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Chapter 171 - Tomb Of Gefroren

Adrian and Creepysoo brought down the Ice Golem with ease as Kanlaon had increased fire attribute abilities that were deadly to it. The two went to pick up the loot and discovered nothing.

"Did it really not drop anything even something like a core or something? What did it drop air?" Creepysoo stated while throwing a tantrum.

Adrian who saw the peculiarity of the situation frowned. The Ice Golem suddenly attacked them but it felt like they were being probed by someone or something. He thought that it was a player but golems created by players drop their broken cores when broken.

"It seems that we are being watched but not by a player." Adrian stated which Creepysoo heard clearly.

"How can you tell?" Creepysoo asked.

"The Ice Golem looked like it was probing our attacks and defenses. When we destroyed the Ice Golem, I felt like a soul was freed from it. Golems do not have souls so that should not have happened. The Ice golem also did not drop anything. That only happens when a boss monster summons minions to kill intruders." Adrian muttered and then he suddenly had a realization.

Adrian took out the crown fragment and it glowed albeit faintly. He suddenly felt the entire mountain shake and several figures started emerging from the bottom of the snow.

"We are out of here." Adrian stated as he grabbed Creepysoo and beckoned Kanlaon to carry them.

"Wait..Why?" Creepysoo protested but he also saw the large bodies rising from the snow.

"Yeah. Can you make the escape faster then?" Creepysoo stated as he let himself be carried.

Numerous Ice Golems appeared on the mountain but Adrian and Creepysoo are already away from them. The ice golems looked like they were searching for someone or something as they were swaying their heads sideways. Adrian saw this interaction was finally convinced of his theory or it added more probability of it being true.

"It seems that the whole mountain is considered as the main dungeon. The outside is like its first floor." Adrian stated while they were still flying down towards the city.

"What are we going to do then?" Creepysoo asked.

"We will wait for the others at the foot of the mountain. I have at least verified that there is a fragment here in this area. I tested it using another fragment and it glowed." Adrian stated.

"So basically that assault squad of ice golems happened because you had to whip out the crown fragment." Creepysoo stated while squinting his eyes and looking at Adrian.

Adrian was sweating because Creepysoo may have been right about the situation so he kept quiet until they descended to the foot of the mountain. When they reached the bottom, Adrian hurriedly contacted all his friends and even his sister.

"How did you get level 99 so fast?" Adrian asked as he knew that Creepysoo did not have an experience multiplier and his movements were far more restricted than Adrian's.

"I solved that problem by having the higher level undead NPCs fight with me in higher leveled dungeons." Creepysoo replied.

"I wish I could use that method but the Daemos population is small and already spread thin. I was practically left to fend for myself. He is considered a prince of the undead so he has royal status. He was basically spoiled by the Undead King." Adrian told himself as he calmed down.

The others arrived soon after while some needed to be fetched. Adrian had to ask Creepysoo to fetch Levin Cloud, Peridot and Kabrakan. Vayu and Soleil appeared like they manifested using their respective elements. Solstice, Mina's in-game name, appeared via a gaudy carriage that represented her ducal affiliation.

Everyone was level 99 except for Adrian and Mina. They only need to succeed on this raid and all their characters will get pass the level threshold. Adrian then named the party to Conquer Mt. Nieve in order to clearly indicate their objective.

Adrian introduced all of them to each other so that they will not be complete strangers. Adrian's childhood friends are very friendly to the others but clearly put some distance between them and Mina. It seems even they were wary of the tigress. Even the upcoming tigress Peridot was afraid of her.

They all shared their experiences on their journeys especially those who are of different races. Mina's story was particularly interesting as they gained a new perspective on the town of Genesis. Adding Adrian's story into the mix and it will give a big clue that the beginner town is very important for hidden events.

The group decided to build up their teamwork so they decided to attack any monster that comes their way as they climb the mountain. Adrian took out the crown fragment in hopes that he could get Creepysoo to trace the energy of the monster that creates the ice golems. It would be easier to find the entrance if they get a reading on the undead energy.

They encountered a lot of ice golems along the way but those things were only high in health despite being level 105. Kanlaon easily beat one that Adrian was reprimanded to not join the fight by his sister. It would be counter intuitive if Adrian's soulbound would kill one immediately.

Everyone became strong and had improved skills now that they got used in the game. Levin Cloud could both attack and heal at the same time. Peridot can now use clay soldiers that can mimic human movement and would stun enemies if she detonated them. Kabrakan now is a bull demi-human and had two towering shields that was bigger than him.

Vayu and Soleil also improved greatly as they were hurling spells more and faster than before. The two still looked like they were having fun and enjoying themselves. The most noticeable person was Solstice as she hacked any enemy that they came across with blinding speed. She was the fiercest of them all as her weapons made of blood impale and slash anyone that opposes her.

Creepysoo mainly was a support and used black magic to damage and weaken the enemies. Adrian had to just observe and wholeheartedly focus on finding the entrance to the dungeon with

Creepysoo's help. The light coming from the crown fragment was already glowing faintly despite them being just near the foot of the mountain.

Earlier on when Adrian first brought it out, they were located somewhere near the middle. It glowed faintly in the middle but the glow was brighter near the foot of the mountain. Adrian was sure that the entrance is near here but it was very elusive.

"Should I melt the snow?" Soleil asked as she was half fire elemental.

"As long as you do not use your most powerful skill then I think it is alright." Adrian replied.

"What does the entrance look like anyway?" Levin Cloud asked.

"That would be the million dollar question. It seems whoever is observing us is cloaking the entrance so we do not find his location. We cannot see him but he can see us." Adrian stated as this conjecture is getting more and more correct.

Ice golems would always pop up wherever the group may be so it is only reasonable to say that the enemy knows of their location. Soleil started melting the snow that is around the group using fireballs. The cooldown of the skill was one second but due to the unique nature of a half elemental it is doubled but they do not consume mana.

Soleil was so bored that she just randomly hurls fireballs around them in hopes of hitting something. Maybe it was effective or so because one of the fireballs managed to hit a transparent wall. Creepysoo then immediately detected the undead energy permeating from that place but it disappeared as fast as it is sensed.

Adrian used his evil eyes and detected an anomaly ten meters in front of them. It appears like something was blocking his vision from permeating the snow. He could see the other areas fine as he can see what was buried in the snow but not that area ten meters in front of them.

"I think we found it. Everybody get ready as something might pop out from the snow." Adrian stated and he was right.

Ten Ice golems rose from the snow when they went near the area where Adrian detected the anomaly in his vision. This time Solstice did not bar Adrian from joining the fight as they were clearly outnumbered. If they take a long time then the number of ice golems might increase so they had to finish off these giant clumps of ice.

Kanlaon lead the charge as he took care of one ice golem while Sirius and Adrian confronted one. Soleil and Vayu each had one. Solstice is confronting one while the remaining five were being preoccupied by Levin Cloud, Peridot and Kabrakan until the others kill the ones they are facing.

Soleil and Kanlaon were the first to finish their battles as they had the elemental advantage. By the time the others took down their respective ice golem, the remaining five were dealt with the combined forces of Kanlaon, Soleil, Levin Cloud, Peridot and Kabrakan.

Everyone checked their gears and statuses before Adrian went near the anomaly. He blew up the piled up snow using Quantum Repulsion and discovered a reflective ice mirror. He touched the mirror but it was actually not solid but was an illusion as his hand passed through.

[Do you want to enter the Tomb of Gefroren? Yes or No?]

Chapter 172 - Gefroren

The group finally entered the dungeon and it felt like they entered a new world. The interior did not resemble that of a mountain but of a grand castle made of blue stone pillars and ceilings. There is obvious cracks on the ceilings and walls that indicates that the structure is very old. Still, its old age might have enhanced its visual allure rather than degrade it.

The whole group was captivated by the majesty of the decorations that they failed to notice an old looking man looking at them. Well, the old looking man is actually a spirit and only four players in the group could actually see spirits. The four were Equinox (Adrian), Vayu, Soleil and Creepysoo.

"I hope that the majesty of my burial ground pleases you adventurers." The spirit of an old man stated.

Adrian was surprised that the old man talked because he thought it was a statue or something. The reason being that the old man had blueish white skin and had dark violet tattoos on his body. The spirit of an old man was also stationary so Adrian really thought it was a statue.

"I am sorry for trespassing inside your tomb, old man." Adrian replied to which the three others who can see spirits also noticed the old man.

The others who cannot see the old man started talking to themselves and said, "Did Adrian finally go crazy?"

"Big brother is talking to an old man can you guys not see it?" Soleil said to the other that could not see spirits which creeped them out even more.

"You do not need to worry too much about that o Shepherd. The twin gods might have heard my prayers which is why you have finally come to help me ascend the mortal plane. Also call me Gefroren." Gefroren stated.

"We actually came inside here not because the twin gods sent me but there have been reports of peculiar undead spawning outside of this location. We are actually here to look for an item of sorts." Adrian replied as he knows that spirits would usually give him quests.

"I think that was also the reason but maybe it is the twin god's will for you to come here. Despite one of your companions being an undead." Gefroren stated as he looked at Creepysoo warily.

"You do to have to worry about him as he is on our side." Adrian stated so that Gefroren is not too wary of Creepysoo.

"I hope you are right because the cause of the mess on my tomb is an undead itself." Gefroren stated.

"Do you know what type of undead is it?" Adrian asked.

"Sadly, I do not know o Shepherd. Spirits like me do not want to get near undead for fear that they will be affected by the miasma that they scatter. If we get affected by that then we will no doubt become undead ourselves. But I do have to admit that your undead companion does not exude this vile aura around him so I showed myself to you." Gefroren stated.

"If this is your tomb then you must have been a king or a ruler of some sort? Also can you show yourself to my whole party? They are looking at us with doubt." Adrian asked.

"Very well but I will be needing your help o Shepherd." Gefroren stated.

[Gefroren seeks permission to use some of your mana to manifest. Do you agree? Yes or No.]

Adrian agreed and Gefroren's spirit body started to materialize into existence. Gefroren might look old but his body was still packed. Evident that he was once a great warrior and despite becoming old age still managed to maintain the physique. Either that or that is how he perceives on how he looks which made his spirit form like that.

The others reaction was varied some were shocked while some screamed. It was Kabrakan that screamed as he is not good at handling spooky stuff. Solstice sighed with relief because she found out that her brother was not going crazy or something that he starts talking to air.

The old man materialized like he became a real person. His blue skin and dark violet tattoos were still prevalent. His hair was white along with his beard and facial hair. He also wore brown leather overalls with grayish fur outlining it. He would look like those depictions of Vikings if they had blue skin and dark violet tattoos.

"It seems that the Shepherd's powers is more potent than I thought. I look like I am alive now." Gefroren stated.

"Yeah. Yeah. Get on with what you want to say old man. We do not have all day." Solstice stated as she wants this mission over with so that she still have time to meet a certain someone later.

"Typical of you bloodsuckers. You were always the impatient ones." Gefroren said and it shocked Solstice a lot because vampires are not that easy to distinguish.

"How did you know!?" asked Solstice.

"You are a descendant of one of the five races I presume." Adrian stated as the old man looked familiar but not at the same time.

"As expected of the shepherd, you know your Asmodian races. I am a bit peculiar though as I am only half Jotunn and half human." Gefroren stated with a slightly sad tone.

"Why do you look sad mentioning that?" Adrian stated as the color of the aura around Gefroren's spirit changed.

"I became an outcast for the Jotunn because I am smaller than them and the humans avoided me because I was different than them. Still, I did not give up and I managed to become the crown prince of my country." Gefroren stated as he told his story to Adrian's group.

Gefroren was a child born from a princess that was offered as a bride to the Jotunn king back in the day. The Jotunn king had five wives but all of them were loved. Gefroren grew up being loved by both his parents but the same could not be said for the Jotunn clan members.

A child between different races usually results in the child becoming either of the two races. There is only a very small chance that a child will have both qualities of a parent and usually they become abominations. Luckily, Gefroren did not become one but was a human with the powers of a Jotunn.

Even though he had the qualities of both races, he was still an outcast as he was never a true human but also not a true Jotunn. His parents decided that it would be better for him to be the crown prince of his mother's country because they lack an heir to the throne. Along with his mother, Gefroren returned to his mother's country but was still avoided by children of his age because he was different.

Nevertheless, this did not stop him from becoming great. Gefroren with his elemental affinity gained from being a descendant of a Jotunn had immense powers that can control the ice element. Their frozen wastelands became bountiful with harvests because he would use his powers to create a dome that covered the town from being subjected to the harsh cold weather.

He became loved by the common folk as he helped them have bountiful harvests and not rely on crops that can only thrive in the snow. Years passed and even his children albeit human had great powers that can control the ice element. He basically created the golden age for his country but that was thousands of years ago.

"I ask you adventures to purge the undead that are roaming my tomb and desecrating the monument that my people have built for me." Gefroren stated and a system notification popped up for all of them.

QUEST NOTIFICATION

Purge the Defilers

The Ice King Gefroren wants you to rid of the undead pests that is roaming around his tomb and took control of it. Make his wish come true and he will reward you handsomely.

Reward: Location of the Key to his Treasure Vault

Failure: An undead horde made of Frozen Corpses will overflow and roam the Winterlands.

Time Limit: None

Restrictions: The Shepherd of Souls must accept the mission.

Adrian gladly accepted the mission as they were going to clear the dungeon anyway.

"Thank you for accepting the mission o Shepherd. But please be wary as that fiend took control all of the traps inside my tomb and apparently he can see everything inside the tomb and even the outside of it. Be very careful from surprise attacks." Gefroren stated as his figure started becoming faint until he disappeared.

The group once again checked their gears before heading out. The first room that they entered was not filled with monsters but traps. The floor was slippery and there were square holes on the walls. They thought the holes would produce monsters but it did not.

The group was careful but Soleil started skipping after seeing no monsters. A few skipping steps later, Soleil stepped on a tile that went down which released a huge rectangular ice block from the square holes. The rectangular ice block sped towards Soleil who tripped because of sudden drop of the tile.

Adrian acted immediately and Blinked towards her location but the rectangular ice block was so fast that he had to push Soleil away. Adrian then suddenly froze on the spot instead of using Blink to get away.

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Meanwhile outside of Adrian's gamepod....

Beep....Beep...Beep...User is experiencing a mental episode.

The gamepod suddenly blared out words that alarmed Adrian's parents that were in his house. They immediately rushed towards Adrian's gamepod as his body was having a seizure.

Chapter 173 - Trauma

As the giant ice block is coming towards Adrian, he suddenly felt heavy and he started to palpitate. He felt like the whole world slowed down. Adrian did not know what was happening but if a medical professional were to see then they would definitely say that Adrian is experiencing a panic attack.

Adrian's breathing became uncontrollable as he started to clutch his chest and the world around him started to spin. Before the ice block hit Adrian, his body started becoming particles of light that indicated that he was logged out of the game.

[Your party leader Equinox has been logged out of Pandemonium.]

[Levin Cloud has been promoted to the party leader position from assistant party leader.]

Mina who saw what Adrian experienced suddenly pieced two and two together. The others were wondering what just happened and Soleil looked like she was about to cry. She blames herself because of what happened to Adrian even though she was clueless on what actually happened.

"What happened to big brother Equinox?" Creepysoo asked.

Even his friends were clueless because Adrian was never the type to panic. It was so unnatural that they too started to worry about him. They all looked at Solstice for answers because she is his older sister.

"I think something happened to him but I think it is best not to worry too much about it. Worrying would only make him more ashamed if he comes back online. I will log out for now so continue with the dungeon clear. It must be something minor so do your best in his stead. The mission for clearing this is still active." Solstice said as she logged out of the game to check on Adrian's condition.

[Solstice has left the party due to logging out of Pandemonium.]

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[Beep....Beep...Beep...User is experiencing a mental episode.]

The game pod suddenly blared out words that alarmed Adrian's parents that were in his house. They immediately rushed towards Adrian's game pod as his body was having a seizure.

[The user will now be ejected out of the game pod.]

Adrian's father rushed to carry Adrian when the game pod opened its hatch. His mother was panicking but his father was trying to stay calm but even his face indicated that he was really worried. Mina suddenly rushed towards Adrian's room and saw the situation.

A few seconds later, Adrian stopped having seizures but he was still unconscious. He was also not showing signs of waking up and his breathing was not stable. The family immediately rushed to their family vehicle so that Adrian would be immediately sent to the hospital.

On the way, Adrian's mother is soothing his head and wiping the sweat tricking down Adrian's forehead. Adrian's dad is still looking worried but is keeping calm because he does not want the whole family to get in an accident. They reached Dr. Happy's hospital in no time and they were thankful that traffic is not bad.

Adrian's mother is really thankful to God as her prayers is heard that no obstacles come their way to the hospital. A stretcher is already waiting for Adrian to arrive and Dr. Happy was also outside waiting for the family. Adrian's father already contacted them when they were on the way so that medical staff could respond faster when the family arrived.

Adrian is laid down in the stretcher by his father. Dr. Happy immediately checked Adrian's pulse, breathing and his eye dilation. Dr. Happy then instructed the nurses to send Adrian to the Calming Center where patients with mental diagnosis come to get treated.

"Is my son okay, Dr. Happy?" Adrian's mother asked.

"Fortunately, it was just a panic attack this time. Can we talk inside on how he suddenly experienced this?" Dr. Happy stated as they guided the rest of the family inside towards his office.

The family then moved to the office and waited for Dr. Happy to arrive. The doctor had to check and give instructions on how to handle Adrian's case before hearing the family's story. After Dr. Happy finished telling what to do then he proceeded to his office to hear how the incident happened.

Dr. Happy entered his office and saw that the family wanted an update on Adrian. The boy's mother was clearly extremely worried as the boy's father was hugging and rubbing her shoulders to calm her down. The sister looked worried but is adopting a façade so that the mother does not freak out even more.

There are cases where emotional people become more emotional if a group of people exhibit the same strong emotions. Times like this is when a person in the group must become a pillar to hold everyone's sanity so that they will not all have a mental breakdown.

"Do not worry. Adrian is stable now as we already put him on a sedative. He already calmed down and now he is still sleeping. He might wake up after five hours and might become hungry so please get him a meal when that happens." Dr. Happy explained with a smile so that his happy energy could somehow calm the family.

Adrian's mother gave a big sigh of relief and calmed down which can be observed as she no longer shivers. Dr. Happy then asked what exactly happened and both of Adrian's parents looked at Mina as she said on the way that she might have an idea on why Adrian had a panic attack.

Mina exhaled a deep breath and recounted the events that happened inside the game. Mina told that Adrian started acting weird after he pushed his friend out of the way from an ice block that was heading towards her. Adrian could have easily dodge the ice block but he suddenly spaced out and he was logged out before he was hit by the ice block.

"Was the friend that you are talking about a little girl?" Dr. Happy asked.

"Yes! How did you know?" Mina replied.

"Then the most likely case that Adrian suffered from a panic attack due to getting a trauma related to his accident. It is very common for things like that to happen as he lost the sense of using his legs after that incident after all." Dr. Happy stated.

"But if that was the case then why is he not traumatize in seeing little girls?" Mina asked.

"When we were observing him in this hospital, he did not avoid any young girls or any young people from that matter but he did look concerned when looking out to the street from his bedroom window. We concluded that he might have become scared of the roads after the incident so we slowly but surely made him get used to seeing roads by accompanying him outside." Dr. Happy stated.

Dr. Happy then continued with a serious expression, "He might not be traumatize with the elements relating to his accident but it seems that recreating the incident no matter the medium recalled his memories of his accident."

"Is he going to be okay then? Should we stop him from playing the game?" Adrian's mother asked worriedly.

"I think you should still remember why I prescribed that Adrian enter a virtual reality right?" Dr. Happy replied with a serious expression.

"Wait...I thought you guys said that you bought him the game pod because he might get bored just hanging around the house. Is the reason much more different or are you two not telling me everything?" Mina asked as she did not know the reason that Dr. Happy was talking about.

"Adrian's accident caused a much more severe damage than we thought to his nervous system. If the ambulance came just a little bit late then he would have been permanently paralyzed from the waist down." Adrian's father explained.

"That still does not explain why Adrian is playing a virtual game. I know that you two like to advocate for more physical oriented sports rather than virtual ones." Mina replied.

"Adrian's condition was very tricky for me to repair too. When he was hit by the bus, he damaged his head and spine. His nerves were a wreck if you want it in simple terms. He was in a coma for three days and he could not move his whole body for a week after he woke up." Dr. Happy said which shocked Mina even further.

Dr. Happy then continued, "He became paralyzed from the waist down because the nerves responsible for moving it was weakened. I tried my best to restore it but the medical field is not that omnipotent yet that it could cure any type of illness. I am very sorry."

"Don't be Dr. Happy. We know that you did your best that your abilities could." Adrian's father stated.

"So the real reason that Adrian is in a virtual game is to make him believe that he can walk?" Mina replied.

"Yes. The real reason is that by always constantly thinking that he could walk then he might restart and repair the nerves that would allow him to walk. From what you parents are reporting to me, it seems to prove as a very effective method. He is now able to stand on his own and walk a few steps which is a far cry to how he was before." Dr. Happy stated.

"I see so you are basically boosting his willpower and belief which in turn would make his body follow. You are basically making a miracle come to life by how great a person's willpower is." Mina concluded.

"I have done all I could. Now it is up to Adrian himself. I just hope that this setback does not hinder him too much or worse ignite his fears for roads." Dr. Happy stated which led Adrian's family to pray that Adrian is alright.

Chapter 174 - Onwards To Conquer The Tomb I

The remaining party members in the Tomb of Gefroren are still lost about what to do. Levin Cloud, who is seeing this situation, decided to revive the team's morale. He wanted to assure everyone that Adrian was alright despite him not knowing of the situation.

"We should not dwell too much on what happened and expect the worst. His game pod must have malfunctioned or a bug occurred that is why he was forcefully logged out. We must not worry too much or else he will scold us that we did not try our best conquering the dungeon." Levin Cloud stated to dissipate any uneasiness in the room.

Soleil stopped crying and immediately made a brave face but her puffy face from all the crying only made her look cute. The others also calmed down and focused on the dungeon. Although their hardest hitter is out of commission, they still have a chance to clear this dungeon as they still have the mission given to them.

"Besides the two of them could join us later as this is an open dungeon. I already messaged the two of them to join us and big sis Solstice replied that she would return in about three hours in-game time." Levin Cloud stated.

"So we should clear the path first so that she can easily follow after. This dungeon looks spacious that it looks like there are safe zones we can log out on." Peridot stated.

Large dungeons like the Tomb of Gefroren often have one or two safe zones because it would take more than four days to actually conquer them. This also ensured that the players could take breaks so that their body could take care of their natural functions. What Levin Cloud was definitely worried about is Adrian.

Usually if a player logged out in a party while in a large dungeon, their name will only be grayed out and not completely removed. A player would be given a choice if he wanted temporary respite or to leave entirely. The latter is what Solstice chose as temporary respite will let the player log out but must return in a given time frame.

Levin Cloud could only speculate that something happened to Adrian's game pod or something happened to Adrian himself. He was praying that it was the former as he does not want something happening to his best friend. Anyways, the leadership role was passed on to him so he had to do his best for the raid.

"Okay. Let us press forward first and try to reach a save point at least so that we can log out and continue from there. Be careful on what you step on as it might activate a trap like earlier." Levin Cloud stated.

"I think it's better if we go by my idea on how to clear this stage." Peridot said as she created a clay soldier from ground.

Peridot then made the clay soldier walk across the room in a straight line. The previous tile that Soleil stepped on has already returned to its previous position but they already know where it is. The clay soldier moved while its body produced a sound like clay pots grazing each other.

The clay soldier went past the tile that Soleil previously stepped on. The clay soldier then stepped on a trap tile about three feet past the first trap tile. A giant ice block was once again released and it crashed against the clay soldier which destroyed it in the process.

The trap tile returned to its previous position in about five seconds while the clay soldier's parts were still scattered on the ground. Peridot made gestures once again and the destroyed parts of the clay soldier reattached themselves once more. The clay soldier once again started walking again to the exit of the room.

"I see. Your clay soldier will activate the traps so that we know here to walk so that we can reach safely. Good job!" Levin Cloud sincerely praised which made Peridot blush a little.

"I should walk ahead of us since I am the tank." Kabrakan said as he went to the front of the party.

Peridot's plan worked like a charm and they safely entered the next room. It was the same as the previous room minus the gigantic square holes. Instead, this room is filled with crystal stars affixed on the wall. No enemies were there to be fought once again so their conclusion is that it is a trap room once again.

Peridot once again let the clay soldier lead in order to test the room. It was expendable anyway and only needed 500 mana to reform. They must proceed with caution as this was a dungeon with a high level. The clay soldier walked straight once more but no tile on the floor went down.

When the team wanted to relax, a light came from below the foot of the clay soldier. About half a second later, numerous arrows flew from the walls and flooded the room with flying arrows. The whole room became chaotic and the clay soldier became a pin cushion in no time before it ultimately broke.

Levin Cloud observed this and saw that the crystal stars were actually arrow heads. There was no safe spot in the room unlike the previous room. Peridot once again reformed the clay soldier but once it took another step, another batch of arrows came flying again.

"It seems that the magic circle is moving in a pattern which is why the clay soldier triggered it twice." Vayu stated which alarmed the whole group.

"What should we do then? A moving magic circle is a headache enough but an invisible magic circle is too much to handle. Equinox would be able to see it but do you guys have a skill that can see the flow of mana?" Levin Cloud stated as even he does not know what to do.

"I have the skill that can detect magic but its mastery is still low so it is not accurate enough. But I have an idea. We just do not need to touch the floor right?" Vayu stated as he took out a flute.

Vayu then played the flute and then a cold breeze suddenly enveloped the whole team. Little by little, the group was levitated one foot above the floor. Vayu then stopped playing the flute and explained what he did.

"We have exactly one minute before this wind that carries us dissipates. Treat it like it is the ground. We must sprint towards the door. Let us go." Vayu stated as the whole group took five seconds to get used to the sensation before moving forward.

Levin Cloud has to admit that Adrian managed to meet peculiar people. This dungeon exploration would be more difficult if the people here were normal gamers. Usually, what other people would usually do was to let the tank shelter them until they reach the exit.

The group here are also rather quick-witted and knows how to improvise rather than charge through which made Levin Cloud's job easier. They once again safely reached the next room that is vastly bigger than the two previous two rooms combined. There were no special ornaments or holes in the room except it was full of frozen bones and armors.

Once all of them were inside the room, the bones and armors started rattling. Creepysoo felt undead energy suddenly permeate into the bones and armors that are scattered in the room.

"Everyone be ready! I think we will have a battle in this room." Creepysoo warned as he suddenly took out his staff that had a gray orb with a bony hand clutching it.

The others also started to prepare. Kabarkan fortified himself with his defensive buffs while Peridot started raising her gen in the air as she chanted. Soleil wanted to prove herself and started conjuring one fireball after another. Vayu clutched his sheathed blade and is ready to strike anyone within range of his attack.

Levin Cloud started buffing his teammates except Creepysoo because holy attribute damage delas damage to him rather than healing him. He learned this earlier when they were practicing their teamwork. Creepysoo even started burning as he was immolated but the young boy thought that he suddenly got fire powers.

The group had a good laugh but Levin Cloud still said sorry to him because he thought he could heal him as he was progressing on his quest to become the Envoy of the Twin Gods. Adrian did say to him that the undead king has yet to form a covenant with the god of death so his heals could still hurt Creepysoo.

Maybe after when the undead king forms a covenant will Levin Cloud be able to heal undead affiliated with the god of death. But most likely it would only be Levin Cloud capable of doing this as the Church of Death is out of commission and is no longer a known or active faith.

"Everyone fight smart. They are still skeletal undead so they are weak to blunt attacks. We must do out best!" Levin Cloud stated as the fight finally begins.

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The bones started forming together and all of them looked like sentry or foot soldiers. All of the skeleton soldiers had a layer of frost covering their armors and bones. All of the frozen skeleton soldiers only had melee weapons like swords or spears.

Monster: Frozen Skeleton Foot Soldiers

Level: 102

HP: 600,000 / 600,000

MP: 50,000 / 50,000

Description: Soldiers that died in the reign of King Gefroren was given the honor of being laid to rest in the tomb of the great king. However, an unknown undead transformed the whole tomb as his playground and continues to create undead for his plans. Due to the peculiar undead energy of the unknown undead, the Frozen Skeleton Foot Soldiers have been imparted with the ice element.

There were currently fifty Frozen Skeleton Foot Soldiers in the room. If one looks at it from an outsider's perspective, the group would be outnumbered. But there is one special person on their team which is a half fire elemental. Soleil's fireballs deals great damage because of the contrasting high temperatures that she can blast the bones of the skeleton soldiers.

Due to the unique nature of a half elemental not needing to use mana, she spammed all her low cooldown spells which in turn gave her the highest burst damage. The fire element is the most destructive of all the elements due to its unstable nature. The others did not slack off as they too fired off their long range spells to keep the skeleton soldiers at bay.

Kabrakan would swing his two towering shields and it would knockback any player or creature as long as he has bigger endurance stat than them. He could easily flung the skeleton soldiers because skeletons have the least endurance among undead despite all undead having infinite stamina due to their Unrelenting passive. He successfully blocked the charging undead from getting close to the team.

Peridot finally finished her spell and her gem glowed in a brilliant yellow light. She then tossed the gem towards the group of undead and it exploded in a blinding light prompting everyone in the room to squint their eyes. The skeleton soldiers hit in the center of the blast radius immediately disintegrated due to the intense holy damage while those near suffered high damage.

Vayu stood his ground and strikes any skeleton soldiers that flanked them because Kabrakan cannot keep them all at bay. He especially took note of the skeleton soldiers that held spears because their attack range was much bigger than those with swords. He would usually release a twister whenever his sheath glows in a grayish green light.

Creepysoo actually was the next biggest contributor in this fight as he would unleash his dark magic that could actually curse the undead. Undead are normally immune to curses and dark magic but is ineffective due to Creepysoo's title of Prince of the Undead.

Title: Prince of the Undead (Mage)

Effect:

-Any undead that is not higher than you in terms of royal status will not be able to resist any status debuffs that you cast. The effect is stronger if the disparity in the royal status is wider. (Cannot affect undead that have pledged their allegiance to you. Those that pledge allegiance will forever be loyal to you.)

- All Stats + 50

Description: Even undead have a sense of monarchy. Despite undead unable to feel fear, their biology is closely tied to that of a noble because the hierarchy of the undead is generated when a king from a land long gone became the first undead. It was the universe that decided this rule as even chaos must have order.

Creepysoo would be the ultimate undead hunter despite being an undead himself. As the first player who became an undead, he was given the most luxurious title because he became an undead due to the Undead King himself giving a part of his soul to Creepysoo. Creepysoo is a Dark Magician which specializes in hexes and status afflicting magic so this title is very helpful to him.

Levin Cloud also did not slack off as he directed his healing onto the skeleton soldiers instead of his teammates. If a normal player saw his judgement then they would say that he is crazy but his single target heals could now affect the area of its target in a one meter radius. He obtained a new skill that transforms his single target heals into area heals while his area heals increased in the area covered.

Skill: Gaea's Touch

Tier: Legendary

Type: Passive

Effect:

- Any type of healing spells would be amplified by 100% with an increase in area radius by one meter. Even the spells beneficial effect will affect those inside the healing area.

Cooldown: None

Mana Cost: None

Cast Time: None

He managed to finish the second to the last mission for his Envoy of the Twin God's quest. He was now in the final step in his mission but the last step is always the most difficult. He had to revive the Church of Death and make it an official church order once more but he did not know how to do so. Levin Cloud decided to tackle this later as searching missions is the most difficult for him.

The whole group may still have their timing issues because they just recently met. But slowly and surely, they are gradually getting used to each other and getting used to each other's rhythm. It did not take them long to clear the fifty skeleton soldiers standing in their way. They were about to loot the area but then Gefroren's spirit came to them.

"Thank you for granting my loyal soldier's eternal rest so that they could finally enter the cycle of reincarnation. Also can you please not loot their things as it is part of their legacy? It is not that wish to bar you from collecting their armors but I wish that you respect their things. I believe that my vault would have treasures of the same value if not greater." Gefroren's spirit stated.

"No problem but we can take the things that the intruder's drop right?" Creepysoo asked.

"Of course. I will not prohibit you from taking them as they do not belong in this tomb. Feel free to take those away or better yet take them all away because those things might bring curses or bad luck." Gefroren sneeringly said as his spirit faded once more.

"Okay then. The old man Gefroren said that if possible we must avoid looting the things of the soldiers buried here. We can take the other things of the undead intruders though. He also assured us that his vault would be filled with good stuff so I think we should do as he says." Creepysoo stated.

The others who were touching the armors and weapons gently place them down and some even offered their prayers. After all of them arranged the armors and weapons back in a neatly fashion, all of them then continued on to the next room. The next room was once again filled with bones and armor that looked like robes.

The skeleton's once again reanimated and this time, the whole group faced thirty skeleton mages. The battle was not that difficult but it did burn their mana by a lot since the skeleton mages invoked multiple mana barriers. Thankfully, Creepysoo had a skill that multiplied a target's mana consumption by two so the battle did not become longer than they expected.

The next room after that was different as the skeletons are already reanimated and they were all wielding spears and a rectangular shield. The group of skeletons numbered about twenty and they are all in a phalanx formation which made the party's advance much more difficult.

Whenever Kabrakan will advance, the phalanx formation of the undead would also advance and they would thrust their spears. The shields covering them also granted them reduced damage which made a battle of endurance not possible. If all of their mana is consumed then they would definitely lost to a mini-boss.

"Everyone, please stand your ground as I would use my skill. It is going to get bumpy." Kabrakan shouted as he emitted a battle roar.

Kabrakan then pounded the floor rhythmically with his two towering shields. The floor is then subjected to small tremors and the epicenter of it is Kabrakan. The whole room started to vibrate and shake that keeping a firm footing was virtually impossible. Even his other party member slumped to the ground except for Vayu as he seemed to be floating once inch above the floor.

The skeleton soldiers were also subjected to this tremors. Slowly but surely, the skeleton soldiers could not stay stable as their phalanx formation toppled and could no longer be maintained. Vayu did not miss this precious chance as he carried his daughter using his shoulders and charged towards the skeleton soldiers.

It seems that Soleil did not mind this tactic. If one looked closely, Soleil was steady and was already creating fireballs. It seems that they have used this strategy many times as their movements were natural. It did not take long for Kabrakan to lose mana and his tremors to stop.

The other party members finally managed to stand up and join the assault with the father and daughter duo. They finished of the skeleton soldiers before they could recover from falling down.

Chapter 176 - Onwards To Conquer The Tomb III

After the talk with Dr. Happy...

Adrian is currently sleeping soundly in a very comfortable bed. To his right was his mother while his father occupied the left. Mina is sitting at Adrian's foot bench. They all looked clam now and are engaging in small talk.

"Mina...I think you should return to the house and guard it for us. There is currently no one there and it is already cramped enough for us in Adrian's hospital room." Adrian's father stated.

"I think I should come home with you as I need to prepare a meal when he wakes up. Dr. Happy did say that once he wakes up, we can already bring him home." Adrian's mother stated as she stood up.

"But I want to stay here. Look at his cute little face. He was cuter when he was a kid and now he looks like a lady killer. Thankfully, he is dense otherwise he would have already brought home a girl or something." Mina stated.

"You would not know this but do you remember when he was competing in a dance competition and won?" Adrian's mother stated as she was suddenly reminded of the event due to Mina's previous statement.

"Why? What happened? I suddenly got curious." Mina replied as her eyes sparkled.

"Well after he won, an agent from some company gave me a calling card and suggested Adrian to audition to become an idol." Adrian's mother said with a light chuckle.

"I mean idols have to sing right but his singing ability is very much average." Mina said as she pointed her index finger towards Adrian.

"Do not point your finger towards your brother. It is bad." Adrian's mother stated as she smacked the back of Mina's hand.

"So did you let him audition?" Mina said as she now used her lips to point towards Adrian.

"Nope, I did not. I guess thinking about it now, maybe I should have and the accident might have never occurred." Adrian's mother stated as she showed a sad smile.

"Okay then let us head home. I know that mom takes like three hours to cook one meal so we better get moving. I still have to help Adrian's friends anyway." Mina stated as she stood up to diffuse the sad atmosphere.

"Finally, I can have peace and quiet around here. I will call you guys if it is time to pick up Adrian." Adrian's father stated as he gave the car keys to his wife. He tried being funny and it worked but his wife is glaring at him though. Guess he is sleeping on the couch tonight.

Mina and Adrian's mother then exited the room as they head towards the car. They were still having slight gossips on the way which is expected of two women who know each other too well.

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"They were sturdier than I originally thought." Levin Cloud stated as he wiped the sweat in his forehead.

"They did have more undead energy circulating on their body after all. Also, I sense a great deal of undead energy seeping from the next room. It might be a mini-boss or something." Creepysoo stated.

"Already! We just passed by a few rooms and it is a mini-boss already. How big is this tomb anyway?" Peridot grumbled.

"Big sis is already on her way. We should wait for her. Are you okay Soleil? You should not push yourself too much. Enjoying the dungeon crawl will make you have a more chance of completing it. At least that is what I heard anyway." Levin Cloud stated.

"I am fine! I must do my best so that when big bro Equinox joins then I can actively join the fight. I just sat on the side lines last time when we were in a party." Soleil replied.

"It is nice to be energetic but too much energy is not good as it will lead you to make mistakes." Vayu stated as he rubbed his daughter's head.

A little while later footsteps can be heard from the previous room. Those in the room then turned their attention towards the door to the previous room as it might be an enemy. They were up in arms but what greeted them is actually a red haired beautiful woman that could enamor any man that glances upon her.

"Sorry that I just came back." Mina stated.

All of them wanted to ask if Equinox was okay but they could not muster up the words. Thankfully, Levin Cloud mustered the strength to voice out the question.

"Is Adrian okay?" Levin Cloud uttered Equinox' real name instead of his in-game name. It just goes to show that he was really worried for his best friend.

Those that have yet to hear Adrian's real name tilted their heads in confusion until Kabrakan explained to them that it is Equinox' real name. They could only react with an "Ahhh" before becoming serious and wait for Solstice's reply.

"You do not need to worry too much. Adrian's game pod just got an error and it glitched which made his game pod smoke a little. He was ejected before a major thing happened. The maintenance crew came and said that it would take more or less five hours to fix his game pod. You guys can relax." Mina said a believable lie.

Mina did not even stutter or did any weird reactions so that even Adrian's friend did not become suspicious. She honestly did not expect to be questioned until the end of the dungeon crawl but they really care for Adrian in the bottom of their hearts.

It warmed her heart a little but she knows as a businesswoman that people like them are more prone to produce failures or mistakes if bothered by something. She could only lie so that their performance will not drop and they fail. She is sorry that she has to hide this information from them but even closest friends must keep some secrets.

"If that were the case then why did he not contact us using his haloswatch?" Levin Cloud asked as he knows that you can contact another person using the haloswatch as it is connected to the game pod.

"Times like this is why I hate smart kids." Mina thought as her brain thought up of a reasonable excuse to give to them.

"It was actually his haloswatch that caught fire. Apparently some hacker managed to glitch it which also made the game pod glitch. Thankfully, the haloswatch was immediately cooldown using the safety protocols of the game pod." Mina replied with a believable tone.

"If that was the case then why did you not return earlier?" Creepysoo blurted out the question which he then felt some tingle on his spine like a wild animal wants to tear him apart.

"I really wanted to return but I was the one who had to go and send Adrian's haloswatch for repairs. I should have not gotten out of my game pod if I knew that would be my fate. To be a lackey that must adhere to the orders of those higher than me a.k.a. my parents." Mina replied and added a dramatic tone in the end like she was wronged or whatever.

"Okay then. Are you ready to proceed to the next room?" Levin Cloud asked Mina.

"Yeah. Thankfully you guys already alarmed me about the trap rooms or else I would have died a few times." Mina replied.

"How did you pass through to the trap rooms quickly anyway?" Vayu asked as he was curious.

"I just turned into a blood mist and whizzed right through. Vampires have that special ability. I can also transform into other creatures. I am still new to this whole vampire thing and they told me I was not ready for it so I did not bother to even learn it yet." Mina replied.

"Awesome! Can you show me?" Creepysoo said as he popped his head near Mina and showed his sparkling eyes.

"Maybe next time. That skill uses a lot of mana to use and can only be used out of combat." Mina said as he calmed down Creepysoo.

The group then decided to proceed to the next room when Mina recovered her mana. The room they entered is vastly different compared to the previous room. It looked like a big event hall as there was chandeliers and other caricatures fastened on the wall. It was vast that from their guess about two thousand people could fit inside.

Whoever built this tomb really outdone himself which made the whole party happy. It made them happy because a luxurious tomb means luxurious rewards. The other end of the room also contained the stairs that reflects brilliant light. It looked like the steps were made from a diamond like material.

The stairs look beautiful except for one thing that is currently standing on the middle of it. A hooded figure that is radiating this dirty black aura. Creepysoo who saw this could only utter one word as he knows what kind of undead it was.

"Lich!"

Chapter 177 - Letting Off Steam

The group kept on observing the lich that funny enough not attacking them. The lich is actually just standing on the middle section of the stairs and not even looking towards them. The lich is like a statue that is facing the exit. Creepysoo immediately identified the monster before them.

Monster: Frost Lich

Level: 105

HP: 750,000 / 750,000

MP: 1,000,000 / 1,000,000

Description: A lich transformed into a Frost Lich by an unknown energy. Besides being able to raise the undead, it could also wield ice attribute spells with great accuracy and power. Adventurers should never fight them in their own domain unless they are confident in defeating it. It emits a frost aura around it that can freeze those near it if exposed for too long.

"Thankfully, it is not a named monster. It is just a Frost Lich." Creepysoo stated in the party chat in order to not alert the Frost Lich to their arrival.

"What is a Frost Lich?" Levin Cloud asked even though he has a rough idea on what the creature is.

"It is basically a lich with ice magic added into its arsenal." Creepysoo replied.

"I see. We need to seal it or root it in place first so that we can bombard it." Levin Cloud stated.

"Leave that to me!" Creepysoo replied.

Creepysoo then started murmuring some words and he was suddenly enveloped in dark violet runes that looked like a music sheet. A few second later he finally uttered the name of the spell. He tapped the bottom of his staff while doing so.

"Grasp of the Undead" Creepysoo stated.

Creepysoo's staff suddenly glowed in a dark violet color and this light went down towards the bottom of the staff until it was transferred to the floor. The dark violet energy then snaked towards the Frost Lich and it finally looked towards its back. The Frost lich tried to block the spell by creating ice spikes in front of the snaking energy but it failed.

Despite the terrain changing, the dark violet energy seemed to had homing capabilities as the Frost Lich could not dodge it. The frost lich then tried to use a movement skill by shaping the ice below it into a moving ice platform but the dark violet energy still trailed towards it.

Vayu seeing the frost lich mid-air knew that he had to bring it down because if it was bound mid-air then only a limited type of attacks would be able to hit it. Vayu then activated one of his movement skills that he likes.

"Autumn Wind" Vayu stated.

A gentle breeze then swept the entire room. Accompanying the wind are leaves of different shapes and sizes. The leaves were dancing in the wind so to speak and Vayu then jumped towards one of the leaves.

Normally, a person's weight would be a thousand times heavier than a leaf but Vayu stepped on the leaf and he did not fall. Instead, he stepped on it like it was a firm foothold and then jumped towards the next leaf. He continued doing this and in no time he reached the frost lich.

The frost lich who saw Vayu approaching it is suddenly given a decision. It should either deal with the immediate danger which is Vayu or the upcoming danger which is the "Grasp of the Undead" skill. The frost lich chose the former as it would decide its action after removing Vayu from the equation.

The frost lich's icy staff then glowed in a pale white light and released a white mist. Vayu who saw this could see that the frost lich chose to deal with him first. Vayu could only smile as the frost lich chose wrong because he was not a normal person because he was half wind elemental. It is never wise to battle wind elementals mid-air as it is their favorite battleground.

The frost lich immediately made ice spears and hurled it at Vayu but the latter's form suddenly dispersed when the ice spears touch him. Vayu then rematerialized behind the frost lich and immediately made a downward swing of his sword to bring the lich down to the floor.

The skill that Vayu triggered is his elemental passive skill called "One with the Wind".

Skill: One with the Wind

Tier: Racial Skill

Type: Passive Dodge

Effect: Become the wind for a brief moment when a spell is about to land towards you. You can then choose a location around you in a given radius to rematerialize.

Duration: Three seconds

Radius: Five meters

Cooldown: 20 minutes

Mana Cost: None

Cast Time: Instant

This skill was basically a free invulnerability if used right. It means that if a player is a pro at dodging skill shots then he or she could basically trigger this passive to dodge sure hit skills or high damaging skills. Although Vayu is not a master at dodging yet, he was getting there as wind elementals are said to be the hardest to trap and are the free spirits.

The frost lich was sent crashing down by Vayu's attack and it wanted to stand up but the dark violet energy finally struck it. Numerous hands made of either bones or rotting flesh grabbed onto the frost lich. The frost lich's blue shining eyes suddenly flashed red because it was actually trapped by a spell made using undead energy.

This was the most embarrassing moment in this frost lich's undead life as it should be the master of forbidden magic and should be immune to it. The frost lich tried to emit undead energy so that it could reverse the magic used to bind it but it realized that it cannot. Whatever undead energy was used on him was vastly superior to the one he is using but only its current master is able to do the exact same thing to him.

The frost lich released more undead energy so that it could break its binding but Creepysoo is actually continuously pouring its mana on it which made it impossible for the frost lich to break its binding.

"Keep the frost lich pinned down. I need to release some steam as I really want to punch something." Solstice stated while her face was eerily smiling.

The three friends who saw this immediately stepped sideward and only activated their binding skills to aid Creepysoo. Although their mana will be continuously drained, it was still better than not granting the wish of the tigress before them.

The three of them remembered that they accidentally made paper planes using her progress report when they were kids. The four friends did not hear the end of it from her and they were basically Mina's slaves for the entire day until they replace her progress report. She was generous as long as you are in her good side but unforgiving if you get on her bad side.

Right now, Mina (Solstice) wants to let out steam as this was a way for her to cool down. It also did not hurt for her to vent her anger on a virtual punching bag. She decided to try out one of her new skills on the frost lich as she is presented with a rather great guinea pig or punching bag.

Levin Cloud and Peridot activated their binding skills. Levin Cloud moved the ground so that it traps the frost lich to the floor like cement. Peridot threw a green looking gem towards the frost lich and it exploded into small bits that tied the frost lich like a rope. The struggling frost lich could no longer make big movements like earlier when it was just Creepysoo's skill that is affecting it.

"Let us hope my new skill has high damage. Seriously, undead are not a good match against vampires. They do not even bleed which is very annoying." Solstice stated as she slit her palm using her sharp nail.

Her blood then dripped onto the floor and she immediately formed a sword using it. The sword made of blood solidified and it looked like a sword made of red metal instead of something liquid. It even looked sharp because when it scraped the floor, the pointed tip created sparks when it was ran against the floor.

Solstice sacrifice ten percent of her health to make the blood sword because there is currently no blood splattered onto the surroundings for her to form. She had to make use of her own blood and decrease her health in turn but the blood sword is more powerful due to it containing asmodian blood in it. The vampires are still descendants of the first race which means their blood is more potent than normal blood of random creatures.

"Let me start then. Be sure to keep it nice and bound for me. Blood Swamp." Solstice muttered.

The blood red sword then sunk towards the ground below her and made a swamp full of blood. Emerging from the blood swamp were weapons of the same constitution of the blood red sword. Only this time, all types of melee weapons were emerging from it ranging from spears to even morningstars.

Solstice then picked up a Morningstar first and proceeded to club the frost lich with a demonic smile. Vayu had to cover up her daughter's eyes from the gruesome scene while the others paled and once again saw this tigress' sadistic side.

Chapter 178 - Yeti

[Your party has successfully defeated the mini-boss Frost Lich.]

[Your whole party has gained experience points.]

[The undead spawning rate on Mount Nieve has been decreased by 10%.]

[Obtained Frost Wand]

[Obtained Frost Lich Cloak]

The frost lich did not even managed to stand up due to the binding skills that kept it from retaliating. Even though it activated its mana barrier, Solstice just basically bashed it with whatever weapon that the blood swamp spawned. The blood swamp did not dissipate as long as Solstice is standing on top of it.

Each blood weapon conjured by the skill basically has small durability. In just ten hits, the weapon will return into a liquid blood state and rejoin with the blood swamp. She basically has infinite weapons as long she remained standing at the blood swamp.

The skill is very much great but its weakness is very obvious. All you have to do is knock her back so that the blood swamp immediately vanishes. Still, it is a very powerful skill especially if the battlefield is filled with blood because she practically has now a domain that infinitely spawns weapons for her.

All of the party members made a mental note to never be on her bad side. Solstice is better being an ally rather than an enemy. She is even smiling after the mess she made. The frost lich is basically now all bone fragments and no usable parts.

The party rolled for the two items on who gets it as they decided that it is only fair. The dice roll is a way to distribute items using luck. The highest number is 100 while the lowest is 1. Creepysoo managed to get the Frost Lich Cloak which is an epic tier cloak while Soleil got the Frost Wand which is also epic tier.

Levin Cloud even blessed the skeleton of the Frost Lich so that it would never revive again. The next thing they were surprised about is that they practically lessened the spawn rate of undead in the mountain. This gave them a clue that they should be at least ten liches that kept spawning the undead.

The ones observing them might already know that they defeated one lich so the rest must now be prepared. The party ascended the steps as there was no longer anything special in the room. They opened the ice like doors and what greeted them is a stone bridge that shows signs of aging.

The bridge is about a hundred meter long and no visible enemy but that is for normal people that cannot see spectral undead. Creepysoo, Vayu and Soleil all see moving white mists that resemble that of a woman flying in a white ghostly dress.

"There are Frost Wraiths flying all over the bridge. It seems that they will not attack us proactively. We should test it out with a clay soldier." Creepysoo stated as he saw the information on the undead.

Monster: Frost Wraith

Level: 104

HP: 700,000 / 700,000

MP: 800,000 / 800,000

Description: Malevolent spirits borne from those who died due to the harshness of winter. They prowl on unsuspecting travelers and freeze their spirits along with their bodies. Their touch will

afflict any living person with frostbite. It is said that if things suddenly freeze without it being cold then a frost wraith is nearby.

Peridot made a clay soldier and made it traverse the bridge. The instant that it stepped foot on the bridge, a nearby frost wraith immediately charged towards it and phased right through the clay soldier's body. A layer of frost could be seen on its chest area and Peridot saw that the clay soldier's durability decreased.

Peridot still controlled the clay soldier to keep going as it was not broken yet but it suddenly walked on an area where a lot of frost wraiths were floating by. The moment the clay soldier entered that area, all the wraiths charged towards it and the clay soldier is not pure white due to frost. The clay soldier crumbled seconds after as its durability plummeted to the utmost.

"What happened?" Levin Cloud asked since he cannot clearly see what happened. All he saw was little by little, the clay soldier started having layers of frost until it became white and crumbled.

"The clay soldier basically entered an area where a lot of frost wraiths were and you just saw the result of the attack." Creepysoo replied.

"How do you think we should proceed with this one?" Levin Cloud asked as he still has yet to get his warding skill.

"The Frost Wraith have a fire element right?" Soleil asked as all eyes turned towards her.

"Yes. Basically, the frost wraiths are now weak to both extreme heat and holy attribute attacks." Levin Cloud then remembered that Soleil is actually a half fire elemental.

"I think I can ward them off enough but I think my fire is not hot enough to keep all of them at bay. I am still a lesser elemental." Soleil replied with a bit of a sad face as she knows her limitations.

"That is okay, Soleil. I can enchant your attack with holy attribute so that it increases its potency and we could safely cross the bridge." Levin Cloud replied with a smile and encouraging tone to brighten up the little girl's somewhat gloomy attitude.

Soleil nodded with a serious looking face and she started to create a mini sun on her palms. She slowly expanded it until it was big enough to fit seven people but they must be huddled together. She also had to concentrate as with just a lack of concentration then the fire sphere enveloping them will dissipate.

Levin Cloud then enchanted the fire sphere with holy attribute magic. They could not run across the bridge because Soleil will lose concentration and it is already hard enough for a little girl to concentrate. They walked in a good pace and in about fifteen minutes or so they could cross the bridge as long as no mishaps would happen.

The moment they took their first steps on the bridge, the frost wraith near them charged towards them. It tried to phase through them but it was not able to phase through the barrier. Instead, it released a piercing screech indicating that it felt immense pain doing so.

The screech of one frost wraith seemed to attract more of them and those even faraway started to fly towards the party. Some frost wraiths even tried to attack them from below but the holy flame shield

kept them at bay. Some even tried to force their way through using numbers but they were instead damage by the shield.

There is visible decrease in the thickness of the shield though every time the frost wraiths attack the area. Luckily, the frost wraiths seemed to be non-intelligent as they move by instinct and does not realize that attacking the same spot over and over is the weakness of the shield.

By the time they were passed the middle of the bridge, they were surrounded by all the frost wraiths. From an outside perspective, it looks like there is another layer to the flaming sphere. That layer though is actually a bunch of frost wraiths circling them and waiting for a time to strike those living inside.

"It seems that the frost wraiths are unrelenting." Vayu exclaimed as they were almost across the bridge and the frost wraiths were still circling the bridge.

"I will attack with use an area heal and we will use the chance that they are stunned to run towards the door." Levin Cloud stated.

"Will the door even stop them?" Kabrakan asked.

"We can just hope." Levin Cloud truth fully answered.

They finally reached the end of the bridge and the door is just ten steps in front of them.

"Little Soleil. In three seconds, you can release the shield and we would sprint to the door okay." Levin Cloud instructed and Soleil only replied with a nod.

"3...2...1...Mass Heal" Levin Cloud shouted.

Soleil broke her concentration and the flame shield dissipated. A blinding light covered the whole group. They were not healed because they are already in full health but the frost wraiths that charged towards them did not like the touch of the light. All the wraiths surrounding them screeched in immense pain before running away.

The group sprinted towards the door but it would not budge. The layers of ice made the door unable to be opened. The frost wraiths who recovered from the holy damage suddenly screeched and charged towards the group trying to open the door.

"Regulus" Soleil shouted as her red lion doll became big and life like.

Regulus roared and it released a breath full of flames that instantly vaporized the ice that kept the door from opening. Kabrakan then charged with his full body weight to immediately open the door even though it was still shining red due to the hot flames that Regulus spew out.

They immediately entered and what greeted them was a loud roar followed by clanking chains.

"Yeti!" Everyone exclaimed.

Chapter 179 - Adrian Awakes

Inside the room they came inside in was a hulking beast that was a cross between a polar bear and a gorilla. It had white pinkish fur and had six limbs. Its eyes were like pure black marbles and it had two bottom fangs. Its skin was pale blue but it was mostly covered with its fur and the only noticeable skin is the face.

The Yeti is constantly roaring towards the group making itself look ferocious. It would have succeeded but the chains that is binding it to a wall is not helping its cause. It just looked like a caged animal that is desperate and wants no one to bother it. The yeti did not even stretch its chains to its fullest as it seems something might happen if it did so.

The yeti even had wounds all over its body as there were scabs and bruises that indicated it was tortured. The group were still not out of the danger yet though as the frost wraiths are still going towards them.

"Hurry and close the door!" Levin Cloud shouted.

Solstice and Kabrakan immediately took each side of the door and immediately pushed it. The door was then slammed shut with a big slam but some of the frost wraiths managed to enter. Creepysoo, Vayu and Soleil did quick work of them though as only two managed to get inside and those two frost wraiths are already damaged.

When the door slammed shut, all of the party members received a system notification.

[You have arrived at the first safe zone.]

[Resting in a safe zone gives players double the rate of recovery for stamina, health and mana.]

[You may log out in a safe zone but you will not be sent outside the dungeon.]

When they saw the system notification, they were very doubtful. They questioned if this really was the safe zone because the yeti did not really make them feel safe at all. Apart from the unbearable roars, they were not really attacked by the yeti inside the room.

The yeti was just mostly roaring for them to not come close to it. Solstice though could see that the yeti had obvious fear in its eyes as she had observed caged animals in the real world. She was honestly amaze that the game could actually mimic the feeling of these animals. Now she knows why her little brother often brag about his summoned creatures or soulbounds.

"Do you guys know how to make that creature my mount?" Solstice asked.

"Huh? You like that but it is weak and it is full of wounds." Levin Cloud said as he was shocked by Solstice's unique choice of words.

"It was probably used by the liches for experimentation. I heard the blood of resilient creatures can create stronger undead. Take note that some of the liches are actually magicians that became undead on their own volition just to continue their research. Some just wanted to understand the depths of magic while others just wanted to continue their diabolical research." Creepysoo explained with a tone that indicated that he was not so childish when it comes to matters like this.

Others might see Creepysoo as an innocent kid but one must take note that he is the first player to become an undead. He must have seen things that are not that savory or pleasing to the eyes. He must have already killed lots of liches that tarnish the reputation of the undead.

"Regardless, I like the look in its eyes. I want it." Solstice stated firmly.

"If you want it that much then we can only wait until Adrian could get it for you." Levin Cloud stated.

"All we know is that only summoners can capture beasts and other living creatures. The mounts and other things that were available on the market before the summoner class was released are said to be provided by the NPC summoners. Those mounts and pets were basically the teasers for the Summoner job class." Peridot added.

"So I just need Adrian to catch this guy or something then I could have him or her. I do not know the gender yet." Solstice said as she eyed the yeti and it seems the yeti felt the gravitation of the former to it as a tingle was sent to its spine.

"It is more complicated than that but it is the general idea of it. Adrian will basically trap it in a special stone called a Companion Stone. You can also only have one mount or pet if you are not a summoner." Kabrakan added another tidbit.

"Also if it dies in battle, you will need to wait for a day to be able to call it again unlike summoners who can reduce the cooldown of a fallen summoned creature. You must also treat it with care as it is still a living thing in this game at least. You will get the companion panel anyway once you get a mount anyway." Levin Cloud stated the last few information regarding mounts.

"Okay then I will wait. So do we advance from here or just log back in once Adrian returns?" Levin Cloud asked the party.

"I vote that we retire for the moment. Although the road to here has become rather easier due to our skills, it is still mentally taxing every time that we have think of a plan." Vayu inserted his opinion.

"I also vote for that as I am very hungry now. We should continue once Equinox has returned. It gives us more assurance to clear the dungeon. There are liches here in this dungeon and may be even ten of them." Creepysoo added.

"Nine actually or lesser. Big sis Solstice already pummeled one remember?" Soleil replied.

"Regardless, the level will rise from here and we need someone who passed the level 100 mark especially for the boss." Levin Cloud added.

The party then all agreed to reconvene later when Adrian's problem is solved. They wanted to rest too because not only had they have to use innovative ways to clear rooms but also they wanted to erase the image of Solstice beating of a lich. They really wanted to get a clear head before attempting the next rooms.

"Well then. I will say goodbye for now Snowy." Solstice said as she bid goodbye to the yeti.

"You named it Snowy?" Levin Cloud asked.

"Why got a problem with that?" Solstice stated as she glared at Levin Cloud.

"No Ma'am!" Levin Cloud hurriedly replied and then immediately logged out for fear of angering the tigress.

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Adrian then suddenly see himself in a familiar sidewalk and he was walking with Marlon. He then bid goodbye to his best friend and is walking towards the direction of a store where he will be picked up by his parents. Nothing was out of the ordinary and he reached an intersection.

He is currently walking to a nearby crosswalk as he wanted to cross it so that he could take a shortcut. Across him is a little girl who was playing with her toy and her mother. The mother then picked up her phone as she received a call.

The mother told something to the little girl but Adrian did not hear because of the sound of car horns. Adrian was currently waiting for the traffic light to turn red before he crossed as that was what he is told to do. He did have the urge to cross the street because no vehicle is passing by the lane in front of him.

Adrian is currently looking in front of him when he saw that the toy that the little girl is now in the middle of the lane. The little girl then trudged towards her fallen toy while her mother was turned away from her child and is preoccupied with the call she was answering. It was supposed to be okay but then Adrian saw a bus speeding towards the lane of where the little girl is currently in.

Adrian did not know what came over him because he suddenly bolted from his location. He sped towards the little girl that was frozen in fear as the bus was coming near her. Adrian did not hear the honking of horns or even the little girl's cry as adrenaline rushed over his whole body.

The bus looks like it was decelerating but it was already about to hit the little girl. The mother finally caught up to what was happening dropped her phone in panic and had fear written all over her face. Adrian though managed to reach the little girl and carried her near the end of the lane but he realized it was not enough.

Adrian pushed the little girl in panic and he managed to push her towards her panicking mother. It would have been a great picture but the side of the bus managed to hit Adrian and he was sent fumbling away a few meters. His vision becoming blurry and blood gushing out of his head made Adrian faint.

After this dream or recounting of memories, Adrian who was lying on the hospital suddenly awoke from his sleep. His father was there and was slightly startled because the sudden jerk motion of his son. Adrian's father immediately called for Dr. Happy.

Chapter 180 - Our Secret

The news that Adrian woke up immediately made Mina and Adrian's mom rush to the hospital. They even took lunch boxes there as Adrian might feel a bit weak. Adrian's mom wanted him to eat before he was discharged from the hospital.

The two of them arrived after Dr. Happy's inspection so they were just in time for the doctor to say the test results. The results were mostly just Dr. Happy telling them that Adrian's vitals were no longer erratic and that he had calmed down. There were no other problems and that he can now return back home.

"You can be discharge then. I will let a nurse give you the papers. Excuse me and enjoy your meal." Dr. Happy said as he exited the room with his signature warm smile.

"Seriously! Do not worry us too much like that. Next time you see a little girl get hit by something moving then you must let nature take its course." Mina stated as a joke.

"Mina!" Adrian's mother said in an embarrassed tone.

"Well that is dark." Adrian replied with a dry laugh.

"I am just saying." Mina replied and all of them shared a good laugh.

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On the way back home....

"Oh Yeah! I forgot to tell you that I told your friends that your game pod broke down because of your haloswatch so tell them that is the reason you were out of commission. Okay?" Mina said with her signature persuasive smile.

"Okay. I also do not want Soleil to feel guilty because of my own personal trauma. Let us keep this thing between us. A secret between siblings." Adrian immediately replied but in his mind was another sentence.

"I know that smile. It is her if you do not agree with me then you are dead smile." Adrian thought in the back of his mind.

They reached home with no worries but there is still that lingering fear in the minds of the family for Adrian. Still, Adrian wanted to play the game because he was the one who invited the whole team for the raid yet he did nothing yet for them. Also, Dr. Happy actually agreed that he can play again because he said that it is therapeutic for him in a way.

Knowing that even his doctor was on board made Adrian glad. What he did not know is that Dr. happy wanted Adrian to clear the first obstacle for him to walk. Also it is quite a task to help people overcome their trauma which is why Adrian has to report to the hospital every week from now on. It is so that no more unexpected things occur.

Adrian managed to convince his parents by letting them monitor him. They would basically stream the dungeon crawl on their television located in their living room. Adrian once again went inside his game pod and it safely booted once again. He checked the messages only for there to be dozens of them.

"It seems that they were really worried." Adrian uttered with a sad smile and it looks like he was about to tear up. He felt really warm because of their genuine worry for them.

"All the more reason for me to do my best but I should tell them that I am okay first." Adrian thought to himself as he sent a chat using the group chat.

Equinox: Yo! How is everybody doing?

Creepysoo: (ノ ◡□◡) ノ Big Bro is back. Yay! What happened to you?!

Equinox: My haloswatch suddenly fritzed. I am sorry for making you guys worry.

Levin Cloud: It is all good as long as you are fine.

Soleil: Big bro worried me a lot. I thought it was my fault. (T-T)

Peridot: You do not have to feel guilty little Soleil. It is his fault that his haloswatch was hacked anyway. He probably downloaded something unsightly.

Kabrakan: Will you be able to join us in the raid?

Equinox: Yup! I am logging in right now. Wait for me guys. <(→_←")>

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Adrian appeared right back on the spot where he was logged out. He was in the room where the ice blocks would hit you if you trigger the floor tile. He immediately unfurled his wings and safely passed the room without triggering anything.

He then arrived to the room where the arrows would fire if you stepped on the moving magic circle. He activated his Evil Eye just to make sure and he saw the movement of the magic circles. That is right. There were three magic circles that were moving like a pinball. If it struck another magic circle or a corner then the magic circle will bounce back.

He once again flew across in order to save up time because he did not want anyone to say he was slacking off. He then arrived at the stone bridge and like they said the wraiths were still there. They were roaming the area thoughtlessly. It seems the frost wraiths would only react when someone stepped on the bridge.

Adrian knew what he had to do and immediately summoned Kanlaon. A magic circle with a dragon insignia made with lines of red, blue and a tint of brown appeared on the air. A dragon roar was then heard that caught the attention of the frost wraiths.

Kanlaon's long body already reached the bridge so the frost wraiths charged towards him. It looked like the frost wraiths were charging with much more ferocity when they charged towards Kanlaon. It feels like they were frustrated with something and wanted to vent on someone.

Unlucky for the frost wraiths, Kanlaon is a Frostfire Dragon that deals high damage towards them. This is why sometimes having the inability to feel fear is not useful. Fear is natural and all things must feel it in order to judge if something is not good for them. All the frost wraiths ended up beautifully exploding like they were a bunch of fireworks.

If you were in Adrian's house then you would hear cheering from the living room. It is because apparently his parents were enjoying watching Adrian. His mother even shed one tear when he saw Adrian walking although his look was different because he had horns and wings.

He also had tattoos but since it was a game she let it slide. If it was in real life she would have whipped Adrian's buttocks until it was sore and he could no longer walk. Nevertheless, they were enjoying seeing their son becoming active and rather fearless. It seems a seed of excitement is now planted on their hearts.

Adrian pushed the large door by himself as he had enough strength to anyway because of the stat awakening at level 100. He was greeted by the members and Creepysoo even hugged him. Soleil wanted to hug him but she was beaten by Creepysoo. It seems that the young boy was too affectionate towards his first friend in Pandemonium.

"Sorry that I am late." Adrian said comically.

"It is okay. Now that you are here then things would become much easier." Levin Cloud stated with a smile as he passed on the party leader back to Adrian once he was added back into the party.

[You are now the party leader.]

"Move away everyone. It is now time for my task first." Solstice stated and everyone listened.

"Wow! Did we raise her to become that demanding?" Adrian's mother asked as she stared at the television screen.

"Probably got it from you." Adrian's father casually replied. He did not dare look at his wife's reaction.

"You did tell me that you want me to seal a creature right?" Adrian asked.

"It is right there. The one who is warily looking at your dragon." Solstice said as she pointed the yeti that is now quiet due to Kanlaon's presence.

Adrian then inspected the yeti and saw that it was bound by a special chain. The chain seemed to weaken the yeti and is actually sapping its health continuously. Judging from the bones near it, it seems that this yeti is not the only one to suffer this fate.

"I will try then but do not blame me if I fail." Adrian replied.

Adrian then focused on the yeti that had its guard up against him. It seems the yeti felt the power radiating from Adrian as it was not roaring and trying to sound threatening towards him.

"Greater Seal" Adrian muttered as a magic circle then materialized below the yeti's feet.

The yeti was suddenly alarmed as it felt another foreign energy entering its body. Different chains with runic symbols then materialized and bound the yeti. The yeti failed to struggle with this because it was already weak and is only using a bit of its strength to look like a threat.

Adrian became confident that he will pull the seal off but then the other set of chains binding the yeti glowed. The other set of chains then glowed in an eerie light and it actually cancelled the sealing spell that Adrian cast. Adrian was mind boggled as why that happened and Soleil almost cursed out loud.

Adrian then checked what type of chains was binding this yeti as it did not look normal.

Item: Life Shackles

Tier: Epic

Type: Trap

Effect: Any living bound by this chain will be continuously sap their life force and sending it to the one who bound them. It also protects the one affected from other sealing type skills or items.

Description: Chains said to be made using forbidden magic. The creator of this item is yet unknown but if found out then the creator would be branded a heretic and will be branded as a traitor towards living beings. A great deal of force is needed to break the chains.