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Chapter 441 Visiting The Fiefdon Lord's Residence

At the end, Mary agreed with my parent's proposal and she decided to move out with everyone after my parents settled things down with the aristocrats. As of now, they were already getting ready to go pay them a visit, and they were bringing all of us with them. The only one that would stay here protecting the orphanage was Arafunn, which worried me a bit.

"Err, is uncle Arafunn really trustworthy?" I asked.

"Eh? Of course I am, Sylphy! What do you mean I am not?!" Arafunn asked as if he was offended, he was pretending though.

"W-Well, you're kind of oddly unreliable." I sighed.

"Don't worry Sylphy, I trust him more than you think." Said my mother. "And even if he fails, the barrier is here, and a few other surprises. Let's hope things go well for now."

"I hope..." I sighed.

Arafunn looked around dumbfounded by our little trust for him.

"Goodness, Sylphy... Give me some slack, I am actually a very strong and reliable person." Said Arafunn.

"Don't worry, I'll protect the children here. I might look lazy, or somethings airheaded, but I am actually someone that cares more than you imagine."

My uncle smiled honestly, as he gave me a head pat.

"Okay... I'll trust you, uncle. You're someone I still admire, and your songs are very beautiful. Don't disappoint us, okay?" I asked with a smile.

"Haha, leave it to me." Arafunn saw us depart with Mary at our side, as we needed her for testimony. Mist wanted to stick with us as well and bringing a representative of the children was also an idea of my mother too.

Celeste would have been more ideal as she was more mature, but she seems to have gone to the dungeon, which had recently opened once more. Although the fear of the Dungeon Break still lingers around, Adventurers are people that can only live by hunting inside dungeons, so they had resumed their conquest and daily grind. The death of the adventurers was mourned and their bodies were buried already, but life goes on I suppose. We can't simply concentrate in the dead forever, even if it hurts.

We made our way to the castle atop the country's city, which was over a tall hill. The entire Noble District was located here, and closed with walls with large doors made out of metal. There were over ten guards guarding this place, so it seemed completely off limits for anybody that wasn't nobility.

"We are here, we are the S Rank Adventurers and we have come to meet the Lord of this land and the Nobles." Said my father without even faltering or doubting for a second. The guards looked at one another without remembering any appointed meeting, but suddenly a guard came running from inside the Noble District.

"O-Open the damn doors! Don't hesitate!" He ordered them.

The guards rapidly and desperately opened the doors before my father were to unleash his bloodlust, which might have quite possibly shocked them all so hard they would have fallen unconscious in the floor.

CREAAAAK...!

The doors opened, as a group of soldiers came rushing towards us, with a large carriage.

"Please, the Lord of the Fiefdom has called upon you. We can bring you to the top of the hill through here..." Said one of the soldiers.

My father analyzed the carriage and quickly rejected their offer.

"No need."

My mother quickly stepped in front of us, as her eyes shone bright blue. A sudden aura of blue mana emerged out of her body, encompassing all of us.

"Tier 7 Space Magic: Spatial Blink."

FLASH!

In a mere second, we were teleported several meters, and then again, and again, and again. It only took three seconds for us to reach the top of the hill through mother's amazing spell. So this is like a short-range teleportation spell?! I had never seen something so amazing!

"I usually don't use this because it takes some time to set up the magic circle and the concentration, but I've already prepared this in advance." My mother showed me a blue ring in one of her fingers, which seemed imbued with the power of this Spell. "Magic items are very handy at helping us use spells easily."

"T-That's a Spatial Blink Ring?!" I asked in surprise.

"That is indeed what it is!" My mother said slightly pridefully. "Now, let's go."

In front of us there was a large castle, the doors of it already opened, as the guards guarding the place fell to the floor in shock when we suddenly were teleported in here.

"I wish I had this item prepared back then when you and Aquarina were trapped... But even then, Spatial Blink can't teleport between dimensions." My mother lamented, still remembering something that happened years ago. I guess it was quite the traumatizing event, so it is only natural she remembers.

"It's okay mom, don't worry about that." I said, calming her down as she recalled something like that.

"W-Welcome to my lord's humble residence, S Ranked Adventurers." Said one of the butlers that greeted us, he quickly guided us to an open room with a large table where there were many snacks served, mostly sweets, and several fatty men sitting around the table, with a stoic and tall black haired man at the end of the table.

"Welcome, I am Lord Eastgrain, the Duke of this fiefdom." Said the man with a serious to death expression. All of them men sitting around the table were sweating a lot and seemed very tired. Did they all were forced to run here as fast as possible?

"Hello, my name is Joan, an S-Ranked Adventurer. This is Faye, my wife. Sylphiette, my daughter." My father presented himself and his family very informally, and we also didn't say anything either. Both mother and I weren't in the mood over acting nice with these people anyways. Also my father is fast at thinking about new names.

Chapter 442 Sometimes You Just Need To Threaten Someone

"I am Chad, and this is Belle my wife, and Aria, my daughter." Said Shade.

"I am their good friend, Ninhursag. And this is my son, Julio." Said Ninhursag, she didn't thought about a name for herself, but gave a very funny name to Zack which really didn't suited him.

The Lord and the other nobles analyzed our entire group as we walked and sat down near the table without even waiting for the invitation.

"A-And who might you be?" Asked the Lord, clearly enraged but containing his fury, as he looked at Mary and Mist.

He was probably screaming internally that two Demons just stepped into his house like nothing.

Mary seemed nervous and couldn't muster words, while Mist looked completely lost, and ended beginning to eat a big cake slice a butler swiftly served to her after she sat down.

"Yummy!" She said with a low voice.

"I-I... W-We are..." Mary was sweating nervously.

"She's Mary, the nun of the orphanage you attempted to raid, and this is Mist, a representative of the children of the orphanage." Said my mother. "Now, Lord Eastgrain, let's break formalities and go directly to the point. If you want to keep threatening these people, we'll kill you."

"H-Hoh..."

Lord Eastgrain gave a completely flabbergasted smile as his neck went several centimeters back in shock. However, somehow, he kept himself stable.

"A-A pregnant woman threatens of death. Do you know what you're messing with, Lady Faye? S Rank Adventurer or not-"

"What's more important to you? Slaving some children or your life?" My mother wondered.

"Ngh?!" The Lord was shocked. The other fatty men were so surprised and about to pass out of the horror of my mother's presence that they were completely silent. Even the butler and the maids were all trembling behind the door.

"O-Of course, my life... Okay, let's calm down for now. We don't really need to begin with threats!" Said the Lord.

"Of course we have to, you just attempted to take away those precious to us." My father said. "Call me an emotional man, but I cannot forgive you so easily, Lord Eastgrain. In this world, political power might be quite important, but against absolute strength, there is nothing a nation can do against S Rank Adventurers. Why do you think that they always bribe us so much into trying to join them?"

"Y-You're suggesting us to apologize to you peasants?!" Asked one of the nobles angrily.

"S Rank or not, you're lower than us in this society! I-If you don't adjust to our norms, then you're welcome to go away from our city!" A second one happily said.

"I see, so you all seek death." Shade added.

"Hyeyeee!"

Shade's eyes turned red; the nobles cried in horror.

"Calm down now, everyone." My mother said. Although she was the first one to threaten them to death, she seemed to have had some plans in mind. "Let us first reach some understanding of the situation."

"You're the first one that threatened me in person!" Said the Lord furiously.

"Yes, and that threat is still on. For you humans who are as wild as beasts, what's better than threaten you? If you don't have awareness of the frailness of your lives, you always get ahead of yourselves and act like you own the world." My mother said angrily. "Just like that man said, you have to understand your position."

"I..."

Lord Eastgrain felt like he was despairing.

Everything suddenly went silent, as he mustered some words.

"I... I apologize for the order I have given to my soldiers. I have falsely accused the orphanage with demons due to my own superstitions. Of course, there is also some partial blame to all the gentlemen here." He not only apologized but at the same time blamed the others as well.

"I see. We don't really want to change your perspective of the world, or even try to convince you that your view on life is completely wrong and sickening. We only want a single thing, to let us alone. We'll

pick the orphanage and the people inside, and then we'll leave. You don't even need to see us ever again." My father said.

"Eh? T-That's all?" The Lord asked, suddenly sighing in relief. "You should had said that earlier..."

"Of course, we want every demon or beast-kin being discriminated with us as well." Said my mother.

"Eh?!"

"You're getting a bit too ahead of yourselves!"

"All of them?!"

"Are you saints or something? why do you care about these filthy monsters? Traitors of humanity!"

"Silence." My mother said, her Aura alone suddenly exerted so much pressure that all the men in front of us fell to the ground pathetically and began to breathe heavily.

"You're not in the position to talk. As someone who has lived for over six hundred years do you truly believe I have the patience to hear your foolish, childish, and ignorant words?" Asked my mother. "Alas, I've committed mistakes that somehow would put me close to you scum, which only pains me more... However, I am trying to make a change, even if small, perhaps to redeem myself and become someone my daughter can be proud of."

FLASH!

Her aura quickly dissipated, freeing everybody. The nobles decided to not talk a single word anymore. It seems that the third time finally worked on these stubborn pigs.

The Lord was the only allowed to speak, and he was gasping for air. The shock of being confronted with people so powerful he could only despair against them was too much for him. He seemed quite strong though, but against my parents and Aquarina's parents, he was less than an ant.

It felt as if he was a small bug, smaller than an ant itself sitting right below their fingertips, with a mere move, they could crush him to death in a split of a second. He had to pick his words carefully.

"V-Very well, you can take anybody you want... Just please leave this place and never come back again... I-I can even give you money, anything!" He said desperately. It seems he was finally knowing his place in the "food chain".

At the end, I guess brute force can sometimes really resolve problems and conflicts...

Chapter 443 Not Everything Always Goes As Planned

Within an underground hideout, where only the dim light of torches illuminated the dark corridors, several people were walking around, carrying many things, and arming themselves for battle. Weapons, armor, magic items, materials, and many other things were getting ready.

In the middle of this commotion of many people, all of the non-humans, a young woman with long blue hair and the mask of a ferocious demon sat down over a table, looking at a floating crystal ball imbued with the power of Clairvoyance.

Through the projection of the magic item, she and the rest of these people were all able to see what was happening.

"I see, so they're all getting together."

"This is the perfect opportunity to strike and eliminate them all..."

"It is ideal, we can finally do it, right?"

"We have waited so many years..."

"At long last, we'll save this country and our people..."

"We'll avenge for all those that had been lost..."

"My daughter..."

"My sister..."

"My father..."

"My family..."

"My mother..."

"We'll do this... I've waited enough."

The blue haired woman smiled beneath her mask, as the others seemed euphoric. After having gone through utter hell countless times, after having been mistreated and treated horribly. After having been forgotten by their own kin back in their continent. After having seen their families enslaved, tortured, raped, and killed. And after all other atrocities... they had enough.

And with the power granted to them by the Abyssal Eyes, there was nothing a bunch of insane people couldn't do now. If given the tools, even the demons which were deemed as weak and a minority of enslaved people in this country could shake it all.

"Let's see if those S Ranked Adventurers and that trio of annoying children can do a thing now..."

However, deep down, she reacted to the two demons that had entered the lord's castle, doubting for a second... But now, she had gone too far. If she faltered now, she would only lose the faith and trust of her companions.

"(Why? Just why did you had to go there?!)" She thought, gritting her teeth.

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(Sylphy's POV)

"V-Very well, you can take anybody you want... Just please leave this place and never come back again... I-I can even give you money, anything!" He said desperately.

At the end, Lord Eastgrain had given up on trying to intimidate my family with his title or whatever. The strength they had could very well end his life. Although he was sure going to make their reputation worse in here. It wasn't as if we were coming back to the Human Continent at all, and their names were also made up anyways.

"It is good that we have finally come to an agreement." My father said with a pleased smile.

"However, this is not over yet, isn't it?" My mother asked.

"Eh? W-What else do you want?" He asked.

"Don't act like you're a fool. The connection that you and the other nobles have with those criminal organizations, we know them all." Shade added.

"W-What sort of nonsense are you talking about? There is no way we would be colluding with-"

"Don't try to act like a fool, we know." My father said. "Don't try to deceive us, you're only stabbing yourself in the foot. You're only making things worse if you lie, we know you're lying."

The man swallowed saliva nervously, as he began coughing.

"A-Ahh... W-Well..."

The other nobles who were all in the floor, were sweating nervously as well.

However, at the end, they admitted everything.

"Ever since the coup that my country has been barely maintained. I-if it wasn't for the illegal trade of stolen goods and the slaves using the help of these organizations, we would be in an even worse situation..." Sighed Lord Eastgrain. "I am not someone that... enjoys enslaving demons, but my allies, all these nobles that helped me eliminate the faction of my father, are... well, they have a fixation with slaves, especially demons..."

Mist and Mary heard the words of the man. Mist seemed mostly lost in the conversation while eating sweets though, while Mary seemed concerned and felt more and more tired and sad about hearing the truth.

The nobles clearly looked like they wanted to say something but the intimidating presence of my father shut them all. My mother presence summed with my father was enough to leave them unconscious every time they tried to wake up.

Without them annoying us as they were constantly falling unconscious, the Lord was able to spill all the beans. And while I heard him talk, I couldn't help but grow more and more angered. What these people were doing was utterly atrocious. I was getting so sick of this place now I just wanted to leave.

We had already retrieved the custom equipment that the dwarf man made for us, and he was a particularly nice guy overall. So now that we are done with that we should definitely leave right away... Although I am sure there might be more people that needs to be rescued.

"Hmph, so you've been maintaining a whole country with slaves and illegal products, and then say that demons are useless and worthless?" Asked my father. "If it wasn't for the demons you hate so much, would your country even be alive after the stupidity you did back then? Seriously, how could you have been so foolish to kill your own father without even knowing how to handle a country?"

"B-But my father... He wasn't using the funds correctly; he was helping those demons... They just came to kill us in the war! Y-You know that my mother and my big sister died in the war trying to defend this country?! And he... he dared to help them after the war! They were all war criminals!" Cried the young man, furious and filled with resentment.

So at the end it was resentment again... I guess it is something you can't really change. The grudges of people against others due to the lost of loved ones, of friends, and anything else close to that... It is not something that can be easily healed.

"I know that... we did something atrocious." Mary sighed. "I am very sorry..."

Mary, instead of feeling hate, pitied him.

She slowly walked to his side and suddenly hugged him.

"I'm sorry... I know it hurts... It hurts to me as well... It hurt so much..."

Mary began to cry, as the young lord felt shocked, her warm tears falling over his own shoulders.

The man slowly saw her countless scars, and her eyes filled with sincerity.

Without even being able to stop his urge, he began to cry as well...

BAAAAM!

However, suddenly, the doors opened out of nowhere, and a maidservant entered the room while crying. Her entire body was covered on blood.

"My lord, something is happening! A Dungeon Brea-

CLAAAASH!

An enormous claw suddenly emerged above her, slashing her into pieces...

Chapter 444 Catastrophe

While Mary approached the young Lord Eastgrain and a scene we never saw coming unfolded before our eyes, I felt a strange premonition. I saw two seconds in the future through my eyes out of nowhere, without even activating the Skill beforehand, and saw a woman entering the door and being shredded into pieces by a gigantic claw.

BAAAM!

And right as I saw it a few seconds in the future, the maidservant entered, crying while being covered on wounds and blood. Without thinking it twice, I ran towards her and enhanced by body with my Beast Spirit Aura!

"My lord, something is- HYAAA!"

Without hesitation, I grabbed the girl's waist and pulled her to the side, quickly saving her from an enormous claw falling from above her.

CLAAASH!

The ground shook, as cracks emerged everywhere. My parents and everyone else panicked. The furious draconic eyes of a creature suddenly peered into the room.

"GROOOAARRRR!"

"That's... a wyvern?!" Shade asked.

"ROAR!"

Without even waiting for our proper reaction, the enormous beast opened its gigantic jaws, charging mana within...! Wait, is it about to unleash a fire breath attack?!

FLASH!

However, in a split of a second, my father reached the wyvern's side.

"HAAH!"

SLASH!

His blazing sword unleashed a storming attack, impacting the wyvern's neck and slicing through its hard scales and flesh cleanly, blood spurred everywhere like a fountain!

SPLASH!

"W-What is happening?!" Mist quickly grew nervous as she saw everything happening.

"M-Monster?!" The Lord cried, quickly falling off his chair.

"Lord Eastgrain!" Mary cried, extending her hand to the lord to help him stand back up again.

Crack... crack...!

And then, we heard that sound.

That horrible sound that brought so much pain and destruction back then.

CRASH!

Space itself shattered right behind Lord Eastgrain and in front of Mary, as countless red eyes peered through, the presence of even more monsters seemed to be approaching.

But why?!

Why is there a Dungeon Break right inside this damn house?!

CLASH!

"UUAAGGGH...!"

"GYAAAAH!"

Lord Eastgrain and Mary were cut into pieces by enormous draconic claws and giant jaws tearing them into shreds.

No...

NO!

FLASH!

Suddenly, I went back to the present.

It was yet another vision?!

"FUROH!"

I quickly summoned Furoh, as he emerged right before me as space itself began cracking and shattering behind Eastgrain.

CRASH!

"Eh?!"

"A-A Dungeon Break?!"

Without even thinking it for a second time, I infused Mana into Furoh, as he swiftly extended his tentacles and grabbed Eastgrain and Mary, putting them into safety before several claws and the heads of draconic beasts emerged. They were all belonging to a single, enormous beast that stepped inside in a mere split of a second!

"ROOOARRR!"

That was definitely a Hydra!

Everything was happening so fast that only my own special Future Sight was giving me the insight to act and save the lives of these people.

However, after my father slain the giant wyvern that had gotten inside the house, an enormous mass of shadow extended over the entire floor, grabbing the unconscious aristocrats in the floor before the giant Hydra were to devour them like snacks.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

Suddenly, I saw several rays of light impacting the beast while I ran away with Furoh on his Fenrir form while carrying Eastgrain and Mary. It was mother, she unleashed a barrage of light rays against the Hydra, whose entire body began to be filled with enormous holes, and quickly created a commotion, shaking the entire house due to the sheer size of its body.

BAAAAM!

"We have to get out of here! Spatial Blink!"

My mother quickly activated her Ring's powers, teleporting us outside of the house, as we arrived at the house's gardens!

FLASH!

The imagery of what was happening was now clear to us, as an enormous Dungeon Break portal had emerged right in front of the house of the Eastgrain Lord, while several smaller ones were spread all over the Noble District! Monsters were crawling everywhere, giant wyverns, enormous three-headed chimaeras, giant birds with sharp beaks, large hydras walking around and destroying entire houses with their big, over ten-meter big bodies, and even goblins were doing as they pleased!

"Not again!" Aquarina cried in despair.

"A-A Dungeon Break, here?!" Zack panicked.

"This is... Could it had been set up by the Cultists?" Asked Nepheline, quickly summoning her rock hammer.

"Probably! I can sense the presence of several suspicious items around, and some people with blue and black robes over there!" Shade pointed out at a large group of people close to the house, who were hunting down the nobles running away.

Guards and soldiers stationed here were all getting easily massacred by these monsters, which were all high ranked monsters above Tier 4! Was there no elite fighters in the soldiers of this country? This place is really decadent!

"There's no time to think about this now, we have to wipe out the monsters and capture the cultists, quick!" My mother ordered everyone. "Sylphy, Aquarina, Zack! You three make a team with Nindhursag and protect Mist, Mary, and Eastgrain."

"Wait! Can't shade save them inside his shadows?" I asked.

"No, my shadow storage already reached a specific limit, more people will end up being too much of a burden for my fighting style. I trust you, Sylphy." Shade said. "Aquinara, remember our training!"

"Yes papa!" Aquarina said, taking out her two daggers.

"Faylen, you stay with everybody else, you can't come with us, you're pregnant!" My father said.

"Ugh... Fine, but you can bring my spirits with you! You, Shade, and Nepheline, prioritize saving the people! Nobles might be bastards but they're still innocents, this is an attack specially targeted towards them. If they die, it means we'll lose to these cultists." My mother made up her mind.

"Got it!" My father nodded, as he, Shade, and Nepheline quickly disappeared like flashes of bright light into separate directions. Each one of them accompanied by a mystical and bright spirit that my mother summoned.

Chapter 445 Dungeon Break! Escape!

At the same time, mother suddenly summoned a Spirit I had never seen before, which seemed extremely powerful!

"Valkyrie, come!"

FLAAASH!

"It has been a while since you called me for battle, Faylen!"

Suddenly, a beautiful woman as tall as three meters emerged. I had never seen her before. She looked like an angel with enormous, feathered wings, but was covered in golden and silver armor, holding a large spear and a shield with a helmet with feathered wing-like decorations.

"I shall protect you with my strength!"

Valkyrie exuded an aura of majestic light and golden brightness. It felt as if she created a Domain of Protection in a mere second, generating a barrier around us by merely standing.

Her enormous spear quickly pointed against a gigantic figure; an enormous, black-scaled wyvern flew directly towards us! This thing was... Tier 6 Monster!

"ROOOAARRR!"

"Foolish beast!"

Valkyrie pridefully roared, pointing her spear at the wyvern and then infusing enormous quantities of Mana without even faltering.

FLASH!

Her spear flew like a flash of bright light directly towards the monster in midair, impacting the Black Scaled Wyvern's head, piercing it and then exploding into a flash of light, completely disintegrating the wyvern's head and letting the enormous, beheaded carcass fall from the skies with a loud clashing sound.

CLAAASH!

I quickly gained EXP by merely watching that massacre. I had already summoned Naturia and Ignatius at my side alongside Furoh, which I was mounting with Aquarina and Zack.

Ding!

[Your Party has slain a [Blazing Red Wyvern (Tier 6: Rank 6)] x1!]

[Your Party has slain a [Giant Dark Hydra (Tier 6: Rank 4)] x1!]

[Your Party has slain a [Black Scaled Wyvern (Tier 6: Rank 9)] x1!]

[You earned 150000 EXP]

[Naturia] earned 285000 EXP]

[Naturia] Level has increased from Level 0 to Level 7!]

[Ignatius] earned 285000 EXP]

[Ignatius] Level has increased from Level 10 to Level 13!]

[Furoh] earned 285000 EXP]

[Furoh] Level has increased from Level 0 to Level 7!]

I was getting a frenzy of level ups for my friends, but this wasn't really the time to get happy over this! However, wasn't it a bit too little for such high ranked monsters? Or maybe it is because I am only getting some EXP out of the kill of someone else?

"W-Wow..." Zack reacted first.

"Amazing!" Aquarina praised the spirit.

"Hmph, as long as I am here I won't let any monster touch you children!" Valkyrie hit the ground with her spear, expanding a Domain of Light she created.

"Don't get too cocky either, you're already too rusty, Valkyrie!" Said my mother.

"ROAR!"

"GROAR!"

Suddenly, the ground trembled, as we were making our way out of the garden and trying to clear the path ahead of us from small fry like goblins, two enormous beasts rushed to our side. One was a being of over ten meters, with five enormous, snake-like heads, the other was a monstrously big, five-meter-tall chimera, with the body of a golden lion and the head of a lion, a goat, and a wolf, with the tail of a snake!

They didn't seem like ordinary monsters either. The wyvern from before was rather strong but wasn't influenced by any power. However, these two guys were fairly stronger than they should be, their entire bodies were shrouded in a black and purple mist-like aura, and they had red jewels incrusting into their heads.

"Demonite?!" My mother asked in shock. "Careful! These are stronger than normal!"

Demonite was the Ore mined from the Demon Continent, and it was also said to be pure Miasma which had crystalized. When it touched monsters, it usually infected them with power, they would either die,

or turn even more wild, and become monstrous and aggressive, growing several time stronger than before.

"Foolish beast of the nether, you won't pass!" Valkyrie roared bravely, flying towards the giant Hydra and confronting it furiously.

"ROAAR!"

The Hydra waved its enormous heads and clashed against her weapon, its scales were incredibly, hard, and Valkyrie's blows were being mitigated by the enormous aura it was exuding.

CLASH! CLASH! CLAAASH!

"Such strong scales!" Valkyrie said while gritting her teeth. "Damn it, this might take longer than I had thought. I might really be slightly rusty now..."

Her movements were swift but the power Hydra was already as strong as a Tier 7 monster thanks to the boost that the Demonite was giving to the monster. Its enormous heads were used like whips with their long necks, impacting against Valkyrie, who seemed to be a physical attacker.

As that happened, the three-headed chimera ran against us, impacting the barrier set by Valkyrie. My mother had set up another barrier right after that, because Valkyrie's barrier quickly shattered against the might of the monster's claws.

CRASH!

"D-Damn it...!" My mother muttered, suddenly feeling weakened.

"Mom!" I ran towards my mother, but she quickly stood up again.

"Ugh... Why just right now are you kicking me?!" She cried, as I noticed the baby was having contractions inside of mother's womb.

"Agh..."

Her concentration was faltering, and the barrier was weakening as a result!

"GROARRR!"

The chimera's claws exuded miasma and darkness from within, impacting mother's barrier with fury.

CLASH! CLASH! CLAAASH!

Crack... crack...!

The barrier was actually shattering?!

The chimera, a monster at Tier 5 at least, was boosted all the way to Tier 6, as it was, we wouldn't be able to defeat it even if we all teamed up against it as we were right now with my friends... Unless I used special methods.

However, there was someone else aside from my mother with us.

"GRUOOOHHH!"

Ninhursag jumped into battle, trespassing the barrier, and suddenly shapeshifting into an enormous Lightning Tyrannosaurus, unleashing a shock of lightning against the furious Chimera.

ZAAAP!

"GROAR!"

The Chimera stepped back in pain, but it seemed to have easily tanked Ninhursag's attack. The beast furiously locked its eyes against her, leaping over her body as Ninhursag barely managed to evade in time, swinging her tail imbued with lightning and hitting the chimera over its three heads!

CLAAASH!

"GRAARRR...!"

The chimera rolled over the ground, however, it quickly stood back up again, furious!

"Just how tough are you?!" Ninhursag muttered, suddenly remembering that she had also fought a chimera most likely, as I remember she had told us before. "If I transform into my Chimera form, I'll spend too much energy, I can't go wasting my energy leisurely like this...!"

"Then we'll help!" I said bravely.

As long as there's someone strong supporting us like her, I think we can pull it off.

Chapter 446 Fight Against Impossible Odds!

"Help?! Are you insane?!" Zack cried.

"And you're thinking of leaving your mother to fight that monster alone!?" I roared back at Zack, as he quickly fell silent.

"Sylphy... I'll fight as well!" Aquarina said without hesitation.

"So, Zack?!" I asked.

Zack looked back at me. He fully knew that these monsters were completely different than what we had fought before. The scene of Valkyrie and Ninhursag fighting them was even gruesome. Valkyrie's entire body was being filled with wounds at the same time as Ninhursag was struggling.

Zack gripped his fists furiously, as his youthful face suddenly gained, for a few seconds, the furious expression of a bear desiring to fight and protect his territory.

"I'll do it, fine!" Zack finally made up his mind, as I looked back at mother.

"Mother, stay there and protect yourself!" I said.

"Eh? S-Sylphy?! Wait!" My mother cried, however she couldn't move any more than that.

"Furoh!"

I called upon Furoh as he roared like a furious wolf, his entire body was suddenly encompassed by winds as several magic circles invoking low tier wind spells emerged, enhancing his speed, and even giving him the ability to step over the empty air itself.

This was thanks to Furoh's special Skill [Mimicry] which allows him to imitate a small part of the power of whatever he's mimicking, and the power of the Fenrir was the real deal, as that wolf knew all sorts of magical spells. This literally allowed Furoh to also be able to use several elements at once, even though at less than half their original power.

However, that was more than enough, as he quickly walked across the skies. His beautiful white fur waving around as the winds guided us. Even Zack was incapable of conjuring strong enough winds to lift himself up as if flying across the skies, Furoh had truly become amazing now!

"Let's go!" I led my party as Furoh ran across the skies.

"GROAR!"

Meanwhile, the enormous and furious Chimera confronted the Lightning Tyrannosaurus form of Ninhursag, slashing across her large body and making her lose a lot of blood. Much like Furoh's Mimicry, Ninhursag was capable of channeling the elemental affinity and power of whatever she transformed into, giving her powerful high tier Lightning Element Magic while in her Lightning Tyrannosaurus form.

"Tier 7 Lightning Magic: Thunderous Cage!"

TRUUUMMM...!

Without the need for a Magic Circle, Ninhursag went all out, unleashing a destructive explosion of countless of bolts against the Chimera. The three-headed monster ended taking the hit directly, being completely impacted by the thundering magic attack!

CLAAASH!

The lightning shaped itself as some sort of cage, containing the chimera and trapping the beast in place all while inflicting constant damage against it. Ninhursag seemed completely decided on beating the monster to a pulp. For a moment, I thought she didn't even needed our help.

However...

"GROOOOAAARRRR!!!"

The chimera roared furiously, as an eruption of darkness emerged from its entire body, the jewel incrustated inside of its forehead shone bright red and black in color, encompassing the monster and suddenly provoking it to evolve out of the blue!

FLUOSH!

Its entire body mutated, growing twice as big, easily reaching above ten meters of height, its three heads suddenly gained a fourth one in the shape of a wyvern, and the chimera gained a pair of bat-like wings. Meanwhile, its entire lion fur of golden color turned completely black!

"What the...?!" Ninhursag couldn't help but feel shocked.

At the same time, I suddenly heard Alice's voice.

"Sylphy! That monster has suddenly evolved due to the power of the Demonite Core on its forehead! It is already reaching Tier 7 in levels of power... However, it can be weakened if you manage to take away that jewel!" Alice said, quickly giving me a good strategy.

"So if we remove those jewels they can weaken immediately? It is way easier than I imagined!"

"It is not as easy, the monster will furiously defend the jewel, so be careful!"

"Maybe if I give more Mana to Ninhursag..."

"But you'll end up tiring yourself!"

"Didn't we get like a lot of EXP just now? Can't I use it to make [Mana Usage] Capable of Leveling Up?"

"That's... is that what you really want?"

"I do!"

"...Very well then!"

My plan was simple, to offset the pressure I get by overusing Mana into my soul, I simply have to get better at controlling it. [Mana Usage] is a Skill that helps me manipulate Mana, if I can begin leveling it up with this amount of EXP I learned, maybe I can control it better!

Ding!

[You have exchanged 150000 EXP!]

[The [Mana Usage] Skill has Leveled Up!]

[You have exchanged 100000 EXP!]

[The [Mana Usage: Lv1] Skill has increased to Level 3!]

[Mana Usage: Lv3]

Skill Proficiency: 0/3000

The ability to naturally wield Mana. Grants the ability to use Mana without any previous required experience, while activated, you can use your own mind to shape the Mana to your liking, but a lot of Mana is utilized. Can be practiced continuously for better and more efficient results. The lowest tiered Mana Usage-type Skill, below Mana Manipulation and Mana Mastery.

Level Bonus (3): Enhances the Control over Mana by +30% and Lessens the Pressure of Mana Usage by -30%.

Level 3! So I can forcefully level up Skills using EXP, just as I thought! However, this is the most I can reach with only 100k EXP, they surely need a lot of it if I don't learn it naturally.

However... it is more than enough!

But this is not enough...!

Ding!

[You have activated the [System Manipulation] Spell.]

[Your Status has been temporarily modified!]

<#23a System>

[System Owner]: [Sylph Natoria Bravo]

[Magic Circle]: [Tier 2: Rank 8: Elemental Magic Circle]

[Physique]: [Tier 2: Rank 3: Yggdrasil's Eden Physique]

[Level]: [1/#523a]

[Class]: [Farmer] -> [Beast Slayer]

[HP]: [10/10] -> [1/1]

[MP]: [20/20]

[Strength]: [4] -> [89]

[Defense]: [3]

[Magic]: [50]

[Resistance]: [10]

[Agility]: [6] -> [50]

[Luck]: [-10]

[Charm]: [20] -> [-100]

[The special Effect of [Class: [Beast Slayer] has been activated!]

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[Luck]: [-10]

[Charm]: [20] -> [-100]

[The special Effect of [Class: [Beast Slayer] has been activated!]

Just like back then when I changed my Class to Demon Slayer, perhaps the Beast Slayer might be effective against this Chimera, which is clearly a Beast-type monster according to Alice.

[Class: [Beast Slayer]

An advanced Class that can be acquired by maxing out the [Hunter] and [Warrior] Classes. It enhances the ability to slay all sorts of Beast-type monsters by enhancing Damage dealt against Beast-type Monsters by +50% and ignoring -20% of their total Defenses. Additionally, there's a 10% chance for each hit inflicted on a Beast-type Monster to inflict [Life Drain] which drains blood and life from the foe, absorbing part of the damage dealt and making wounds bleed intensively.

It was an amazing Class, perhaps slightly similar to Demon Slayer, but it had its own unique effect, and it was just what we needed to get out of this sticky situation. I had yet to fully understand what was happening right now, but like my parents had taught me, I had to first get the problem in front of me resolved before doing anything else.

"ROAR!"

The Chimera pounced forwards after freeing itself from Ninhursag's powerful Lightning Spell, clashing against her and using its four jaws to bite through her body!

"GRUOOOHHH!"

Ninhursag cried in agony as she tried to unleash more of her lightning, but she was being constantly damaged, even if her body was enormous and covered by scales, she was suffering great damage.

"GET... AWAY... FROM MY MOTHER!"

Zack suddenly charged his Mana into his entire body, as I infused an enormous quantity into his own body as well to boost him even further, as in a mere second, he jumped from over twenty meters above the chimera, falling over the beast while charging his enormous axe with all the magic he had and I had given to him.

CLAAASH!

His axe hit the Chimera's head with the jewel, which I had told him must be the weakest! The axe wasn't able to even damage the monster's skull thought, but it was capable of slicing through its skin and veins and making blood spray out in large quantities.

"GRAAAARRR...!"

The chimera roared in pain as Zack managed to deal a deadly blow before he quickly charged his axe with lightning again and began hitting its skull constantly, while somehow managing to hit the jewel as well, the moment he hit the jewel several times, black shockwaves came from the beast, making the monster feel slightly weakened.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

"DIEEEE!"

Zack roared with utmost fury, but even his most furious blows couldn't deal enough damage to the head of the chimera, which quickly used its tail with the tip having the head of a furious snake to attack him.

"SHAAAA!"

"S-Shit...!"

CLASH!

However, I quickly intercepted the attack with my own sword, imbuing it with the power of Divine Flames by combining the fire of Ignatius with the Life of Naturia and the Light of Alice! These Divine Flames grew on intensity thanks to the power of my Ember Skill, which was now Level 8 and the additional power of Alice's divine runes that makes up her body.

FLUOOSH!

"SHAAAA...!"

The enormous snake head, the size of a giant boulder of over 3 meters cried in agony as golden flames suddenly covered its entire face, burning its eyes and the interior of its enormous jaws. Divine Flames were powerful and had a stronger effect on Demons and also on corrupted monsters with Miasma such as this Chimera! Yeah, it might not be able to kill the Snake Head, but it surely made it move away in pain.

"Sylphy!" Zack said in happiness to see me, although he just saw me a few seconds ago.

"Zack, don't get distracted!" I said, as Zack nodded and quickly got up.

"Hit that jewel as hard as you can!" I led him, as I quickly pointed my sword at the jewel and began hitting it with everything I had, Zack joined me too!

CLASH!

CLASH!

CLASH!

"GRAARRR...!"

The Chimera, who was simultaneously trying to finish off Ninhursag while trying to fend us off above its head was failing miserably to do both, as each hit we landed into its Demonite Core made the enormous beast tremble in pain, its mind itself felt confused as well. It seemed that this head also was something like the main brain. What an obvious weak point!

However, the Chimera was not without magic, its paws were unable to reach us properly, but countless magic circles appeared around us, and they were all conjuring black flames to burn us to a crisp!

"Ignatius! Fire Absorption! Take all the Mana you want!"

I summoned Ignatius as the small baby dragon roared valiantly, his entire body was suddenly shrouded on flames as he began to absorb them all like a vacuum, absorbing my own Mana to sustain the enormous quantity of pressure he was forcing himself to go through.

"UUOOOHHHH...!"

BOOOOMMM!!!

Suddenly, Ignatius exploded into a surge of black and red flames, as his entire body, out of nowhere, expanded up to tens of times his original size. He looked like a furious black dragon made of black flames, with enormous wings and claws.

"RAAAAAGGGGGHHH!!!"

However, he lost all his reason, going completely berserk and fighting all the chimera heads at once!

BOOM! CLASH! CRASH!

His claws unleashed burning black flames everywhere, as his breath attack exploded, leaving several wounds all over the monster. Thanks to his ability to absorb fire magic, he had become an unstoppable force... temporarily!

"SHAAAA!"

However, the snake-headed tail once more flew towards us, only to be stopped by Pyuku who entangled the snake's neck and tightly wrapped around it, trying to devour the snake head completely but failing, although he was restraining it!

"PYUUUKU...!"

"Frozen Cage!"

And Aquarina summoned Undine and Leviathan, unleashing a powerful ice attack that temporarily froze the entire snake's head, stopping it from attacking us!

This is it!

"Now, Zack!"

"Yeah!"

CLAAASH!

Zack's axe and my sword finally managed to pierce through the chimera's jewel, shattering the Demonite Core and immediately making the chimera transform back to its original appearance!

"I got you now!"

Ninhursag stood up barely, body slamming the entire chimera into the floor!

BAAAM!

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"Sylphy!"

Furoh quickly reached up to us by traveling atop the skies, as we quickly jumped over his back, right before Ninhursag furiously body slammed the chimera into the floor!

BAAAM!

"GROOOOARRR!"

The several heads of the chimera roared furiously, despite having been weakened, this thing was still a very high Tier Monster! However, Ninhursag seemed to have had enough.

"DIE!"

Her enormous jaws easily shredded most of the chimera's heads now that she got the beast into the floor, crushing them like a snack and finally killing the monster without any more problems. The Demonite was certainly boosting its power a lot.

At the same time, the Hydra fell as well into the floor, generating a loud tremor. The enormous beast was finally bested by Valkyrie who seemed covered on wounds that were mixing darkness into her bright spiritual body.

Ding!

[You and your Party have slain [Dark Shadow Chimera (Tier 7: Rank 1)] x1]

[Your Party has slain [Giant Dark Hydra (Tier 7: Rank 2)] x1]

[You earned 150000 EXP]

[Naturia] earned 285000 EXP]

[Naturia] Level has increased from Level 7 to Level 10!]

[Ignatius] earned 285000 EXP]

[Ignatius] Level has increased from Level 13 to Level 15!]

[Furoh] earned 285000 EXP]

[Furoh] Level has increased from Level 7 to Level 10!]

Damn, I was almost envying them for earning so much EXP! Spiritual Blessing is really an unfair Skill by giving them Bonus EXP only to them... Ah, well, the stronger they grow the better, especially now that we are in such a dire situation.

"Hahh... I've done it..." She sighed, flying near my mother as my mother quickly healed her wounds in an instant. We also moved back to mother to protect her, as she seemed to be growing weaker due to the baby showing some contractions inside of her out of the blue.

"Mom, are you alright?" I asked desperately.

"Sylphy... Yes, I am okay." She sighed, suddenly conjuring a healing spell to recover our stamina and Ninhursag's wounds, who continued fighting around the barrier, crushing small fry that got closer.

"Mom, what should we do now?" I asked, looking around, I saw several beasts falling from the skies as a blazing star, my father, unleashed a catastrophe of flames.

"The situation is dire. We can't really escape... But if we stay, we are in more danger..." She muttered.

"I think we should escape! Can't you utilize Spatial Blink?" I asked.

"I-I can try but... The pain... Ah... I feel so tired... Elven pregnancy is always tough, especially when the baby is half-human..." My mother seemed to be growing anemic with each passing second.

"Mom!"

I quickly opened my pouch, taking out two leaves produced by Naturia before. I knew my parents had many items, but they had not come prepared here at all, and probably didn't carry any potions with them either, this was my last resort!

"Eat these, please, mom!"

"Sylphy, your mother has lived through worse things, calm down... What are these leaves?"

She held them and then felt the impulse to eat them. She wolfed the two leaves in mere seconds, suddenly feeling a strange flow of vitality and life into her entire body. Her slightly paler skin turned more lively, and she suddenly felt stronger and recovered.

"Ah?! I... I feel alright now?!"

My mother was utterly shocked as she realized she had gained most of her stamina back up again. It was as if the baby was absorbing it all, but now she had finally recovered some more. It was very weird though, why was my little sibling absorbing my mother's Mana out of the blue?! Did I do the same when I was a child? It is very weird... Maybe my little sibling has some sort of special ability he's awakening or something weird?

"Do you feel better?" Asked Valkyrie, surprised to see my mother recover out of nowhere.

"Yeah... What was that?" Asked my mother.

"It was special leaves that Naturia can produce!" I said.

"They tasted like mint and recovered my stamina like the Sacred Leaves of Dryads, a special medicine... Your spirit is really amazing." My mother said with a smile. "Now that my mind is clearer, we should retreat. Your father, Shade, and Nepheline are strong enough to handle things while we retreat. We need to bring ourselves to safety first... the cult should be dealt with later."

"A-Are you sure?" I asked.

"Yes, there's no time...!"

My mother raised her staff up into the sky, as her enormous amount of Mana flowed into her ring and then it suddenly activated a blue-colored magic circle.

"Spatial Blink!"

FLASH!

Suddenly, a bright white light encompassed us, as we...

We...

Eh?

"Ah? Why is it not working now?" My mother wondered. "Spatial Blink!"

She suddenly conjured the Spell again, but it didn't work either.

"There's a Spatial Interference... No, wait...!"

Suddenly, I remembered my mother had mentioned that Spatial Blink didn't work when one was trying to travel between dimensions, an example was, if we were inside a dungeon or a magic realm or something different. But now... weren't we outside? Why was it not working?

"T-This is...!"

Crack... crack...!

Suddenly, the sound of space shattering was heard once more, right in front of us, an enormous portal opened in the middle of the empty air, it was yet another Dungeon Break!

And from within the depths of the darkness of that portal, an enormous, draconic, red-colored eye glared at us...

"I've finally found you...!" It spoke with an old-sounding and monstrous voice, the portal continued growing bigger and bigger, as powerful draconic flames began emerging one after the other.

As everyone was shocked, I noticed Ignatius feeling the most shocked of them all.

"W-Wha... What is my big brother doing here?!"

BAAAM!

Enormous claws hit the ground as the gigantic portal opened completely, from within, an old and experienced-looking Red Dragon, bigger than sixty meters emerged, his appearance completely different than any Wyvern or even Ignatius himself.

"I didn't believe those Demons when they said that it could be possible to bring me here... But I am glad I was wrong! You're the ones that slain my little brother, right?!"

Chapter 449 A True Red Dragon Appears!

"A True Red Dragon..." My mother said with shock.

"Eh?! True Red Dragon?!" I asked.

"It is... a powerful evolved version of a Red Dragon, they're equivalent to Tier 8 or 9 Monsters, if not stronger as they're intelligent and cunning!" Said my mother. "But how come this dragon found us so easily, and how was it capable of teleporting from the Demon Continent all the way here?!"

"B-Brother Agni...!" Ignatius suddenly feel moved as he saw his big brother appear. It seemed that he was but an infant compared to the True Dragons!

However, first of all, if this dragon was helped to come here, did the Cultists guessed that the Heroes were here?! But then was... Ignatius attack provoked by them or something he did on his own? I am confused!

But more importantly, this is bad. Really, really bad!

This guy's not like Ignatius at all, he's like... tens of times, no, a hundred times stronger than him?! This is not someone you can just behead like my father did!

"How come an Ancient Dragon such as you have come here? Are you working with Cultists?!" My mother roared, suddenly hitting the floor with her staff. A sudden aura of pure white light emerged, she not only recovered her health but also her stamina and spirit, her magic was as powerful as ever.

FLAAASH!

Suddenly, an enormous Fortress made out of Materialized Holy Light emerged, this was my mother's strongest defensive Spell [Divine Holy Fortress of Light], and it was a Tier 10 Spell!

The enormous dragon looked at us from afar while analyzing the gigantic fortress made of light. However, he seemed not afraid at all to see my mother, a former hero who had slain dragons before.

"They did not know about you, but I did. We dragons can share our presences. I knew my foolish younger brother, Ignatius, had come to challenge you. I had rushed to stop him, but when I almost reached Cloudia, I learned it was too late.... I've been growing stronger ever since that, eight years ago, and now, I've finally managed to Evolve into an Ancient True Red Dragon after slaying countless monsters' inside the Abyssal Pits." Said Agni. "You, and anybody here shall perish to my flames, as I will avenge the soul of my beloved little brother!"

"W-Wait a second Agni! You can't do that!" Ignatius suddenly panicked, as he flew away and I made him noticeable to anybody's eyes.

Agni suddenly stopped moving as he saw the small Dragon Baby Spirit in front of him.

"Huh?"

"Brother, it's me! Ignatius! Can't you feel my soul?!"

"What sort of wicked trick is this, you wretched monsters?! Do you think I am someone that can be easily laughed at? Prepare for your sure deaths!"

However, Agni didn't recognize Ignatius at all, and roared furiously, unleashing a Fire Breath against him!

"N-No... BROTHER!"

BOOOOMMMM!!!

The enormous Fire Breath resembled a gigantic blast of the most purest essence of flames impacting my mother's Fortress of Light. But the fortress did not falter even against that, the Mana of my mother encompassed it all, protecting us.

"Ahhh... B-Brother... He didn't recognized me..." Ignatius sighed. "I must really be dead for all of them... Is this because of my small soul?"

I had managed to summon Ignatius inside of my Soul Scape before he was engulfed in the deadly Fire Breath, but he seemed completely depressed now.

"It's not the right time to get depressed about this, Ignatius!" I sighed. "How the heck can we beat your brother? Does he has some weakness?"

"Eh? I-I can't... I won't let you kill him! My big brother... He raised me since I was a small pup. While my parents only greeted me when I was already an adult, my big brother... He was always there protecting me and watching over me as I explored the wilderness..." Ignatius lamented. "I... I can't..."

Ignatius was completely heartbroken and didn't seemed to be in the right of his mind.

"We can't escape, and we are trapped in the Noble District while also having to fight this thing..." My mother analyzed the situation incredibly calmly and pragmatically. The weakened state she had before was long gone, those leaves were truly miraculous.

"Could it be? Have they brought the power of the Evil God of Dungeons here? Maybe... they managed to create some sort of Pseudo Dungeon Domain? Wait, that's too insane, but what else could explain the sudden Dungeon Break portals appearing everywhere? No... if that were the case, how come they brought the dragon?" She wondered, thinking a thousand things in a second.

"Unless they had managed to channel the god's powers through his blessing and special magic items... If the Abyssal Eye is really as powerful as they make up to be, then such things are not hard to come by. I am flabbergasted that they had entrusted them all to these Cultists... Or maybe they are also working here, plotting to take us down at the same time and merely using these people?"

"Wait, what?! You're implying this is a plan to kill us?" I asked. "But how come they found us?"

"I have no idea dear." Sighed my mother. "I might be powerful, but not all-seeing. There might be something we don't know, or that god... Well, if he managed to trap you two out of the blue back then, there's no saying he has his eyes on us. Gods are capable of seeing through the world itself, this corrupt

God might be trying to kill us so we get out of his plans, whatever they are. However gods cannot intervene directly themselves, as that would weaken them too much, so they influence people and do many roundabout ways-

"ROOOAARRRR!"

CLAAASH!

An enormous dragon claws covered on blazing magma hit the fortress of light, unleashing a deadly explosion of flames everywhere.

BOOOOMMM!!!

"Come out and confront me, cowards!"

Agni seemed dead set on fighting us, while countless other monsters began to swarm us from all sides. Ninhursag had already entered the fortress after seeing the dragon emerge, so she was safe for now.

"Agni... You bastard... How does he dare not recognize me and even try to fight against us...!"

"Wait, Ignatius?!"

"Sylphy... give me tons of Mana, as many as you can!"

FLASH!

Suddenly, Ignatius flew outside the fortress, reaching his brother.

"Oi, you bastard!" He roared, as his brother suddenly noticed him again.

"You again?! Whatever you are, you're not my brother!" Agni furiously roared, suddenly opening his jaws and charging an enormous quantity of draconic firepower, his red scales as hard as metal shone bright red as his gigantic wings spread out, shining with bright orange and red color. "DIE!"

FLUOOOSH!

An enormous Fire Breath was unleashed, directly impacting Ignatius!

"IGNATIUS!!!"

BOOOOOOOMMM!!!

Chapter 450 Fighting Against Ignatius Older Brother, Agni!

"[Fire Absorption]!" Ignatius roared, as his entire body began to absorb thousands of Mana from within my own Soul. Having leveled up [Mana Usage] to Level 3 was very useful, as the pain I felt over my soul when I overused Mana was way less than before!

FLAAAASH!

At the same time, my bold little Dragon Spirit began to inhale all the fire breath that his brother, Agni, unleashed against him. The flames erupted constantly, exploding. Any normal person would had thought Ignatius would be dead. Even Fire Spirits can die if they're hit with a fire attack that they cannot take!

However, Ignatius had a completely insane Skill that allowed him to absorb Fire and make it his own power temporary, and as he pushed himself to his limits while absorbing my Mana, that Skill began to frenetically activate, gaining a lot of Skill Proficiency by pushing and overusing it too much as well...!

Ding!

[Ignatius]'s [Fire Absorption: Lv1] Skill has leveled up!]

[Ignatius]'s [Fire Absorption: Lv2] Skill has leveled up!]

[Ignatius]'s [Fire Absorption: Lv3] Skill has leveled up!]

[Ignatius]'s [Fire Absorption: Lv4] Skill has leveled up!]

"GRUOOOHHHHH!!!"

Ignatius roar became larger and louder, as his entire body began to grow out of proportion, resembling his original form! An enormous and glorious red dragon, completely made out of flames! Agni himself was left completely shocked at the scene.

"What sort of cruel joke is this?!" Agni roared furiously. "Are you so hellbent in making me furious, Heroes?!"

The powerful Ancient True Red Dragon, big brother of Ignatius, Agni, roared furiously. His immense body suddenly began to grow even bigger and more intimidating, his Dragon Aura exploded, resembling an erupting volcano!

"ROOOAARRRR!"

His enormous claws reached the Giant Ignatius with all his might, trying to tear him apart!

CLAAASH!

However, Ignatius resisted them as his flames suddenly shaped as enormously hard scales, and the more Mana he got from me, the harder they were growing... This was insane!

My mother looked at the scene in shock, looking constantly back at Ignatius and at me.

"S-Sylphy... Your Spirit is...? It is the dragon we killed back then?!" Asked my mother in surprise.

"Uuuggh... It is a long story! I'll explain it to you later but for now, help him out! That dragon's his brother, he wants to put him down!" I said. "Mom, can't you use enhancement magic on him?"

"So the fire spirit you had was really a dragon?!" Aquarina asked flabbergasted.

"Sylphy just how many secrets you've got?!" Zack asked angrily.

"Ugh, I'll explain things later!" I said.

My mother seemed to hesitate for a bit, but then seemed to agree.

"Very well then!" She said, pointing her staff at Ignatius, tons of Mana began to flow out of her body, the mastery and richness of her Mana was thousands of times better than mine. "Divine Spirit Enhancement!"

"Spiritual Blessing!" I said, as my own buff and mother's buff combined together, reaching Ignatius.

FLUOOOSSSH!

Agni had to suddenly step back out of the shock he felt, looking back at Ignatius as his entire body continued to glow with golden and orange flames, his gigantic size only becoming larger and more robust, as gigantic wings made of flames appeared behind him.

"T-This Divine Power! Is this Sylph's mother's help?" Asked Ignatius in surprise. "With this... Hehehehe...!"

Ignatius suddenly began to laugh, forming enormous blazing fists and then hitting his brother with all his might one after the other. Each of his fists was like countless meteors falling over the enormous Agni!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

Countless explosions happened one after the other, as Ignatius unleashed all of his might against his brother. His brother, however, remained standing still until Ignatius stopped attacking. The black smoke dissipated, showing that Agni was...

Unscathed!

"Do you truly believe you can fight a Red Dragon with such weak flames?!" He roared, suddenly enhancing his tail with enormous quantities of Mana, and then slamming it into Ignatius!

CLAAASH!

"UUAAGH...!"

Ignatius fell into the ground, rolling over the ruins surrounding us. Thankfully his flames were spirit fire, as long as he didn't wanted, his flames wouldn't spread out and burn things. However, he took a big hit, a large part of his body was missing.

"I get it now, you're some sort of spirit that can absorb fire to grow big and change shape, aren't you? Changing shape into my dead brother just to deceive me! Humans really are disgusting bastards!" Agni roared. "I'll just use my sheer Draconic Might to destroy you, using the Draconic Arts that my clan has taught to me since I was an infant, I'll avenge my little brother whose recklessness ended taking his life away from us!"

Agni seemed filled with sorrow, crying while looking at Ignatius with fury. He felt completely offended by what we were doing, thinking we were rubbing salt into the wound.

"That dragon's crying...?" Aquarina asked in shock.

"This is the first time I see that happening... Well, this is the first time I see a dragon!" Zack said.

"Dragons... Well, they're intelligent like us, if not even more intelligent. The one your father slain was a young and reckless one that came to attack us because he wanted to prove himself. Younger dragons are often very reckless and are the ones that die the most. Those that live long enough become Ancient True Dragons, often hiding in their mountains, or taking over a territory, without moving away from it as much." My mother explained. "If your Fire Spirit is really Ignatius soul, then there might be a way to convince his brother."

"How?!" I asked.

"He has to beat him..." Said my mother.

"Eh?! That's the hardest way though!" I sighed.

"We can always just beat him into submission until he just gives up, or... kill him. I don't know if I have enough power to kill him, but your father, Shade, and Nepheline are close. They had already slain a large quantity of monsters by now." Said my mother.

Is this the only way...?
