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Chapter 851 Against A Rank 9 Foe!

While Asarashk was thrown away by Sylph's mighty blow, Furoh swiftly caught Luck before he were to fall badly over the hard ground, holding him by his clothing using his jaws.

"I got him! Heal him!" He swiftly ran towards Mist, while Alice and Naturia also appeared at his side.

"[Revitalizing Light]! [Healing Shine]! [Fast Healing]!"

"[Divine Recovery Light]!"

"[Life Infusion]!"

While Mist conjured three mid-tier healing spells, Alice unleashed her strongest divine spell and Naturia her strongest spirit spell, all at once made Luck's entire body overflow with healing and restorative light.

His wounds quickly healed completely something that had been slowed down due to his lack of Mana, something that even All-Gaia required to an extent.

"Ungh... Ugh...!" Luck slowly opened his eyes. "Ah...! W-What... Urgh..."

"Eat these!" Mist gave Luck several tiny fruits resembling wild berries, and a big red apple. "They'll heal your Mana and give you buffs!"

"Mist...?! E-Everyone!" Luck quickly realized everyone was here as he glanced Asarashk in the floor, vomiting blood! "What? You beat her?!"

"Far from it!" Mist sighed. "She's very strong, I can sense it... It won't be an easy fight at all! We need you at full strength too, Luck!"

"Mist..." Luck swallowed saliva. "Alright!" He started gobbling down all the food he was given in mere seconds, while the fight against Asarashk continued.

"Y-You...! No... Impossible...! This can't be!" Asarashk screamed, barely trying to stand back up. "Have... the young heroes already attained a similar level than their parents?!" Her powerful Beast Aura began to empower her body, giving her the strength to stand up once more.

However, she quickly noticed her body wasn't regenerating how she wanted. The wounds Sylph inflicted, although superficially small, were still there, and she also felt something strange infecting her entire body... like a parasite.

"My wounds are not healing properly..." She thought, glaring at Sylph with fury. "What technique did she use?! What is this strange energy... it feels as if it is negating my own Mana!"

"Who knows?" Sylph wondered, answering her previous question. "But how about we try to find out?!"

FLAAASH!

Moving her draconic wings at a fast speed, she flew directly in front of Asarashk. Her Holy Dragon Transformation was sure overpowered, but she knew that this bug woman would easily decimate her monster army, so she instantly stored them inside her Dungeon for safety measures.

"[Yggdragon's Wrathful Tyrant Aura]"

FLUOOOSH!

A mighty blazing draconic aura surged from her body, mixing with the holy light aura of Alice imbued into her, all the spiritual energies merged together!

Ding!

[The power of the [Yggdragon's Wrathful Tyrant Aura] and the [Holy Divine Light Spirit Aura] have merged together to create the [Holy Dragon's Wrathful King Aura]!

[The Buffing Effects have improved by +150%, and Holy Light, Fire, and Spirit Magic Damage has increased by +200%! Additionally, your light can now pierce through all darkness.]

At long last, Sylph had reached a breakthrough, after mixing her powers so much, she had managed to combine their might and create a brand-new Aura!

"[Holy Dragon Blade Arts]: [Ascending Heaven's Claws]!"

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLAAAASH!

Her blows pierced through the demoness defensive aura barrier and easily destroyed whatever darkness she conjured, while her claws barely managed to intercept her blows, the bright light piercing and shining across her entire body. It felt as if she was being bathed in pure acid!

"GRUUUAAAAAGHH...!" Asarashk simply couldn't help but scream in utter agony. "Y-YOUUUU!!! If my claws don't work... TAKE THIS!!! [Demonic Insect Queen Arts]: [Bloodlust Swarm]"

FLUOOOOOSSSH!

BBBZZTTTT...!

Sylph's entire body was suddenly engulfed on a huge swarm of mosquitoes made out of her Beast Aura, as she felt their sharp proboscis pierce through her entire body, ignoring her defensive scales!

Ding!

[You have been affected by [Bloodlust Swarm]! Your Health is being constantly drained! Your Vitality, Defense, and Strength have decreased by -30%!]

"W-What?!" Sylph was shaken... only for a single second though, as she smirked. "[Yggdragon's Guardian Spirit Aura]!"

FLAAAAASH!

On top of the blazing and shining holy dragon aura she had, a new green colored aura emerged, filled with the essence of life and nature, as her wounds started healing faster than she could take damage... And even if she took so much damage, it didn't matter much.

After all, she had infinite health, unless her body were to be instantly turned to ashes, damage per second effects, such as draining, or even poison, wouldn't have effect on her!

Ding!

[The power of the [Yggdragon's Guardian Spirit Aura] has merged into the [Holy Dragon's Wrathful King Aura], increasing its healing effects! All Debuffs affecting the user's body have decreased their effects by half!]

"Perfect!" Sylph smiled, rushing towards the demoness, and unleashing even more attacks, as the might of her spirits all came together at once. "[Holy Dragon Blade Arts]: [Heavenly Dragon's Spear Tail]!!!"

Sylph unleashed a piercing attack, as her aura shaped into the sharp, spear-shaped tail of a holy dragon, combining with her sword and piercing through Asarashk defenses once more, completely ignoring the draining damage she was taking!

CRAAAAASSSSH!

"AAARRGGHHH...!"

Asarashk felt the light engulf her entire body, while feeling completely confused about what was happening! Her strongest attacks which she was so proud of were all being... ignored?!

"T-This can't be! How come she's not affected by my Bloodlust Swarm?!" She thought. "GRRRHHH...!" She gritted her teeth furiously, materializing a huge black and red spear. "[Soul Weapon Materialization]: [Vampiric Insect Queen's Spear: Scarlet]!"

FLAAASH!

Materializing her Soul Weapon once more, Asarashk finally got serious! Unleashing a barrage of piercing attacks that she had used against Luck just some minutes ago, trying to pierce through Sylph's body and leave her covered on wounds.

"DIEEEE!"

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLAAASH!

However, Sylph was a completely different being compared to Luck! Such attacks were easily intercepted by her Shield, Sapphire, as she accumulated the energy of each impact...

"[Sea Dragon's Protection]!"

FLAAAASH!

The blue sea dragon shield shone brightly, as it suddenly unleashed back all the damage it took from Asarashk, as a huge sea dragon manifested itself out of pure spiritual and divine energy, striking the demoness and biting through her entire body!

"Another ridiculous TRICK?! AAARRGHH...!"

BOOOOOOOOMMMMM...!

The difference between Luck and Sylph was tremendous. Sylph had taken Asarashk head-on and completely intercepted all her attacks, ignoring powers that would affect literally anybody else such as Bloodlust Swarm, and even holding a special shield with a soul in it, made out of divine sea dragon's scales and materials, and capable of unleashing the damage it took back!

The powerful Sea Dragon Soul materialized out of Sapphire's Skills after absorbing all the damage that it took from Asarashk was incredible, engulfing the demoness in an endless all-devouring wave of highly pressurized water, leaving her body even more damage as she landed on the floor with a loud explosion.

BOOOOOOMMMM...!

"Unnghhh... H-Hahh... W-Wha... what was that?!" Asarashk cried, glaring at Sylph with utter fury. "I'm... Tier 9... My Physique... Guh- ARGH..!"

She vomited a mouthful of blood, feeling her entire body constantly weakening severely. She realized too later that something even worse had taken over her body, her health was being drained every second, and her stats had lowered.

"I know you're not showing us your full strength." Sylph said. "Just get to it already... I am not going to underestimate a monster like you and lower my guard."

"..." Asarashk remained in silence, and then smirked. "Oh my... How boring, you're really the daughter of your father!"

BAAAM!

In a single second, her entire body stood back up, even as the wounds covered her body, she seemed completely... fine? Indeed, she was actually fine, she took great damage. But Sylph knew very well that something like that wouldn't stop a Tier 9 being such as her.

Even less when she had yet to unleash her full powers against them. The reason Sylph was buying time hitting her with her strongest blows as if she were button smashing in a video game was because she needed Luck at full health.

Because to beat this monster they would all need their full strength...

"W-Wait, she was pretending?!" Mist was shaken.

"It was quite clear." Said Celeste. "She's a terrible actor... Though Sylph still had dealt a lot of damage though, she wasn't pretending when she screamed."

"Well, I do have the habit of letting my prey get a few hits, you know? To gauge their strength and all... This girl in specific is packed with a lot of surprising powers, yet even as I let her have such advantage, she never became overly confident, and each blow became more painful, ouch!" Asarashk laughed. "I wanted to kill her when she lowered her guard... What a pity that I can't play games like that... [Insect Queen's Transformation]"

In a mere second, her entire body started shapeshifting! Her Beast Aura and Mana fused into her body, and Asarashk quickly gained yet another pair of arms, making it eight! Her body size increased twice, becoming as big as ten meters. Her head twisted around, becoming not humanoid anymore, but resembling the head of a monstrous wasp... her wings became bigger and her arms muscular.

And while transforming, a shockwave of Bloodlust Swarm was released, anybody that dared step forwards would have their health drained before they could even realize what was happening! Sylph would had tried to interrupt her if it wasn't for this. Nonetheless, the transformation lasted just a second.

Ding!

[Asarashk, the Insectoid Queen] has undergone her [Insect Queen's Transformation], unsealing her True Powers!]

[All Her Stats have increased by +200%, her Health and Mana Regeneration Speed have increased by +100%. All Magic Damage has increased by +50%.]

[Her New Form exudes a deadly aura of intimidation and pressure, reducing all foes stats by -30%, and constantly draining their Mana.]

Just like that, she became twice as strong, already at Tier 9, she was already nearing a Tier 10 being... Her buffs were ridiculous, and her debuffs as well, and the most surprising thing was that she wasn't even using True Demonification as Sylph thought, Asarashk was either saving it for later, or simply did not rely on such powers to corrupt her body, and simply used the might she had trained for years to attain.

"Fufufu... Were you waiting for this, you sadistic girl~?" Asarashk asked while laughing, her aura spreading further everywhere. "Within all the insect demon tribes, I am known to be the strongest. Only below my Lady Arachne because she received the Divine Blessing of Lady Lolth. If you want to meet her, you'll have to go through me! The one all insect demons fear!"

BBBZZTTT...!

FLAAAASH!

In a single second, she leaped into action, moving her wings rapidly, she appeared right in front of Sylph and everyone else, wielding her Soul Weapon using three of her eight arms, she unleashed tremendous, devastating attacks that even left cracks over the seemingly indestructible dungeon floor.

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! CRAAASH!

RUMBLE!

The entire dungeon trembled, as she quickly unleashed several beams from her free hands, imbued with her powerful Darkness and Beast Aura!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOOOMMM!!!

The difference in power from now and before was like heaven and earth! She was truly a monster among monsters!

"Shit, she's really a fucking monster!" Zack cried, using his winds and lightning magic to escape from the attacks by enhancing his movement speed, only for a huge beam to hit him from behind!

"Fuck!"

BOOOOOOMMM!!!

However, as the smoke dissipated, Zack noticed a holy light barrier protected him from the deadly damage, Mist was there for him!

"As long as I am here with Snowflake, I'll protect you, Zack!" She said with eyes glowing with determination.

This was a side of Mist that Zack had never seen before... A fierce flame of braveness was now growing stronger within her heart.

And having a reliable girlfriend like her was... a dream come true for the reckless fighter that Zack was, even more if she was a healer with support magic to boot.

"Alright!" Zack nodded. "I'll trust you my back, Mist!"

"Leave it to me!" Mist said. "I am not... the same as before!" She said while acting bravely.

"How cute~" Asarashk mocked them, while suddenly gathering a huge sphere of darkness above her body. "Can you take this now, cuties? [Abyssal Star]!"

BOOOOOOOOMMMMM...!

Chapter 853 Intense Battle

Sylph's Yggdragon Aura of Protection encompassed her friends and protected them from the darkness, while she and Aquarina flew forwards. Sylph activated her Curse's powers, temporarily fusing the Curse Spirit into her own Aura. While Aquarina unleashed the power of Abyssal Embodiment partially, only transforming her hands into masses of darkness, with red eyes in the middle of her palms.

"Aquarina, give me your strength!" Sylph cried, her Curse Aura quickly transformed the colors of her magic into black and purple.

"Count on me!" Aquarina said, her eyes glowing bright red.

Their Magics combined together as one, generating a huge black hole above the two girls, which quickly started to absorb the entire spell's explosive power!

"[Darkness Absorbing Void]!"

TRUUUMMM...!

"W-What?!" Asarashk opened her many eyes at once, shocked of what she was seeing.

It was just a few seconds at most, but she saw dumbfounded as her powerful spell was instantly absorbed by the girl's spell, its destructive darkness immediately cancelled.

[The [Curse]: [Great Curse of the Devourer of The Abyss] has completely absorbed the Darkness and Demonic Powers of the Spell [Abyssal Star]!]

[The accumulated essence has been transformed into Abyssal Energy, which has enchanted the body of the user, giving greater strength temporarily!]

[All Stats have increased by +50%, and all Magic Spells Power have been enchanted with the Abyss Element, increasing their strength by +100% for 10 Minutes.]

[The [Curse]: [Great Curse of the Devourer of The Abyss] has entered into a dormant state due to absorbing a large quantity of destructive energy.]

[Its complete powers cannot be activated for 1 Hour.]

"One of my strongest spells was cancelled...!" Asarashk muttered, as her mandibles clicked angrily.
"You're not bad at all, kids!"

BBBZZTTT...!

The sound of her huge wings flying echoed around the dungeon as she flew directly towards Sylph and Aquarina right away, rushing to kill them as fast as possible.

"You two are the pillars of your group! As long as I can kill you, your entire group will break apart!" She roared, her huge claws unleashing a barrage of devastating blows.

CLASH! CLASH! CRAAASH!!

RUMBLE!

The entire dungeon started trembling as her gigantic claws hit the floor, failing to hit Aquarina And Sylph, as both girls made use of their smaller body sizes and light weights to evade her heavy attacks.

"You're small and fast, I admit that." Asarashk laughed, suddenly, her entire body overflowed with enormous quantities of power for only a few seconds.

And that's all it took for her fist to reach Sylph and send her flying into the ceiling!

BAAAMMM...!

"Ungh?!" Sylph vomited blood as she felt several of her ribs break, and she could have gotten demolished if it wasn't thanks to all her buffs, auras, and her shield, Sapphire, which flew directly in front of her in the last moment.

"I'll finish you off, daughter of Allan and Faylen!" Roared Asarashk, her bug wings resonated loudly, as Sylph analyzed her movements even in this dire situation.

"I see, so you can generate short burst of all your power in just a few seconds, giving you a surprise factor." She said nonchalantly, as Asarashk's enormous claws were about to reach her.

"You've figured my power a bit too late, girl!" Asarashk laughed, materializing her Soul Weapon once more. "Your pitiful shield won't be able to resist the might of my Spear! [Soul Weapon Materialization]: [Vampiric Insect Queen's Spear: Scarlet]!"

CLAAASSH!!

Asarashk's powerful Spear pierced through Sylph's shield with ease, as she noticed Sapphire's durability dropping to below one thousand! And it kept dropping with each second.

"Unnnghh...! Sylphy!" Sapphire's voice echoed into Sylph's mind. "Escape! I'll take the hit and-"

"There's no need for that, Sapphire." Sylph said, suddenly, her aura shapeshifted as several draconic arms surged from within, punching and slashing against Asarashk's spear!

"OORRAAAAH!" The ferocious roar of Ignatius blazed.

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!

"Hahahaha! It is useless, you'll die impaled- Huh?!" However, in that split of a second, Asarashk realized something strange.

The Soul Weapon she had materialized started... to gain cracks! Not only that, but she felt her connection with the weapon to weaken, as if its very magical circuits were beginning to crumble and stop connecting together.

It was a bit too late when she realized the black flames covering her weapon contained another strange element... The power of Mana Disruption! Soul Weapons were all made out of magical circuits, a greater and even more complicated form of Magic Circles.

And naturally, with enough attacks, the power of Sylph's Mana Disruption Skill will eventually destabilize the entire structure!

CRAAASSH!!

"I-Impossible!" Asarashk screamed as she saw her Soul Weapon shatter into pieces in front of her huge, insect-like eyes, only to feel a huge, freezing attack reach her back, piercing through her abdomen!
"YOU!"

She quickly realized Aquarina appeared behind her, holding a huge trident made of her own divine powers and skills, overflowing with a coating of Abyssal Embodiment Aura, reinforcing its strength even more!

Asarashk felt her insides beginning to freeze, the cold ice not only slowed her movements, but it also started to drain her health and mana slowly.

CLAAASH!

"SCRAM!!!!" Asarashk quickly let go of Sylph as she attacked Aquarina desperately, only to be greeted by Zack and Luck appearing from her right and left side!

"RAAAAH!" Zack roared like all Amazonians do, charging against Asarashk with rapid lightning speed, encompassed by spiraling winds, as both of his huge axes struck her shoulder, slicing through her flesh, muscles, and bones!

CRAAASSH!

"THIS IS NOT OVER YET!!!" Luck screamed ferociously, his body overflowing with the power of the Golden Tiger once more as his two golden claws slashed through Asarashk's other shoulder, creating a huge, vertical swing, and tearing apart her flesh!

SLAAASSHH!!

Naturally, Asarashk panicked, screaming as she felt both of her arms being torn apart out of her own body! Her screams echoing across the entire dungeon as she fell down into the floor when Sylph struck her down from above with a powerful, Yggdragon Aura-enchanted kick!

BAAAMMM...!

Chapter 854 Asarashk's Tenacity

"Attack her! Don't give her any time to think!" Sylph roared, her body undergoing a half-Draconification form once more, as her scales now became dark red and black, the Abyssal Energy dwelling in her body and Curse's powers mixing and creating a darker form of it. Even her hair became dark purple, her eyes glowing bright red.

Obeing her orders, everyone attacked Asarashk as much as they could without giving her a break. Aquarina struck her down with a rain of icicle spears and beams of high-pressure ocean water, alongside dozens of huge tridents.

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!

Zack unleashed a barrage of powerful strikes with both of his axes, overflowing with his Tempest Magic and his Divine Battle Axe Arts, which he had quickly figured could combine into even stronger combined techniques. Lightning and winds rained down over the insectoid queen.

BAAM! BAAM! BAAM!

Luck constantly unleashed hundreds of slashing blows with his huge golden claws, the form that All-Gaia had taken when it was wielded by him, all while his Beast Magic mixed with his techniques, the might of many beasts emerging with each of his attacks.

SLASH! SLASH! SLAASH!

Celeste and Celica conjured a combination of shadow curse tentacles, wrapping around Asarashk's legs to weaken her and restrain her, even if for a few seconds before she were to break them, while Celica's Phantom Magic attempted to weaken the insectoid queen's soul by making hundreds of phantasmal hands grasp her soul tightly.

"Urgh! My soul?!"

While she swung her huge arms and attacked the children surrounding her, dealing huge wounds, radiant light constantly covered their bodies as Mist, in the backlines, conjured healing spells all the time, feeding on Sylph's infinite mana to not worry about this!

Her actions also freed Sylph from having to worry about her friend's safety, leaving the healing to Mist, she became capable of fully dedicating herself to the battle.

CLASH! CLASH! CLAAASH!

Her sword overflowed with black cursed flames, as she intercepted her blows rapidly, while the rest of her friends attacked Asarashk whenever she gave them a blind spot. Asarashk was so huge that it looked as if a few mice were trying to take down a cat all on their own.

And as this happened, Beelzebub's Spirit form emerged within Sylph's side, glancing the situation while feeling... rather guilty.

"It is all my fault... If I hadn't left them alone, if I hadn't gone foolishly trying to kill your parents... I could have been there for them; I could have taught them to not seek revenge anymore. Alas, I was just as stupid as they are now." Beelzebub lamented. "To think I had to die to realize the mistakes of my actions. I am a pathetic Demon Lord."

"Telling her that you're there with us would be useless, I imagine." Sighed Alice. "Unlike with Ignatius' brother that recognized his soul and voice, and who clearly had a kind heart, these demons... They seem like they would only grow madder if they saw you."

"It is a pity... But they had already chosen their path." Beelzebub sighed. "Sylph! At least... Take my power and use it well!"

Beelzebub flew into Sylph's body, as he fused his spiritual energy and dark powers with her Draconification form, boosting her might even further.

"Beelzebub!" Sylph realized his power started coursing through her even faster and stronger than any other of her Spirits. It felt as if he was finally going serious on something!

Much like it happened with her already lost Holy Dragon Form, Sylph felt like she was undergoing yet another breakthrough, the ability of her Draconification and her Yggdragon form to transform into different appearances was incredible, and the more she tried its powers, the more she discovered new abilities.

Ding!

[The power of the [Yggdragon's Wrathful Tyrant Aura], the [Accursed Abyssal Energy Aura], [Poisonous Demon Lord Spirit Aura], and the [Mana Disruption] Skill have merged together to create the [Abyssal Demonic Shadow Dragon's Wrathful King Aura]!]

[The Buffing Effects have improved by +150%, and Darkness, Poison, Fire, and Spirit Magic Damage has increased by +200%! Additionally, your black accursed flames can weaken foes, decreasing stats by up to -20%, while also disrupting their magic power.]

"[Abyssal Dragon Blade Arts]: [Descending Hell's Claws]!"

Sylph unleashed the might of her new transformation fully as she swung her sword with all her strength, each blow pushed the insectoid queen back as they resembled even bigger and more ferocious dragon claws than before!

CRAAASH! CRAAASH! CRAAASH!

"AARRGGH...! Y-YOUUU!!!" Asarashk lost her mind, channeling the power of her Beast Aura as a huge swarm of countless mosquitoes appeared around her. "[Bloodlust Swarm]!!!"

FLUOOOSH!!!

An enormous swarm of mosquitoes covered everyone around her, weakening their stats and absorbing their health and mana, while they all screamed in agony! Mist was barely able to heal them seconds before Asarashk kicked Zack and Luck away with her Beast Aura-enchanted legs!

"DIE!"

CLAAASSH! CLAAASSH!

"Uurgghhh...!"

"Aaargh!"

BAAAM! BAAAAMM...!

Both boys rolled over the floor, their bones shattering apart as Mist ran to heal them before they were to die from all the internal bleeding.

"RAAAHHH!!!" Asarashk roared, rushing towards Aquarina who was kneeling on the floor due to the accumulated damage, only for Sylph to fly in front, holding her broken shield while taking out a stone from her inventory. "Your Shield's already broken! What can you do?!"

Asarashk's claws neared Sylph, as her shield shone brightly, fusing with the stone!

FLAAASH!

[You have used the [Weapon Enhancement Jewel (D Grade)] x1 on [Shield: Sapphire]!]

[Sapphire]'s Durability has been healed by 50%, her body has self-repaired through the enhancement effect of the jewel!]

[The Accursed Mana Disrupting Dragon Flames have begun to be absorbed by Sapphire! Her body is beginning to undergo a transformation!]

"T-That's...!" Asarashk opened her eyes wide as she saw Sylph's Shield suddenly reform and transform, absorbing her transformation's energy to gain a black color, as the scales of its body became dark purple and black, with a ferocious, multi-horned dragon head in the middle.

[Sapphire] has evolved from [Lesser Dragon Shield] to [Black Dragon Shield]!]

[All her Stats have increased by +500! She gained the [Black Dragon Flame Shield] Skill!]

"NO MATTER!!!"

Asarashk didn't give it a second thought, regrowing a new pair of arms as she unleashed a barrage of beast aura-enchanted blows!

CLASH! CLASH! CRAAASSH!!!

However, Sylph's shield started overflowing with darkness with each blow.

[The [Black Dragon Flame Shield] Skill and the [Sea Dragon Protection] Skills have merged their effects together!]

[All damage taken will be unleashed at the same time!]

TRUUUMMM...!

The shield erupted with an enormous quantity of black flames, covering the entire body of the insectoid queen as she saw in horror as her magic powers weakened as they were disrupted.

"AGH?! Again with those flames- UNGH?!"

However, it wasn't all, as the flame shaped themselves as a ferocious sea dragon made of fire and black miasma, opening its jaws, and engulfing her with a strong, overwhelming bite!

CRAAASSH!

"UUUAAAARRGGHHH...!"

The insectoid queen reached her limits as her aura barriers shattered one after another, her entire body was launched on the floor, shattering the ground beneath despite being part of a near indestructible dungeon, her bones shattered as her inside organs splattered, her mandibles vomited a large quantity of green blood!

Chapter 855 Don't Have Mercy Against The Wicked

"U-Ungh...! Hahhh... You damn brats...!"

Asarashk slowly stood up, her entire body seemed to be falling apart. She lost two pairs of arms in that huge explosion, her mandibles were fractured, one of her big eyes exploded, and her abdomen was bleeding and covered on several wounds.

Her regeneration was not working properly, despite her physique being at near the pinnacle of someone at Tier 9, and with her transformation, she should clearly have the regeneration of a Tier 10 even if temporarily.

However, the black flames coursing through her body were even more lethal than the white, golden flames that Sylph had unleashed before, they were vicious, although they didn't protected Sylph from damage, they were infectious, covering her foe's wounds and draining their life and mana.

At the same time, they disrupted their own magical circuits, this could even include their physiques. The longer the battles went on, if the foe didn't had a way to cleanse themselves of such flames, they would eventually fall and become weaker.

"I can't... feel my magic power as much as before?!" Asarashk muttered, as she had attempted to conjure another Abyssal Star, only to fail miserably as the black sphere didn't even formed. "T-This... What sort of power does that girl has?!" She thought, suddenly stepping back.

Despite how she pretended to be weak before for her to lower her guard, Sylph never bought her acting, and always remained cautious. She didn't even showed what she was completely capable of before... and even now, she hasn't gone completely all-out either!

"I was wrong..." Asarashk muttered, as she glanced at Sylph and Aquarina walk towards her, while the recovered Zack and Luck slowly stood up, ready to finish off what they started. "You're really... Hahaha... You're strong."

The Insectoid Queen admitted their strength, her only eye left glowing bright red. She suddenly couldn't even lift her own body anymore, as she fell into her knees.

"If I wasn't protecting my lady with all my might... I might had... accepted this defeat and let you go on." She sighed. "But I simply can't. She's... everything to me. I won't let you... touch her. Even if... Even if I have to sell my soul to the devils of another world."

Sylph and her friends quickly realized one of her hands was holding a red jewel, overflowing with demonic energy...

"That's...! A True Denomination Catalyzer! Stop her!" Sylph cried, rushing towards Asarashk at the same time as Aquarina, Zack, and Luck!

"[Accursed Chains of Restraint]!!!" Sylph roared in desperation, as Celeste unleashed a similar spell!

Chains made of shadows surged from beneath Asarashk, wrapping around her arms and forcing her to drop the jewel, only for her to laugh.

"Hahahaha! That won't do!"

FLAAASH!

The jewel glowed anyways, merging with her arm and then the rest of her body, a huge shockwave of demonic flames emerged from within her body, spreading across the entire room!

TRUUUMMM...!

"Fuck!" Sylph screamed in frustration, as she generated a barrier with all her might and quickly protected Aquarina and her friends.

"Sylphy! She's transforming!" Aquaria cried. "We could barely handle her! If she transforms...!"

"I won't let that happen! You damn monster!!!" Luck roared, suddenly rushing forwards, trying to cancel Asarashk's transformation by braving the demonic energy shockwave generated through her change of form.

Every time someone activated their True Demonification, their bodies would exude a deadly, almost radioactive demonic energy, so strong that it could melt most things and disrupt most magic.

Yet the brave Luck braved such deadly substance, his skin beginning to burn as his eyes glowed as fiercely as they were from the very beginning.

"You took Lara away from me! Do you think I'll empathize with you, FUCKING MONSTER?! You and your army have killed thousands of innocents! No matter what bond you said you had... IT DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO JUSTIFY YOUR ACTIONS!" Luck screamed his lungs out, as he felt his arms beginning to melt.

CLAAASSH!!

However, a sword slashed through the demonic energy, a powerful divine energy pierced through it, divine holy light itself!

FLAAASH!

"Sylph! Mist!" Luck opened his eyes in happiness as he saw Sylph step in right at his side, while Mist unleashed a ray of light from behind.

"You're right!" Sylph said. "I can't believe I almost faltered... Because I thought she was doing this for her love. But I cannot oversee what she has done, I cannot let her get away with this! I WON'T! Asarashk!"

"I ain't giving up either!" Aquarina roared, stepping forward as instead of using her dangerous Abyssal Embodiment, her body gained blue dragon scales, a long sea snake-like tail, and blue horns in her forehead, her hair becoming completely blue as her eyes glowed with silver light. "Wherever our parents are... We can't let them carry all our burden!"

"DAMN RIGHT!" Zack roared, hitting the demonic wave with his two axes, lightning and tempestuous winds emerging endlessly!

"She's not someone that deserves any pity." Celeste said, her shadows beginning to engulf the demonic energy like a swarm of bats. "Maybe that's hypocrite coming from me... But I know they have gone even farther than I...!"

"Mister Jester! Mister Teddy!" Celica called her two golems, their huge bodies pushing harder and harder, until the still regenerating and transforming body of Asarashk emerged within the black light!

Her chest was glowing bright red, the True Demonic Core was still forming! Her True Demonification was of such tremendous power that it was taking her several seconds to fully transform.

It was now or never!

"NOW!!!" Sylph screamed, gritting her teeth as her skin constantly burned, her sword channeling all her power, as her Mana Connections with everybody else transformed her flames into the color of the rainbow.

"Divine Fusion Magic: [Primordial Elemental Genesis]!" Sylph screamed, utilizing the same ultimate fusion magic they used against the Parasite back in the Fishman King Dungeon.

However, this time, the sphere of multiple colors merged into Sylph's Sword, Scarlet, and transformed into a huge arc of rainbow light, piercing through Asarashk's chest, and shattering her still forming True Demon Core!

Crack, crack...!

CRAAASH!

"GRYYYYAAAAAHHHH...!"

Her scream echoed across the entire dungeon, as the disruption of her demonic energy spread across her body, making her entire being crumble into pieces!

"Lady... Arachne...!"

Her consciousness faded away completely, as her soul was devoured by Sylph.

Chapter 856 Victory Against An Impossible Foe, Time To Rescue Lara!

Ding!

[You and your Party have defeated [Insectoid Demon: Asarashk (Tier 9: Rank 8)] x1!]

[You earned 25.000.000 EXP]

The difference on EXP from defeating a Tier 9 to only getting some shared EXP from watching one die was tremendous... 25 million for a Tier 9?!

[Natura] [Ignatius] [Beelzebub] [Curse] [Furoh] [Glutton] [Sapphire] and [Scarlet] Levels have increased from Level 46 to Level 50!]

[Nephilim] Level has increased from Level 21 to Level 25!]

[Violet] Level has increased from Level 38 to Level 50!]

[Brownie] Level has increased from Level 36 to Level 40!]

[Aquarina] gained 16 Levels, she has reached Level 26/50!]

[Luck] gained 9 Levels, he has reached Level 25/30!]

[Your Familiars: [Natura] [Ignatius] [Beelzebub] [Curse] [Furoh] [Glutton] [Sapphire] [Scarlet] [Violet] and [Brownie] have reached Max Level and can now Evolve.]

[You have Completed the [Challenge Quest]: [Defeat The Insectoid Queen Asarashk!]

[You and your friends have officially become formidable fighters! Tales over your bravery might soon begin to be sung by the bards around the world. Defeating a being as powerful as the one you have will not come without proper rewards either!]

[You have received Bonus Rewards for having completed the quest within 1 Hour.]

[Completion Rewards: [15.000.000 EXP] [Divine Strengthening Elixir (A Grade)] x20 [Divine Skill Proficiency Potion (A Grade)] x20 [Divine Grade Rune Potion (A Grade)] x20 [Divine Holy Dragon Flowers (A Grade)] x20 [Alchemist's Job Advancement Medal (B Grade)] x1 [Asarashk Skill Scroll (S Grade)] x1 [Insectoid Queen's Vampiric Soul Spear (S Grade)] x1 [Insectoid Queen's Demonic Armor (S Grade)] x1]

"So many rewards...!"

Once the insectoid queen was defeated, everybody, including Sylph, fell into the floor, completely exhausted. They could barely feel their bodies after such an intense battle, perhaps the most intense fight they've ever had in their entire young lives.

Their bones constantly shattered and healed back, they felt like they were at the verge of defeat every instant, any attack from Asarashk was incredible lethal, they still couldn't believe they were all alive after that.

The Demonic Energy was incredibly deadly and left them with almost their entire body charred, and also infected with the deadly otherworldly energy, but thanks to Sylph's Yggdragon Protection Aura that both protected and healed them, and also thanks to Mist's intensive healing aura recovering their health and wounds over time, after a few minutes of sighing in relief and gasping for air, they slowly stood back up.

"D-Did we really do it...?" Zack was shocked. "I-I just can't believe it, even if I just helped a little... A Tier 9 being... We defeated it..."

"It was actually akin to a Tier 10." Aquarina sighed. "In her transformation, that's it... Ugh... After we're done with this, I don't want to see any bugs every again, in my entire life!"

"For real..." Celeste laughed. "Asarashk was... a monster. I can't imagine Arachne to be any weaker either, if she served her... Can we even stand a chance? I'm too exhausted..."

"As long as our parents catch up to us..." Said Sylph, sighing. "But it's not like we need to fight her..."

"Huh? What do you mean?" Luck asked. "But for Lara...!"

"Yeah..." Sylph nodded. "We only want Lara, right? As long as we can get her and then escape... I think with the powers I possess, it might be possible."

"Powers?" Asked Mist.

"You already saw it, right, Mist? This Bracelet I made became something like a Dungeon, I can summon dungeon monsters that obey me, and there's a whole space inside." Sylph explained to her friends, she didn't felt like hiding this information, as it was important for everyone to know about it for her plan to work. "I can teleport inside, and also bring anybody else inside too. We could just go in and wait for our parents, but that would only prolong the time with Lara being with Arachne."

"T-That's insane... A Dungeon bracelet?!" Celeste was flabbergasted. "So that's a thing, huh?" "I think you should take a look at

"Arachne most likely has one of her own too." Sylph explained. "Probably the reason why she can manipulate this dungeon so much. She's a Dungeon Master after all..."

"Can you make more of these bracelets?" Wondered Aquarina.

Sylph glanced at Alice, but Alice quickly answered the question she had in her mind.

"No, you cannot replicate something like that. The Dungeon you possess was made also by connecting with your system. Even if you were to do something similar with people you've given a System, they only possess the basic status function, nothing else. You're the only one with this sort of special Dungeon

System, which already existed, hidden within my internal synopsis." Alice explained as easy as possible so Sylph could understand.

"Nah, I can't make it again, it was special because it is... Well, connected to the same powers that I used to give you guys new abilities and talents." Sylph explained without wanting to go into too many details. "Sorry."

"I-It's fine." Aquarina giggled. "You've done so much for us; it would be a bit cocky to ask you for a dungeon now..."

"Well, we should hurry up anyways, Aquarina." Sylph sighed. "Right now, I am using most of my magic power to generate an invisible barrier of magic disruption, this makes it so Arachne cannot see what's happening in here even with her Dungeon Master authority."

"She could see us all?!" Zack was shaken. "Dungeon Masters' are scarier than I thought..."

"How much can you hold it?" Asked Celeste.

"Until she finds out we're tricking her, she's probably already thinking about where her servant could be and why she hasn't returned with Luck to make whatever weird thing she wants to do with him." Sylph sighed. "We have at most... a couple more minutes before she comes storming the place herself. But before that, we need to use the surprise factor."

"So just a couple of minutes and somehow we need to surprise her?" Luck asked, swallowing saliva. "Fine! Alright... I'm in, for whatever you have in mind, Sylphy. As long as we can get back Lara... I... I even would give my own life, if necessary."

"I will make sure to get her back but... There's no need to go so far." Sylph smiled. "Once this is all over, I want you and Lara to come to my house and have some tea and sweets. I want to know about her, and what she likes, and I want to see you blushing while she smiles and giggles..."

"E-Eh?! You're asking for something really weird..." Luck wasn't really used to the fancy tea times that noble girls often had.

"Heheh, pay no mind to what she said." Aquarina giggled. "She's just teasing you! You're so dense sometimes..."

"A-Ah..." Luck laughed a bit. "Well, whatever that is, I'll happily go to have some tea and sweets... Lara loves all of that stuff too."

"Nice! That's the response I wanted!" Sylph giggled. "Now, time to eat!"

Sylph quickly opened Glutton and brought out several fruits of all kinds, alongside sandwiches and refreshments, which quickly healed everyone out of their exhaustion, and even granted temporary buffs to their stats.

"Now, let's begin..." She said, after having explained to her friends her plan. "Are you ready, team?"

"Let's do it!" Everyone cheered, as Sylph touched the gates leading to the dungeon's last room.

[A Special [Heroic Quest] has been generated: [Rescue the Saintess of Spirits, Lara!]

[Defeating a being as powerful as Arachne is out of the question, but there's still a possibility to rescue Lara somehow, as long as you and your friends utilize your abilities to the very best!]

[Save Lara from the clutches of Arachne and successfully bring her to safety.]

[Completion Rewards: [10.000.000 EXP] [Potential Cubes (C Grade)] x2 [Weapon Enhancement Stone (C Grade)] x2 [Armor Enhancement Stone (C Grade)] x2 [Accessory Enhancement Stone (C Grade)] x2 [Greater Potential Cube (B Grade)] x2 [Divine Strengthening Elixir (A Grade)] x5 [Divine Skill Proficiency Potion (A Grade)] x5 [Divine Grade Rune Potion (A Grade)] x5 [Divine Holy Dragon Flowers (A Grade)] x2 [???]

[Time Limit: 3 Hours]

And yet another new Quest appeared in front of Sylph, this time it was an even higher challenge, a Heroic Quest! It was impossible for them to defeat Arachne no matter how hard they tried.

But within the realm of possibilities, the possibility of somehow rescuing Lara still existed. And Sylphy and her friends wouldn't give up so easily.

Chapter 857 Being Underwater Is Not A Problem For The Hero Of Blazing Blade

Ephemides appeared out of nowhere while Allan was surviving in the water-filled floor where he was trapped, the powerful mantis shrimp-like insectoid demon swiftly dealt with him.

CRAAAAASSH! CRAAAAASSH!

His powerful claws, as strong as those of a mantis shrimp, but boosted with the might of someone at Tier 9 Rank 2, swiftly shattered Allan's defenses and overwhelmed him.

"UNNGHH?!"

Allan felt some of his ribs breaking, as he was thrown down into the waters depths. The pressure was so powerful that his air bubble popped immediately, he closed his mouth quickly before more water were to enter his lungs.

"Dammit! This bastard's claws are too strong! What in the world-" Allan's train of thoughts were swiftly interrupted.

BAAAAAAMMM...!

Before he could even analyze the situation any further, Erphemides' claw reached Allan's neck, hitting it with tremendous strength as he drowned him deeper into the dark abyss beneath.

"This might be over faster than I imagined... The age of heroes ends now."

Erphemides seemed to smile as his mandibles cracked, joyful of his great strength. Without his flames, he thought that Allan was merely just a stronger than normal human...

CRAAAAAAASSSHHH...!

The powerful impact almost broke Allan's collar bones. The impact was so powerful that it usually could even make a small mountain crumble by sending a deadly shockwave.

"Arrgh...!" Allan groaned, opening his jaws as he vomited blood, the water quickly beginning to fill his lungs.

"Impressive, so you can resist as much." Erphemides did not let go of him, as his other claw quickly began gathering his Beast Aura, which resembled a huge, ferocious red crab. "But this'll be the end of you!"

Now pointing at his head to destroy his brain with one single hit, Erphemides immediately attacked Allan without giving him any room to free himself or think over a strategy!

BAAAAAMMMM...!

"HUH?!"

However, Erphemides was the one surprised as Allan's own shoulders dislocated themselves, managing to reach his face and punching it with tremendous might.

"ARGH...!"

The insectoid demon felt his face shattering into pieces, his exoskeleton covering it quickly crumbled apart, revealing the flesh beneath, his eyes bleeding as he glanced in shock at Allan's resolve.

"GRAAAAAAGGH!"

Allan roared while drowning, his eyes glowing bright red as his insides started heating up at a tremendously high temperature! By merely holding him, Erphemides saw his black colored exoskeleton turn red and his flesh beginning to boil like a crab inside a kettle with hot water.

TRUUUUUMMM...!

"W-What the...?!"

A huge shockwave of heat hit Erphemides and threw him away, as his eyes glanced in shock how Allan's entire body turned completely red. There were no flames outside of him, the water cancelled them completely...

But his insides, it felt like they were all burning! Even the pupils of his eyes looked as if there were just flames behind them, and his chest started glowing, his heart beginning to heat up so much that its red silhouette could be seen on his bare chest.

"Yeah, you can turn off my flames..." Allan spoke through telepathy to Erphemides. "But there's nothing saying I can't turn my insides on fire instead! Let's see how will survive as I boil all of this water, you damn crab?!"

Allan lost his composure completely, rushing towards Erphemides as the insectoid readied himself for battle, quickly summoning his Soul Weapon.

"[Soul Weapon Materialization]: [Sea King's Trident]!"

FLUOOOSH!

A trident made of blue metal emerged out of nowhere as his Crab King Beast Aura emerged, fusing with his powers, Erphemides immediately greeted Allan with his strongest attack!

"[Sea King's Judgement]!!!"

FLAAASH!! I think you should take a look at

The waters around him gathered, spinning, and generating a tremendous centrifugal force, imbuing Erphemides with their strength and speed, as he descended like a torpedo towards Allan!

"PERISH, HERO!!!"

"Your stupid little toy ain't going to cut it, bug ass bastard!"

Allan roared, his entire body suddenly changing appearance as he grew red fur across his body, demon-like horns grew over his head, resembling those of an old goat, his eyes glowed with demonic energy... yet this was only the might of the Fire Spirit King, Ifrit!

His fists overflowed with power, as he greeted Erphemides' Soul Weapon with his bare fists, overflowing with his Mana and Spirit Energy!

CRAAASSH!!!

RUMBLE!

The waters continued to boil around everywhere, Allan being completely immune to the heat, but Erphemides feeling as his body started burning more and more.

Crack... crack...!

CRACK!

"I-It can't be...!" Erphemides muttered, seeing as his trident didn't even put a dent on Allan's fists now that he had underwent Spirit Fusion with his strongest Spirit.

"YEAH, IT CAN!" Allan roared, opening his jaws, and biting the trident.

The cracks spread across the entire Soul Weapon, shattering it, and making the entire thing crumble apart in an instant.

CRAAASH!

Seeing his strongest power being shattered into pieces, Erphemides quickly realized Arachne's plan had a really big flaw... She never considered that the heroes were much more than just their basic elemental affinities.

"RAAAAHHH!!!"

BAAAAAMMM...!

Allan's fists pierced through Erphemides' chest, destroying his heart, and boiling the rest of his body until it all turned bright red! His Beast Aura couldn't even fight against his might!

"A-Arachne... You were... mistaken..."

Erphemides' consciousness faded away as he realized that the heroes... Simply didn't work by the logic applied to them.

Their powers, abilities, might, and strength... Were simply above logic itself.

"The heroes... they're the real... monsters..."

And a Tier 9 Rank 2 like him would had never hoped to win against him...

Without even being given the chance to undergone True Demonification, Erphemides perished.

FRRRSSSHHH!

Allan exuded heat until all the water evaporated, leaving behind a huge room filled with steam, which he instantly absorbed into his Inventory Bag, cleaning the entire place.

"I should had done this from the start." Allan sighed. "If that guy would had undergone True Demonification... Well, it might had been a bit harder to deal with. Though, Faylen had taught me some ways to deal with even that."

He quickly glanced into an enormous, sealed gate at the end of the room.

"[Dimensional Slash]!"

Swinging his sword vertically, he cut through the dungeon's gates with ease.

SLAAAASH!

"Sylphy, wait for me!"

Chapter 858 Being Below Endless Light Is Not A Problem For The Hero Of Shadows

Much like Allan and Arafunn, Shade was also trapped in an unfavorable scenario. He was perhaps even worse than those two, as most of his body due to his physique, was made out of shadows.

And because his surroundings were pure light, while light attribute angelic monsters attacked him with beams of light... His body would eventually slowly fade away by the light that consumed all darkness.

And to make things worse, Arachne had assigned a very unique Insectoid Demoneess to handle him. One with the humanoid appearance of a firefly, a rare demon with incredibly mastery over the element of light, that Shade had only seen on Mist before.

"My name is Divinaphiles, as you can see, I've trained all my life to kill you... Does it hurt? My light~?"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Divinaphiles unleashed several beams of pure holy light against Shade, piercing through his defensive element-less shields of pure mana and his slashing blows, as his entire body was filled with countless of holes, dissipating faster and faster!

"Ungh?! Argh...!" Shade groaned in agony, realizing his predicament.

"I expected a bit more, but things might end sooner than I imagined..." Divinaphiles laughed, gathering even more light. "[Celestial Shine]!"

FLAAASSH!!!

A tremendous wave of pure light reached Shade, his entire body quickly dissipated into nothingness, leaving not even a speck of a shadow behind!

"Oh? Ohohoho! Did I just killed a hero?! Oh my! Oh my, oh my!" Divinaphiles started laughing manically. "I might even be capable of taking over the entire group if I am stronger than Arachne now..." She smiled viciously, only to suddenly sense as a sharp pain hit one of her six arms.

"Huh?" Her eyes were directed to her second left arm, finding it... missing, and only seeing a large quantity of shadows slowly infiltrate her insides. "W-Wha...?! Ungh! ARRGH...!"

Divinaphiles couldn't even understand what was happening, as she quickly channeled a large quantity of light and imbued it into her wound.

"[Celestial Shine]!!!"

FLAAASH!!!

The light quickly purified whatever was infecting her wound... Only for her to find another two arms missing, shadows emerging from within them, quickly amassing into the shape of a monstrous, phantasmal-like being in the slight shape of Shade!

"W-What?! W-What is going on?! Am I hallucinating?!" She cried, incapable of understanding the situation!

She could swear she saw him die right there, right now! So how?! How come he had just come back from the death and was now... parasitizing her own body and cutting her into pieces?!

"No, it is not a hallucination." Shade spoke with a lugubrious, phantasmal, and monstrous voice.

His entire body had underwent both Abyssal Embodiment and also Spirit Fusion, several spirits had merged with him, giving his mostly shadow-made body more mass and consistency, especially of the element of Death, the second element Shade was the most proficient of.

"GET AWAY FROM MEEEEEE!" Divinaphiles screamed in horror, unbefitting of a powerful demon to scream like a little girl, as she unleashed a wave of pure divine light out of her own body, her abdomen shining brightly. "[Celestial Sunlight Shine]!!!"

FLAAASH!!!

Her Aura changed into the appearance of a bright, shining sun that completely encompassed Shade's being, sending him away from her body with a loud thud over the floor.

BAAAAM...!

"..."

Shade only remained on silence as his body transformed into a constantly shapeshifting mass of shadows and phantom, his shadows transforming into what looked like an old, tattered robe, his eyes glowing bright red, as half of his face was covered by a skull.

He had underwent Spirit Fusion with one of his oldest Dark and Death Spirits, Grief, whose true identity was in fact, the King of the Death Spirits, the entity known as the Reaper himself!

"Shade... You have not called my assistance in a long time... Ever since... those bastards at Eastgrain." Spoke the Spirit, giving a chuckle. "Is it finally time... to reap some souls?"

"Yeah, let's do it, Grief." "I think you should take a look at

Grief's entire Spiritual Energy shapeshifted as it merged with Shade's knives, transforming into a huge, phantasmal, and soul-made scythe, whose shadow-destroying light could not easily affect.

"U-Undead powers?!" Divinaphiles asked in shock. "H-Hmph! As if that would ever be capable of dealing with my powers! [Celestial Light Arrows Rain]!"

The Insectoid Demoness roared, channeling her magic as dozens of magic circles appeared around her, firing hundreds of arrows made of light against Shade.

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

The light pierced through Shade's shadow aura, but only left smaller wounds across his phantasmal being, as he quickly disappeared from the area, moving at such a fast speed that the demoness couldn't even keep up with him.

FLASH!

In a single second, Shade appeared behind her, her big golden eyes shocked as she desperately tried to blast him away with a beam of light coming from her jaws themselves.

BOOOOMMM...!

The Beam of Light coming from her mouth hit in point blank! The Demoness laughed, only to quickly realize a slashing pain pierced her body, half her abdomen was no more.

SLAAAASH!

"E-Eh?! Ungh...! Argghhh!" She quickly started to scream as her blood splashed into the floor, her body immediately falling.

BAAAM...!

"Urgh...! T-That's...! My wounds... can't heal?!" Divinaphiles constantly tried to heal her wounds with her light magic, but it simply didn't work. Like an agent of death itself, Shade quickly moved towards her, raising his scythe.

"W-Wait...! G-Get away from meeee!" She screamed, generating a barrier of divine light around her.

CLAAASH!

Shade's scythe pierced through with ease, slowly slicing through the barrier. Divinaphiles couldn't understand how Shade's fighting style changed so easily, from someone that seemed to be dying to instantly winning over her by merely channeling one of his spirits?!

"How did you even...?!" She screamed. "You damn... human!"

Another Divine Beam of Light emerged from her open, insect-like jaws, only for Shade to easily parry the immense explosion with his scythe, by cutting through it entirely.

SLAAAASSH!

"How? Well, it is very easy to parasitize souls with [Soul Parasite]." Shade explained. "You had your guard down, and I took the opportunity. You only destroyed... let's say, a small part of my own body, for that, I commend you."

Shade said those words, as his slashing blow sliced through Divinaphiles' entire body into two halves. The demoness was incapable of even understanding what he was saying before she died regretfully.

"I'm afraid she's already dead." Grief laughed, holding the demoness soul, and devouring it viciously. "Hmph, not that good, but will do... The price for using my full powers has been paid." The frightening Death Spirit King said.

"Looks like people that cultivate their souls are very rare even now..." Shade sighed, looking into the light around him, as his darkness started spreading, combined with phantasmal energy, like an endless void, devouring every hint of light, until everything went back to normal.

FLUOSH!

He looked into a gate at the end of the room, and quickly walked towards there, his body still shapeshifting, resembling a mix between a tentacled abomination, a man, and a phantasmal Lich.

Imbuing his Mana and Spiritual Energies into his large scythe, he swung it vertically, a powerful wave of spacetime energy and darkness sliced through the dungeon gate with ease.

SLAAASH!

"Aquarina... Wait for me."

Chapter 859 Being Below Windless Underground Is Not A Problem For The Hero Of Winds

Meanwhile, while Allan and Shade fought their trials, Arafunn was fighting one of his own, and a rather unique demon at that, one rather... filled with himself, despite being a mere ant.

"I am Herbranpheles, the King of all Ant Demons! I'll crush you and show my tribe that abandoned me that we can beat the damn humans! They'll understand once I bring your head to them that we can still keep fighting!"

Herbranpheles, the self-proclaimed King of the Ant Demons roared, his tall and muscular body was covered on a hard exoskeleton, as he possessed six arms and a long abdomen behind.

"So you want to use my own head to convince your people to continue fighting pointlessly?" Sighed Arafunn, without really understanding the demon's logic. "Maybe you should first find yourself a brain, you're really stupid."

His words quickly made the Ant King lose his last bits of patience, as the furious Ant Demon descended from above, aiming at Arafunn's head with his huge, clawed legs.

"SHUT UP!!!" The furious Ant flew down with his wings, reaching Arafunn in a single second, a huge kick hitting his face!

CRAAASH!!!

"Unnggh...?!"

"I'LL FUCKING KILL YOU! KRIEHEHEHEHE!!!"

Arafunn felt the world spinning around him, as he was thrown across the many walls of the almost airless, windless caves he was trapped in. His surroundings constantly crumbled, trying to crush him with huge boulders.

BAAAAM!

RUMBLE!

"Shit...!" Arafunn quickly flew away from the crumbling ceiling, only to find Herbranpheles tailing him from behind.

"KRIEHEHEHE! Where are you running?! Aren't you a legendary hero that defeated the Demon King?! If someone like you is running away from me, what makes me?! A being even stronger than the Demon King!" Laughed the Herbranpheles with his detestable voice, Arafunn was already beginning to feel irritated.

"Melodia." He called, as the Queen of the Spirits of Wind, the Fairy of Melodies Melodia, emerged behind him, glancing at the huge ant pursuing them.

"What the...?! Gosh! You're really becoming braver now! To think you come all the way here and fight in the frontlines!" Melodia laughed.

"Can you give my magic a little boost?" Arafunn asked. "I'll change the entire terrain if needed."

"Oooh?" Melodia giggled, evading huge claw-shaped attacks made out of Beast Aura coming from Herbranpheles. "Alright! Those sharp eyes... I haven't seen them in a while!"

"What are you babbling about?! COME HERE, BITCH!" Herbranpheles roared, rushing down towards Arafunn, and kicking his back, pushing him down into the floor as it constantly shattered and crumbled apart!

CRAAASH!

"Ungh?! Argh...!" Arafunn vomited blood as he felt a few of his bones break. He gritted his teeth and glared at Herbranpheles with furious and sharp eyes as the ant king's claws grasped his chest. "Heh... You're really a bad match for me, ant kid."

"HUH?! Getting cocky now that you're about to die?!" Laughed Herbranpheles. "What can you even do other than die?!" His Beast Aura surged from within his body, resembling a gigantic and monstrous black Ant Beast. "DIEEEE!!!"

His huge claws reached Arafunn's face, as Herbranpheles was about to blow his head into pieces with his own brutal strength!

FLUOSH!

However, out of nowhere, a shockwave of invisible energy impacted the Ant King, pushing him several meters away! I think you should take a look at

"W-What?!" Herbranpheles opened his eyes in shock as he fell into the floor, noticing how Arafunn had unleashed something. "Winds?! But that's impossible, there's no winds here!"

"Certainly, without winds nor a lot of air and oxygen, I cannot conjure my magic as much..." Arafunn sighed, his body was covered on wounds and the left side of his face was swollen. "But its different with sounds. Echoes, vibrations, such things can be created very amazingly, even in this place... In fact, the cramped place makes it so sounds constantly hit one another within the walls. I can do this like THIS!"

Arafunn's body overflowed with Spiritual Power as he changed his appearance, huge green colored butterfly wings appeared on his back as his clothes changed, resembling those of a mystical prince of winds, a crown made of green light appeared above his head.

TRUUUMMM...!

The moment he said "THIS" a huge wave of sound was unleashed from his mouth, the vibrations so powerful they began to devastate everything, piercing through the walls and hitting Herbranpheles!

"GUAARRGHH?!"

The Ant King screamed in agony as his entire body was filled with vibrations constantly saying "This", his entire body started trembling, his ears exploded, his mouth began to bleed, his internal organs barely held off!

"I-Impossible! I CAN'T... LOSE!" Cried Herbranpheles, forcing his own body to rush towards Arafunn as his enormous claws fused with his Beast Aura, and then he channeled his Soul Weapon. "[Soul Weapon Materialization]: [Underground King's Claws]!"

His claws were covered by huge insect jaw-shaped claws made of brown metal, as he sliced through the sounds themselves and reached Arafunn!

"DIEEE!"

"Nuh-huh."

Arafunn's words became tremendous sounds, blasting Herbranpheles away like a ragdoll again, the rest of the caves all crumbled. The sound vibrations so ridiculously strong and potent that the rocks that were caught on them shattered and turned into sand.

In just a few seconds, the entire cave section disappeared, revealing an enormous dungeon room covered on sand... Herbranpheles vomited blood as he emerged out of the sand, his eyes filled with disbelief as he saw the entire caves completely gone.

"W-Wha...?! What?! H-How did you...?!" Herbranpheles couldn't understand.

"I just turned everything into sand, I knew there was actually a normal room here." Arafunn sighed in relief. "Well, that took a lot of energy though-"

"DIEEEEE!!" The Ant King didn't gave up either, leaping towards Arafunn to finish him off, thinking he was now tired!

"[Celestial Wind Blade]"

By waving his hand, a huge blade of divine winds sliced through the weakened Herbranpheles, slicing him into several pieces at once!

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

"G-Graaaggh...! W-Winds?!"

The Ant King's remains fell over the sand, his consciousness slowly fading away...

"Oh, about winds? Well, once I opened the entire place, a vacuum was created and a lot of oxygen- Ah, he's dead. I shouldn't even bother." Arafunn flew into the gates at the end of the room, a huge sphere of compressed winds generated a vacuum strong enough to blast the dungeon walls.

"I'll be there in a minute..."

Chapter 860 Saving Lara!

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"Asarashk... That woman, why is she not responding to my telepathy?" The huge body of Arachne sat down over a gigantic throne in the depths of the dungeon's last room.

The dungeon's last floor was the largest room, connected through a huge corridor to the room where Luck was trapped into, alongside Asarashk.

She had sent Asarashk to finish off the beast kid and weaken him enough so she could do the special ritual while keeping him alive.

After all, the Ritual that Lady Lolth had taught her could only be done if both blessed children were still alive, and it was a power that would grant her their blessings instead!

But for that she needed Luck as well, with Lara alone, things wouldn't work as intended, and the whole ritual might fail altogether.

Two were necessary as pillars for everything to work properly, and she knew it...

"Asarashk..." Arachne gritted her teeth in anger. She wasn't worried about her in the sense of a friend being worried about their friend, no, she was angry that her slave was taking so long.

Arachne had long ago forgotten about any feelings or emotions that didn't bring her closer to her goals. Friendship or whatever, was of no use. She held over all the insectoid demons that served her thanks to her strength.

To her mind, they were just her slaves who only followed her because she was strong, and because she was of use for their own plans.

Herbranpheles and Divinaphiles were too self-centered, they were merely serving her because she was strong and they needed her power for their own goals.

Arachne knew they would eventually betray her, but she was willing to overlook that in hopes to gain more out of them before she were to eliminate them.

Asarashk and Erphemides were the only truly loyal to her, and she attributed that to having raised them since they were much weaker and younger, much like how Beelzebub picked her up.

"To think I once was like those two slaves..." Arachne sighed. "Beelzebub means nothing to me anymore, a pathetic fly that died stupidly. Why should I even care anymore? I shall follow my own path to greatness..."

The Arachspider glanced at the hanging, spider silk-covered Lara, gently caressing her with her long claw-like nails while smiling.

"Fufu, my ticket to the might of heroes, wait for a bit. I'll make sure to drain you dry..." Arachne smiled. Surrounding her throne there were already several embedded runes creating a huge and complex magic circle.

Using the blood of a hundred innocent weaklings she captured with her swarm, from different villages spread around the Barren Lands of the Continent, she had it all set up.

Even their hundred souls, which were imbued into every rune carefully... Their groans of agony could still be heard... Arachne felt proud of herself, that she had reached so far.

She felt no guilt about what she did, no regrets, nothing... To her, anything and anybody were just tools for her to step forward, things she could use until they were no longer of use.

Such desires arose from her will to avenge her tribe, who were all killed by humans in the Demon King war... However, for a while now, she had already forgotten about her own tribe.

She didn't even care about any memories with them, she was now focused on herself, and had lost her original desire to avenge them, to simply wanting enough power to dominate everything.

"I will become the new Demon Queen..." She giggled. "I'll destroy the Human Continent, and then, this one too... Later, I'll make sure that those demons that oppose me have a swift death, and those that join me will become my eternal servants. Later, even the gods will go down before my might. I might... even become a goddess myself!"

She gently caressed Lara, as she giggled.

"Isn't it, little lamb~?" She laughed. "Now-"I think you should take a look at

RUMBLE!

TRUUUMMM...!

"Huh?!"

Arachne's blue bracelet started glowing bright red, sending her messages and signals that something bad was going on in her dungeon!

She tried to look into the different rooms to find what was happening as her entire dungeon was trembling continuously, only to feel the gates in front of her gain several cracks, shattering into pieces!

CRAAASH!!!

"What?! How come there's someone capable of breaking the dimensional walls of my Dungeon?!" Arachne roared, quickly standing up as she confronted whatever was coming.

SPLAAAASSH...!

However, no person entered, other than tons, and tons of ocean water!

"W-Wha...?!"

Arachne was shaken, stepping back in surprise as the water instantly started filling the entire room! The oceanic water quickly drowned her within, she quickly held her breath, glaring furiously at who had done something so bold!

And then, she saw it! A girl with silver hair, covered on blue scales and holding a huge tail with flippers, which helped her swim across the seas like a torpedo.

"YOU! How come...?!" Arachne roared through her telepathy, quickly trying to get Aquarina with her huge, gigantic hands. She was a true behemoth, her size as big as over fifty meters.

However, she suddenly felt as if the oceanic water started wrapping around her body, inhibiting her movements. Aquarina smiled, as Arachne noticed gills in her neck, they were the gills of a Sea Dragon, allowing the girl to breath underwater indefinitely.

"GRUUUAAARRGHH...! DAMMIT!!!" Arachne screamed in horror and frustration as she tried her best to reach Aquarina, her magic powers were being disrupted by a strange anti-magical energy that had infected the sea as well, which gathered around her like invisible shackles combined with the sea water.

"I won't let you pass! [Heavenly Ocean Ruler Arts]: [Poseidon's Arms]!" Aquarina roared, gathering the oceans as hundreds of gigantic muscular arms made out of water grabbed Arachne's gigantic body and pushed her down!

BAAAAMMM...!

"URGH! AAAAARRGGHHHH...!"

Arachne roared in frustration, swallowing the water, and drowning herself with utter fury, she couldn't believe a little girl was overpowering her!

As long as it was large body of water, Aquarina's the indisputable queen!

"The lamb...!" Arachne tried to secure Lara, only to realize two figures that had emerged out of Aquarina's shadows grabbed her spider-silk covered body and swam away from her!

"W-Was this all their plan?!" Arachne was left utterly flabbergasted.

