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Chapter 521 The Complexity Of Compound Magic

Fire, Water, Wind, Earth, the "Four Cardinal Elements" which are used for most "Compound Magic". Alchemy is one of such Compounds Magics. By learning all four of these elements and at least reaching Tier 2 Rank 7 of Magic Circle, with a minimum of one thousand Elemental Runes of each four elements, it is possible to conjure basic Alchemy Spells and slowly master the craft from there over years of experience. Hehe, of course, with the power of the Alchemist Subclass, I can easily learn Alchemy Spells at twice the speed!

And above all, thanks to the 100 Spiritual Runes I got from reaching the Max Level of Spiritual Blessing, it is as if I had thousands of runes of every other element, so I am more than set to learn most Compound Magics. Meanwhile, Aquarina is just right there, she had been cultivating her Magic Circle diligently by her father's guide. He is amazing at Alchemy as well, apparently, although unlike my mother who can do a variety of things, he specialized into the creation of Secret Weapons and Poisons of all types, he's a professional Assassin after all. I think he can even make small golems to serve as both scouting and attacking from afar.

He used them a lot back then when he was weaker, but now he can just use his overpowered spirits or Shadow Magic to do most of the job more easily than having to spend days crafting specialized golem drones and other things. Though for me, that sounds awesome. Golems are independent magic artifacts that move on their own using special batteries, they're made through alchemy and can do a variety of things. Mother said that the flying ship that was coming here was also a type of golem.

"Now that you girls have prepared your Magic Circles with a thousand runes of fire, water, wind, and earth, you can practice alchemy. Of course, you also need talent to actually use it and remember the formulas, but both of you are very talented. It is said that women are usually more talented at alchemy for some reason. Maybe because we are not brutes like men always are." My mother said with a smile.

"Isn't my mom the brute though?" Aquarina wondered.

"Well yes perhaps your mother is the exception." Said my mother.

"What about Ninhursag?" I asked.

"Yeah... She's quite a manly woman too..." My mother. "But even those women are very motherly and feminine as well, I guess I was just saying, sorry if it seemed offensive, girls... It is just dumb stuff I was taught when I was little. Anyways, I'm quite glad both of you are compatible. I think Zack could even be comparable as well, and Mist and Celeste, but they don't seem interested. Mist is a bit too young for Alchemy yet, Zack seems to be focused on increasing his physical strength, the only thing he does all day is physical exercise, and Celeste is... sorting things out for now."

"Yeah, Celeste got pretty weak after what happened." I sighed. "Maybe she'll grow stronger over time eventually."

"She's still Tier 4 Magic Circle isn't she? And also Tier 3 Physique... She's stronger than us." Aquarina said while crossing her arms. "Don't worry about that idiot."

"Alright Aquarina, that's enough." My mother said, stopping Aquarina from talking too much. "Now that we are done talking, let's get to it."

The two desks in front of us had a series of items that were all broken. Broken knives, shattered armor, and even torn apart shoes. All of such items were actually ours, which were broken in the fight we had. It was a pity but it appears we can actually repair them with Alchemy.

"Magic Items are special; they can be repaired using Alchemy and other materials. And not only that, but you can even end up enchanting their power and effects further." My mother said. "I've brought here a series of materials to both repair and enhance you girls equipment."

"These are my broken throwing knives..." Aquarina said. She had a series of throwing knives made by her father imbued with paralyzing poison and magic power, which worked well with her water magic at controlling them from afar through "threads" of water. They were all broken in the last fight.

"Oh, this is my chain mail... It has dragon scales and even then it broke, huh?" I sighed. "And my boots that enhance my speed... I guess we really need to repair these, they're indispensable equipment. Also Zack's bracelet too!"

"Yep, so let's begin." My mother said. "Through the last classes I have taught you girls all the basics about Alchemy, right? Alchemy is a Compound Magic that uses Fire, Earth, Water, and Wind Elements. The

first spell you should learn is also the pillar of Alchemy and where it all branches off into many other spells: [Synthesis]." Said my mother.

"Synthesis is the spell you use to combine materials, right?" Aquarina asked innocently.

"That's right dear." My mother said with a smile. "With Synthesis you can create new compounds, you can create new metals, and you can repair items by merging already existing materials into them. You see? You've already done Synthesis a couple of times, this is enough so you can now learn the next Spell [Repair], it is the most basic. A lot of magicians stop in here because with Synthesis and Repair they won't have many problems, but those that delve deeper into the craft will learn even stronger spells in the future."

"But for now." She said, pointing at the cauldron. "We'll do Repair. This is the magic circle you need to memorize." She said, quickly drawing it on a board.

The magic circle was quite complex. Compound Magic always had several smaller magic circles inside of them because they were a combination of many spells. It had the magic circle of fire, wind, water, and earth at each cardinal direction, with the center having the spell's name and several other runes connecting the elements together. It was a beautiful creation; I've begun to love magic circles as a whole. Their complexity was just fascinating to me.

"Now, let's begin."

Chapter 522 A Little Competition

Like that, mother activated the second Cauldron and then told us to do the things ourselves. We started with trying to repair the knives, the smallest and easiest to repair items. She gave us one ingot of steel alloy each, and we had to use it to repair the knives cleanly. That way, we would pass this exam.

"Let's see..."

As I saw Aquarina doing her best, I quickly got to it myself. I began scribbling the magic circle inside of my mind, imagining it, and then projecting it bit by bit as if I was writing it myself but in the air.

"Compound Fire... Compound Water... Compound Wind... Compound Earth... Four Elements, Combine... Synthesis, Connection, Fuse, Repair..." I started to chant each Rune as I arranged them slowly into the magic circle.

BBZZZ!

The magic circle, however, started to tremble, it was about to get undone because I was taking too long to make it. Damn it!

CRASH!

And there it goes, gone.

"Ugh..."

CRASH!

Aquarina also ended breaking her magic circle once more.

"Patience girls, try again, we've got all day." My mother smiled back at us. "Practice is everything when it comes to magic."

"You're right..." I said.

"Alright! I'll make a magic circle before Sylphy. Heheh..." Aquarina smiled with a cocky attitude.

"Hey! I see, well, let's compete who can repair something first then!" I proclaimed.

"Okay!" Aquarina and I quickly began doing our best.

Slowly, I rearranged the magic circle bit by bit, trying to do it faster...

However, because I tried to hurry too much midway through...

CRASH!

The magic circle shattered and disappeared into particles of light.

It took me roughly twenty tries to learn Synthesis, I guess Repair rises the complexity as it is way more advanced than Synthesis...

CRASH!

Aquarina also failed, so I guess we were on square one once more.

I continued making more and more magic circles over and over.

Making them only for them to be destroyed midway through, then making them again, and then getting destroyed, and then making more, again, and again, and again...

Twenty minutes have passed and Aquarina and I were still trying, and then, finally, she seemed to have figured it out before me! Wait, didn't I had a cheat for this?!

FLASH!

"Repair!"

The magic circle activated as it sent a wave of magic into the cauldron. Aquarina quickly tried to add the ingot, but right before she could, an explosion of smoke emerged from the cauldron.

POOOOF!

"Uwaah!"

Aquarina was scared and fell over the floor.

"Ouch, what happened?" She sighed.

"You've hurried up." My mother said. "You had the magic circle figured out but poured the magic spell before putting the ingot in. To make alchemy you have to both know how to mix materials and, at the same time, conjure the spell."

"Oh..." Aquarina seemed to not be dispirited by her failure, quickly getting up again and remaking it.

CRASH!

And as my last one broke once more, I quickly attempted another one.

I tried to copy Aquarina's magic circle and how she arranged everything at a fast yet steady pace. Like that, I finally did it. Although mostly by using my good memory to copy her movements... but everything goes when its war.

FLASH!

I quickly threw the ingot inside the Magic Cauldron, and then several other materials such as something named "Gumstone" a stone that is like a moldable clay, and a few other things.

"Repair!"

The magic spell activated as I used a large wooden spoon inside the Cauldron to shake everything around over and over and over.

I saw with my very eyes as the sparkling light of the material's elements converged together beautifully, rainbow light emerging from within them as the knife was fully repaired!

FLAAASH!

The knife quickly emerged from within the Liquified Magic Essence, as I quickly grabbed it out with my bare hands and saw it in all of its splendor!

"I-I did it! I was able to repair it!"

"Repair!"

Aquarina also did it just after I did, almost just a few seconds of delay between the two.

"Damn it! I almost won..." Aquarina sighed. "I shouldn't had hurried up so much."

"Well done you two." My mother congratulated us. "This competition was a good way to boost your motivation, but it doesn't mean it is everything, okay? That one of you loses or not doesn't really matter, what matters is that you learned the spell and that's good. Now try to memorize it by placing its formula inside your Magic Circle."

Magic Circles unlocked special abilities over time, with each Tier and each Rank within each Tier. One of the Abilities that Tier 2 Rank 5 unlocks is named [Magic Circle Memorization], it allows for the memorization of ten magic circles within our own magic circle, which can be switched around as we please.

With each Tier, this maximum amount of magic circles we can store within our internal magic circle increases by another ten slots. This means that those at Tiers such as 9, they have 80 slots for magic

circles... Is this why our parents seem to create spells of incredible power and complexity without even need to form the magic circles externally? Pretty crazy.

"Alright, done! Stored!" Aquarina said happily.

"I did so as well." I nodded.

"Good. However, remember that storing a magic circle doesn't mean you've mastered it. Try to combine the instant conjuration with normal conjuration in between, and always try to improve the magic circles. Every person has their own magic circles of each spell, even if the spell is the same for everyone. We can always figure out ways to improve upon the spells we learn and make them our own magic. You two girls are amazingly talented, so I want you to keep working hard to make your talents flourish. Also it helps you're passionate over magic." My mother said with a smile.

"Got it!" Aquarina said.

"Now let's repair the rest of the equipment!" I said.

Chapter 523 Stronger Skills

We spend the next hours repairing our equipment using the Repair spell. Once learned we were able to replicate it quite easily, although if you lose concentration, the spell can still fail, so we had a bit of a hard time doing it all little by little. Spell memorization still is just memorization, it is like saving a blueprint of a spell, I still needed to make it and all, and that requires patience and a lot of dexterity.

Nonetheless, Aquarina was able to repair her knives and other equipment, and I repaired a bracelet, my scale chain mail, and the boots I had. Which were all rather pristine after repairing them. The power of the Alchemy Skill and the Alchemist Subclass ended working as their descriptions intended, and all equipment was suddenly raised by a Grade of quality, their effects were greatly improved too.

Aquarina used some material her father handed her over, which she used to enchant her throwing knives with special new toxins... I didn't went into details but she seems to be packing to be an incredible assassin, I suppose. Her mother is also teaching her earth magic in the sidelines, and she might be able to summon golems and the like in the future.

"And done... Phew... I am so tired..." I sighed.

Ding!

[The Alchemy Skill has leveled up to Level 3!]

[Alchemy: Lv3]

Skill Proficiency: 165/3000

A Signature Skill of the Alchemist Subclass.

Grants the ability to inspect items traits and effects and merge materials together through [Synthesis], extract components from materials with [Extraction] and morph them, shape them, and transform them through [Metamorphosis]. Special tools can be used to facilitate this process and make higher quality items.

[Synthesis (3)]: Allows the combination of materials to create new items following certain recipes. Quality of created products is enhanced by 1 Grade, and their effects by +30%.

[Extraction (3)]: Allows for the extraction of components from Materials. Extraction Speed and Quality of Extracted Materials increases by +30%.

[Metamorphosis (3)]: Allows for the transformation of Extracted Materials into different shapes. Quality of created products is enhanced by 1 Grade, and their effects by +15%.

Level Bonus (3): Enhances All Skill Effects by +30%.

I ended leveling the Alchemy Skill as doing traditional Alchemy also seems to give it some Skill Proficiency. And because I repaired such high-quality items, it ended giving a nice amount of Skill proficiency. Maybe the way to level this up easier is to just constantly repair things? Maybe that'll be my new chore from now on.

Oh, and over the two weeks Heavenly Sight and Mana Usage had leveled up too, their effects were enhanced quite a lot more than I had originally believed.

[Mana Usage: Lv8]

Skill Proficiency: 829/8000

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 (8): Enhances the Control over Mana by +80%, Lessens the Pressure of Mana Usage by -80%, and Enhances Magic Spell Power by +40%.

Mana Usage is becoming even more amazing, and it is slowly helping me more at conjuring spells and overusing my endless Mana while lessening the pressure into my soul and body. Well, I doubt it can completely lessen the pressure of everything, but it is really helping at expanding the scope of my abilities.

[Heavenly Sight: Lv3]

Skill Proficiency: 212/3000

The Goddess of Sight and Heavenly Light has blessed you with her power, giving your eyes the power to see all matter of things. This Skill includes several effects.

[Hawk Eye (3)]: You can see up to 7 kilometer away from your position by adjusting your sight as if that area was right next to you, like a hawk.

[Lesser Foresight (3)]: You have a lesser Foresight to see 5 seconds in the future of a certain area or target.

[Identify (3)]: You can identify inanimate objects, see their quality, state, and even delve into who made them and what purpose they might have. Living beings can be identified, but the information given is lesser and depending in the difference in strength. However, even if the strength difference is large, the user can still see a bare minimum of information no matter what.

Level Bonus (3): Enhances All Skill Effects, Light Attribute Magic Damage, Conjunction Speed, and Magic Manipulation by +30%.

And lastly this one... I never thought it would become so good once it began leveling. Now my eyesight has been enhanced so I can see up to 7 kilometers of distance, insane. And above all, I can also now see 5 seconds in the future upon activation, not 3 like before. I never thought the power of a Divine Protection could be enhanced and made even better than how the gods themselves designed these gifts.

Maybe at Level 10 I'll be able to see over ten seconds in the future, that would be way more useful... And also, perhaps over ten kilometers of distance, which seems like I could just spy anybody if I really wanted.

"Well done you girls, now that we are done here we should go have some dinner..." My mother said, quickly helping us recover a bit of our stamina using magic.

"Phew, I am so hungry..." Sighed Aquarina.

"Same, I just want to stuff myself with lots of food." I said while sighing a bit.

"Hahah, alright, let's go have some dinner- Huh? This presence..."

My mother suddenly ran outside the tent, leaving us behind. We quickly followed her and then saw something enormous emerging from the skies, which was coming all the way from atop the clouds.

It was an enormous... airship, the same one mother showed me in one of her drawings two weeks ago! They are finally here!

Chapter 524 An Airship Arrives

The airship appeared, descending from the clouds above. The enormous piece of magical machinery slowly moved down, landing over the vast and empty grasslands. I could tell many people within the Port City were slightly surprised that something so big appeared out of the blue.

However, the people of our camp was even more surprised, everyone stopped doing what they were doing and rushed to the outside of the camp made of several tents, looking at the enormous behemoth of a machine landing over the grasslands.

It was an awe-inspiring sight for me and everyone else that has never seen an airship before. It amazed me to think of the great things that we would see in the future and excited me more about such a wonderful future ahead of us.

"It is a giant... thing that came from the sky.."

"Some sort of flying house?"

"It looks like a leather balloon."

"That's an airship, everyone." My mother said. "Everyone, we spoke about this some time ago, remember? Please pack everything so we can move over."

"Oh, the airship!"

"So that's an airship..."

"Incredible..."

The people of the amazon tribe and the demons we brought with ourselves commented a bit, as they quickly moved to their tents and started preparing everything to move out as quick as possible.

CREAAAAK...!

Meanwhile, the Airship's door opened, falling into the ground, and forming into metallic stairs. From within, the figure of someone covered on white clothes and several people wearing silver and white armor marched behind that figure.

My father, Aquarina's parents, and even Ninhursag with Zack, Celeste, Mist, Mary, and everyone else related with them came running at our side, seeing the sight of the enormous mechanical behemoth, and also of the mysterious person that emerged from it.

I quickly noticed it was a woman, she had a beautiful figure, like that of my mother, but slightly taller than her. Her wide hips and prominent chest quickly told me she was a beautiful woman. Her long blonde hair came out of her white clothes covering her face and most of her body, as the guards around her were wary, looking around everywhere.

They were wearing helmets for the most part, so I couldn't see their faces, but I could see their eyes. They seemed wary and slightly... angry? I guess they didn't like coming all the way here.

My mother slowly walked towards the woman, stopping right at the side of a tree in the middle of the grasslands. The woman stopped walking as well, standing there.

She slowly began to walk, leaving her guards behind, as she slowly took off her veil, showing off the beautiful appearance she had. She resembled my mother way too much to not be related... her bright green eyes, her flawless face, her enchanting smile, everything was so similar to my mom.

"Faylen!"

The first thing she said was my mother's name, as she suddenly began running towards her.

"Hello Aina..."

My mother greeted her with a gentle smile, as Aina hugged her tightly and kissed her cheeks.

"You don't know how much I've missed you! We all have missed you!" Aina started to cry.

"I'm sorry for not coming home... I just wanted to be away... of everything. But now, I don't really have much of a choice. If I want my children to be raised in a safe place, I have to go. Sorry..." My mother seemed to have no other options.

"Don't be sorry. You will always be welcomed in your home, Faylen." Aina said, hugging my mother again. "My cute little sister, you've grown so much... You have children now, right? Wait! Right! L-Let me see them! I want to see them!"

"Hahaha, you're as impulsive as ever despite being my older sister." Sighed my mother. "Alright, come, I'll present you everyone."

The guards quickly followed mother and Aina... who was actually the older sister I've always heard about from my mother ever since I was like two years old. She was the one that always sent stuff to us through a teleportation magic and seems to be very close to my mother.

I guess she's my aunt.

As she walked towards us, her appearance came accompanied by an all-encompassing aura of life, nature, and mana. It was only comparable to my mother's own magic aura. I was taken aback, but yes, she was perhaps just as strong.

But without being able to get a blessing from a god... did she attained this strength purely out of talent and training over years? But how long? A thousand years or something?

Nonetheless, she held such a mystical aura within her that it felt as if she was the very embodiment of the forest itself.

"Everyone, this is my older sister, Aina. I've talked about her to all of you, but never really mentioned her name..." My mother sighed, smiling back at us. "I hope you can be open minded with her."

"A-Aina?!" My father asked. "So she's your older sister... Nice to meet you!"

My father quickly walked towards her.

"Red Hair and that amazing aura of fire! You must be the Hero of Blazing Blade, Allan! Your story has gone through the world. There's nobody back home that doesn't know you! Especially after... you married my sister." Aina sighed a bit. "I hope you know what you were getting into..."

"I am well aware..." My father sighed.

"Anyways, nice to meet you. I think I can trust you, your heart and your soul seem so honest, pure, and brave... I guess I can tell why my sister loves you." Said Aina with a gentle smile.

"E-Eh? You can read my heart and my soul?" My father felt slightly taken aback.

"It is easy, these eyes are very special."

Aina giggled, her eyes shone brightly, as I noticed that there were magic circles in the middle of her irises... Were those some sort of "Magic Eye"?

"Oh my... and this little baby must be your little boy? By the gods, he is so adorable!" Aina said, greeting Zephy.

Chapter 525 Sylphy's Aunt Is Quite Special

"Bwaah! Babuhh..." Zephy began to move around father's arms, stretching his tiny hands at his aunt.

"Heheheh... You're so cute... Zephy right? Zephy! I am your aunt!" Aina was too enamored with the baby to pay attention to the world around her any longer.

"Aina we don't have much time, you can play with Zephy later." My mother said. "More importantly, this is my first daughter, Sylphy." My mother quickly presented me to her sister.

Aina looked at me with a fascinated look, her eyes shone brightly.

"Oh my...! What a beautiful little princess! So cute! She reminds me of you when you were just a tiny baby girl!" Aina said, hugging me tightly. "Nice to meet you Sylphy! I hope you don't mind this old aunt hugging you right away~"

"Hahaha... N-Nice to meet you as well aunt..." I sighed, feeling overwhelmed by her motherly love.

"Your red hair is like that of your father... It is very rare to see elves with red hair! And those eyes... the same as your mother. Despite being half-elf, your ears are very long as well." She analyzed my appearance. "You're so perfect... it is like looking at a doll!"

"Y-You're also very beautiful auntie, you remind me of mom's appearance." I said.

"Oh my! Do I?" Aina began to giggle in embarrassment. She was wearing a gorgeous semi-transparent white dress, with golden sandals. Even the nails of her toes were flawless her very figure was like a statue made of marble.

Indeed, she was incredibly beautiful and to be honest, hot as hell. I had a hard time resisting the urge to look at her enormous chest. And I had even harder of a time resisting grasping those massive breasts... Ah, why am I getting so many perverted thoughts out of nowhere? Is this puberty? No, there should still be time until then... I hope.

"Y-Yeah, you're like a... beautiful statue made of marble!" I said innocently.

"Hehehe, you like to praise your aunt, huh? You want me to spoil you? Fufu..." Aina was surprisingly amicable. I really thought my elven family would be prideful assholes, but perhaps aunt is different.

"You're an interesting child... that soul of yours, I cannot even fathom it, even with the power of the Magic Eyes of Mana Perception and the Mystic Eyes of Soul Reading..." She said with a smile. "You're the first person in my entire life that I cannot read... Amazing, you're filled with great potential, dear."

"E-Eh? Am I?" I played dumb.

So that's it! She got a Magic Eye and a Mystic Eye! Mana Perception and Soul Reading must help her read through the waves of mana and the soul of a person... Maybe she cannot see the "end" of my soul due to my endless mana getting in the way or something.

"You have like some sort of infinite soul or something, I can't... I just can't even see the end of it!" Laughed Aina. "Is your Mana just... endless? You'll surely make a fuss back in the palace. I wonder what father will say, fufu... He won't be able to act all imprudent against you if he sees that Mana."

"Eh? Ah? Huh?"

I didn't understand what she really meant... but maybe my Mana will help us, somehow.

"Never mind dear! Let's greet the rest of the group! Oh, Shade and Nepheline, right? Oh my! What a cute baby girl! Is this Aquarina?! So cute! I love your skin; it has the color of wood. So pretty and shiny! Amazon tribe people is so beautiful!" Aina quickly began praising everyone. "Oh, such a beautiful white hair, it must be from your father!"

She really liked to analyze people's appearances and praise them. I guess that's her quirk or something.

"Nice to meet you, yes I am Shade, the Hero of Shadows." Shade said.

"Nepheline's the name. Hero of Stone Hammer." Nepheline said.

Both acted as polite as they could with the eccentric sister of my mother.

"You're Sylphy's aunt?" Wondered Aquarina innocently.

"Yep! I am! You want me to be your aunt too?" Asked Aina with a giggle.

"Sure!" Aquarina got all happy out of the blue.

"Fufu, of course." Aina was overly motherly. I could notice that Nepheline was having a hard time resisting her merry attitude.

"A-And I am Zack! I am Sylphy and Aquarina's best friend! Even if I wasn't chosen I'll become a hero too anyways!" Said Zack while puffing his chest.

"Oh? This child is quite strong!" Aina praised Zack, petting his head. "Nice to meet you, I am glad Sylphy has so many good friends with her- Huh? You're a...?"

Ninhursag was right at the side of Zack, as Aina stopped talking and then looked at her with eyes shining brightly.

"Hi... Name's Ninhursag. I am Zack's adoptive mother." Said Ninhursag with an emotionless expression, although she felt slightly creeped out Aina looked at her a bit too much. "What? Do I have a bug in my face?" Ninhursag asked.

"Insolent!"

"How dare you talk in such a way against our Princess?!"

"Milady don't get closer to that insolent human!"

Suddenly, Aina's guards pointed their spears and swords at Ninhursag out of the blue!

"Eh? What...?" Ninhursag felt surprised. "What's the big deal with this? Can't we talk normally now?"

"Everyone, what are you doing?! Stop it!" Aina quickly reprimanded her guards. "Everyone here can talk to me **HOWEVER** they want. And you better not dare hurt anybody here! Or I'll just fire you all!" Aina angrily said. "Seriously, these guards at the castle never know any customs. You guys need a bit more of experience dealing with all kinds of people."

Aina began to reprimand her guards, as they lowered their heads and asked for forgiveness... Well, that was resolved rather quickly.

"Sorry about that." Aina sighed. "I was only shocked when I saw you, Ninhursag, because your soul is amazing. It is composed of so many creatures together, it feels like I've never seen a soul with equal."

"Well, I am a Skin Changer. I can change forms." Said Ninhursag.

"S-So that's it..." Aina said. "This is my first time seeing a Skin Changer! I hope we can get along!"

"Sure..."

Chapter 526 Faylen's Plans

Aina then greeted the demons. Mary, Lucia, Mist, Celeste, and Celica and her mother. Surprisingly, she didn't reacted in any weird way against them and greeted them all happily. Mary has a brother we found in the dungeon break back then, but he was no present here I guess.

"Elven Royalty..." Celeste was surprised. "I guess you were really a princess of the elven country, huh?"

"Ahahaha... something like that, maybe." I sighed.

"She's indeed one! In fact, she's the youngest princess." Said Aina. "And you dear... your soul has a lot of black spots, you've been a very bad person, haven't you?"

"Ah..."

Celeste was suddenly surprised by Aina's sharp abilities to observe a soul's composition.

"That's... yeah..." Celeste sighed. "I've been a terrible person."

"I can tell... But I can also tell you're changing, bit by bit. Such a beautiful change... I guess the beauty of souls is how much they change." Aina said. "They have given you a second chance, so make sure to not waste it, okay? You're all below my protection, so nobody should dare lay a finger on you."

When she finished greeting everyone, Aina quickly walked back to the airship. Our entire camp had already packed everything in just an hour, and my aunt quickly invited us all inside the airship. The entrance was beautiful and the interior even more.

The walls, floor, and ceiling were all decorated with a hard and mystical wood emanating a large quantity of mana everywhere. This was Spirit Wood apparently and was made specifically to resist the winds of the sky.

The interior resembled a beautiful and refined building, with furniture everywhere, even bookshelves. There were long corridors, rooms everywhere, and there was also an enormous hall with hundreds of tables and seats where chefs served people delicious food.

This was really premium to the core, a flight in an airship didn't simply include being brought to one place to another, but you were literally treated like kings while doing so!

"Through here... the guards are going to guide you all to your rooms..." Aina said.

The people quickly dispersed all over the airship, which was mostly empty to fit everyone inside. Even as big as it was, the people we brought with ourselves was barely able to fit inside. There were thankfully enough rooms, as long as they shared them between each other.

"You've really brought a lot of people this time, Faylen..." Aina sighed. "My little sister always playing as the hero..."

"It wasn't exactly my idea, completely... Allan, Shade, Nepheline, and Ninhursag also agreed to it. Sylphy too." Said Faylen. "If we leave these people here, you know what will happen to them, right?"

"I know..." Aina sighed. "However, it won't be any easier for them back home, you know? Not everyone is... you know, like me?" Sighed Aina.

"I know Aina, you're an amazing person and I feel bad every time I have to rely so much on you... But I'll also use my own title right this time." Said my mother.

"Your own title?" Asked Aina.

"Well, aren't I a Hero blessed by the gods? Aside from being a princess, I am a hero respected by many. I represent the entire elven race in fact. I won't leave others manipulate me anymore. And it's not as if I want to get in the way of our father." My mother said. "I will simply borrow a piece of the country, which rightfully belongs to me as his daughter, and then live there with these people. We won't bother anybody. I swear, we only want to live in peace."

"I know, I know you don't have any bad intentions. That country doesn't have only elves anyways. It has been over a hundred thousand years since the last time we only had elves as population, around 20% of our population is made up of a variety of other races. Discrimination between commoners is rare now, but I guess between nobles it might remain." Sighed Aina.

"I know..." Sighed my mother. "I can tell the nobles will not like how I came back home after marrying a human, hero or not, it won't matter to them, isn't it?"

"And two half-elf children... I'll do everything I can so you're not ostracized by it, but you have to keep your mind strong, slurs and insults... will happen." Aina said.

"I understand... I'll have to tell my family about this... Allan is too temperamental, if he were to hear someone call his daughter a slur he would go crazy." Sighed my mother.

I was spying what they were talking about while looking from afar behind a wall. I don't know if they knew I was spying or not, but it seems they didn't really cared...

At the end, I didn't wanted to listen to them anymore, as I knew mother would tell me about it later. I regrouped with father and everyone else and then had dinner in the airship as it quickly started to move.

I tried to not overthink things for a bit and decided to enjoy the trip as much as I wanted. There were small windows around the corridors, so I was able to see the beautiful blue sky. Sometimes, long snake-like dragons would swim across the clouds, and enormous Sky Whales would often times appear as well.

That night, I slept looking at Sky Whales and the beautiful and endless horizon of the window near my bed, thinking about what I heard my mother and her sister talk about.

So for elves, half elves are an object of despise... is it because they pride themselves in their pure blood, I wonder? It is a weird custom; I shouldn't overthink it.

Though it makes me sad to think my own family would discriminate and hate me... But perhaps I just have to trust my mother on this. Yeah, I guess I don't really have any other option to begin with.

She's been protecting me since I was born, much like father, and has always worked for our safety.

Chapter 527 A Mother's Determination

The next morning, I woke up in the cabin I was sleeping with my family. And found my mother and my father awake, the two of them were preparing a meal. There were all sorts of new magic items around, a kitchen fueled by magic was here, and the delicious smell of food quickly woke me up. Mother was making fried eggs with bacon, and Zephy was right at my side in his cradle playing around with a ball.

"Good morning..." I yawned, looking around. "Ugh, I could barely sleep..."

"Honestly same, it gets me nervous to sleep in the sky." Sighed my father.

"I'm sorry about that. We should be arriving at the port city of Naturia Kingdom in a few more hours from now." Said my mother with a smile. "Dear come eat breakfast."

"Okay!" I ran to sit down near my father, as I greeted Zephy first, giving him a kiss in his big forehead.

"Awwuh! Wawahh!" Zephy seemed happy to be loved, as he moved his little legs around when he saw me.

"He doesn't seem bothered at all, in fact he slept well the entire night didn't he?" I wondered.

"Yeah he was oddly calm, perhaps the sky really calmed him down or something." My father said, giving me a kiss in my cheek. "Are you ready to meet the elven country? You're going to get surprised with everything you'll see."

"I am ready! More than ready in fact, super ready!" I said all pumped up.

"Alright, if you're super ready then eat your breakfast." Said my mother, caressing my hair.

She served me a delicious plate with fried eggs, bacon, freshly baked bread, cheese, ham, and milk with tea. It was big feast for this morning, she wanted us to have our bellies full for what was to come.

"And... I need to talk with everyone about something right now..." Said my mother.

"Something?" Asked my father. "Sure, what is it?"

"Well..." My mother sighed, as she explained to us what I heard her talking with her sister.

"I know, I know it is unfair that they might not treat us well but... I don't want some few insults to become something worse, please, Allan. I am telling you in specific, because I know Sylphy is smart enough to understand, but you have to keep yourself calm." Said my mother.

"I mean, I knew this would happen. I am not as clueless as you imagine me being, Faylen." My father sighed.

"I-I don't think you're clueless dear, I...!" My mother was interrupted by my father.

"It's okay, I understand. I won't step ahead of myself." My father said. "Despite being regarded as heroes, that's more like something for the masses, nobles know we are just frauds, and they probably have no problems insulting us if they really want to, especially me and Sylphy and Zephy, who are outsiders... If I get too angry and end up slicing in half one of those pricks we might end up neglecting our new home, risking the lives of all the people we brought here. Nobody would take it lightly if I did something like that, I am aware."

"I am glad you understand." Said my mother. "However, I didn't meant it that way."

"Huh?" Me and father looked back at mother with surprise.

"Wait, how did you meant it then?" I asked.

"Yeah..." My father nodded.

"What I meant to say is that you simply have to leave it to me. You might not have the right to speak back to them or they would make a whole drama about you and might use this opportunity to ostracize you and everyone involved. I know those bastards. However, it is different with me. I am a princess, and also a heroine. I have the power of all the elves masses as they admire me as their representative, and also I am a Saint, literally." My mother said, her eyes were shining with determination.

"I might had been bullied and abused before what happened, but now I've become someone different. I've become a mother, above all. And one with enough power to go against my own grandfather, the strongest sage in the entire continent of Atlanta, and even more my own father. I believe I can handle it. My father might be a bit hard to convince, but I'll do everything I can to change his mind."

"Are you sure?" Asked my father.

"Leave it to me honey." My mother nodded with a smile. "We'll get ourselves a territory to live in peace and we'll settle down there without bothering anybody nor being bothered by anybody either. We'll live peaceful there and wait for the years to go by, until Sylphy has to go to the Academy with her friends."

"Sounds like a plan I guess." Said my father. "But what will we work into?"

"I will open an Workshop and an Alchemist Shop, should be more than enough for our expenses." Said my mother.

"I guess the only thing I am good at is hunting, so I could bring you monster materials and sell the rest in the adventurer guild, while keeping our town safe, killing two birds with one stone." My father decided.

"Sounds good to me." My mother agreed.

I guess the two of them had it all figured out already... I just hope that things go well as mother said. I am praying for her success. I know my mother can be grumpy sometimes, but that grumpiness might be her strength. She's a stubborn and ferocious lady now, unlike the timid, shy, and depressive woman she always said she used to be deep down.

She had truly changed after becoming a mother... after becoming my mother and that of Zephy. I guess she can't simply go back to how she used to be at all now that she got two kids to protect. Even if she wanted nothing to do with her family, she decided all of this just for us...

My mother is the woman I admire the most.

Chapter 528 The Port City Of Undine

A beautiful port city greeted our sight. We saw it from above the clouds, the beautiful city was bigger than any other city I've ever visited. Eastgrain was utterly dwarfed by this port city, even more the small port city before going into the seas. Traveling through the skies was surprisingly peaceful. I had believed flying monsters would end up attacking us at any moment, but nothing really happened. Perhaps we were lucky or something, or the airship has some sort of device that creates a barrier of sorts. Whatever was the case, the beautiful port city of Undine greeted us.

"This is the beautiful city of Undine, a Port City that connects the Continent of Atlanta with several other continents. The nations of the continent are also connected here, and there's people from all around the globe traveling in and out." My mother said. "The Port City was named after Undine, the general name

for all Water-type Spirits. Not only due to the water in the beautiful sea, but also due to the Blessed Water Springs that are in the Port City, which are said to be generated by an Ancient Divine Spirit Stone said to have been where a Divine Spirit of Water perished, leaving her Spirit Core to nourish the world with fresh water."

"Amazing... Such rich history..." I sighed in awe. "Is that really true? The crystal and all?"

"Yeah, you can actually see the Divine Water Spirit Stone right there, in the middle of the city there's a large tower, it is on top of it." My mother said, pointing at the city from the window atop the skies.

"Oooh! That big blue jewel?! Amazing! It is pouring water endlessly like a waterfall!" Said Aquarina while opening her eyes widely.

"Wooah... I never thought a stone could produce water..." Zack said.

"There are rituals done monthly where dozens of magicians pour their Mana into the Stone to nourish it with Mana. As long as it has Mana circulating, it will keep producing water. It is quite handy, isn't it?" My mother said.

"It sure is handy!" Said Zack.

"I wish we had that back in the tribe." Said Aquarina. "Sometimes river water was a bit too nasty."

"And the lake water was salty so we never drank it." Said Zack.

"Well this country has several drainage systems, even in the smallest villages, so don't worry, you'll have plenty of clean water to drink- Wait, can't you just make water with magic though? Sometimes I forget you're not normal children." Laughed my mother.

"Normal? It is not normal to make water with magic?" Asked Aquarina.

"Well... Depends." My mother said. "Most folks are very ignorant of basic magic. Though in our country we teach everybody, even those uninterested "Daily Life Magic" which allows people to conjure simple spells such as Ember to light up candles or bonfires, Aqua to generate a bit of drinkable water, Gust to generate a bit of wind, Shine to generate a small light to illuminate places, and so on. Some even consider Soil Creation or Soil Enhancement Daily life magic as well, and even Synthesis or Repair, though those are more advanced."

"Elves are very talented with magic, problems such as lacking water and the like are not really normal at all." Said my father. "They have a strong country which is well protected, got a very strong army, their citizens know magic and other things, so they are very stable economically. They are not one of the strongest countries in the entire world for no reason."

"I see..." I sighed. "What about other races?"

"Well depends, sometimes and other times not so talented. Though, even without talent, magic can be slowly cultivated until reaching a great results, it all depends on if people is willing to learn or not." My mother pointed out.

"Yeah, that's right." My father said. "I had no talent for magic yet here I am, I'm pretty amazing with magic."

"Indeed." My mother nodded.

"Woah, what's that?!" Zack interrupted our talk, as Ninhursag noticed the same thing he was pointing at.

"Wyverns...?" She wondered. She had seen a bunch back in the Dungeon Break of Eastgrain, we fought way too many powerful monsters there. Ninhursag also got several new monster forms out of them, Black Wyverns, Hydras, and other forms were now within her repertoire.

"Yes, those are Wyvern Knights. They're a special squadron of airborne soldiers that protect the city from the sky." Said my mother.

"Wyvern Knights..." I couldn't help but sigh in awe, it must be amazing to ride the skies in a wyvern- wait a second. Maybe Furoh could turn into one...

"I never thought that Lesser Dragons could be tamed..." Said Ignatius, materializing himself atop my head. Everyone could see him now. And knew he was a Red Dragon slain long ago. After Agni's incident, it was obvious known to everyone that somehow the dragon I ate turned into my spirit. There was no real explanation to it other than "a unique power" I had, and it ended at that for now.

"Oh, the dragon that turned into Sylphy's Spirit! You're Ignatius right?" Asked Zack.

"That's me. Can't you see my great body now? I have evolved and grown bigger now, no longer a baby!" Ignatius pridefully said.

"You're still kind of small though..." Aquarina said, looking at Ignatius, who only reached as far as her chest in stature.

"Ugh... one day! One day I will get bigger!" Ignatius said. "I will regain my former strength..."

"It always creeps me out when this guy shows up." My mother sighed.

"I kind of feel bad we killed him and all now that he has become our daughter's friend." Sighed my father.

"We didn't had any choice." My mother said.

"I don't hold more grudges now. I guess my death was coming for me for being such a childish idiot. My brother reprimanded me a lot. Now I just want to grow with Sylphy and help her, it is thanks to her that I was somehow able to become a spirit and have a second shot at life." Said Ignatius.

"I suppose we can't do much against it if Sylphy likes you." My mother sighed.

"Fofooo!" Natoria emerged as well, her appearance was now that of a small young tree, and she had grown a few fruits as well, ready for the picking.

Chapter 529 Arrival

"It's insane how Sylphy's spirits are super evolved now..." Said Zack. "I still remember that dragon was an egg, and the plant one was a tiny seed."

"Yeah, I do too!" Said Aquarina. "I think there are way more familiars than those two though..." Aquarina rubbed her chin, narrowing her eyes.

"Well yeah there's the Light Spirit I named Alice, which seems to be super strong, Furoh who is the Mimic Demon Familiar, and then the Darkness Spirits, one resembles a fly and the other a ball with a red eye." I said with a nod.

"Wait, a fly?" Asked my father.

"Y-Yeah..." I said nervously.

"A fly... huh, well, I guess it is natural for very talented people at magic to be approached by spirits naturally." Said my mother. "Sylphy's incredibly talented and has a near endless mana pool, spirits must feel naturally drawn to her."

"But she got quite the variety of elemental spirits. We all only got spirits that were related to our main elements, but Sylphy got an amazing variety of them." My father recognized. "That's pretty amazing."

"Really?" I asked.

"Yeah, people that have multiple elemental spirits of different elements are known as Spirit Masters, and are very rare. Usually, even for us the heroes, we only got spirits related to our main element or elements. I only have Light and Life Attribute Spirits at my side." My mother said.

"I've got Fire and Light myself." My father said.

"I have Shadow, Death, and Poison..." Shade said. "They're quite the annoying bunch. Shadow Spirits are not at all silent."

"I think I've got a big variety as well, Earth, Metal, and Nature." Nepheline said with a smile. "However, even if they're of varied elements, they're often all within the spectrum of the main element... Aquarina for example has a big affinity with water and ice, so she got an ice spirit, a water spirit, and the slime familiar... that slime's water, right?"

"Kind of." Shade said.

"Pyuuu!" Pyuku emerged atop of Aquarina's head the moment he heard they were talking about him.

"Pyuuu!" And Furoh imitated him, mimicking him to almost perfection and showing up over my head.

"Furoh your mimicking abilities have improved quite a lot." My mother recognized. "I was quite afraid of making you my daughter's Familiar and all... Also you're a demon so you're a person, it was initially strange, but I suppose you're rather more like her guardian."

"Ah, it is all thanks to Sylphy that I am now able to mimic things to perfection. I used to have a curse, but Sylphy uncursed me!" Said Furoh.

"A curse? Sylphy you never told me about this..." My mother said.

"Err... Well, it wasn't much..." I said, quickly telling Furoh through telepathy to not say any more of that.

"Are you okay with becoming her familiar?" Wondered my father. "Well, it has been years now and all..."

"Well, I've never truly thought of myself as person, I've always seen myself more as an intelligent monster..." Sighed Furoh. "My own tribe is extinct by now, and we were all regarded as monsters anyways, even by other demon tribes. I want to remain by Sylphy's side to be her guardian."

Furoh quickly turned into his Fenrir form, his majestic appearance was all my parents needed to get the approval he needed.

"Well I have several monster familiars, and even spirits are as intelligent as people or even more intelligent. I guess there's nothing wrong if you want to." Said my father.

"Yeah, I suppose it is nice to have this sorted out right now before we reach the country..." Sighed my mother. "If possible Furoh, protect my daughter with everything you got, you too, Naturia, and Ignatius. I am counting on you guys."

"Of course, leave it to us." Furoh said.

"We'll protect her." Said Ignatius.

"Foofooo!" Naturia giggled around.

"Good... And we have arrived, apparently." My mother said.

CREAAK...!

The sound of the airship arriving in the port echoed, its enormous size landed easily over the landing port, and as we moved out with the lead of the guards and aunt Aina, we saw many other airships similar to this one arriving in other areas, coming from around the continent or even other countries.

"Airship transportation is one of the specialties of our country. It is much more safer and swifter than sea traveling. But we also have many sea ships coming every day." Said Aina, pointing at the beautiful port behind us.

Countless vessels came and went, people walking and bringing enormous boxes with provisions, it was a busy city filled with people to the brim. The sound of the sea waves was only interrupted by the loud sound of perhaps over a million people talking everywhere. The city was so immense and packed with people that I was afraid of even stepping into a main street.

"This city is immense!" Aquarina said, raising her arms.

"So much to explore!" Zack said.

"Yeah! But be careful! Don't go anywhere yet!" I grabbed my two friends by the shoulders and dragged them back to our group. If they get lost it will be a bit hellish to try to find them.

"Looks like you guys are having fun." Celeste showed up behind me with a calm smile. She looked around the place, and the city, her red eyes shone brightly. "The place's beautiful, alright. I have to admit it... I've never seen something similar. This is my first time ever stepping out of Eastgrain..."

"Yeah, it is pretty amazing... the world outside is so vast, see?" I said. "There's a whole world awaiting for us outside."

Aquarina walked near me and crossed her arms looking at Celeste while narrowing her eyes, as if protecting me or something.

"Come on lower your guard, I am not going to steal your girlfriend." Laughed Celeste. "But I think we should stick together, how about it? Mist is also here." Celeste quickly revealed Mist was hiding beneath her long magician cloak.

Chapter 530 The Bread Slayer

A little and adorable fluffy-haired black horned demon girl emerged from Celeste's back, she was latched there like a little spider and walked out when Celeste revealed her to us.

Apparently, this was supposed to be a surprise to scare us but Celeste ruined it for Mist.

"Celeste it was supposed to be a surprise!" Mist got angry.

"Hahaha, sorry, it was too obvious." Celeste sighed.

Mist quickly forgot her anger as she saw the enormous city in front of her, her four eyes opening wide in shock and even her cross-shaped mouth opening and showing the sharp teeth.

Usually she would look like she has a human-like mouth for the most time, as she can keep the other upper part of her mouth shut, but sometimes when she's eating something big or surprised about something, she opens her mouth wide open, showing the sharp teeth inside.

I pity the bread she devours every morning.

"Sure, you girls can stick with us if you want, you're already part of the Team!" I said proudly.

I had already considered it for a while now and decided to let Celeste and Mist stick with us. Celica can do if she wants to, but she spends way more time with her mother than anything. While Celeste and Mist were rather independent and adventurous, perfect for our party.

Of course, Celeste's got the whole drama of her past going on but we kind of settled it up and she's slowly making up for it. I think that as long as she keeps working on herself and in trying to be nice and different than before, things will result in a nice friendship.

"Eh? We never discussed this!" Said Aquarina.

"Wait a second they're part of our Main Party, the Hero Party?" Asked Zack surprised.

We called our party the "Hero Party" some time ago. It was a name we wanted to decide. Because we were going to stick together until we grew up into and became Adventurers to explore the world and maybe save people, and two of us are blessed by gods, so we are practically a Hero Party anyways. Zack was given the title of "Honorary Hero" despite not having a blessing.

"Yeah! I am the Leader so I get to decide." I laughed.

After all, they decided long ago I had to be the leader because I was the most charismatic and the strongest, so they cannot come to me crying later about my decisions.

"It's not fair if you don't ask us..." Aquarina and Zack sighed together.

"Aw, come on, don't be rude now..." I sighed.

"Sniff... You don't want me to be in the party?" Asked Mist. "I've been practicing more magic... I thought I could be welcomed..."

"W-Wait, not you..." Sighed Zack, petting Mist. "You're welcome here of course!"

"Uwah...!" Mist got happy rather quickly, changing her mood in rather big swings. "Thank you Zack! I'll heal you all you want! Then we marry!"

"Sure, sure, you can- Wait what?! No, that's not-" Zack got embarrassed out of the sudden by Mist strange proposal.

"Hehehe, I was joking!" Laughed Mist. "There's no way you would want to marry me... I'm ugly after all, haha..." Mist seemed slightly depressed deep down.

"Y-You're not ugly... Aw chucks, come on, don't get like that now..." Sighed Zack. "Let's be friends for now, okay?" Zack comforted the little Mist. "You're someone reliable, that's for sure."

We stopped our discussion and doing anything we were doing, even our parents and Ninhursag looked at Zack interact with Mist, they were way too cute.

"Zack...!" Mist got emotional. "Sorry for saying that, I'm satisfied with being your healer!"

It was rather easy to make Mist happy with some pretty words, her mind worked very simplistically.

Zack was petting Mist's head and caressing her fluffy hair until he realized we were all looking at him interact with Mist.

"Oh my, you two make a beautiful pair." Celeste said, touching her chest as if she was moved.

"You're made one for the other!" Aquarina laughed.

"That was so cute! Oh my god..." I felt like I was melting.

"C-Cut it out!" Zack angrily said, crossing his arms.

"D-Don't bully Zack!" Mist said angrily, pouting cutely.

"Aw, now she's protecting you." Said Celeste with a cocky smile.

"Ugh, I thought you changed but you've still got that personality of yours..." Sighed Zack.

"Come on kiddo don't get it personal now." Celeste said.

"Now, now, kids, we should get moving."

We were interrupted by my mother as she saw everyone was already outside the airship. Aunt Aina quickly led us towards the entrance of the airport.

"Alright, we are way too many so we'll have to move directly to the outskirts of the city, I think you can make a camp there with my permission." Said Aina.

"Do we need to stay here?" I asked.

"Yes, we'll stay a day or two to gather fuel and provisions, then we'll travel to the capital, which is near the center of the continent." Said Aunt Aina.

"The center of it?! I guess we won't be seeing the sea any time soon." I sighed.

"There is an immense lake and several rivers in the capital, so you'll have water everywhere if that's what you want, don't worry." Said Aunt Aina. "Now let's go. After we settle down outside, you can come back to explore and have fun. Don't worry about bandits and the like, all these areas are clean of crime. Our soldiers are very competent and adventurers also patrol the streets as a job."

"Amazing, it is really well guarded everywhere!" I said in surprise.

"Nothing like Eastgrain. One wrong turn and you're surrounded by thugs." Sighed Celeste.

"Hahah... It must have been tough for you guys. Don't worry. Unless we have something like... attacks from terrorists or cultists, usually there are no battles and it is mostly safe." Sighed Aunt Aina.

"Wait, terrorist and cultists?!" I asked.

"It is not so common, and we deal with them swiftly." Aunt said reassuring me that everything was okay.

"A-Alright... I'll trust you..."

I guess I was kind of traumatized with these types of organizations already.
