

## Brand New 1051

Chapter 1051: The Greedy Wizard

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Just as I expected, Ashhand was extremely shameless in coming here and offering us to become his pupil. We didn't even know what his Circle Tier or his position in the tower at all was, but seeing how desperate he was, he probably wasn't too high.

"I am a Magician that specializes in five elements, Fire, Light, Life, Earth, Wood, which all happen to be ones you do... Well, except Maria. But still, I would also gladly take her as my disciple. There are still things I can teach her about Curses, I am quite good at them too."

He sure is pretending to be doing this out of goodwill, ahah.

For geniuses like us, being with him would probably slow down our growth in the organization more than anything, I bet he barely has resources.

However, that didn't really matter right now, we were infiltrating to find clues about the cult, and once we found that, we would probably never come back here anyways.

It was an interesting place but... Eh, I prefer the Adventurer Guild and my Druid Guild.

Rita had registered in here before I think, but she was able to just register again with this new identity, the System simply moves according to what NPC do, so if you can convince them you're a different person, then it doesn't matter.

"For sure! Right guys?" I asked my friends.

"It would be an honor; we are really grateful. We never thought we would be chosen by an esteemed wizard so soon," Hendrick nodded.

"Yeah... thank you so much," Maria said.

"Thanks!" Erika said.

"Hohoh, well, I couldn't possibly leave behind such talented new students," laughed Ashhand. "How about I give you a tour around the entire tower to start with?"

Wow, really? That was easier than I imagined!

Ding!

[Congratulations! You have managed to register in the Magician Guild and become a member of the Magician Association with your Fake Identity as Elizabeth!]

[You have received the [Silver-Ranked Magician Guild Membership Necklace (A Grade)]!]

[You received the Title: [Beginner Member of the Magician Association]!]

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[Beginner Member of the Magician Association]

Acquisition Conditions: Successfully register as a member of the Magician Association.

Equip Bonus: +500 MP and INT. Enhances Spell Power and Effects by 20% and Decreases Spell MP Cost by 10%.

A Title awarded to those that have successfully registered in such an incredibly large and complex organization such as the Magician Association, which spans over two whole continents, and which is governed and maintained by the greatest Arch Wizards in the world of Arcadia.

The Title Effects remain always active even if you don't equip the Title as long as you're a member of the Association.

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[You gained +500 MP and INT]!

Oh, a Title! I wonder if it'll still count after we escape? Well, I hope that doesn't happen I guess.

But if that's the case, then I'll probably drop the façade and then register using my real Player appearance.

[Congratulations! You have become the pupil of the [High Elemental Wizard: Hestefelle Ashhand: Lv300]!]

[As you've become his Pupil, you will gradually receive the benefits of his Scholarship as you attend to his classes and interact with him.]

[You received the Title: [High Wizard Genius Pupil]!]

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[High Wizard Genius Pupil]

Acquisition Conditions: Become the Pupil of a High Wizard.

Equip Bonus: +500 MP and WIS. +50% Magic Circle Growth Speed and Magic Learning Speed. You can easily absorb the knowledge of Magic Grimoires.

A Title bestowed to a fortunate and promise young magician that has become the disciple of a powerful High Wizard. This is just the beginning of their journey in the world of magicians, which is full of adventure and excitement. Make sure to deepen your bond with your Wizard Master to better understand and learn from them.

As long as you're their Pupil, this Title Effect always remain active.

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[You gained +500 MP and WIS!]

Oh wow, this is nice, one thousand MP and five hundred INT and WIS right away!

I think these stats, once added, won't go anywhere, it just the other effects that might go away, which is really nice.

Can't believe I ended benefiting from this entire fraud, might as well continue with the entire fraud and get as many goodies as possible out of this greedy wizard.

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Ah, I've become quite dishonest and greedy, huh? This world has sure changed me.

Anyways, moving on...

"Master Ashhand, I've heard this scholarship includes things such as magic materials to grow our magic circles, and even grimoires to obtain spells or even the rare magic skills, is this true?" I wondered.

"Ah, of course it is! Please, accompany me as we explore the tower, I shall bring you to my office where we can talk more in deep about everything. Tomas, you come along as well," Ashhand said.

"Ah, of course master," Tomas nodded.

Using a floating platform, the old wizard led us across the gigantic library that the tower was, there were hundreds of doors of many colors and shapes, each one leading to a different space, a little world made by Merlinus with a certain purpose.

We explored over a dozen of them while we moved upstairs, there were some Ashhand personally managed, such as Runic Magic Smithies, Potential Cube Forgeries, Alchemical Furnaces, Exploration and Hunting Fields, Mining Areas, and even Farming Zones. He had everything Tomas had explained before.

"So many areas! Do you manage them all?" Erika asked.

"Why, yes! I get a big cut of all the earnings," nodded Ashhand. "I am quite wealthy even in high society standards. Did you like the trip, my young pupils? All of that will also be yours from now on, I shall personally teach you how to use every section to your advantage. I need you to become very strong quickly, so you can begin earning great achievements."

Of course you want...

"And here we are, my office," he gently knocked a red door floating over a platform, which quickly opened, leading to a large castle in the middle of a small, floating island in a completely blue sky.

Chapter 1052: Sponsorship

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"And here we are, my office..."

Ashhand gently knocked a red door floating over a platform, which quickly opened. A flash of bright light later, we found ourselves in the middle of blue skies, moving through the floating platform towards a large castle in the middle of a small, floating island.

"Incredible!" I said.

And I was being honest there, I couldn't stop being amazed by these things.

Everyone else was also rather surprised, even though we've gone to Cloudia already, it was pretty insane that this place existed in that tower we always saw in the background of the city.

"Now, let's go, don't distract yourself too much, hoho..."

Ashhand led us to his office, where we found a large pile of rewards for us.

"These are Grimoires, Magic Elixirs, Materials of all kinds, and Magic Accessories. There is also some equipment here, wands and rings, take everything for all of you," he said with open arms.

"Thank you so much, master! You're so generous!" I said happily.

Most of the items here weren't higher than B Grade though, only a few A Grade, and those were just the Magic Elixirs.

I think I could make better gear than this on my own, but even then, free stuff is still free stuff.

And above all, there were some valuable items, such as Skill Books and Magic Grimoires!

"All of you get to choose two Skill Books and two Magic Grimoires, make sure to choose them based on your specializations," he said.

"Yes master~!" we all happily nodded.

If he hadn't been so openly shameless and greedy, I might have felt a bit bad about taking this from him.

But right now? I don't really think so...

"There are so many Skill Books and Magic Grimoires, master! How could we possibly choose so quickly?" I wondered, looking at the things with a dreamy expression.

"Well, based on your specializations," he said. "For example, Elizabeth, you specialize on Light and Life magic, right? So choose something similar Magic Grimoires, to further expand on your specializations. As for Skill Books, they're more limited. There's mostly the Mana Veins, Mana Crystal Core, Mana Absorption, Mana Battery, and several other Skills that are always very useful.

You can only pick two, so depending on if you have enough mana, lack the ability to control it well, or you can spare some to make your spells even stronger, pick what you need."

"So generous, thank you~" I smiled, looking at the Magic Grimoires and Skill Books.

We spent some good thirty minutes choosing what we wanted, our master was nice enough to wait for us to decide. And as he said, all the Skill Books were made specifically for magicians to aid them in either the ability to regenerate Mana, to gain more maximum Mana over time, to enhance their Mana Manipulation, to improve their Spell Power and decrease Mana cost, and so on.

I wasn't in a need for Mana as desperately as magicians, my abilities themselves were very cheat-like, as I could easily expand my domain to recover Mana at insane and incredible speeds, and do the same for my friends as well, as long as they're within range.

So? What did I pick? Well, some rather weird, very expensive to use Skills not many magicians ever chose because they cost a lot of Mana.

They were the [Double Cast] and the [Mana Overload] Skill Books!

As for the Grimoires, I wanted to specialize more on my Light Attribute, as I haven't tapped into it completely, also learning pure Life magic without it being connected to Nature was interesting.

So I choose the [Grimoire for Apprentice Light Magician Users] and the [Grimoire for Nursing Magicians] which both dealt with Light and Life Spells.

Apparently they come with both information about how to conjure the magic and also the various explanations, their origins, and more.

The magic circles come neatly drawn, with each rune needed, so by simply copying them as I cast magic, I can conjure magic even if its not engraved inside my Internal Magic Circle!

Grimoires also work like equipment too, by holding it I can rapidly conjure the spells I need. Acorn does this with his own Grimoires.

However, the point of this is not to use it as a tool, but to memorize all the spells so I can use them without a Grimoire.

My friends also picked their own skill books and grimoires, which were vastly different than mine.

"I see, I see, all of you chose rather good picks," nodded the Wizard. "Especially Elizabeth! Indeed, your Mana Pool, I can sense it from here, is very vast! You're one of the rarer cases of talented magicians born with a very big Mana Pool, have you been cultivating it since you were young, Elizabeth?"

"Yes master! My family always put big emphasis on increasing my Mana Pool, as it would benefit me once I grew up. I started my training at the age of two, with the help of my stepfather," I said with a charming smile.

"Oho! I see, very smart man! I would love to meet him one day. He might be a strong wizard?" he wondered.

"Well, stepfather... passed away years ago, when he went to defend our town," I sighed. "But thank you, he was indeed a good man!"

"O-Oh, I see, well, that's too bad. I am sure he's proud of you, Elizabeth," Ashhand gently gave me a head pat. But I could notice his perverted eyes glaring at my breasts all the time.

Wow, disgusting...

I mean, the persona I am taking right now is a girl at her seventies, and this old man's lusting for such a girl.

I'm glad I'm robbing him now.

I gently smiled and then slowly walked away from him and gathered with my friends again, quickly deciding to use our Skill Books before anything else, while storing the grimoires in our inventories, and anything else we could rob this perverted and greedy man.

Ding!

[You have used the [Skill Book: Double Cast (B Grade)] and the [Skill Book: Mana Overload (B Grade)]!]

[You learned the [Double Cast: Lv1/10] and the [Mana Overload: Lv1/10] Skills!]

[You have equipped both Skills in your Job Class Skill List. 14/14]

Chapter 1053 : New Magic Skills And Grimoires

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Ding!

[You have used the [Skill Book: Double Cast (B Grade)] and the [Skill Book: Mana Overload (B Grade)]!]

[You learned the [Double Cast: Lv1/10] and the [Mana Overload: Lv1/10] Skills!]

[You have equipped both Skills in your Job Class Skill List. 14/14]

After equipping both Skills, I decided to check their descriptions. These were pretty useful Skills that would boost my firepower a lot, in terms of Magic Spell casting, so they were a must for me.

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[Double Cast: Lv1/10]

[Skill EXP]: [0/5.000]

A Skill learned from a Skill Book. This Skill can Level Up by constant usage and accumulation of Skill EXP + Skill Points.

A powerful yet difficult to use Magic Skill that only wizards with large Mana Pools would dare use, it allows them to instantaneously conjure two spells at once without any mental or thinking requirement.

By spending three times the original Mana for a Spell, you can conjure it twice instantaneously. The second version of the Spell will have 100% of its original power.

The damage of a Double Cast Spell will also pierce through 10% of a foe's Magical and Elemental Defenses.

There's a 5% chance for the Spell to release a {Magic Shockwave} that will also damage nearby foes, dealing 20% of the original damage.

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[Mana Overload: Lv1/10]

[Skill EXP]: [0/5.000]

A Skill learned from a Skill Book. This Skill can Level Up by constant usage and accumulation of Skill EXP + Skill Points.

A potent Magic Skill often neglected by most wizards, magicians, or sorcerers due to its ridiculous requirements and the potential damage it could cause due to backfire. It grants the magician the ability to enter into an Overload State, enhancing all their Physical, Magical, and Spiritual Abilities in exchange for a constant usage of Mana.

Constantly imbue as Mana into your body, speeding up your metabolism and enhancing all your Physical Stats by +100%, and your Magic Spell Conjunction Speed and Power by +50%, but your body constantly wears down.

You can imbue your physical body with the power of Spells for a variety of different effects, from turning your skin into stone to being able to breathe fire, absorb lightning, or unleash elemental power with each punch or kick, but overuse might cause damage in an untrained body.

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This is an ideal Skill for magicians that want to go more physical, and don't believe that just standing in the back firing spells is the right way to fight.

However, because of its side effects, it can easily break a person's body and cripple it, and it also requires a lot of Mana, mostly no magicians ever take this Skill Book for that very reason.

But considering what I am, it's perfect for me. My body can easily regenerate and will never take permanent damage, and it is physically stronger enough for that too.

Aside from that, if it can help me get even higher boosts to my stats and magic power, then that's for the better!

And above all, I could literally imbue spells into my body, obtaining their elemental powers and effects, if I use this smartly I could obtain new powers I never thought possible.

So yeah, it's pretty good actually! I kind of love it.

Now, the Grimoires, which also count as their own "equipment" and can be usually used by magicians as a second-hand item to accompany their staff or wand.

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[Grimoire for Apprentice Light Magician Users]

{Item Type}: [Second-Hand Item] [Magic Grimoire] [Spell Catalyzer]

{Item Rank}: [Epic]

{Item Quality}: [B+]

{Item Requirement}: [+5.000 INT]

{Item Durability}: [5.000/5.000]

{Item Effects}: [MP]: [+3.000] [INT]: [+2.000] [WIS]: [+2.000]

{Grimoire Spells}: [Tier 1: Solar Flash] [Tier 1: Healing Touch] [Tier 2: Solar Veil] [Tier 2: Sunlight Beam]  
[Tier 3: Solar Fortress] [Tier 3: Starlight Rotation] [Tier 4: Luminaria] [Tier 4: Moonlight Eclipse] [Tier 5:  
Heaven's Decree]

{Item Description}

A powerful Grimoire ideal for any starting Light Magician, it includes two spells of any Tier up to 5, which can cover almost every situation and are ideal for any Magician of this Element. The Tier 5 Spell might be too hard to learn for apprentices, but working towards memorizing it could be a good motivation.

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[Grimoire for Nursing Magicians]

{Item Type}: [Second-Hand Item] [Magic Grimoire] [Spell Catalyzer]

{Item Rank}: [Epic]

{Item Quality}: [B+]

{Item Requirement}: [+5.000 WIS]

{Item Durability}: [5.000/5.000]

{Item Effects}: [MP]: [+3.500] [INT]: [+1.500] [WIS]: [+2.000]

{Grimoire Spells}: [Tier 1: Imbue Life] [Tier 1: Metabolism Enhancement] [Tier 2: Life Boost] [Tier 2: Regeneration Enhancement] [Tier 3: Stamina Boost] [Tier 3: Muscular Invigoration] [Tier 4: Life's Echo] [Tier 4: Life Absorption] [Tier 5: Life Manipulation]

{Item Description}

A powerful Grimoire ideal for any starting Life Magician, includes powerful Spells that are also easy to learn. From healing to buff, and even attacking and summoning, this grimoire allows new students to learn how much can Life Magic be stretched and wielded.

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Amazing! I like both grimoires. And the spells they carry are really interesting too! Both of them. I am really glad I robbed the perverted gramps now.

"It looks like everyone is quite pleased with your gifts, good!" Ashhand laughed. "Now I suppose it is time to continue, let's go. I want to show you all the facilities and what the tower has to offer, once we're done, you can either roam around the library, or perhaps go back home. Of course, if you want to, you could also stay in the tower, my office house here has enough rooms for everyone."

Staying here for more than a day seems appealing, but the longer we stay the more stressful things will become. Also we need to go to the crafting competition tomorrow. So we can't stay.

"I would love to stay here and sleep in your house, master! However I think it would be better to first ask our parents for their permission, naturally!" I said. "I am still indebted to them after all."

"Of course, dear Elizabeth, I understand," Ashhand laughed while stroking his beard, he wouldn't stop looking at my breasts.

I wanted to punch this gross old man...

But for now, let's play along and be a "pretty girl".

"Anyways, can we depart? I would love to see everything in the tower! Tomas said that Floor 90 to 100 are exclusive to wizards though..." I sighed. "I would love to go there..."

"O-Of course, naturally, I will bring you there too!" Ashhand laughed as he saw me caressing his beard. "Let us go at once! I will show you the facilities only accessible to the strong wizard such as myself!"

This ended being easier than I imagined...

Chapter 1054 : The Magician Tower Production Facilities

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"Master Ashhand, are you sure it's okay to invite them to the upper floors? I know they're very talented and you've grown fond of them so quickly, but even then..." Tomas seemed slightly doubtful over his master's rash decisions.

"Hmm, you might be right that it is quite rash," nodded Ashhand. "However, I can guarantee you that Elizabeth and her friends might become Wizards in just a year, their talent is immense. The more I show them, the more accustomed they will become to the entire tower and its inner workings." The old magician's eyes became slightly sharper for a moment.

"I-I see..." Tomas looked at us with some concern and... pity?

"Tomas, I have taken you as my pupil because you were indeed a promising young magician, but it seems you're doubting your master's decisions now?" Ashhand wondered. "Where has all that discipline gone to?"

"I-I apologize, I understand... It won't happen again, master," Tomas nodded.

"Very well! Now, now, let's go," smiled Ashhand. "Let me show you the grandeur of this tower!"

Jumping over the floating platform, we moved across the tower.

Ashhand showed us all matter of scenarios, from areas where Potential Cubes were synthesized, to other places where Enhancement Scrolls were made.

It seemed Magicians were the principal producer of these enhancement items, and I had absolutely no idea of that!

Although the System also provides them through rewards and things, I suppose the majority of people still have to buy them out of stores.

By combining Alchemy with Magic and using these pocket spaces, they can both farm the necessary ingredients and materials and produce it.

Magicians were incredibly self-sufficient, and that was amazing.

However, seeing how there was the possibility of corruption, it actually felt more terrifying than anything...

After that, Ashhand also introduced us to other wizards, they were rather distant, however, and didn't introduce themselves, but Ashhand had to do it.

Eventually...

"And this is where Floor 90 begins," he explained. "You see that there's a ceiling above, right? Well, it is something that will limit the magicians from entering. Not a thing for wizards such as myself, however."

Tap, tap!

With two gentle taps from his staff into the ceiling, a huge magic formation activated. Magic circles and runes glowed and rotated around, slowly opening a huge, bright, magical gate.

FLASH!

"As you can see, only those of my Rank can access... Now, come with me, let us go higher. There are several other facilities up there..." Ashhand smiled. "First, the Soul Extraction and Refinement Forges, where we use the souls of monsters we hunt or buy from other sources and refine them into various materials."

He led us towards one of those other doors, a green door. After entering, we found ourselves floating above a dark, lugubrious and eerie-looking landscape.

It resembled a giant black cave, and right below, a giant hole bubbling with gold and green liquid was constantly swirling.

There were dozens of wizards down there, using magic to make everything move. Some mixed the ingredients while others controlled the souls.

There was a huge pipe that constantly poured souls down there, they groaned, making all sorts of animal sounds.

And I could swear I heard words too in between them, but we decided to remain in silence and not address it.

"As you can see, souls are poured down here and refined over a long period of time. Wizards usually have shifts, and we exchange shifts over time," he said. "These are some of the products we produce."

He quickly went to another section of the area, where there were piles of crystals of several colors, some were darker, and others lighter in coloration.

"These are Soul Crystals, it has two varieties, Purified ones, and the Cursed or Unpurified ones. Both have their uses in alchemy and magic," he explained. "They're essential for the creation of Chimeras and also Magic Formations."

"Woow... So amazing!" I said.

"It is indeed impressive, the manipulation and refinement of souls!" Hendrick said.

"It's a bit creepy, but I like that..." Maria nodded.

"I hope they don't use human souls, hahaha!" Erika laughed.

"Hoho, naturally, of course not!" said the wizard. "We only use monster souls we previously purchase or extract ourselves. Using human souls is... strictly forbidden by the law."

"I see, I'm glad the wizards are good people!" I smiled.

"Of course..." Ashhand said. "Now, let's go to this place..."

The next area was a giant laboratory.

It looked exactly the same as the abandoned laboratories we've found and destroyed before.

They were butchering corpses of monsters and unifying them together through their chimera-creation magic.

"As you can see, this is where we create Chimeras, the Laboratory of Chimerism," he explained. "Life Magic is very important when it comes to their creation, so we appreciate someone like Elizabeth joining our guild now, I am sure you could become a promising Chimera Creator in the future!"

"Ooh, I am a bit grossed out..." I groaned. "But I could try... eventually?"

"Hahah, of course, I won't force you. Not everyone can stomach handling corpses and whatnot, but the pay is definitely worth it," Ashhand said. "You'll be helping our organization not only create Chimeras to serve us, but also to defend us against other forces, to serve as powerful soldiers, for example."

"Interesting..." Hendrick nodded. "I suppose the wizard organization still has their fair amount of enemies, hm?"

"Of course we have... Many, in fact," the wizard nodded.

"Hah..." I noticed Tomas sighing, looking really sad and nervous.

What's wrong with him?

"Now, now, let us go, there's much to explore yet!"

Ashhand quickly led us to a different zone, from the Soul and Chimera Facilities, we moved to the Grimoire and Skill Book Creation ones.

Both were amazingly large, resembling both workshops and libraries. The wizards imbued empty and blank pages with powerful magic, runes, and several other magic ingredients.

The creation of Grimoires and Skill Books seemed incredibly complex, something that even as we watched, I simply couldn't properly grasp.

"As you can see, we produce Grimoires and the Skill Books here, we only produce a couple of them that go by our brand, and we often only sell them to fellow members of the guild," the old wizard explained. "You are all lucky to have received yours already, my promising pupils."

Chapter 1055: The Truth Of The Magician Tower

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I still used my abilities as Player to film everything as much as possible, by starting a livestream and leaving it private, so nobody but my friends here was watching it. They were also livestreaming in private. Once the livestream is over, we can achieve it as a video.

The process of how they made all these amazing items wasn't well understood by Players at all, even the best craftsmen and alchemists didn't exactly know how to do these. But with these videos, it might be possible to actually figure out ways to create them.

We can't let the wizards hold such a big monopoly over these essential items for both players and the NPC's growth after all! Even more if they have the possibility of being corrupt, if the bad guys hold the means of production, then how are we mean to fight back without resources?

But well, for now, we just played along. Ashhand was happily showing us every single nook and cranny of the tower's highest floors, which were supposed to be top secret. Tomas didn't really like it, he felt nervous of even being here, but with the wizard here, the other wizards didn't say anything anyways.

It was strange though, why was he so relaxed about inviting completely new pupils here? We haven't even been here for more than a day... It feels like there's something he's planning; I better stay at high alert.

I sent some chats to my friends to tell them the same thing.

[Planta]: [It's a bit suspicious he's so nice and showing us everywhere so easily... I think he's planning something. Stay at high alert]

[Titan]: [Yeah, I agree. Let's not lower our guard.]

[Achlys]: [Pretty obvious the perverted old man got something planned...]

[Lily]: [Wait, he is?!]

Lily seemed a bit clueless, but it couldn't be helped, she was always like this. Good thing we were with her right now.

[Titan]: [What about Tomas?]

[Achlys]: [He's a wimp and he looks afraid? I don't think we can trust him actually...]

[Planta]: [I agree...]

After that, Ashhand continued showing us places, new libraries, other farming areas, and places where they produced magic artifacts and accessories.

There were also large magic factories where golems and all kinds of magic technology tools were made. I don't know what else he could show us, but from Floor 90 to 95, it was all like this.

Until we reached the gate to Floor 95 and above.

Things became slightly darker, as the floating area was encompassed by a huge black castle, we had to enter it and walk through its dark corridors to go to the rest of the floors, which seemed interconnected with this castle's rooms.

Things were getting weirder, I immediately sensed something.

Miasma!

There was a strong aura of miasma, and the putrid smell spread around, it wasn't actually as putrid as real rotten corpses though.

But what I mean is, it is putrid to magicians, something that I couldn't handle well.

Well, we couldn't handle it well... everyone immediately made faces of discomfort, me including.

"Ah, you can smell it too? Don't worry, you will become used to it," Ashhand laughed merrily. "It is in these floors where we truly breakthrough the limits that we've been given by the System. Welcome to the last five floors, where us wizards truly begin to breakthrough into the unknown. What you have sensed was indeed what you think it is, Miasma! Now come, here."

He led us to another door.

We didn't know what to do or say, we remained in silence and waited for an opportunity.

Any evidence, anything!

And...

"W-Wha...?!"

It was right in front of us.

The area we accessed resembled a giant laboratory combined with a butchery and a magic factory.

There were countless of bodies and body parts of people hanging around, and being experimented on.

There were large containers with the souls of wailing people too!

And worse than everything, several demonic formations, giant pentagrams where they offered sacrifices to summon demonic beasts.

The demonic beasts were like monsters from hell, and once they summoned them, the wizards would slaughter them and use their bodies as materials.

How is he showing us all of this so easily and freely?!

"W-What is this, master Ashhand?!" I cried in shock, Tomas looked at us in fear, stepping back.

"Why are there... people here?!" Hendrick wondered.

"T-This is... Isn't this illegal?" wondered Erika.

"Master..." Maria muttered. "I feel confused... what are you showing us? What is the meaning of this?"

"Haha, children, I know you might be surprised, shocked, even... afraid," the old wizard smiled. "But this is what every magician or wizard strives for, to surpass one's limits. Because of that, I had to show my pupils what we are truly doing here. We are slowly bringing our kind to a completely new level of transcendence.

By manipulating the bodies of people, which harness a much richer energy and power than monsters, and by using their souls, full of emotions which are the richest, we can summon the powers of the demons and obtain them for our own! Don't you see? Isn't this what your families aspired to? To gain unprecedented powers beyond your own talents, even your own lineages?"

He looked at us in utter amusement and insanity, his hands rose, as demonic flames surged from within, his aura changed, from elemental mana, it became an aura of corrupted demonic elements.

"I used to be nothing but an untalented magician, but thanks to this, I've been able to surpass my limits, by implanting myself with a Demonic Heart, I've attained the blessing of the demons, who only want our growth!" said Ashhand. "The Gods are lying, the demon king is a savior of humanity, he wants to liberate us from their tyranny!

We magicians, for generations, have always fought against the clerics, paladins, and those disgusting, religious zealots! Don't you agree? The demon king has finally given us his powers, we are his soldiers, and we will bring a new era of revolution and transcendence to our world! And you, my most talented pupils so far, will become part of it! Don't you want unlimited power? Don't you want it?!"

Everything was filmed, we finally got evidence.

"No, we don't."

As I answered Ashhand, he smiled back.

"Well, I prepared myself just for that possibility too..."

His tunic lifted, as countless disgusting tentacles with eyes and jaws appeared.

The tentacles then rapidly rushed towards us.

"You will become mine!"

"No, I don't think we will, you perverted old man!"

I stepped forward and immediately summoned Gram, while using Gaia's All-Purpose-Tool into its sword-form.

Without hesitation, I attacked him back.

There was no time to think, they were all monsters, and were even planning on brainwashing us, perhaps how many times have they done that to other young magicians!

"What? Swords?!"

As his tentacles approached, I swung both of my weapons horizontally, a slashing wave of pure holy light surged, clashing against his tentacles and slicing all of them into shreds.

SLAAASH!

Blood splattered everywhere, and the pieces of flesh left behind quickly burned due to the powerful purifying light, turning into ashes.

"Kuuaaaagghhh!" Ashhand screamed in agony as he gritted his teeth. "Y-You...! You were not who you said you were! W-Who are you?! How is this- Ugh?!"

FLASH!

But before he could speak another word, I was already in front of him.

"I won't leave until you're dead."

"G-Get away from me!"

"{Holy Pinnacle}!"

SLASH!

BOOOM!

Chapter 1056: The Wizards Reveal Their True Colors

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{Holy Pinnacle}, a Level 7 [Heroic Legendary Sword Arts].

With a single swing from both of Elayne's blades, a wave of pure holy light surged, slashing and burning through it all.

Ashhand, within the few seconds he could respond, quickly conjured his strongest barrier, combining his various elements with demonic power.

"You fool! Do you think you can actually slay a Wizard such as myself after-"

BOOOM!

Planta's attack, however, was much stronger than the wizard could have ever imagined. After being able to easily shield against the strongest blows from monsters, the old pervert could not have imagined that Planta's sword techniques could have easily blown up his barrier into pieces.

Crack, crack...!

CRASH!

The barrier shattered into countless of fragments, as the ray of pure light engulfed the old man. With no protection, the light burned through his body, golden flames encompassing him completely. His screams of agony reverberated across the laboratory.

"Uugh...! H-How is it possible for someone at your Circle Rank to be capable of- Ugh...! To hurt me this much?!"

Ashhand desperately stepped back in horror as he conjured myriads of spells against Planta, or well, Elizabeth, at once! Giant spiraling crimson ice spears, hundreds of demonic flame swords, and demonic blood wind blades rushed towards her.

However, Planta moved forwards relentlessly, her sword techniques and a sudden barrier of light and spiritual energies around her body easily shielded her against all spells!

**BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!**

"W-What? No damage at all?!"

The prideful demonic wizard could simply not believe his eyes as he saw Planta rush through all obstacles, her sword attacks unleashing several slashing waves together, cutting through his spells and then breaking his barrier again.

**CRASH!**

As the barrier shattered into countless of pieces, Planta rushed down, her pink hair fluttering by the wind. The wizard panicked, more and more tentacles surged from his body, as his robes were torn to shreds, revealing his aberrant form.

An octopus-like body, composed of tentacles covered on eyes and jaws, and a single, gigantic eye in the middle of his chest! Elayne couldn't believe the man they've been talking this whole time could be hiding such an hideous form!

"You're dead, demonic cultist!"

However, she was merciless. She had grown to be ruthless a while ago, people that meddled with demons to this degree were simply not to be trusted and were truly evil!

They were no longer humans now, but demonic monsters, their minds and souls corrupted and twisted. The act of killing itself was painful for her, but when it came to completely evil beings...

She simply didn't feel any remorse!

"You'll dare face me head-on, you foolish girl?!" roared Ashhand. "I was stupid to think you would join me! I wanted that delicious body of yours, I was going to make you into my breeding concubine, but I suppose there's no helping it! YOU'LL DIE NOW, ELIZABETH!"

"Is that so?"

Planta couldn't believe how twisted a human being could grow, to act and speak in such a manner. It was simply the work of demons themselves. Embodiments of sins and negative energy. Yet she couldn't say Ashhand was being manipulated.

It was his own greed and desire for endless power that brought him to become this aberration. And she would not hesitate to slay aberrations!

"I'm glad, it means I can kill you without any remorse."

"You speak too highly for someone that just knows some magic swordsmanship, DIE!"

With a maniac laughter, the wizard's tentacles attacked Planta at once, each one as hard as the strongest metals, with sharp, spear-like tips. Each blow was as if Planta was being attacked by a powerful, almost indestructible spear.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

However, her armor held off just fine, even more when combined with her Dragon Scales, she ignored all the attacks at once and quickly unleashed a myriad of swordsmanship techniques.

"No damage at all?!" Ashhand spat saliva in disbelief.

"{Star Fall}"

Planta's Aura fluctuated, encompassing her entirely in an eruption of pure and holy light, fused with spiritual energies, her sword movements became precise and dexterous, as she stabbed the aberration dozens of times within mere seconds.

Each attack resembled a falling star, exploding to create a glittering effect, which in turn further damaged her foe by burning through their skin! It was complete and utter torture!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"Uuuuuuaarrgghh!"

The wizard was unable to fight back, each one of his limbs were immediately cut and torn to shreds, blood and miasma splattering everywhere! The attacks continued, as Planta rapidly crushed any attempt of defense, destroying his barrier conjuration attempts and slashing any spell he created.

"S-Stop...! Please stop!"

Ashhand began asking for mercy when not even thirty seconds have passed since their sudden confrontation! His entire lower body had been slashed apart, only remaining his old, skinny torso, the old man kept vomiting blood.

Fighting a man at this level would have been a completely different challenge in the past, but Planta had recently evolved and gained tremendous strength.

She was not the same as before.

"I don't have time to listen to a monster!"

With a rapid dash, she appeared above Ashhand like a flash of bright golden light, both of her swords overflowed with holy light and spiritual energies.

"{Divine Execution}"

With both swords in hand, she fell down over the wizard's body, stabbing his head and his chest with her swords and quickly unleashing an explosion of light inside of his squirming, agonizing body.

BOOOM!

Everything turned into light in that moment, as Ashhand wasn't even able to scream before he died! He was unable to even wonder what was happening, nor even ask for any more mercy.

There was nothing else than pile of burnt bones and ashes below Elizabeth.

The other dozens of wizards within the laboratory were left utterly flabbergasted, everything had happened too fast!

Ashhand had brought the pupils here to convince them to join the cult or just use a demonic parasite to convince them forcefully...

Yet, what happened was beyond everyone's wildest dreams.

He was killed, by his own pupil!

"M-Master...?" Tomas muttered, in complete disbelief. "W-What happened... Why is... Eh?"

"K-Kill them..."

"Quickly! Call reinforcements!"

"Stop them! QUICKLY!"

The wizards immediately moved into action, over twenty of them flying towards Planta and her party.

Chapter 1057: Don't Let Any of them Escape!

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Ashhand was dead!

It happened so quickly that the wizards, and even Tomas had little time to react.

Hell, even Elayne's party, Mark, Rita, and Lily had a hard time seeing everything occur so quickly.

Elayne slain the corrupted, perverted old man within 38 seconds.

Mark somehow felt she actually had a bit of a grudge against him for staring at her chest for a while, so Elayne was probably secretly waiting for this opportunity.

So she jumped into the opportunity and happily killed him once she learned he was actually a monstrous aberration.

Honestly, he couldn't help but feel proud of his girlfriend.

But this wasn't the time to admire her!

"I guess we're doing this now, huh?" Rita sighed.

"Uwaah! They were all evil demons at the end!" Lily cried.

"It's going to be hard to even escape!" Mark said.

The trio quickly regrouped with Elayne as they saw the wizards rapidly approach, Elayne, who had just finished slaying Ashhand, opened her eyes wide.

"Watch out!"

CLASH!

An attack came from behind Mark, as a giant bony blade attempted to slash him into two halves!

However, as his clothes burned, Mark was revealed to be completely fine, his skin having turned into a black, steel-like wooden material instead!

"I should have guessed you were also on their side..."

Mark's sharp eyes flared with crimson flames, as he grabbed tightly the blade, attached to a fleshy tentacle, which came from nobody else than...

Tomas!

"Y-You shouldn't have done that!" he screamed. "You should have obeyed quietly! Now you're all going to die b-because of that!"

"No, I don't think we will die!"

Mark roared, his flames burning through Tomas tentacle as his bare hands shattered his bony blade!

FLUOSH!

Crack, crack...!

CRASH!

"Uuaagghh!"

Tomas screamed in agony, as his clothes burned to reveal his true form, covered by red and black scales, and many tentacles coming from his back.

Even the apparently innocent and clumsy Tomas was a cultist!

"Tomas was this the reason why you were acting so afraid when your master invited us?" asked Planta.  
"Were you trying to save us? Or...?"

"I-It's too late already!" screamed Tomas, burning in pain. "Y-You're all going to get killed... There's no escape, there's no turning back once you've been given that thing...! I-I didn't want this, I didn't want this! B-But they forced me... Now... Now I must obey... I must help them... I must protect! I MUST KILL YOU!"

In between tears, Tomas looked like he was being possessed by something else. Unlike Ashhand, who seemed clearly evil and corrupt, Tomas was a different ting altogether. He was suffering and didn't want this!

Planta quickly realized that he might've been forced to join by Ashhand, just like they were going to be forced too. That bastard was making people that didn't even want to become cultists turn into their slaves.

"Kill him, Tomas! Hurry!" the wizards roared.

Tomas entire body started to transform by their command, his dorky yet cute face quickly growing monstrous and fusing with countless tendrils, until he became a four-meter-tall muscular giant, covered on an armor of scales and flesh, with countless tentacles coming out of his back.

"RAAAHHH!!!"

Tomas rushed forward, his giant arms clashing against Mark, as the blazing treant rapidly blocked his blows with his bare hands, explosions of spiritual flames and demonic flames erupted.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"Fuck! Why did you have to be one of them too, dammit!" Mark roared. "I can't let Elayne deal with this, she'll only blame herself if she has to take him down!" he thought.

Also, he also thought that there was no way for them to escape right now, already surrounded by the incoming wizards.

The best thing they could do was kill them all and then find a way to sneak outside!

"Kill them! Don't let them escape!"

"I'll go call the reinforcements!"

"Do so! We can't let these bastards get away with it!"

As the wizards rushed to attack the four of them, the other half decided to run outside the pocket space and move outside, where they would request the help of other wizards to utterly overwhelm their foe.

"They're strong enough to slay Ashhand, but as long as we can get some of the Greater Wizards here, they're done for!"

"Open the door, quickly!"

"Have you started using the magic device to call more reinforcements? At the very least they could bring chimeras or golems and-"

"It's not working, the devices aren't working!"

"What?!"

Five out of the six wizards escaping looked at the sixth, the device in his hands was unable to call the other wizards outside of this pocket space.

Without saying a word, they rushed towards the door, and to their surprises...

Creaaak..!

As they opened the door, the only thing they found was leading to ended being an empty space?

"W-Wait, what? What's going on?!"

"Empty space? Where's the tower?!"

"T-This can't be..."

The wizards quickly glared into the skies, and then expanded their Mana Senses everywhere, analyzing the structure of their surroundings.

Very quickly, they realized how fucked they were.

"W-We're trapped?"

One of the muttered the voices, the others gritted their teeth, their eyes clearly showing shock and fear, and then, they noticed it.

Three powerful Divine Beasts were flying in the skies, they had barely ever noticed them.

One was a giant, silver-colored and serpentine dragon.

The second was an enormous goldfish-like dragon.

And the third, a "cute girl" made of twisting flesh and covered on a dress made of black steel.

They were all Planta's strongest Divine Beasts, and right now, they were also the cause of why they were unable to leave, or even call reinforcements.

Two powerful space-distorting domains conjured by Silver and Goldie combined together with Mimy's Spatial Manipulation abilities.

By borrowing their master's Mana and Terrain abilities, she quite literally took over the entire spatial bubble where the laboratory was located.

And isolated it from the outside world...

"T-This is impossible..."

"Someone capable of controlling space at the same level as our master?!"

"W-We're trapped here..."

The wizards only saw in horror as a giant goat with golden horns rushed to greet them with a thunderous stomp!

"BEEEHHEE!"

CLAAASH!

Chapter 1058: Rita's Prowess

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As the Spatial Bubble was contained by Planta's combined efforts with her Divine Beast Familiars, she quickly analyzed the battlefield as she rapidly spread out her Domain, Terrain, and also summoned all her Divine Beasts at once, who rushed to clash against all the wizards that came to attack them.

Rita and Lily were right next to her, already throwing away their fake "powers" and going completely all-out, summoning their weapons and activating their Divine Fusion Skill and their many other abilities.

"You filthy insects! How dare you kill Master Ashhand?! After we tear you to shreds we'll let the chimeras rape your lifeless bodies!"

"Lowly bastards! Die painful and agonizingly!"

"We shall feast on your pathetic souls!"

The Wizards completely showed their true selves the moment they confronted someone that was clearly an enemy. Three of them quickly catching up to Rita and Lily, as they transformed into their aberrant forms.

Their transformations were rather similar to the appearances the cultist from the prehistoric Verdant Continent had taken. They would either bulk up and gain an armor of scales and bony plates, with additional limbs, or they would become amorphous, slimy tentacled aberrations.

Only a few took into more refined, demon-like appearances, and those were clearly the strongest ones who had more effectively assimilated the demon souls they injected into their demon hearts.

"Stop being so fucking delusional, you pieces of shit!"

Rita rushed forward without any fear, as dozens of giant tentacles with sharp jaws rushed towards her, and several floating crimson eyes fired deadly demonic beams towards her body.

Black and dark purple scales grew across her body, while still maintaining her appearance as Maria, a young blonde girl. Dragon horns grew over her forehead and her dragon tail surged from her back, alongside large draconic wings.

Using her enhanced physical boost, the sorceress was not only just a magic conjurer, quickly using her own magic to boost her physical prowess.

"{Malice Abyssal Darkness Magic}: {Shadow Void Dragon Breath}!"

She unleashed two spells as she clashed against her foes using her staff, which she had transformed into a large black spear made of darkness.

Her Aura of Void, Shadows, and Poison transformed rapidly, becoming dozens of serpentine draconic heads and opening their jaws to release devastating beams of pure void.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

The tentacles and the laser-firing eyes were reduced to ashes within seconds, exploding one after another into countless pieces. Then, using her staff-turned-spear, an ability Planta had imbued into her weapon to shapeshift into a sharp and powerful Cursed Spear because Rita wanted to fight more physically too, she impaled the Wizard in front of her, piercing the eye in his chest.

CLAAASH!

"Uuaaagh!"

The wizard screamed in agony, dozens of magic circles were conjured by him, surrounding his body and firing a myriad of spells, fire, ice, winds, stone, and light bombarded Rita at once!

"DIE, HAHA!"

BOOOM!

The explosion of elements engulfed her completely, only for the smoke to dissipate and reveal that she was completely fine! Her crimson red eyes glowed brightly as her long, messy blonde hair waved by the wind produced by the spell's explosions.

Her powerful evolution, coupled with her Divine Fusion Skill provided Rita not only with a tremendous enhancement to her physical powers, but also defenses. Dark Void Dragon Scales covered her body, negating a large part of the magic damage she could take directly.

As long as the Spells powers were below a certain threshold, she would take almost no damage at all!

"My turn, fuckface."

Rita badmouthed attitude certainly didn't fit her pretty noble girl appearance, the wizard, still confused and in pain about what had happened, had little time to think!

"{Abyssal Poisonous Dragon Claws}"

Rita's Aura transformed, as several, giant draconic claws made of Shadow and Poison surged, slashing apart the Wizard's entire body.

His barriers were shattered, his magic was useless, and not even his demonic powers helped in anything at all!

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

"T-This is impossible...!"

Still in disbelief, the respected Wizard died before he could even reveal his name to his foe, still in disbelief that after having sacrificed his own humanity, he was nothing but a frog in a well.

The other two cultists weren't having a nice time Either, both of Rita's Summons, her Abyssal Shadow Spider, Arachne, and her Void Walking Wolf, Shade, quickly rushed to attack one of the wizards.

His appearance was bizarre, composed mostly of flames, resembling a blazing demonic ghost, his attacks were potent and explosive, but both of Rita's Familiars weren't weak either.

Arachne created powerful and magical spiderwebs to trap him in place, which did not burn so easily against his demonic flames.

Meanwhile, Nightmare moved through space, stepping into the void to unleash devastating piercing blows with his two sharp and long horns.

These two were Rita's Familiars, which often didn't get as much spotlight as Elayne's for obvious reasons. However, she had been raising them moderately well, and recently had managed to evolve into their powerful new forms.

Although not the same as Planta's Divine Beasts, their powers increased as they attuned with their master, becoming stronger as she granted them the power of the Dark Spirits constantly helping her.

By boosting their power this way, plus Planta's Domain and Terrain buffs, they became forces to be reckoned with, and those were only two of her three Familiars.

"SHAAAH!"

From the shadows of Rita, a third Familiar surged, a giant black and red bat with giant, sharp fangs and crimson eyes.

Unlike Elayne, Rita was limited to these three Familiars, but they had their own strengths, and were interestingly attuned to her own elements.

As she gained poison and void elements, they too, obtained them as well!

The Shadow Blood Crimson Bat, Batty, as Rita called him after deciding that the previous name of "Batman" was too lame, rushed down, assaulting the wizard's head with several biting attacks.

"Uuaagh! You damn filthy beasts, get off me!"

As the Wizard's flame struggled to damage these agile creatures, Rita rushed to finish him off.

Chapter 1059: Lily's Strength

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"Uuaagh! You damn filthy beasts, get off me!"

The Wizard constantly tried to pull Rita's Familiars away, but they kept relentlessly attacking him. Shade, Arachne, and Batty unleashed both magic and physical attacks, waiting for Rita!

"Thank you for distracting him, guys!"

Flying with her dragon wings and appearing from above, Rita quickly amassed her magic to her limits. Thanks to her transformation, she had access to endless quantities of Malice Energy, refilling her Malice Orbs constantly.

She quickly drained three of the ten she had right now and conjured a mighty spell she had created just now, a simple combination of her previous, weaker spells into something bigger and mightier.

"{Abyssal Void Darkness Magic}: {Void Nova}"

"Wha...?!"

The wizard gasped in terror, as he saw a huge sphere of darkness rushing down.

He tried to fight back against the familiars, but their attacks and spells kept him in place.

His flames bombarded Rita's attack, but the sphere of void simply devoured everything as it continued its course.

"Shit...!"

**BOOOM!**

Nothing but ashes were left as the Wizard died. Rita's three Familiars having already escaped the attack's range through their {Shadow Teleportation} Skill, appeared by her side.

"That's two down! The amount of EXP is good, but I am not a big fan of killing people..." Rita thought.  
"Good thing these are all evil bastards..."

She thought about her friend's feelings though, Elayne was quite literally the softest woman she had ever met, and she loved her friend because of that too. But she knew that if she had to kill everyone, it would affect her emotionally much more than her.

"We have to take as many of these fuckers to not worry Elayne about it!" she thought, quickly going to assist Lily.

Lily was surrounded by two other Wizards, one of them resembled a giant golem-like aberration, covered in black stone skin and several arms, the second was more humanoid, with horns and eyes across his body, with many mouths that allowed him to conjure a myriad of spells at the same time.

She was able to easily go hand by hand against the golem guy, but the wizard behind her was constantly pressuring her constantly with his magic, and Lily had to almost fight against his summons, a dozen blazing demonic creatures.

"Just give up and die already!"

The golem-like wizard roared, his magic empowering his physical prowess to his limits as Lily, who had not mastered her powers to the point she could control the size of her gigantification, quickly started blocking his blows with her hammer.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

Each blow came packaged with explosions of deadly demonic flames, which attempted to spread through Lily's body and weaken her through curses. However, Elayne's domain kept her strong and healed, as she unleashed her powerful techniques.

"I might be tiny, but I am not someone you can look down!" her spiritual aura surged from within her, overflowing with the mighty and heaviness of the earth.

She leaped off the ground and swung her hammer down, after imbuing it with her powers and covering the weapon into a diamond case.

"{Divine Titan Earth Hammer Arts}: {Atlas' Wrath}!"

Her Aura erupted, as it suddenly surged, resembling a gigantic and muscular titan, with his fists moving down, her hammer struck at the same time!

BAAAMMM!!!

"GUUHH?!"

The cultist wizard was unable to resist with his defensive prowess, countless cracks spreading through his body, blood and his hard skin splattering into the ground. Gritting his teeth, he quickly imbued his fists with demonic flames, clashing against Lily with a series of rapid strikes!

However, Lily responded with her own techniques and spells at the same time, while her hammer rapidly intercepted the incoming blows, her magic was conjured., summoning giant hands made of diamonds!

"{Crystal Spirit Magic}: {Gaia's Diamond Hands}"

"What?!"

CLAAASH!

The cultist was quickly grabbed by the diamond hands and pushed down. His demonic flames dealing absolutely no damage against the hands at all! He attempted to destroy them or damage them, but they were unmoving!

"W-What is this magic?! How can someone conjure literal diamonds?!"

As the cultist panicked, his friend above Lily, a much more humanoid-looking cultist who had transformed himself into a blue-skinned demon-like being, conjured a myriad of spells to overwhelm Lily and save his companion.

"You dumb idiot, just quickly force your way out of them!" he reprimanded him.

"{Crystal Spirit Magic}: {Divine Crystal Shield}!"

As the bombardment of spells rushed down towards Lily, she conjured her powerful defensive spells, walls of hard and colorful diamonds surged. They were mighty against physical damage, but magic slowly corroded their durability.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

Crack, crack...!

"{Crystal Spirit Magic}: {Spiritual Crystal Blades}!"

As Lily noticed her barrier weakening, she quickly created new projectiles, dozens of blades made of colorful jewels, firing them at the wizard rapidly.

The demonic wizard conjured powerful concentrated spears of elements, which quickly overwhelmed the blades and shattered them into pieces.

However, he looked clearly troubled, Lily not only was good at physical combat, but her magic was much stronger than they imagined.

She was a real pain to deal with, but it wasn't as if she was having the easiest time either.

"There's no soil or earth in here for me to mix with either... I am in a terrible environment for my magic!" she thought. "I have to kill the golem guy at least!"

She tried to attack the one she had trapped, but he was already crawling away, the one flying was summoning more of his little demons, and Lily just couldn't handle all the pressure!

"Agh, dammit, I'm just going to bombard everything!"

Her entire body's jewels shone brightly, glistening with multiple colors, and then, crystals, colorful diamonds of all colors grew out of her body, gigantic and sharp!

"Take thi-"

"Wait, Lily!"

Rita called for Lily to stop, as her attack might end up endangering her allies if she released all her spikes like that.

"Rita!"

CLASH!

Before the wizard could react, Rita had already appeared behind him, her staff-turned-spear piercing his chest as she easily went through his magic barriers!

"UGH?! W-What?!"

He was unable to see her coming, she had fully melded into the shadows!

"I'll take care of this guy, kill the other!"

"Roger!"

Chapter 1060: Intense Battle

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Seeing Rita taking care of the spellcaster, Lily rushed forwards, crushing the Demonic Summons as they tried to get in her way. Her giant hammer smashing them into piles of ashes and flesh within seconds, as if she were playing Wack-a-mole.

"{Divine Titan Earth Hammer Arts}: {Earth-Shaking Charge}"

By charging forwards at high speeds and using the colorful crystals in her body to release their accumulated spirit and mana energies, she moved at a much faster speed than her slower build allowed her to.

"Shit!"

The golem-like wizard quickly started crawling away, the Diamond Hands Lily had created finally gave in against his demonic flames, slowly melting into the ground. Lily leaped into midair, spinning with her hammer in front and then hitting the aberration in the head a dozen times within a split second.

"Where do you think you're going?! {Divine Titan Earth Hammer Arts}: {Endless Mountain-Shattering Blows}!"

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

"Uuuuaarrgh!"

The cultist, who had tried to become indestructible by concentrating his growth into specializing on defense was now suffering as someone with an incredible proficiency over crushing all matter of hard, ore-like materials smashed his head, rapidly breaking through his rocky shell.

"S-Stop...! STOOOP!"

With a furious scream, the cultist rushed forwards, and then smashed Lily into the ground with a powerful downward punch. Her body hit the floor, bouncing as she was much lighter than the golem imagined.

"I won't!"

While ignoring the blood coming from her mouth, Lily quickly spun in midair, moving horizontally as she resembled a spinning top, her hammer charging with her powers. Her hammer suddenly absorbed her Spiritual Powers, as the Spirits of the Earth that Planta's Domain summoned merged with it.

FLASH!

Suddenly, the cultist gasped in disbelief as he saw her hammer become ten times as big, ridiculously large to the point it resembled a completely different weapon, overflowing with a golden and brown essence.

And it wasn't any longer a hammer, but a much sharper weapon, an axe!

"{Divine Titan Earth Hammer Arts}: {Divine Titan's Ore Axe: Terran}!!!"

"RAAAAH!"

Fully knowing he could escape, the cultist faced death head-first as she rushed to fight Lily, conjuring all the magic he could possibly unleash, as dozens of meteors made of black stone, and covered in blazing demonic flames reached her!

YET!

CLAAASH!

With a single swing of her massive axe, everything was instantly hacked, cut! The meteors were split open and exploded in midair, while the cultist himself was slashed apart, his entrails and blood splattering into the floor as his entire body collapsed.

But Lily wasn't over yet, she knew he would stand back up.

"HYAAAH!"

Mercilessly, she shredded the cultist into countless pieces within just two seconds, he constantly attempted to come back, but the level of destruction and damage he was receiving was unbearable.

He was unable to do a single thing before Lily quickly conjured a giant stone-made palm, and completely crushed whatever remained of him, the power of the impact and the friction alone burning his flesh and skin until only charred flesh remained.

BOOOM!

At the same time, the spellcaster was down, falling from the skies, he quickly attempted to escape even after being impaled a few times by Rita.

Lily rushed to finish the job, as the cultist begged for mercy.

"W-Wait, don't kill meeee!"

Lily's weapon quickly went back to her original form, resembling a hammer made of diamond, and with its enormous weight and prowess, Lily completely pulverized the old man into meat paste.

CRAAASH!

Lily and Rita quickly regrouped again, seeing as there were at least seven more wizards left, they quickly went to help Mark and Planta, who were fighting together against five of them, including Tomas.

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"RAAAH!"

The furious and demonic cry of Tomas echoed through the entire laboratory, his gigantic blazing fists clashing against Mark's metallic fists. Mark having already underwent his transformation, becoming a four-meter-tall blazing treant made of black steel wood.

CRASH!

"Tomas! Are you there?!"

Mark had not finished him off yet because he knew that Tomas was still there, somewhere. The boy had even cried when he transformed. He was not like the rest of these insane old men; he actually might have been blackmailed or forced into this horrendous form!

"GRAAAH!"

Tomas kept attacking, his blazing fists becoming heavier and stronger with each blow, his Demonic Aura became stronger, as his main element, Fire and Stone, combined together to grant Tomas on his giant, humanoid form a powerful shell of blazing stone.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

"Dammit, do I really need to kill him?!" Mark thought, as he unsheathed his sword. The blows from Tomas were strong, if he kept playing defensively, he would end up taking more damage than he would want.

"G-Guhh... URGH...!"

Tomas suddenly stopped attacking Mark, as his many demonic eyes started crying tears, Mark stepped back in shock. He had thought he was quite battle hardened already, but he wasn't prepared to fight someone that had unwillingly been turned into a monstrosity.

"Dammit kid! Wake up! You don't have to obey them!"

Mark roared, as two wizards rushed from above. Both were aberrant masses of miasmic slime and tentacles, with countless red eyes. One of them fired a myriad of crimson beams, while the other's tentacles attempted to grab Mark and pierce his body.

"Fuck off!"

With a blazing roar, Mark twisted his gigantic body towards the wizards, his sword growing larger and more powerful as he fused it with his Spiritual Powers and his own metallic wood.

"{Spiritual Phoenix Sword Arts}: {Rising Phoenix}!"

His spiritual blazing aura transformed into a fiery phoenix as he swung his blade vertically, an explosion of flames engulfed both of the aberrant wizards, their bodies being completely shredded to pieces and burned, barely managing to survive as they escaped.

"Gryyyaaaggh!"

As they screamed in agony and attempted to regenerate, Mark quickly aimed to finish them off, only for Tomas to stop him, punching him on the back and blowing him away!

BAAAM!

"Ugh?! Tomas, you damn...!"

Mark gritted his teeth as he saw the two regenerating wizards beginning to fuse together in an act of desperation.

"Shit, these damn things...!"

He was growing more and more furious about the situation but help quickly arrived.

"Mark! Hold in there!"

Elayne rushed from the skies, with a crown made of crystal above her head, rotating between many colors, and ending in the yellow color.

ZAAAP!

A thunderbolt zapped the two dying wizards out of this world.

The divine spiritual thunderbolt easily pierced and burned their entire bodies from the inside out, frying them alive.

No regeneration could fight against such a powerful strike when they were in such a weakened state.

BOOOM!