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Chapter 611 Buying A Bunch Of Items

Rock showed us the storage, Zephyr, and Nephi, who followed me, were amazed by all the items laying around. There were bigger weapons than any of the other weapons in the front of the store, it seems the blacksmith has been saving them here for whatever reason. Perhaps because nobody bought them, or they were too big?

No matter, the old Rock led us to an area with tons of small swords saved inside barrels, he quickly took them all out of the barrels and showed them to us happily. Zephyr looked at the weapons with eyes enchanted by the beauty of such items. He quickly stretched his hands trying to snag at one of them, but I stopped him before that.

"Now, let's see..." Rock began looking at the swords with a smile. "There's the Dark Gaze, a small sword with a black jewel which shines brightly, it can enchant darkness attribute. Then there's the Heavy Hitter, a small yet really heavy sword made using bones of powerful monsters. And then there's the Red Star, small yet precise, it has red jewels and gold, it is the most expensive of them all, it overflows with fire element, and seems to be a suitable magic sword for any beginner as well."

"Uooohh!"

Zephyr seemed happy with them all and was greedily looking at them. I think he was becoming a sword fanatic because it was clear he wanted to have them all with him. Nonetheless, he could only pick one, so I couldn't let him do as he pleased... Buying them all would be too much.

"You can only pick one, Zephyr, but I guess you can try them out."

"Okay!"

He quickly grabbed the Dark Gaze. It was light enough he could easily wield it. He imbued mana into it and the sword began glowing with a shadow aura, he swung it gently and several shadow hands emerged with the slash.

FLUOOSH!

"Ohhh! This one seems fitting for his elemental affinity!" Rock said.

"Yeah I think the same. Maybe this is the one, Zephy?" I asked.

"Hmmm... I want to try out the others!" Zephy greedily said, quickly grabbing the Red Star and swinging it.

He generated black flames, which had a nice, cool effect to it. A small fireball was launched from his attack was well, showing the weapon had a very good affinity with magic and could conjure spells very easily too.

I had erected a Tier 4 Light Barrier beforehand, so the attacks were not burning our surroundings or something, and they were too small and weak to really hurt a Tier 3 Spell.

"And this...!"

Zephy then grabbed the last of the batch, the Heavy Hitter, the heaviness was too much and he could not bring himself to swing it even once.

"Ehhh... I'm tired..."

He sighed, getting all tired.

"Hm, I guess the Dark Gaze or the Red Star." I said while thinking. "But the Dark Gaze is way more fitting for you, right?"

"Hmm... I don't want that one though..." Zephy said. "Oh, what's that one?!"

Zephy pointed his finger at a Rapier laying over the table, which Rock had missed introducing to us.

"Oh, this is the fourth one, it is very light as well, I had thought it might be more fitting for the young lord with his small frame of a five-year-old to wield this Rapier. It is named Wind Piercer, and it has wind enchantment runes that enhance movement speed and attack speed. Rapiers specialize not exactly into slashing, but piercing blows, however, they can also slash if used correctly." Rock said.

"Oooh!"

Zephy quickly tried it out, feeling amazed by how light weighted it was. Not only that, but as he swung the rapier, he didn't felt tired at all, and gusts of winds emerged, combining with his shadows to generate black winds surrounding him, giving him the vibe of a powerful little demon.

FLAAASH!

He began slashing the wind rapidly, without any mastery or knowledge, yet his mana guided him, surging from his body like a dark power. I guess he's able to innately utilize his Mana to enchant his physical power, which surges like a dark aura thanks to his elemental affinity.

"I want this! It is light and easy to use!" He said happily.

"Alright then!" Rock nodded. "We'll be giving you this one, little young master."

"Yaaaay! Finally, my sword! Now papa and big sis have to teach me how to use Sword Arts!" He said happily.

"Sure thing!" I nodded happily.

Like that, we ended buying him the sword, it ended costing 5000 Gold, so that was already half of the money Saphaley paid me... Although he said this was just half of it, so I expect another half later. Nonetheless, I used mother's money for this, bringing the coins inside the Dimensional Bag.

Aside from this, I asked Rock if he had any wood carving tools and bought him the most expensive and high-quality ones he had, each one was only 500 Gold, so buying the two of them was 1000 Gold. I used Saphaley's money for it.

"I never imagined the young lady would be interested on carving wood! That's something new for me." Rock said in surprise.

"Ahahah... I think you're exaggerating. I am not really THAT interested." I said while hiding the truth that this was for Saphaley. Sometimes saying the truth is too much, I would need to give him an explanation and everything, and I am not in the mood to be honest.

I also bought myself some new accessories and rings, as I was learning more and more about Alchemy, I wanted to equip myself with as many accessories to enchant my magic. They were mostly the most basic of rings and accessories, Rock didn't had any insane item with him aside from the weapons, so I'll enchant them later.

Included in this batch of items I got, I also bought the gifts for Aquarina, which I will later upgrade to their ultimate forms, hehe.

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Aside from buying those items, my friends bought what they wanted. Zack ended falling to temptation and bought that giant battle axe made of the bone of a Thunder Tyrannosaurus, which was massive, even he with all his strength was struggling to hold it properly. But he was set on using it with his other battle axe... Yeah, he wanted to dual wield two enormous two-handed battle axes. I guess only a muscle head like him could accomplish such a feat.

Aquarina bought herself a pack of ten different knives, each one had a special effect or magical ability. One of them unleashed flames, another was coated on deadly poison, there was another knife that had

curse effect, and another that could paralyze once it pierced through a foe's wounds. They were all quite deadly. She said they were going for her collection.

I suppose her father's been teaching her more and more of his Secret Arts, which might include Assassination Arts and Espionage Techniques where she needs small and inconspicuous weapons to get the most out of it.

Celeste ended purchasing some ores from Rock, which she was using to enchant her Magic Cursed Spear... somehow. I don't know how but I guess she got her ways. And lastly, Mist bought a weapon at long last.

To not be so mana reliant, she got herself a small ballista with quill filled with arrows. The weapon was enchanted with runes to make it stronger and fire more precisely, and each arrow was made of Hardened Black Bark Wood and used Wind Gryphon's feathers, while the tip was made of scales from six-legged lizards.

And lastly, I completed the quest.

Ding!

[You Completed the Special [Beginner Quest]: [Buy Zephy His Preferred Sword]

[You have bought Zephy the best sword he could wield. A Rapier is truly his ideal sword for now! Light and strong if imbued with his powerful Mana. You've made your brother happier, good job.]

[You received bonus rewards for complete the quest in less than 30 Minutes!]

[You Acquired The Completion Rewards: [120000 EXP] [Muscle Strengthening Herb (E Grade)] x10 [Random Skill Proficiency Potion (E Grade)] x2 [Weapon Enhancement Jewel (D Grade)] x2]

Ooh, I got tons of new items handed to me once more... I guess the more important the quests are, usually when related to someone else, the better the rewards, isn't it? Doing normal Quests given to me

when I was doing sit ups, exercising, or practicing magic were very little, and I never got bonus rewards either. I often only got one or none a day as well.

I don't really know what makes them appear, but it is almost always a 100% chance to appear when it is related to the request of someone else. I guess Alice had said that Quests in the "videogames" of the world named "Earth" are like this, the "Player" usually goes to a character within these "videogames" to get a Quest.

Anyways, with that done, we quickly decided to move on with the request, the one doing it was located on the adventurer's guild and should be working there by now as well. We moved there swiftly, while Zephy was eating cotton candy we bought for us in the way. Naturally, Nephi was eating several of these.

"So who's the requester for this? And why in the adventurer guild? Don't tell me one of those lazy old dudes are asking us to do them a favor?" Sighed Celeste.

"Probably a non-adventurer? There's more than adventurers there after all, Celeste..." Said Celica. "M-Maybe the guild master!"

"I don't think it would be as far as being the guild master, Celica." I said. "But it is someone else we already know; you'll see once we get there."

As we entered the guild, we were greeted by tons of adventurers, this time I didn't had time for people to mess around.

"Ah, the young lady..."

"She seems dead serious..."

"H-Hey, did something happened?"

"Has someone committed a crime here?"

"The only crime I've committed is trusting you bastards on beating that fire salamander we fought yesterday, my butt's all burned still!"

"BWAHAHAHAHA!"

I guess they were as cheery as ever.

"W-Welcome!"

A blonde elf girl greeted us. She was only around two years older than us. Her name was Emeraldine, and she was a rather shy elf girl that had just started working in here due to her talent for math, language, and all of that which receptionist use the best.

"Young Lady Sylph, it is a surprise to see you here today." She said shyly. "I see you are here with your friends! D-Do you want to complete a quest?"

"Not today Emeraldine, we came looking for Saphira. Is she in her break?" I wondered.

"Oh, Saphira! Yes, she's in the backyard having lunch. Want me to call her?" Wondered Emeraldine.

"Nah, we'll go there, can we?" I asked.

"Y-yes, of course! Please, pass through here."

Emeraldine let us in easily, the benefits of being the daughter of the ruler of this place, as we entered the backyard of the adventurer's guild building, it was a small yet beautiful garden with colorful flowers and grass, a few trees to give shade, and wooden tables were the workers came to take breaks and have lunch.

We found Saphira, the Aquatic Anima girl was eating from a bowl filled with rice and seaweed, while having a big plate with sashimi, finely cut raw fish. She enjoyed it with some black sauce made from fermented soybeans similar to the one we usually enjoyed ourselves.

"Hmmm... Nothing beats some sashimi with seaweed and rice..." She sighed in relief. "Ah, though the humidity here is so low... Summer comes with so much heat, I am drying here..."

"Saphira!"

"Uwah?! Oh!"

Saphira jumped in surprise when I called for her, as she looked at me in surprise, opening her eyes wide open.

"L-Lady Sylphy? Oh, everyone... Do you need something? I am currently on my break..." She said while sighing.

"In the contrary, we came here because you need some help, right? We took on this request from mother. It said you wanted something that could keep you hydrated in summer, right?" I asked her.

Chapter 613 A New Request

"Oh! S-So Lady Faylen has given you the request to you... I did heard about Saphaley and saw him changed as well. It is amazing you were able to make an Elixir, Lady Sylphy..." Saphira said.

"Hahaha, it wasn't anything as big..." I said while pretending nothing big happened, when while looking for those materials we ended fighting a large quantity of powerful monsters and ultimately I found Nephi.

"Well, I suppose I can trust you this request. I remember you gave me that cream that helped my gills a bit, but I really need something better. Usually we Aquatic Anima live all over the continent. Being fully

submerged in water is not always our preferred areas of rest. Although we often live near lakes or rivers, or even in port cities at the sea..." She sighed.

"Me and other people of my kin that live in here always suffer through summer, because this place of the country is always very dry. So I was requesting if it could be possible to get some item that could help us keep hydrated at... most of the day? Is it too much?" Saphira wondered.

"An item that can keep you hydrated all day?" I wondered. "Nah, that should be possible. Something like... an Aqua Ring could do, or an Aqua Bracelet."

"Huh? What are those?" Wondered Saphira.

"Special accessories that conjure specific water attribute spells. Do you not have any?" I wondered.

"We did but they were expendable, after some time they simply broke. Our magic alone can't be conjured at all times either, or we'll run out of Mana and get tired." Said Saphira.

"I see... Do you have any other ideas or suggestions?" I asked her.

"Hmmm... I don't really know. Perhaps some sort of specialized magical crystal? Other thing we thought was drinking a special potion." Saphira said. "But that wouldn't be good long term, as we would be too dependent on them, right? Oh, I've heard there's Water-Attribute Materials in the Effervescent Lake to the west... to the other side of the forest. But it is too dangerous for me to go pick up materials..."

"Oh, that place..." Celeste said while nodding.

"Maybe we could go there to find some more materials then?" Mist wondered.

"I guess I've gotten an idea of what could help make these items but... You only want one for you?" I asked.

"Well, of course, but it would be nice if you could give the recipe later to someone else, perhaps someone like Rock? He could make more." Said Saphira.

"Hm, I see. I guess I can do that." I nodded. "Is your family big, Saphira?"

"Erm... Well, there's my little siblings, they're three, and then my mom and dad... So we're actually six with me..." Saphira said.

"I see, well I'll make you six at the bare minimum then." I nodded.

"Six... of the accessories?!" She asked in surprise.

"Yeah, once we get all materials it shouldn't be hard enough. I won't be making the whole thing from scratch though, I'll use Alchemy to enchant already existing accessories I already bought at Rock's place." I said with a nod. "Don't worry about it.

"A-Alright... I can pay you right now, I trust the young lady." She said. "I know these things will be very expensive... But how costly would they be? I remember buying similar accessories that broke before, they usually lasted a few months before breaking, they usually cost 15000 to 20000 Gold each..." She sighed. "Thankfully my job pays well."

"Eh?! That's way too expensive! I can sell them all for 1k gold each, is that affordable enough?" I wondered.

"Huh?! Only one thousand?!" She asked in surprise.

"Yeah, I think that's enough, right? I don't think I should overvalue something I'll spend a few minutes making at most. The trip to the Lake will be nice as well, I was looking for some adventure. I've heard that place connects to several rivers, and has a small dungeon known as the Fishman King's Lair, right? We'll go explore it then!" I said with a nod. I was already decided.

"T-That place has exquisite quality Water Spirit Stones!" Said Saphira. "And I've heard the Aquatic Core of the Fishman King is a very rare and expensive item, it contains a lot of water attribute essence..."

Sighed the girl. "If we could ever get there, we would be able to live more comfortably as well, but it is quite far away from here."

"Well, how about it guys?" I asked everyone else.

"I guess I'm down." Zack said.

"Yeah, I want to stretch my legs a bit and hunt some more. Also that place is one we have yet to explore." Aquarina nodded.

"I'm down for it too." Celeste agreed.

"I want to catch fish there! Can we?" Wondered Mist.

"I think we can." I said.

"I want to test my magic so I will accompany you too." Celica said.

And about Zephy...

"Adventure!"

I guess he really wanted to come as well.

"We'll have an adventure together?" He wondered innocently.

"Yeah, we'll go, all of us together. You make sure to stay with us, okay? Don't wander off anywhere else." I told him.

"I won't! Don't worry!" He said happily.

"Alright then, let's get to it." I said, quickly leading our party.

We told Saphira to just wait for us for either today or tomorrow, as we would be bringing her the accessories already made while we sell the recipe and materials to other crafters so they can easily mass produce them for the Aquatic Anima Population.

Like that, our adventure towards this dungeon we have yet to visit began. We made a quick turn back home to pack on some essentials and then we rushed back outside. This time we skipped the front and jumped over the walls, heh.

Ding!

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[Completion Rewards: [100000 EXP] [100000 Shared EXP] [Water Rune Potion (D Grade)] x5 [Random Skill Proficiency Potion (E Grade)] x3 [Water Dragon Flower (D Grade)] x2 [???] x1]

[Time Limit: 7 Days]

Chapter 614 Moving Into A New Adventure!

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I guess what I need to make is use the Tier 4 Water Attribute Spell [Humidity] and imbue it as runes into the Rings so they transform into Aqua Rings. Naturally, higher quality materials make for better Aqua Rings. Also I doubt I have enough on my stash to make something good enough that wouldn't be disposable after a month of being used.

So, going to the dungeon, aside from our thirst for adventure, is totally normal and just what we wanted anyways! It is totally not because we just want to go hunt monsters and explore for rare materials...

Analyzing the rewards, seems that another [???] thingy showed up. The previous one were these mysterious Weapon Upgrade Jewels, and now there it is again. Maybe it is also weapon upgrade jewels... or something else, a mysterious new item.

However, if we talk about the other items, they seem pretty interesting. Mostly the Water-themed ones. I can get Water Rune Potions out of this, which is not my strongest element, and even a Water Dragon Flower. I don't think any of them suit me but... there is nothing saying I cannot gift them to somebody else either.

So perhaps I could make Aquarina some Dragon Elixirs using these flowers. Her Spirit Beast is Leviathan, a water dragon monster, so of course she'll benefit from this, and boosting her water runes even more

would also enhance her fighting potential as well. I guess I could give it a shot! That would be a nice gift for her, right? It surely would!

"Uwaah, I never thought we could just escape from the city like this! Sylphy, isn't this illegal?" Celica seemed overly worried.

"Nah, don't worry. I am the daughter of the sovereign of that city... I make the rules." I giggled smugly, although I knew that if my mother knew I was doing this carefreely, she would quickly reprimand me.

"I-I don't know if I should take that answer for granted..." Celica sighed.

"WOOF! I smell a lot of water to the west! Is it there?"

Furoh was on his glorious and gorgeous Fenrir form, carrying all of us over his big back. He was so big and fluffy nobody complained about being carried by such a glorious-looking mount, despite his real identity being a shapeshifting mimic demon, hehe.

"Yep, the Effervescent Lake is to the West of the Forest, we need to cross the Grassy Plains too, so it is a smooth travel, use the road leading there, that one over there. Just run straight from there."

Furoh ran across the beautiful grassy plains, we saw several herds of monsters walking around peacefully, grassing over the fields of grass while bathing on the calm sunlight. As someone that grew stronger with sunlight, it was a really nice feeling to bath on it when it was so warm.

"Very well! AWOOO!"

Furoh often did some wolf-like noises on his Fenrir form, which was his main shapeshifting form. Usually, he often also took the form of a powerful dragon, trying to imitate Ignatius' brother, although failing to even have his same power. Other times he can also take the form of other monsters we've fought, such as Black Wyverns for flying and the like.

However, instead of flying it is always more enjoyable to see the beautiful scenery from up close~ Though, we didn't had much time to spare now that I thought about it.

"Furoh, can you fly?"

"Sure!"

FLUOOSH!

Furoh's body shapeshifted when we were still sitting over his back. In a moment, he transformed, his entire body taking the form a large and ferocious wyvern, as big as five meters, with enormous wings which he flapped rapidly, lifting us all into the skies!

FLAAASH!

His black scales shone brightly below the sun, as his red eyes glanced down into the landscape, following the road I told him before.

"Woah, this is amazing! Sir Furoh, you're incredible!" Mist began praising Furoh.

"Hahaha, this is nothing but a small warm up, I can become a lot of other powerful beings!" Laughed Furoh.

"But seriously this is great." Said Zack sighed in relief. "The sky is so beautiful... And down there, the world... it looks small in comparison."

"Yeah, this is really quite the scenery." Celeste smiled as she relaxedly saw the world around us through the skies.

"Mister Teddy! We are in the sky!" Celica was happy.

"Big sis... Furoh can transform?!" My little brother asked, surprised about seeing him become a giant wyvern.

"Yep, it is one of his many talents!" I nodded. "He's also a Familiar, you'll eventually find your own Familiars that will help you through your journey."

"Familiars..." Zephy had yet to get one himself, but I am sure that through this trip we might find a monster that could be tamed and might join him, he had indeed good talent for magic. If not, maybe a spirit... and if that doesn't work either, I might try out something myself, like giving him a spirit I could create or something.

"I want one that can be as big as this one! Where can I get it?" He wondered.

"Hahaha, I don't know, you'll have to leave that mostly to luck for now." I laughed. "Oh, we're getting closer! Everyone, look!"

I pointed into the distance, as we saw the lake, which was being surrounded by a large rocky area known as the Lake's Rocky Valley. In the center of the Lake there was a small island with a large cave leading down into a dungeon, the Fishman King's Lair.

Chapter 615 Arriving At The Rocky Valley

The Lake was really as effervescent as its name implied, a truly fantastic scene in front of us. The beautiful lake was bubbling with rainbow bubbles, largen streams of water were coming from the ground constantly, sometimes hot, sometimes very cold. It was said this Lake was formed by the combination of underground sediments of Fire and Water Attribute Spirit Stones.

As the land was eroded over time, water began emerging and then boiling, and then remerging again. Eventually the rivers connected to this immense lake, bringing living organisms that filled it with life. In an area, it is constantly letting out boiling water from the underground, in the other area, cold water filled with life greets our sight.

The surrounding area of the Lake became the Rocky Valley due to the constant erosion of the water into its surroundings. And well, that this entire Lake is located in what seems to be a giant crater from a meteor doesn't make it less beautiful, in fact, it only makes it even more amazing to admire.

Decorating the valley there were large growths of red and blue crystals. Fire and Water Spirit Stones of varying qualities grew in here like a beautiful sanctuary. Aside from that, there was also other ores growing here, sometimes whole chunks of metal could be found. There could be seen sometimes a group of miners going with adventurers in here to mine for resources.

However, the reason why only adventurers come here is... because there's obviously a lot of dangerous monsters. Tier 2 Monsters is the minimum in this place, with Tier 3 everywhere and Tier 4 Monsters roaming around the vast territories they take.

This place has a lot of water, so therefore lots of monsters would come here to make it their home, especially when there's tons of caves and crevices to hide and sleep inside across the surrounding Rocky Valley.

"Woah there's a ton of monsters here. The entire Lake's immense too, we can barely see the end of it from here!" Aquarina said with fascination.

"T-Those are Four Tusked Ruby Boars! Fire Salamanders! Oh, a herd of Crystal Horned Deer!" Zack was fascinated, filled with the intent to hunt.

"What is that big yellow thing down there?" Celica wondered, pointing at a creature stalking the herd of crystal horned deer.

"T-That a Tyrant Tiger... So these things are here as well, damn." I sighed. "Well, as long as we can manage things properly, we shouldn't engage in too many monster fights, we came here mostly for materials, alright?"

"Ninhursag always says that fighting stronger monsters will give us a fragment of their essence once they're hunted. That's how our Physiques can develop further, so of course I'm going to hunt them!" Zack was rather not obedient today.

This world has Physiques of course, they grow more upon physical activity and the enchantment of the body through magic and mana flow techniques and meditation too. Of course, there's also another method, depending in our specialization, whenever monsters are defeated we gain a piece of their strength which make our specialization stronger.

Usually it should give us a bit of magic power and strength, depending on how strong the foe we defeat is compared to us, this tend to change from monster to monster. Usually, if we fight something with a higher tier than us and we win... then we usually get way stronger or accumulate enough power to grow faster as well.

It is something kind of similar to EXP and Level Up mechanics, but way slower and less... erm, "numerical" to say the least. It is something way more loose, it is something that we only "feel" that it happens. My father and mother told me it was as if a piece of the defeated monster's soul became our strength, this hasn't been studied too deeply as anything can be barely seen.

But yeah, those that tend to fight monsters a lot tend to grow stronger faster than others. This is a reason why my friends are all so strong even without a System like me, although my System has made me vastly stronger anyways... Nonetheless, for me it doesn't happen like that because the "essence" of the monsters becomes my EXP instead.

Which then I can later on distribute into leveling up skills or acquiring skills that can level up, or obtain new system functions, grant systems to my familiars, amongst other things. Perhaps later I might be able to raise my stats using EXP or something... I don't know, although it would be pretty awesome if I could eventually be able to do that.

Nonetheless, we can't waste any more time in here, we have to get down there! I've already made a list of the materials I want for this. And the Rocky Valley is our first stop in this journey.

The list of materials I want are

Fire Spirit Stones, at least forty pieces of them. I've got a few from the temple where Nephi resided, but that's not near as enough.

Water Spirit Stones, I got very few of these as I've used them for Aquarina's gift, so I need to harvest a ton more. This place has the highest quality ones in this region, so I'll be picking as many as I want. But usually, fifty pieces would do fine.

Mithril Ore, I've heard Mithril grows in the depths of the Fishman King's Lair, silver-colored crystal-like growths of ore down there are some Lesser Quality Mithril, any quality would do, if I can reinforce the Aqua Rings with Mithril, they'll be near indestructible.

Water-type monsters Magic Crystals, minimum of Tier 3, but Tier 4 would be ideal. Also, their materials, fish scales, bones, flesh, eyes, anything they can give me that is water attribute, to better make the rings capable of harboring the element within.

And lastly, Aquarius Crystals, super refined water-attribute crystals that also grow in the depths of the lake's dungeon, protected by the Boss. They grow in very little quantities and are said to be the highest quality of purity a Water Spirit Stone can reach, comparable to an A Grade Material!

I'm going to grab them all!

Chapter 616 Mining Materials Happily

As we reached the Lake, we quickly flew down with Furoh. Reaching the starting point of the Rocky Valley. We came here looking for two crystals, fire, and water spirit stones, and also to hunt some critters here and there, that's all.

The actual challenge starts in the Dungeon we are about to enter, and this one is an actual dungeon and not just abandoned ruins with monsters inside. However, as they haven't been tempered by the ancient wizard that father mentioned back then in the Eastgrain Dungeons, it doesn't have "channels", we can enter and just get inside and fight the monsters there freely.

This also means that the Evil God of Dungeons has a greater authority over this Dungeon... We could be afraid and just step away, but I am not that kind of person. The power he can exert over the Dungeons themselves is small, he needs catalyzers and those that worship him to bring and use special items.

Dungeon breaks cannot happen all the time whenever he wishes for, or the world would already be swallowed by his monsters. I've already explored dungeons before around here with friends, nothing bad ever happened. I am hoping the same... but if something bad ever happens, then I'm going to storm the place and use my newly evolved curse to intimidate him.

Also, Nephi's here. That she got a connection with the gods and somewhat carries "divine power" within her makes her special as well. Maybe she could be like our bodyguard against godly forces, even if a bit, she's also qualified as a "living weapon" so maybe the Evil Gods won't be so dumb to attack us with their tricks as before so upfront.

"This place's big... and beautiful." Nephi sighed. "I've never seen something this huge before... So many monsters and life as well..."

"Woooah! Wooooaaah! Ooooooh!" Zephy was looking everywhere in surprise as we made our way through the Rocky Valley with Furoh taking care of our backs by looking from behind. For easy movement he became a Fenrir once more.

Meanwhile we all had our Spirits and Familiars out. Pyuku was protecting Aquarina too, sitting over her head, while our spirits floated around as well. I had the most spirits too, so everyone looked at me with a bit of surprise as if I was trying to show off a bit...

"Alright, we're finally here... You guys remember that we are here to find two materials, after that and beating some monsters for their materials, we'll go to the dungeon right away, that's where we can find the Mithril, the most Water-type monster materials, and also the Aquarius Crystal." I said with a nod.

"I didn't had any idea there was Mithril in this place." Celeste said. "But if only the boss room can have it then yeah, it is certainly not something anybody can come to harvest. We also got here quickly thanks to your familiar, walking all the way here, or even moving through carriage would take a few hours, the distance's certainly big."

"Aquarius Crystal... Can I have some?" Wondered Aquarina. "I think it might resonate with my magic circle and physique if I use absorb its essence."

"Sure, I guess you can have them. Have you been absorbing water spirit stones I gave to you?" I asked her.

"Yeah they're all empty already!" Sighed Aquarina. "Thanks for the gift, they're really nice to help me grow stronger."

Magic Ores had a special ability, well, most magic imbued materials with elements. Once we learn Alchemy and other advanced magics, it is possible for people to "absorb" the essence of materials. It take some time and it is often easier to just make potions out of them like Aquarina has been doing in between absorbing them, but it pretty much allows us to also grow stronger by drawing power from these materials.

They can become a few extra runes in our magic circle or enchant our physique and make us physically stronger. Of course, if there weren't restrictions everyone would be powerful. A specific magic circle is needed for the [Essence Absorption] Spell, and the materials that can be absorbed are dependent in our stronger elemental affinities.

If someone boldly attempts to absorb something too strong that has an affinity that is not good with them, they'll die or suffer terrible backlash. I haven't tried it myself because if I receive backlash my soul could weaken and that's the least I want to do.

The safer method is, of course, to just process the materials and turn them into consumable potions and elixirs, such as the dragon essence elixir!

"Certainly, if I can get you Aquarius Crystals, you could grow stronger way faster." I nodded. "But for now, let's go there, look!"

I pointed at the distance, there was a large, red-colored crystal growing from the ground, it shone brightly with a fiery, red aura. It was a Fire Spirit Crystal! And a giant one at that. I'll just mine the areas around it and take a dozen chunks before leaving, I guess.

"Oh, there's a fire magic stone there!" Said Mist.

"It is so shiny!" Celica said.

"Should I mine it for you?" Zack wondered.

"Nah! This time I'm not going to rely on Zack, I'll mine them myself using my own pickaxe!" I said, taking out a big, shiny pickaxe from my Dimensional Bag.

The pickaxe was one I had made myself, enchanted with the [Digging] Spell the most, it has an extra powerful strike against all sorts of ores and crystals, and it's the best at digging as well!

CLANK! CLANK! CLANK!

C R A A A S H!

The moment I hit the crystal three times, enormous chunks of crystal began falling from its body into the ground, making a bit a noisy sound.

"Oooh, these are big!"

As I stored them happily, the rumble of enormous monsters approaching could be heard from behind...

"GRUOOORRR!"

"Eh? What the heck are those things?!"

Chapter 617 A Monster Infested Area

And the monsters we found were... Fishes with the legs and hands of humans, lightly covered by blue scales! Yeah they were not even humanoid, they were just giant fishes with legs and arms, they looked utterly ridiculous!

We couldn't quite contain our laughter, which seemed to only make the more angered. These guys were the Fishmen of this place, a dominant group of monsters, they can even craft bone weapons, but aren't really intelligent and are... well, incredibly savage like right now.

"GRUOOHHH!"

It was a group of around ten of them. A quick glance told me they were all Tier 3 Monsters despite their appearances. Well they were around two meters tall each, so they were greatly taller than us, but not really a threat.

"You guys have come in the perfect time! I was really thinking about getting myself some monsters with your water attributes. Your Magic Crystals will come in handy." I said, quickly taking out my sword and saving my pickaxe inside the Dimensional Bag.

"GRUOOHH!"

The Fishmen suddenly pointed their spears and tridents at us, as magic circles emerged, vortexes of water and water bullets began to rain down over us rapidly. They were quite versed at magic to make up for their smaller bodies!

SPLAAASH!

The water vortexes were quite powerful, but Aquamarine intercepted them with her powerful Magic and then manipulated most of the water back against them, splashing over the Fishmen and scattering them over the ground!

BOOOOMMM!!!

"GRYEEEEH...!"

"GLUOOP!"

"GRUAH...!"

"Now!" I roared, as I jumped forward with everyone else, quickly pointing my sword at the nearest Fishmen. "We need their materials in a good state so don't burn them or cut them too much! Swordsmanship Technique: [Skull Smasher]!"

I unleashed a strong yet simple Swordsmanship Technique, Skull Smasher. This technique enhanced the weight and power of the sword for a few seconds by imbuing Mana into it, making it possible to crush very hard things, such as the skull of an enemy.

CLAAASH!

The powerful blow reached the Fishman's neck, slicing through it and killing the monster on an instant. However, another Fishman rushed from behind me, as Celica quickly attacked it.

"Mister Teddy, smash it!"

Darkness surged from her hands in the form of threads, which connected to her Teddy Bear. Her plushie suddenly transformed, growing larger and more ferocious looking, with sharp claws and an angered look, while she controlled it using her Shadow Threads.

"KUMAAAAA!"

The enormous Mister Teddy smashed the Fishmen with his large claws, slashing it away and throwing it into the ground.

BAAAAM!

This was Celica's amazing magic, I remember my parents said it was a unique talent of her Demon Tribe, they have the ability to control things using threads, or enchant them into powerful golems.

"Sylphy are you okay?" Celica wondered.

"Eh? Yeah, I was about to attack that one too... I guess you anticipated to it, well done." I praised Celica.

"It is mostly Mister Teddy's work!" Celica said, as her Teddy Golem began smashing the Fishmen until it stopped moving.

"GROUP!"

However, another two rushed from our surroundings, as I slashed away one with my sword and the [Swift Slash] Swordsmanship Technique, slicing it into two clean halves. The other was attacked by Aquarina, as she stabbed its gills until it died.

"Phew, that's it I think... Uegh now I stink like fish though." Aquarina laughed a bit.

I looked around and found Zack, Mist, and Celeste having taken down the other Fishmen with ease. Meanwhile, Nephi was taking care of Zephy. My little brother didn't had any time to fight though, everything happened so fast he never found a time to intervene and fight, sadly.

Ding!

[You and Your Party Defeated [Fishmen Magicians (Tier 3: Rank 3)] x10!]

[You gained 100000 EXP]

[Your Familiars have received a large quantity of EXP]

"I guess that's that for now." I said. "Let's see... Oh! Scales and Magic Crystals. These guys were Magician Fishmen! I didn't know such a race existed."

"Interesting, probably the reason why their magic was so strong." Said Celeste.

I quickly stored all the Fishmen inside of my Dimensional Storage, as I'll be butchering their bodies later. For now, I concentrated into mining the rest of the Fire Spirit Stones.

"Muhh... I couldn't fight..." Sighed Zephy.

"Was it too fast?" I wondered.

"Muh..." He nodded.

"Well, real fights often happen this quickly, you have to sharpen your reflexes, perhaps. Maybe sparring some more with your big sis might help you with your reflexes." I said with a smile.

"Ooh! Maybe!" Zephy seemed convinced enough. "But I want to slay monsters too..."

"Fine we can find something smaller for you, we didn't start fighting Tier 3 Monsters either." I said while smacking the Fire Spirit Stone Crystal, grabbing the last lumps of it.

CLANK!

Crash!

A large lump came out as well, as I quickly stored it. I wasn't just extracting for this job, but for any future usage I had for them as well.

"And ready, let's go now!"

We walked across the Rocky Valley's road. There was a spiraling road that led directly to the lake where the island that contained the dungeon was located at. In the way, we finally found more blue crystals, and I quickly extracted high quality Water Spirit Stones from them.

However, as this place was swarming with monsters everywhere, it wasn't rare that we would find yet another pack of monsters. A group of twenty Fishmen showed up, alongside ten Crystal Alligators. The Fishmen this time weren't just magicians, there were some ridiculously burly guys holding big weapons made of fish bone.

And lastly, the Crystal Alligators were enormous, five-meter big Tier 3 Rank 7 Monsters in the shape of alligators covered on crystals. Which were not as high quality but were quite valuable anyways.

"GRAAAAH!"

The Fishmen seemed to have used magic to tame the alligators, mounting them and sending them against us rapidly. This was the perfect time to help Zephy fight!

...Though he was trembling behind me, he was quite scared.

Chapter 618 Zephy Admires His Big Sis

"Zephy! Are you okay?"

"Uuuggh... Big monster..."

"I know you're scared but didn't you wanted to come with us? You'll have to fight monsters through your whole life eventually."

I sighed for a bit.

"Nephi, take care of him for now, okay? Zephy we'll bring you back home if you feel you're not ready yet." I said, I didn't wanted to risk his life pointlessly. Even if it sounded slightly rude.

"Noooo! I want to go into an adventure..." He cried.

"GRUOOOHHHHH!"

An enormous Crystal Alligator showed up in front of us, as Zephy suddenly froze in fear over the beast. Nephi and I remained calm, the Nephilim quickly pointed her hands at the beast, as they suddenly shapeshifted into metallic cannons.

"[Light Ray]"

F L A A A A S H!

Two powerful rays of light emerged from her hands, hitting the Crystal Alligator and blowing it away into the air, making it falling into the ground. Somehow, it was still alive mostly due to its insanely big size.

B A A A M!

The Fishmen on top of them were quickly dealt by me, as I went all out and unleashed a barrage of blazing sword slashes.

SLASH! SLASH!

"GRYYAAAKH!"

The Fishmen fell, roasted alive. In between all the explosions and fights, Zephy felt frozen in time. He looked like he didn't know what to do despite my father having been teaching him swordsmanship for a while now.

"GRAAAARRGH!"

The enormous Crystal Alligator roared, rushing towards Zephy directly, opening its enormous jaws. In between the fear Zephy was feeling, desperation bubbled from within his heart, he suddenly gritted his teeth, as his emerald eyes became black and purple for a second, and large quantities of darkness gathered within his hand.

"G-Get awaaaay!"

FLAAASH!

Zephy unleashed a massive blast of darkness from within his tiny palm, impacting the Alligator's open mouth, and blasting its insides!

B O O O O M M M!!!

"GROOAR...!"

The Alligator died as its insides were destroyed, falling into the ground. I was about to kill it myself, but it seems Zephy was rather capable, he merely needed an incentive, a little push, I suppose.

Though, why did his eyes turned black and purple?

"Zephy! Are you okay?" I asked him, hugging him.

"Ahhh... I-I am fine..." He sighed. "Ugh... I-I did it!"

"You did! But... are you sure you're okay?" I felt worried.

He nodded slowly.

"I-I think I had to get a bit of courage..." He sighed. "Though it was very scary... I am still scared..."

Yeah, I guess it's normal at the beginning. His magic was indeed pretty strong, being able to blast a Tier 3 Monster so easily is not normal at all...

"GROAR!"

However, the battle was not over, as we got closer to the lake, more monsters would continue to show up anyway. We had to quickly get these guys done with. My friends and Familiars had already reduced the monsters, over half of them were already dealt with by now.

Three more Alligators reached us, mounted by Fishmen Magicians. Water Bullets and Water Vortexes were summoned, directed at us right as I looked over Zephy.

"Nephi, take care of the one at the left!"

"Understood."

We quickly jumped into battle. Nephi loaded her hands with Mana once more, releasing several rays of light from within them. The Water Spells were not much of an issue at all, as we blocked them using our attacks, but the giant alligators opening their jaws became a bit of a problem.

However, as I gathered power through the Sunlight directly reaching my body, at the same time I also felt the power of my new Dragon Heart growing vaster. Momentarily, my arms and neck gained red dragon scales, and a small red horn grew on top of my forehead. The fiery power of my blessings fused with the dragon heart, generating a short burst of incredible power.

"[Draconic Sword Arts]: [Infernal Dragon Meteor]!"

FLUOOOSH!

My body as engulfed on flames, as my sword unleashed a calamitous eruption of blazing flames in the shape of a roaring dragon, reaching the two Alligators in front of me and consuming them into a flaring inferno.

BOOOOOOOOMMMM!!!

The enormous attack easily consumed the two Alligators and the Fishmen on top of them into the deadly flames, everything was just fire. I quickly rested over the two roasted monsters, as I looked back at Zephy with a smile.

"If you train hard and develop your powers well enough, one day you might be able to do the same."

Zephy's eyes shone brightly in admiration, he seemed completely enchanted by my movements and attacks.

"So cool... Big sis's the coolest!" He raised his little hands and then looked at his own rapier. "I have to grow stronger too!"

"Hahahah. But take it easy." I sighed, quickly looking back at my party it seems the other monsters were quickly eliminated.

Our whole Party was pretty strong already! Zack with his powerful Axe Strikes utilizing Lightning and Wind, he devastated his foes with thunderous and storming blows. Aquarina was able to manipulate the water they conjured and throw it back at them, and then use her two powerful daggers to slice through their ranks sneakily.

Celeste uses the combination of dark magic, curses, and her magic spear to slice and pierce through them at fast speed, the same way we once fought, she's a very deadly fighter, and her long venomous

tail can also inflict tons of damage. Mist is a support for now, healing and buffing us so we can unleash even more destructive damage, all while firing arrows from a distance, although she's still practicing.

And then Celica and Nephi, our latest additions to our Party. Celica mostly fights using her Threads and her Teddy Bear as her guardian. She actually has more plushies with her, which she summons accordingly to how hard things become, they're all her Golem Familiars as well. She's very capable of both offense and defense.

And well, lastly...

Chapter 619 Helping A Little Brother Grow Stronger

And lastly, Nephi. She's a mystery for now as we haven't experienced many fights with her, but from what I can tell, she has insane physical durability, is very agile, and has powerful Light and Dark Magic. She can shapeshift her body around as well and fire a powerful Magic Nuke too, the one she used to defeat that overpowered metallic golem I couldn't defeat back then. I think I've seen her shapeshift her hands into blades too...

"We're done then." Said Aquarina. "Uwaahh... Sylphy can you clean me?"

Aquarina ran to my side, she was all soaked with fish guts.

"Yeah we are all kind of smelly right now, but we'll get even more nastier as we get into that dungeon, we better concentrate into that first." I said with a smile.

"Eeeeh?!" Asked Aquarina while wanting my attention.

"Alright fine. Here." I sighed, quickly using the [Clean] Spell. And then a few others more such as [Drain]. I am fairly sure she can do them herself but she likes me to do it.

"Phew... As good as new..." She sighed in relief.

"Can't you do it yourself?" Asked Zack in the distance.

"Yeah but if Sylphy does it its more special!" Aquarina said. "It's totally not the same when I do it..." Aquarina said, she really wanted my attention at the end.

"Anyways, let's quickly gather the last materials." Celeste said. She helped me store everything inside the Dimensional Bag, as we finally made our way to the Lake.

At the same time, I checked the system:

Ding!

[You and Your Party Defeated [Fishmen Magicians (Tier 3: Rank 3)] x20!]

[You and Your Party Defeated [Giant Crystal Alligator (Tier 3: Rank 6)] x10!]

[You gained 300000 EXP]

[Your Familiars have earned a large quantity of EXP!]

[Naturia] Level has increased from Level 22 to Level 23!]

[Ignatius] Level has increased from Level 22 to Level 23!]

[Furoh] Level has increased from Level 22 to Level 23!]

[Beelzebub] Level has increased from Level 22 to Level 23!]

[Curse] Level has increased from Level 22 to Level 23!]

Oh nice, everyone's only two levels off reaching Level 25, where they can all evolve once more... Ah, it's going to be a bit tedious to check what's the best evolution for them, but it still going to be quite fun at the end.

We made our way through the Rocky Valley and then reached the shores of the Lake at long last. In the way we were ambushed by large crabs named Raging Crabs, which are one-meter big crabs with big claws, they attack in big swarms, but at the end they were still Tier 2 Rank 1.

"Clank! Clank!"

They make sounds using their pincers and seem to run around us angrily, they were hissing at us even, as if trying to tell us that this wasn't our territory.

"Oi what's up with these lil' guys?" Wondered Zack.

"They don't look that cool." Said Aquarina. "I think we can make them for lunch though~!"

"Ooh, they're small! Aren't they good enough for Zephy to try out fighting against?" Mist asked.

"That's a good idea." Celeste agreed. "Hey Sylphy, bring the little boy here so he can have a nice fight with them."

"They seem rather weak, yeah." Nephi agreed. "Master Zephy, what do you say?"

"Zephy, what do you think?" I asked my little brother.

He looked at the crabs slightly fearfully, but they were not freezing him in time like the massive Alligators or the spell casting Fishmen.

"I-I think I could give it a try!" Zephy armed himself with bravery.

"Alright then, there's one coming right at you!" Zack said, as Zephy noticed a big, red-colored Raging Crab approaching him. The crab was only a tiny bit larger than him.

"GRAAH!"

The crab approached angrily, as Zephy concentrated, furrowing his eyebrows. Darkness surged from within his hands and reached the tip of his rapier, as he moved swiftly with a single step forward. A gust of winds emerged around his body as he made his way towards the crab in a single second.

CLAASH!

"CRAAH...!"

The Crab slightly lost balance, but its hard chitinous exoskeleton was a bad match against the thin and weak rapier that Zephy got for himself. The crab moved forward rapidly, its pincers reaching Zephy and clanking angrily.

CLANK! CLANK!

"Uagh!"

Zephy slightly lost his balance, as darkness and blood magic gathered into his hands. Desperately, he shoot down a bullet of darkness and blood against the Crab, throwing it off its balance again.

BAAM!

"Now Zephy, aim at the mouth and eyes!" I said. "Be swift, remember the posture father taught you! Concentrate with your sword, dance with each technique!"

"Dance... Concentrate...!" Zephy rushed forward, his rapier quickly hitting the crab's eyes and destroying them. The crustacean angrily shook its body around, but Zephy quickly aimed at its mouth, unleashing several piercing attacks without much finesse against its interior.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

"G R A A G G H H!"

The Crab gave out an agonizing groan before it stopped struggling, dying on the spot while its mouth bubbled desperately.

"Phew..." Zephy sighed in relief, and then realized he had finally slain a monster without so much fear. "I-I did it!"

"You did it!" I celebrated. "However... there's tons more coming from all around!"

"Uwaah!" Zephy felt overwhelmed as ten more Crabs were slowly making their way to attack him.

Don't worry, little brother, your big sis is here to help you out.

"Curse, help me out. [Ancient Curse]"

Using Curse's aid, we conjured a curse over all the crabs, weakening their stats by around -25%. A good enough debuff for them. Meanwhile, channeling Alice's powers...

"Alice, help me out too. [Body Reinforcement]"

F L A S H!

Zephy's body quickly grew stronger for a bit thanks to this spell, Alice matched the spell's light element, so it was perfect.

"Alright Zephy, you've got a big advantage, I know you can do it!"

"O-Okay!"

Chapter 620 Special Classes

Zephy swiftly began to learn how to fight better. This was a golden opportunity we couldn't simply waste any longer. I saw him attacking the crabs clumsily, combining his magic with his rapier techniques. As I saw him fight, I quickly realized I could also help him even more...

Ding!

[You've modified your Status!]

<#23a System>

[System Owner]: [Sylph Natoria Bravo]

[Magic Circle]: [Tier 4: Rank 1: Spiritual Magic Circle]

[Physique]: [Tier 4: Rank 1: Yggdrasil's Dragon Heir Physique]

[Level]: [1/#523a]

[EXP]: [9020000/%4g3#]

[Class]: [Farmer] -> [Swordsmanship Teacher]

[Subclass]: [Alchemist] -> [Talent Raiser]

[HP]: [10/10]

[MP]: [20/20]

[Strength]: [4]

[Defense]: [3]

[Magic]: [50]

[Resistance]: [10]

[Agility]: [6]

[Luck]: [-10]

[Charm]: [20]

[Skills]: [Royal Elven Lineage] [Agriculture] [Lesser Fire Magic: Ember] [Mana Usage] [Hero Seed] [Divine Protection] [Heavenly Sight] [Alchemy] [Heavenly Sun] [Blazing Sunshine Ward] [Dragon Heart]

[Special Skills]: [Agriculture: Lv10] [Yggdrasil's Endurance: Lv10] [Spiritual Blessing: Lv10] [Divine Fruit of Knowledge: Lv3] [Lesser Fire Magic: Ember: Lv10] [Fire Magic: Blazing Wall: Lv4] [Mana Usage: Lv9] [Heavenly Sight: Lv5] [Alchemy: Lv5] [Heavenly Sun: Lv2] [Blazing Sunshine Ward: Lv2] [Dragon Heart: Lv1]

[System Magic Spells]: [System Seed Creation] [System Modification] [Quest Board] [Quest Helper]

[Curses]: [Great Curse of the Devourer of the Abyss]

[Divine Protections]: [Theia, the Chief Goddess of Sight and Heavenly Light] [Hyperion, the Chief God of Heaven, and the Sun] [Aeolus, the God of Sunshine] [Fiere, the Goddess of Burning Passion]

[The Effects of the [Swordsmanship Teacher] Class have been activated!]

[Any disciple that you're teaching Swordsmanship to can learn techniques, movements, and abilities at x5 the normal speed.]

[Disciples receive a +20% boost to the swordsmanship techniques attack power.]

[Disciples can earn x2 EXP]

[The Effects of the [Talent Raiser] Subclass have been activated!]

[Any talent that you're raising that has yet to awaken its truest potentials receive a boost to all their learning speed by x5.]

[As they grow stronger by developing Physiques, their stats will grow by +20%.]

[It is easier for them to recall the teachings of not only you but anybody that has taught them important lessons.]

Ooh, these two Class and Subclasses are pretty darn good! I never thought about it too deeply, really. But it is now quite obvious that its totally possible to use this power in such ways to teach my little brother to become stronger.

"Ahhh... It feels like my mind is clearer..." Zephy said, immediately feeling the powerup from my two Class and Subclasses.

I had never thought about it until now, but when I remember it, I had used similar Classes before, such as the Class to enhance my Spirits powers and therefore give a boost in stats to Ignatius brother, for example. Now with this, I can enhance Zephy's power to completely new levels and help him learn faster!

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

Zephy moved more swiftly, utilizing the light weight of his body to move more rapidly. His piercing blows reached the crabs as his eyes glowed each time he got closer to their limbs, hitting the limbs made he crabs lose their balance and fall, which he used to finish them off.

Like that, the battle continued. I gave advice to Zephy continuously to make up for the Class and Subclass effects to their maximum potential. Alice seemed slightly proud of me for being such a good sister.

"He's growing fast." She said. "Well done for being so considerate with him, I can see that you're an experienced big sister from your previous life already."

"Oh yeah... I guess you're right in that." I sighed, slightly recalling my past made me a bit sorrowful, but seeing how far I've come in this new life made me smile. It was a strange feeling.

Although he was very different, seeing Zephy fight and grow stronger slightly reminded me of my little sister. Seeing him constantly fight and all really put a new light into my perspective. It made me slightly happier as well.

"Good! Continue moving, the more techniques you use one after the other, the more you'll be in the "zone" you want to be. Attack continuously, don't waste any second, every second is precious, Zephy!"

"Yes big sis!"

Zephy obediently continued fighting, his whole body was soaked on sweat, he unleashed attacks continuously, the crabs were coming at him incessantly as he took them down one by one. Sometimes they pushed him away or some attacks reached him, but he stood back up again, learning to have perseverance bit by bit.

His eyes were slowly changing, they were developing. I could see through him an immense potential, an incredible talent, perhaps even bigger than mine. His eyes turning into a certain color was already an indication he might had been born with what some call "Unique Physiques".

My parents already had some clues about it, but I could further confirm it as I saw him fighting. This darkness that surged almost naturally from his body, it melded with his weapon attacks and movements rather nicely.

Ding!

[You and Your Party Defeated [Raging Crab (Tier 2: Rank 1)] x37!]

[You gained 92500 EXP]

[Your Familiars have earned a large quantity of EXP!]

After thirty minutes, Zephy was finally done, he defeated all 37 crabs by himself! Because I cursed them and all, I ended gaining the full EXP as well. Maybe I should give my little brother a System Seed, as he's young he'll develop with it and become way stronger...

Certainly, being able to gain EXP and level up would simplify his growth, but wouldn't it made him too conceited as well? Hm, maybe when he matures some more.

"Phew... I-I did it..." Zephy sighed, falling to his knees. "Hahh... I am so tired..."

"Well done~!"

I jumped towards him and hugged him tightly giving him kisses all over his face.

"I couldn't had expected less from my little brother! You're so amazing! It was incredible!"

"B-Big sis you're squeezing me...!"

"I can't help it! You were incredible there! Papa and mama would be proud if they saw this."

"T-Then I pass the test?"

"Yeah you're now an Apprentice Swordsman!"

"Ooooh!" Zephy was excited, it seems he really wanted such type of recognition.