

Brand New 1011

Chapter 1011: Rewards

I have done it! I made this Past World real! Despite everything, I had to do it, no matter what.

However, surprisingly, that brought a lot of system notifications.

Ding!

[You have used your one-time-use [System Administrator Privileges] to change the structure of the
[Divine Dungeon: Ancient Valley (Cloudia Fragment 1/5)]!]

[The Divine Dungeon's time has been rearranged. It will no longer reset.]

[Proper restructuration of its functions and pillars has been done. Materialization of all matter has been
successfully accomplished.]

[System Integration has been authorized... In progress.]

[The [Divine Dungeon: Ancient Valley (Cloudia Fragment 1/5)] has evolved into the [Divine Time Memory Fragment Realm: Ancient Valley (Cloudia Fragment 1/5)]!]

[Your Soul has been directly connected to the Divine Time Memory Fragment Realm! You have become the owner and master of this Realm.]

[You gained the Title: [Time Memory Fragment Realm Master]]

[Time Memory Fragment Realm Master]

Acquisition Conditions: Become the Divine Master of a Time Memory Fragment Realm, recognized by the System, the Gods, and the Administrators.

Equip Bonus: +1.000 All Stats. Absorbed Realm Energy can become World Boss Points. Full Authority over the Realm's Creation. Realm's NPC Favorability +1.000.000.

An incredibly special Title given to one of a kind being that has become the divine ruler of a Time Memory Fragment Realm. You have become the governor of a piece of the past of Arcadia, and as one, you enjoy great benefits.

Not only can you easily manage the entire Realm in the blink of an eye, but you can absorb its produced Realm Energy and transform it into usable World Boss Points. Additionally, items of all kinds and ancient materials can be harvested in this Realm, and Prehistoric Monsters can be hunted.

All NPC of this Realm will have an incredibly good favorability of you and may immediately recognize you as the governor and guardian of their Realm.

[Congratulations! You gained +1000 To All Stats.]

FLAAASH!

The "All Stats" wasn't lying, it even enhanced my Ki, Soul, Authority, and even Charm Stats by +1000! It was an amazing buff, so much that my entire Aura fluctuated with new power.

But that wasn't all...

[Through the power of your new Authority over this Realm, you've absorbed large quantities of leftover energy left within.]

[The leftover energy has been processed into usable World Boss Points.]

[You gained +5.000.000 World Boss Points.]

"Eh?!"

I gained five million World Boss Points out of absolutely nowhere! It was insane the amount I got, but now that I remember how expensive the World Boss Shop was, I guess it is a small sum.

I should definitely start developing my World Boss Skills and Abilities, there's a whole set of Skill Slots only for World Boss Skills I had yet to take after all.

But for now-

Ding!

[The powerful pulsating essence of the crystalized Time Memory Fragment permeates your body, now that the Realm has been assimilated inside your soul, this fragment has now become part of your soul as well.]

[You have fulfilled all the conditions for a Special Secret Evolution!]

[Conditions for the Special Secret Evolution]:

[Reach Max Level: 180/180]

[Kill 1000 Level 300+ Monsters: 1000/1000]

[Become a Divine Dragon: 1/1]

[Create a strong Bond with Yggdrasil: 1/1]

[Absorb a Time Memory Fragment: 1/1]

[Possess your own Time Realm: 1/1]

[Become a World Boss: 1/1]

[Do you wish to Evolve now?]

[Once you evolve, you will also be given the chance to Rank Up your Class and Subclass.]

[Yes] [No]

What is this weird series of requirements? There was no way anybody would ever accomplish all of this! Also it most likely has to do with Time, isn't it? I never thought my next element would ever be that, but sure.

Although no, not now. I can't evolve right now while I have to explain so many things to everyone, probably tomorrow though, yeah.

I was greeted by everyone's happy laughter and smiles once I descended, especially the inhabitants of this Realm, which not only have been granted the ability to continue living, but also were strengthened and made "real".

They were no longer just made of... Well, Time Energy or something? But made of actual flesh, or something similar to that. although their bodies still seemed strange. Perhaps they were Spiritual Beings now.

Time Spirits? Maybe... Though they were too strong and complex to just be normal Spirits, maybe Half-Time Spirits and half what they were.

So at the end, the complete integration wasn't 100% possible, but we got to something very close to that with this.

Nonetheless, what mattered now was that everyone was alive, and happy.

"Planta, did you do this?!" Mercedes asked. "You did, right?!"

"Yep!" I nodded. "I used my one-time-use privilege to make this entire Realm not just an illusion anymore. It is all realm, everyone here, all of you! You're no longer just fragments of the past!"

"R-Really?" Brisingra cried. "Mom! You're staying! Moom! Buaaah!" The little half dwarf princess began to cry again.

"Impressive that you did this..." Titania gasped. "But how did you even...?"

"I used a Privilege I was awarded for fixing... Well, what had happened earlier with Mercedes," I explained. "I had a long chat with the Administrators though, but ultimately, they allowed me to do it, albeit while taking a lot of responsibilities... but it comes with many benefits too."

"Big sis! I feel so strong now!" Little Titania said. "Sooo, what do we do now? Let's have dinner or something! I'm super, duper hungry!"

"Shaaah!"

"Gororo..."

"Craaah!"

Saphee, Terra, and Huginn were also here, agreeing with their sister.

"Yeah! Let's just not talk about the specific details for now and let's enjoy." I smiled. "I'll tell you guys everything once we have a meal and rest."

As I prepared the food for our last meal before logging off out of this long adventure, I realized I was able to also change and manipulate the time dilation of this Realm compared to the outside world.

I guess that's why it was called a Realm of Time, right? I might be able to use this time dilation ability in many ways...

Chapter 1012: Celebrations

The atmosphere of little Titania's palace lightened immediately. All kinds of spirits appeared everywhere, illuminating the night with countless different colors.

The spirits of light created bright shapes with their light and colors, the spirits of the wind sang songs to create a beautiful background ambience, and the other spirits brought water, fruits, roots, and vegetables, even the fire spirits began roasting some of the food, they all wanted to help.

It seems like the world itself realized it, or perhaps the entire Realm, I mean. That they suddenly became something else than a temporary existence, that they were now permanent beings. These Spirits also all became more than real now, alongside the many more I created with my Skills the entire Time Realm was shock full of them.

The size? Probably around the same size as two whole continents, and also the sky above. Approximately 40% of the world of Arcadia in the past was replicated in this Dungeon, and now it all became real. It was an insane thing to think about, and as I began cooking a myriad of dishes with the many ingredients I had gathered, I discussed these things with my friends and family.

Ding!

[Delicious!]

You have combined a variety of high-quality ingredients to create the following Divine Dishes: [Divine Wyvern Meat Bolognese Sauce Pasta (S Grade)] x100 [Divine Roasted Prehistoric Golden Savanna Lion King's Steak (S Grade)] x80 [Divine Grilled Prehistoric Dinosaur Burger (S Grade)] x120 [Divine Chocolate Covered Fruit Milk Ice Cream (S Grade)] x200 [Divine Cookies and Cream Cheesecake (S Grade)] x100, [...]

[You earned 8.500.000 EXP!]

[You earned +85.000 Divine Gourmet Essence.]

I did make a lot of dishes, indeed... The best thing was that the monsters found in the ancient Verdant Continent were now physical and real, they not only granted EXP when slain, but also their bodies too.

Just like any monster defeated by a Player, it was possible to easily dismantle them into their meat, bones, pelt, and other important materials. And then, we decided to try out their meat, the meat of prehistoric beast that lived in the past.

And well, they were pretty delicious!

"Oh, I never thought lion meat would be this tasty!" Rita gasped. "I remember reading somewhere that it was tough and bad... Well, this is another world, so I guess that doesn't apply!"

"I think it might have to do with Elayne's abilities too, she can cook anything and make it a delicious dish." Mark said, proud of myself. "Dinosaur meat though, it's truly something else... Wait, it's kind of like wyvern meat now that I think about it."

"I feel a bit stronger after eating some~" Jenny celebrated. "Man, I was so exhausted... Expanding my body to stop like a thousand damned cultists wasn't something I thought I would do."

Jenny had helped a lot, she had gone to the other end of the battlefield and expanded her body to her limits, creating a wall that stopped the cultists from helping the other half, she killed a bunch too, reaching max level a while ago.

"Right, her Divine Dishes increase stats permanently, sometimes." Said Lily. "Your food's the best, Elayne!"

"Haha, thank you Lily." I smiled. "Let's enjoy and then log off, we've been playing for so long, I need my break..."

"Me too." Mark agreed. "Haha, looks like everyone else is enjoying themselves a lot though."

We looked at the rest of the party, Titania with her little self were talking and celebrating, little Titania was eating a lot of food of all types, she particularly loved my pastries, the cookies and cream cheesecake I made with cookies I brought IRL really were loved by her.

Brisingra wasn't letting Mercedes go anywhere, stuck to her forever, the two were enjoying the meat and the burgers, while drinking juice. Mercedes was particularly gluttonous, eating more than I thought.

Maybe something about the current transformation made everyone very hungry, perhaps they need the energy now that their bodies are like... permanent?

I am still trying to figure out what they have become though, in appearance and even powers they might be almost 100% their true selves, but at the same time, I could sense a lot of Time Attribute Spiritual Energy from them.

My theory is that the inhabitants of this world, at least anybody non-monster, became something like half-spirits. Because it might be impossible to fully recreate their former selves, the System compensated by turning the rest of their existences into Spirits.

The Administrators did say that this was something that might happen, as although the System had the resources for the full assimilation, it wouldn't waste more in recreating everything 100%.

It was a risk worth taking, and it worked, everyone was alive, it didn't matter what they became...

Well, it does matter, actually!

Wouldn't it be cool if I could make a contract with them now if they're like... Half-Spirits or something?

And Time Attribute at that, I don't think that's an element of spirits I can invoke right now, at all...

Ding!

[The {Cooking Spirits in the World} are all gathering before the feast, they want a piece of it!]

[The {Ancient Chef Of The Golden Mountain} has fully awakened! He has decided to finally begin seeking his new disciple. And you seem to be quite qualified!]

Huh? What's this?

The Cooking Spirits of the World... Are they like, a collective consciousness or something? I keep getting this message for some reason.

And then there's the Ancient Chef of the Golden Mountain, I do remember hearing a bit of him from Elbedo and the other... traitors.

They said he was some sort of ancient being from the Eastern Continent?

Some sort of chef, martial artist, or something?

I can't properly recall what they talked right now, to be honest, but I do remember them addressing it.

Which means this chef existed all the way in the past, and somehow it still alive right now!

How is that even possible?

There's a lot of secrets in the Eastern Continent, more than I ever imagined.

Ding!

[Because the Divine Dungeon has become the user's personal realm, it has been decided that the Rewards based on Score will be distributed to all Party Members that participated in the Dungeon Scenarios.]

[Every Participant will obtain equal rewards based on cooperative Score Points, and extra rewards based on contribution.]

[Calculating Rewards and Contribution Ranking...]

Oh?

Chapter 1013: Final Rewards

Right in front of me, a new system message popped up as I ate and chatted with my friends. It seemed the System has decided to distribute all rewards right away.

Why? Well, it is because we were supposed to get them once the Dungeon reset and once we were out of it, but right now, that wasn't happening anytime soon.

So it was better to just give them away and be done with it.

Ding!

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[Every Participant will obtain equal rewards based on cooperative Score Points, and extra rewards based on contribution.]

[Calculating Rewards and Contribution Ranking...]

So they're going to give off the same rewards for everyone based on Score Points, and then there's another where we get additional rewards based on the contribution of each party member!

Interesting.

[Processing...]

[Contribution Ranking has been created.]

[You have been Ranked as 1st Place!]

[Divine Dungeon Raid Contribution Ranking]:

[1: Planta]

[2: Achlys]

[3: DarkReaper]

[4: Titan]

[5: Lily]

[6: Angelina]

[7...]

[...]

[The First Place in the Contribution Rankings will receive the best additional rewards.]

[The Second to Fifth Place will receive the second-best additional rewards.]

[The Sixth to Tenth Places will receive the third best additional rewards.]

[And from Eleventh Place and Below, they will receive the basic additional rewards.]

"Wait, what? Rankings?" Asked Mark.

"So there's Contribution Rankings? Woah, no way! I'm Second?! Holy shit!" Rita celebrated.

"I'm third..." My daughter seemed disappointed. "No way! Rita's spell at the end stole all the points!"

"I think it might be based on the amount of kills and also of damage dealt to the bosses..." I said, analyzing it.

"Looks like it." Angelina nodded.

"Hey not fair! We are not even in the first ten?!" Anikitty cried. "NYANI?!"

"Hohoho, I should have guessed." Gandalf laughed.

"Bleh... But we contributed a lot!" Erdrich complained.

"Well, I'm surprised I am in the top ten..." Lily looked in surprise. "Did I kill that many foes?"

"You sure did, you became a giant and merged with a part of the continent for a couple seconds." I laughed. "That would have surely given you a lot of points... But well, there's no point in fighting about this, everyone is already getting tons of rewards, so these additional ones are a bit excessive. I don't even know if I'll have the time to process all the things I'll get again..."

[Ranking Calculations and Rewards have been processed and secured.]

[Distributing Rewards based on Score Points, everyone gets the same Rewards.]

[Every Officially Registered Party Member that counts as a Player has been Rewarded with the following Items]: [10.000.000.000 EXP] [10.000.000.000 Gold] [Legendary Skill Points Elixir (SS Grade)] x10 [Legendary Stat Points Elixir (SS Grade)] x10 [Subclass Skill Slot +1 Ticket (SS Grade)] x1 [Job Class Skill Slot +1 (SS Grade)] x1 [Divine Skill Fusion Ticket (SS Grade)] x1 [Divine Dungeon Themed Treasure Chest (SS Grade)] x2]

[Accumulated EXP has been saved until you Rank Up.]

[As the First Ranked within the Contribution Rankings, you've received the following Reward Items]: [10.000.000.000 EXP] [10.000.000.000 Gold] [Skill Specialization Marble (SS Grade)] x1 [Divine Legendary Dungeon Themed Treasure Chest (SS Grade)] x1 [NPC Skill Inheritance Scroll (SS Grade)] x1

[Divine Skill Evolution Grimoire (SS Grade)] x1 [Divine Gear Enhancement Scrolls (SS Grade)] x5 [Divine Potential Cubes (SS Grade)] x5 [Divine Pet Egg (SSS Grade)] x1]

[Accumulated EXP has been saved until you Rank Up.]

So many rewards... This is insane. When will I ever get the time to process all of this?! And I keep accumulating insane Treasure Chests too. One day I'll have to sit down for a whole day opening them I guess. This is a bit too much, I feel overwhelmed.

Not only did I get more of everything, but I also even got yet another Skill Specialization Marble?! Yikes... Also there are some new things I hadn't seen before, such as the Divine Skill Evolution Grimoire, a NPC Skill Inheritance Scroll, and a Divine Pet Egg!

"S-So many items! Eek!" I heard Acorn's voice behind me. "W-What do I do with all of this?!"

He wasn't even in the top ten, yet he was also having the same problem as myself, the rewards even in the base form were too overwhelming!

"This is nuts..." Erdrich laughed.

"So much Gold!" Anikitty cried. "If I sell it all, I think I can get like... Ten thousand bucks!"

"Well, the prices keep varying a lot lately..." Gandalf said. "Better not to try living off the game, Anikitty. It is not sustainable. That's something that only happens in those weird Korean Webtoon Stories..."

"Man! I wish we could actually live off the game..." Sighed Anikitty.

"Hahah, as long as we have fun, I think it's fine?" Angelina smiled. "It always feels refreshing to play with everyone. Isn't that the point of video games? Especially of MMO games, to play, have fun, and enjoy playing with your friends."

"I guess you might think like that, but I want to earn some bucks myself..." Said Anikitty. "Nyaah... Well, the rewards are pretty sugoi anyways."

"Well, I think we're mostly done here... I'm so tired, I'll be logging out for the day. Are you guys staying?" Angelina asked.

"Definitely not, I'm going to take a shower and sleep, I'm so tired..." Gandalf groaned.

"Yeah~ Me too, I gotta watch my fav anime, it's on TV at ten." Said Anikitty.

"I am a no-lifer so I would stay, if it wasn't because I'm fucking exhausted and sleepy, I'll be logging out too." Erdrich nodded.

"Is that so? I think we'll stay a few more minutes here ourselves, anyways, have a good night guys!" I waved my hand.

"Yeah, see you tomorrow then, Planta!" Angelina said. "Bye~!"

"Byeee!"

They quickly disappeared one after another, they were justified for logging out right now, everyone was exhausted.

"Hmm, I'll be logging out myself too." Said Anna.

"Me too I believe." Elisa agreed.

"I-I want to sleep too..." Monica yawned.

"Guess we'll be leaving earlier too, mom, I'll log out." Elena said.

"Okey~" I nodded. "I'll make some dinner in a couple of minutes."

"Aight~" Elena quickly disappeared with her friends.

I guess it was time to end this incredibly long day...

Chapter 1014: Logging Out

"Oh, I'm leaving too. I am not with everyone else, but I am also pretty tired, thank you for letting me participate on this Dungeon Raid, Auntie, this was an amazing experience!" Greenie said very politely.

He was Elisa's cousin, a good-natured boy that lived rather far away, but that occasionally joined my daughter's party after Elisa told him to play with them, it seems they keep contact online. I'm glad she got at least one family member she talks with...

"Alright Greenie~ Have a nice night!"

"Thank you! Goodnight."

He quickly logged out after that.

My daughter and her friends were all back home too, so they probably woke up really hungry, I should wrap things up quickly and go cook some dinner IRL. As satiated as our Avatars felt, our real bodies won't be satiated unless we eat after all.

"Should we log out too?" Mark asked me.

"Yeah, I want to say goodbye to everyone, the people from here first." I said. "Also, I'll open a portal for them to walk out."

"Sure, let's." Mark nodded.

I walked back to the group of NPCs, they had all gathered together after most of the Players were gone. My friends, such as Rita, Jenny, and Lily were still eating, drinking wine, and chatting. Those girls would stay all night here...

"Auntie!" Little Titania called me. "Where did everyone go?"

"Ah, well, you see. Those friends are called Players, sometimes they leave back to their world, but they return some hours or days later." I said. "Me too, I'll be going for the time being..."

"Eh? But... What about big sis?" She asked.

"I am linked to Planta, so I can't stay if she leaves." Titania answered. "I'll come to visit you personally though, don't worry." Stay tuned to M|VL|EM|PY|R

"B-But... I wanted to do a sleepover!" Little Titania was about to cry.

"I'm sorry, but we'll come soon, don't worry." I smiled, hugging her and kissing her forehead. "I promise you."

"Really? Pinky promise?" She asked with puppy eyes.

"Of course, hehe." I giggled. "Pinky promise!"

Our pinky fingers touched for this little and childish, yet cute promise.

"O-Okay then!" She nodded. "We'll be waiting for you, so don't take too many days!"

"It should be hours at most, don't worry." Mark said.

"Yeah!" I nodded. "Right Titania?"

"That's right. It might take a bit for me to come personally though... But I'll try." Titania said. "After all, in the future, you'll have a gigantic kingdom full of fairies you'll need to take care, it's a lot of work, and I also protect them, so... I don't have all the time of the world, unfortunately."

"I-I see..." Little Titania nodded. "Wow, big sis is so dependable... I really want to grow up to be like you now!" She seemed very motivated now.

"You'll probably become even better now..." Titania smiled. "Now that the biggest tragedy was stopped... There's nothing but a bright future for you."

"I love you, big sis!" Little Titania hugged her future self.

Titania was a bit surprised, but hugged her back, smiling.

It felt like she was reminiscing of her past self, of the innocence she once lost.

Who wouldn't want to hug and comfort our past, child selves when we were going through harsh moments, where nobody ever gave us a hand?

I myself, would probably be hugging and comforting myself all the time, I was such a crybaby...

"I love you too, my little sister." Titania giggled. "I guess we can go with that for now, right?"

"Yeah!" Little Titania smiled. Her smile reminded me a lot of Florie. I should go check on everyone back in the Forest of Beginnings tomorrow, I miss everyone from there.

After that, we moved to Brisingra.

"Brisingra, are you staying here?" I wondered.

"I-I don't know..." Brisingra muttered.

"Hmm, she should stay here if she wants." Ambil said. "Although I am letting her stay at my place, it would be better if she stayed with her mom. The Realm's stable now, right?"

"I... Well, you're actually the one in charge here, Planta. You've been taking care of her." Mercedes said.

"I want to stay with mommy for now, can I? I'll help whenever you come back though, auntie Planta!" Brisingra said.

"I-I guess so! You can stay if you want, sure." I nodded. "First of all, let me see something..."

I quickly gathered my Mana, Spirit Energy, and a spark of Divinity into my hands, suddenly, a gray and blue portal opened, leading to Hephaestus, the portal was where the gate that led us inside the dungeon was.

"Alright, this will be our gate. I set it up right outside of Titania's Palace." I said.

I realized I was able to custom edit its permits much like the other portals I could create.

So I gave it a few rules.

No inhabitants of this Realm can leave unless I allow it personally.

This is so they don't make trouble, and so no monsters sneak out.

No people can enter unless they've been approved by me.

Right now, only my NPC friends and Player friends are allowed.

Lastly... No wait, I think that's it? Yeah.

And as for Time Dilation, we'll leave it at $1 = 1$ from the world outside.

"And done." I nodded.

"Nice, with this you can come outside with me, mom!" Brisingra said.

"I would rather not, everything is still a mystery, dear. We should first research what... we are first, before stepping into the future." Said Mercedes.

"She's right Brisingra, you can stay with your mom here, but you can't come out with her yet." I said.

"Ahh... Okay." Brisingra understood and nodded.

"Don't worry, it shouldn't be so long!" I giggled, petting her head. "Later, we can even bring your dad, alright?"

"Really? Thank you so much! Dad will be so happy to see her!" Brisingra smiled.

"I don't know how he'll react... I haven't met him yet myself..." Mercedes felt flustered.

"Y-Yeah, now that I think about it, let's not force it..." I agreed.

After leaving Brisingra with her mother, the two of them decided to move back to Cloudia with Sir Crimson and his troops, using the portal I had left there connecting with Verdant Continent of the Past.

She'll probably stay at her house from now on. I don't want to force Brisingra to work with me, or help me in anything, she's free to do whatever she wants.

As for everyone else...

"Then we'll get back at Ambil's house!" Acorn said. "I want to eat some acorns, and then snooze!"

"Yeah, I suppose that's good for now." Nieve nodded. "I would gladly stay with young lady Titania, but it is better to stay there to be ready to serve my liege."

"I'll go back to the Druid Guild's Building to report to my granny what has happened." Johanna smiled. "Thanks for everything so far, Planta. It was fun and exhilarating, and I got tons of super good items. I'm going to get stronger and then we'll have our rematch!"

"Hahaha, I like your spirit, Johanna! I'm looking forward to beating you again." I smiled gently.

"D-Don't get cocky, there won't be a second time!" She gnashed her teeth as she walked outside through the portal I opened.

"Then, we'll see you tomorrow?" Ambil asked.

"Yeah, yeah, thanks for helping, Ambil!" I said.

"Hmph, I did what I could." He shrugged. "Have a good night, Planta."

"Likewise!" I waved my hand.

Everyone left, and then, we decided to log out while leaving Rita, Lily, and Jenny still talking and drinking, they said they would log out in an hour from now.

"Phew..."

As I took off the helmet, I looked at the hour.

"A-Almost ten?! Damn..." I gasped.

"Even with the time dilation, time went flying!" Mark, who was at my side, agreed.

"I'm hungry! Why were you gone for so long... Feed me!" Suddenly, little Gabriel appeared above us.

"Y-Yeah, we're on it. Let's have some delicious dinner for now..." I smiled. "Honestly... Should we just order something?"

"Chinese food?" Mark asked with a smile.

"Sure!" I giggled.

After meeting back with my daughter and her friends, we ordered a big feast of Chinese food. It was the first time Gabriel ate it, and he liked it a lot. Especially the noodles and the spring rolls.

Once we finished eating, we moved back to the bed, exhausted, more mentally than physically, and went to sleep.

Tomorrow is a new day, and there's still so much to do...

But no matter how hard it gets, I have all my friends and family with me.

As long as it is like this, I think I can do anything.

Chapter 1015: The Next Morning

A beautiful hawk flew through the skies of Quebec's city, looking around with its sharp eyes, as if trying to find something in specific. It expanded its senses everywhere, spreading them further and further. It has been flying like this for hours, accompanied by a small blue colored parrot and a white howl.

Then, slowly, they descended into a familiar-looking neighborhood, near Elayne's house. The moment they landed, they felt a refreshing, all-encompassing feeling. Her Domain was growing stronger, and its effects helped them relieve their exhaustion after flying for hours after hours.

"Hahh... Looks like there aren't any nearby." Said the hawk.

"I have terrible eyesight in this form, are you sure, Rudras?" The blue parrot asked.

"Of course I am, Emilio! Also, there's Elder Janny with us anyways." Said the hawk.

The white howl nodded. "I expanded my Spiritual Senses as far as I could, and indeed, there was nothing. It seems that Aria and the Demons have fallen back. I believe they might have escaped the city entirely." She said casually, before releasing three feather projectiles from her wings and destroying a human-sized Hollow that was rummaging the trash.

"So the Blighters and the Demons are really gone... For now?" Emilia wondered, tilting his cute parrot head. "Really? Can we finally relax for a bit?"

"I hope so..." Janny nodded. "However, we don't know for sure what might happen in the future. Aria is still alive, and with Kalma there, even when our Goddess defeated her, they might still be scheming something again. We must keep our alerts high. This entire city has unexpectedly become a focal point for evil, as much as it is for good. And it might all be because of our Goddess."

"Her powers are incredible, but it is also something many desire... Yeah, she has also slain Demons, and has allied a small Angel, Heaven might be on our side, incredibly enough." Said Rudras.

"I wouldn't count too much on their help though, Angels and Demons do their own stuff, most people can't even see them, not even us Druids." Said Emilio.

"But they can manifest their strength, and the Demons have showed clear hostility towards our Goddess..." Janny said. "Demons on their own might be an overwhelming foe for us Druids, but we've gone through many hardships, and we come out stronger than ever each time. As long as we stay within our Goddess' Domain, we'll be able to easily regenerate our energies.

We should continue meditating and commuting with Nature to improve our Nature Souls."

"I suppose this is what we've gotten ourselves into now..." Sighed Rudras. "If I had known I would be making Demons my enemies I wouldn't have freaking come here..."

"Coward!" Emilio squeaked. "I thought you were brave!"

"A-Ah, I mean... Yeah, but still... I am too young to make so many enemies!" Rudras cried.

"Hoho, well, we Druids can live alone, but we become stronger the larger our societies become. Our goddess is still a young one. As long as we keep helping her and protecting her, her family, and her

Domain, I am sure she will flourish into something great and incredible." Janny smiled. "After all, haven't you noticed already? Her presence, it oozes Divinity of the highest order.

Her Domain is fluctuating, new powers are emerging. She's already beginning to evolve further..."

The three birds noticed within Elayne's Domain, as countless streams of silver, gold, green, red, and blue colored energies constantly flowed through everything, rushing down towards her house's underground, where the Domain Core was located.

And they felt within her, an even stronger Spark of Divinity than ever before. Whatever that connection to her Realm they had experienced before, it had only become stronger now.

"Is she ascending?!" Rudras muttered. "I've never... seen so much Divinity before!"

"No, she's not, to her this might just be another day." Laughed Janny. "She will definitely become an incredible being in the future... Perhaps the Yggdragon's Myth will finally become real."

"I can't wait!" Emilia squeaked excitedly.

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Despite how much time it felt since we entered the Dungeon, which felt like almost half a month, it has only been three days since the mall incident. The morning of the next day came rather calmly and relaxed, the sun slowly rose from the horizon, it was still winter after all, but I could tell the sun was doing its best to illuminate our days even if a little bit.

Last night we had a big feast of Chinese food, so much that we ended completely bloated, right after that, we just went to sleep. Nothing special or supernatural happened, and I was honestly grateful for that.

This morning was also relaxing, after waking up, Mark slowly woke up as well, looking very sleepy. I dragged him to the bathroom, and we took a bath together, after that, he felt much more refreshed.

"Phew, let's have breakfast now, honey." I smiled.

"S-Sure..." He nodded. "Ah, I've been thinking about something lately though."

"Huh? What is it?" I asked, as I started preparing everything for breakfast, the girls were still asleep, including Gabriel.

"I think I'll quit my job... I've prepared everything by now, I even chose someone to inherit my position in the office." Said Mark.

"Huh? Wait, what? Are you serious?" I asked. "But I thought you liked your job?"

"Yeah, but I can't afford to be away from you when the world is slowly changing like this... Also we need to prioritize our progression on Arcadia, if I quit my job I can get more time. Also we're making enough money to live well by selling the products you craft in Arcadia, right?" He asked.

"And well, we also get paid well by SWORD by eliminating monsters, yeah." I nodded. "We got enough money to live off for the rest of our lives... I honestly don't know what to do with so much money sometimes."

"Hahah, we can figure that out together..." He giggled.

"Thank you, I really appreciate your decision..." I walked towards him, leaving behind what I was doing and hugging him from behind.

I kissed his neck and cheek, and then he responded with a passionate kiss on my lips.

"I do everything for you, I love you." He smiled, caressing my face. "Let's work together and do our best."

"Yeah!" I smiled, kissing him again. "I love you even more! Mooch, mooch!"

"Hahah." He giggled adorably, as I kissed his entire face. "Right, what should we do now though?"

"Hmm, aside from breakfast. I was thinking on tending my Domain for a bit, there might be a few things we should look at... Also the Druids! Have you seen any mysterious animal around? They just disappeared even after having helped us back then." I sighed. "I want to know more about them and talk with them, but they're so shy!"

"I guess they're IRL Druids, they must be much different than those from Arcadia..." Mark said. "Well, we can only wait for them to make first contact."

Knock, knock...

Suddenly, someone knocked at the door.

"Who is it?"

I went to open the door, as I suddenly felt slightly dizzy.

The sky turned clear pink, the clouds purple.

The plants became weird and colorful.

Everything started to twist out of nowhere.

And when I opened the door and saw who it was, I felt slightly... weirded out.

"My, you must be the new neighbor, good morning!"

It was a one meter and a half green frog, wearing a black suit, and tipping his fedora to greet me.

"What the fu..."

Chapter 1016: A Strange Visit!

[The Domain Theme: {Forest of Fantasia} has been activated.]

[An inhabitant of the Realm of Dreams has come to visit you!]

A gentle voice whispered inside of my head, as I saw the big green frog wearing a black suit and tipping his fedora. He looked rather classy, and right out of a children's fairy tale book.

Yet despite all of that, the frog emanated a powerful Aura of Dream Magic, it was a powerful... being, I don't know what sort of being, but it was strong.

"A-Ah... I-I am confused..." I muttered.

"Oh my, where are my manners?" Laughed the frog. "My name is Sir Frogginton III, I am what some might call a Dream Realm Inhabitant. Some consider me a Dream Spirit, others call me a Dreamling, but I think I am just a talking frog. Nice to meet you."

"N-Nice to meet you sir..." I muttered.

What do I do now? Should I invite him for a cup of tea? He's a Dream Spirit! I should probably have a good relationship with him, even if briefly. I didn't sense any sort of hostility within him, if anything, he came because he was curious.

"P-Please come in, would you like to have a cup of tea?" I asked him.

"Oh, if it wouldn't be much of a bother..." He quickly entered, greeting Mark who almost dropped the eggs he was carrying.

"My, hello." Frogginton introduced himself again. "What a peculiar house you two have. So this is what people nowadays have outside the Realm? Hm, I see. I quite like the simplistic design."

"H-Hi..." Mark muttered. "Elayne?"

"Aahh... He's an inhabitant of the Dream Realm! I didn't tell you, but I visited it once, and met the King and the Queen. It was all because of a Spell I made. Now my Domain has... kind of a permanent connection with the Realm. I think people from it can come visit me occasionally. And well, here's Frogginton, what a fine... gentleman he is!" I muttered.

"I... Okay, I see." Mark nodded. "Well, shall we have a cup of tea together then, sir?" He adapted surprisingly fast.

"Oh, for sure!" Frogginton nodded. "Thank you."

We shared a cup of tea with him, he drank very slowly and gentlemanly, despite being a giant green frog. He also never stopped talking. He mostly talked about how beautiful the house was, and how well taken care of was the garden.

"We inhabitants of the Dream Realm are never bored, there's always funny dreams and things to see and discover." He said. "But we are also very curious! Sometimes, when new connections to the Physical Plane are made, we can't help but sneak a peek. I hope you don't mind if a few friends visit you over the next couple of days. They don't mean ill will."

"I-I... sure?" I wondered. "I don't mind making more friends if possible!"

"Hoho, such a gentle woman. You're indeed a very refined person, Elayne." He quickly stood back up. "I shall go now and report what I've seen to my Queen. I forgot to say this, but I had been sent by her here to investigate. Despite her friendly demeanor, she was a bit worried... That the new connection might have been corrupted. But thankfully, that is not the case.

You're all good-hearted people and I trust you will not try to disrupt the peace and chaos of our Realm."

"Of course we wouldn't, why would we want that?" I said. "I entered by accident..."

"I see, well, there are a few other people out there, many of them actually." Sighed Frogginton. "That desire the powers that are born and created in our secretive Realm..."

"Really?" I wondered.

"Why?" Mark asked.

"Hoh, I suppose you are indeed a bit clueless about the power contained within the Realm." Sighed Frogginton. "The Dream and the Nightmare Realms manifested themselves into reality as powerful domains that feed off people's Dreams and Nightmares. Even other living beings also dream and have nightmares, not only humans.

Anyways, well, you see, our Realm possess immense power, the more dreams and nightmares it gathers, the stronger it becomes, and the more Mana, Spirit Energy, and Psychic Energy it absorbs. Our Realm was created spontaneously to mediate with these energies. If the Dream Realm didn't exist, people's dreams would often times give birth to hollows and other creatures much faster than nowadays."

"O-Oh... So the Dream Realm is kind of a filter so Human Emotions and Mind Energy doesn't corrupt the real world?" I asked. "I just had no idea it was that complex..."

"Indeed, something like that! However, energy always leaks out, creating Monsters of Old, and the Hollows, corrupted with Miasmic Mana." Frogginton spoke. "But it is all part of our delicate ecosystem between the many magic planes and the physical plane. Now, there is a variety of people that tap into our Realm.

The Dream Weavers for example, are ancient Druids that protect our Realm from outside, evil forces. But as of late... Well, most of them have disappeared as history advanced forward and the existence of magic deteriorated in the world.

Only recently, due to the events that you humans call First Contact, has our world taken a breather and absorbed a large quantity of Mana, which is constantly feed upon us from another world... My Queen says this is a new Era, an Era where new Dream Weavers might finally appear."

"I see..." I muttered.

I hope they don't want me to be a Dream Weaver...

"What are these enemies you want to protect your Realm from?" Asked Mark.

"There used to be many of their orders, they took on many names, but their collective name was known as Warlocks Of Nightmares." Said Frogginton. "Evil wizards that desire to siphon the negative energies of our world to gain tremendous power. They, similar to the Dream Weavers, have mostly disappeared... for now."

We've grown warier after the First Contact, but for now, I shall be taking my leave, lady Elayne, sir Mark. Here, please take this as my thanks for the tea and the crackers."

He left behind a small present; it was a pink-colored leather bag with something inside.

"Thank you Frogginton- Oh?"

But he was already gone before we could even say goodbye.

What a strange interaction that was...

Chapter 1017: Opening The Gift

"Good morning- Huh? What's wrong with you two?"

Elena walked out of her room, and found the two of us standing right there, in the middle of the living room, still process everything we just heard from that frog.

"A-Ah, good morning." I smiled. "N-Nothing at all! We were just... Err, admiring the view of the house. It's a pretty house, isn't it?"

"Yeah..." Mark nodded.

"Huh? You two are acting weird! What's wrong?" My daughter yawned. "Just tell me..."

She sat down to drink some tea in the morning, taking two slices of bread and putting them on the toaster.

"Well..."

I explained to her what just happened, and my daughter was still trying to understand too.

"Wait, what? Ugh, mom, why do you always get yourself involved with weird people? Is that your talent or something? Or just bad luck?" My daughter sighed, taking a bite out of a toast with both butter and strawberry jam.

"Maybe just bad luck." I sighed. "Or perhaps too much good luck, which ends up giving me too many weird opportunities."

"Well, what happened is for a reason, and he left something behind." Said Mark. "It still nice to have good relationships with those Spirits, though I don't know if I would go as far as helping them or becoming their guardians..."

"Yeah, I don't know if the frog was implying the Queen of Dreams wanted me turn me into her Dream Weaver, it would be weird..." I said. "Heaven gave me a Halo, but they don't really tell me what to do. If that ever happens, I hope it's the same for the Dream Realm and becoming a Dream Weaver."

"Sounds interesting though, but what type of people would ever have the power to mess with such a far away Realm anyways?" Elena asked.

"I don't know, we've already learned there are apparently Gods out there, with Kalma being a prime example of that. I don't know how these Gods even came into existence, but I think they might've been born out of people's beliefs about certain aspects in certain areas of the world..." I said. "They are probably seeing the First Contact as a new opportunity to rise from their former, decaying selves.

Maybe not Warlocks, but maybe other Gods want to draw power from the Dream Realm."

"Interesting theory, but we didn't really get much information other than the bare bones of bare bones..." Mark said. "I would say we shouldn't worry for now. Let's just focus on what we need to do, to be honest."

"Hmm, you're not wrong." Elena nodded. "So what's next?"

"Ah, I was planning on checking the garden and the domain today, and then we'll log back in after going to the gym for two hours?" I wondered. "The usual routine, we got a lot to do. But once we get back on Arcadia, I think we should prepare our disguises to go to the Magician Tower, and also we need to check on Ambil, I think the Crafting Competition was today? Or tomorrow, I don't remember well."

"Well he didn't mention it yesterday, so maybe tomorrow." Mark nodded. "The Magician Tower infiltration will sure be tough, and I doubt it'll all go easy. We might end up screwing things up and fighting every single cultist..."

"Right..." I sighed. "Well, if that happens, we gotta be well prepared. Let's focus some time to also use all the items we got, to get as strong as possible. Also did you get to max level already? I already got my evolution notification."

"Yeah, I did." Mark nodded. "I also fulfilled some strange requirements... I don't know what I'll even evolve into."

"I also hit Level 300, it said I gotta do a weird Trial inside a Tower at the Northeast of the Verdant Continent, what a pain. I guess I'll be ignoring that until we're done with whatever's left at the Luminous Kingdom." My daughter said. "Also, when are my classes starting?"

"They should be starting next month, there's like a week left." I said. "I guess we have to get things done by then."

"Yup... Mom, did you make pancakes?" Elena asked with the voice of a spoiled daughter.

"Hahaha, I'll make some." I giggled. "Mooch." I gave her a big kiss on her forehead before going to cook something for my little princess.

As I cooked the pancakes using several hands I grew out of my body made out of wood, I looked at the little pink bag that Frogginton left behind.

And then the Voice of the World whispered to me once more.

[The [Dream Spirit: Frogginton] has left behind a small [Dream Sachet Gift] as an offering for your Developing Domain.]

[Do you wish to open it?]

Is it my idea or is the Voice of the World becoming more and more interactive? It feels like she's doing her best to feel like the System from Arcadia.

"Let's see..."

I opened the small pink leather bag, as I found more than I expected inside. There were emerald-colored coins, around fifty of them, a little Dream Catcher that would fit as a keychain, and a pink colored pearl.

[You have opened the [Dream Sachet Gift]!]

[You received the following rewards]: [Spirit Crystal Coins: 50] [Dream Catcher Catalyzer] [Fantasy Dream Pearl]

"I got fifty more coins... So these coins aren't just mine, they're some sort of currency spirits and magical beings use? Interesting..." I nodded. "And what are these items for?"

[Dream Catcher Catalyzer]

A Protection Charm crafted by Frogginton for his dear new friend.

It is a special Charm imbued with Dream Attribute Spirit Energy.

When placed near a sleeping person, the Dream Catcher Catalyzer will absorb any Nightmares or Bad Dreams and turn them into Spirit Energy for the Domain it is connected with.

Oh wow, not bad! I'll place it near my bed right away.

After placing it, I looked at the pearl.

[Fantasy Dream Pearl]

A Pearl refined by absorbing and crystalizing Spirit Dream Dew, extracted from the Fountains of Fantasia within the depths of the Realm of Dreams and Nightmares.

If the user is compatible, it can be digested to gain a large quantity of Dream Attribute Runes within the Physique or Magic Circle, with a small chance to obtain a new Dream Attribute Spell.

If the user is not compatible, ingesting the Pearl might cause intense hallucinations and brain damage.

Even the item descriptions are becoming better! Is it because my Spirit Eyes have become stronger, so I can extract information from magical items much more easily?

Well, whatever the case is, this peal is good for me, I do have affinity for Dream Attribute, but anybody else shouldn't consume this.

I swallowed the pearl, which had no taste at all with some water.

FLASH!

And then I felt the changes immediately, a flaring pink flame surged from my chest, spreading through the rest of my body.

I got a bit scared as I thought my family would see me burning, but they seemed unable to see the flames.

"Are these... Dream Flames?"

The flames quickly went back to my chest, placing themselves within my Magic Circle, and creating pink colored runes.

And I felt a new surge of magical power...

I think I Ranked Up!

Chapter 1018: Using The Specialization IRL

"Are these... Dream Flames?"

I got a bit scared after eating that pearl, as my entire body was engulfed on pink flames.

Luckily, nobody as able to see them, and they didn't actually burn at all.

It was weird, I had never seen this fire before. I could only assume they were a type of flame born from flames themselves.

FLUOSH!

The flames quickly went back to my chest, placing themselves within my Magic Circle, and creating pink colored runes.

And I felt a new surge of magical power.

I think I Ranked Up!

I felt the Runes of my Magic Circle expand and divide, growing larger as a new Spell was forged into existence through the combination and connection between many, and these new Dream Runes.

[You have successfully consumed the [Fantasy Dream Pearl], you have gained a large quantity of Dream Spirit Energy and Mana.]

[The Dream Spirit Energy has been absorbed inside of your Magic Circle, forming 100 Dream Spirit Runes!]

[Your Magic Circle has Ranked Up from Tier 3: Rank 3 to Tier 3: Rank 4!]

[Your Spells Magic Power and your Total Mana has increased greatly.]

[You have gained the new Engraved Spell: {Holy Dream Dragon Flames}!]

Holy Dream Dragon Flames, huh? Was that the fire I saw covering my entire body? I have a feeling these flames have very special properties.

I should definitely check them later when-

[The leftover Dream Spirit Energy has been successfully absorbed by your Physique!]

[Due to having accumulated a large quantity of physical strength through constant physical exercise, your Physique has managed to use this energy to Rank Up.]

[Your Physique: {Holy Dragon Tree Princess}: Tier 2: Rank 4 has Ranked up to Tier 2: Rank 5!]

[The Dream Physique Runes have been engraved within your Physique, strengthening its Physical Strength, Mana Conductivity, Movement Speed, Agility, Dexterity, Toughness, Vitality, and more.]

[You have gained the new Engraved Physique Ability: {Holy Dream Dragon Spirit Aura}!]

Ahh, I feel stronger physically as well?! I never imagined a pearl would help me this much! And it felt so refreshing to drink as well, I feel born anew, like I can do anything!

And that new Ability, it is an Aura-type Power, huh? So it is some sort of enhancement power to give me some more physical power? But it's also... made of dream spirit energy? It's weird, it'll definitely do more than that.

Ah, I want to use these new abilities right away and see what they can do!

FRSSH...

"Mom? The pancakes are burning!"

"Uwaah! R-Right, sorry!"

However, I ended distracting myself too much and ended burning one of the pancakes... I better just leave the trial and testing for a bit later. Let's concentrate on cooking and eating.

Right, cooking.

I wonder if I could use the powers of my Skill Specialization IRL? I do remember that it said it creates a connection with my Soul.

So if they're directly linked with my Soul, it should be possible to bring their power here, right?

It's worth giving it a try!

I tried to quickly think about it, concentrating my mind and energies, and trying to extract Divine Gourmet Essence from my soul.

FLASH!

A small sparkle of golden essence came out of my fingers, as I gasped.

"I-It works?!"

I quickly conjured one of the Specialization's available Spells.

"[Divine Seasoning Enhancement Breath]"

A wave of Golden colored energy was released from my Aura, which quickly entered the pancakes I was cooking. Magically, the burnt pancake turned into a beautiful gold color, and so did every pancake I cooked.

"It really works!" I celebrated. "Yes! Hahaha!"

"W-What works?!" My daughter asked.

"The Specialization! The thing I got, it said it was connected to my soul, remember? I can use it IRL too!" I celebrated.

"Oh, so that works, huh?" Mark nodded. "I wish I could have gotten one myself..."

"I think Divine Skills might also work, they were soul-bound too, right?" My daughter asked. "It's worth giving it a try later..."

"Yeah, I better not try that inside the house, or I'll set everything on fire..." Mark nodded. "But I'm glad it works for you, honey. I bet those pancakes are going to be even tastier now!"

"You bet!" I giggled, quickly placing the big pile of pancakes over the table, alongside bringing syrup, strawberry jam, and whipped cream too. "Let's eat!"

However, before we could even eat, I heard something again.

[You have used Divine Gourmet Essence to prepare the Divine Dish: [Golden Spirit Pancakes With Syrup and Whipped Cream], they look mighty tasty.]

[You have gained the ability to channel Divine Gourmet Essence, and you've gained a few Divine Gourmet Runes in your Magic Circle and Physique.]

They look mighty tasty? Did the Voice of the World got hungry after seeing them?

No, wait, that's not important!

This means I can use it to also gain Runes? Divine Gourmet Runes?

So maybe I could even develop my own custom Cooking Magic by refining these Runes into my Magic Circle and Physique.

Wow, that sounds like a lot of fun!

[You have earned +100 Divine Gourmet Essence.]

Oh?! I even gained Essence! Is it because I cooked Divine Dishes?

So that "Game Mechanic" is somehow tied to my soul now, how interesting!

"Well, let's eat then... Oh, good morning girls!"

I saw Monica, Elisa, and Anna finally waking up. They yawned and greeted us, and quickly sat down around the table.

"Good morning..." Elisa yawned. "Oh?! As this morning been blessed by auntie's delicious pancakes again? How blissful!" She quickly woke up the moment she felt the smell of pancakes.

"Hmm, they're warm and sweet. Good stuff." Anna smiled, munching on them. "Your cooking is the very best, mother-in-law."

"M-Mother-in-law?!" I felt slightly surprised when she just said that.

"A-Ah..." Anna gasped, almost choking on her food after she said that. "I-I didn't mean to... Well, it's kind of already... Elena?"

"Yeah..." Elena nodded. "I haven't told you yet but... We started... as girlfriends."

"Already?" I said. "That was so fast! I'm so happy for you two! I've always noticed you two girls liked each other, hehe! I hope you can take good care of my girl, Anna. I trust you!"

"A-Ah, yes... Thank you for being so open-minded..." Anna thanked. "Y-You're such a nice person, auntie..." She suddenly started crying.

Chapter 1019: A Loving Family

"W-Why are you crying?" My daughter panicked when she saw Anna cry out of nowhere, while eating pancakes. She quickly ran to her side and hugged her.

"N-Nothing... I just got overly emotional. I guess it's not like me, haha. I'm fine." Anna smiled. "I just... I sometimes see a lot of discrimination to LGBTQ people all the time, so it makes me happy that your mom is so nice... Well, everyone's nice."

"Of course we are nice." I giggled. "There's nothing wrong with your love for my daughter, haha. People that think otherwise are just ignorant! Just try to stay away from people like that, they're just bitter people that have probably created an army of Hollows out of their own hatred for everything."

"Yeah, probably." Laughed Mark.

"Hahaha, I-I guess..." Anna laughed too. "Thanks though..."

"My mom's the best, see? So don't worry." Elena smiled. "We should get married later too."

"EH?!" Anna and me both reacted in the same shocking sequence.

What was my daughter saying out of nowhere?!

"What's wrong? We can't?" My daughter wondered.

"I-I mean... I would gladly... I would love to!" Anna muttered. "B-But aren't we too young to think about marriage yet?"

"O-Oh, right, my bad." Elena gasped a bit. "Sorry... That came out of nowhere."

"It sure did!" I laughed. "Oh well, that's yet another surprise for today... Oh right! I haven't told you girls about the giant talking frog that appeared out of nowhere this morning."

"The what?" Monica muttered. "A-A talking frog?"

"How? We aren't in Arcadia..." Elisa said.

"Hahaha, well, Earth is also a very magical place! Even before the First Contact, there was a whole world of supernatural beings hidden at plain sight. But because Magic and Mana had become increasingly weaker over time, they became less and less frequent." I explained.

"It was only recently with the First Contact that Mana is being poured on large quantities to our world, which allowed people to awaken abilities out of nowhere, and also allowed for monsters to begin popping up, both Natural Monsters and those that come out of Gates... But well, let me explain more..."

We spent the whole breakfast talking about the world and how it had changed. Now that Anna and Elisa were part of the team, we had to update them into all these things so they wouldn't act reckless or be clueless about everything.

They agreed on keeping their powers a secret for now, and to hide their identities if they ever use them. My contract with SWORD covers the identities of anybody related to me, so even if they discover them, they won't do anything nor ask them for a hunter license or something.

"Woah, I never thought this world was so... complex, and you have barely scratched the surface?" Anna asked. "Yikes..."

"From angels to demons, I kind of knew about them already but about other Realms and more... Just how vast was this world? It doesn't even feel that far off Arcadia now," Elisa commented.

"There are probably even more things hiding out there... But for now, let's take things one step at a time, alright? Are you girls returning home?" I wondered.

"I was planning on staying the weekend..." Said Elisa.

"I gotta go see my mom, she doesn't know I was in that accident but still, I want to go see her and tell her I'm fine..." Anna sighed. "I know I can't tell her anything yet but..."

"It's fine, you can go, dear," I smiled.

"I'll try to come back once it gets late," Anna said. "Can you send your butler to come pick me up, Elisa?"

"Eeh?" Elisa seemed a bit angry about that shameless request. "Ugh, ok."

"Nice, thanks!" Anna kissed Elisa's cheek.

"Ugeh, why did you do that?!" Elisa seemed disgusted. "Dammit..."

"Then I think I'll get going, thanks for breakfast!" Anna said, quickly kissing my cheek and then kissing my daughter's lips rather... passionately.

"Hmm, love you." She said to her.

"Love you too, come back for the sleepover, okay?" My daughter caressed her face as she kissed her nose.

"Fine..." Anna kissed her lips a few more times. "See ya!"

She quickly walked away from the house after that, going by foot back to her house, which wasn't that far away. I think she asked Elisa to pick her up because it would get late, and Hollows might appear or something.

I think she can easily deal with most Hollows, but you never know, so its better to move through vehicles at night. I think her house is covered by the range of my Domain though, so my Spirits can protect her and will protect her.

I left in her body and clothes a Spirit Protection Ward made up of several Charms combined together, it should protect her if the worst happens.

Monsters and Hollows tend to target people with Mana because that's what they're looking for, so it ironically becomes more dangerous the stronger you become out there... Well, not completely.

I think once you reach the Level I, Rita, Lily, and Mark got, Hollows and little Monsters are no longer a problem.

I have to do my best, so my daughter and her friends get to that level eventually. Anna did say she was going to hunt any Hollow she found around, so let's hope for the best.

Because I'm a paranoid I even told Blackie to protect her, as he hid inside her shadows.

Blackie's pretty strong so, I think that's enough protection... Yeah.

"Ah right, I wanted to ask you something..." Mark said, as we were washing the dishes.

The girls had gone to the backyard to practice their Magic and Abilities for the time being.

"Yes?" I wondered. "What is it dear?"

"I... Well, I remember you told me if I wanted to live together, so... I'm sorry I didn't accept right away; I was honestly very embarrassed. But I think I am ready to move in, after all I already quit my job and all." Mark said.

"Oooh! Really?!" I became incredibly happy right away. "I'm so happy! I'll help you bring your stuff here!" I hugged him tightly.

"Haha, I didn't expect you'll get so happy... Thank you for letting me stay here. Let's divide the bills at least, okay?" He asked.

"I wouldn't mind being your sugar mommy~ But fine, let's do it," I giggled, kissing his cheek.

I can't believe how hopelessly in love I am with him.

Chapter 1020: Mark Moves Over

With Mark, we first visited the gym to do some workout, one hour and a half of that, where we ended meeting with Rita, Lily, and Jenny. And then as a group we moved to Mark's apartment using his car. There, I used my Inventory to store literally everything very easily, leaving the place completely empty.

"Goodbye my single's apartment..." He sighed, locking the door shut. "Alright, let's go."

"Hahaha, did you had to be so dramatic?" Rita laughed at him. "My single's apartment! Hahah! Were you going to live your entire virgin life there, Mark?"

"R-Rita! Enough with the teasing." I reprimanded my friend, giving her a gentle karate chop in the head.

"Ouch! Hey, I was just trying to lighten the mood," she complained. "Look how happy this man is, you sure make him overjoyed. How many times do you two do it per day? Just curious..."

"Rita..." I looked at her into the eyes.

"Haha, just joking..." She smiled nervously.

"Eh, I mean, she's not wrong, not so long ago I imagined I would live my entire life as a single virgin until the day I died..." Mark said. "Well, as long as I kept myself away from my family..."

"Why your family?" Lily wondered curiously.

"Err, well... They kept harassing me about some girl I met when I was younger, a childhood friend I haven't seen in years that they arranged a marriage with me with their family, but I've been ignoring them ever since. I am an adult now, so they can't force me to do anything." Mark sighed.

"Oh, right, I do remember that... Is that girl fine with that?" I wondered. "I mean, did she want that?"

"I don't know... She did have a crush on me, but I wasn't into her back then, I was just obsessed with anime and video games, completely clueless about her crush. When we stopped meeting that ended in that, and I just moved on," Mark said.

"I thought you were just some average guy, but I guess even you get some girls sometimes... Huh, well, poor girl, I hope she gets a better man," Rita laughed, patting his shoulders.

"I hope so too, she was a good girl," Mark nodded. "Now I'm just really happy with Elayne, I don't really think of ever moving out of this little love nest we've built together." He held my hand.

"Aww, me neither~" I gave him a kiss.

"Hehe, it is so nice to see you two being such lovebirds." Lily smiled. "Though, I don't know if I'll ever find a man to stay with, I just can't decide, there are so many cute twink out there~"

Right, Lily is quite sexually active lately, she picks up a new twink from the gym almost every day we go there. Good for her, I guess?

"Well, everyone has their own lifestyles~" I shrugged. "Maybe one day if you're willing, you could find someone."

"Eeeh~ I kind of still like it this way..." Lily smiled gently. "I don't know if I could set with an old man, I love energetic young men the most~"

Looking at my Mark, I have to agree with that statement, I never imagined such a handsome young man would ever like me, but here we are... I am not wasting him though; we make a lot of sweet and steamy love every day.

"Geez..." Rita groaned. "Am I the only one that needs some of that myself? My husband is not bad, I guess. But he has gotten a lot lazier lately..."

"I don't even have a boyfriend myself... The last dude dumped me after I vomited on his bed!" Jenny cried. "I was drunk, you know? He was so heartless..."

"T-That's definitely a way to get dumped..." I muttered. "But you're pretty and young, Jenny. I am sure you'll find a fine man one day."

"I wish!" Cried Jenny. "But yeah, I am indeed young, so I am not going to care about that for now... Just gonna go back home and chill and get some beers and invite some friends and dance and then sleep or something. I don't know if I'll log in, I'll see if I can get the time though."

"It's fine, no need to push yourself if you can't honey." I patted her head.

"H-Hey, no head pats, I'm not your daughter!" She got a bit embarrassed.

"Right... you're so small I sometimes think you're much younger." I laughed a bit.

"T-That was heartless..." She seemed a bit depressed over her height.

"Aren't you girls going to say something?! I just said my husband's gotten old and lazy! What do I do?!" Rita asked.

"Maybe just let him rest..." I sighed. "But if you insist... Just give him, you know..."

"I've tried but he doesn't want to take it, he says it'll make his rod fall off or something." Rita sighed. "I swear, he hasn't given me any for a whole week!"

"That's not so much, maybe you're impatient..." I said.

"Yeah!" Lily nodded.

"Says the two that get it going every day, multiple times a day at that!" Rita crossed her arms. "You girls don't understand my pain, sigh..."

"Perhaps helping him with some potion or something could do the trick?" Mark tried to join the awkward conversation.

"Heey... Now we talkin'." Rita smiled. "Yeah, maybe, maybe~ A rejuvenation potion, can you make me that for my hubby, Elayne?"

"Um, but wouldn't that awaken him?" I wondered. "It might be dangerous to feed something magical to non-magical people, you know?"

"Ughh..." Rita began gnashing her teeth very loudly.

"O-Okay, I get it! I'll make something, stop doing that!" I cried.

At the end, we moved back home and had some lunch. Rita brought the leftovers back home to share with her family, including the new food I made for her.

I mean, the rejuvenation thingy. She told me her husband loved eating flan for dessert, so I enchanted one with my sap as "syrup" and added Spirits of Cooking to modify its effects. Divine Gourmet Essence worked wonders, creating a flan named "Pudding of Love".

And well, I'll hear about how that went later, I guess...