

Brand New 1021

Chapter 1021: Edden Aple

After having lunch with my friends and my family and her friends, I moved to the backyard with Mark, to test out our abilities, check my new Spells, and overall take a look at how the Domain is doing. And see if I can find any Druids sneaking around...

"Is it my idea or has the whole garden gotten... Even larger?" He looked around. "Maybe it some sort of optic illusion? It looks as if everything has become larger and denser, and was your house territory this big?"

"I... Now that you mention it, it does look very big!" I nodded, looking around. "Katherine, are you there?" I called for the Forest Fairy.

FLASH!

She appeared within a second in front of me, after releasing a spark of green light.

"Yup, here I am, Master Elayne~ Is there something you need?" She asked, while munching on some chocolate bar. She had a big stash of candies and snacks I gifted to her.

"I was wondering if the garden has gotten bigger? No, like the whole territory of my house? Won't people notice?" I wondered.

"Oh! That must be your Domain growing stronger. Don't worry, it is a thin line between the reality others see and feel and your Domain. Yes, it has become physically larger, but people you don't allow to, won't notice a single thing, so don't worry~!" She said. "Well, unless they're like... Spirits or Druids, or strong magicians."

"A-Ah, okay..." I nodded. "Wait, is this like, distorting space or something?"

"Kind of!" She said. "But at the same time, it is just the naturel growth of your place... Right, your Eden Apple Tree is growing big, I've been tending to it!" She quickly led me to it. "Look, it is a big sapling now!"

"Oh, how nice." I smiled, caressing the plant. "Should I feed it with my energy?"

"A bit is fine, but if you overdo it, it might end up dying. So don't force magic plants to grow faster, they can't handle it like normal plants." Katherine said. "Gently and steady."

"Okay." I nodded, touching the tree and imbuing it with my energy, only a tiny bit.

FLASH!

The tree quickly grew a few centimeters bigger, one of its branches suddenly popped out a white colored flower, which rapidly became a small, fist-sized red apple!

"Woah, it is giving you a gift! Looks like it's happy!" Katherine clapped her hands.

"Really?" I wondered. "I can take this apple then?"

"Of course, it is the tree's gift!" Kathreine nodded.

"Wow, who would have thought the Seed you got from Heaven would be so grateful, I thought it would take a while to ever give a fruit." Mark commented.

"Me too, honestly... But I guess not!" I giggled, gently taking out the apple.

Then, using my Spirit Eyes, I looked at whatever info I could extract.

[Lesser Holy Edden Apple]

A smaller, lesser Holy Eden Apple born from a young Eden Apple Sapling that really wanted to say thank you to their master.

It glows mysteriously, and although it is very small, it is delicious and nutritious. When eaten, it can grant a moderate amount of Celestial Runes, Mana, and Holy Spirit Energy.

For those that aren't compatible, rejuvenation, healing, and energy boost are also possible.

"Not bad! I'll eat it then." I was the only one that could truly benefit from it, so I paid no mind and ate it, Mark nodded as he let me do it.

"Ooh, I smelled something really good and came running!" Gabriel suddenly appeared as I was finishing the tiny apple. "A-Are there more of those apples? I... I remember eating a lot back home!"

"Oops..." I gulped it down. "I-I'm so sorry! I didn't know they were your favorite! I... I ate it, the only one..."

"Nooo!" Gabriel fell to his knees. "Sniff..."

He was definitely being overly dramatic there!

But he was also really cute, so it was forgiven.

"Right, angels do like those apples too, I guess." Katherine nodded. "They're from their place after all. Sadly, I doubt the tree will make any new ones for a little while... It is very young after all."

"Augh..." Gabriel kept weeping.

"Come on Gabriel, no need to weep so much." I sighed. "Here, how about you eat some ice cream instead? I got some cookies and cream cone."

"Oh, really?" Gabriel looked like drooling, as I gave him some ice cream and he immediately went back to normal.

Children are easy to please, I suppose.

Leaving the child aside, I felt my Halo growing stronger after eating that apple, an Aura of light surged from my body.

[You have consumed the [Lesser Holy Edden Apple], you have gained a large quantity of Celestial Runes, Mana, and Holy Spirit Energy.]

[Your Angelic Halo: {Spiritual Angelic Halo}: Rank 8 has Ranked Up to Rank 9!]

[Your Celestial Energy quantity has increased greatly.]

[Your Angelic Power has been enhanced.]

Oh, only one more Rank to go before my Halo Ranks Up. I wonder what happens after I get to that? Will my Halo become different in some way?

I didn't get any new ability though, but it did say my Wards became stronger, it seems the power of my Wards depends on the amount of Angelic Runes I have.

However, in BNLO they're boosted even more thanks to the power of the Barrier Master Title, making my barriers on BNLO considerably stronger than in Earth.

Nevertheless, with that done, I moved to another topic, checking the Domain itself.

I decided to check my Domain information by walking towards the Quest Table, which still didn't have new Quests available. Makes sense, not even a week has been since I completed the rest, I guess. I looked at the Domain's "Status".

Domain: {Domain Core: Heart of the Forest}: Tier 1: Ethereal Domain. 45% -> 75%/100%

Domain Themes: {Forest of Secrets} {Forest of Fantasia} {???

Domain Abilities: [Expanded Senses] [Domain Manipulation] [Nature's Gift] [Fountain of Life] [Domain Quest Table] [Domain Shop] [Dream Gate] [???

Spirit Crystal Coins: 150 / Mystery Seeds: 0

Oh? What's this? The Progression of the Domain increased! Is this why it felt so big out of nowhere? It went from 45 percent to a hundred percent. It might soon Rank Up!

However, why did it go up without me feeding it any resources? Is it because of the powers in my Soul?

And what are those question mark thingies?

Chapter 1022: Summoning A Friend From The Other World

Looking at my Domain's information, I couldn't help but have a lot of questions.

Domain: {Domain Core: Heart of the Forest}; Tier 1: Ethereal Domain. 45% -> 75%/100%

Domain Themes: {Forest of Secrets} {Forest of Fantasia} {???

Domain Abilities: [Expanded Senses] [Domain Manipulation] [Nature's Gift] [Fountain of Life] [Domain Quest Table] [Domain Shop] [Dream Gate] [???

Spirit Crystal Coins: 150 / Mystery Seeds: 0

Not only the progression percentage went up by itself, but there's now a question marked Domain Theme and a Domain Ability.

The only reason behind this might be the Domain's connection with my Soul, and how it might be responding to the new powers of my Soul.

And perhaps also the Time Memory Fragment Realm I obtained, which is also now connected with my soul.

Actually, didn't the information say it became part of it?

Am I carrying that Realm everywhere? I have tried, but I can't directly access it as I please in here, so maybe, but it probably got restrictions.

But maybe there's a way to lift those restrictions with my Domain...

"Great Spirit, do you know what's happening?"

"Ah, yeah, I know."

She slowly woke up, appearing by my side in her small, cute form.

"Your soul acquired new strength, from both your Skill Specialization, your Fused Divine Skill, and also the Time Memory Fragment Realm. Three different new powers basically created a stream of leftover power, which your Domain is now absorbing. Right now, even as you're sitting here, its progression rate is increasing little by little."

[Domain: {Domain Core: Heart of the Forest}: Tier 1: Ethereal Domain. 75% -> 76%/100%]

She wasn't wrong, it was increasing by one percent every few dozen minutes, I think. At this point once I come back from BNLO, it might have Ranked Up already.

"Are those question mark thingies going to unlock themselves alone?" I asked.

"Most likely, yeah." She nodded. "You don't have to worry about them, Elayne. Your Domain will do all the heavy lifting for you. I think once it Ranks Up, you'll gain access to the new powers you've unlocked."

"Phew, that's a relief, I thought I would need to sit down for hours in meditation or something..." I sighed in relief.

"You're lucky you are so amazingly talented for magic and everything I guess! Also your soul is very rich and powerful, it exudes so many energies, and all of them cooperating together, almost in total and complete harmony." She said. "That's pretty rare, usually."

"I-I guess...?" I wondered. "Well, if things are like that, then let's leave it be!"

"Hmm, you might come back to a big surprise though. I can sense a lot of Time Essence coming in..." The Great Spirit said. "Oh, have you tried using your Divine Skills yet?"

"About to try..." I nodded. "Mark, have you tried- WOAH?!"

I quickly went to look for Mark and what greeted me was a giant of four meters, made of black, steel-like wood, covered on flames.

"It seems like it works, haha. It's me, Elayne." He said, his gentle voice really contrasted with his giant and intimidating form. "It more or less works the same as in BNLO, I can transform and everything. If I concentrate, I can even faintly see the skill information inside of my head, it's weird. Maybe we can even level it up IRL too."

"That's great!" I said. "Wait, wasn't my Divine Fusion Skill related to my Familiars? Could I finally summon them?"

"Worth a try!" Mark said, quickly turning back to normal, his magic clothes thankfully didn't break, assimilating themselves into his body.

"Let's see..."

I once more directed my attention to my soul, as something slowly came out, I felt it, within me, it was there. Threads that connected to my babies, they were there, waiting for me.

"{Divine Beast Familiar Summon}!"

FLASH!

A golden magic circle appeared in front of me, as I felt my Mana getting drained considerably, something began coming from it, a large creature, a giant goat with golden horns and fluffy white wool.

"MEEEEHEE!"

It was Belle!

"BELLE!"

I hugged her tightly, as she started to happily lick my face. She was so big she barely could fit in my backyard! And her Aura and Power... They were the exact same as in BNLO, she came here without even getting nerfed!

"Y-You really summoned her?!" Mark gasped.

"Woah..." Elena was walking by when she saw the scene.

"Eehh? Isn't that your mom's familiar?! She summoned it? Not even Anna could do it!" Said Elisa.

"A-Amazing, it is so fluffy." Monica blushed a bit. "I want to touch Belle..."

"I-It sure worked!" Laughed the Great Spirit. "Though, don't think it doesn't come with limitations. Bringing such a strong divine beast here has its price. You've made your Familiars much stronger than before, remember?"

"Right... Oh."

[You have summoned the {Otherworldly Divine Beast Familiar: Belle}!]

[Due to her power and her strong connection to her original world, Belle cannot stay here indefinitely.]

[Summon Duration: 3 Hours.]

There were indeed some restrictions, apparently I can only summon her for three hours, and I also spent a lot of my Mana, at least 60% of it to summon her, so it wasn't a cheap summon at all. However, there's nothing saying I can't just summon her right after or something, there's no cooldown, apparently.

But even then, overspending my Mana is not good either, even with Potions or Domain restoring it, it still much slower than in BNLO where I can do anything with it.

Well, even then, it was still incredible!

"Belle, do you like this place? This is my original world! I bet you wondered where I went all this time, right?" I giggled, patting her head.

"Beehee!" She was looking everywhere with curiosity, sniffing the floor, and then beginning to eat my plants... and the Eden Apple Tree leaves.

"Eek! Wait, not that, don't eat the tree!" I forcefully dragged her away.

She was so strong and tough though! It was hard to drag her giant head away, much harder than with my Avatar Body in BNLO. She kept her BNLO Stats, but I didn't exactly kept mine, only a percentage of it seemed to transfer to my body over time.

"MEEEHHEE!"

"Gebo? Gubaaa!"

She was trying to munch on the Fae now!

"Wait, don't eat the little Helpers!"

Chapter 1023: New Dream Powers

After some testing, I discovered many other things. First of all, as long as I summon the respective Divine Beast, I can activate their Divine Beast Skill they inherited to me. Because I fused Belle's Skill with others, I can actually activate the resulting Fusion Skill.

Meaning I can actually activate the [Heavenly Yggdragon Queen Of The Three Colored Crown Transformation] Skill! It drained a lot of MP to use though, so I didn't give it a try, but I did feel the connection with the Skill, it was partially merged into my soul due to the Divine Beast Skills making its composition.

This also opens new possibilities! I can further combine my other Beast Skills into other already powerful Skills, then I summon the beast and I can channel that Skill fully!

Hehehe, that gives me a lot of new ideas.

Before, I could more or less channel the "idea" of the Skills, to an extent. But it wasn't a total and complete usage of the Skill at 100% their power.

At most, it was perhaps 20 to 30 percent.

But with those connected to the soul, it's always 100%!

"Meehhe..."

Belle finally calmed down, as she started munching on a large pile of hay I bought to her. She had gotten nervous and started munching on everything, maybe its just how she is.

"There, there, calm down baby girl, everything is alright." I caressed her fluffy wool with my daughter and her friends, and Belle finally got comfy with us.

"Meehe..." She began rubbing her big nose on my face, perhaps another show of affection.

"Hehe, you're so cute even as big as you are! Now, I guess we should return to your home?" I wondered.
"I can show you my world on another occasion, is that fine with you?"

"Meehe." She seemed to somewhat understand my words, nodding.

"Then, see you there." I smiled. "{Unsummon}!"

FLASH!

Belle quickly disappeared in a flash of bright light.

"It worked really well; you can even unsummon them." Mark said.

"Yeah but I don't get my Mana back..." I groaned. "But I've already almost restored it now, the Domain really helps! Now, I think we're done here?"

"You got new Spells, I heard." He said. "Why not test them?"

"Oh, right!" I facepalmed. "Hmm, alright, first the flames. {Holy Dream Dragon Flames}!"

Without further ado, and while standing in the middle of the garden, I conjured bright, white and pink colored flames from my hands. They glowed with a mystical, and mysterious glow, and were certainly not normal.

"So those are the new flames? They are certainly not something I can control myself..." Mark nodded. "What can they do?"

"Dunno... It says they're holy and dream." I said. "I guess I can use this as a target. Morpheus, summon a Nightmare Skeleton."

"Very well." The floating Scythe appeared before me within a split second, his Shadows spread out, like a liquid, quickly creating the manifestation of nightmares, solidifying it into a pitch-black skeleton holding a black sword and wearing rusted black armor.

"Crackle..."

These Skeletons were pretty good summons that Morpheus could bring, I remember they helped a lot at buying time when the Gate appeared at the mall, they aren't the strongest thing out there, but they do work properly.

"Sorry." I quickly launched a big pink colored fireball into the skeleton's face.

BOOOM!

"Grakh...!"

The skeleton was set ablaze, as its head fell off. The flames burned it particularly strongly, it was beginning to slowly melt away. But I also felt something else...

"What is this?"

As I concentrated, I felt a connection of sorts, and when I closed one eye, I suddenly felt I could see the skeleton's... dreams?

They were showed, or something like that, it was a big... graveyard where the skeleton was with a bunch of other skeletons, all dancing.

What the hell kind of dream is this...

However, the sad part wasn't that it was that the dream was burning, slowly, the skeleton suffered more and more until it melted away, alongside its dream.

"Looks like not only does it causes damage, but the amount of damage is proportional to the dream the Dream Flames burn and destroy?" I wondered. "It might work at making people break their concentration, even the most serious of foes might suffer from this!"

"Hoh, that sure is interesting..." Mark nodded. "I wish I could assimilate such fire, but I don't seem compatible at all. Well, there's a lot of fire types I can't assimilate. I should work on somehow being able to absorb any fire."

"That sounds like a crazy goal, but I support it." I gave him a thumbs up. "Now, to the very last spell, {Holy Dream Dragon Spirit Aura}!"

FLUOSH!

I felt around 20% of my Mana being drained, as an Aura of Phantasmal White Light and Pink Light appeared around my body. Not only that, but it also slowly melded with my physical body, taking the form of a pink and white colored, ghostly dragon of sorts, covering my body like a phantasmal armor.

"Weird..." I looked at my own appearance.

"You look like a Power Ranger..." Mark said.

"Hahah! Really?" I giggled. "I don't feel physically stronger though... Hmm, let's try something."

I quickly walked towards Mark, there was the Eden Apple Sapling there, when I passed it... I felt it, yes, I passed it. Somehow I became ghost-like, physical surfaces just didn't seem to matter!

"D-Did I just phased through it?" I gasped.

"It seems so!" Mark said. "Can you try with me?"

"Okay..." I nodded.

I gently touched his arm to try first, my hand easily passed through it.

But then something happened.

FLASH!

The same visions as before when I used the fire, by closing one of my eyes, I could see Mark's dreams. And it was also as if I was there, within his dreams.

Its weird, because he's awake, why is he dreaming? Everyone dreams even while awake? How do Dreams actually work? Was my whole perception of them wrong this entire time?

And what he dreamed was pretty cute too!

It was a big wedding, between the two of us.

And then it showed us with a baby, and me letting him give it the first name.

And then it showed us old and happy together.

Oh my gosh, does he want to spend his whole life with me?

"Sniff..." I stared crying a bit.

"Elayne? What did you see?!" He panicked, looking embarrassed.

Chapter 1024: The Possibility Of Pregnancy (R18)

It seems that after seeing that, I've discovered something big.

Dreams not only encompass what one sees or experiments while sleeping, although it is also a big part of it!

There's also another element, one that is often overlooked despite how obvious it actually is.

A person's greatest desire, the dream we all possess.

Some people dream of becoming architects, others to become billionaires, some dream of eating a big buffet of pancakes, and so on.

It seems that Dream Magic not only influences literal dreams from sleeping and such, but also it can influence a person's desires and wishes, their dreams.

And like I did with the poor skeleton, I destroyed his dream inside his head, making him break down before dying.

"I'm sorry mister skeleton..." I cried again.

"Don't worry, his soul is fine, he was just a piece of mine anyways." Morpheus said.

"Ah, well, that's a relief." I sighed. "Tell him I'm sorry."

"He said it's ok." Morpheus said.

"Fine..." I nodded. "Anyways, I think I've discovered enough. I'll probably use these only against the most terrible baddies out there that deserve some torture, because it is very cruel, I don't know if I would ever use it against monsters even."

I discovered that while looking at Mark's dream, with my Aura, I was able to influence it. I could destroy it or twist it, which could easily break his psyche and make him get mad, confused, or even insane.

A person's dreams are what holds them together sometimes, I also got my dreams, if somehow I fight someone capable of ripping them apart out of my mind, even though it wouldn't do any physical damage, it could cause a mental breakdown depending on how strong the mentality is.

I gotta be careful how I use this dangerous power... And also, I can tell why Dream Spirits and the Dream Weavers are so strong now, and why the Nightmare Warlocks might want something out of their Realm.

With enough power, you could influence the Dreams of the entire world, and could even... I don't know, it might even help at global mind control or something! It's really dangerous stuff!

"Anyways, we're done here, so let's go log-in, its around... Four PM?! It got a bit later than I expected..." I sighed.

"Well, it happens." Mark said. "There's no day we aren't busy doing a myriad of things. And we had yet to make space for my stuff..."

"Right! I had completely forgotten that... We can do it later, honey?" I asked.

"Of course, I'll do it myself mostly, you don't need to worry about it." He smiled.

"Aw, you're so considerate. Okay~" I smiled, kissing him.

My daughter and her friends seemed to have already logged in after they trained their Mana and refined some Runes, so as I sat down over the bed with Mark...

We began making out passionately.

"Hmm~ Ahh, Mark...!"

"Sorry, I just can't resist when I see you over the bed...!"

"Hmm~ Mooch..."

We were like a couple of young boyfriends that were unable to contain their lust!

I wanted to log-in so badly, but then he began kissing my neck, and right now we were giving each other the sloppiest French kisses ever.

Gosh, his soft lips and his tongue are so delicious, I can hardly resist his kisses.

I let him do whatever he wanted to me... And he also let me do whatever I wanted to him.

Plap! Plap! Plap!

"Ahh~ Mark, yes! F-Fuck me~!"

"Oooh~ Elayne!"

The sound of our flesh hitting one another was very loud, but I had some deafening charms set up beforehand.

I think we breed like rabbits for an hour straight, with no breaks.

He was so strong, thrusting so deep inside of me, each thrust made me lose my mind.

Any stress I had accumulated previously was completely vanished.

He spread my legs and didn't let go of me, kissing me passionately, sucking on my breasts, and smelling the scent of my hair.

He was so obsessed with me, I couldn't help but find it endearing, because quite honestly, I was also obsessed with him!

"Hmm... Ahh..." I moaned in pleasure, as he slowly pulled out his dick. "Mark... Y-You make again?"

"S-Sorry, I just couldn't help it..." He sighed in relief. "Y-You good?"

"Yeah, I'm fine... I already orgasmed a few times... I-I'm good..." I sighed in relief too.

I spread out my pussy, as a small fountain of steamy cum came out, he came inside at least six times, gosh.

And I just let him have his way with me... I let him cum as much as he wants inside without a care in the world.

Do I want him to just get me pregnant?

I probably want that deep down, it would be nice though.

Having another baby, with the man I love...

Maybe fulfilling his little dream, hehe.

"If we had a baby, what name would you give it?" I wondered, cuddling with him.

"Hmm..." He started thinking. "If it's a girl, perhaps something nice and fancy like Athena."

"And if it's a boy?" I wondered.

"I don't know, Ares?" He said.

"Hahaha, what with the Greek God names?" I laughed. "I hope it's not because you like God of War or something..."

"N-No, that's not it..." He seemed a bit nervous, looking away.

"Wait, it is?!" I gasped.

"Sorry... I'll think about better names..." He felt embarrassed, covering his face.

"Hahah, it's fine." I giggled. "I like them. I haven't thought about names myself, but seeing how I am just letting you cum inside all the time, I am bound to get pregnant... I might already be."

"Y-Yeah, I've guessed you've let me do it raw all the time... I feel a bit guilty, maybe I'm too horny?" He sighed. "Sorry..."

"No need to apologize for anything~ I love it raw too." I smiled, kissing his lips. "I love you too, so it's fine... If you're fine with it, then I'm fine with it, right?"

"Elayne... I-I would be so happy if it happened..." he smiled. "Making a family with the woman I love the most in the entire world... It would be so blissful to even think about it, I can hardly process it."

"Heheh, better prepare, I'm definitely getting preggers~" I joked with him.

After joking around and cuddling, we took a quick bath and logged in at 5:15 PM...

A bit late, but at least we logged in!

Chapter 1025: Logging In

As we logged back to BNLO with Mark by my side, we appeared inside of Ambil's smithy. The sound of heavy metal being struck by a hammer and the wave of warm wind reaching us was still as overwhelming as ever.

"Oh, you two are finally back." He said, quickly continuing his work. "Took you quite a while, huh?"

"Sorry about that, Ambil! We were a bit busy." I said.

"Y-Yeah..." Ambil nodded. "Where's everyone else?"

"Oh, they were here just a few minutes ago. Acorn and Nieve went back to that time dungeon realm thingy, that place you create yesterday. Acorn was crazy about "gathering prehistoric materials" and Nieve decided to accompany him, mostly to protect his back." Ambil said. "That brat of Johanna hasn't returned yet, and Brisingra is probably with her mother right now."

"I see! Has any friend logged-in yet?" I wondered.

"Yes, your daughter and her friends got here but quickly went away after that, saying they wanted to investigate the walls, which was one of the places you detected the origin of the demonic energy came from." He said. "I think they said Angelina would join them."

"Ooh, okay! I guess they'll probably take care of that for now. It's a relief to have so many reliable friends and family." I sighed in relief.

"Yeah, I guess we have to just wait until their return." Mark nodded. "Ambil, how do you feel?"

"Yeah, yeah, you leveled a lot in our dungeon dive adventure, right?" I asked eagerly.

We ended surrounding the old man as he blushed a bit from all the attention.

"I-I guess I got stronger, yeah... Oi stop glaring at me like I'm some piece of equipment!" He complained angrily.

"What's your level?" Mark asked.

"And your Class? Any Rank Up?" I wondered.

"Hahh..." he sighed. "My Level is 211 right now, it increased a lot. I went through a Rank Up after hitting Level 180. I went from Master Blacksmith to Master Runic Blacksmith. My stats increased a lot, and look, I kind of got a knack for actual, real magic now." He showed us.

FLUOSH!

A magic circle appeared on his hands, not just the manifestation of a skill, but a proper runic arrangement, something that inhabitants of this world could do.

The runic arrangement formed a large magic circle, conjuring five fireballs that rotated around each other.

"You weren't good for magic already?" I wondered. "But your hammer techniques had fire and explosions and all..."

"Yeah?" Mark asked.

"No, that's mostly part of the Blazing Hammer Techniques." He said. "You see, our techniques are primarily for smithing, but they happen to be good for fighting as well. Should be the same for you too, Planta. They did use Mana, and I was rather good at runic arrangement on my equipment, but I couldn't create magic circles like this before. It usually comes with having a magician talent from birth!"

However, after I felt that weird tingling sensation, I seem to have Ranked Up. I heard a voice inside my head, and it told me what I became."

"That's fascinating." Mark nodded. "I am always impressed by how things work in this world and the inhabitants. It's a pity only Players seem to be able to freely see and manipulate the system, inhabitants seem to be part of it but they can't interact with it as much, but at the same time, it feels more like something intrinsic that exists, as natural as breathing. Just part of how the world works."

"I agree, it is really interesting how it interacts with people and their jobs and efforts." I nodded. I noticed Ambil was looking at the two of us with a slightly bored expression. "A-Ah! Sorry, sorry, we got a bit off-topic there."

"I can tell." He sighed. "Anyways, I can now conjure Magic of Tier 1 to 4. Fire and Metal magic seems to be my Talent, not bad. With this Talent alone I already qualify to join the Magician Tower as a Magus... I would be qualified as Tier 4 one and finding job would become piss easy, getting rich even easier. Magicians have it so easy..."

"Really?" I wondered. "I guess that doesn't apply as easily to Players..."

"Why not? Players can indeed join that place and find jobs too... You guys actually get it even easier." He said. "But because you usually don't stay here to live completely, and join sporadically, you don't have to worry about things such as needing a house, food every day, and so on."

"Hmm... I wouldn't agree to that too much, but I guess so..." I nodded.

"Hey Ambil, what do you mean by Tiers? Does magic have Tiers? It's always just Magic Skill Levels for us." Mark said.

"Yeah, and when a Magic Skill levels up, we unlock a new Spell." I said.

"Hah! You Players do indeed have it easy! It's almost as if the System is just babysitting you." Laughed Ambil. "Yes, in Arcadia every magician, and usually every person knows this. There are ten tiers to magic spells, the higher the tier, the more complex they are and the more magic circles and runes they require to be conjured.

System-assisted magic is conjured instantly and usually creates the magic circle for you or has none at all. So I can tell why Players simply don't know this."

"I see, that's really interesting..." Mark nodded. "So it's kind of similar to the Tiers have on our Magic Circles?"

"Yeah!" I nodded. "I guess the Great Spirit did indeed used the techniques already used here for us back home."

"Hm? What are you babbling about now?" Ambil asked.

"Well, you see, we do have our own internal magic circles." I said. "Though they are being refined in our bodies back home, we can share their power here."

"What?! So you have Internal Magic Circles? You mean you forged a Magician's Heart?! I can conjure up to Tier 4 magic, but it's all manually and exhausting. Magicians usually create Internal Magic Circles to facilitate conjuration and strengthen their Spells and Internal Mana Flow! To think you got such a thing... I have no idea how to make them." Ambil muttered.

"Heh, maybe that's about to change then?" The Great Spirit appeared above us. "Yeah, you're qualified enough..."

Chapter 1026: The Great Spirit Is Too Generous

The Great Spirit appeared out of nowhere, scaring everyone.

"Why did you show up out of the blue?!" I asked. "You almost gave me a heart attack!"

"Yeah..." Mark sighed.

"She's the Great Spirit woman, that one spirit that's always with you, right?" Ambil asked. "What did you mean with what you just said? Were you the one that allowed them to obtain Magic Circles? Usually the technique itself is kept a secret by most aristocratic families, and is never divulged..."

"Well DUH, I am a Great Spirit, man! Of course I know that stuff! It comes ingrained in my head." Said the Great Spirit. "You've got the talent and mana quantity for it, so let me help you get a Magic Circle. You've helped my girl here and his lad for a while now, so that's a good reward, right?"

"Your girl?"

"Her lad...?"

"Hahaha! I'm just saying~ Maybe my way of speaking is changing now..." The Great Spirit wondered.

"You shouldn't have let her use your phone all the time." Mark sighed.

"Yeah, now that I realize, she downloaded TikTok and since she started using it that she has begun talking a lot like a youngster... Not even my daughter talks like her though." I laughed a bit.

"Oi! There's nothing wrong to how I talk!" The Great Spirit said angrily. "Ugh, so, gramps, you want it or not?"

"...What's Tiktok?" Ambil wondered. "Ah, well... Sure, I guess! It's not like I'll ever get this chance ever again, okay, whatever."

"Nice, sit down and relax. We gotta get some compatible materials though. Planta, you got something for metal and fire?" She asked.

"Are dragon materials good enough?" I wondered.

"They sure are! Handle them to me."

Swiftly, she made a magic circle using Fire Spirit Stone dust and put Ambil in the middle. With the materials given, the ritual was a success, swift and precise, Ambil groaned in a bit of pain as a magic circle was embedded into his heart.

"Ouch! This hurt more than I thought!" He complained. "Are you sure I am not going to get heart problems in the future?"

"Nah..." The Great Spirit shrugged. "With this, you should've obtained a Tier 1 Magic Circle, of Metal and Fire Runes mostly. Try casting magic now."

"Hmm..." Ambil looked at his own hands, sparks of flames surged without any magic circle, forming three fireballs. "Ooh? No magic circle either! What about metal magic?"

He quickly concentrated, focusing into his Mana, and then, a blade materialized. Wait, is this how metal magic works? That seems a bit overpowered. I thought it was about controlling metals, but just creating them out of thin air?!

"Good, this works well enough." He nodded, the metal piece then turned into sand and disappeared. "Metal Magic is hard to grasp at this level, but with all my experience handling metals, it comes out surprisingly easily."

"Good for you!" I smiled. "Are you ready for tomorrow?"

"Yes, I've been preparing for tomorrow, it's the big competition and all... Going to be harsh for sure." He sighed. "I'm honestly nervous, I won't be just fighting against those lame brothers, there's some Master Craftsmen coming from neighboring Kingdoms, the prize is big after all."

"But the magic you got right now will help you tremendously. Now you can manipulate fire, something you couldn't do before!" I cheered him up. "And I bet there's only going to be lame guys coming anyways. You're a Legendary Blacksmith now, Ambil! Also I'll be your assistant."

"You're going to be my assistant? Hmm, now I am not sure if I'll ever win..." He sighed.

"Eh?! You have no faith in me?!" I cried.

"Hahaha! I was joking, despite your many Skills, you're still vastly unexperienced, Planta. I recognize your amazing talent and skills, but you need years of experience to compare with the true experts and masters out there. I am just being brutally honest with you." Ambil said. "However, as an assistant, you will be pretty useful, I have to admit it."

"I'll do my best to not disappoint you, Ambil!" I said, feeling pumped up. "Oh right, today we're going to the Magician's Tower."

"Yeah, I know." He nodded. "Here, I already prepared these for you."

Suddenly, he gave us six rings he had prepared in advance.

"These are the things you commissioned me, I'll do it for free after you've helped me so much, so call it in the house." He smiled. "These are Magic Rings of the highest quality. They got "slots" for two more effects. You said you were going to make some sort of item to camouflage you, right? This'll be perfect as long as you can find the magician to imbue them with the spell."

"Amazing!" I said. "Thank you so much, Ambil!"

"Yeah, thanks a lot." Mark nodded. "I thought you were good enough to add that effect though."

"Haha! I would need something like the soul or magic core of a mimic for that, but I don't have any of such materials. You got a mimic pet but to get the proper material you would have to ask the girl to kill herself, I doubt you'll do that." He said.

"C-Certainly not... So it seems that equipment can only obtain abilities or effects based on the materials used, I get it." I nodded. "My Cultivation Bracelet is kind of an exception, right?"

"Not that much you still used a lot of very amazing items, connecting them into an ability for Ki Manipulation is amazing, but that only shows how well you can weave magical effects together." He explained. "Now, take these, who exactly is going to enchant them though?"

"Ah, well, I guess we can tell you, yeah." I nodded.

"Can we?" Mark asked.

"Yeah, I trust him." I said, smiling. "It's the Queen."

"The Queen... Huh?! What?!" Ambil asked. "What do you mean the Queen has magic for camouflage?!"

"She does! She's actually really amazing and stronger than most people think... She's also a Player we all know." I smiled. "She is capable of transforming her appearance and shape, and even edit her own system status to appear different than what it actually is."

"T-That's... Quite the revelation." Muttered Ambil.

Chapter 1027: Specialization Rank Up

"If the Queen is a Player, then does she also go back and forth between worlds? H-How does that works, and how is his majesty okay with that?!" Ambil couldn't understand.

And honestly...

"We don't really understand either..." I shrugged.

"It's a total mystery, actually." Mark said.

"Huh, oh well, there's nothing we can do about it, I suppose." Ambil sighed. "More importantly, we still got a few hundred more equipment we have to deliver to the King."

"I know, I'll start working on it right away. We also got to do a lot of things ourselves." I nodded. "{Divine Yggdryad Avatar}"

I activated my Heart of the Forest Ability, summoning three Avatars out of my own body, which looked almost identical to me. The maximum amount of "Avatars" was four, and there were now four, including me.

After all, I also count as an "Avatar", this body I'm controlling and moving is, after all, an extension of my truest body, which is within the Forest of Beginnings, protecting everything.

That gigantic tree that only continues to grow, yeah, that one. I suppose I can also create a Divine Yggdryad Avatar there for "instant teleportation" if I discard one of these, but I can't bring my friends along though.

"Alright, time to work."

I controlled the three other Avatars seamlessly thanks to my [Myriad Minds] Skill, and sent them to the Smithy underground, with Ambil, they quickly began working.

Clank! Clank! Clank!

The sound of hammers hitting heated metal was already echoing through the smithy, my three Avatars were quick and even more efficient than myself, as I gave them basic commands and they followed them like robots.

With that said, with these Avatars, I no longer need to work myself, so I'll leave them doing my job for the moment. There are quite a few things we need to take care of before even departing towards the Queen.

One of them is to assess our rewards, we got a bunch of items in the dungeon raid, amongst them there's a Specialization Marble I obtained, and many Skill Evolution and Fusion Tickets, and treasure chests.

Also, there's the whole side quest about those Spirits I sent to get the Demonic Idols spread across the city, which were catalysts strengthening the foundations of a Demonic Domain the Cultists were creating.

However, what's even more important right now is to evolve!

I just received a DM from Rita and Lily, and they were going to log-in in a couple of minutes, so it's better to evolve first, as that often tends to influence my new fused or evolved skills, then move on to do the rest.

I discussed this with Mark as we ate some of the food I had just finished cooking, yet another feast for my friends, which were already coming out of the Time Realm. Yes, I also texted Acorn and Nieve, and they were coming out.

And about Brisingra, I preferred to not bother her for now. Because I wanted to earn enough Divine Gourmet Essence to get to the one million, I cooked a lot of food, and I mean a lot!

It was easy to cook with the assistance of over fifty Cooking Spirits I summoned using my Spirit Alchemy Cooking Skill, and of course, by growing over a dozen arms and hands.

I made enough food to feed a whole battalion...

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 25.000.000 EXP!]

[You earned +250.000 Divine Gourmet Essence.]

[EXP has been accumulated until you Rank Up.]

[Congratulations! You have reached 1.150.000/1.000.000 Divine Gourmet Essence.]

[You can now Rank Up your specialization, which will raise the effects of all Abilities and grant a new Ability/Spell.]

[Do you wish to Rank Up your [Main Specialization]: {Path of the Divine Gourmet Dragon Queen: Rank 1}?)

[Cost: 1.000.000 Divine Gourmet Essence.]

[Yes] [No]

I pressed "yes" without hesitation, as I felt the reserves of my Divine Gourmet Essence rapidly empty, only being left with 150k!

FLASH!

Within the depths of my soul, I felt my strength rapidly surging, the power of the Specialization felt like a small golden orb, a marble of divine power connected to the very core of my existence.

As it absorbed the Divine Gourmet Essence, it spread out countless root-like divine runes made of golden energy, the Divine Gourmet Essence flowed rapidly, resembling rivers of rich essence.

"It's done..."

My Aura surged through my Soul, the power of the Divine Gourmet Essence seemed to spread everywhere, the food gained Auras, strengthening the flavors, appearance, and nutritional value even further.

"Phew..."

[Congratulations! You have Ranked Up your [Main Specialization]: {Path of the Divine Gourmet Dragon Queen: Rank 1} to Rank 2!]

[Your [Main Specialization] has grown stronger! All Effects have been improved!]

[Your [Main Specialization] has gained a new Ability!]

[Your [SOUL] Stat has increased by +2.500!]

[Your Soul has become much stronger, the [Specialization Roots] have begun to grow.]

[Once you reach Rank 3 of your [Main Specialization], you can create a [Sub-Specialization] through its [Specialization Roots] by accomplishing certain conditions and using compatible Materials.]

"How interesting!"

As I looked at the system notifications, I took a look at the Specialization effects themselves.

[Main Specialization]: {Path of the Divine Gourmet Dragon Queen: Rank 2}

A Divine-Grade Specialization Path that has been born from the [Cooking: Lv10] Skill.

Available Divine Gourmet Essence: 150.000

Until Next Rank Up: 0/3.000.000

Passive Effects:

Increases Physical and Magical Defense of your Dragon Scales, the Attack Power and Defense Piercing Effect of your Dragon Scales, Tails, and Fangs, and the Explosiveness and Magic Attack Power of your Dragon Breath by +300% -> +400%.

Enhanced recovery of Health, Mana, Ki, Spiritual Energy, and Divinity from eating Divine Dishes by +100% -> +200%.

Increases Dragon and Cooking-type Skills and Magic Spells Power and Effects by +200% -> +300%.

Draconic Abilities development speed increases by +100% -> +200%.

Increases Physical and Magical Damage Dealt after eating a Divine Dish by +100% -> +200% for the next Hour.

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Increases All Stats after eating a Divine Dish by +50% -> +60% for the Next Hour -> for 1 Hour and 30 Minutes.

The loyalty of your subjects increases by +100%, you can rule over your own territory with much more wisdom and insight. Your subjects also gain the Talent for Cooking Magic. (New!)

There's a 60% -> 65% chance to permanently gain any buff and temporarily ability as stats and skills respectively when eating a Divine Dish prepared by you.

Increases the Stats of all Summoned Dragon-type and Cooking-type Familiars, Tamed Monsters, and Spirits by +50% -> +60%, with an additional +100% -> +110% for the next Hour after they eat a Divine Dish.

Whenever you're cooking, {Divine Cooking Dragon Spirits Assistants} will be automatically be summoned, which will vary between {Flavor Specializing Cooking Wyvern Spirit}, {Nutrient Boosting Cooking Drake Spirit} and {Appearance Enhancing Cooking Dragon Spirit}, which will assist you into creating Divine Dishes and enhancing their Effects by up to +300% and can also fight and defend you when you cook.

(New!)

Active Effects:

You can prepare Divine Dishes by using Ingredients enchanted with your primary elements and this Skill's Powers. Divine Dishes will have a variety of effects depending in their primary ingredients, but will always heal Satiation, Health, Mana, Ki, Spirit Energy, and sometimes Divinity. The more you prepare, the more Divine Gourmet Essence you accumulate.

You can spend Mana and Divine Gourmet Essence to conjure Divine Gourmet Dragon Magic Spells, which can be unlocked and learned as you develop your Specialization Rank.

You can utilize other energies with Divine Gourmet Essence to summon Divine Gourmet Spirits temporarily. These Spirits will vary in appearance, shape, and size, and can be summoned by offering Divine Dishes. Based in the Divine Dishes you offer, the Summons appearances might be affected.

Any Divine Gourmet Spirit you summon will have their Stats boosted by 100% of the buffs the Dishes that made them would usually give, with an additional +50% to all their Stats.

Additionally, you can choose a Divine Gourmet Spirit to stay with you permanently, making them your Soul-Bound Divine Gourmet Spirit, which will gain the ability to grow even stronger, and will boost your gain of Divine Gourmet Essence as well as making your dishes more delicious.

Soul-Bound Divine Gourmet Spirit: 0/1 -> 2

Available Divine Gourmet Dragon Magic Spells:

Rank 1: [Divine Seasoning Enhancement Breath] [Divine Golden Dragon Cooking Pot Summon] [Divine Flavor Enhancement Breath] [Divine Dragon Eyes Of Ingredient Searching] [Divine Dragon Ingredient Blessing] [Divine Gourmet Dragon's Cooking Claws]

Rank 2: [Divine Dish Spirit Transformation] [Divine Dish Stat Booster] [Divine Dish Magic Booster] [Divine Dish Happiness Booster] [Divine Dish Fusion] (New!)

Lastly, by harnessing your energies and Divine Gourmet Essence, you can conjure the {Divine Gourmet's Domain} around you, which will make the effects of your Divine Dishes +100% more effective, increase all of your Divine Gourmet Spirits Stats by +300% -> +400%, make cooking Divine Dishes almost instantaneous, and help share 50% -> 60% of the effects of any buff you get from the Divine Dishes you eat to your allies within a 100 -> 200 meter radius of you for 30 Minutes -> 1 Hour.

Cooldown: 12 -> 8 Hours.

The buffs were really big this time! And now I can even summon some sort of assistant/guardian when I cook? Interesting! Maybe I can cook even in the middle of a battlefield now.

Above all, new Spells, an additional slot for a soul-bound cooking spirit, and also enhancement to all passive effects!

Really good overall, and my Soul feels so strong!

Chapter 1028: New Soul-Bound Gourmet Spirit

Maybe I should try getting some Soul-Bound Cooking Spirits now that I think about it, but which ones? It seems I can summon them randomly and they'll appear, so I'm supposed to choose which one I want among them, which feels a bit hard to choose. They're all rather the same, right?

"Hmm..."

Surrounding me, there were over fifty Cooking Spirits, their shapes changed drastically from one another. The Lesser Cooking Spirits looked like tiny food ingredients mostly. However, there were a handful of larger ones.

The Intermediate Cooking Spirits were a bit larger, resembling animals, but made of dishes or ingredients. There was a small hippo made of pineapple, a turtle made of fried pork cutlet, a medium sized shark made for roasted salmon, and so on.

However, I can't imagine having any of them as my permanent soul-bound Cooking Spirit. If anything, I want a smart one that can also cook for me, so I can gain passive EXP and Divine Gourmet Essence!

But perhaps that's too much to ask for?

There were no other Spirits than those though, but...

Seeing my new Spells, and the new passive, I got a small idea.

They can only appear when I'm cooking, right? So when I stop cooking they won't appear.

What if...

"Hm? Planta you're cooking more? Isn't this massive feast enough?!" Ambil asked as he was helping Mark place the food over the large table, my friends were on their way here.

"Don't worry, this'll be to save for later~" I shrugged. "Now, let's see..."

I started cooking some fried rice, something simple and quick, the moment I did, three Spirits appeared behind me, like ghosts made of golden light, they resembled ghostly dragons wearing white-colored chef clothes, and carrying cooking utensils as if they were magic.

"Hmm, that fried rice looks good!"

"Let us help, let us help!"

"And if anybody dares attack you, we help too!"

"Yes, yes, aren't you nice?" I giggled, as I suddenly touched all three of them. "Gotcha! {Spirit Synthesis}!"

"GUH?!"

All three Draconic Spirits groaned in surprise, as I combined them together with the rest of the Lesser and Intermediate Cooking Spirits I had around.

FLUOSH!

All three Spirits melded together with the other spirits, and then I threw several Divine Dishes into the fusion, as "materials", which I then further combined using Divine Dish Fusion.

The result wasn't stable though, it began to distort and dissipate.

But before that happened...

"Select as Soul-Bound Cooking Spirit"

Ding!

[You have selected the target as {Soul-Bound Cooking Spirit}!]

[The target's unstable form has been stabilized as a bond with your soul has been created.]

[The target has finished its transformation.]

[You have created a Soul Bond with the High Divine Gourmet Spirit: [Golden Three-Headed Dragon Chef Spirit: Gordon: Lv1]!]

[The Bond to the Soul has been successfully formed, your [SOUL] Stat has increased by +1.000.]

[Your Soul has become stronger after creating a bond with a powerful High Divine Spirit.]

Wait, he's named Gordon? Like that... chef?

"Hahhh... W-What in the world has happened to us- me? Huh, this is certainly strange." The three-headed dragon looked at his own appearance.

He had become at least four-meters-tall, barely fitting inside the house now, his entire body was covered on golden scales, looking less ghostly and transparent than before. His eyes became sharp and golden colored, and each of his heads looked different, the first one was that of a wyvern, the middle one of a drake, and the third one of a small dragon.

The golden horns decorating his head were also all different, but each head had a small white colored chef hat. The rest of their body was also rather interesting, two pairs of long wings, six arms, each one long and muscular, with dexterous fingers, and carrying a cooking utensil, its tail was long like that of a serpent, using it as support instead, as it seemed to lack "back legs".

It looked majestic, its golden aura creating a rainbow halo behind its form.

So this was a High Divine Spirit, aren't these just right below a Great Spirit? Insane.

"Sorry about the whole fuss, I wanted a soul-bound Gourmet Spirit, so I decided to use you guys as its ingredient..." I said. "Sorry again if it startled you, but I am sure you'll get to live even better lives now."

"S-Soul Bound Spirit?!"

"Us! I can't believe it..."

"Amazing! I feel so strong!"

Looks like they didn't really mind it, or well, they weren't angry about the whole ordeal, which I was glad about. I also noticed they had a Level; they were Level 1. I'm guessing they can level up and get better at cooking, right?

"S-So you were making a spirit to create a bond with, okay..." Mark nodded. "Well, that was certainly surprising, nice to meet you, err..."

"Gordon is our name it seems." Said the middle head.

"Gordon? Like the chef?!" Mark asked.

"What chef are you two talking about?" Ambil was completely lost.

"Yeah I have no idea how that happened, the name was chosen randomly, I think?" I wondered. "Well, whatever the case, Gordon can you finish cooking the rice? Also can you cook some more stuff?"

"For sure! Now that I am not bound to the effects of the specialization ability, I can cook freely! I think I could even hunt on my own and make delicious dishes!" Laughed the heads in unison. "Leave this job to your humble servant and enjoy your meals, master!"

"Nice! Thanks a lot!"

Looks like I won't need to waste a Divine Yggdryad Avatar on cooking from now on, Gordon got that covered up just fine.

Ding!

[Your High Divine Gourmet Spirit: [Golden Three-Headed Dragon Chef Spirit: Gordon: Lv1] has prepared the Divine Dish: [Delicious Divine Dinosaur Meat Fried Rice (S Rank)] x1!]

[Your Soul-Bound Spirit has gained 1 Level!]

[Their Abilities have been enhanced slightly.]

[Your Soul has grown stronger as a result! Your [SOUL] Stat has increased by +10.]

Wait, what? With each Level I gain 10 SOUL?

So if it hits Level 100, I gain 1000 Soul...

Level 1000, 10000 Soul...

Maybe I should try getting the second soul-bound Spirit soon.

Chapter 1029: New Skills

After leaving Gordon cooking for me so I could grind more Divine Gourmet Essence and level him up, my friends arrived. Rita, Lily, Acorn, Nieve, and even Johanna joined today. Brisingra was nowhere to be seen, but that was fine too. I wouldn't mind leaving her with her mom for as much as she wants, though I'll go check on her later.

"Sooo what with the huge dragon over there?!" Asked Rita. "Is nobody going to ask about it!" She asked while eating a burger.

"I just assumed it was another summon or something, Planta always has a million summons anyways!" Lily giggled.

"Yeah." Acorn nodded. "But now I'm curious, who is he?"

"He's Gordon, a soul-bound gourmet spirit." I said. "I created him just now; he'll help us with cooking... And also fighting too!"

"Yes, yes, I can fight really well!" Gordon roared from the distance.

"See? He's not a temporary summon like always, but a permanent spirit I'll have around at all times." I smiled. "Pretty handy, right?"

"Sounds really convenient! Just how easy are you going to make your life? Sheesh." Rita groaned. "Well, the food is really good, and I got stronger as well~"

"Indeed, I would be lying if I said I didn't come back just to eat the delicious food Lady Planta makes." Johanna nodded. "Though, I also came to help. I told my Granny I was done with the dungeon raid, and I thought she would let me slack off- I mean, concentrate on my meditation and cultivation of my Nature Soul, but she told me I hadn't done anything worth mentioning! And sent me back to help..."

"Hahaha! Serves you right, you brat!" Rita laughed. "You're going to help in anything you can then!"

"Ugh..." Johanna groaned. "A-At least the food is good."

"Please be more respectful of my liege..." Nieve said, staring at Johanna with a dead stare.

"Why should I?!" Johanna barked back. "What with that stare? Wanna go?"

"..." Nieve remained in silence, and slowly began to unsheathe her rapier.

"Wait, wait, come on, be nicer to each other!" I sighed. "I thought you girls got along a bit better after the dungeon raid... Guess not completely yet."

"I apologize..." Nieve said.

"Bleh..." Johanna shrugged. "So what are we going to do now?"

"We were planning on infiltrating the magician tower today." I said. "So I don't think we'll need your help, Johanna."

"Oh? Nice! Then I can just go back home and-"

"However, I appreciate your grandma for sending you here to help! So how about you help me on forging more weapons? You'll get stronger too, gaining EXP from making items and also new skills, so it's a win-win, right?" I asked.

"Eh?!" She screamed. "Wait... No, I can reject that offer, right?"

"You sure can! But I will tell your grandma you were acting cocky, picking up fights with my friends, and coming here to eat for free." I said with a smile. "Those are Divine Dishes worth thousands of golds, you know?"

"No way..." She muttered, looking at the empty plates in front of her, she had already eaten like ten dishes, and was on her eleventh. "Ugh, okay... Fine."

"Don't worry, I'll pay you with more food later~" I giggled.

As we finished our big meal, we decided to start doing our Evolutions and Rank Ups.

Not without first seeing that I had gained several boosts after eating all those Divine Dishes.

I usually never feel bloated after eating in BNLO, but right now, that was an exception, I might have eaten too much, just so I could get some boost...

Ding!

[You have eaten a large quantity of Divine Dishes.]

[Their power flows into your body! You have received several buffs, and your Health, Mana, and Satiation have been fully recovered.]

[Your [INT] Stat has increased by +100.]

[Your [STR] Stat has increased by +120]

[Your [HP] Stat has increased by +90]

[Your [DEX] Stat has increased by +70]

[You learned the Skills: [Jurassic Roar: Lv-- (Divine Dish Skill)], [Beast Fire: Lv-- (Divine Dish Skill)], [Prehistoric Strength: Lv-- (Divine Dish Skill)], and [Detect Prey: Lv-- (Divine Dish Skill)]!]

Oooh, I gained quite a lot of Divine Dish Skills this time, and the stat boosts aren't bad at all either, they're permanent after all. Over time, they'll build up quite a lot.

"Jurassic Roar, Beast Fire, Prehistoric Strength, and Detect Prey...!" I analyzed the skills. "I guess these were the Skills the prehistoric beast whose meat we ate possessed. Did anybody got some of these Skills?"

"I got Detect Prey!" Rita said.

"I acquired something called Dinosaur's Bite..." Lily muttered. "How do I even use this?"

"They're really weird Skills, haha. I got Jurassic Roar. It seems to be some sort of agro skill? For Tanks, so its perfect for me!" Mark commented. "Even if I can't level it up."

"Got Beast Fire... I don't even know if I am compatible with such a Skill." Nieve said. "I could always combine it with other Skills though."

"I got Prehistoric Strength! Should be useful... I think?" Acorn said. "Huh? The Condition for activation is kind of wacky though."

"Let me see..."

I was too curious, so I checked all the Divine Dish Skills I got.

[Jurassic Roar: Lv-- (Divine Dish Skill)]

A Skill acquired from eating a Divine Dish related with Prehistoric Animal Meat.

Channel Mana into your throat and release a mighty roar carrying the furious, intimidating, and provocative might of an ancient Jurassic Beast. Any non-intelligent foe within a 50-meter radius of you will be immediately draw towards you, and will generally attack you instead, while their Stats decrease by -25%.

The intimidation aspect might double against intelligent foes depending on their mentality, but they will not be easily drawn to you.

[Beast Fire: Lv-- (Divine Dish Skill)]

A Skill acquired from eating a Divine Dish related with Prehistoric Animal Meat.

Channel Mana to conjure golden-colored flames in the shape of ferocious beast, such as dinosaurs, lions, tigers, elephants, and other creatures. These flames in the shape of beasts will attack any foe, their Attack Power being based on 220% of your INT Stat. There's no limit to how many you can summon but they will explode after 10 seconds, dealing damage based on 150% of your STR Stat.

[Prehistoric Strength: Lv-- (Divine Dish Skill)]

A Skill acquired from eating a Divine Dish related with Prehistoric Animal Meat.

Imbue Mana into your body, channeling the might of the prehistoric beasts that once lived within the forests of the Verdant Continent, increasing your HP, VIT, and STR Stats by +100% only when you enter into a state of Frenzy, Wrath, or Confusion.

In this state, your Attacks will be imbued with the {Prehistoric Aura}, making any of your blows take the shape of dinosaur claws or jaws, which increases Damage Dealt by 200% based on your STR Stat.

Duration: 5 Minutes.

[Detect Prey: Lv-- (Divine Dish Skill)]

A Skill acquired from eating a Divine Dish related with Prehistoric Animal Meat.

Channel Mana into your body and enhance your senses to their limits, expanding them to your surroundings and quickly targeting your already selected "Prey", any selected "Prey" will receive the [Prey] Status and you will be able to track them to the end of the Earth as long as this Skill is left active. You can only select up to 3 "Preys" at a time.

Oh wow, they're all more decent than I thought!

And that last one, is a keeper for sure!

[You have equipped the [Detect Prey: Lv-- (Divine Dish Skill)] Skill in your Subclass Skill Slots: 13/13!]

Chapter 1030: Time To Evolve!

This Skill in specific, was really good.

[Detect Prey: Lv-- (Divine Dish Skill)]

A Skill acquired from eating a Divine Dish related with Prehistoric Animal Meat.

Channel Mana into your body and enhance your senses to their limits, expanding them to your surroundings and quickly targeting your already selected "Prey", any selected "Prey" will receive the [Prey] Status and you will be able to track them to the end of the Earth as long as this Skill is left active. You can only select up to 3 "Preys" at a time.

[You have equipped the [Detect Prey: Lv-- (Divine Dish Skill)] Skill in your Subclass Skill Slots: 13/13!]

So I decided to equip it! If I use it wisely, I could even detect where are certain subjects moving to and so on, even if I can't approach them yet.

I do have a plan, I might give it to someone I find suspicious, such as... Well, the Magician Guild Master.

However, it doesn't say the [Prey] Status is concealed, so they'll know they're being chased, which makes it a bit annoying.

I have to know when to use it properly, I suppose.

Anyways! For now, time to Evolve and Rank Up.

I already acquired all the Skills from my Class and Subclass, I believe, so the only thing left is to Rank Up.

[To begin your Rank Up, please enter the necessary Area to undergo it.]

Wait, I need to go somewhere special to evolve? Where?

[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]

[You cannot evolve where you are.]

[Evolution Condition: Be inside a Time Realm.]

So I need to go back there to evolve, huh? Well, alright, might as well go there and check on Brisingra.

"Is everyone capable of evolving just fine? I have a requirement where I need to go to the Time Realm, so I'll go take a look at Brisingra while I'm at it." I said. "No need to come with me, it'll just be a couple minutes."

"I really want to see what you'll evolve into, so I'm coming either way." Said Mark.

"I'm curious but not THAT much, so go ahead, I'll stay here~" Rita shrugged.

"Me too!" Lily nodded.

"I want to check on Brisingra, so I'll go!" Acorn said.

"I also want to check on her, and also see my liege's glorious evolution." Nieve smiled.

"Haha, fine, let's go then." I sighed. "Gordon, are you coming along?"

"Sure thing, the ingredients you've given me have already been used, master. I've stored all the dishes inside your Inventory, it seems I can do that." Gordon said, flying to my side after washing his scaly hands.

"Oh? Wait, what?! You really cooked the entire pile of ingredients I left for you!" I gasped, checking my Inventory, there were many plates now, all of them stacked with a "x100" on them.

And above all, he also leveled up a whole lot after cooking so much.

Ding!

[Your High Divine Gourmet Spirit: [Golden Three-Headed Dragon Chef Spirit: Gordon: Lv1] has cooked hundreds of Divine Dishes!]

[Your Soul-Bound Spirit has gained 16 Levels!]

[Their Abilities have been enhanced slightly.]

[Your Soul has grown stronger as a result! Your [SOUL] Stat has increased by +160.]

Oh, even more Soul Energy, I never thought telling a spirit to cook for me would be an actual, efficient way to cultivate and forge my Soul.

Anyways, after I checked on that, I rapidly entered the Time Realm, finding ourselves outside of Titania's Palace, where I had left the Gate.

"Ohh, you guys are back again!" Little Titania greeted us, she was having lunch with her divine beast siblings. I had left her a lot of my Divine Dishes for her to enjoy, and she was eating them now.

"Hi Titania!" Acorn said. "Thanks for helping us before, you were of great help on finding all the herbs I wanted. With them I'm going to make even stronger potions!"

"No problem Acorn! It's always nice to help others!" Little Titania smiled cutely. "Auntie Planta! Uncle Mark! Hi!"

"Hello little Titania." Mark greeted her, gently petting her head.

"Hello dear." I greeted her with a hug. "How are you doing? Everything's alright?"

"Yep! The food you left was really tasty!" She said happily. "Did you come for something? To play?"

"I would love to, but we're short in time. I came here primarily to evolve. You see, there's a special ability we Players possess, to evolve and Rank Up. But we can only do it with certain conditions." I explained. "Mine is to do it in here."

"Ooh, okay! Do I need to do something?" She wondered.

"No, not at all, you can watch if you want, it shouldn't take so long~" I smiled, petting her head. "Alright, I'll get going. I'll do it in the middle of the forest so its safer for everyone."

"Okay then." Mark nodded. "I'll watch over for any monsters."

"Us too! Guys, let's help protect Auntie Planta's back!" Little Titania said.

"SHAAAH!"

"CRAAH!"

"Gerororo..."

Little Saphee, Huginn, and Terra ran towards Titania, with Mark, Nieve, and Acorn, they assembled a little team to "protect" me, although there was no need for that.

As I began checking on that, I noticed Gordon interacting with them.

"Oh, who are you? I just saw you! You're a spirit, right?" Little Titania asked. "You're so weird! Never seen a spirit like you before!"

"Hm? Oh, yes. I am a humble High Divine Gourmet Spirit!" Gordon said proudly. "I was created by my Master Planta. My purpose is also to protect her, but also to help her on cooking her Divine Dishes."

"Ooh, that's so cool! I wish I had a chef with me too... Can't you come cook for me?" Little Titania asked shamelessly.

"Hahaha! You truly have no shame, little one." Gordon laughed. "I am afraid I cannot be too far away from my master. Sorry, but I can give you Divine Dishes, here. This is a parfait I made recently."

"Oooh! Thank you!" Little Titania enjoyed the dessert.

Now, time to evolve.

[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]

[Evolution Condition, Evolve Inside a Time Realm: Fulfilled.]

[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]

"Yes."

FLASH!