alike because he doesn't trust those entities to guarantee the safety of our planet."

"Well... it is not like I can't understand where he is coming from," Ryan said. "I certainly wouldn't trust my fate on the hands of someone I can't understand."

"That is natural, but the problem is that the balance is hanging too much on a single side," Yahiko said. "That might cause some issues later."

"Let's leave our future problems to our future selves," Ryan said. "Anyway, what did you discover in India?"

"Things are the exact opposite of China," Yahiko replied. "There are plenty of guardians and fallen fighting against each other thanks to their culture and religion. Their mythological creatures are at allout war, and they involve humans in it. Those who want to make things as chaotic as possible joined the side of the fallen, those who want to live in a more harmonious society joined the guardians' side. Things are even for the time being, but eventually... things will get out of hand."

"Why do you think that?" Ryan asked.

"Some of the fallen and guardians joined the side of some dungeon masters, and thus they are causing dungeon breaks to make their sides more powerful than the others," Yahiko said. "The last time I checked, some of their dungeons were at level 550. I believe right now they probably reached level six hundred. In less than three months. The dungeon masters will come to our world using that region, and I have no idea what they will do once that happens."

Ryan didn't even want to think about it. While that situation was happening too far away from his country, Earth now was a world where a powerful being can cross entire continents in a couple of minutes. In the best-case scenario, the dungeon masters will reward those who helped them. That was good, but it was also troublesome because the humans who didn't join them will become their enemies.

After that, the dungeon masters will try to mold the new Earth according to their wishes. Even if they leave humans alone, Ryan could bet they won't leave the other dungeon masters. Ryan and Yahiko were probably one of the few that knew that Earth was about to become a massive battleground between mystical forces beyond human's understanding.

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In the end, Yahiko warned Ryan to increase his defenses in his country. He would do the same since the future was becoming even more uncertain. The problem was that Ryan could only count on the help of his pets. Moreover, he still had to consider what to do with the deserters that didn't join the monsters' side. When things get messy again, those types of people will be the first ones to cause a lot of problems.

"Give me a break. I didn't even solve the matter with the Reptilians," Ryan said and then sighed. "Yeah, I have to keep increasing the area of my domain and the size of my army."

Ryan could obtain some coins by checking things with his Steel Eagle. Still, it was too risky to going so far away and leave his domain alone, even if only for a couple of minutes. Maybe he should capture some trolls and tame them. Those monsters had a stupid amount of Recovery, after all.

Although Ryan himself had plenty of coins in which he could use to strengthen his domain, doing that wouldn't be wise. After all, he needed to keep strengthening himself, and the best way to do that is by getting his hands on some rare tomes.

"I guess the only thing I can do now is to try to make another class reach the max level as soon as possible," Ryan said and then nodded to himself.

Ryan gave the order for his monsters to leave the salamanders, velociraptors, and the giant bees alone. Those monsters will leave the dungeon, and Ryan will be the one to deal with them. They were tier one monsters, so letting them roam free in his domain wouldn't cause an issue. Besides, Ryan could see and kill anything in his domain. His range was that long.

The worst thing that could have happened in the end happened. Ryan didn't do anything aside from killing small fries and eating dragon hearts for two days straight. Meanwhile, the Reptilians were

organizing their forces. In those two days, forty thousand more Reptilians arrived in that region and joined the first army that had decreased to a little less than ten thousand.

Ryan tried to kill some of them by using the Fire Golem suicide attack, but that strategy lost its use after a while. The Reptilians got used to the attack and eventually began to react in time and froze the golems before they could explode. While facing an army of fifty thousand seemed insane when he was on the defense side, Ryan wasn't that nervous. If anything, he was looking forward to it since it would be the perfect chance to take another class to reach level one hundred.

"In order for that to happen as soon as possible, I should avoid using mana to do other things that aren't related to my main skills," Ryan nodded to himself. "So, I should use two crossbows and rely as much as possible on Firing Posture."

Once the Reptilians come, Ryan's domain will suffer a lot of damage if he tries to hold them back by relying only on that fighting style. Still, as usual, Ryan couldn't get everything he wanted. Ryan almost had 38 million coins, and then he checked the dungeon shop for Clairvoyance since that skill would help him a lot to cause some damage before the fight. However, the skill wasn't available to be purchased.

"Should I keep storing coins in order to buy that single skill?" Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. "I don't think I should... then again, I can't think of any other skill that might come in handy right now."

If Ryan makes his Steel Eagle give him the coins that she obtained in the last few days, his coins will reach the forty million mark, but for some reason, Ryan thought that Clairvoyance will cost at the very least fifty million.

"If I just wait six more days, I should be able to obtain an amount by just killing the monsters in these seven dungeons..." Ryan nodded to himself and then sighed. "Who could have thought that I would need to use math like this when the world is about to fall on the hands of mythical creatures."

Maybe Ryan could have that amount if he had sold some weapons instead of just using them to obtain more mana, but it was too late to regret that. He confirmed by using Animalistic Transferred with his Red Falcons that the Reptilians were already ready to attack. A force of fifty thousand very strong monsters was about to attack his domain. Yet, Ryan couldn't think of anything else aside from trying to make his Combat Archer class reach the max level before that battle ends.

"It looks like I will have to stop my training," Femradiel suddenly said. "I suppose it can't be helped."

"Oh, Femradiel! How have you been?" Ryan asked while frowning. "Have you been enjoying your vacation?"

"My apologies for letting you fight alone in the last few days, but I think I will be able to compensate you for that," Femradiel said. "The level of my power isn't at a desirable level yet, but I believe I will be able to prevent the worst-case scenario."

"Nah, it is cool. You can keep training," Ryan said. "If things get really dire, I will call you."

"Are you sure of that?" Femradiel asked, visibly surprised.

"Yes, we can't leave the dungeons that haven't been cleared yet alone," Ryan explained. "That might cause some problems later. While I think that this fight will help you reach that strength faster, I will ask you to sit this one out. I want to make some of my classes reach the max level today."

"All right then," Femradiel said. "In any case, I will pay attention to the fight to help you if the need arises."

Ryan nodded after hearing that and then began to summon some Fire Golems. The Reptilians finally began to march, and the whole army was coming, so Ryan couldn't pull his punches.

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When the Reptilians finally could be seen by Ryan without anything obstructing his vision, he immediately used some DEX potions. Then, Ryan began to use his most powerful crossbows. As expected, when the projectiles were about to reach the enemy's army, a magic barrier was raised by the Reptilians sorcerers. Electric and explosive bolts came to a halt without causing any damage. However, that didn't bother Ryan in the slightest. He saw the direction in which the barrier was formed and immediately teleported several Fire Golems in that direction.

In the end, the monsters caused a massive chain reaction when the first one exploded. The mages were caught off guard since they didn't imagine Ryan would do something that already failed so many times

before. However, that would only work once... that was all that Ryan needed.

Ryan pulled the triggers of his crossbows again, and this time the first line of defense was hit by his projectiles. Some mages of the enemies' side had been killed, so at least that platoon was completely unprotected. Some of them tried to do what they could by using Ice Walls, but those didn't help as

nearly as they wanted. Ryan chose magic weapons enchanted by fire and electricity for a reason.

"All right, go," Ryan said to his first line of Fire Golems.

In the end, Ryan divided his three thousand Fire Golems into six groups of five hundred. While it would be more useful in a massive melee, it was obvious that the Reptilians wouldn't want to approach Ryan's domain before they destroy the barrier. The task of the Fire Golems was to delay that from happening for as long as possible. Not only will that prevent Ryan's last line of defense from collapsing too soon,

but it also would grant the chance for Ryan to keep attacking unrestrained for longer.

Fire Golem – Lv 60

Health: 7.000/7.000

Mana: 7.000/7.000

Stamina: 7.000/7.000

Strength: 1500

Dexterity: 1500

Speed: 300

Intelligence: 1500

Endurance: 1500
Control: 1500
Mentality: 1500
Luck: 300
Recovery: 5000
Willpower: 1500
Coins: —
Status: —
Skill List
Offensive Physical Skills: Fire Charge Lv 50
Passive Physical Skills: Steel Skin Lv 40, Focus Lv 40
Spells: Explosive Bullet Lv 40, Explosive Arrow Lv 40
Support Skills: Earth Resistance Lv 150, Fire Resistance Lv 150

While they were marching, the Fire Golems began to bombard the Reptilians army with Explosive Bullets. While that wasn't their most powerful or useful spell, at least that slowed down the enemies' army and made the Fire Golems enter their radar.

The Reptilians began to fire Ice Spears toward them once the Fire Golems left Ryan's domain. However, Ryan gave the order for his monsters to use Fire Charge. The flames around their bodies increased for a second while they dashed hundreds of meters forward in a few moments, rendering the Ice Spears completely useless.

The enemies' army kept firing Ice Spears, so Ryan decided to go all-out and made the Fire Golems use Fire Charge many more times and they only stopped when they hit against the enemies' army. The Ice Walls were shattered in pieces, and several Reptilians were knocking down.

"Oh, man... what a sight," Ryan grinned from ear to ear. "Maybe I don't really need a human army."

Ryan gave the order for his golems to use Fire Charge once again in order to break the enemy's formation. When the Fire Golems advanced a few more meters, Ryan used several SPE potions and increased his reaction and overall speed. Ryan's firing speed increased as well, and he managed to quickly kill dozens of monsters wounded by his golems. Still, much to Ryan's surprise, thousands of Reptilians began to march toward the domain while ignoring the Fire Golems. As if that wasn't enough, Ryan suddenly saw his golems flying... no, they have been attacked, and the weight behind the attacks made the Fire Golems move several meters skyward. After that, some mages made the Fire Golems explode by decreasing their health with Ice Spears.

"Damn, bosses..." Ryan clicked his tongue in annoyance once he saw Eci moving around and making several golems fly to avoid the damage of the Self-Destruct skill. "I should have killed all of them when I had the chance... all over again."

As much as that annoyed him, Ryan decided to leave the bosses for later. He still had five more groups of Fire Golems in which he could move, so that was just a minor nuisance from his perspective. Besides, Ryan had other reasons to keep his head cool...

Congratulations! The class: Combat Archer has reached the level 92.

Your stamina and dexterity increased by six points. Your health, mana, speed, and control increased by three points.

Ryan smiled. He just needed eight more levels. He will be able to grant those fucker Reptilians a very nasty surprise... probably. In fact, Ryan had no idea what would happen once he got a special class. At the very least, he will gain some status bonuses and three skills, but the skills would be at level one. So, it was hard to tell if something would actually happen...

Ryan gave the order for the second platoon of Fire Golems to march toward the fight. Again, his sole goal was to prevent giving the monsters the chance to attack the barrier. Even if most of them were melee soldiers, a lot of damage would be caused by Ice Spears. Just like before, the Fire Golems closed the distance by using Fire Charge several times. However, the Reptilians ignored them by jumping all at the same time.

"The hell..." Ryan furrowed his eyebrows. "That coordination..."

As if that wasn't annoying enough, the Reptilians fired numerous Ice Spears toward the barrier. Ryan tried to deflect those projectiles with his own, but the difference in numbers was just too big. In their first attack, the Reptilians caused a lot of damage to the barrier, and before Ryan could kill them all, they kept attacking relentlessly. Those mob monsters didn't have the semi-immortality of the bosses. Still, they were ready to sacrifice their single lives to attain victory...

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Much sooner than he expected, Ryan was forced to send his third and four group of Fire Golems to stop the Reptilians. In the end, his troops failed at keeping the enemies at a distance where they couldn't attack the barrier. Still, at the very least, the enemies reached a point where they were starting to activate his Magic Traps and receiving considerable damage. However, such thoughts disappeared from Ryan's mind when he noticed that the battlefield had become a scorched wasteland thanks to his Fire Golems.

"I can use that..." Ryan muttered.

Ryan gave the order to his Golems to stop fighting and then turn to their left side. Soon afterward, all of them used Fire Charge, burning the ground of the battlefield even more. However, Ryan didn't stop

there. He made his Fire Golems move toward their two o'clock, and then they used Fire Charge again. They repeated that two more times until some parts of the ground had melted and even became hot like magma. The heat distorted the vision of the Reptilians, and their attack and movement speed decreased considerably.

"It is now or never..." Ryan muttered.

Ryan relentlessly attacked the closest Reptilians and killed dozens of them in a few moments. However, the sorceress on the enemy's side cast some spell that made cold winds decrease the temperature and even snow. As if that wasn't enough, the bosses who stayed in the back lines for the past few minutes began to focus on the Fire Golems again.

"Go and kill those fuckers," Ryan said and then made his remaining Fire Golems join the fight.

The Fire Golems used Fire Charge several times until they reached the sorcerers in the backline. When the bosses finally noticed what Ryan was planning, the spells had already been stopped, and the tide of the battle changed in Ryan's favor again.

When the bosses tried to save the sorcerers, Ryan couldn't help but smirk. He even went as far as stopping firing his bolts for a second to do that...

"Explode," Ryan said.

In the end, the fifth and sixth group of golems exploded even before a single one of them had suffered critical damage. However, in exchange for that, hundreds of Reptilian sorcerers died alongside a few of their bosses. Ryan only used his crossbows after a few seconds since the massive continuous explosions made the whole area tremble for a while.

Fearing that Ryan would make the same thing happen again if they got too close, Eci made the bosses move away from the Fire Golems and from the battlefield. He could lose as many minions as he wanted, but he couldn't risk losing all of his generals again. Not against an enemy that already defeated all of them once in the past.

Much to Ryan's surprise, Eci turned the bosses into a detached force and made them move around the barrier in order to attack in a place where the golems couldn't get in their way. Ryan suddenly saw himself in a bind since the number of Reptilians still was at least ten times larger than Fire Golems. Moreover, the seventy or so bosses could easily cause equal damage to the barrier that would be equal to thousands of level two hundred monsters... it wasn't a power that he could underestimate.

"Now what..." Ryan said and then took a deep breath to calm down.

Ryan could always ask Femradiel for help, but in the end, he decided not to do it. Instead of that, he gave Furball the order to help the Fire Golems while he will fight the bosses. Without the support of the sorcerers, they probably won't last long... or so Ryan was hoping.

Congratulations! The class: Combat Archer has reached level 96.

Your dexterity and stamina increased by six points. Your health, mana, speed, and control increased by three points.

"Not yet, huh..." Ryan sighed while he was running toward the bosses. "I guess these guys won't help me with that all that much."

When the bosses began to attack the barrier, Ryan teleported to behind them and then proceeded to pull the trigger of his crossbows. However, much to his surprise, even though the monsters didn't turn around, some Ice Shields appeared to protect them. That was odd... there were no sorcerers around. All of them had probably been exterminated by the Fire Golems...

The surprises didn't end there. The Ice Shields was quite sturdy as well. Ryan point blank attacks took a while to destroy a single one of them, and when that happened, all the bosses were already ready to fire Ice Spears toward him. Ryan teleported to several hundred meters skyward and decided to go all out for real. He used all the DEX potions he had made in the last few days. He reached a level of power where every single kick of his crossbows decreased his health by dozens of points, and his weapons also would receive some damage with every single shot. However, the new Ice Shields became useless at the same time, and the bosses began to explode in pieces after getting hit by just a few bolts.

[&]quot;Spread!" Eci shouted.

The bosses obeyed Eci's orders without any hesitation, but the surprises didn't end there. The Reptilians spread, but not to attack Ryan, but to attack the barrier. When some of them made their weapons touch the barrier, they finally pointed their other hand toward Ryan.

"Sons of a bitch..." Ryan said, visibly astonished.

Dozens of Ice Spears flew toward Ryan. To think that those fuckers would replicate the strategy he used against them. They either wanted to die horribly, or they really couldn't think of anything else in order to defeat Ryan.

Ryan summoned his shield to block the magic projectiles and then proceeded to ponder about the best way to make those fuckers regret that choice. In the end, there was an obvious way to make them feel true despair... and that method would actually help Ryan a lot.

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Ryan equipped his Spiritualist's Crossbow and began to pull the trigger to destroy the Ice Spears. When the objects collided, obviously Ryan's projectiles won. They had a special effect that granted them the chance to drain mana. The Reptilians bosses were meleed fighters. So, their magic attacks were seriously lacking.

Since he focused on standing still while flying and destroying the magic projectiles, the other bosses also used that chance to make their spears touch the barrier and drain mana from it. They also began to attack Ryan using Ice Spears.

"Hehe, dumbasses...." Ryan grinned from ear to ear.

Although sixty or so bosses were firing several Ice Spears at Ryan every second, they never managed to hit him once. The effect of his DEX potions still was working, so even though Ryan could fire eight times fewer projectiles every second, due to the nature of the bolts and the power of his attacks, they were ten times stronger than the half-assed spells of melee fighters.

Ryan could easily kill those stupid oversized lizards if he wanted. They had their backs against the barrier, so they didn't have any place to escape. However, he didn't do it... he let them drain mana from

the barrier and attack him as much as they wanted. A confrontation like that where both sides could continuously attack nonstop was the best thing Ryan could use to make himself stronger.

Congratulations! The class: Combat Archer has reached level 98.

Your dexterity and stamina increased by six points. Your health, mana, speed, and control increased by three points.

"Come on... come on, just a little more," Ryan smiled while moving his crossbow around to hit the Ice Spears.

Eci couldn't help but frown while looking at Ryan. He couldn't understand his actions. Even though he didn't know the full extent of his power, what Ryan was doing right now didn't make any sense... and yet, Eci couldn't think of anything else to do. They couldn't destroy the crystal and thus make Ryan lose his rights as a dungeon master unless the barrier disappears. They couldn't defeat Ryan in a direct fight since he could freely use Teleport. However, what he couldn't truly understand was how come Ryan could have access to so much mana outside his domain... he had no idea that Ryan was making the Fire Golems self-destruct, and that was killing dozens of Reptilians every second.

In the end, Eci confirmed his fears. Ryan's smile suddenly grew wider, even though he didn't notice any changes in the fight or on his strength.

Congratulations! You have reached the requirements to obtain a special class. Do you wish to sacrifice the classes: Hunter, Archer, and Combat Archer? Y/N?

Ryan had no idea why the system asked that there was no downside in sacrificing certain classes since apparently. Unless the sacrificed classes determine the special class obtained. Regardless, Ryan chose yes...

Congratulations! You received the class Artemis' Disciple. You learned the skills: Hunters' Eye, Lunar Arrow, and Enhanced Concentration. Your dexterity and stamina have increased and will increase by twelve points whenever this class level up. Your health, mana, speed, and control have increased and will increase by six points whenever this class level up.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Hunter's Eye.

Effect: When used, it shows the points in your target's body where the chances of them blocking your projectiles are low. When hitting those points, you will cause ten percent more damage per level

Cost: 100 mana

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Lunar Arrow.

Effect: It grants you the power to fire an arrow of condensed light that comes from the moon, and it is almost impossible to defend against. It can be used only at night, and the circles of the moon affect the power of the projectile. The damage caused is equal to your intelligence plus dexterity multiplied 250% per level.

Cost: 500 mana.

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Enhanced Concentration.

Effect: It passively increases your dexterity by twenty points per level.

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have reached the rank of the 60 strongest humans! Keep clearing dungeons and defeating monsters to raise your rank, and you might receive some nice rewards!

Current Rank: 58th

You obtained Heroic Swordsmanship tome.

Ryan was waiting for just a single surprise, but he got several in the end. The name of the class was quite weird... given that he had faced Medusas before, it wouldn't be hard to believe that someday he might find the Greek goddess of hunt... what will happen if such a day really comes? Regardless, Ryan decided to fight seriously because he already achieved his goal.

Ryan's attack output suddenly increased when he used Chaotic Arrows. The massive release of magic arrows surprised the bosses. Their power added with Ryan's ordinary attacks finally overpowered the enemies. Some of them got hit and were forced to stop their attacks. Ryan used that chance to use Hunter's Eye and then move away from that position. When he landed on the ground, he saw that the monsters had the same weak points... the wheels of their right foot.

"What are they? Achilles?" Ryan frowned. "No... that is their current weak point because of their instance."

Weirdly enough, all the bosses were right-handed. So, at the moment, their pivot leg was relatively unprotected since they would try to protect their exposed left side. Ryan's DEX potions' effects were about to end, so he hurried to attack the monsters. When they finally found him, Ryan fired his bolts while also activating Deadly Aim and Perfect Aim. Some monsters tried to block his attacks by using Ice Shields, but they didn't work this time. The shields were shattered into pieces, just like their right legs. In a single moment, he had knocked down twenty or so of the bosses.

Meanwhile, the others couldn't help but stare at him in shock... if Ryan could have done that before, why didn't he do it? The answer was simple: Ryan wanted to make them realize the difference in power.

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Only ten more bosses had to lose their legs to make the others realize that their plan wouldn't work anymore. This time they seriously split in all directions while they were trying to move in Ryan's blind spots. In the end, Ryan only sighed... he finally understood why those monsters were fighting alone instead of alongside with others that served Echidna. They were too weak and dumb to be of any use. They were so desperate to impress their mother that they couldn't see some obvious weakness in their plans or that they didn't have what was necessary to defeat a dungeon master.

Ryan just teleported back to his domain and then proceeded to finish off the heavily wounded bosses. At the same time, he picked the fallen weapons. While he already had five of those with the same effects, the more, the merrier.

Slowly but surely, the bosses began to move away from Ryan's domain. It was only obvious after everything they experimented so far, but it was also a bit too late for that. Ryan used Hunter's Eye again and confirmed that their weak spots had changed and not all of the bosses shared the same any longer. That was a bit troublesome. Moreover, the DEX potions effects were finally gone.

"Well, it is time to change tactics a little bit," Ryan said and then made the Spiritualist's Spears fly and spin with Telekinesis.

At the same time, Ryan grabbed several INT potions from his storage dimension and used them. The spears suddenly began to spin faster while making a high-pitched sound that made the Reptilians sweat cold. Controlling dozens of those cost Ryan a lot of mana. Still, thanks to his golems, he had enough to spare and even fire them only after activating Deadly Aim and Perfect Aim.

The bosses began to run away the very moment the spears flew toward them. Only a single one of them stayed behind to block the projectiles. That was Eci. He tried to attack Ryan's projectiles, but his own weapon broke on the first try. He opened his eyes widely in shock, but then the shock also disappeared from his face when the same projectile passed through him, making his body explode in several pieces.

You obtained 85.000 coins.

"I guess even bosses can give more or less coins according to their level," Ryan furrowed his eyebrows.

Thirty or so of those bosses quickly died in the next seconds, while the others who haven't been targeted used that chance to create some distance over Ryan. That had been obviously a waste of time because Ryan quickly caught up with them by using Teleport. Besides, they were so scared that they were only running in the same direction.

"Let's see... Anesthetic Crossbow will come in handy right now," Ryan said and then equipped that weapon.

Ryan quickly destroyed the limbs of his targets even though that wasn't his best weapon. Fortunately, despite the number of attacks, the Reptilians hit by it lost control over their bodies. It took a while, but Ryan managed to kill all the bosses that tried to run away while also capturing eight of them. He didn't do that to torture them for information, but because Ryan wanted to make a new weapon using their souls... Ryan couldn't help but frown when he noticed that was much worse than torture.

Amphibian Crossbow (+7)

Effect: fire bolts at the cost of thirty points of mana that doesn't lose speed when they are fired underwater.

Dexterity + 210, Intelligence + 119

Durability: 90/90

"Well... this is a weapon really specific for certain occasions," Ryan shrugged.

After that, Ryan quickly returned to the other battlefield where his Fire Golems were. However, things weren't as nearly as chaotic as he thought. The Reptilians started their retreat a long time ago... probably when the bosses decided to run away. Furball and the Fire Golems were chasing and killing ten thousand or so of those creatures, but in the end, Ryan gave them the order to stop. Not only were the golems slower, but they were also destroying everything on their paths thanks to their bodies.

"I guess we won, buddy," Ryan said and then patted Furball's head.

As usual, Ryan felt more troubled than satisfied with the result. Not only he had to see the loot of the battles, but he also had to do something about that hell-like scenario created by his golems.

"Maybe I should let Femradiel solve all of this, since she didn't help at all," Ryan said.

"Do I need to make you remember that you were the one who decided that?" Femradiel asked.

"That is a	small	detail,"	Ryan	shrugged.
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In the end, Ryan managed to solve things without shamelessly making Femradiel clean up his mess. Although they were covered in fire, the golems weren't damaging the land anymore, so Ryan made them collect the loot and put all the corpses in a single pile. Even though Ryan obtained thirty or so of those spears that could drain mana, he still hoped that the monsters had dropped something even more useful than that. Naturally, his hopes were shattered in pieces.

"All right... let's divide the loot in three parts," Ryan said after a long sigh. "The items which will be sold, the items that will be deconstructed, and the items I will use to obtain mana."

That was another pretty tedious work, but after all that fighting, Ryan welcomed it. He also used that chance to analyze his new class. Ryan finally noticed that he didn't level it up a single time... even though he killed dozens of bosses.

"Based on the bonuses in status, I can assume that is a tier six class," Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. "I didn't notice that until now, but the more powerful a class is, the more difficult it will be to make it level up. To obtain more bonuses in status from the new class, I will have to fight tougher enemies..."

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Ryan was fairly certain that his assumptions weren't off the mark. Still, he didn't have to worry about that since his domain entered the radar of many other creatures and dungeon masters. From now on, the fights won't become easier, so that wasn't actually a problem. What was a problem was which classes Ryan should try to reach the max level next?

"Before that, I need to get the classes of those two dungeons..." Ryan muttered.

[&]quot;How convenient for you," Femradiel said.

"All right, all right... I already made you waste too much time," Femradiel said. "Can I at least defeat the bosses myself? It shouldn't take long and you can keep an eye on the domain by using Animalistic

Transference."

"You somehow always succeed in making me think that I am getting in your way," Ryan frowned. "I

guess that is fine... I need a break after this fight anyway."

Ryan entered the Giant Skull's dungeon and then eventually found Femradiel's Wyrm form using magic to stop the boss's attacks, which was a giant skull covered in flames, and when a new Giant Skull

spawned, she quickly froze it and turned into an ice statue.

Fiery Giant Skull – Lv 70

Health: 7.600/17.000

Mana: 15.500/26.000

Stamina: 9000/9000

Strength: 400

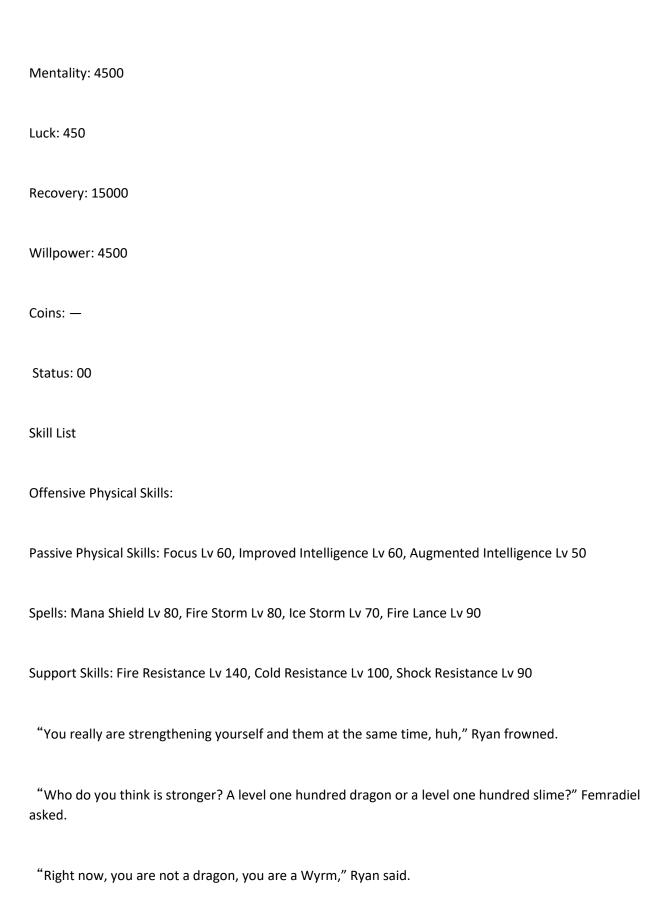
Dexterity: 1600

Speed: 750

Intelligence: 7500

Endurance: 1500

Control: 1700



"The difference in strength still is that obvious," Femradiel said.

Ryan was too tired to argue with Femradiel. He just wanted to clear those two dungeons and then take a nap. It has been days since he had one, and considering that the number of possible troublemakers was increasing, he had to use all the chances he could get to rest.

"If Artemis' Disciple is a tier six class, I guess the class sacrifice isn't that simple," Ryan thought before he could decide his middle-term goal. "It isn't just a matter of three plus three plus three equals nine... With that in mind, if I focus on leveling up tier one classes, I certainly won't get a class as good as the new one. Perhaps I won't even obtain a tier four class..."

Classes like Elementalist and Sage were the closest ones to reach the level max. The only problem was that Ryan barely uses the Elementalist class anymore. As for the Sage class, it levels up naturally when Ryan fights against numerous opponents. Aside from those two, only Sniper was above level sixty...

"I guess I will have to wait for a while longer before sacrificing three classes to obtain a special one," Ryan shrugged.

That was quite an interesting feature of the system, but in the end, Ryan's main path to becoming stronger was to rely on bows and crossbows. Instead of messing up with his build even more than he already did, Ryan decided to keep doing the same thing he did against the Reptilians: keep doing the basics and then level up only classes like Sniper, Sentinel, and Ranger.

Congratulations! You have cleared the dungeon and obtained its treasure! As a reward for your achievement, you can obtain one of the three following classes: Mystic Knight, Sniper, and Storm Caster.

Please be aware that clearing this dungeon again won't give you the chance to unlock the other remaining classes. If you want to obtain them, you will have to search for those in other dungeons.

In the end, Femradiel apparently fought during the last few days while holding back. Even alone, she could easily clear a tier-three dungeon at her level. That became clear once she defeated the boss in just a few minutes. Regardless, while Ryan could see two new classes, he already had the option that he usually would go for... it was a pity, but his lucky stream had been broken.

Congratulations! You have become a Level one Mystic Knight!

You obtained the following skills: Repel, Magic Rupture, and Pain Immunity.

Your health and mana will increase by six points, your stamina, recovery, endurance, and willpower will increase by three points whenever you level up your class.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Repel.

Effect: It grants you the power to consume your mana to completely nullify the damage of a physical attack and then reflect toward the target by consuming the same amount of mana used previously. The mana consumed equals the damage caused minus the level of the skill multiplied by fifty

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Rupture.

Effect: It grants you the power to attack the ground and cause magic damage on all opponents within the range of the skill. The damage equals the mana used multiplied by the skill level, and range equals five meters multiplied by the level of the skill.

Cost: 100 mana per second

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Pain Immunity.

Effect: It decreases the effect of pain caused by all types of attacks by ten points per level.

You obtained 01 status point.

Despite everything, the Mystic Knight class still pleasantly surprised Ryan. While he would rather not use Rupture and Repel will only come in handy in some drastic situations, Pain Immunity was a skill Ryan wasn't expecting to receive. That one will certainly come in handy in the future when he starts to receive a lot of damage and won't have many chances to focus on aiming... the only problem was that to train that skill, he will have to let the enemies get too close, and that was against his nature as a long-range fighter.

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"To the next dungeon," Ryan said.

Although Femradiel sighed, she didn't complain about the fact that she will have to wait for a full day before the next boss appears. She will have a lot of time between fights until then, but she decided to use that to level up Zen. For the time being, she didn't have any idea which type of body she will make next time, but gathering mana foe that early on certainly won't be a bother.

Things were a bit more complicated in the final dungeon due to the fact that the boss of that dungeon and Drake were two tank monsters. Thanks to that, they could recover from the damage caused from each other before any side could deliver a decisive blow. However, the tide of the battle changed when Ryan tossed a few STR potions on Drake's body. Femradiel looked at Ryan, and she was pretty displeased.

"Sorry, but we all have to compromise in some aspects," Ryan shrugged.

In the end, Femradiel could only nod at Ryan's words and defeat the monster before the potion's effects wear off. Despite everything, or maybe because the boss was developing their Electric Resistance thanks to the long fight, Femradiel barely won before the bonus in strength could disappear.

Congratulations! You have cleared the dungeon and obtained its treasure! As a reward for your achievement, you can obtain one of the three following classes: Warlord, Ranger, and Conjurer.

Please be aware that clearing this dungeon again won't give you the chance to unlock the other remaining classes. If you want to obtain them, you will have to search for those in other dungeons.

"Oh, well... it already happened before, so there is no use in complaining," Ryan shrugged.

Ryan got unlucky again. However, this time he only had a single option, and that was to pick the class that he didn't have yet since the others he already had. Fortunately, the Conjurer class seemed very appealing, and the skills didn't disappoint him.

Congratulations! You have become a Level one Conjurer!

You obtained the following skills: Fast Conjuration, Augmented Intelligence, and Zen.

Your intelligence and mana will increase by six points, your stamina, health, recovery, and mentality will increase by three points whenever you level up your class.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Fast Conjuration.

Effect: It passively increases the speed at which you cast your spells by ten percent per level.

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Augmented Intelligence

Effect: It passively increases your intelligence by ten points per level

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! Since you already have the Zen skill, the same will level up five times.

You obtained 01 status point.
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"I guess this is it," Ryan said and then began to walk toward the exit. "I am going to take a long nap before I can continue my next job. Are you going to continue fighting here? You should take some sunlight now and then at least."
"Yes, I don't know what you are thinking, but dragons don't need sunlight," Femradiel said. "We are dragons that can stay inside caves for decades, after all."
"It must be something pretty fun" Ryan said and then yawned.
After using Teleport, Ryan arrived on Furball's side and then made a mental note to prepare a decent place for him to sleep. While Furball's fur was comfy and warm, the fact that he was a war machine that could eat several corpses of monsters was a massive minus. Since he was a monster, he didn't feel the need to bathe for long either. Regardless, Ryan laid his back against his pet and then fell asleep in just a few moments.
Ryan suddenly woke up and got up. Although he felt like he slept only for a few minutes, everything around was covered in the darkness. Judging by his biological clock, Ryan felt like it was around midnight.
"A few minutes my ass, I slept for almost ten hours straight," Ryan frowned while watching Furball sleeping like a log.

Fortunately, Ryan's Fire Golems kept everything under control. Still, Ryan proceeded to summon more of them to fill his army once again, but in the end, Ryan stopped because he finally could see Lunar Arrow in action. It wasn't a full month's night, but that was just a minor problem.

When Ryan activated the skill, a small shooting star fell from the sky and hit a random tree he had aimed at. Although Ryan more or less knew things would work like that, he was still surprised by the projectile's sheer speed. Moreover, weirdly enough, the projectile didn't make the tree explode or anything... it just split in half, making both sides fall in different directions. When Ryan approached it, he noticed that the borders of the tree were pretty warm, and a small hole in the ground could be found. It was small but deep...

"This will be useful... since it is a projectile made of light, it doesn't have normal properties," Ryan nodded to himself. "I bet this would be great with Clairvoyance... ah, I need to check if I can buy that skill."

Ryan was so tired that he even forgot that he already had fifty million coins. Without wasting a single second, Ryan opened the Dungeon Shop and couldn't help but smile.

Clairvoyance tome

Effect: It grants you the power to see things beyond the limit of your eyesight. The limits of the skill will be determined by the amount of mana used, the level of the skill, and your level of intelligence.

Price: 50.000.000

Ryan immediately bought the skill... and he realized that he certainly had come a long way considering that he couldn't spend 50 million coins just like that. In the end, Ryan confirmed that the skill was much more useful than he had imagined. Using one thousand points of mana per second, he could see things ten kilometers away from him with ease... and the skill became two times more effective when it leveled up... it looked like Ryan's range would increase exponentially much sooner than he had predicted.