

## **A Glitched 1031**

### Chapter 1031 Back Inside The Dungeon

Ding!

[You've selected the [Advanced Fire Magic: Heavenly Blazing Wall: Lv1] Skill!]

[The [Fire Magic: Blazing Wall: Lv10] Skill has evolved into the [Advanced Fire Magic: Heavenly Blazing Wall: Lv1] Advanced Skill!]

[The power of Heavenly Flames is surging within you!]

FLUOSH!

Suddenly, a small white and gold flame surged from my fingertips... Apparently, I could conjure small parts of the wall separately like this.

It was like reversing the Ember principle, where I stacked the same spell a lot on itself, this time I decide to cut its firepower and mana to the point it becomes much smaller than its original and true form.

"Nice, it worked just fine!" I smiled. "I got more than I thought out of those two items, hehe."

"With those flames, dealing with absurdly overpowered demonic or miasma-corrupted beast might not be so hard now." Alice nodded.

"Well, I am also liking the protection effects. Sometimes the Yggdragon Aura is not enough, and because I need to keep balancing between both forms, it gets complicated." I sighed. "Meanwhile I can conjure this and be done with it. How long can the walls stay conjured?"

"According to the amount of Mana required to summon them... they can stay on for as long as fifteen minutes! A lot, I would say." Said Alice.

"That's a lot of time, considering battles are fast paced and dynamic most of the time." I nodded. "And I can even conjure armor over myself or my allies for an even greater boost, huh? Pretty handy."

"That's right!" Alice nodded. "Though... Sylphy, there's a little problem I wanted to tell you about."

"Problem?" I wondered.

"Yes, it is about the System. Well, you see, apparently a "Spirit" Stat can be created, which appeared once the Spiritual Heart was made." Said Alice. "However... Err, well, the stats are frozen, and once the stat is applied, it will remain frozen."

"S-So that means...?" I wondered. "Wait, infinite Spirit Energy?!"

"I don't know that, because the Mana and Health deal happened because such forces were already within your body and soul from the beginning... But this is a new energy, without a source, it would feel like there's nowhere to draw this endless energy." She said. "So I fear if I add it, the stat might be locked and your own Spirit Energy might not become infinite either, turning in just a little limited amount."

"Now that's a problem..." I said. "Can't you run down some simulations inside of your head like you've done sometimes to see how much the probability for this is to happen?"

"I can try, yes. I'll do that." She nodded. "But... Are you willing to risk it?"

"I would if the chance is high enough..." I said. "Though, I don't know how dangerous infinite spirit energy could be to my body or soul..."

"It could be very dangerous, but the pay off would be just as incredible..." Alice was also slightly tempted. "Anyways! I'll run some simulations inside of my mind to see if it could work or not."

"Thank you, Alice." I smiled, as I touched my bracelet. "[Dungeon Gate]"

FLUOSH!

A gate to my dungeon opened, as I was about to go in, I noticed Aquarina waking up and noticing me as I was about to sneak away.

"Hey! Where are you going?!"

"A-Aquarina! Good morning dear! I was just going to my dungeon for a lil bit..."

"Can I go too? It has been a while since I've met the monsters, and the spring too! Let's take a bath in that spring! Or the lake!"

She was really, really excited, and I couldn't reject my cute girlfriend when she begged me like that...

"Ah, sure... Well, let's go together then."

I ended inviting her, grabbing her hand and entering the Dungeon with her.

FLASH!

We stepped into the beautiful, verdant grasslands of the First Floor, there was a bright sun, some beautiful clouds, and a serene wind.

"Uwaah! This place is always amazing to see!" Aquarina said. "I wish I could enter and come out wherever I pleased..."

"Well, I've tried making a new bracelet for that very purpose, but it keeps failing." I sighed. "Looks like I can't have more than one bracelet, and connecting another one to it is also impossible. This dungeon is like, connected to my very soul and my own system, Alice."

"Yeah, sorry, but that's something that's not possible." Sighed Alice.

"A-Ahahah, I was just saying a little dream out loud, don't worry, really." Aquarina giggled. "I'm more than happy with this necklace you gifted me, my love!" She quickly gave me a kiss in my lips, and grabbed my hands.

"Let's go explore!" She said. "Look! The lake's nearby! Let's pick some fish for breakfast! Oh! And the forest! It is getting bigger now, with all the things you planted!"

"It is, isn't it?" I smiled. "But yeah, let's explore and harvest a few things. You can fish anything you want, baby."

"B-Baby?" She blushed a bit.

"Heh, what? Are you embarrassed? You're my baby girl." I kissed her cheeks while tickling her belly.

"Hehehe, stop it!" She giggled adorably.

Her stomach already had very hard abs... Not like I mind that; I love it in fact.

But still, I miss when she had a squishy and adorable belly.

We wandered around the first floor as I felt much more relaxed, we walked near the big lake, and decided to fish some of the creatures living there.

We picked up some Fresh Water Shrimps and Crab by just swimming there and looking into the clear bottom.

Aquarina also took some salmon and eels, and a few freshwater sharks that had a very nice texture on their meat.

After saving those inside of Glutton, we moved to the orchard, the giant orchard I had, where I had planted all of the things I was multiplying.

Mana Fruits, Spirit Leaves, Fruits of Knowledge, Special Radishes, Potatoes, Carrots, Chili Pepper, Cabbage, and so on...

Most of the later were from my Harvest Familiars, which I had left wandering the dungeon and taking a look at my things while I was off.

And of course, the little Dungeon System Spirit appeared above us, greeting us.

"Gyuh!"

[The [Dungeon System] greets their master and their wife.]

"W-Wife? Eheheh, I guess we are wives!" Giggled Aquarina, feeling a bit embarrassed and happy.

Chapter 1032 Growing The Dungeon

"Here we are!" I said, looking at the big field of cultivated plants and mushrooms I was growing here.

This was where I got most of my basic materials, well, those that were plant-based. I still needed a Mine or Cave-type Dungeon Floor if I wanted to "plant" and "harvest" ores and crystals.

I had yet to get one though, but the latest Level I acquired, the Lava one, is already growing steadily with many new ores and items, so I might harvest a few eventually.

"What are the things you're planting?" Asked Aquarina.

"Oh, this." I said, showing her the fruit again.

It was the crystalline, apple-shaped fruit the Sunstone Tree have given to us before.

[Spiritual Sunstone Tree Soul Fruit (A+ Grade)]

A special fruit born from the Spirit Sunstone Tree, made out of extracted Soul Energy and Spiritual Energy, which has been crystalized into a soft, sweet, and chewy candy-like texture, with an even softer jelly-like interior.

Once consumed, it can restore a large sum of Spiritual Energy and Soul Energy, being one of the few consumables capable of healing and strengthening souls.

When consumed, the Magic Circle, the Physique, and the Psyche may gain between 1 to 100 Sunlight Runes.

1 Sunlight Rune = 1 Fire, Light, and Life Runes.

"Oooh, that one!" Aquarina said excitedly. "I wish I could take a bit though..."

"You can take a few." I smiled. "It doesn't really affect the growth of the tree because the seeds are what we'll eat... However, the tree grows faster if it has the fruit nutrients to help it."

"You're so shmarth shylyphy- Nom nom... Hhmm! So shweet!" She continued munching on the apple like a little beast. "Want some?"

She offered a half-eaten apple to me... It had her saliva all over it.

This might sound a bit kinky, but that was a plus.

"Fine~ You ate almost everything already though." I laughed a bit, tasting the fruit.

Crunch!

It was delicious!

So crunchy, and sweet!

The filling was really like jelly, and its flavor popped all over my tongue and mouth.

It was just an otherworldly fruit...

And each bite strengthened my soul a little bit, making its cultivation progress.

"Do you feel your soul stronger?" I asked her.

"Yep, it feels much stronger and healthier." She nodded. "Whenever I use Abyssal Embodiment, I need to use the power of my soul, but this fruit relieved the exhaustion it felt..."

"Hmm, we'll produce a lot of these for you then! By the time we separate, I need to have at least a couple dozen for your journey." I nodded, rubbing my chin.

"E-Eh?! That many just for me?" She asked. "But you don't really need to go so far..."

"You're my adorable girlfriend, why shouldn't I go far for you?" I held her hands. "I-I just want the best for you..."

"Sylphy... Every time you say those things, I end up falling even more in love with you, dummy!" She started giving me little kisses in my lips. "Take these kisses as punishment! Mooch, mooch!"

"Oh no! Whatever will I do~?" I giggled, catching her lips and giving her more kisses back.

Eventually, our tongues intertwined as we ended kissing rather passionately... again.

We ended making out for a little while in front of my Harvest Familiars and the Dungeon System Spirit, who was confused about what we were doing.

Alice then moved them elsewhere...

"Hahh~ Give me another, another! Your lips are too sweet..." Aquarian asked for another kiss.

"E-Enough for now, we can't just spend all the time making out Aquarina!" I sighed, patting her head. "Let's plant these and then go have breakfast, alright?"

"Geez~ Fine." She shrugged.

We walked around the large field as we found a nice spot my large Harvest Familiars had already filled with nutrients and mana for me.

"So are you planting more than those?" She wondered.

"Yep." I nodded, taking several other herbs and mushrooms I've found around Cloudia. "Since we can't just harvest anything we want, I'll plant all these!"

Once we were finished, I receive a lot of system notifications...

Ding!

[You've planted the [Spiritual Sunstone Tree Soul Fruit (A+ Grade)] x3]

[The Dungeon has spent 1500 Dungeon Energy to assimilate the three fruits.]

[They will now begin growing anew within the dungeon!]

[You've planted several other Herbs and Mushrooms endemic to Cloudia.]

[The Dungeon has spent 7800 Dungeon Energy to assimilate the herbs and mushrooms.]

[They will now begin growing anew within the dungeon!]

[You have planted a total of 13 new species of trees, herbs, and mushrooms inside the Dungeon.]

[You gained +13.000 Dungeon EXP.]

[Current Dungeon Level]: [Level 4]

[Dungeon EXP]: [96.520/200.000]

[Dungeon Energy]: [6.320]

[Bonus Stats]: [+5.000]

[Available Dungeon Floors]:

Level 1: [Floor 1]: [Grassland-type Dungeon Floor]

Level 2: [Floor 2]: [Labyrinth-type Dungeon Floor]

Level 3: [Floor 3]: [Sea-type Dungeon Floor]

Level 4: [Floor 4]: [Volcanic-type Dungeon Floor]

[Dungeon Facilities]

[Floor 1]: [Spring Water Fountain (D Grade)] [Beast Monster Mini Forest (D Grade)]

[Floor 2]: [Set of Trap Devices of Suffering (D+ Grade)] [Dungeon Slime Nest (D+ Grade)] [Dungeon Spider Nest (D+ Grade)]

[Floor 3]: [Fish Monster Reef (C Grade)] [Tropical Paradise Island (C Grade)] [Coral Golems Castle (C Grade)]

[Floor 4]: [Salamander Blazing Lake (C+ Grade)] [Abyssal Peaks (C+ Grade)] [Withering Tree Forest (C++ Grade)] [Dragon Nest Mountain (C+++ Grade)]

"Well, I spent a lot of Dungeon Energy..." I sighed. "To think I had accumulated quite a bit by now... But still, it feels a bit too little even then."

"That's because the Dungeon System spends Dungeon Energy now and then to handle things on their own while you're absent. It is part of the independent system." Said Alice.

"Really? I didn't know..." I said.

"Yes, for example, if monsters begin starving or what they eat disappeared due to overpopulation, they can use dungeon energy to make the food regrow and boost the strength of predators, so they thin out the herbivores." Alice explained. "Things like that, to keep the ecosystem from collapsing."

"It is much more important than I imagined... Thanks a lot, Dungeon System!" I waved my hand.

"Gyuh!"

[The [Dungeon System] wishes master a good day!]

"Thank you!"

We walked outside of the dungeon after working on that, ready to have some tasty breakfast before exploring the ruins.

## Chapter 1033 Crafting New Equipment

Before that, of course, I'm going to work on some stuff. Namely, three pieces of equipment I was commissioned to do... Well, two were commissioned, the third is just a gift for Pyuku.

"It still pretty early in the morning, so I'll get these things done before going to eat." I told to Aquarina, summoning Violet and Ignatius, and taking out the ingredients I needed. "You can go have breakfast first, I don't mind."

"Oh, you're making the things Zack and Luck commissioned you?" She asked curiously.

"Yeah, I have the materials ready, and also the sketches and the molds, so I'm going to get to work. Shouldn't take more than an hour I think." I nodded. "I'll also make something for Pyuku's overly sensitive... senses, to dull them out a bit so he can face the Ruins monsters."

"Let me help then! There's no way I'm letting you do all the work yourself! I'm also alright at Alchemy, no? I've helped you a lot of times before!" She said, insisting. "I also want to repay you for the Necklace! It is so pretty!"

"You don't need to feel to pay me back for that, Aquarina. It is a present for a reason..." I sighed. "But alright, let's work together then!"

"Yaay!" She quickly approached her lips to mine and gave me a kiss. "I'll be your loyal assistant, Lady Sylphy! Say it and I'll do anything!"

"Hahaha, okay, okay." I giggled, patting her head. "Let's get to work then. Let's start with the easiest of the three, Pyuku's item. First, I want you to synthesize these materials together into an ingot. Meanwhile, I'll work on Mist's dress fabric."

"Alright!" Aquarina took the materials I gave to her.

They were a piece of the horns of the Sunstone Plateau Goats, a fragment of their magic crystal core, mithril, spirit crystals, the golem's iron, and lastly, a few magic crystals from the specters we fought.

Aquarina used Violet's help and started turning the materials, synthesizing them together into a powerful ingot.

Meanwhile, I was doing something else. I took out the wool of these mighty goats, alongside the highest-grade silk, dust made by crushing the specters magic crystals, sunstone of various qualities, spirit crystals of all the elements I had available, and took out threads made out of mithril and the goat horn's metal.

I had made this last night, well, I left them inside of Violet and she shaped them into threads. She can do a lot of things, actually.

"Now, carefully..."

I used my Fusion Synthesis Skill to combine the components together as much as I could, slowly creating a new type of thread by fusing them together.

Zack wanted Mist to get a beautiful dress that could also protect her like an armor. It was a tough commission, but I think it is not that impossible.

As long as I rely on top tier materials I've gathered so far, and some Runic Engravement I have thought about, it is not an impossible task!

I also added another component to the creation of this dress, the Spider Queen's Threads I can naturally produce out of my fingertips, from right below my nails.

This and Void Wielding Arts are powerful Skills I acquired after devouring a part of Lolth's Soul using my Curse.

This was because, like when it happens to Divine Protections, eating a God Divine Soul makes the system transform this power into Skills.

I am still figuring out how to properly use them in battle, but the threads are an excellent material. They can change their durability, quality, and traits as long as I imbue them with lots of Mana.

So, I decided to test the limits of these threads and imbue all the Mana I could.

FLAAASH!

The white threads slowly turned black, and then gray, and then gained a hint of metallic color, turning silver...

And lastly, gold!

"Golden Threads? What is this?"

Ding!

[You've imbued the max amount of Mana into the Spider Queen's Threads!]

[The Threads have reached their strongest form, [Golden Divine Threads]!]

[Their durability is the highest possible, they possess resistance against magic damage and physical damage, and can absorb a part of the elemental damage they take to restore their own durability.]

"Hahh... Oh, it was hard to produce them though."

If it wasn't for the strengthening of my soul, using so much Mana would have surely made my soul gain a few cracks... If I push myself more than this, it might take some damage.

I might possess the ability to bring infinite quantities of Mana, but my body and soul, their recipient, doesn't have an endless amount of durability.

Well, my body technically does, to an extent...

However, my soul doesn't.

Just remembering the time I got my body dismembered into pieces by that damned skeleton makes me feel a bit weird.

Back then I was so young and weak, but my body has grown tough enough that I'll never let that happen to me again.

But even when that happened to my, I remained conscious, my body, even when torn apart, didn't died... I guess this was the effect of infinite HP, but it didn't give me infinite regeneration though.

Its like... I become a zombie or something.

"Sylphy, I'm done!"

However, Aquarina's voice brought me out of those distracting thoughts, as she brought to me two big, azure-colored metallic ingots.

"You made them already? Amazing!" I said happily. "This fabric should be done by now too, Violet, can you combine everything together one last time?"

"Guuh!"

Violet took all the threads I had weaved into a beautiful white fabric, and combined them together in her stomach, synthesizing them into the ultimate fabric I could create at this moment.

Ding!

[You have synthesized the [Divine Golden Spiritual Fabric (S+++ Grade)] x10!]

[You gained +5.000.000 EXP!]

[You gained +20.000 Skill Proficiency.]

"Nice, not bad."

I also took a look at Aquarina's ingots. They were named [Spirit King's Rainbow Mithril Ingots] and were also S Grade in quality.

With these two materials it was finally time to craft some new things!

Oh, and as for Lara's horn ornaments, I was going to use the second ingot Aquarina made, plus some of this metallic fabric, and several sunstone and magic jewels.

#### Chapter 1034 Amazing New Equipment For Friends!

Using the sketches and the molds I had made beforehand, the creation of the items I wanted went smoothly. I had already some experience sewing a lot of things beforehand, which I've been learning from my mother since the tender age of five.

And accumulated with my previous life experiences at sewing, which I also learned from my mother in my previous life, I was a pretty good artisan myself.

Mist's beautiful dress came out nicely, I weaved the fabric and shaped it with a god-level needle I made using the hardest metals I had, all while changing its shape with my Fusion Synthesis Skill.

The dress was slightly similar to the one she was wearing right now, but had a more elegant appearance, something akin to the white and silver clothing of a Saintess rather than a nun.

I added some nice decorations to it but made it so it still wouldn't completely stand out. Above all, I added lots of Runic Engravings.

They were placed on specific areas of the dress, so once they activate, the special ability will cover all vital parts of her body.

Moving on, for Lara's ornaments, I made them use a fusion of many protective and strong alloys, that won't hurt her horns on the long term when equipped either.

I decorated them with spirit stone fragments of each element I had, both ornaments resembled two beautiful, thin and golden rings which she could easily put on her sheep-like horns.

And lastly, for Pyuku, I made him a little, blue-colored bracelet with a blue jewel on top, made out of the specter's magic crystal fused with a water attribute spirit stone and his own slime.

And all three equipment were done! Thanks to Aquarina's help, I got them done in about forty minutes instead than an hour.

Also, I had some ideas on making something for my little brother, some ring that could help him release more of his powers without burdening him, but I'm still working on the recipe and the sketches...

Ding!

[You have crafted [Sunshine Saintess Dress Of Divine Light (S+ Grade)] x1!]

[You have crafted [Spirit Saintess Ornaments of Spiritual Harmony (S+ Grade)] x1!]

[You have crafted [Bracelet of Tranquil Azure Soul (S Grade)] x1!]

[You gained +15.000.000 EXP!]

[You gained +30.000 Skill Proficiency.]

[The [Mana Manipulation: Lv3] [Fusion Alchemy: Lv2] and [Metallurgy: Lv6] Skills have Leveled Up!]

I gained so much EXP out of these too! I guess crafting to gain EXP is a nice way to grind on this resource too...

Also, the Mana Manipulation Skill already reached Level 4 so quickly, it might reach Level 10 if I keep working hard on it.

Once it reaches Max Level, I'll be choosing a new and stronger Skill for the Mana Usage Skill Tree...

Mana Disruption is already an amazing Skill, using it against Arachne bought us a lot of time, and even against Lolth, it helped.

It becomes much stronger when I merge its power with my Curse too...

But for now, I'll leave those thoughts for later.

To make the items even stronger, I used two system made item coupons on them, and they manifested a status and stronger abilities as a result.

The last item for Pyuku didn't need one, he was pretty strong himself, so only by relying on the item's ability, it should be enough.

However, Mist and Lara would happily benefit from the bonus stats and much stronger abilities.

Once it was done, I quickly put the items inside of boxes, except Pyuku's one, and decided to give them to Zack and Luck.

Aquarina called them for me, as they came rushing once they heard the items were done.

"You got them?" Zack asked.

"Is it done?!" Luck was very excited.

"Yep, here they are." I showed them the items packaged nicely in the wooden boxes. "You like them? We poured our very soul into making them."

"They're awesome!" Zack said happily. "Oh wow, Mist is going to look so cute on this dress.. I can't wait! I have to give it to her right away!"

"This ornament, so elegant and bright, it is ideal for Lara, she will look so stunning..." Luck smiled. "Her horns are one of the cutest areas of her body, with these, she will look like a princess!"

To think he thinks one of the cutest parts are her body are her horns... I suppose Anima have different preferences than humans.

"Pyuku, this is for you from us." Aquarina gave Pyuku something after summoning him.

"A bracelet?" Pyuku felt embarrassed. "T-Thank you so much, but what is it for?"

"It will help you control your senses, so you can either dull then or make them even sharper than before." I said. "It also adds some resistance to the basic elements."

"R-Really? You did this for me?" The blue slime body seemed to be about to cry, his rainbow eyes were shining brightly. "Thank you, you two are my best friends! Buaaah!"

And he indeed cried, he couldn't control his emotions too well, and hugged us tightly by extending his arms into very enormous hands.

"Hahaha, it's fine- ugh..."

"Pyuku you're hugging us too tightly!"

"A-Ah! My bad, sorry..."

He quickly let go of us, as I gave him a pat on his head.

"Don't worry about it, we're friends so the basic thing we can do is look for one another." I smiled.

"Yeah, with this I hope you can fight with us." Aquarina said.

"S-Sure, I will!" Pyuku nodded. "I will help this time; I won't be a coward like before... Sorry about that too..."

"You're apologizing too much, relax." Zack gave him his thumbs up.

"Yeah, all's good." Luck nodded.

Pyuku was moved by the two guy's friendship.

"Thank you guys... You two are like the big brothers I never had..." Pyuku said in between tears.

"Big brothers?" Zack wondered. "A-Aren't you like, older than us?"

"Hahaha, I don't mind that." Luck smiled. "You can count on us any time, Pyuku, we'll gladly be your big bro."

"Uwaah! Thank you so much! Everyone's always so nice... I don't deserve all of your friendship... Thank you so much..." Pyuku was very happy, happier than we ever saw him before.

He was really just an adorable little goober that needed some love.

## Chapter 1035 A Present For Mist

So once we joined with everyone else on our breakfast near the plateau summit, Mist and Lara were amazed by Zack and Luck's gifts.

"So I got you a present, Mist." Said Zack, while Mist was devouring a really big sandwich.

"Muh? A preshent?" She wondered while munching. "What is it? Gulp... Wait, a present?!"

Mist was trying to process what was happening until she realized her beloved boyfriend actually got her something nice.

"Yes, it is something very beautiful I commissioned for you." Zack smiled. "Because you're the best thing that has ever happened in my life..."

"Z-Zack..." Mist blushed like a tomato, while gently receiving the wooden box.

"Open it, there's something in there you'll love." Zack smiled gently.

Mist didn't say another word, opening the wooden box to reveal a beautiful white and silver-colored dress.

But it wasn't any dress, it emanated a powerful Aura of its own, the Aura of the dress called to her, as if it was custom made only for Mist.

And well, it was!

"T-This dress...!"

Mist took it out of the box and looked up to it by lifting it up with both of her hands.

"It's so nice and shiny! It has an Aura of divinity?!" Mist freaked out. "With this I could be protected at all times... Zack, thank you so much!"

She hugged Zack tightly, giving him a bit too many kisses all over his face and then especially on his lips.

"I love you so much! Mooch, mooch!"

"Hahaha, I love you too."

"They're so adorable..." Ninhursag muttered while covering her mouth, she was holding back her tears.  
"My little Zack has grown up to be such a gentleman..."

Mist loved the dress so much she quickly went to put it on...

"H-How do I look?"

She asked rather shyly, her dress shone brightly, as if there were countless sparkles of silver color surrounding her.

Mist looked like an angel!

[Sunshine Saintess Dress Of Divine Light]

[Item Type]: [Dress] [Magic Armor] [Magic Dress]

[Item Grade]: [S+]

[Item Requirement]: [Holy Light Affinity And Archery Techniques At The Mastery Level]

[Item Durability]: [25.000/25.000]

[Item Effects]: [HP]: [+5.000] [MP]: [+8.000] [STR]: [+2.500] [DEF]: [+5.000] [MAG]: [+2.500] [RES]:  
[+5.000] [AGI]: [+2.500] [LUC]: [+5.000] [CHM]: [+5.000]

[Bonus Effects]: [Holy Light And Archery Techniques Power +50% (S)] [DEF & REST +20% (A)] [Damage Reduction -15% (B)] [STR & MAG +7% (C)]

#### [Item Abilities]

[Sunshine Saintess Blessed Divine Armor]: If the wearer has a strong affinity with Holy Light, reduces All Damage Taken by -20% increases the Regeneration Speed of HP by +300%, and grants basic immunity to most status effects. Once enough Mana and Holy Light Essence is imbued into the dress, it is possible to Summon a [Blessed Divine Armor] made of Holy Light and Sunlight Essence, which will increase all Defenses by +100% and Decrease All Damage Taken by -70%, while absorbing 50% of the Elemental Damage Taken as Mana. Constantly absorbs Mana and Holy Light Essence to activate.

[Blessed Arrows of Holy Sunshine]: If the wearer has a strong affinity with Holy Light and has Mastered Archery, grants the ability to summon [Blessed Arrows of Holy Sunshine] that deal up to +300% Damage and ignore -30% of a foe's defenses for ten times the original cost of Magic Arrows. By spending enough Mana, it is possible to summon up to 10 Arrows at once, rotating around the user's body that will fire and attack at any threat that gets closer to the user. Additionally, by combining all ten arrows together, it is possible to unleash a [Divine Arrow of Prometheus] that deals +2000% Damage and ignores -60% of a foe's defenses, but new arrows can't be created for 24 hours after that.

#### [Item Description]

An incredibly powerful dress imbued with many precious and priceless materials, and further improved using top-notch Runic engraving, made by a mighty Alchemist and Blacksmith in training, Sylphy.

This was crafted on a commission by Zack, hoping for his beloved girlfriend Mist to be safe anywhere, while protecting her from any danger.

And the status of the dress itself was already amazing... The abilities over exceeded my own expectations too!

I think my own Divine Protection might have done something to this dress too, it feels like my divine powers were passed on this dress to a small extent due to the compatibility of the materials.

Which is something amazing I had no idea I could do...

"You look perfect!" Zack was really excited about her wearing it. "You're the best!"

"Hehehe, stop praising me so much, dummy." Mist giggled innocently.

"That's such a fancy dress! Where did you even get the money for that?" Celeste wondered. "Wait..." She then looked at me.

"Well, he found a way to pay." I shrugged. "What? Are you jelly?"

"N-No..." Celeste looked elsewhere. "I'm happy for Mist, actually!"

"Hahaha, you look all jelly!" Celica giggled innocently. "Jelly belly! Gummy bear!"

"What are you even talking about?!" Celeste sighed. "I'm not jelly!"

"Jelly belly!" Zephyrus played around.

"Gummy bear!" Celica laughed.

"Ugh..." Celeste decided to ignore the children.

As Mist was happy over her gift, Luck gave Lara her own. A beautiful pair of clear gold ornaments decorated with brightly colored spirit crystals.

"Um, so I got you something too..." Luck said timidly, giving the wooden box to Lara. "It is something that I was thinking you were missing..."

"Oh?! For me too, Luck?!" Lara was shocked she got a prize too. "Lemme see!"

She snatched the wooden box from his hands, which was something I saw coming from a mile away, and then she opened it, revealing the two beautiful rings.

"Rings? But these are too big, Luck!" Lara said confused.

"T-They're not rings!" Luck sighed. "They're ornaments, for your horns!"

"Ohhh!" Lara had to get a clarification to realize what it was for... "Thank you so much, Luck! It is amazing! And so shiny, and they have a Spiritual Aura!"

She quickly put them on, making her beautiful horns stand out...

"T-They look so amazing on you!" Luck was really excited.

"Hehehe, really?" Lara giggled playfully. "Does this mean I am engaged to you now~?"

"E-Eh? I-I..." Luck got embarrassed. "T-That's not..."

"I was joking! Heheh, of course we'll get engaged and marry, right?" Lara giggled.

"R-Right- Eh?! EEEH?!"

Luck was having a hard time dealing with such a straightforward girl like Lara...

## Chapter 1036 Lara's Gift

Lara wore the ornaments, and she immediately felt a rainbow-colored aura rush through her body. It was the same thing with Mist's dress, or even Aquarina's new necklace.

The reason I made this equipment wasn't just to train my abilities, but also to see my friends smile and feel better and safer with them.

We've faced so many threatening foes through our young lives, that any sort of feeling of comfort provoked by getting even slightly stronger, even from equipment, means a lot.

This is a dangerous world where you need to become strong to survive, so naturally, the feeling of growing stronger makes us feel better with ourselves, and on a way, more confident too.

It lightens up our mood, and even makes everyone smile... but above all, the meaning behind these gifts is also important, it is the meaning of love and protection.

Zack's unwavering love for Mist, and how much he wants to protect her, it means a lot to Mist.

Luck's love for Lara, and how he admires her strength, is also something that means a lot to Lara.

And maybe even with us, how I love Aquarina to the point I get a bit obsessed on giving her equipment to make her stronger...

It is because I don't want to lose her.

Ah, if I overthink this, it gets a bit melancholic. We've grown strong enough, I think, to at the very least feel more secure.

And we've got one another and our families too, we're not alone on this.

"These ornaments are so cute!" Lara caressed the ornaments, suddenly realizing her Spiritual Aura grew stronger. "Wow, my buddies really love it too! It is so well made!"

I could notice the presences of hundreds of tiny spirits gathering around Lara, curious about the ornament she was wearing.

It seemed its effects were working properly too!

[Spirit Saintess Ornaments of Spiritual Harmony]

[Item Type]: [Horn Accessory] [Magic Accessory]

[Item Grade]: [S+]

[Item Requirement]: [Saintess of Spirits Only]

[Item Durability]: [10.000/10.000] (Each)

[Item Effects]: [HP]: [+2.500] [MP]: [+12.000] [DEF]: [+3.000] [MAG]: [+5.000] [RES]: [+3.000] [AGI]: [+5.000] [LUC]: [+5.000] [CHM]: [+5.000]

[Bonus Effects]: [Spirit Maic Power +50% (S)] [DEF & RES +20% (A)] [Damage Reduction -15% (B)] [LUC & MAG +7% (C)]

[Item Abilities]

[Spiritual Veil of Elemental Harmony]: If the wearer is the Saintess of Spirits, reduces All Damage Taken by -20% increases the Regeneration Speed of HP and MP by +150%, and grants basic immunity to most status effects. Once enough Spiritual Essence and Spirits are imbued into the ornaments, it is possible to summon the [Spiritual Veil of Elemental Harmony] around the wearer, which will Increase the Magic Power of Spirit Magic by +100%, All Defenses by +50%, and decrease Damage Taken by -40%, while absorbing 70% of Elemental Damage taken as Spiritual Essence to further boost the power of Spiritual Magic. Constantly absorbs Mana and Spiritual Essence to activate.

[Aura of Eternal Spiritual Protection]: If the wearer is the Saintess of Spirits, grants the ability to summon a powerful [Aura of Eternal Spiritual Protection] by fusing the power of Spirits and Spiritual Essence within her body and a perimeter of 30 meters around them. This Aura increases All Stats by +50%, HP and Mana Regeneration Speed by +100%, Elemental Magic Power by +70%, Reduces Damage Taken by -20%, and reduces MP Cost of Spells by -30% to the user and all allies within the Aura's range. With enough Mana and Spiritual Essence, the wearer can also transform this Aura into the [Divine Spirit Fortress: Avalon] which will create a mighty barrier to protect anybody from damage of up to 100.000 of durability. Any foe that touches the barrier will have their stats reduced by -30% and their Magic Power reduced by a further -50% for 1 Minute, while draining their Mana and Health continuously. Once durability reaches zero, the fortress will disappear, and the Aura can't be conjured for 24 hours.

#### [Item Description]

An incredibly powerful pair of ornaments imbued with many precious and priceless materials, and further improved using top-notch Runic engraving, made by a mighty Alchemist and Blacksmith in training, Sylphy.

This was crafted on a commission by Luck, hoping for his beloved friend Lara to be safe anywhere, while helping her support everyone with her bright charisma and personality.

Once again, for being just an accessory, the abilities it held were amazing. I had merged several barrier-type runic engravings and also veil-type spells into it.

I wanted her to be able to conjure a veil to protect herself and also some sort of barrier-buff around her allies or herself.

But thanks to the large amount of high-quality materials and the synthesis itself, the item that was created ended being extremely incredible.

The abilities were becoming more and more complex, and it was also thanks to the system-made item coupon I used on it.

Originally it would have costed me a few million EXP to give it such huge effects, and now I'm only down to a single coupon, so I have to choose well where I use it.

FLAAASH!

The Aura Lara exuded from her ornaments made us all feel at ease, and even rather relaxed. It granted amazing buffs, but it also seemed to be able to calm our hearts.

"I love this, thank you for making it, Sylphy!" Lara thanked me.

"Oh? Ah..." I was found out quite quickly.

"Yeah, thank you so much for making this for me Sylphy!" Mist also thanked me.

Both of my friends suddenly hugged me tightly and kissed my cheeks almost at the same time.

"Mooch!"

"Mooch!"

"E-Eh?! Why am I getting rewarded?"

Zack and Luck were feeling slightly shocked it ended like this... But I appreciate their cute kisses, though, Aquarina didn't like it one bit...

"I wouldn't had made them if they didn't commission me though! Don't reward me for it, haha." I giggled innocently. "It was their own effort that made it possible."

"T-That's right!" Zack nodded.

"Y-Yeah!" Luck agreed.

"Hehehe, you two got so jealous, calm down." Mist giggled.

"I will reward you plenty too, Luck, come here! I'm gonna give you a big mooch!" Lara started kissing Luck's face all over.

"W-Wait, I wanted something more romantic than this- Uwaah!"

Luck was overwhelmed by Lara's kisses...

## Chapter 1037 Developing The Spiritual Heart

"Those are new equipment you made?" My mother asked. "T-Those are even more amazing the more I look at them, even from a distance... Sylphy, I do remember teaching you how to do these things, but never to this extent..."

"I've been training and crafting stuff for years now, mom, of course I would learn the ropes!" I smiled. "I also discovered a way to imbue a bit of my divine protection's divinity into items I make."

"What?!" My mother was even more shocked. "T-That's something that took me a while to figure out... You're truly incredible. Ah, how many times have I said that already? I've lost count."

"I've lost count too, haha." I giggled. "But don't worry about the details, we're here to relax, right?"

My mother looked into my eyes and sighed, her beautiful blonde hair shining brightly beneath the sunlight.

"...You might be right." She sighed, kissing my nose. "I just get all worried because you sometimes are too special... Once you enter the Academy, you'll meet all kinds of people and learn about the true society of nobles. There will be many desiring your talents, and sometimes, they'll do anything to get them. You have to be careful how you show them. I am not telling you to not stand out or something, but... be careful."

"I know." I nodded. "Moreover, I do have the strength to back it up too, if anybody tries anything funny... I won't have mercy, even if it's a noble."

"Hahh... I can already imagine you being quite the troublemaker!" My mother was already having nightmares. "Gosh, just be a good girl, okay?"

"Okay~" I shrugged.

"This girl is quite hopeless..." My mother sighed again.

"Hahah, come on, give her a break." My father laughed. "She has always been like this, Faylen. Let her be. I'm sure she will end up becoming the best student and earning all kinds of awards and achievements."

"You're way too optimistic- But yes, I do think so too. She will be quite the excellent student!" My mother immediately changed her tone of voice. "Heheh... I'll show all those other nobles who mocked me and called me a disgrace to the family for marrying you and having a half-elf child..."

I suddenly felt the flames of vengeance blazing within my mother's eyes...

"There, there..." My father tried to make her feel more comfortable, patting her back. "Calm down, dear. It's alright, we should just be happy they'll do fine."

"R-Right, I got too pumped up there... Anyways! Let's finish up our breakfast, everyone. We're moving after an hour. We have to explore those ruins and then move to the grasslands. We've spent too many days in this plateau." My mother said.

As the leader of the entire group, everyone nodded at her words.

"So we're finally moving to those ruins... I wonder what juicy new information we'll find about how shitty the Gods are." Nepheline sighed.

"Don't say it so rashly..." Shade said. "Won't the Gods take away their blessings if we do?"

"They haven't even now." My mother analyzed. "I fear the blessings can't be retrieved until we die..."

She was right on the mark; Gods can't take away the blessings normally... One must die for them to take it away. However, if they spend enough power, I believe they could weaken the blessing to an extent.

But even if they did that now, our parents were so powerful it would mean nothing to them. Their cultivation of Physique and Magic Circle was already there, and that wouldn't go anywhere even when they were to lose the God's blessings.

Well, that's all my speculation though.

"We've long ago strived away from what they intended from us." My father sighed. "Whatever happens, happens. We have not stopped growing stronger even after retirement due to all the battles we've had to go through."

"Gray said you were all rusty, but I bet he would have been beaten if he fought you guys..." Arafunn sighed.

"The same cannot be said for you, sadly." My mother glared at Arafunn.

"Hey, I'm a free spirit! I do as I please!" Arafunn laughed heartily. "Training and cultivating... it's so boring. I would rather just chill, drink wine and sing."

"You've been doing that for a couple hundred years now." Ninhursag said. "Don't you get tired?"

"Tired?! No way! Hahaha!" Laughed Arafunn out loud. "Life is made to enjoy it, honey! What's the point of it if you don't get to be happy?"

"It's not like we're not happy ourselves..." My mother refuted him. "But whatever, talking with you is like talking with a wall! Not even my father can get through that thick head."

"He has tried a few times~ Very funny, you would love to see him try." Laughed Arafunn.

Uncle was without a doubt the embodiment of a carefree soul.

Once we ended our delicious breakfast, which included all sorts of pastries, teas, and egg and bacon with many types of breads, we packed things up and spent an hour training and warming up a bit for the challenge that was coming.

I decided to concentrate on my usual training of swinging my sword while sprinting, all while constantly letting the flow of Mana, Spiritual Essence, and Ki flow through my body and soul.

There were many methods of cultivation out there, but the method I had made up was one that would kill or cripple most people.

It was so extreme it was only possible for my body, which has endless health points, meaning endless stamina.

Anybody that tried something so rough as trying to make the flow of energies cross all my Meridians, encompassing my entire Physique all while I engrave Runes inside my Magic Circle, while I sprint and swing my sword practicing swordsmanship techniques would collapse after a minute.

Naturally, I also conjured magic circles around me, without releasing their spells, so I can better memorize the spells engraved within my magic circles, which were now six beautiful circles, all rainbow colored.

And of course, my new organ, the crystallization of my spirit essence, the Spiritual Heart, was constantly absorbing the Spiritual Essence produced by my Spirits, which was then sent to me and redistributed to it.

It was a harsh training, but I knew it would eventually yield results...

And it did, faster than I thought...

Ding!

[Your [Spiritual Heart]: [Tier 1: Rank 4: Rainbow Spirit Heart] has Ranked up to Tier 1: Rank 5!]

[Your Spiritual Essence Strength, Quality, and Purity have been increased.]

[As a result, your Psyche, Physique, and Magic Circle have been slightly strengthened too.]

"So quickly?"

I was left rather speechless my Rank increased this fast. My Spiritual Heart was quite unique, as it contained many Spirit Energies from all the Spirits I had.

My spirits are abnormally strong too, some of them because they weren't even spirits originally, but became one through my strange abilities.

I could feel their Spirit Souls, the sources of my Spiritual Essence strengthening too. Looks like Spiritual Heart Cultivation makes your own Spirits strong as a result.

Is this one of the secrets behind the elf's dominance over the humans all this time?

They are sure gifted, to the point it feels unfair, hahah...

## Chapter 1038 Can't Have Infinite Everything

Once I finished my training and everyone was done packing things up, we decided to move on. The summit was right around the corner and the ruins could be seen from all the way here.

On the way, I couldn't help but think about what Alice had told me beforehand...

"Alice, have you run some simulations yet?"

"I have run a few, yes..."

"Then?"

"All of them show how your Spiritual Heart breaks... shattering into pieces. If that happens, it might risk crippling the cultivation of your physique, magic circle, and psyche all at once!"

"Ah, it is way too dangerous to have infinite spiritual essence..."

"Yes, sadly... However, there might be a solution."

"Solution?"

"Yes... If your Spiritual Heart grows tough enough to resist the pressure... Maybe, if you can raise it all the way to Tier 5, it could... potentially work, to be sure, at Tier 5, okay? Not below that."

"Tier 5... That's a long way to go. Did the simulations show you something?"

"Yes, it happened the same all the way to Tier 4, but at Tier 5, you only will have to deal with an immense amount of pain!"

"...I'm used to pain, so I guess it is not THAT bad but... Is there a roundabout way?"

"If we could somehow design a Skill to help toughen up your Spiritual Heart, then yes."

A Skill specifically made for my Spiritual Heart...

I guess the Lineage Skill is not completely related, it only gave me access to it, but everything else is on me after that.

And because I can't learn Skills naturally, nor modify existing ones, there's little I can for now other than hope one of the evolution branches of my existing skills could solve that problem.

"I guess there's little we can do now. Well, it is fine. I have all of you as my Spirits, I have plenty of Spiritual Essence, I don't need infinite amounts."

"I suppose you're right. It was more just me with my wishful thinking... I just want you to be the strongest so you can be safe."

"I guess we think similarly then..."

I also want everyone to become stronger, so they can survive, so we can all survive... The journey we all will go through once the year comes to an end will help us in that regard.

And then the Academy will further improve us even more, I've heard from my mother we'll learn Advanced Magic and Weapon Techniques, and we'll be even given as potential rewards special Cultivation Technique Grimoires.

All of these things that are only available in the Academy will increase our growth higher levels... We can't possibly miss these opportunities either.

However, these serious thoughts were quickly interrupted by an adorable little red-haired prince that walked to my side, gently dragging my clothes.

"Big sis..."

"Zephy? What is it?"

"Big sis, did you make those items for your friends, right?"

"I did... Oh! You want something from me?"

"A-Ah... Not for me! I... I was thinking on commissioning you something for Celica."

Zephy was blushing while politely asking me this... I couldn't possibly reject my little brother's honest request.

"Sure, what do you want?" I asked while nodding.

"I- Eh?! That quickly? You are not going to ask for money?" Zephy was surprised I didn't ask for anything in exchange.

"You're my little brother!" I laughed. "What sort of awful sister would ask their little siblings for money?"

"Oh... Big sis..." Zephy seemed very touched by my words.

"Heheh, so what do you want for her?" I asked him.

"Hmm... I don't know yet, I wonder... Maybe a dress? Or perhaps a tiara, she is like a princess for her golems after all." Zephyrus wondered.

"Don't you know what does she wants? Have you asked her before?" I wondered.

"I... I do remember she's always talking about her golems. I think she would like a new one, but I don't think that would be something you can make, right?" Zephy said.

"A golem! I see, maybe some sort of plushie..." I nodded. "I know! How about a plushie? What's your favorite animal?"

"Hmm, I like bats! I think they're pretty cool, especially the big ones." Said Zephyrus.

"I see! Bats could work as a nice plushie design." I nodded, making notes. "Alright, I think I'll up to it in time... Also, what would you want for your birthday? Any ideas?"

"My birthday?!" He wondered. "But that's..."

"Come on, just tell me! Big sis will give you anything you want." I winked at him.

"Umm... Okay, well..."

Zephy was wondering about that and then gave me an answer after a while.

"Big sis, can you make me a sword? One strong enough to slay bigger and meaner monsters!" Zephy asked.

"A sword, huh?" I wondered. "That would be the first time I make proper weapons... But sure! I do have a lot of materials for that! I'll make sure to make one that can hasten your Cultivation and growth somehow too."

"Oooh, really?!" Zephy got excited.

"Obviously! The best for my lil' bro." I said, patting his head.

"Thank you big sis!" Zephy said happily. "Oh! Looks like we're here!"

He pointed at the distance, as I looked in front of me. The ruins were right there, their entrance opened up, covered on many growths of sunstone.

I could feel an ominous presence from within...

FLAAASH!

And that very presence, once more, seemed to be trying to communicate with me.

"OOOOHHHH...!"

The groan of countless souls echoed inside of my own mind... Until everything went back to normal, as if that never happened.

Now that I knew what had happened here, I knew what I had to do too.

"Don't worry, I'll free your souls from the cursed existences that the Gods have made you into..."

As I made up my resolve and tightened the grip of my fists, we stepped forwards with everyone.

The entrance was wide and filled with crystals, and once we stepped in, we were greeted by a huge corridor extending forwards.

"We're here, let's do this, everyone..." My mother seemed excited. "Let's uncover this place's mystery."

## Chapter 1039 Entering The Sunstone Ruins

The ruin's metallic walls were covered on Sunstone growing everywhere. The more we moved forwards, the more we felt unease, this feeling was coming from the depths of the ruins.

The ruins had the ceiling broken up to a certain point, but the further we went, the darker it became, the only light coming from the sunstones.

My mom quickly conjured a few rotating lights, illuminating the path for us...

"This place, it is definitely another ruin of the gods." My mother stopped her path, caressing the walls. "This metal, which is so hard to extract and process, it is definitely a type of Orichalcum."

"Orichalcum?" Wondered Mist.

"It is a Divine Metal designed by the Gods, it has an incredibly potent and heavy molecular structure, which is very hard to process without using Divine Power." My mother explained. "Because of its structure, it is thought to be tough enough to survive extreme conditions beyond the stars. It is what makes up most of the Gods' ruins and also their fallen arcs."

"The arcs are what some would call their airships, which they used to travel through the stars." Explained Shade. "You have yet to meet one, but there's a ruined arc in the middle of the desert of this continent."

An arc, Alice called these "spaceships" and said humans in Earth had also designed them to an extent... I think.

"However, there seems to be something else here." My mother pointed at some letters. "I am not that good at reading the language of the Gods but... These letters, do they mean: Artificial... Star... Testing... Center?"

"It does say that." Pyuku confirmed it. "Artificial Star Testing Center..."

"Wait, what?" Asked Aquarina. "Does this mean that they were really trying to build a star in here?!"

"Maybe..." Said her mother. "But why? I have no idea. How could an artificial star ever beat the first Demon King anyways?"

"Hmm..." Shade was thinking about something. "Let's continue for now, Faylen. We could find more clues further on."

"You're right." My mom nodded. "Let's resume our exploration then."

As we walked across the many corridors we found, the amount of sunstones never decreased. However, we started seeing corpses trapped inside of them.

Or well, only the bones. However, Lara said that this place had almost no spirits, it seemed that there was a dark, malefic aura that drove them away.

"I can't sense any buddy here... This place's atmosphere... It is scary, nobody wants to get here." Lara sighed, feeling weaker.

"Are you feeling alright?" Asked Luck. "Don't worry, I'm here for you."

"Luck..." Lara sighed, smiling gently. "I'm fine don't worry! I can always summon them here to help me out too, though it is not as convenient as them being present beforehand."

The uneasiness became clearer for all of us once we reached halfway through, when we found something rather... shocking, alongside more text engraved in the walls.

There was something stopping our path, an enormous mass of sunstone growth covering the entire passage, within, there were dozens of skeletons.

And there was a text, not engraved through the God's technology, but sharply written on the hard metal by some sort of... claws.

"This is..." My mother stepped back, reading it.

"What does it say?" I asked her.

"It says... The horrors... of the Gods... shall... be... punished... eternal glory to... death?" My mother was confused. "What... does this means?"

RUMBLE!

However, in that very moment, the walls in front of us started to move, the crystals shifted, the skeletons inside lighted up their empty eye sockets with black flames.

"GROOOHHHHH...!"

And the entity blocking our path awakened... A powerful pressure of darkness surged from within it, forcing us to step back even further.

TRUUUUUMMM...!

My mother quickly conjured a barrier of light in front of us, protecting us from the immense pressure and the aura of the creature.

Its shapeless body took some sort of shape, resembling a multi-limbed, aberration with many screaming human-like faces, a long and sharp tail, and giant claws at the end of its nine limbs.

"GRAAAHHH! PAIN...! IT HURTS...! IT'S AGONIZING! YOU... YOU GODS...! WHY?! WHY?!"

The creature screamed, dozens of souls agonizing in unison at the same time... An accursed existence, much stronger than the Sunstone Treant we fought before...

Ding!

[You've alerted the [Sunstone Aberrant Chimera (Tier 9)]]

[The resentful souls it is made up are in constant and endless agony! The Sunstone fuels itself through their Fear, Pain, and Distress, growing its Aura even further...]

[All its Stats have further increased by +100%! A barrier that negates 90% of Damage has been erected around its body.]

Ninety percent damage negation?! Are you kidding me?

FLUOSH!

A mighty barrier similar to the one the Sunstone Plateau Goats could create emerged, covering the entire aberration as it started to rapidly rush towards us.

"You will all pay... WITH YOUR LIFE!"

As the creature rushed towards us, my father and Shade greeted it with their weapons and techniques.

"Not so fast, buddy."

"Don't be so eager."

My father swung his Divine Sword, unleashing a devastating explosion of consecutive slashes made of Draconic Divine Flames, resembling a tornado of fire.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

Meanwhile, Shade swung his dagger, releasing a scythe-shaped technique that could sever through anything!

SLAAASSHH!!

"GRAAAH!"

BOOOMMM!!!

Both powerful attacks reached the creature, its body receiving some damage, as its pieces fell off... But it seemed it barely took any damage, the barrier covering its body was the real deal.

"No damage? Are you kidding me?" My father looked at his own weapon. "Oi, what's the meaning of this?"

"Ugh, can't you be smart enough to figure this out yourself?!" The sword talked back. "That guy obviously has a divine barrier! It most likely can conjure such power because it was an experiment made by the Gods."

"Divine Barrier?!" My father was shocked, seconds before a giant claw were to almost reach him.

CRAAAASSHH!!

However, he evaded it by a hair, looking at the creature approach him again.

"PAY WITH YOUR LIFE!"

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

My father gracefully evaded the attacks or blocked them with his sword, while sighing.

"Oh well, looks like we'll need some backup! Younglings, can you fight?"

We were more than ready!

"Sure!"

#### Chapter 1040 Sunstone Chimera

The Sunstone Chimera ended being a monster stronger than we imagined, at Tier 9 in power, it held a mighty barrier that could negate most damage.

My father's normal attacks barely got through such a mighty barrier, and even magic wasn't working completely well on it.

Of course, such a barrier wasn't impenetrable. There should be ways to negate it or deactivate it, and that's where we enter.

Although with enough effort and time, I'm sure they could also overpower the monster, the reason we were here with them was to also gain experience and fight.

So we might as well help and make things end a bit quicker, if possible.

"GAAAAHH!"

The Sunstone Chimera gave a furious roar, swinging its giant crystal claws against my father, unleashing explosive waves of corrupted sunlight energy against him.

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH!

My father mightily blocked each attack with ease, swinging his enormous blazing sword to defend. He wasn't having any particular difficulty here.

However, the beast could cover a wider range with its blows. The crystals on its back glowed brightly, firing beams everywhere.

"PAY! YOU WILL PAY!"

With the roars of countless agonizing souls unified as one, the beams were released, explosions filling the entire surroundings.

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

Shade appeared, surging like a powerful mass of darkness and shapeshifting both of his arms into two enormous hands, catching the beams and blocking them.

"As long as we are here, you won't harm them."

"RAAAARRRR!"

The Chimera only groaned in more frustration, constantly charging against the two. At the same time, Nepheline and Ninhursag leaped into action.

Aquarina's mother covered herself with a layer of ore and crystals, resembling a mighty titaness, although her size only increased to twice her original size, going all the way to six meters, while summoning her powerful Divine Relic, the World-Shaking Hammer, Atlas.

"Let's see how freaking tough that barrier of yours is!"

With a smile, she hit the barrier with all her strength, generating a huge tremor that made the whole ruins tremble.

BAAAAMMM!!!

However, the barrier seemed almost unscathed, barely showing any signs of wear!

"How about this?!"

Ninhursag transformed into a huge gray Fenrir, releasing a barrage of claw and bite attacks, alongside beams of darkness and light from her jaws.

CLAASH! CLAASH! CLAASH! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

However, the result was the same, the barrier was almost completely unscathed, and the Sunstone Chimera was barely thrown away a few centimeters after tanking all that damage.

"SHAAHH!"

With a ferocious roar, half its body changed shape, turning into the form of nine snake-like heads, opening their jaws and trying to bite through its foes.

It used the barrier to also enhance the durability of its own attacks, making them incredibly tough as a result.

Despite being Tier 9, this powerful barrier alone made it something like a Tier 10 Monster!

"Quite tough, I can see."

My mother waved her staff, releasing several chains that stopped the snakes from biting our parents, at the same time as summoning a huge cross of light.

The cross of light rotated around the beast and started to generate a powerful energy that weakened it even so slightly.

Uncle Arafunn didn't join, simply watching from the sidelines... Pretending to be guarding our backs maybe.

"ROOOAARR!"

They kept attacking it, but the barrier didn't break at all, and the monster continued shapeshifting. We had to find where the barrier's powers originated and shatter them.

Although our parents were very strong, their strengths were through specialization over their elements.

Yes, they can conjure spells of other elements, but they probably won't hold a candle against strong enough foes.

Therefore, they're mostly forced to use their specialties in conjunction. That doesn't mean they were helpless here.

I know my mother and the rest would manage to find the weakness and destroy it, they overcome all sorts of challenges when they were younger.

They even defeated the strongest being in the world back then, the Demon King, even with many of the heroes perishing in that fight.

But I want to make this end quickly, so we must help them!

And also... I want to continue proving myself, because we'll eventually fight even more terrifying foes one day.

I want to become stronger and show my parents we will be able to take care of ourselves!

So, for that reason...

"[Heavenly Sight]!"

FLAAASH!

My eyes shone with divine light, as I inspected the entire Sunstone Chimera's body in a split of a second. I quickly detected several cracks beneath its "stomach".

Additionally, one of its claws had a weird dark orange color and was disrupted with energies that couldn't flow.

Above all, that barrier seemed perfect, but it was actually being fueled majorly by leftover Divine Power that infected the souls of the victims!

Which is also most likely the source of why the Sunstones grew... The Gods most likely forcefully injected this Sunlight Divinity into their souls.

And because they couldn't take such power due to having small and weak souls, the Divinity worked like a corroding energy, infecting them and crystalizing through their body.

It was an agonizing death... I have to bring them the peace they deserve.

"Sylphy! Do you get any ideas?" Aquarina asked.

"I-I honestly don't know where we could even be of help..." Zack was slightly nervous.

"They're handling it all so well!" Mist said timidly.

"Not too well." I said. "They seem to be on a stalemate. We can't just waste our time with a mob that isn't even the Dungeon Boss, even less if we'll get to fight more of these guys... Such a powerful barrier certainly has a weakness, and I've found it."

"You did?!" Luck asked in surprise.

"I'll need all of you guy's help though." I smiled. "Lara, can you bring some spirits out?"

"S-Sure!" Lara nodded, composing herself.

"Celeste, Celica, Zephy, use your special magic to weaken and try to get through the barrier!" I commanded.

"Okay!" Celeste agreed immediately.

"Sure!" Celica nodded.

"M-Me too? O-Okay!" Zephyrus was surprised I was relying on him.

"The rest, follow me!" I said, leaping into action.

I unsheathed Scarlet and then activated a certain Skill.

"[Mana Disruption]!"

FLAAASH!