

A Glitched 191

Chapter 191 The Awakening Of A New Power!

While I was sleeping, I ended entering Aquarina's soul scape, where we ended hatching an adorable little dragon egg where an ice-attribute spirit came out, resembling a lot the appearance of Leviathan but in baby form, which I assumed might had been he or her child. Somehow laying an egg as a soul that hatched into a spirit... is that even possible? Can souls even lay eggs?

But that didn't matter for the moment, as I had decided to leave Aquarina's side for the moment, as it would be a hard to control little creature which I didn't wanted to go through the annoyance of seeing for a bit more, I ended going back to my soul to rest there.

However, what I found there, aside from the usual group of spirits, was the System, or Alice, as I had renamed her now. She really likes that name.

She told me something quite important, that might mean big things for me in the future. Due to her being Glitched, she is not capable of giving me the full abilities of a System, but because it ended being frozen, the HP and MP never run out, which ended giving me some very strange abilities, the biggest one being endless Mana.

The bad part is that Mana cannot infinitely flow inside the body of a person, and it will eventually make it burst into pieces, just like it might happen to me eventually! And I really didn't wanted that fate to strike me, so of course, I cannot abuse it and had decided to slowly get used to larger quantities of Mana while forging my Magic Circle, quite the arduous task, and it has taken a long time, but I am already able to use a lot of mana more freely than before.

Nonetheless, this is not what's important, what's important is what she told to me. She had specifically told me that she had accumulated enough power and energy in the form of EXP to finally unlock a single part of the System's true capabilities!

Amazing, that's better than nothing at all, and it seems that it doesn't have anything to do with the Stats, or the numbers, those things, so it won't interrupt my endless supply of Mana.

And the function in specific was the ability to... level up? A Skill... Instead of leveling up myself, I can Level Up a Skill through the consecutive usage of it, which will increase its power.

Over time, after reaching certain levels, it will unlock more Skills in what she calls "Skill Trees" or something. I really didn't know it could evolve in such a way.

So now I had the choice between the Skills that I could pick, of course, I can only choose one.

"So which one will you pick?" asked Alice.

"Erm, Alice... This is very hard... C-Can you give me advice? I really don't know... What do I even need? Strength, more ability to see? What about growing more trees? Eh... I am getting more and more inclined into choosing Ember." I said.

"It is indeed a hard decision to make, I am sorry for not telling you this before... I suppose you could pick whatever you think it is better for your current situation. I think I might be able to open up another slot so you can pick a new Skill in the future, but I am not sure how long that might take. After all, my growth had been accelerated because of the stronger beings you've drained EXP from..." said Alice.

"I-I understand... I guess I shouldn't count on another one any time soon, I get it. Well, relying on magic is always the best in these situations... So I choose... Ah, Ember or Agriculture? Which one has the best potential?" I asked.

"Hmm... Both are good and well, you could get some good results either way with both elements as you train their magic... Heavenly Sight is actually unique, Mana Control is just manipulation of Mana, but that is already easy for you, so I don't recommend it..." she said.

"Heavenly Sight, huh? What does it offer after evolving over time? I remember it gave me three little abilities that were somewhat good, Appraisal, Hawk Eye, and Future Sight?" I wondered.

"Yes, although they don't offer a direct fighting power, they can evolve to become more precise and extend their power..." said Alice.

"Hmm... This is very hard to choose..." I sighed.

"You're really indecisive, Sylphy..." said Alice.

"I am sorry! Don't get mad... Okay... Erm, well, I will pick something I want to do personally, and that's growing closer to Nature... Compared to my fire magic, my Nature magic is still not as crazy, so I am picking Agriculture." I said.

"Oh, a bold choice, but it might evolve into something great over time, good choice." Said Alice.

FLASH!

In front of my eyes, a sudden flash of green light came out spontaneously. A sudden system message emerged before me, a very glitchy one that was constantly changing in colors and showing weird letters, and in there, there was the symbol of a leaf inside a small green circle saying "Agriculture".

Ding!

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And it was done, all the system messages quickly disappeared. I looked at Alice, she seemed tired, her small little flame-like body was gasping for air.

"Phew... It is done... I actually did it! I am... I am useful..." she sighed, dropping over the floor.

"A-Alice! Are you okay? Why did you force yourself to do something that exhausts you so much?" I asked.

"Ahh... No, no, it is fine, I am just a bit tired. I will get better in a few days from now, don't worry about me... Sylphy... I just want to help you... However I can... T-This is just my duty, as your System- I mean, as your friend," she said.

Chapter 192 Alice's Recklessness

Alice had grown tired after giving me some new type of power, as she ended laying over the floor of my soul scape. She was so exhausted that the bright white light she emanated was slowly growing weaker, making me more and more worried over time about what might be happening to her...

"Please don't die on me!" I cried.

"Dummy... I am not dying, I am just tired... Sigh..." she said, as she extended a little arm made of white light and caressed my cheeks with it.

"I do this because you're the most important thing in my life..." she said.

"E-Eh? Really?" I asked.

The most important thing of her life?

Did she really had to put it that way? It only makes me feel flattered, but it is also quite embarrassing, if not a lot...

In fact, it is very embarrassing! How come she can say something like this so freely and easily?

I... I also find her as a beloved friend.

Since I was born in this world that I didn't knew what I was, what I was doing, and more.

I felt afraid of what was happening to me, of what I have become...

I was a completely different person after all, it was something that sometimes tormented my mind.

There were often times I thought I had somehow snatched the body of another soul, and that the one that was going to be the true Sylphy might had been not given the opportunity to have a family.

However, the System, or Alice, as I call her, was there for me.

At first, she was a faint little presence, but over time, she grew more and more on me. I continued to speak to her, trying to communicate to her.

I was trying my hardest to have a buddy I could talk with, and over time, she began to slowly answer my words, we conversed together, and we learned from one another.

Alice was the first friend I ever made in this life, and the companion I've ever had since the beginning.

She is someone equally precious to me as I am from her, I suppose.

Over time, more people began to appear in my life, Aquarina, her parents, Zack, Ignatius, Naturia, Furoh... But Alice is still my first ever companion, whom I love dearly.

Ah... Yes, the love of someone dear, a friend...

"You're also someone very important to me... So don't do reckless stuff anymore, okay? You're my good friend... I would have preferred to not get any power if I had to see you like this..." I said.

"S-Sylphy... But... This is just my duty..." she sighed.

Duty... As a System fabricated by a God, I suppose she always thought that her duty was to serve as a System, but for me, she's more than just a System, or a mass of divine runes converged together that makes a "System", she's... my friend.

In fact, she's like my Sister or something, like the twin sister I've ever had within my soul, slowly growing more open as I grew up, always talking with me... She was always such a timid little girl back then, but now, she's so bold, brave, and strong...

Seeing her grow like this really makes me proud.

"You're someone precious to me..." I said.

"I... I just want to help you, Sylphy... I know... I know that you see me as someone else, as a person, despite the true nature of my existence... You're... I guess you're really a very hopeless girl," she sighed.

"Okay, but you're already helping me! You're talking with me all the time, you help me mediate the discussions between my spirits, and you're always there for me... With you and the other guys, I am never truly alone, and we have faced many challenges together as well." I said.

Indeed, many challenges together, training together, learning magic together, learning how to speak this world's language as well, and more.

I know she was always sickly from the beginning, she was always in pain, she was always weeping, so it was also a challenge of mine to help her recover from such a state, it was my own challenge to help her become a better person once more.

It was indeed quite hard, but I was accomplishing it, slowly bit by bit, I was reaching somewhere, some point where she wasn't feeling so sickly, so pained... so seeing her like this...

"I am... Already helping?" she asked.

"Yes! You've always helped me more than enough!" I said.

"Sylphy..." she said.

I couldn't see her face, I couldn't see her expressions, but I could hear her voice, and her voice was filled with emotions, beautiful emotions that seemed to sympathize with my own.

It made me happy to have a sister with me for all times of the day, always with me wherever I was, and whatever I was doing, she always took care of me, and I did the same for her.

"S-So don't do reckless stuff again! I don't care about powerups... I care about you..." I said.

"Sylphy... Don't you understand that... I am... a tool?" she asked.

"You're not a tool, maybe you can help me gain power but you're more than that to me, you're like a Spirit, there is a mutual contract, I cannot simply receive from you while I don't give you anything on return!" I said.

"Y-You're just talking nonsense now..." she said.

"No! I am talking my mind out and... I want you to come out one day... For now, rest, and don't sacrifice your own power and health just to give me a bit of power... I prefer you to amass it all so you can one day have enough strength to emerge in the outside world with me..." I said.

The system's light began to glow a bit brighter, it felt as if she was regaining some health out of the sudden. I didn't know what was happening but... I felt as if our connection had deepened.

Suddenly, several rivers of golden colors emerged from my soul, reaching her...

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"Sylphy... I... Okay, fine... You win- Eh? What is this?" she asked.

Alice had given up at the end to my proposal. I wanted to find a way to one day bring her outside, perhaps if I find the knowledge that the Elves have about the Spirits, and more... there could be a way to create some sort of Avatar she could have in the outside of my soul.

But then, as I hugged her, a sudden river of golden light came out of my soul, no- many of them, and they all began to converge into Alice, fusing with her.

"W-What is happening right now?!" she asked.

"I-I have no idea!" I said.

"Uwaaah!"

"Aaaahhh!"

FLASH!

We suddenly felt as if our souls came closer, closer than any time before. What was this? It felt...

Wait, I remember this feeling.

This feeling... it is the same I felt when I made a Familiar Contract with Furoh.

It felt as if our souls momentarily came together as one, our souls, our psyches all entangled with one another.

It was a beautiful thing, but I never thought this would happen with Alice, mostly because I thought we had already done some contract.

I thought the System did something like an automatic contract with the wielder, right?

But that didn't seem to be the case. And this entire time I had Alice within me... We never truly had a contract? So she was never a Familiar, nor my Spirit as I thought...

But now... it was different... It felt as if she was with me more than ever before.

It felt as if she was embracing me in a tight hug, and it felt so good, so nice, so fluffy, I had never felt such a nice hug before in my life except from my father and my mother... and maybe Aquarina.

It was an all-encompassing bright white light, which was so warm and comforting it made me want to sleep even as I was already sleeping.

And I heard Alice's voice. She was afraid, she didn't know what was happening. I was also quite afraid. But I think this is the first time that Alice was truly afraid of something she couldn't fully understand.

I hugged her tightly, I don't know how to hug her even, but I hugged her warmth, her light, and I tried to keep her with me, to not make her feel afraid of this small ritual.

"I think you're becoming my true Familiar now, Alice... Calm down, and stay with me..." I said.

"S-Sylphy... F-Familiar me? I thought I was already one? T-This is..." she said.

"Don't worry, it is nothing painful, just... relax... Ah, here it comes..." I said.

"What does it come?" she asked.

"The memories... forming a pact with someone and making them your familiar makes it so both sides learn from the other's past, their memories, emotions, their innermost secrets are shared..." I said.

"T-That's..." she muttered.

"Endure it for a bit with me... Let's get through this together." I said.

"Ahhh... O-Okay... Please... Don't stop holding me... Don't let me go...." She said.

"I will not... I would never let you go..." I said.

FLASH!

Another flash of bright light encompassed my sight, as I ended finding myself elsewhere.

There was pure whiteness everywhere, and everything was dead silent

What is this place?

Are these the memories of Alice? Perhaps before coming with me?

Suddenly, I saw a large hand, the hand of a tall man made of bright white and yellow light wearing a long toga, with a long beard and hair, and flashy light-colored eyes.

His enormous hands were like the hands of an artisan, wonderfully working in something with utmost care.

He was somehow generating sparks with his very hands, each spark converged together into building something that resembled a fabric, and this fabric... was me? This was Alice back then?

The man wasn't doing this without guidance, there was somebody else at his side, which I had not seen before. It resembled... it had the faint appearance of a woman, standing up right behind him.

She seemed dignified, with long white hair, shiny yellow-gold eyes, and a long white dress. She seemed to be supervising him.

"You're doing it good; this is quite a good one for your first try. Continue imbuing the Divine Runes together, and don't let them fall apart, it is very important that you're careful in this process, it costs us a lot of energy to make a System Runic Body, so don't waste this precious energy." Said the woman.

"Yes." Said the man, slowly making Alice, bit by bit...

So it was like this. She was birthed like this? What an odd way to come to life. But I suppose it was to be expected seeing how she was supposedly made by this very god, this god that... accidentally reincarnated me.

Apparently, if I recall correctly, I ended being dragged instead of somebody else from "Earth Japan" because I had an even higher Positive Karma Count than him... So I ended in this situation at the end.

But it is not like I have not enjoyed the mistake of this man, despite all the bad things, I have also gone through various nice things in this new life... and I am way too attached to everyone now to even want to go elsewhere and reincarnate into somebody randomly...

However, as the man slowly build up Alice, something went wrong.

SPARK!

"Ah!"

The man felt a bit of pain on his hands, as he moved them back, leaving Alice over the table, she suddenly began to malfunction, all the runes in her body that were carefully aligned began to mix together, and everything began to feel chaotic all around her entire body.

"What have you done?! You were doing it so well! You ended adding too much Divine Power into that one Rune and ruined the entire circuit..." sighed the woman, waving her hand, she suddenly grabbed Alice.

"Your first failure, I guess." She said.

Chapter 194 Memories 2

Failure... Being called a failure just when you were born must be really quite... painful.

But Alice was already going through pain the moment she was born, the first few seconds were peaceful, it felt as if she was slowly being webbed out into existence by the masterful primordial hands of a god.

However, when the god committed that mistake, the entire circuit of her existence ended going berserk, and the runes mixed together, some broke apart and began to spread around, and others began to fall off, making her entire existence a "failure".

She was also going through a lot of pain... It must be quite harsh to be greeted with such pain when you're just born.

"Bbzzz... Bbbzzztttt..."

She began to release some very odd sounds, and the goddess holding her sighed. She waved her head and looked at the man that had created her.

"See? You really made this one badly... Well, Systems are very complicated Runic Circuits but they're the most efficient way to "mark" the reincarnated soul your selected as your herald in a world you want to influence..." she said.

"I apologize..." he sighed.

"Don't worry, you can always throw this one to a failure if you ever end up having some soul infiltrating here, it might even be fun to see that little ant struggle, haha..." laughed the woman, as she cockily looked at Alice.

"Sigh... Well, what even can you do if you're so bugged now? Ah, I might as well compact you here, so you don't end up tearing apart." She said.

FLASH!

And then, Alice was suddenly encapsulated inside a silver-colored metallic-like cube. She suddenly felt despair after that, as she was enclosed tightly in something where she felt even more pain.

And then, she was thrown inside somewhere, and for eons and eons, she stayed in here, going through excruciating pain brought by her own existence...

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Until suddenly, I showed up. The god grabbed her and threw her inside of my soul, fusing her with me. The silver cube slowly began to dissipate into liquid metal and fused inside of my soul, completely becoming part of me...

And then, here we are.

Alice... I swear I will make sure that you live happily now, so you can forget this suffering you went through. You're not a failure, you're my dear friend.

Through the creation of a familiar pact with Sylphy, Alice, the "Failure" of a System made by a Transmigration God, suddenly saw the many fragments of memories from Sylphy flowing into her constantly.

These fragments contained Sylphy's deepest memories, which were buried within her mind and soul, for nobody to see except her.

Alice felt a bit dizzy and sickly, but she continued diving through this light, until she reached a new place, it was a beautiful village, with many small wooden houses, children playing around in the grass-covered streets, and people attending their farms, taking care of their animals, and doing their daily lives.

It was peaceful and seemed like a place that was untouched by evil or anything of the sort, the people here enjoyed simple yet struggling lives, but got through their daily lives with effort and time...

A little girl was wandering around, with brown hair and beautiful green eyes.

Alice didn't know who this girl was.

"Who is this girl? What is happening? These memories... I don't remember seeing Sylphy go through this village before..." said Alice.

"Luna! Big sis! Let's go look for water in the wheel, and then let's go wander the forest!" said the little girl, no older than four or five years of age.

The little girl looked at Alice tenderly and lovingly, as if she was really her sister... But of course, she was going through the memories of Sylphy.

Her memories...

And then, Alice realized it.

The voice of a girl older than Sylphy's voice came out of "her" the one she was seeing through her eyes.

"Okay Linda, but let's not go to the forest, it is too dangerous, maybe when you grow older, I can teach you how to hunt rabbits." She said.

This voice was of Luna, Sylph's previous life incarnation.

The soothing voice of an elder sister, guiding her little sister around the village... to pick up water from a wheel, to help their father take out the crops from the farm, and to help their mother cook and wash the clothes, while also cleaning the house.

"Big sis! I cleaned the entire room now!" said the little Linda, as Luna suddenly began to laugh.

"But Linda, you ended all covered in dust! Look at you, geez... You're never going to be the princess you've always wanted to be if you're going to always end up covered in dust like that, little girl." Giggled Luna.

"Eeh?! Ah! I am really covered in dust! Big sis! Please help me clean myself... Don't laugh at me! I told you I was going to be a princess one day!" she said.

The little Linda had dreams of becoming a princess one day, for whatever reason. Despite being farmers and holding no ties to any royal family, she was always enchanted with the tales about princesses and princes.

"Okay, let's go change your clothes and take a bath together, after that we'll wash your clothes." Said Luna.

"Okay!" said Linda.

It was a simple life filled with moments between family. Her father came exhausted after working in the fields, and walked inside of the house while wiping the sweat out of his forehead, he greeted his family with loving hugs and kisses, and then sat down to eat with the rest of the family.

"So today Linda got all covered in dust and we had to wash her entire clothes again!" said Luna.

"Eh? Linda, how can you be like that, little princess? Aren't you going to be of loyalty? How are you going to find a handsome prince if you get all covered in dust?" asked her father teasingly.

"Huh! Don't joke around with it, papa! I am sure to become a princess, my friends always say I am the prettiest girl in the village!" said the little Linda.

"Indeed, you're so beautiful we named you Linda after all." Giggled her mother.

However, amidst such peaceful harmony, the darkness of a past Sylph didn't wanted to remember emerged...

Chapter 195 Memories 3

Alice began to watch Sylph's memories, as her heart felt soothed by such beautiful memories of a tender previous life. For some time, Alice began to think that Sylph enjoyed a first life of love and care, without realizing that it was just small fragments of the beginning of something that changed her life tremendously.

After all, what she saw was the "before" where things were still okay, her childhood and how she spent it taking care of her little sister while living with her parents. Alice even began to get a bit jealous, as she thought that Sylph had always everything nicely, and that she shouldn't try to hide her past from her because she always said it was "painful", and even more, Alice thought Sylph in her previous life was spoiled.

She wished to have lived a life like that, filled with happiness, beautiful moments with a family that loved her, and also to experience what it felt to be loved so much by parental figures, as her own parent, that one God that created her, never saw her as anything but a Failure, an object that was broken, and quickly discarded.

However, she reached "that" part of Sylph's memory fragments. Alice wasn't just browsing through all memories, and the memory share made in the familiar's contract often varied from person to person, sometimes even being considered random what kind of memories could be shared.

But it was said that they aligned with what was compatible with one another's past, and therefore, a feeling of empathy would be created even stronger than before between both parties.

And what Alice was seeing now... was horrible.

She realized that she was wrong for thinking those things. Sylph didn't really had a beautiful life in her previous incarnation, or well, it didn't continued being beautiful after that... incident.

A night like any other, a group of Bandits suddenly attacked her village. There were warriors in there, of course, the villagers fought with whatever they could, the men were brave, and they had already fended off beasts before in a large group. However, against bandits with larger weapons, better coordination, and numbers, they ended being massacred.

That night was when the darkness of the night was illuminated by the light of the flames burning many homes. It was a night that nobody that survived would ever forget...

Luna in that time had woken up due to the commotion, and quickly jumped out of her bed to find the entire village outside being dominated by bandits.

Her eyes were filled with horror and fear as she saw many of these savage men holding the heads of her friends, of the neighbors... it was all so horrifying.

Luna's heart began to beat faster and faster as she swallowed saliva and ran towards her sister's room, finding her awake as well and holding her tightly in her arms...

"B-Big sis, what is happening?!" she asked frightened.

"We have to run, Linda, we have to run!" said Luna, holding her little sister, she didn't even grabbed anything else than her and ran away out of the room, finding her father and her mother that had come out of their room.

"Luna! Linda! T-There's a bandit attack... T-The people... the houses... its all burning! Everyone is dying... Oh my god... Oh my god!" cried her mother.

"Shit! T-Those must be the bandits of the Mountain... So they ended coming so far only for us?! Damn bastards must be desperate for money now... Let's go! Let's run for it! I know an acquittance in a faraway village, we can stay there, there is hope!" muttered her father.

Both of them had come to look for them, and with all four of them together, they planned to quickly escape as fast as possible.

CLAAASH!

However, before they could even open the door, a large torch hit their window and broke it, setting on fire the interior in a second, the flames were fierce and quickly began to burn the furniture and anything they found, meanwhile, the door was slapped open by a trio of pair of large men, covered in scars and wearing monster pelts, holding large axes.

"Gyyaaaah!" cried her mother in fear, as she saw the flames burning all the precious things in her house, all the things they had spent so many years building, so many years accumulating, all these memories were all being burned to a crisp.

"Oohh?! Three woman, and they're all pretty!"

"Oi, you surrender and we might not kill you."

The two men smiled maliciously as they pointed their axes at Luna's father, as they spoke to him about leaving the women and that they might spare him, which was obviously a lie, as if he were left in the house, he would surely burn to death.

"D-Dad...!" muttered Luna.

"Dear..." cried her mother.

"Papa... I am scared..." cried Linda.

"Tch...! FUCK OFF!!!" roared Luna's father, grabbing a trident he often used for the farm and slamming it violently against one of the bandits, piercing their stomach and pushing him down.

"Guuuuaakkkhh!!!"

The bandit cried in agony as his stomach was pierced by three sharp blades and his body pushed down into the ground, he suddenly vomited a mouthful of blood.

"GRAAAAA!"

Her father suddenly roared like a beast, using all the rage and adrenaline of the situation as he began to constantly stab the man's stomach and then his face, leaving him completely unrecognizable.

The other bandit was startled as he looked at Luna's father decimating his partner.

"You fucking bastard!!!" roared the bandit, raising his axe and about to kill Luna's father!

"FATHEEEEEER!" cried Luna, as she left her sister to her mother and pounced towards the bandit, using a dagger she had just grabbed from her own room, which she often used to make small figures out of wood for her sister to play with, and fiercely stabbing the bandit in the neck.

"RAAAAA!!!"

She roared desperately, stabbing the man countless times in the neck!

"Uuuuagggrrrgaaggrga...!"

Chapter 196 Memories 4

Alice saw as Luna and her father killed two bandits out of a surge of strength caused by the adrenaline flowing through their veins as their heart was beating fast over the utter fear of death they had. The two constantly stabbed the bandits, as Luna realized she was being watched by her sister and her mother in utter horror...

She looked into her hand and noticed she was completely covered in blood, her entire face was also all bloodied, and her clothes were all bloodied as well.

Luna realized she looked like a monster, as she desperately tried to calm down her sister and her mother.

"E-Everything is going to be okay... Everything... F-Father!" cried Luna, as she touched her father and quickly brought him out of his berserk-like rage. The man woke up from his daze, as he looked at his entire body covered in blood.

"A-Ahh...! Aaaahh!" he muttered in fear, as Luna quickly dragged him out.

"We have to escape, snap out of it!!!" she cried.

"R-Right! Linda, Luna, dear, let's go, to the forest, hurry!" cried their father, as he quickly walked to their side, but a sudden shadow emerged behind him in a second.

Without anyone realizing, a bandit had sneaked behind Luna's father and with an axe, he hit her father's head, quickly cracking his skull in an instant, as blood splattered all over his family, his eyes exploded out of its eye sockets, and he dropped dead without even giving a cry of pain.

BUMP!

The face of an angered bandit behind him showed up, as he startled the trio of women...

"So you're the bastards that killed two of us? You're a fierce girl, I am going to have fun breaking you." Said the man, holding Luna's hand with a strong hand, but without realizing that she had a knife in her hand.

"F-Father... Fa... ther... Father..."

"He was so soft, he cracked like a fucking egg, GAHAHAHAHA!"

Luna looked at her mother and her sister, who were trembling in fear, they had kneeled in the ground, they suddenly felt weak, as if they couldn't even walk anymore, they couldn't even say a thing, they were fixated in the corpse of her father...

Everything was crumbling in front of her, and the only thing Luna had was a small, bloodied dagger in her free hand.

"Hmm, you smell like blood, you fucking bitch, hahaha- GAH?!"

Suddenly, the Bandit realized a dagger suddenly pierced his neck, as he vomited blood out of his mouth and looked with bloodied eyes at Luna below him, as he was several centimeters taller than her...

Her eyes were glowing with a red color, bloodshot red. Her face covered in blood and sweat, her hair was messy, and parts were stuck to her face due to the blood and the sweat. Her teeth were gritting angrily, as her eyebrows were furrowing furiously.

"You bastard...! YOU BASTAAAAARD! GRAAAAAA!!!"

Luna roared furiously, going completely berserk as she continued to stab the man's neck, he tried to hit her or kill her with his hands, as he put his enormous hands around her neck and began to press with all his strength.

"Aaaaggggh...!"

Luna cried as she felt like Oxygen was running low, but the pain of having her neck almost about to crack was even more agonizing, however, the man in front of her was bleeding out intensively, and his eyes ultimately rolled out before she could die, falling over the floor.

"Hahh... Hahhh... M-Mom... S-Sis..."

Luna kneeled in the floor, gasping for air as she glanced at her mother and her sister suddenly being dragged away by bandits before she could even realize.

"LUNAAAAA!"

"SISTEEER!"

"E-Eeh?! Wait! No! Let them goooo!" she roared, trying to stand up and chase them down, only to feel a sharp pain in her left eye as something heavy hit it strongly, an arrow.

"A-Akh... Ungh... Grraaah..."

TUMP!

Her body fell over the floor, as Luna attempted to take out the arrow from her eye, but the agonizing pain, the exhaustion, and all of these things combined ended making her fall unconscious...

Darkness embraced her consciousness, as she realized that everything had crumbled apart. Her father was killed, her mother and her sister were taken away and probably going to be sold as slaves, and she... was about to die.

Alice looked at the sorrowful memories, this was when Sylph's previous incarnation lost everything. This was... the turning point of her life, where she lost all the things in her life.

"Sylph..." she sighed.

The memories didn't stopped there. There was still a small fragment left, a very small fragment that Alice looked at.

Luna's eye suddenly opened, as the sharp pain of her other eye being pierced by an arrow was still there. Somehow, despite the pain, agony, and dizziness, she slowly sat down, glancing around, finding that it was already the morning of the next day.

The entire village was in ruins, and nothing was left except corpses and... her.

"Mom... Sister... F-Father..." she cried, looking at her father's corpse in the ground near her.

She looked down in the grass, gritting her teeth, and at her bloodied hands... It was all over.

Everything in her life had been taken away from one day to another, without previous warning, without any sort of warning at all.

Everything... all of it...

She was left alone to die here. Her eye was going to continue being infected and she would eventually die agonizingly with a fever she was already having.

"Aghh... Ungh... Hahh..."

Luna began to cry. Her left eye cried tears of blood, while her right eye cried crystalline tears.

She gritted her teeth, thinking that everything was over.

Until suddenly, the shadow of someone covered the light from the sun slowly rising in the horizon.

Luna looked at that person, as she found a woman with short red hair, a large scar in her face, an eyepatch in her right eye, wearing black robes, tight black pants, and holding a knife in her hand.

She looked at this woman in silence, confused if she was going to get killed...

"If you want to live, stand up and follow me." Said the woman, as she walked away.

Luna looked the woman slowly walk away for a few seconds. After that, she stood up and followed her.

Chapter 197 The Bond Of A Familiar Contract

Alice looked at the last fragments of memories coming from Sylph, this was the time when she met the "teacher" she always talks about. Alice always wondered if this "Teacher" was a woman or a man, but now she was confirmed that it was a woman, although she really looked like a man.

This scarred woman, wearing black robes, and an eyepatch was the one that led Luna in her moments of utmost agony, where she felt the weakest and the most pathetic.

This woman... was the one that guided her and taught her many things. She was the one that helped her grow stronger until the moment she could rescue her mother and her sister, which was also the last moments of her life before she died at very young age...

Despite dying so young, she had lived so many experiences and gone through so much pain... Was she lucky, like Alice thought? Was she someone that always had everything in her life? Was she a spoiled girl at the end?

No... she was never anything of that...

Much like her, Luna went through pain and agony until the last moments of her life.

To think that the cheerful and adorable little half-elf girl would have such a dark past...

It made Alice realize that she was being too selfish with her thoughts. Despite having a shorter life, Luna suffered just as much as her, if not even more.

Unlike Alice, Luna lost her father, and her life, and everything else... She went through so much pain, perhaps it wasn't even comparable to her own.

It made her compare between the pain of two people, that of Luna and herself.

However, at the end, she sighed, thinking that it was also selfish to try to think that other people's pain was less than yours by comparing them.

Everyone had different minds, lives, and traumas, it was obvious that people would feel different levels of pain and agony depending in their situation. It is often useless to compare.

Alice suddenly found herself once more inside of Sylph's Soul Scape, as the little half-elf girl was standing there as well, looking at Alice with her beautiful green eyes.

"Alice... I... I saw a bit of your past... I-I am sorry for what happened to you..." said Sylph.

"S-Sylph..." muttered Alice.

"I will make sure to make you happy... To make up for all the suffering you went through... It must have been hard, isn't it? I will try to make you happy..." said Sylphy, as she hugged the bulb of light that was Alice.

"S-Sylphy... I also... saw a bit of your past... You... Your previous life... What you went through... all the things you lost..." cried Alice.

"Ah... Oh that... W-Well, that's a bit embarrassing..." said Sylph.

"Are you feeling okay? Even after going through so many things... How can you be so strong willed? I..." muttered Alice.

"I am fine, don't worry. That's on the past... I did what I could, and I even helped out my mother and my sister escape... I died too after that, but I want to trust that teacher and the rest are taking care of the two... I want to trust in that future, and leave the rest up to them..." said Sylph.

"I see.. W-Well, it is not like we can do much... Hahh... Sylphy, I want to hug you too..." sighed Alice.

"W-Why so lovely out of the sudden now?" asked Sylph.

"I just... I am just moved with your past, it was so sad! I am sorry..." said Alice.

"Sorry? Why?" asked Sylph.

"I... I thought that you were a spoiled kid sometimes... But now I see that... you went through a lot... You're not really childish at all, you're just incredibly strong willed... I wish I could be a quarter of what you are..." said Alice.

"Eeh?! Why are you saying such a thing! You're unique on your own things, Alice! Never wish to be somebody else, instead, just keep improving yourself so you can become the best person you can ever be." Said Sylph.

Alice was left startled by Sylph's words. They were so simple and even a bit childish, but they held a lot of truth on them. It was better to stop envying other people's lives and just try to improve oneself to become the best you can ever be.

Because it was obviously pointless to envy others, it was never going to get anywhere, and it would only make you feel more terrible at the end...

"Sylphy you always say some things that are always on point... Okay... Ah, for some reason... I feel more solid? So weird, and the pain... it is gone? Almost gone... I still feel a bit of aching... But... I don't feel as exhausted as before either. Is this being a Familiar all's about?" wondered Alice.

"I think so, you can share your pain and exhaustion with me, it is a trait of a familiar and their master... We can share the burdens together... Don't worry, my body is immortal anyways." Said Sylphy with a bright smile.

"S-Sylphy..." sighed Alice.

"And if I ever get torn to shreds, mom can always regenerate me back." Said Sylphy while nodding and smiling proudly of her mother's healing powers.

"S-Sylphy! That's a bit too far, don't be torn to shreds! That was already so horrifying!" said Alice.

"Okay, I was joking! Hahaha..." giggled Sylph.

The two looked at one another as Sylph hugged the light bulb-shaped Alice and suddenly kissed her.

"I will one day bring you out, somehow, and we'll explore the world together." Said Sylph.

"Geez... Still with that idea? Okay... Fine..." said Alice.

"And then, we'll have a lot of fun together and I will show you Aquarina, Zack, and my family, and Aquarina's family too, and Nin! I am sure everyone will like you, just like Ignatius and Naturia, and Furoh." Said Sylph.

"Sure... Sure... You win, I will try to find a way as well, I cannot let you have all the burden after all..." said Alice.

"That sounds great! We'll work together on it." said Sylph.

"Yeah... We'll do." Said Alice.

Chapter 198 Learning About Skill Proficiency

After the events that transpired between both Alice and me when we made a familiar contract without realizing, I suddenly woke up.

It was already the morning of the next day, and Aquarina was still sleeping soundly at my side.

I realized that somehow, I felt stronger, I checked my Soul and found that the Magic Circle had been enhanced, it gained a dozens of runes, specifically bright ones, are these from Alice?

And... Eh? I seem to have even increased two Ranks in one sitting all thanks to these accumulated runes made from our familiar pact!

Wow, amazing, so I am Tier 2 Rank 3 Magician! I am already way above the average joe in terms of magical power now!

...Well, I was already like that even before this, Ember and Agriculture are big cheats, especially when paired with Mana Usage.

However, now that I wonder about it, I remember that Alice said that Mana Usage getting Level Up ability wouldn't be as great as the other Skills because it would be "more of the same" and she had even said that my Mana was already regulated by her, so there wasn't any need for the moment.

Also, by just leveling that Skill my body won't be able to suddenly harbor infinite quantities of Mana, so I cannot go overboard even then, and it was better to just pick the other more active skills that can take a more "active" role in the battlefield or in the utility of day-to-day activities.

So I ended picking up Agriculture, I am going to become a Farm Girl! Well, I already got the Farmer Job Class for a long time anyways, so we'll make sure to make it shine.

But how?

Eh, I don't know, I have to first make the Skill level up a couple of times before I can even see anything new popping up, so its going to take a long time.

So how do... I level up a Skill, anyways?

I checked the Skill once more while Aquarina was sleeping, although I really don't know if others can see through the System windows like I can.

[Agriculture: Lv1]

Skill Proficiency: 0 / 1000

A signature Skill from the Farmer Class.

Grants the ability to detect the health of plants, their inner talents, capabilities, and species by just glancing at them. Additionally, grants the ability to enhance and control plants through the usage of Mana.

I see, it has a Skill proficiency with a zero and a slash... and then there is the rest of the numbers? Does this means I need to reach that number for the Skill to level up?

Suddenly, the voice of Alice whispered to my mind.

"Yes, that's right, Sylphy. You have to repeatedly use a Skill to gain proficiency. There are also other ways to do this, battling might also give Skill Proficiency if you use that one skill, giving you a greater bonus." Said Alice.

"I see...! Let's see... Erm, I guess I need a target to use the Skill... Ah, there is a small grass there, isn't it?" I said, as I jumped out of the bed and saw a small grass growing at the side of the tent.

I touched it and used Agriculture, a second after that, a bright green light encompassed the tiny grass, and it grew a few centimeters.

Let's go back to the Skill and see...

[Agriculture: Lv1]

Skill Proficiency: 1 / 1000

A signature Skill from the Farmer Class.

Grants the ability to detect the health of plants, their inner talents, capabilities, and species by just glancing at them. Additionally, grants the ability to enhance and control plants through the usage of Mana.

Oh! I gained 1 point by just doing that? A tiny enhancement gives so little... But I got infinite mana, so as long as it is not so taxing, I can keep enhancing plants forever until I reach the next level.

"Yes, that's right. The God designed this System very unfairly, I have no idea how it is possible for something to grow stronger just by being used repeatedly, but don't blame me, that's how he designed this weird rule." Said Alice.

"I see, no that's fine, I am glad it is like that! I will just keep repeatedly using this in this tiny grass while Aquarina sleeps!" I said.

As I continued to make the grass slowly grow, I gained one little point more of proficiency, I could do this every five seconds approximately, so it would take me... a bit over an hour to get it to Level 2 if I am not interrupted at all! Wow, this is easy as it can get. I thought it was going to take me a long while.

POOF!

POOF!

POOF!

POOF!

The grass continued to grow a centimeter at a time as time went on as fast as it could possibly go, and over time, it ended being over an hour, and Aquarina finally woke up.

I assume by the sun barely showing up that it is around 9 AM at most...

"S-Sylphy? Why are you growing that grass so big?! It is already several meters long!" said Aquarina, waking up and finding a single grass leaf which I ended making it grow so long it seemed like a rope.

"Hahaha... I was practicing magic, you see, they always say that practice is very important! So I am just continuously conjuring magic." I said.

"W-Without even chanting?" she asked.

"Yeah, its cheap easy..." I said.

"Unbelievable..." sighed Aquarina.

I checked into the Skill once more and saw the changes...

[Agriculture: Lv1]

Skill Proficiency: 723 / 1000

A signature Skill from the Farmer Class.

Grants the ability to detect the health of plants, their inner talents, capabilities, and species by just glancing at them. Additionally, grants the ability to enhance and control plants through the usage of Mana.

Oh, I am almost getting there already! This System is really easy to handle when you finally unlock the overpowered cheats... Hopefully the proficiency doesn't keep increasing too much...

"It will..." said Alice.

Ah...

Chapter 199 Movements In The Amazon Tribe

"A-Anyways, Aquarina, how did you slept?" I asked.

I tried to avert Aquarina from the fact I was growing a grass way too long for some odd reason. She sighed a bit as she began to wrap around the grass leave and then gave it to me.

"Good, although you meddled in my dreams, and it now feels awkward when I think about it..." sighed Aquarina.

"A-Ah... Right... Well, sorry... Anyways, how's the baby dragon?" I wondered.

"He's sleeping and doesn't want to come out at all... So we'll have to wait until he wakes up. I hope that's soon, I want to see if I can practice ice magic with it!" said Aquarina.

"Hm! I am looking forward to seeing you grow stronger in ice element as well... Although my mother always says that it is a pretty dangerous element, it can easily pierce and freeze things, which might cause lethal damage... So you'll have to be careful, especially if you don't have enough protection spells or you'll end up freezing yourself instead..." I said.

"T-That can happen? I didn't knew it was so complicated... I thought we were immune to our own magic..." said Aquarina.

"W-What? No, we aren't... Some elements can be just less lethal for the wielder than the foe, such as water, wind, and so on. This is why my mother calls those elements as "newbie elements" because they usually have a hard time hurting the wielder..." I said.

"Oh, I didn't knew that either... I guess water magic is very soft with me, I never get damaged with it..." said Aquarina.

"It might also be thanks to spirits. I remember that my father told me that spirits can help you conjure magic, and also make it so it doesn't hurt you by controlling it very well... That's why it is important to get a spirit of your main element. Most people that find one or a fitting familiar tend to specialize to the element of said familiar or spirit!" I said.

Aquarina opened her eyes wide as she sat down over the bed.

"Sylphy, you know way too much, it feels like you're my mom now or something..." she said.

"Ah... It's just that I love magic so much that I always remember all these tips my parents told me back then... I save them inside my brain and never let them get forgotten, they're always important and useful tips when conjuring magic." I said while smiling and nodding.

Aquarina nodded while smiling back at me, she was as cute as always.

"I see... Well, you know so much it is surprising... But why were you growing a grass leaf?" she asked.

"T-That's... Well... As I said! I was practicing magic..." I said.

"Huhuh... Practicing magic... Alright... Hmm... I guess..." said Aquarina, while squinting her eyes at me.

She was having suspiciousness, but I really didn't know what else to tell her, I cannot just say something about a System, she won't believe me anyways, so I am better off not telling her.

"Anyways, you seem very energetic this morning... Did you have good night?" she asked.

"Yeah, I had a nice dream... I think I... Erm, never mind, I just slept well." I said.

"I see... Are you feeling hungry? Let's go eat something with papa and mama." Said Aquarina with a cute smile, as she gave me her hand and helped me stand up, as I was sitting in the ground.

I quickly cleansed the dirt in my dress and moved out of the tent, finding the Amazon people moving around everywhere, carrying things, and mostly packing a lot of stuff.

What's going on in here?

"What's happening?" wondered Aquarina.

"I don't know... They're packing things? Is the tribe moving out?" I asked.

"No... I don't think so, we just moved a month ago to this location, what else could be a reason to move- Ah, right, the goblins!" said Aquarina.

"The goblins... So they're forcing the people to move out?" I asked.

"Yes, most likely something is happening regarding the goblins..." said Aquarina.

"Well, let's go talk to our parents about it- Ah, let's also go pick Zack, never forget about him..." I said.

"Eh, I guess... Ah, Pyuku! Did he go off again?!" wondered Aquarina.

"Again?!" I asked.

"Pyuuukuuu! Where are you?!" asked Aquarina.

This Slime went off again, it seems. When we woke up, we didn't find it anywhere inside of our tent. Even when Aquarina told him to stay with us, the damn slime went elsewhere again.

Seriously, what's up with this creature and why does it keep moving out? Maybe we should force a familiar contract on him by beating him down and then Aquarina can hold him captive as a tamed familiar or something... That might work.

Or not? Maybe that's a bit too cruel... Am I that cruel of a person? No, of course not! I am a very nice girl, actually, so I would never do that to a little slime.

...But if he continues doing this, he might end up forcing my hand.

I walked towards Zack tent and found him half naked doing... exercise. He was currently doing squats. I was able to take a peek on his body more closely, I never thought a kid would have abs and well-defined pectorals like he did.

Really, children from another world are really something else...

He was also covered in sweats and small scars across his back, arms, and chest... What did he went through in the past, I wonder?

"Hey." I said.

"UWAAA! S-SYLPY?!"

Zack was startled and even cried in horror, covering his body with some clothes in embarrassment.

"Haha, don't worry, I've seen my father's nude body before, a male's body is not something that surprises me." I said.

"I-Is that so? W-Well, that you're weird doesn't mean that I will lose my embarrassment anyways! G-Get off, I am changing clothes!" he said.

"Okaaaaay..." I said, walking away. I had never seen him that embarrassed before, he might have been way too concentrated.

Chapter 200 We Are Moving Out!

After Zack walked outside the tent, he sighed in relief.

"You had a pretty well-built body for your young age, but don't overexert yourself. You have to make sure to live your childhood too." I said.

"Eh? Why are you talking like an old woman out of nowhere?" he asked.

"Ah! N-Nothing... Anyways you stink, you're taking a bath after breakfast." I said.

"Sure... I'll take a bath." He said.

"With me and Aquarina." I said.

"Yeah, sure... EH?!"

Zack looked at me as he grew increasingly red.

"What? We are friends, you're literally my brother to this point, and Aquarina's too, we often took some baths together with Aquarina and I, so you are joining shouldn't be anything bad..." I said.

"T-That's... not right! Men and women shouldn't share bath!" he said.

"Why are you so stiff? You're literally from a tribe of wild people... Be freer..." I said.

"I-I won't take a bath with you two!" he said, suddenly covering his crotch with his two hands.

"Why are you covering yourself there?" I wondered while raising an eyebrow.

"N-Nothing! Shut up! I-Idiot!" he said, running towards Aquarina's tent where her parents and mine were right now.

Seriously, did he got a boner out of thinking that? Maybe it wasn't a good idea inviting him to a bath, I actually wanted to give him a massage using magic so his muscles would stop being so tense, they were very stiff, and he might get cramps. Imagine having cramps at such a young age...

"Pyuku is nowhere to be seen." said Aquarina, joining me as she saw Zack running away.

"What's up with him now?" she wondered while raising an eyebrow.

"He got a bo- Nothing." I said.

"Huh?" wondered Aquarina.

We walked back to the tent, where we finally found Pyuku, he was actually eating stew out of a wooden plate that our parents left in the ground.

Oh, so he was just hungry and came to pick up a nice meal, I get it.

"PYUKUUUU!"

Aquarina cried a bit as she jumped over the slime, who was startled and almost tried to run away, but she was faster than him, after all you don't grow weak when you're trained by a Hero that saved the world, especially one that is the fastest of them all...

"Pyuuuuu..." cried Pyuku, as he began to get squeezed by Aquarina's arms, his entire body turned liquid and began to spread around the orifices of the hug, as if he were melting away...

Aquarina got some very strong hugs, I tell you that.

"Sylphy, good morning." Said my mother, as she kissed my cheek.

"Good morning mommy, what's for breakfast?" I asked with a voice of a spoiled girl.

"Stew." She said expressionlessly.

"Stew again?!" I asked.

"Sylphy! We are not at home! We don't got all the ingredients we want, be patient." Said my mother.

"O-Okay..." I sighed.

My father came to my side and hugged me tightly, kissing my forehead and my nose.

"When we get out of this, I'll make sure to get you some tasty food. How did you slept?" he asked.

"Good..." I said.

My father always spoils me more than my mother, but I have also seen the soft side of my mother. It just that my mother is always stricter, sometimes...

I guess that's just her nature as a very old elf now that I think about it. Maybe I have to think about her as if she were a very old grandma...

Ah, no, better not, that completely destroys my image of her.

Shade and Nepheline greeted their daughter and Zack was already sitting over the table eating stew while looking at me. He was all red like a tomato.

"What's gotten into you now?" I asked.

"N-Nothing, shut up..." he said angrily.

"Zack! Are you telling my princess to shut up?" asked my father while furrowing his eyebrows. He actually didn't tolerate when he was insolent to me while he was present.

"A-Ah! N-No..." he said.

"Apologize to my girl! You think you can just treat her however you want in front of her father?" he asked.

"N-No, sir! I am sorry, sorry!" he said, apologizing to me.

My father crossed his arms while nodding.

"Father, relax, we are friends, his personality is just like that, I don't really mind, I also call him idiot sometimes." I said.

"Ah..." my father looked at me with a bit of a complicated look on his face.

"Come on, we treat each other badly all the time," said Shade.

"T-That's different!" he said.

"You're too overprotective of your girl, Allan, she won't grow a backbone if her father is always protecting her even from a kid telling her to shut up!" said Nepheline.

"You're no one to tell me that!" said Allan while pointing his finger at Nepheline.

Nepheline began to laugh loudly as she teased my father.

"Ahahahahaha! Look at him angered!" she laughed while pointing her finger at my father, she suddenly slapped Shade's back strongly, almost making him cough, so he could laugh at her side.

"Ugh... Yeah, I saw, you don't have to slap my back..." he sighed.

"O-Oh... My bad... I sometimes forgot you're the skinny type of guy! Ahahaha!" she laughed.

"My mother's laugh is the loudest there is..." said Aquarian while covering her ears.

"Okay, girls, relax. Here's your stew, dear." Said my mother, giving me and Aquarina some stew with a big piece of bread and then she served some tea.

"I am not a girl!" said my father.

"Well you act like one sometimes, relax." Said my mother.

"..."

My father looked at my mother expressionlessly, but I could see he got a bit of disagreement with her.

He sat down and began eating stew in silence, it looked like things were a bit tense with him, he seemed like he had some stress accumulated.

"Anyways, what's happening outside?" I wondered.

"Yeah! Why are the people moving out the things and all? I don't get what's going on..." said Aquarina.

"Oh, that... Well, we are moving out of the Forest." Said Shade.

"Yeah." Said Nepheline.

"EH?!"