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Chapter 791 A New Heroic Quest

Ding!

[You completed the Special [Heroic Quest]: [Find The Hero Of Wild Beasts and Awaken His Powers]

[Wonderful job! Not only you've managed to rescue Luck from an even worse fate, but you've even managed to awaken his own innate powers through giving him a System Seed. However, this quest merely leads to an even bigger one. Lara, the Saint of Spirits, has yet to be rescued. Help Luck grow stronger and develop his talents and rescue Lara with his help! Although everyone is strong and talented, you're the only one with the power to guide the heroes.]

[You acquired the following Completion Rewards: [1.000.000 EXP] [Divine Strengthening Elixir (A Grade)] x3 [Divine Skill Proficiency Potion (A Grade)] x3 [Divine Grade Rune Potion (A Grade)] x3 [Greater Potential Cube (B Grade)] x3]

I had a quest that I acquired right before I rescued Luck, it seems that I was able to complete it now after giving him a System Seed! I didn't really know what it meant by "awakening his powers" but it seems that this counted as that.

The rewards are also pretty decent, with some new additions on the Potential Cubes, which seem to be ways to enhance Weapons and give them "Potentials" or "Reset" them to get better ones, with the possibilities of getting worse ones.

This was all designed within the system, whose powers were based on video games from this planet Earth by the God of Transmigration and Reincarnation, a being who... I still cannot completely grasp who it truly was.

Also, he hasn't showed up at all either, nor he has intended on doing anything against the Gods. His only desire was to bring a "hero" made out of the reincarnated soul of someone, equipped with a System to save this world.

I am his first failed attempt, and I am beginning to suspect that... the new Demon King might be his successful attempt. By saving this world, he actually meant on freeing him from the gods, and perhaps, all of humans, elves, dwarves, and Anima, who are all byproducts of the gods creations.

Based on Alice's memories I saw when we made a familiar pact, there was another, even greater Reincarnation and Transmigration Goddess that taught the guy that reincarnated me about making a "System".

So based on that, I can assume there might be a whole group, or hierarchy of these Gods, which might not even be related with the ones invading this world... But, ugh, for now, it is better to not overthink things and concentrate in the present.

Ding!

[A Special [Heroic Quest] has been generated: [Help Luck Grow Much Stronger!]

[Luck has tremendous potential but he's a weakling. Help him grow as strong as possible so he can get to Lara and help her with his own strength as well. For that, he'll need as much strength as he can! Max Level should be enough, right? Once he hits Max Level, he'll be able to Rank Up his Job Class and Subclass, acquire new Skills, and grow even stronger as he unlocks a brand new Level Cap. Remember that Shared EXP will be given to anybody with a System within your Party, so even Aquarina will get this EXP!]

[Completion Rewards: [1.000.000 EXP] [500.000 Shared EXP] [Divine Strengthening Elixir (A Grade)] x2 [Divine Skill Proficiency Potion (A Grade)] x2 [Divine Grade Rune Potion (A Grade)] x2 [Greater Potential Cube (B Grade)] x2 [System Made Item Coupon (A Grade)] x2 [???]

[Time Limit: 3 Days.]

Oh, this is a rather hard Quest... Max Level, huh? Is that possible within 3 Days? Well, it depends if the monsters around this forest are strong or not...

"Oh, Sylphy, it seems the Harvest Familiars are ready to evolve! Both have already Ranked Up!" Said Alice.

She's been doing this job automatically in the background, summoning their seeds and then merging them into one, so they could evolve.

They needed 100 seeds for each one, so that took a while to collect, but finally, with both evolved, I can now summon their newly powered up forms and replace the others, granting me higher level bonuses.

<Status System>

[Name]: [Dashy (Awakened)]

[Type]: [Agile] [Plant] [Ranged Attacker]

[Race]: [Rogue Radish]

[Rank]: [C+]

[HP]: [1500/1500] [+200]

[Strength]: [1200] [+400]

[Defense]: [850] [+200]

[Magic]: [1200] [+200]

[Resistance]: [850] [+200]

[Agility]: [1500] [+400]

[Luck]: [700] [+200]

[Charm]: [500] [+200]

[Buff]: [+100 Agility] [+100 Luck]

[Skills]: [High Speed Running+] [Nutritious Flavor+] [Stealth+] [Leaf Shuriken+]

[Growth]: [MAX]

<Status System>

[Name]: [Tumpy (Awakened)]

[Type]: [Robust] [Plant] [Warrior]

[Race]: [Knight Potato]

[Rank]: [C+]

[HP]: [2500/2500] [+200]

[Strength]: [1500] [+200]

[Defense]: [1500] [+400]

[Magic]: [500] [+200]

[Resistance]: [1200] [+400]

[Agility]: [500] [+200]

[Luck]: [700] [+200]

[Charm]: [500] [+200]

[Buff]: [+100 Defense] [+100 Strength]

[Skills]: [Guardian's Corpulence+] [Fortifying Flavor+] [Substitute+] [Self Destruction+]

[Growth]: [MAX]

Both evolved into a certain "Class" though their Growth was now maxed, so this is all they could offer. However, it was still a rather big enhancement. Their stats increased a lot, and they gained two new Skills each.

The Radish Rogue, Dashy, gained the ability to activate "stealth" and reduce his presence around himself. This can work in combination with many of the same summon. Also, leaf shuriken allows it to attack with a lethal flying knife-like leaf that can cause critical damage, poison, and bleeding. Though, its base damage is not that good.

Lastly, as for Tumpy, they maxed out their defenses a lot, and became capable of taking damage for me or any ally through Substitute, and then... if I really wanted to, they would also self-destruct and deal huge amounts of damage based on their total HP and Defense Stats.

The bonuses became much better, both giving +100 to two Stats at once! If I get 30 of one, I'll be getting +3000 of both stats, and if I divide them equally, +1500 to four stats.

Of course, thanks to our constant summoning of these seeds through the last days...

Ding!

[The [Great Harvest Familiar Summon: Lv1] Skill has earned +200 Proficiency.]

[Max Proficiency has been reached, the [Great Harvest Familiar Summon: Lv1] Skill has reached Level 2!]

[The Maximum Amount of Summons has increased from 30 to 60!]

Finally!

Chapter 792 Heroic Talent Awakening

Ding!

[The [Great Harvest Familiar Summon: Lv1] Skill has earned +200 Proficiency.]

[Max Proficiency has been reached, the [Great Harvest Familiar Summon: Lv1] Skill has reached Level 2!]

[The Maximum Amount of Summons has increased from 30 to 60!]

[You can now Summon two New Harvest Familiars: [Missile Carrot] and [Sunshine Sunflower]!]

"Looks like this leveled up as well!" Alice said happily.

"Yeah, though we're on cooldown right now, so let's leave the checking of these new Harvest Familiars for later." I nodded. "Now, I should gather everyone to give them Heroic Seeds."

Before starting our hunting in this Haunt with the sole purpose of helping Luck grow a bit stronger, we set up a small camp to have a meal. In this time, I decided to gather my friends on my tent, with the exception of Aquarina and Luck for obvious reasons.

"Huh? Aquarina's not here? Nor Luck?" Zack was confused. "Why did you brought us here, Sylphy?"

"Do you need to talk something important?" Mist wondered.

"Ah, I bet it is about Luck!" Celica said.

"Maybe you've got a new gift for us, generous young lady?" Giggled Celeste. "Or is it something else?"

"It's... I guess it could be said to be a gift." I sighed. "It is a power I awakened recently as a Hero. I can give non-heroes that have great potential, and had been my companions for a long while, some new power. It is called Heroic Seeds, and they can awaken your "heroic potential" and pretty much help you develop your strength even more, and even faster."

"Eh?! Such a thing is possible?!" Zack was left flabbergasted. "So cool! Maybe that's how other non-hero companions of your parents were so strong?"

"I... Well, I don't have any idea. But let's try it out. Who's first?" I wondered.

"Me, of course, Sylphy!" Zack said, stepping in. "I've been your best friend all these years, I deserve some special treatment, right?"

"Sure, fine." I said, quickly beginning to channel my powers into Zack.

Ding!

[Name]: [Zack]

[Race]: [Amazonian Human Male]

[Elemental Attribute Affinity]: [Wind] [Lightning]

[Talents]: [Divine Battle Axe Arts (A)] [Tempest Magic (A)] [???] [???] [???]

[Overall Analysis]: [Zack has great potential despite never receiving a Divine Blessing. Due to his great hard work since he was very young, his ability over the Axe is superb, and his Wind Magic can awaken to a completely new level. He only needs a slight push. Additionally, there are other special innate Abilities dwelling within him. Awakening the first ones will lead to him being capable of awakening even more, as long as he puts the hard work to do so.]

[Cost]: [500.000 EXP]

So that's how it works. Is this power working in tandem with Heavenly Eyes? It even tells me someone's potential in detail, and the Talents they can learn as well... Amazing.

Ding!

[You have exchanged 500.000 EXP!]

[You have awakened the Potential and Talents of [Zack]!]

[Zack] has awakened the [Talents]: [Divine Battle Axe Arts (A)] [Tempest Magic (A)]!]

FLAAAAASH!

Zack was suddenly bathed by a Divine Aura of power. His innate magical energy started growing more and more, while his physique developed rapidly. It was like receiving a lot of level ups all at once.

"W-What is this feeling?" Zack was shocked. "I feel like I've gotten way stronger than before, much stronger..."

"You can practice them later, but it seems you awakened [Divine Battle Axe Arts] and [Tempest Magic]." I smiled.

"D-Divine Battle Axe Arts?!" Zack was shocked. "And Tempest Magic... The legendary magic that only the highest tiered magicians that have mastered wind and lightning element can conjure? There's no freaking way..."

"Well, it just worked." I sighed. "You can try it out later, as I said, once we get some proper targets. Though you'll need to practice these powers to truly master them."

"I see..." Zack nodded.

"Alright, who's next?" I smiled.

Like that, I did the same with Mist, Celica, and Celeste as well.

Ding!

[You have exchanged 500.000 EXP!]

[You have awakened the Potential and Talents of [Mist]!]

[Mist] has awakened the [Talents]: [Celestial Light Bow Arts (A)] [Revitalizing Magic (B)]!]

Ding!

[You have exchanged 500.000 EXP!]

[You have awakened the Potential and Talents of [Celica]!]

[Celica] has awakened the [Talents]: [Demonic Puppet Creation (A)] [Phantasmal Magic (B)]!

Ding!

[You have exchanged 500.000 EXP!]

[You have awakened the Potential and Talents of [Celeste]!]

[Celeste] has awakened the [Talents]: [Demonic Shadow Abyss Spear Arts (A)] [Ancient Abyss Magic (A)]!

Two million gold disappeared on an instant, but quite honestly, it felt good to awaken everyone's potential even more. With two new Talents ready to develop, everyone felt reborn anew.

"So cool, I never thought I had this talent on me!" Mist said in surprise.

"It feels like I can do many things now!" Celica celebrated.

"These Arts... These techniques... I never thought I could figure out a way to use my spear even better than before." Celeste said. "And this Magic? Ancient Abyss Magic, you said? That's crazy..."

"I know it sounds crazy, but it is just the beginning, you'll need to properly master these powers if you want to use them at their full potential." I said. "Now, let's go out and hunt some monsters. We can't waste our time in here for too much. It's time for all of you to try out your new Talents!"

"Alright! I'm freaking pumped up now!" Zack celebrated. "Tempest Magic! Divine Battle Axe Arts! I hope this isn't just a crazy dream!" He celebrated.

"With Revitalizing Magic, I'll be able to heal everyone even better, and also give out buffs and enhancements!" Mist celebrated. "I never thought I could conjure such advanced Life Magic... I-I only read about it on books that your mother lend to me, Sylphy!"

"I always knew you had great talent, Mist." I smiled, giving her a head pat. She was honestly a cutie.

"With this, Mister Teddy will receive an even stronger power-up!" Celica said happily. "And Phantom Magic... I wonder if I can see souls?"

As we all gathered together as a team, we advanced across the Wild Beast Savannah. Walking through here was also the path to reach Lara much faster, so we'll be killing two birds with one stone.

Chapter 793 Arriving At The Miasmic Swamps

After getting things done, we quickly decided to advance across the Wild Beast Savannahs. This place earned its name because... Well, it was filled to the brim with beast-type monsters, such as wolves, bears, cats, horses, monkeys, gorillas, rats, or rabbits... giant rabbits, yeah.

This also counted as a Haunt, as it was filled with Miasma, which made the population of monsters increase exponentially over the many years that it had existed. It was the perfect place to grind as much EXP as we could before reaching the farther lands, where Lara was being held captive by Arachne.

"We've explored this place in detail back then, when we were one big team." Said uncle Arafunn. "The reason why we've chosen this dangerous path is so you kids can grow a bit stronger, especially you, young Luck. You're particularly weak."

"I-I know..." Luck sighed, as he walked at my right side while Aquarina was at my left side, zealously holding my left arm.

"Come on now, don't be so ruthless with Luck, he's really young." Said Allan. "Actually, who's weird here are our kids, they're all too strong for their age, I would say, hahaha!"

"Hmm, perhaps, but that's because we've been training them since they were like... three years of age." Sighed Shade. "Luck didn't had such opportunities, so now we have to help him catch up, even if a little bit."

"Thank you for helping me so much..." Luck sighed. "I had honestly given up on everything so far after I lost Lara... Yet all of you have helped me find a path and a new goal. Not everything is over yet, as long as she's still alive, then there's a chance to rescue her. I'll grow stronger so I can tear apart any other damn bug that gets in my way."

"That's the spirit, boy!" My father laughed. "Now, when did we visit this place again? I don't have the best memory out there..."

"Sigh..." Arafunn sighed. "I guess humans do have poor memory. Especially muscle heads like you, dear Allan."

"Muscle head?!" My father complained. "I think you're being a bit too harsh, Arafunn. I've never insulted you before!"

"Fufu, I'm sorry, you're such a sweetheart that sometimes I just want to tease you." Laughed my uncle.

"Anyways, foolishness aside, we've visited this forest a lot of times back then. First when we came to look for Elise, she lived here alone with the beasts. Second when we had to come back to find her Divine Relic, which was within one of the Abandoned Ruins. And third, when we brought her... preserved body to bury her on her grave." Shade said, looking slightly saddened.

"Wait, so this Savannah is actually Luck's predecessor's home?!" I asked in shock. "You should have said that beforehand! I thought it was just another random Haunt..."

"Hahaha, well, it wasn't." My dad laughed. "Elise lived here since she was a child. Much like Ninhursag, she was part of a tribe of people that had high affinity with beasts. Although they couldn't transform like her, they could call upon the power of the beasts they tamed through Beast Magic. Elise, once she was chosen as a Hero... met a great tragedy, at the young age of 2, her entire village was wiped out by demons, with very similar intentions to the ones that have chased down Luck and Lara..."

"So... She went through the same I did..." Luck sighed. "No, even worse, since she was so young..."

"It was thanks to her connection with Nature that she survived. The Beast Spirits and the Beasts of the forest protected her." Said Shade. "She was raised by a pack of wolves led by a powerful Gray Fenrir, who was like her father figure, while her motherly figure was a Giant Mammoth, who had lost her pack to the monsters, and raised her together with the Fenrir."

"A-Amazing... It feels like a fairy tale." Celeste said. "She must have been a really unique girl."

"She was..." My father nodded, smiling faintly. "Elise... Your mother must still miss her." He looked back at me.

"Mom... I never thought about it too deeply, but I guess... All of you lost so many friends you loved. It must have been horrible." I sighed. "I'm sorry for never considering this before..."

"Oh? Ahahah, it was never our intention for you to do so." My father laughed.

"Sylphy..." Aquarina sighed.

"Yeah, don't worry about it." Shade smiled. "The past is in the past, and the present is the present. Right?"

"Indeed!" Arafunn laughed. "Now, we won't let such tragedies of the past happen, you kids will have our protection until we all die! Anyways, we came here not to just cry over Elise, I miss that cheeky girl too, but there's another reason aside from making Luck stronger by merely battling monsters."

"Yeah, it is the inheritance of Elise." Said my father. "This is the perfect time for us to go back to those ruins where we left her Divine Relic and grab it back for you, Luck! Also, we might get her old equipment, which was also stored there, all her magic stuff."

"W-Wouldn't that be like robbing a grave?" Aquarina wondered.

"No, Elise left those things for her successor." Shade said. "She told us before dying that she wanted her successor to inherit everything she had, even her pack of wolves, and her divine spirit beasts. I suppose you've already inherited the later, Luck."

"Y-Yeah, I guess..." Luck sighed. "But I do wonder... If I could even compare to someone that helped defeating the Demon King... Compared to the Hero Elise, I bet I'm just nothing..."

"Yeah, kind of." Arafunn laughed.

"Oi stop being rude with the kid!" My father angrily said.

"Hahaha, my bad." Uncle laughed. "First, Luck, you and your friends here will have to prove us that you're capable of inheriting Elise's strength. We're about to reach THAT area..."

"Yep, here we are." My father nodded, pointing in front of us.

There was a large valley resembling a swamp, filled with bubbling black miasma, and several monstrous beasts lurking around...

"Welcome to the Miasmic Swamps."

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"A Miasmic Swamp, huh?" I wondered. "So this is like a place with high Miasma Density?"

"More or less." My dad nodded. "They form when there's a Monster that absorbs Miasma too much. Coincidentally, there's three around here which we've detected. They're like... mini dungeons in a way? Yeah let's put it that way."

"They're usually composed of a few monsters, maybe a hundred, or two hundred small fries." Shade said. "The ruler of Miasmic Swamps are powerful Swamp Rulers, usually ranging from Tier 5 to Tier 7."

"W-What?! Tier 7?!" Luck cried. "T-That's impossible... And two hundred monsters?! T-That's also impossible!"

"Hey, don't get cold feet now, brat." Aquarina said with a creepy smile.

"Geh..." Luck trembled; his fluffy tail was completely stiff.

"Scared already?" My uncle laughed. "These are rare, but dangerous. If we let them be, they'll corrupt the entire Savannah. This beautiful place is living in harmony with nature, monsters, beasts, and miasma all live in a harmonious, yet wild place. However, these overly mutated assholes are ruining everything, letting their power out to create a horrendous Miasma that sucks all life around them, and they expand endlessly too unless their boss is defeated."

"Elise said that in the past, she had stopped the expansion of dozens of these." Said Shade. "Making this place much healthier as a result, now that she's not here anymore, this responsibility is yours to take, young Luck. You, with the assistance of Aquarina and her friends, will defeat the Miasmic Swamp Rulers, stop the expansion of Miasma, and heal the Savannah. That should be enough to earn their recognition."

"T-Their?" Luck wondered.

"Weren't you listening, brat?" Asked my father. "The wolves! The wolves led by the Gray Fenrir! They're the big bosses around here. And they guard Elise's grave and her inheritance terrifyingly. They won't let you grab a single thing if you don't earn their recognition. Even now, they're watching."

"Ah...!" Luck and everyone else, including me, finally realized that dozens of wolves were glancing at us from very far away, their glowing red eyes sharply analyzing our movements.

Well, I noticed this beforehand, actually. The moment we entered, they already started following us around, simply and calmly glaring at us. They probably recognized our parents, so they haven't done anything.

"Alright, if that's all there is to it, then let's get it done right away." I nodded. "Shouldn't take more than a few hours, I give you three at most?"

"Yeah, nothing much." Aquarina nodded, beginning to stretch a bit.

"Let's do this then!" Zack said, filled with energy.

"D-Don't be too reckless though, okay?" Mist said from behind.

"Well, I know I have you for healing, so I can be a bit reckless, can I?" Zack giggled.

"Geez..." Mist blushed a bit.

"Don't get scared, beast boy, you've got us." Celeste smiled, though her smile seemed a bit scary.

"My golems can protect you!" Celica smiled.

"T-Thanks, everyone..." Luck sighed. "I guess there's no helping it... Somehow, I'll have to push through."

"We'll begin taking down the small fry, don't worry." I smiled.

Like that, he'll be able to get some quick levels and grow stronger to be prepared to deal at least some more damage against the powerful Boss of the Miasmic Swamp.

They should be strong but nothing too crazy either, not as strong as the powerful Demon Lord Servants we've fought, such as Raghidonte or that Parasite guy. I think you should take a look at

"Then enough chit-chat, let's do this!" Aquarina led our party, holding my hand with a smile. "But first, a good luck kissy~" She started giving my kisses in my cheeks and then lips. "Mooch, mooch, mooch~"

"Hahaha, okay, okay, enough kisses for now." I giggled, giving her a head pat. "Let's go!"

"Nn!" Aquarina seemed filled with confidence once she kissed me all over.

"Gulp..." Luck swallowed saliva, gritting his teeth. "L-Let's do it!" He was trembling all over.

We handed him over some armor and a spear, his weapon of preference, for fighting. He couldn't simply transform to fight all the time; it was a big waste of Mana after all. The armor and the spear were made out of Tier 5 Monster Materials, so they were hardy enough.

Once we made our way in front of the swamp, we were quickly greeted with many friends. Dozens after dozens of monstrous, mutated creatures. From large wolves to giant bears, to cats, all of them looking terribly horrifying.

Their mutated bodies due to the high quantities of Miasma resembled chimeric malformations, extra limbs, jaws, head, eyes, all across their bodies. It felt as if they were living in agony, forever trapped in these monstrous aberrant forms, and forced to protect the territory of the Miasmic Swamp Ruler.

The path was rather straightforward, a long road leading to the depths of a big path of trees in the middle of this open area. Monsters kept coming out of the swamp the more noise we made. The idea was to just bring them all out, kill them, and get to the boss.

I guess this is why my dad called this a "Mini Dungeon" as it worked similarly, but without all the annoying fuss.

Ding!

[A large group of Tier 5: Rank 1 Miasmic Mutant Chimeras are beginning to notice your group's presence...]

[To protect their Ruler, they won't fear giving up their lives just to stop you!]

[The Miasmic Swamp further boosts their strength, increasing their Physical and Magical Power by +100%, and their HP Regeneration Speed by +300%!]

"GRRRRRHHHHH...!"

"SHAAAAHHH!"

"ROOOOAARRRR!"

The group of chimeras charged in without waiting any longer. Dozens of wolf, bear, and giant cat-shaped chimeras of all shapes and sizes attacked. Their giant claws unleashed powerful slashing blows that released darkness and miasmic energy everywhere, generating countless explosions from the get-go!

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLAAASH!

Taking advantage that there was the sunlight above us shining brightly, I channeled the prowess of Heavenly Sun into my body, further enhancing my stats through the roof. Flames surged from my body, as my very hair resembled a blazing fire.

Swinging my sword, I unleashed a powerful slash of flames, intercepting the chimera's attacks and blowing up anything in front of us!

SLAAAASH!

BOOOOOOMMMM...!

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SLAAAASH!

BOOOOOOMMMM!!!

The blazing slash was good enough to open some space between us and the dozens of monsters, maybe around fifty by now? They kept coming so it was hard to keep the count.

"W-Woah, that was amazing! Sylphy you're insanely strong!" Luck was shocked. "Huh?! T-They're not dead yet?!"

As the smoke dissipated, most of the monsters were still alive. Their fast regeneration and being inside a Miasmic Swamp gave them the ability to easily regenerate their wounds, even lethal ones.

"Yeah, you'll need to go a bit harder than that for it to work. Because I want you to get some kills if possible. The plan is to weaken them first." I nodded. "Celica, Celeste, let's curse them!"

"Alright!" Celeste smiled. "Time to test this Ancient Abyss Magic!"

"Phantasmal Magic can use Curses too? Oh wow, it can!" Celica said, as if she just realized that fact and immediately formulated some curse spells.

"Curse! Let's blast them with some painful curses." I smiled, summoning my Familiar, which was the literal embodiment of a Curse I took out of Furoh's soul.

"Sure thing~" Curse smiled, showing his sharp teeth within his sphere of darkness of a body, his big, red eye glared at the monsters, as it shone bright red.

Channeling his powers into my own Sword, Scarlet, I combined them with Heavenly Sun's flames, all together into some new, powerful spells.

"[Blazing Curse Fire Chains]! [Prolonged Suffering]! [Abyssal Cursed Flames Tentacles of Restraint]!"

SLAAASH! SLAAASH! SLAAASH!

I swung my sword several times, as black and purple flames surged constantly, wrapping around dozens of monsters at a time. Their movements were slowed down, and they started taking constant damage as well. They were quite sluggish already, but this made them complete sitting ducks!

FLUOOOOSH!

The flames spread further, catching more and more monsters. At the same time, Celeste and Celica conjured their curses, strengthening our advantage against these beasts.

"[Abyssal Cursed Chains of Agony]!" Laughed Celeste, raising her hands as chains surged from her shadows, wrapping around over thirty monsters at once!

CRAAAAASH!

The chains began draining away their life and mana slowly, while weakening all of their stats at the same time! Wow, that's powerful. However, it came with the disadvantage that Celeste couldn't move while conjuring them.

"Ugh, I'm stuck in this pose..." She groaned.

"[Phantasmal Curse of Soul Fear]!" Celica giggled, phantasmal powers surged from the tips of her fingers.

The phantasmal powers resembled dozens of screaming souls at once, moving around the monsters' bodies and trespassing them while screaming in agony. Our foe's souls were swiftly weakened.

"GRYYAARRRGH...!"

"GRUOOOHH...!"

"GAAAooooHH...!"

"Now they're ready and weakened!" I smiled. "Luck, go on! [Body Enhancement]! [Strength Boost]! [Vitality Boost]!" I quickly conjured a myriad of buffing spells on him, his strength surging rapidly. "Also, take as much Mana as you want!"

FLUOOOOSH!

"W-Woah...!" Luck felt his power surging through the roof. "Thank you!" He quickly jumped into action, pointing his spear into the monster's heads. "[Beast Magic]: [Furious Bear Charge]!"

"GROOOAARRR!"

Suddenly, the illusion of a roaring, giant bear surged from his body, as his speed was enhanced even more, he charged at full speed and strength, his spear piercing through the heads of several monsters at once. I think you should take a look at

"RAAAHHHHH!!!"

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLAAASH!

Over five monsters, already weakened enough, died on the spot against his furious piercing blows. Their heads exploding into pieces alongside most of their bodies! The moment they died, a large quantity of EXP surged into Luck's body, his level swiftly beginning to increase.

A golden aura surged from his body, each time it glowed, he gained a level, and it glowed at least six times. He quickly realized the effects as well, as he looked at his own body in shock.

"W-What the...? This is... Amazing." He muttered to himself.

"Hey, don't get too distracted!" Aquarina said, swinging her daggers and cutting into pieces a beast that had freed itself from the chains of curses, about to attack Luck from behind.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLAAASH!

"GRYYAARRGH...!"

The monster's pieces fell into the miasmic swamp in front of Luck.

"Ah! Right. Sorry!" Luck nodded. "It'll take me a while to fight alongside so many allies, but I'll do my best!"

"That's the spirit, Luck!" Zack smiled. "Now let the Elite step in too! I don't want you to steal us all the fun! [Divine Battle Axe Arts]: [Mountain Splitting Ax]!"

FLAAAASH!

Zack rushed forward, raising his favorite Battle Axe into the skies, and then moving it down vertically, a gigantic swing of energy was unleashed, splitting in two halves a dozen monsters that were coming from behind the cursed and restrained ones!

SLAAAAAAASSSHHH...! TRUUUUUMMM...!

His tremendous blow even cut down the trees behind the beasts, completely decimating most of the area before him. The power of the Divine Battle Axe Arts was utterly insane!

"Hahaha... S-So this was my power all along... Woah." Not even Zack could believe his strength. "Now... [Tempest Magic]: [Thunderstorm]!"

FLAAAASH!

He pointed into the skies with his bare hand, as the clouds began to slowly turn dark, a gigantic tornado surged, filled with black clouds, slicing winds, and deadly lightning, falling over all the monsters in the swamp and lifting most of them off the ground!

FLUOOOOOOOSSSHHH!!!

"H-Holy shit...!" Zack swallowed saliva in awe, seeing his own destructive power.

"S-So strong..." Luck was amazed. "I've got a lot to catch up to!" He nodded, charging forwards, and attacking more and more monsters with his strongest blows.

"Let's keep charging!" Aquarina nodded, summoning torrents of freezing water as she manipulated her powerful Divine Aura.

SPLAAASH! SPLAAASH! SPLAAASH!

The monsters were being thrown around like ragdolls, all while Luck constantly killed more and more, earning one level at a time.

I continued fighting too, although I dedicated myself to do a bunch of stuff, from weakening foes to buff Luck to give Mana to everyone, so I ended staying mostly in the back, while occasionally blasting monsters by unleashing giant spheres of flaring sunshine flames.

Eventually, as I set everything ablaze through my overuse of Heavenly Sun thanks to my infinite mana, we reached the end of the road, and the Ruler of the Miasmic Swamp showed up to confront us.

SPLAAAAASH!

"GROOOOAARRRR...!"

Chapter 796 Against The Ruler Of The Swamp!

SPLAAAAASH!

"GROOOOAARRRR...!"

A gigantic chimeric beast surged from the depths of the Swamps once we've defeated mostly all small fries, didn't took more than half an hour. Well, if we didn't had to babysit Luck a bit, we could had done it earlier.

These monsters are nothing compared to the Demonic Beast Swarms we've been fighting for a while, and even those guys get easily massacred by us, its just that their numbers are ridiculously high.

However, a hundred or almost two hundred Tier 5 Monsters are nothing now. We've come a long way in just a few years... But we have yet to truly reach the peak.

Ding!

[The {Miasmic Swamp Ruler} has emerged from his underwater nest!]

[The [Miasmic Demonic Frog King (Tier 7: Rank 3)] is furious over his domain being invaded by outsiders and cannot tolerate this any longer!]

"GRUOOOOHHHH...!" The giant Miasmic Demonic Frog King roared, furiously swelling his giant throat sack as if trying to intimidate us. From his body, a strong aura that weakened us began to be exuded, toxic for most living beings.

"Ugh..." Luck muttered. "W-What is this aura? Cough...!"

"Oh no, you can't just do that, froggy." I giggled. "Luck here is our special guest after all. We can't have him getting weakened like this before he can even defeat his first Tier 7 monster, can't we~?"

Swiftly, by combining the powers of Ignatius and Naturia into my body and imbuing their spiritual powers into my Aura of Heavenly Sun, I brought upon the might of the Yggdragon's Aura.

FLAAAAASH!

Ding!

[The [Miasmic Demonic Frog King (Tier 7: Rank 3)] very presence exudes a toxic miasmic aura, weakening all of your Stats by -10%, and your HP Regeneration Speed by -50%!]

[However, such Aura is instantly cancelled by your much stronger [Yggdragon's Double Aura]!]

[You have activated the [Yggdragon's Guardian Spirit Aura]! The power of the Yggdragon's Guardian is encompassing your allies.]

My Aura shaped into green and nature spiritual energy, wrapping around my allies, especially our rookie Luck. His defensive stats improved instantly.

"{Antidote}!" Mist said, healing Luck of his poisoned state in a second.

FLAAASH!

"Wow, thanks!" Luck said in surprise. "You guys are all so awesome... So this is what Lara was always saying, about having a reliable party of friends..."

"GRUOOOHHH!" The Frog, however, wasn't going to let the boy finish his monologue, instantly charging towards him with a fast leap, pointing its sharp horns towards him!

CRAAAAASSSSHHH!!!

However, a shield made of darkness and spiraling water surged in front of him, alongside a shield made of light, as Aquarina and Mist combined their magics to stop the Tier 7 beast.

"Ungh...! S-So fast...!" Luck was surprised. "I couldn't even react on time..."

"Seems like you're still a bit impacted from all your traumas, but you've gotta free your mind a bit, Luck." I said. "Concentrate in what's in front of us instead of constantly trying to compare what's happening to what you've lived, or remembering Lara. Concentrated in the fight, in the present!"

One of Luck's worst flaws was that he was always thinking and overthinking things, must be a result of his various traumas, and of how powerless he felt when he lost his brother, as he told us, and even more with Lara... I can understand his pain, but that's not going to help him improve.

"A-Ah..." Luck realized the truth. "You're right... {Divine Beast Transformation}!"

FLAAAASH!

The roaring Divine Golden Tiger merged with Luck's body, as his appearance took a drastic change. We all felt amazed to see his Hero's power in action at long last. And it was just as awesome as I predicted.

His black fur turned golden, with black stripes. His wolf-like ears became tiger-like, and his eyes glowed golden, while his hands gained big claws and fur, and his aura exuded the power of a Divine Beast!

"Alright Luck! Time to get serious!" The Golden Tiger roared within his body.

"Yes, we'll do!" He roared. "Everyone, can you cover me?!"

"Sure!" I nodded. "Everyone, stay alert!"

"Alright!" Luck roared. "{Divine Beast Magic}: {Golden Tiger's Rapid Legs}!"

FLAAAASH!

His legs suddenly gained a burst of divine power, as he rushed across the swamp at immense speed, leaping over the frog's head in a mere second.

"{Divine Beast Magic}: {Golden Tiger's Bloody Claws}!"

Swinging his giant golden claws at the frog's head, he unleashed several slicing blows at once, covering the beast with deadly wounds.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

"GRUUOOOOHHHH!"

The Frog furiously leaped away, and then opened its jaws, letting out of its giant and long tongue, which ended on a sharp, spike-covered, and blunt-like end!

CLAAAASSSSH!!!

"Unnggh...!" Luck groaned in pain as he used his claws to intercept the blow, being thrown down into the floor.

BAAAAAMMM...!

"{Revitalizing Healing Light}! {Body Reinforcement}!" Mist said, quickly conjuring healing magic on Luck, and helping him recover the damage he took in seconds.

"Oof... Thanks a lot, Mist." He groaned, slowly standing up only to see the giant Frog King above his head, about to swallow him whole!

"{Yggdragon's Wrathful Tyrant Aura}!" I roared, as the manifestation of Ignatius fused with my aura emerged, roaring.

"ROOOOAAARRR!" His gigantic fists surged like meteors. "{Dragon Fist Meteor}!"

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CRAAASSH!

"GRYYYYAAGGH...!"

BAAAAAMMM...!

Being blown away with several giant draconic punches, the giant frog king fell into the swamp and rolled over the slimy liquid, coughing blood, and glaring at us with fury.

"GEROOOO!" Furiously, it summoned hundreds of magic circles, firing powerful beams made of darkness against us all at once.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

Of course, that wouldn't be near enough, as we defended from such blows masterfully, while Luck stepped back and began evading the attacks, at the same time, Zack and Aquarina attacked the frog from behind.

"{Divine Oceanic Dagger Arts}: {Poseidon's Trident}!"

"{Divine Battle Axe Arts}: {Mountain Splitting Ax}!"

CRAAAAAASSSHH!!!

Their combined blows impacted the frog's back, throwing it away into the air, as its entire body was tattered, and covered in wounds! However, the bastard was already beginning to recover from such wounds in mere seconds.

"Luck!" I commanded. "Finish it off!"

"ON IT!" Luck roared, charging all the power he held. "{Divine Beast Magic}: {Golden Tiger's Divine Step}!"

FLAAAAAASH!

Using the power of his Divine Beast, he reached the skies in a single second, his claws pointing at his target!

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As the Giant Demonic Frog King fell from the skies with his body covered in deadly wounds. I quickly called for Luck. This was the perfect time for him to finish off this monster and get most of the EXP.

"Luck!" I commanded. "Finish it off!"

"ON IT!" Luck roared, charging all the power he held. "{Divine Beast Magic}: {Golden Tiger's Divine Step}!"

FLAAAAAASH!

Using the power of his Divine Beast, he reached the skies in a single second, his claws pointing at his target! His eyes furiously glowing bright golden as his beastly aura surged wildly.

"{Divine Claw Arts}: {Evil-Tearing Celestial Slashes}!"

His claws glowed with the light of heaven itself, as he swung them furiously, consecutively as he and the frog fell from the skies at the same time.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLAAASH!

"GRYYYYYYYEEGGGGHHH...!"

The Giant Frog gave an agonizing scream, as its entire body was covered on deadly blows, the prowess of Luck's ultimate Divine Claw Art was incredible!

BAAAAAAMMM...!

The giant beast fell into the ground, creating an huge crater, at the same time as it died, the Swamp instantly began to dry out, its very existence depended on the Miasmic Swamp Ruler.

FRSSSHHH...

"H-Hahh... Haahhh... W-We did it..." Luck said in shock. "I-It is done...!" He celebrated, his entire body glowing gold once more, several times over, Aquarina too, she gained some levels as well.

Ding!

[You and your Party have defeated [Miasmic Chimeras (Tier 5)] x185!]

[You and your Party have defeated [Miasmic Demonic Frog King (Tier 7)] x1!]

[You earned 1.850.000 EXP!]

[With the defeat of the Miasmic Swamp Ruler, the Miasmic Swamp has begun to slowly dry out. The savannah is beginning to be purified...]

[Aquarina] gained 2 Levels, she has reached Level 10/30!]

[Luck] gained 11 Levels, he has reached Level 11/20!]

Wow, Luck gained 11 levels in a row! Maybe with the next Swamp he'll reach Max Level already. I guess this is the easiest quest of my life.

"Well done, Luck!" Zack said, patting Luck's back as the Wolf boy slowly turned back to normal. "You were awesome in there!"

"A-Ahahaha, I did my best. In the middle of it all, I suddenly ended figuring out a new Technique." He said in surprise.

That effect was most likely his levels, they also grant proficiency to his Skills, so his Skills must have leveled up, and he gained some new technique or power through that.

"You were pretty alright for a rookie." Celeste nodded.

"Not bad!" Mist smiled.

"Now, Glutton, store everything pretty please~" I said.

"BAAARF! GRAAARF!" Glutton was summoned, as he started devouring all the corpses of the monsters. They were all valuable materials.

"W-Woah, what is that thing?!" Luck panicked.

"Glutton? That's Sylphy's Spatial Bag." Zack explained. "I don't know how but she gave it like... a soul, and it became sort of a mimic. It's actually useful that he can move around and pick up stuff for us."

"I-I see..." Luck was surprised. "I wish Lara could be here with us, watching these amazing things..."

"Don't worry, we'll rescue your princess in distress soon enough!" Aquarina said. "For now, just concentrate on your own growth."

"Thanks." Luck nodded.

"Alright! Well done kids." My father said, as he, Shade, and Arafunn stepped in. "Shall we keep going? Are you tired?"

"Nah, not really." I said. "Let's keep moving."

"Yeah, lets do this!" Aquarina said. "We'll get this done today, the faster the better, right Luck?"

"Y-Yeah... Oof..." He sighed, feeling tired. "L-let's do this!"

"He's deadly tired, geez, alright, let's take a ten-minute break at least." Arafunn sighed.

"Yeah, it can't be helped." Shade nodded.

"I-I'm sorry..." Luck sighed, feeling miserable.

"Hahah, don't worry, we used to get tired all the time before." Zack smiled. "Though at some point, once you get strong enough, you're almost just tireless! Hahaha!"

"You guys are monsters... In a good way." Luck laughed.

"Well, our goal here is to make you a monster too." Celeste smiled. "I can already tell by your aura; you've gotten much stronger. Heroes really have it easy, huh~ It is almost unfair!"

"Honestly, if I could, I would forfeit all of my Heroic Blessings... Just so I could go back to the normal life I once had with Lara..." Luck sighed. "This was never a power I asked for..."

"Oh, then I would gladly take it off you!" Celeste laughed evilly.

BONK!

I gave her a bonk in the head.

"Stop messing with him." I sighed.

"H-Hey! It was just a joke! Come on, where's your sick sense of humor?" Celeste said. "Okay, sorry, sorry..."

"Nah, it's fine." Luck said.

Like that, we made a small camp, and I took out some ingredients from my Inventory, as I cooked a delicious stew. I decided to add the frog king's meat, which we purified using holy light magic with Alice and Mist, and then cut into small chunks.

Combined with tomatoes, carrots, potatoes, onion, and some meat stock, the delicious stew was done in just five minutes thanks to cooking it on a special magical kettle.

"Hmm?! I never thought the frog meat would be this good!" Luck was surprised. "Hmm! And the potatoes and carrots are so fresh! Oh? Is this radish too?"

"Yep, I added a lot of magic-imbued ingredients!" I nodded.

Those ingredients were from the Dashing Radishes and the Guardian Potatoes, which can transform into their ingredients by sacrificing themselves, and once used on meals, they'll transform the meals into buffing items that once consumed will give nice bonuses to stats.

"I have to say, this stew is killing it. The radishes are so sweet and fresh, and the potatoes so soft..." My dad said. "Your cooking's getting so good, my daughter! Papa's proud of my little princess!"

"C-Come on, don't say that out loud, you're making me embarrassed, dad!" I facepalmed.

"Hahaha, you're such a spoiled little lady!" Celeste laughed, pointing at me. "Right, little princess~~~?"

"Stop it." I said seriously, my eyes glowing menacingly.

"GEH...! I-I'm just joking!" Celeste cried.

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Ding!

[The Effects of the [Nutritious Flavor+] and [Fortifying Flavor+] Skills within your food have taken effect on you and the allies that have consume it. The Effects have stacked up their maximum value.]

[You and your Allies have received a bonus to Strength, Defense, Agility, and Luck of +400, alongside an enhancement to Vitality, Exhaustion Resistance, Reaction Speed, and Casting Speed of 120%.]

[Duration: 3 Hours.]

Oh wow, it worked much better than I imagined! And with my Knowledge Fruits added into the mix for desserts...

Ding!

[The Effects of the [Divine Fruit of Knowledge] has taken effect on you and your allies that have consumed it as a dessert!]

[You and your Allies Mana and Health is restored by 80% of their maximum value, and temporarily enhances Mana Regeneration Speed, Total Mana Capacity, Intelligence, and Resistance by +60%]

[Duration: 8 Hours.]

"Woah, this food is amazing, I feel like I've been reborn anew!" Luck said in surprise. "I have... never eaten something so tasty. And even the dessert with that apple-like fruit was really good. Is it my idea or am I a bit stronger?"

"This is the effect of Sylphy's cooking!" Aquarina said proudly. "She can create magical fruits and vegetables that when used on food, make for some amazing buffs, like magic, but stronger."

"My Mana has already recovered!" Zack said. "And even the scratches I got on my arms are fully healed, so cool."

"I feel like my Mana is overflowing as well..." Luck agreed. "I've never felt this much Mana flowing around my body. That fruit... was that it?"

"More or less." I nodded. "Though you can't abuse it, or it'll hurt your tummy. So only one a day, if possible. Anyways, let's get going. We've got two other Miasmic Swamps to clear. Let's get this over quickly too, while the buffs lasts."

Leading the party, and while our parents watched from behind, we advanced across the Savannah, reaching a place that was once a beautiful lake, now contaminated completely with the Miasma. The water was purple colored, and even the surrounding vegetation had died off.

"This lake used to be where many animals of this place gathered together." Said my father. "Elise brought us here many times to catch fish and eat... It has become a lugubrious looking place now..."

"Elise would surely be terrified if she were to see this..." My uncle sighed.

"Hmm, I can sense them coming. Careful kids. We'll be watching over for now. Don't lower your guards." Shade said.

"Okay!" Aquarina nodded. "Let me charge in, this area should be my specialty."

"Can you control water that's been contaminated with miasma?" I wondered.

"Err... I-I actually am not really sure." Aquarina sighed. "But-"

SPLASH! SPLASH! SPLASH! SPLASH!

Before we could continue talking, trouble arrived at our doorstep as the lake began trembling, dozens of chimeric creatures surged from beneath the cold, slimy, and? black waters.

They resembled fishes of all shapes and sizes, some more amorphous than others, having giant crab-like claws or enormous spider-like legs.

"SHAAAAH!"

Ding!

[A large group of Tier 5: Rank 1 Fish-type Miasmic Mutant Chimeras are beginning to notice your group's presence...]

[To protect their Ruler, they won't fear giving up their lives just to stop you!]

[The Miasmic Swamp further boosts their strength, increasing their Physical and Magical Power by +100%, and their HP Regeneration Speed by +300%!]

I guess it is the same type of buff as before, huh? Not like it matters.

"They're coming already!" Zack pointed out.

"I can tell, I'm not blind." Aquarina sighed, slightly angry of getting surprised by the monsters.

SPLAAASH!

They instantly began swimming rapidly towards us, as one gigantic fish surged from below Aquarina, attempting to devour her whole.

"GROOOAARR!"

"[Poseidon's Mighty Tridents]!"

Aquarina suddenly summoned the power of this Divine Skill, this time, different than before as she instead of summoning one whole trident of water, she summoned several smaller ones, filling the insect's mouth with piercing blows.

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! CRAAAASH!

The fish chimera couldn't even stop her, as its entire body was instantly impaled by countless piecing blows, and then, exploded into pieces over the swamp...

SPLAAASH!

The other fish-like monsters didn't stopped their charge despite such brutality, attacking us with great speed and precise movements.

They were different than the slower monsters we fought before, and the waters helped them move quickly anywhere they wanted... Certainly, floating over the lake wasn't the best decision.

However, it wasn't as if that was going to stop us, or even intimidate us.

CRAAAAASH!

Countless chains spread across, made out of the powers of my Familiar, Curse, alongside the Ancient Abyss Magic of Celeste and the Phantasmal Magic of Celica. Our combined curses and restraining attacks, unaffected by the miasma, quickly fused into the shape of a net, catching dozens of fish-like monsters, and inhibiting their movements!

"I call this... [Abyssal Fishing Net]!" Celeste smiled.

"Wow! So our magic can work like this, huh?" Celica was surprised.

"Now, everyone, rip them apart!" I said with a command.

"OOOOHH!!!" Everyone cheered, as we used the tactic of capturing the monsters on gigantic cursed nets, and drag them into the shore to kill them with our combined efforts.

Luck was made sure to kill most of the monsters after they were weakened, so he could harvest the most EXP out of us, as he needed it the most.

This has also given me some much-needed information about stuff. For example, varied in my aid in battle, I earn a certain amount of EXP, that has been a thing since I was a baby.

I remember even getting EXP out of watching my parents fight monsters. But that's not the case for other System Users I've granted System Seeds, they have to at least do some damage or participate actively to gain EXP.

And the more damage they deal, the more EXP they receive. Unlike me, who gets a much larger amount even by doing little. And simply weakening the monsters already gave me almost over 50% of their total EXP! I didn't even hurt them myself, this effect extends to my Familiars, to a smaller extent, but other non-familiars with System won't get shared EXP if they don't do anything.

Unless it is the Shared EXP given from Quests.

RUMBLE!

SPLAAAASH!

And just as we were fishing off the last monsters, the big boss arrived...

Chapter 799 Fighting The Second Miasmic Swamp Ruler!

Ding!

[The [Miasmic Swamp Ruler] has emerged from his underwater nest!]

[The [Miasmic Demonic Hagfish (Tier 7: Rank 4)] is furious over his domain being invaded by outsiders and cannot tolerate this any longer!]

A creature resembling a hagfish, serpentine-shaped fishes, emerged from the Swamp. The beast was big, being over 30 meters long, with enormous, serrated and spiraling jaws with hundreds of sharp teeth.

"SHYAAAAHHHH!!!"

The beast roared with fury, unleashing a powerful Miasmic Aura around itself which spread further everywhere, the rest of the monsters that remained alive suddenly emerged, a dozen more, who were swiftly enhanced by their ruler's presence.

"Oh, this guy comes with a whole squad of elites!" Celeste laughed.

"Not like it'll change a thing." Zack smiled. "Let's get to it!"

"Alright!" Aquarina laughed. "[Divine Poseidon's Trident]!"

Aquarina charged forwards, throwing a gigantic trident of over ten meters of height towards the hagfish-like beast!

CRAAAAASSH!

"GYEEEEHHH...!" The beast roared in agony, its body pierced by a deadly trident as blood splashed everywhere.

However, it quickly retaliated angrily, opening its jaws and unleashing several beams from within!

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

The beams exploded on contact with anything, as we began to swiftly evade them while the Ruler went insane.

"Aquarina, you didn't had to attack it so suddenly! It gone bonkers now!" Celeste reprimanded my girlfriend...

And to be honest, she was a bit right.

"E-Eh?!" Aquarina was surprised. "Hey! I'm just trying to help as much as I can!"

"Yeah, but you've helped too much, I told you that we had to go through a specific plan, Aquarina." I explained to her. "Well, for now, offer us support! Can you take down the small fry with everyone else?"

"Eh?! But that's boring, I want to take the big guy!" Aquarina got a bit angered.

"Uwaaagh!" Meanwhile, as Aquarina discussed, Luck was being attacked by the boss, and overwhelmed with several whip attacks of the monster's tail and beams coming from its jaws.

CLAAASH! CLAAASH! BOOOOMMM...!

"Aquarina, don't be stubborn, please!" I said, trying to get into her stubborn, yet still kind heart. "Let's go by the plan that works! No need to jump the shark!"

"F-Fine! Okay!" She sighed, blushing a bit. "I get it! Sorry..."

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Aquarina swiftly stepped into battle, unleashing several icicle spears against the monsters surrounding us and piercing their bodies with ease, beginning to freeze them and slow down their movements.

"Nice!" Zack roared, summoning lightning and winds from his fingertips and shooting down the beasts from afar, before slashing another apart using his Axe.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOOM! CRAAAASH!

"Well, well, aren't you good at convincing miss stubborn?" Laughed Celeste.

"That was nice!" Celica said. "Aquarina is a bit stubborn at times, but she has to work better with us!"

The two combined their magic while they talked, black chains wrapped around the beast in front of us and swiftly slowed their movements.

"[Restraining Phantasmal Abyssal Chains]!" The two roared, as the power of abyssal magic and phantasmal magic combined together.

CRAAAASH!

"GRYYSHAAAHHH...!"

The giant hagfish, now trapped, couldn't easily move around, now this time choosing to unleash more beams from its jaws.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"Ugh! We can't keep killing the small fries if we have to avoid all the time!" Aquarina sighed. "Let me kill it!"

"Wait! We have to be patient, Luck has to grow stronger, so he has to take it down, Aquarina. We agreed on this!" I told her.

"Sheesh..." Aquarina sighed. "F-Fine! Hey wolf ears, do it quickly though!"

"O-On it! Uwaah!" Luck was trying his hardest to get near the hagfish, but the beast was focusing most of its beams against him.

To make things worse, it was coated on a slime substance, which made it hard for him to climb over the monster's body and slay it. The substance worked as a magic inhibitor too, only divine-level magic such as Aquarina's trident or my own sunshine magic could damage it at this point.

What we needed was to restraint it, which was already done, and do something about the anti-magic slime covering its body! Not even normal physical attacks can easily get through it.

"Step aside, I got this!" I said, jumping forward and gathering Mana into my hands, channeling the power of the Heavenly Sun Skill. "[Blazing Wall]!"

FLUOOOOOSH!

A wall of blazing flames surged from within my very hands, coating around the entire body of the Swamp Ruler and beginning to quickly roast its skin, making it impossible for the beast to sweat that goo anymore.

"GRYYYYEEHHH!!!"

FLAAASH!

A gigantic beam surged from its jaws, pointing it at me in the last moment as I concentrated on roasting the beast a bit before finishing it off!

"SYLPHY!"

BOOOOOOOOMMM!!!

Aquarina caught me right before the beam would reach me, summoning her own Divine Poseidon Aegis Skill, which summoned a powerful barrier made of divine ocean powers, which she could use only a few times.

"Phew, thanks for the save!" I sighed. "Though I think I could have lived that hit!"

"Dummy!" Aquarina got slightly angry. "Don't be reckless..."

"Look who's saying that now." I giggled, giving her a kiss in her nose. "Luck! It's all yours now!"

"Thank you, Sylphy, everyone!" Luck roared, already transformed.

His fur exuded a golden aura that boosted his speed through the roof, helping him rush through over the hagfish's long body and then pierce its head with his huge claws.

"[Divine Claw Arts]: [Evil-Tearing Celestial Slashes]!"

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLAAASH!

"GRYYYYEEHHHH...!"

Countless slashes made out of pure light surged from his claws as he pierced the beast's entire head, slicing it apart into pieces, and so the rest of the body!

SPLAAAASH!!!

The beast's entire body fell over the miasmic swamp, dead on the spot!

"Nicely done!" I said. "Mist! Naturia! Alice!" I called for their aid, as we combined our magics and then touched the entire lake. "[Purifying Light]!"

FLAAAAAAAASSSH!!!

The Lake swiftly was purified, now without any more miasmic monsters, we managed to completely purify it out of miasma. In mere seconds, thanks to my great Mana, we were able to complete the purification.

And in front of us, the beautiful purified Great Lake shone brightly, with clean, transparent water.

Chapter 800 Bathing In The Purified Lake

Ding!

[You and your Party have defeated [Miasmic Chimeras (Tier 5)] x147!]

[You and your Party have defeated [Miasmic Demonic Hagfish (Tier 7)] x1!]

[You earned 1.470.000 EXP!]

[With the defeat of the Miasmic Swamp Ruler, you've been able to purify the Great Lake. The savannah is beginning to become healthier and more purified...]

[Aquarina] gained 2 Levels, she has reached Level 12/30!]

[Luck] gained 6 Levels, he has reached Level 17/20!]

After the Ruler's defeat, the Lake was swiftly purified as well. Aquarina only got two levels out of this, but Luck a whopping 6, well, much less than the 11 he got before, but I'm hoping that by the next Miasmic Swamp, he'll get to max level.

He only needs more levels after all, so we need to work hard and do our best. I did heard the third Miasmic Swamp was near a small hill close to the Ruins where Elise left behind her inheritance, so we'll get there and probably meet the Gray Fenrir, the current guardian of the savannahs there.

"W-We did it!" Said Mist. "The Lake is purified! Hmm! The water is tasty!"

"Phew, that took a bit of a toll on me." Alice sighed.

"Fwaaah..." Naturia sighed. "But... we did it! Eheheh!"

"It was harder than I imagined, the concentration of Miasma was deadly." I sighed. "Well, I hope that with this, the beasts that live in here can get to drink water better now..."

"This Great Lake is different though... I can sense a great deal of Magical Energy within, and also Spiritual Energy. This water is not normal... This Great Lake is a Spirit Water Spring." Alice explained.

"E-Eh?!" Everyone was left shocked.

"Hahaha, I guess you guys have done it!" My father walked in. "And as Sylphy's Spirit "Ahhh~ Now this is refreshing! Come on, let's take a break before advancing! The day's still going on!"

explained, it's true. This place used to be a Spirit Water Spring, this water is especially good for making potions."

"Hmm, well done." Shade said. "Now, the last Miasmic Swamp is waiting."

"Come on, don't hurry the kids so fast, grumpy young man." My uncle laughed. "Wanna take a dip?" My uncle quickly took off his shoes and walked into the water.

"Well, the waters do have good healing effects." My father nodded, quickly dipping in. "Ahhh~ Now this is refreshing! Come on, let's take a break before advancing! The day's still going on!"

I guess there's no point in hurrying up, I wanted to try out the water after being purified, so I jumped in right away, bringing Aquarina with me as I dragged her down.

SPLAAAASH!

"H-Hey! Did you had to just throw me in? Hahaha!" Aquarina giggled, splashing water at me. "Take this and this!"

SPLASH! SPLASH! SPLASH!

"Take this!" I said, splashing her all over again.

SPLAAASH!

As we played around, Luck was left in the shore looking at the scene. Zack, Mist, and even Celeste and Celica were already playing around, except him.

"Hey wolf boy, come here so I can soak you up a bit." Celeste giggled.

"E-Eh? B-But..." Luck was a bit timid. "I..."

He had gone through a lot of things, maybe doing this was unfitting for him after all the things he had to experience... I can tell because I've been in a similar state to him back then.

"Luck! Come on, it'll be refreshing. Also you've got blood all over your fur. Clean it a bit." I called him.

"I just... I wish Lara was here so we could enjoy things together..." He sighed.

"Aw, what a party pooper you are!" Celeste sighed, conjuring chains made of darkness and grabbing Luck, dragging him into the water.

"UWAAAAH!"

SPLAAAASH!

He was forcefully thrown down.

"Agh! Hey, did you had to do that?!" Luck got rather angry. "Ugh... My fur always takes a while to dry out..."

"Don't worry, we'll dry it out with magic in a second." I smiled. "Relax and have a nice moment! Oh, are there fishies?" I wondered.

"There are! Look!" Aquarina lifted a bubble of water, where a few fishes were caught in.

"Weird, even living beings came back so quickly?" Wondered Mist.

"It must be thanks to Naturia, she imbued the lake with life. Maybe some of the fishes living under the mud were healed, or something?" I wondered. "Well, whatever's the case, they do look fresh, so let's catch a few for a snack!"

Like that, we enjoyed a nice few minutes in the lake, even my father, Shade, and my uncle swam around and caught some more fish, even clams, some fresh water crabs, and conchs, even some edible freshwater algae.

After that, we decided to put it all in one big pot, with some more seasonings, and boiled it over, making some tasty "Lake Treasures Stew", thanks to my Cooking Skill and the most basic of Cooking Magic Spells I learned from my mother, the stew ended gaining magical properties, further boosting our stats.

"This fish's so good, it is so tasty!" Luck said. "And crab... I never thought these big bugs could have such a soft and white meat inside!" After we dried him out, he was happily eating while wagging his tail.

"Hahah, glad you're enjoying it." I nodded. "See? It wasn't too bad to take a dip and then have a nice meal."

"I guess..." Luck nodded. "Sorry for acting a bit gloomy."

"It's fine." Celeste shrugged. "Make up for it by being a bit better at fighting, you're still dragging a lot behind us."

"I-I'll do my best!" Luck nodded. "I feel like I've gotten a lot stronger now... It's all thanks to your help. I'll make sure to repay this by a thousandfold in the future."

"Hahaha, no need to be so serious, boy. I'm just glad you're growing stronger." My father smiled. "Did Sylphy gave you some sort of help though?"

"A-Ah... Well, she did gave me buffs." Luck said, as he remembered I told him to hide the System thing for now.

"Yeah, I made sure to give him a lot of buffs with several spells I knew so he would be fully prepared. Some might help him grow faster because he can absorb the "Essence of Mana" out of the monsters he defeat faster." I said with a nod. "His Magic Circle and Physique are developing rapidly."

"I see..." My father nodded carefreely.

Phew, good thing Luck didn't forgot.
