

Brand New 1151

Chapter 1151 Planta Steps In!

"T-There it is!" Elena muttered.

Her enlightenment continued, as her powers surged, fluctuating, and then, an idea emerged within her mind, materializing into a new ability.

Something within her that unified everything and granted her the power to mold and modify even Stances and their connected abilities.

Flame Dragon Dance, it encompassed a person with flames made of Ki and Mana, giving them the ability to burn foes as they fought.

However, Elena did something different, she used the flames sent her way as the flames her dance would utilize, saving mana and ki, and simply using her movements and technique to send them back.

The result?

BOOOMMM!!!

Buer's entire face was blasted by his own flames, turned into a fiery dragon that devoured half his face, crushing it and burning it all, he vomited blood as he felt the insides of his mouth burn with phantasmal flames.

Elena had even imbued the attack in the last moment with her own elements, shadows also leaked inside his wounds, worsening, and inhibiting proper regeneration.

"T-This is impossible...!" muttered Buer as he barely managed to not fall into the ground. "H-How did you even... do that?!"

He covered his face in pain as he began to distort space with demonic fury. The powers and skills of Arthur suddenly began to fuse with him even further.

The demon, who had just been reborn, could not completely manage all the power he had, and Elena's rapid fighting style had managed to surprise him time and time again.

Even almost lethally wounding him like this!

"But no more!!!"

With a furious roar, the demon reached Elena within a second, the girl's eyes widened as she quickly enhanced her focus and senses, about to change stance, only for space around her to grasp her like an invisible hand, crushing her armor.

CRAAASH!

"Ugh?!"

And then, several swords of light materialized around her, being fired at once, piercing her armor and skin and making her bleed constantly.

"Uuuuaaggh!"

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

"YOU DARE MOCK A DEMON?! YOU'RE NOT DYING EASILY, CHILD!"

With a furious laughter, Buer conjured more and more swords, Elena's large HP Pool began to rapidly decrease with just a couple of seconds, more and more swords piercing her body.

"Fuck...! AAGH!"

Crack, crack, crack...!

"Hahahah! Yes! DIE! DIE AGONIZINGLY!"

CRASH!

"What now?!"

Buer glanced behind him to realize his Demonic Domain was shattered by a group of people emerging inside, despite being such a dangerous place where anybody inside would be trapped easily, they entered fearlessly.

An elf girl with long red hair riding a phoenix and summoning several more creatures at her side, Anna.

A gold-scaled dragon born girl, wielding a pair of huge gauntlets, and quickly turning into a dragon herself, Elisa.

A ghost with long silvery-white hair, encompassed with countless shadowy curses and phantoms surrounding her, Monica.

And then, Elena's mother, having transformed into an abyssal mistress of the void, with black tentacles for hair and legs, and encompassed on a dress of black darkness and crimson eyes.

Having used the power of her [Space-Warping Eldritch Spirit Body] Skill, Planta shattered the spatial domain and created an opening for everyone to get inside and raid it!

"Unhand my daughter, you demonic fiend!" with a thunderous and draconic voice, Planta's wooden black-colored tentacles moved rapidly, growing into a gigantic size and using her [Void Channel] ability to pierce through the demon's spatial defenses, crushing it into the ground.

CRAAASH!

"Uaaaggh!" Buer screamed in agony as he felt his body almost break apart. "W-What?! How could you...! Enter my Domain?!"

With a furious roar, the Domain shook as countless swords encompassed on flames, hundreds of thousands, if not millions, rained upon the unwelcomed guests mercilessly.

"[Void Channel]: {Black Star Veil}!"

As she channeled her Void Powers, Planta unleashed a giant veil of dark void, encompassing all the incoming swords and making them disappear within seconds, and then reappear around the demon.

"What?!"

Buer could simply not take a break, as his own blades pierced his entire body, shredding through him and making his blood and flesh splatter everywhere.

"GUUAAAGGGH!"

"Now, secure Elena!"

Planta gave the signal as the three girls rushed down, reaching Elena within a second.

"Elena! {Phoenix Healing Flames}!"

Anna's Phoenix conjured its healing flames, covering Elena's tattered body and barely managing to heal her wounds in time.

"Ugh... Anna?" Elena's eyes slowly opened to see her savior healing her and then trying to drag her away.

"It's okay now, we got you!" Elisa said. "Why did you had to just fight that thing on your own, Elena?!"

"I don't think there's time to- Uwaaahh!" Monica panicked as the demon rushed towards them.

Ignoring Planta completely, and as his flesh was being torn apart from his bones, revealing his muscle tissue attached to his skeleton, the relentless demon reached them.

"I WON'T LET YOU TAKE AWAY MY PREY, VERMIN!"

Even as barely any skin or muscle was left on his body, he kept moving. All the flesh, skin, fur, and blood left behind around him was transmuted with his demonic powers, suddenly becoming giant demonic claws reaching them all, with eyes and jaws.

"{Abyssal Cursed Chains}!!!"

Monica panicked, conjuring her powerful chains, and trying to stop the army of monstrosities, but the giant bony claws of Buer reached her, about to crush her.

CRAAASH!

However, Elisa was hit instead as she flew in front of her, using her armored and scaled body as a last defense, only for her scales to be torn apart and for her blood to splatter everywhere.

"AAAGHH!" Elisa cried in pain. "Y-YOU BEAST!"

With a furious roar of a young lady completely in disbelief with what had happened, she opened her dragon jaws, releasing a golden dragon breath that barely managed to make Buer turn back a few meters.

BOOOM!

"Hahahaha! This is nothing!"

CRASH!

Buer rushed forward, kicking Elisa away with tremendous force, making her vomit blood as her enormous dragon form fell into the ground, shattering the floor beneath and rolling over, countless demonic hands rushing to eat her alive.

"ELISA!"

Anna panicked as she noticed Monica's curses barely holding back some of the demonic beasts, and as she healed Elena, she couldn't do much herself.

Her summons rushed to fight, barely managing to help at all!

"You'll pay for ignoring me."

However, a dark lady appeared behind the skeletal Buer.

"[Void Channel]: {Spectral Star}"

And a giant sphere of dark void materialized, hitting the demon at point-blank.

BOOOMMM!!!

Chapter 1152 Buer's Trump Card

"You'll pay for ignoring me."

As Buer and his army of demonic beasts clashed against Elena's friends, a dark lady appeared behind the skeletal demon, whose flesh and skin had been reduced to ashes, but that still remained alive.

"[Void Channel]: {Spectral Star}"

Planta, utilizing the dangerous and volatile Void Energy, unleashed her strongest Spell with it, quickly emptying all her reserves to finish off the demon immediately.

And a giant sphere of dark void materialized, hitting the demon at point-blank. Buer's eyes widened as the explosion of pure void, a power that should be capable of consuming everything, hit him.

BOOOMMM!!!

While still trying to recover, Elena saw her mother's avatar attack Buer with all her might.

Perhaps if she had kept believing this was all a game, she wouldn't had felt so much fear.

Buer was tremendously strong, and a true, actual demon in the flesh. Not only was he threatening the soul of Arthur and probably about to kill him IRL, but all the people dying here in the arena.

They were all real, not just programs inside a game, not really NPCs either...

She felt ashamed she couldn't stop him all by her own, and now she was threatening the lives of her friends, who could be seriously injured in their souls if touched by Buer's demonic attacks.

But at the very least... her mother should have finally ended this.

"Hahah... HAHAHAHA!"

However, that assumption was far from the truth.

Buer's skeletal claws were holding the Void Sphere that Planta had fired at him, his skeletal jaws opening as he began to devour the void itself.

"I have to thank you, foolish Yggdragon! You've given me a delicious five-star buffet!" laughed the demon. "Did you ever stopped to think that Void Magic wouldn't work against a demon like me, who can manipulate the element of Space?! If anything... It's even more power to me!"

FLUOOOSH!

"What?!"

Planta gasped as she felt her stats suddenly lower as her transformation ended, her void essence having completely emptied. She ended falling to the ground, about to stand up and transform into a dragon.

Yet!

"DIE, YGGDRAGON"

Buer appeared before her within a second, using his new Void Powers encompassing his bones to become pitch-black, covered by a nebula-like mane, he teleported through space itself by using the power of the void to tear through it with ease.

His gigantic claws reached Planta, who quickly attempted to unleash her Nature's Wrath, only for the Domain of Demon to distort her powers and shatter them within space, his claws tearing her entire body into pieces.

CRAAASH!

Not only was she torn to shreds, but the void itself consumed her wood completely, making her disappear as Planta screamed in agony, the pain was real, even her soul received damage.

"Hahahaha! It was just a spare body? Well, your soul got quite the shake, didn't it?!" Buer laughed. "Will you finally stop looking down on us demons now, you whore?! Now, where was I?"

"M-Mom..."

Elena's eyes widened as she saw her mother die in front of her eyes, at the same time, Buer's Domain closed immediately, trapping her and her friends inside.

When she finally thought things were getting better... a miscalculation caused everything to go down again. Her mother might have not truly died, but Buer's attack hit her very soul.

If her soul was hurt enough, or even shattered... she would fall into a coma at best or die at worst!

"I have to thank the dumbass of your mother for giving me this power!" laughed Buer. "I like it! Where did she even get the power of the Void anyways?! Now... I'll kill you all with it!"

"You fucker! Don't look down on us!" Anna cried. "{Summon Familiar Fusion}!!!"

Anna roared with fury, activating her Divine Skill as all her Familiars appeared and fused together into a gigantic chimera, resembling a tall, humanoid mechanical being, with the head of an emerald wolf, the red wings of a phoenix, and large hands of a stone golem.

"GRUOOHHH!"

The gigantic fusion rushed towards Buer, aiming to stop his mad charge, his elemental powers combined together, clashing against the lion-faced skeletal demon, storms of winds, feathers of flames, and giant spikes of stone attacking him.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"{Void Mane}!"

However, as the skeletal lion advanced, his Void Mane encompassed him, absorbing all the damage and redirecting it back against the familiar fusion.

"What?!"

BOOOMMM!!!

Anna saw as her entire fusion exploded into pieces, all her familiars dying against a bombardment of their own attacks, imbued with deadly void flames to kill them even more easily.

"M-My familiars..."

"RAAAHHH!"

Elisa rushed towards Buer, unleashing her breath attack to stop him, only for his mane to attempt doing the same.

"Hahaha! Do you not have a brain?!"

FLASH!

However, black chains appeared out of nowhere, wrapping around his legs. He felt a deadly curse trying to devour his soul.

Yet...

"Amateur, do you call that a curse? This is a CURSE!"

The lion grabbed the black chains conjured by Monica and imbued them with his demonic energy, rushing it towards Monica.

The girl panicked, unable to cut the connection in time before she was engulfed by a deadly demonic curse.

"Aaaaggh!"

Her entire body slowly began to transform, turning into stone...

"M-Monica?!"

CLAAASH!

"Guhhh?!"

The horrors didn't end there, as Elena saw Elisa's stomach being pierced by Buer's claws, her blood and guts splattering over the ground.

"Fuck out of here, you pathetic lizard! You can't even compare with the Divine Dragons, and you think you can fight me?!"

The Demon grabbed Elisa and threw her away, making her fall into the ground and roll over it with a loud bang.

BAAAM!

"Eli... sa...!"

Buer drew closer, as Anna walked towards Elena, putting herself in front of her. All her Summons were dead, yet she wasn't completely weak either, she summoned her staff, conjuring elemental magic.

"Don't you dare get closer!" Anna screamed. "I WON'T LET YOU GET ANY CLOSER!"

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"Ahahahaha!" Buer didn't even bothered sending the attacks back. "How pathetically weak! You think you can stop me, bug?! It is time for all of you to stop living your delusions!"

Chapter 1153 Elena's Specialization Awakens

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Buer Drew closer, as Elena's heart started beating faster and faster, panicking.

BA DUM!

"Hahhh..."

BA DUM!

"Hahhh..."

BA DUM!

"Anna...!" she muttered. "I have to do something... Ugh... I have to... do... something! A-Anything!"

The girl glanced inside of her inventory.

And then brought a huge marble from it.

Ding!

[Do you wish to use the [Specialization Marble]?]

[Yes] [No]

"I should have used this earlier, FUCK!"

Elena clicked yes, as her Skill list appeared. She kept looking at Anna trying to fight back, yet Buer was already very close, within a couple of seconds.

He would tear her to shreds, and perhaps even destroy her soul at the same time!

"Hurry, hurry, hurry!"

She selected her second strongest skill without thinking and saw a huge list of titles it could transform.

"I need power...!"

She kept browsing.

"Give me something... that can kill this bastard!"

She continued browsing more and more...

"Empty... what? What is this thing?! Is this the best- AGH, SCREW IT!"

Without any time to think about it too deeply, Elena clicked whatever looked the strongest option.

FLAAASH!

The marble glowed with gray light, fusing into her body, and making Elena's entire body tremble.

It revitalized her, healing her from Buer's weakening curses and...

Showed her something.

A glimpse of what she had been aiming to achieve this entire time.

Ding!

[You have successfully assimilated the {Specialization: Master of the Empty Blade}!]

"Empty... Blade?"

FLASH!

For a split second, her mind drifted elsewhere, a different world altogether.

A world of giant peaks and mountains, of swordsmen and martial artists.

And where an old-looking, gray-skinned demon, an Oni like her, was wielding a sword.

A sword completely made of... nothing.

Empty.

"What... is this?"

It was a sword made of Intent; a sword made of Emptiness.

She could see the lines of it, the shape, everything.

Yet there was no blade at all there, whatsoever!

The old, gray-skinned Oni, with a short gray beard, a missing eye, one of his horns broken, and long, silvery-white hair, unsheathed his blade.

"Hmph!"

He unleashed a mighty slash with his Imaginary Blade.

There was no sound, it was as if he had been just playing pretend.

There were some people around him, they laughed at him.

"Hahah! What is he trying to do?!"

"Why did he pretend to unsheathe a sword? There is no blade in his hand!"

"Is this really the Great Sword King Rafujin? Has he finally gone senile?"

Yet this old man, Rafujin, only looked at the distance, the mountain he was facing, in silence.

"I'm done, the mountain has been split."

He walked away; the other sword masters couldn't help but feel scammed.

They had come here to spectate the pinnacle of swordsmanship that the old master Rafujin had told them.

Yet...

There was nothing at all!

"Oi, old man! What are you talking about?!"

"Come back here! Are you taking us for fools?!"

"Rafujin! What sort of joke is this-"

RUMBLE!

"Huh?!"

Elena's eyes widened at the same time as the others spectating this scene, as the mountain behind Rafujin trembled.

And it suddenly began to collapse, half of it fell apart, and everyone could clearly see it.

There was a slash mark in it, a huge slash mark that went through kilometers.

"I-It was... split?"

"T-This is...!"

"But how?! He didn't... use any sword!"

The swordsmen rushed towards Rafujin, asking for an answer.

"This is the pinnacle of swordsmanship I've attained after eons," Rafujin said. "I no longer require a physical sword. My blade is with me, wherever I go, and whenever I need it. This is my Legacy, young lady, the Empty Blade."

And then the old Oni faced Elena, walking towards her, and giving her his empty sword.

"Take it, it's yours."

"H-huh?"

Elena extended her hands, grabbing the empty blade.

And feeling a tremendous weight weigh down her hands.

There was nothing there, yet there was also a sword.

Made of nothing...

Empty!

"I've forged my sword through hundreds of years of learning, it is the very embodiment of everything I am... and once was," the old master said. "Even when I died, my Legacy remains. The System has finally found someone capable of bringing it to new heights. Do not disappoint me, Elena."

He even knew her name...

"I..." Elena hesitated for a second, but she knew that she needed this power. "I won't."

The old Oni smiled gently, nodding.

"Good, slay that demon!"

"I will!"

FLASH!

Elena found herself back in reality, her eyes wide open, as she saw Buer approaching Anna.

"DIE!"

Buer's claws reached her, imbued with Void and Demonic Power. Although it seemed like Monica and Elisa were somewhat spared, the demon hated Anna, and aimed to rip her soul to shreds.

"ANNA!"

Elena ran towards Anna as quickly as she could, but Buer was faster, his claws reaching her in less than a split second.

"No... Anna...! Anna!"

She felt as if time suddenly started going slower, her eyes widened, noticing this as well. And then, in her right hand, she felt the weight of a blade.

"Wield my legacy."

The voice of Rafujin echoed within her mind.

"With the power of Emptiness, you can cut through anything, child."

"Anything...?"

"Think outside the box."

"Ah!"

Elena wielded the Sword of Emptiness, swinging it against the empty air.

And then...

TRUUUM!

Space itself was slashed apart, the distance between her and Buer cut apart within a split second, as Elena appeared in front of his claws.

"What?!"

As Buer tried to find a way to make sense of this, Elena did not waste her time.

"{Abyssal Void Blade Sixth Form}: {Blade of Emptiness}"

There was no slashing sound, but there was the sound of space itself bending apart.

"Your attacks won't work on me anymore, with the power of the Void- AAAGH?!"

However, it was too late for him to laugh.

BOOOM!

After all, Buer's whole arm exploded into pieces.

"H-How...?!"

Chapter 1154 Empty Blade Arts! Slaying Buer!

"RAAAAAGHH!"

With a furious roar, Buer wasted no time, aiming to retaliate against Elena within that second she attacked him! The demon immediately knew she was a threat, and that she had attained a power that could even ignore his void and space elemental aura defenses!

Several pentagrams materialized in front of him, firing black and red colored beams against Elena, yet the girl swung her Empty Blade, Anna only watching in surprise as Elena cut through all magic, making it disappear.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

The magic exploded ahead of time as it was split apart, and then Elena stepped forward, rushing towards the Demon with eyes full of anger, her Aura imbued with a gray-colored element.

An element that not even Buer, a rare demon with the ability to control the element of space, could understand!

"She has no powers... She's wielding nothing at all! Yet it works?! It is... a power?!" he kept muttering. "I can't understand this...! G-GET AWAY FROM ME!"

Buer desperately swung his hands, shattering space as he moved away with his goat-like skeletal legs behind his back, Elena gave chase, swinging her blade and cutting the distance between the two.

FLASH!

"What?!"

The demon was surprised to see her appear right in front of him again, her Empty Blade growing larger and even more robust than ever before.

Yes, there was nothing physical binding her abilities anymore, she could go even further beyond, for all she cared!

"STOOOP!"

Buer cried, his void and space distorting abilities clashing against Elena's empty blade, generating a huge fracturing explosion that shattered space for a split second.

CRAAASH!

RUMBLE!

However, it lasted but a split second, as Elena's attack slashed through his powers and then...

Him!

"I-Impo... ssible...!"

SLAAASH!

The sound of something being slashed echoed, Buer's own bony body, as he was suddenly split apart into two halves.

However!

"RAAAHHH!"

With his last remaining energies, Buer roared, attacking Elena as both of his halves, even as his own Core and Soul was split into two, moved towards her! His bones rearranging themselves into countless serpents made of void and bones.

Buer thought that although Elena's Empty Blade was powerful, it had a certain range, limited to her hand, and that if she was attacked from every angle, she would be unable to respond in time!

Yet Elena remained still, closing her eyes as the attacks were about to get to her.

She had to concentrate, to combine her abilities.

Empty Blade alone wasn't enough, not with her level of comprehension.

She had to also use everything else.

Combine it, if needed!

"{Stance Combination: Fire + Water}: {Mist Stance}"

POOOOF!

Suddenly, as she moved with her blade and changed her stance, fire and water combined, creating mist that encompassed her. The Stances she knew this entire time, which she thought were useless, were now revealing her a whole new world of possibilities!

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!

"S-She's gone?! HOW?!"

Buer's attacks couldn't reach her, hitting the ground instead, the divide demon's eyes quickly following Elena, who suddenly appeared above his two divided bodies!

"{Stance Combination: Water + Wind}: {Frost Stance}"

Her entire body was encompassed by an Aura of pure ice, as she descended, fusing it with her Blade of Emptiness, and swinging it.

FLUOOOSH!

The result? A storm of frost and snow, freezing both halves instantly! Buer couldn't believe it! Elena had actually combined swordsmanship stances and even fused them with the Blade of Emptiness to simulate magic spells themselves!

The worst part was that, normally, his void would be able to easily block that, but because they carried the Blade of Emptiness' slash within them...

They could pierce through everything!

"G-Graaaggh...!"

Buer tried to break through the frost, becoming an aberration of broken bones and demonic miasma and void mixed together.

He was a tough nut to crack!

Yet...

"I'll finish you," Elena seemed almost possessed by something else.

She was in The Zone.

By concentrating and focusing to her limits, and then unleashing everything she had and learned.

She had reached a special zone within her own mind, one where her body moved on its own.

It was a special state of the mind where all her talents were coming out, blossoming.

"{Stance Combination: Fire + Wind + Water + Earth}: {Heaven's Stance}"

Elena descended as if she was coming from the heavens themselves, her Empty Blade encompassing her completely, as if she had become the sword herself.

And then she reached it, the result she desired.

She grasped into it tightly!

"{Empty Blade Arts}: {Heaven's Sword}"

She wielded the heavens against the demon.

The sky above pierced the domain, and the barrier encompassing the entire arena.

BOOOM!

And then a tornado of the skies themselves descended; Emptiness wielded it all.

And with her Heaven Stance...

She reached a height that anybody would have believed impossible.

Not even Rafujin would have foreseen such a result!

CRAAASH!

The empty blade of heaven pierced the Demon Baer, his soul, his everything, it was all consumed by an endless, blinding white light.

"Uuuuaagghh!"

His scream of agony came accompanied by the cry of Arthur's soul, whom Elena had not taken into consideration.

If things continued, he would die too!

Yet...

BAAAM!

The domain shattered once more, as suddenly, Elena's mother appeared!

Planta!

"It took me a couple of seconds to bring another Avatar here! Elena, leave it to me!"

Planta rushed towards Elena, using her draconic claws, she grabbed Arthur's soul at the same time as she purified his connection with Buer.

And once she secured his soul...

"KILL HIM!"

Planta didn't even hesitate to tell her daughter to slay the demon.

"Gladly!"

FLAAASH!

"S-Stop...! Please...! PLEASE HAVE MERCYYYYYY!"

The empty blade of heaven consumed Buer's soul completely, making his entire existence disappear.

BOOOMMM!!!

To think that in his last moments, after finally facing true death, the demon would ask for mercy...

Demons could always revive in hell again once killed in the mortal plane.

Their souls were connected to hell, and it was thought to be impossible to actually kill them truly, only to exorcise them.

But that couldn't be farther from the truth now, as mother and daughter wielded the power to bring a true end to the demons!

Chapter 1155 The Demons' Trump Card...

If it wasn't because her mother arrived in the last moment, Elena would have accidentally destroyed the soul of Arthur attached to Buer, killing an innocent person that was only being manipulate. Well, not so innocent, he did a lot of deplorable things, but all within the thought of everything being a video game, he simply had no idea that what he was doing had real weight.

Thankfully, Planta roughly took away his soul and healed it, letting it go afterwards. Arthur's avatar had been completely pulverized, but at the very least his real-life self would be fine, perhaps with some constipation and headache though.

"Hahhh... I-It's over," sighed Elena, suddenly noticing a notification in front of her. "Huh?"

[You have run out of Internal Sword Ki Essence. You can no longer use {Specialization: Master of the Empty Blade} until it is further restored.]

[You can restore Internal Sword Ki Essence by defeating foes using swordsmanship techniques.]

[The Player ArthurPendragon, who had permanently become a [Monster] has been slain.]

[Due to the effects of the [Monster] Status, their account has been terminated upon death.]

"So I can't use this freely... Makes sense, it is way too OP," Elena thought with a sigh. "And Arthur is not going to be a problem anymore, that's a relief. Good riddance."

This also made it make sense why Arthur was able to hurt NPCs and Players alike suddenly directly without any repercussions, the [Monster] Status allowed Players to literally act like monsters themselves, capable of initiating a battle with anybody.

"E-Elena, are you alright?" Elayne sighed, asking for her daughter's health. "Is your soul okay? Let me heal it!"

"Wait, no! Are YOU okay mom?! I am fairly sure I saw you being blown up to bits!" said Elena.

"I'm fine, it was just an Avatar, I brought another one here, though there's a cooldown between each Avatar, so I can't make them infinitely... Once one dies, I actually have to wait 24 hours to make it again," sighed Planta. "Nonetheless, everything is fine! My soul did take quite a hit, it got a bit damaged, but I cleansed it using Celestial Energy and closed the wound, so no worries!"

Although Planta had ran out of Soul Restoration Elixirs, her Soul was tremendously strong, with her ever-growing SOUL Stat, her ability to cultivate it through Soul Forging Arts, which continuously made it slightly stronger through the absorption of Soul Energy, and also her Magic Circle and Angelic Halo Soul Elemental Runes, coupled with her healing magic which she could use to target a soul, she would be alright.

"R-Really? You screamed a lot back then!" Elena cried, hugging her mother.

"Sorry, it hurt a lot though... But I'm fine, calm down!" Elayne caressed her daughter's head. "Anyways, you shouldn't be worrying about me! Where is Elisa?! And Monica?! And Anna!"

"I-I'm here... Ugh, my Familiars are going to take a while to revive," sighed Anna. "But I'm fine, thank you. Elisa and Monica died though..."

"They died?!" Planta gasped. "Let me check where their bodies are!"

She quickly went to check on them, noticing phantasmal bodies of the two. She looked into their souls, finding out the connection was fine, and they weren't hurt, thankfully.

"They're fine... But their avatars did die..." said Planta. "Don't worry though, I got this to help them out! Items that can revive are rare but... I have these Greater Spirit Elixirs that can instantly revive players! I have around eleven right now so let's use them to bring them back!"

Elayne quickly took the elixirs and attempted using on them, but the phantasmal characters suddenly disappeared.

"E-Eh?!"

[You can't use the [Greater Spirit Elixir] on characters that have died and logged out.]

"They logged out?!"

"It seems to be the case, they probably gave up on logging back in," said Elena. "I'll send them a message and tell them to log back in if they want..."

"Well, if they logged out they should be fine!" said Elayne. "More importantly, we should quickly clear this place from the undead and the remaining demons. Let's go! We have to hurry before things get worse...!"

Elayne knew there was something being brewed somewhere, although Elena's attack had temporarily broken the barrier surrounding the arena, whatever she had felt was still there, growing larger and stronger, feeding off something, some sort of energy produced by emotions and corrupted mana.

Negative Energy.

BA DUM!

"There it is again...!"

BA DUM!

The beating of an enormous heart became much more apparent around the arena. Buer's domain fragmented and shattered into pieces as the trio found themselves back in the ruined arena, quickly surrounded by hundreds of Undead monsters.

BA DUM!

"That beating is becoming louder! What the hell is that?!" wondered Elena.

"I think there's some sort of entity hidden somewhere; it's developing!" Anna said. "I can feel its presence growing larger... Summoners like me can sense that's stuff!"

"Yeah, I believe this whole barrier encompassing the arena that doesn't let people escape has another purpose!" said Planta, as she unleashed a storm of attacks made out of elemental spirit swords.

"The despair everyone is feeling, the fights, the anger, the desperation, even those that die, including the undead themselves, they all generate Soul and Negative Energies, and the barrier is absorbing them...!"

"What? Do you mean they made this entire arena into some sort of farming ground for energies?!" asked Elena, as she unleashed a barrage of slashing attacks, interchanging between her Fire, Water, Wind, and Earth stances as she gained Afterglow one after another.

"Not just anybody can do that though!" suddenly, the voice of the Great Spirit echoed from within everyone, as they were all her vessel now. "Not even a wizard should! That's already in the territory of demons! Those damn demons have yet another trump card, and it revolves around this whole barrier! We should break it immediately!"

"I would love to, but as you can see, we got our hands full right now!" Planta said, slashing apart several undead monsters at once. "The other group went to save the queen though, and with that being the last demon... I guess we could work our way to the barrier walls, let's break them, quickly!"

The trio charged fearlessly, channeling the power of Planta's [Aeternitas' Divine Spiritual Vessel Guardian Protection] Skill to gain additional strength.

Chapter 1156 Hollow Invasion

Elisa and Monica opened their eyes at the same time, finding themselves back home... Well, they never left the house, but after dying they gave up and decided to log out. They were a bit worried about everything, but after receiving a message from Elena saying that all was good at the end, they felt relieved.

"That demon... It was very strong, we weren't able to do anything against it," sighed Monica. "I felt so useless... Was my character still too low level? I thought I could use my magic in the game world too but... At the end, it didn't seem that strong."

"Well, on Earth it's pretty strong, but I think we were facing a very strong Demon!" said Elisa. "So it's only natural your magic wouldn't be enough, Monica. Your curses are very powerful, but you need to synch their power with your avatar too... Hahh... though, indeed! I do feel quite useless as well, just when I thought I had attained a strong form and be recognized I... I got killed."

And I was even compared with those Divine Dragons and said to be inferior! S-So frustrating..."

"You're not weak, Elisa, you're pretty strong... I think," said Monica timidly patting her head. "I-I think your dragon form is really awesome... I always wish I could be as strong as you."

"I-Is that so?" Elisa felt slightly embarrassed, blushing at the timid girl's remarks. "W-Well, we lost at the end, and we died... It's frustrating but at the end, it's not like they really need us either..."

"Y-Yeah... We are extras at the end," sighed Monica. "But well, at least we got one another! R-Right?"

"Eh?! W-What are you implying, you little pipsqueak?" sighed Elisa, closing her arms. "But fair enough, I guess we can give each other company for now... Want to practice magic for the moment? I'm quite bored. We can't log in for the next 12 hours anyways! Let's trust auntie Elayne."

"S-Sure!" Monica nodded.

The two girls stretched and had a snack before moving to the backyard, where they met with the little Angel Gabriel, who was tending the garden with the help of the fairy Katherine. Blackie the cat was also around, mostly lazing around, resting over the grass while bathing in the sun.

"And so you add some sprinkles of light here, Gabriel," Katherine said.

"Like this, big sis?" Gabriel wondered, touching a small Spirit Flower and imbuing it with sparkles of his angelic light.

FLASH!

The flower glowed brightly, growing larger and larger, with many beautiful red and blue colored petals, it blossomed beautifully, revealing its yellow-colored interior.

"Woah, look!" Elisa pointed.

"Oooh! Spirits?" Monica wondered.

As the plant blossomed, tiny spirits emerged from it, they were Lesser Spirits that were born from the Spiritual Plants that Planta's Domain would constantly create over time.

"Well done!" Katherine nodded, clapping. "However, you should have put a bit less energy, this big flower stands out a bit too much, don't you think? It's going to steal all the sun from the surrounding plants. Try to give lesser doses of energy."

"Okay... Oh! Friends? Elisa and Monica, right?" the cute Gabriel flew towards the girls, he was able to float using magic, but only up to a few meters from the ground. "Hi! I thought you were in the other world with big sis?"

"Ah yeah, well, we were defeated so we were... sent back, ahah..." Elisa muttered, feeling embarrassed.

"Hm, there was a big demon that appeared- No, well, I think many demons? And they started attacking an arena we were watching a contest..." sighed Monica. "I wish the contest would have finished without problems... it was fun."

"Oh, the craftsmanship contest that she talked about, huh?" Katherine wondered, flying to the girl's side. "Well, that's a pity, but I am sure that master will handle things with her friends! So you got some free time now, girls? How about I teach you some Spirit Magic in the meantime?"

"S-Spirit Magic? We can learn it?" wondered Elisa. "But I'm fairly sure our magic circles aren't suited? I gained other elemental runes after all!"

"Y-Yeah... Aren't I scary to spirits? The darkness I have is too strong," sighed Monica.

"Oh no! Well, that darkness is certainly powerful, but magic circles are an addition to your magical abilities, did you know? Spirit Magic talent can be awakened in almost any living being, as long as they're spiritually attuned with nature and the elements," Katherine explained. "You see, you two, because you're such good friends with Elayne, have become very attuned with the spirits.

Being around her will do that to you, haha."

"R-Really? That easy?!" muttered Elisa.

"I mean, someone like Elayne is... just a very rare occurrence, she's a near endless source of spiritual power," said Katherine. "So spirits flock around her, and anybody that spends a lot of time at her side will naturally become spiritually attuned! I can sense it within you two."

"Me too! The spirits like you both!" Gabriel nodded. "Umm, I wish I could go to that world though! You said there were evil demons? I hate evil demons! They were the ones that broke my wings... and killed my siblings... Is there no way for me to go there?"

"Honestly I have no idea if a VR helmet would work with an angel..." muttered Elisa. "Sorry, little Gabriel. Maybe we can try later once they're back!"

"Okay!" Gabriel nodded. "Here, eat these flowers I grew, I think they can help you get spiritual energy, if Katherine is going to teach you, you might as start gathering internal spiritual energy too!"

"E-Eat flowers?" muttered Elisa. "Isn't that a bit... No wait, there are certain fancy dishes where you eat roses though! Hmm, well... Just a little taste?"

"Nom!" Monica took a bite off the small flower, her eyes shining. "It's... critic and sweet, like honey... Wow."

"Really? Nom, nom- Oooh?!" Elisa screamed. "Fantastique!"

As the two girls ate the flowers and gathered spiritual energies, Katherine nodded, starting her Spirit Magic classes.

"S-So basically, the basis of this magic is that we need to call upon the spirits?" Elisa wondered.

"Yes, yes! Do that, just be honest and nice, don't be cocky though," said the fairy.

"O-Okay!" Monica nodded.

"Spirits, spirits... Come aid me, right now!"

"Um... C-Could someone... help me out?"

Both were quite... not doing it right.

"Hah, maybe this'll take a bit longer than I imagined?" wondered Katherine. "Hm?"

Suddenly, she noticed something, the sky was beginning to darken, clouds covering the sky and the sun. Blackie, who was relaxing, suddenly stood up, looking around in alert.

"Hissss!"

He hissed angrily at the wall in front of him, as the girls and Gabriel suddenly were alarmed as the clouds continued to cover the sky and everything became darker, a disgusting presence started filling the air.

"W-What's going on? Is it going to rain?" wondered Elisa.

"N-No... there's something evil coming here... I can sense it!" Monica cried.

"There!"

Katherine pointed above the walls of the house, as suddenly, something became coming from out of them, small at first, like a droplet of black goo.

"Oooooohhh..."

"Manaaaa...!"

"Sooooooulssss..."

The groan of many creatures reverberated, followed by many more of them crawling, trying to get inside of the garden. Their bodies were amorphous, made of black goo and soot, with ugly and chimeric shapes.

"Hollows?!" Katherine was shocked. "How did they manage to enter the Domain so easily?!"

Chapter 1157 Attack On The Domain

"Bubuuuhh!"

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

The constant clash of weapons against the claws and limbs of beasts echoed across the streets inside of Elayne's neighborhood. The Little Fae helpers that protected Elayne's Domain found themselves surrounded by hundreds of Hollows of all shapes and sizes.

"Buuuhiii!"

The Blue Fae of Protection swung his huge wooden hammer, crushing the heads of dozens of Hollows as the little Fae moved at lightning speed, empowered by Elayne's Domain's Spiritual Energies.

BAAM!

"Gruoohh...?!"

BAAM!

"Gaaagghh!"

BAAM!

"M-Manaaa?!"

Several Hollows exploded into black smoke as they were crushed by the Fae's mighty spiritual weapons, only leaving behind black soot and a small jewel. They weren't called Faes of Protection for nothing, born from the Mystery Seeds Elayne acquired from her own Domain's Quests, they were special types of Spiritual beings that would protect a Domain with all they had.

"Buuhh... Hahh..."

The little blue-capped Fae sighed in relief, cleaning his forehead as he looked at the Hollows that had died, it looked exhausted, it had been fighting for over an hour now.

"Kyuuu, kyuuu!"

"Bui?!"

However, it suddenly opened its eyes wide as the Red Fae of Protection called for him to watch out! A large Hollow emerged from behind him, made out of dozens of Hollows that devoured one another and combined.

"MANAAA!"

With a ferocious growl of hunger, the Hollow swung their gigantic tentacles against the Fae, crushing them into the ground with tremendous force, and then making them roll over the streets!

CRASH!

"B-Buuhhh..."

"GROOHHH!"

"AAAAAAGGH!"

"AHAHAHAHA!"

More and more of these more powerful Hollows began to appear amidst the groups of smaller and weaker ones, their shapes and forms being more and more bizarre.

One of them resembled a combination of several human disembodied bodies, with jaws covering its entire body. Another looked like a huge foot with the face of a one-eyed ogre. A third resembled the floating head of a woman covered with mouths, laughing constantly.

"Kyuuuhh!"

The Red Fae of Protection ran in front of her friend, protecting him with her two wooden hammers, looking fearless, despite how they had been cornered.

"Tired yet, little Faes?"

And amidst the endless swarms of Hollows, a figure stepped in, resembling a young man, no older than nineteen, with short gray hair and cold brown eyes, wearing a black hoodie.

Despite looking like a normal human teen, his aura was much different, and bizarre, exuding the power of both Negative Energy, Curse and Darkness Elemental Mana, and...

Demonic Energy!

"Geeh?!"

"Kyuuuh!"

The two Faes glared at the man with furious expressions, their auras flaring like tiny flames of spiritual energy.

"Heheh... I wonder how far you can go!" laughed the man. "Well, not like it matters anyways..."

The young man pointed at the distance, the two Faes gasped as they saw what most people wouldn't be able to notice, a huge crack in the invisible veil that encompassed Elayne's Domain.

Hollows kept entering through there too, they kept coming, almost as if this man had invoked all the Hollows of the entire city!

"Don't worry, my friends already went there~" the young man licked his lips, looking at the Faes as if they were treats, snacks for him. "So? Shall we continue where we left off? I want to see how tender your meat will get... They told me that eating Faes was a hundred times more delicious than Hollows... I wonder if that's true~?"

"B-Buuuhh!"

"Kyuuuh!"

The two Faes faced hordes after hordes of Hollows, with much stronger ones, never seen before, attacking with coordination and much more intelligence than "wild Hollows".

"GYAHAHAHA!"

The laughing Hollow laughed, opening their jaws to unleash beams of dark energies, hitting the ground, and aiming at the Faes.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

They barely managed to evade, and as they ran to defeat it, several more Hollows got in their way, taking the hits for the stronger ones, and exploding into dark soot.

"Guuh?!"

"Kyuh!"

As the Faes grew confused about how the Hollows were willingly sacrificing themselves out of nowhere, the giant foot-shaped hollow with the head of an one-eyed ogre suddenly descended from above.

"HMPH!"

BAAAMMM!!!

"Buuuhhhh!"

"Kyeeehh!"

The Faes were crushed by an immense weight, unable to escape the massive Hollow's weight, their tiny bodies were slowly beginning to be pressed harder and harder...

"Hahaha!" laughed the man. "I guess you can't even handle my pets, hmm? Spirits are so weak~"

The other powerful Hollows approached the Faes, their mouths drooling.

"You may have a taste, my dears."

"GRUOOHH!"

"SHAAHH!"

"RUOOHH!"

CRUNCH! CRUNCH! CRUNCH!

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"SHAAHHH!"

A hydra-like hollow with a dozen snake-like heads stepped into the garden, rushing towards the girls! Katherine, who was a fairy specialized on gardening and keeping good care of nature, was almost defenseless.

"Step back!"

Elisa rushed forward, her arms, legs, and her neck were suddenly covered by golden dragon scales, as she grew a dragon tail and wings.

"{Dragon Fist}!"

The girl punched the beast as it reached her, the golden gloves she wore, specifically enchanted by Elayne, granted her a sudden boost of power, as her Mana erupted, taking the shape of a huge golden, draconic fist.

BOOOM!

The Hydra-like Hollow's body was pierced completely, exploding into pieces, and dissipating into black smoke and black sludge and soot, splattering over the floor, leaving behind a small core.

"Well, that somewhat worked!" said Elisa. "Aahh!"

However, the young lady quickly grew nervous as she saw three more Hollows rush towards her, resembling specters made of black sludge with skull-like masks.

Their tentacles rushed towards her, aiming to pierce her body and drain her of all her mana!

"C-Can I defend with just my scales?!"

As Elisa closed her eyes and covered her head with her arms, suddenly, chains surged from behind her, wrapping around the Hollows.

"{Mana Draining Curse}!"

FLUOSH!

The black chains drained the hollows corrupted mana completely, empowering Monica behind Elisa, and weakening them to the point they mummified!

"Now, Elisa!"

"V-Very well!"

Elisa rushed in, punching them with her Dragon Fists, their bodies exploded into ashes, leaving behind purified hollow cores this time.

BAAM! BAAM! BAAM!

However, the girls were unable to take a rest, as more Hollows continued crawling from the walls. The density of spiritual energies was very strong near the house, making their movement slow as there was a strong pressure weighing them down.

"GROOHHH!"

"More are coming already?!" Elisa muttered.

"They aren't really quick though..." said Monica. "I think we can handle it at this pace... For now!"

"It must be because of the density of spiritual energies here, it creates a strong pressure but- Ah, they're coming from the left too!" Katherine panicked, pointing at the distance. "Blackie, can you take care of them?"

"MEREOW!"

Blackie roared, suddenly transforming from a small kitty into a huge black panther, swinging his giant claws against the Hollows and tearing them to shreds with his jaws, eating their cores.

"He can handle that area well enough...!" Katherine flew into the skies to see where the Hollows were coming from.

Only for her eyes to widen as she saw hundreds of them surrounding the entire property...

"S-So many...! Where did they all come from?!"

As the fairy panicked, suddenly, a giant arrow made of black flames rushed towards her.

"Ahh!"

BOOOM!

Chapter 1158 Invaders

Katherine was caught off guard, as a giant blazing arrow imbued with cursed flames reached the Nature Fairy. She wasn't a fighter, so her reaction speed wasn't close to the rest, but she closed her eyes, expecting a swift death...

BOOOM!

"H-Huh?"

However, she slowly opened her eyes to realize the arrow didn't hit her, there was the barrier surrounding the house, which had been activated and suddenly reinforced with celestial energies.

"Katherine! Are you ok?"

And it was the voice of the little angel Gabriel who woke her up from her fear and dizziness, realizing his powers had reinforced the domain's power and its barrier.

"Gabriel! T-Thank you!"

Katherine quickly glanced around her, suddenly hearing the laughter of someone above the skies, her eyes widened when she and Gabriel noticed the origin of that arrow.

"Hahaha! So cuteee! They're too cute, what the hell? I want to squeeze them to death now!"

It was a young woman, no older than her ninetens, with short pink hair and black colored hair, red eyes, wearing black shorts and a white blouse with a black leather jacket. Her big boots and the rest of little decorations and piercings over her face made her look like someone obsessed with punk aesthetics.

She was holding a strange bow made of black, cursed wood, and around her floated several strange looking creatures, Hollows made of black flames with tiny animal-shaped skulls for masks.

Her Aura exuded both corrupted Mana similar to Hollows, and Demonic Energy as well!

And around her, there were many other flying Hollows, resembling giant and aberrant bird creatures, lizards, or specter-like entities.

"I-Is that a Demon?! That Aura...!" muttered Katherine.

"That's not a demon, that's... that's a human, in the flesh!" said Gabriel, swallowing saliva. "A human that made a contract with a demon though... But this is weird, that aura she has... The Hollows are obeying her! I can't believe it! I am fairly sure they cannot be tamed!"

"And who exactly said that?!" laughed the girl. "They were dumb-dumbs! Ahah! Hahahaha! Now, I wonder if your barrier can withstand this too? Let's give it a go!"

She pointed her cursed bow at the barrier, suddenly transforming the Hollows around her into blazing arrows again.

And firing them one after another against the barrier!

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

Explosions of cursed flames engulfed the entire barrier constantly attempting to wear it down. The entire Domain shook, yet its spiritual energies remained in great quantities, keeping the barrier strong.

By allowing the lesser hollows to enter, the barrier was able to save energy and reinforce its defenses against the truly threatening damage it could take.

"Dammit, that barrier's not breaking!"

The girl complained angrily, as she looked down below, there was a black man with white eyes standing behind Elayne's house, he was wearing a black suit and white shoes, and he seemed to be only watching in silence.

"So can you break it or not, Tyrone?!" she asked angrily.

"Hmm, seems like a very complicated level of Domain... Something connected beyond the Mortal Plane," he said. "It also uses the connections to three other Realms to strengthen itself. It's just as they said. This Domain has a connection with the Realm of Dreams and Nightmares, the Realm of Avalon, and even... Heaven?! Wait, there's a fourth connection to another world too!"

"So can you break it or not?!" the girl asked angrily.

"Calm down, Martina, everything has its time and moment," the man smiled, putting his hands together to form a praying pose. "Wear it down for now, I'll get to work. Bring all the Hollows you want, Master allowed us to use them after all. This is a big job, so I better not ruin it..."

"You better not, idiot!" said Martina. "Because I'm not planning on working overtime!"

The girl fired more Hollow Arrows, explosions of corrupted mana flames erupting constantly, covering the barrier, which remained unshakable.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

Tyrone sighed, smiling after her words, his hands suddenly showing big black colored tattoos all over them, reaching all the way to his arms, and then his face.

"{Forbidden Curse Technique}: {Domain Corruption}"

RUMBLE!

His tattoos started glowing bright red as the screams of hundreds of souls echoed from within, his shadows changed, dozens of gigantic hollows emerged, suddenly melting into a black liquid and moving around the entire residence.

Slowly, he started to assemble a formation made using Hollows and Corrupted Mana, even down to the very minute detail, runes, everything!

However, it took a long time.

"Just ten minutes..." he thought. "In ten minutes, this entire Domain will become mine!"

Martina looked down at Tyrone concentrating, sighing.

"Hmph! Well, there he goes..." she muttered. "Now, how about we change the pace, boys~?"

The girl winked at her Hollows, as they all groaned in unison, quickly overflowing with pink-colored auras. This was her special ability, somehow empowering these creatures.

"Go and destroy that barrier!"

"GROOOHHH!"

"YESSSS!"

"YES MA'AM!"

"MANAAAA!"

The giant flying Hollows started hitting the barrier constantly, unleashing shockwaves of corrupted mana and other cursed energies, constantly trying to corrupt the barrier and shatter it.

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!

"Ugh...!" Gabriel struggled to keep the barrier strong. "Hahhh... T-The Domain is too unstable! It has yet to fully develop well...! Ugh, I can't... No! I have to keep going... Big sis and everyone else is in that world... they're busy fighting demons! They're too busy!"

As the angel boy kept gasping for air and trying to manipulate the domain, Elisa and Monica battled the hordes of Hollows rushing towards them. Combining their techniques in unison, both Golden Dragon Spells and Cursed Spells, they were rapidly taking care of them by the dozens.

"Keep going, don't stop fighting, Monica!" Elisa said, kicking a Hollow and breaking their skull-shaped mask, the creature exploding into smoke and black soot, leaving another crystal behind.

"Y-Yeah! I got this!" Monica nodded, conjuring her curses, and draining the Hollows from their Mana, their very lifeblood, and restoring her own like this. "Hahh... Hahhh... I'm tired, but I have to endure!"

As the two continued fighting, Katherine was flying around the Domain, quickly reaching a special point within it.

"There, a connection to the crystalized core!"

And then she touched that small root, imbuing her powers into it.

FLASH!

"Don't think I will sit down and watch!"

RUMBLE!

Chapter 1159 Desperate Defensive Battle

"Ahahahah! Yes! Keep hitting that damn barrier! You can do this my cuties~!"

Martina changed the pose of her hands, making a heart with her fingers, the pink-colored aura flowing into the Hollows only become stronger, they howled furiously, their claws, arms, and heads were being used to hit the barrier at the same time.

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!

Even if these strong hollows began to burn with spiritual flames they continued fighting and hitting the barrier relentlessly, even against their own nature to escape from danger! Hollows weren't different from animals in that regard.

However, whatever ability Martina was using, her charm had enchanted them, making them grow restless and eager!

"I should also give it a go, right?"

The pink-haired girl looked at Tyrone, his powerful Formation was almost halfway done, he was much quicker than she imagined.

"Ten minutes? This guy is going to finish in just a couple more, heh!" she smiled carefreely, pointing her bow at the domain. "Come on~ JUST BREAK ALREADY!"

She fired one arrow after another, firing in the same area so she could weaken it enough over time, instead of firing everywhere all at once.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

The explosions of corrupted cursed flames that her Hollow Arrows caused slowly continued corrupting the barrier, it healed rapidly, but over time...

The healing slowed down, and the damage began to finally accumulate.

"Hahaha! HAHAHA!" Martina laughed. "Yes, right there! I LOVE IT RIGHT THERE!!!"

She fused several Hollows together into a huge arrow, and then, fired it with all her force.

BOOOMMM!!!

The enormous explosion caused the entire barrier to shake, cracks finally started appearing, slowly beginning to spread, and were no longer healing!

Crack, crack...!

CRACK!

"N-No...! Ugh!" Gabriel groaned in pain as he fell to his knees, his celestial energy was vast, but he had already used a large part of it very quickly, making him grow very tired. "The barrier!"

"GRUOOHH!"

The Hollows started swarming the cracks, these much stronger Hollows than the others, attempting to tear it open with their claws.

Crack, CRACK!

"Dammit! Stop it!"

Elisa flew towards there using her gold dragon wings, punching the Hollows and unleashing shockwaves of light, barely managing to push them back a few meters, but they kept coming back endlessly.

BAAM! BAAM! BAAM!

"Enough! Begone from this property, you fiends- Ah!"

Elisa's eyes widened as she saw the wicked pink-haired girl, pointing her blazing arrow at her, her face twisting in a devious smile.

"Oooh? What do we have here? Goldilocks? Aren't you a cutieeee?! DIE!"

FLASH!

The arrow rushed towards Elisa, piercing through the cracks, and reaching her.

"Aahh!"

Elisa panicked, quickly putting her wings around her body as the explosion engulfed her, her scales burned and so did her skin.

BOOOM!

"Uuaaaggh!"

"E-Elisa!"

Monica used her ghostly powers to fly, reaching Elisa and grabbing her as her shadow and ghostly aura transformed into giant hands.

"Ugh... My face! It hurts...!" Elisa cried as half her face was burned.

"C-Calm down! It's okay!" Monica cried, quickly taking out a potion of the many Elayne gave to her and pouring it over her face. "There! Y-You ok?!"

FLASH!

The wounds slowly regenerated, as Elisa continued crying out of the pain she still felt.

"It's okay, it's alright!" Monica kept comforting her, even amidst the despair.

"SHYAAAHH!"

The screams of the Hollows continued, as the cracks spread further, Monica's giant ghostly hands barely covered some of the cracks, but the Hollows attacks were beginning to wear it down quickly.

Gabriel was exhausted, barely keeping the barrier from completely shattering into countless pieces, and then there was Blackie, fighting hundreds of Hollows on his own in the borders of the other side of the house.

"MEREOWW!"

With a ferocious roar, a mighty shockwave of dark and evil energies surged from his body, the shadows of his entire body spreading everywhere and forming giant cat paws and jaws, biting, and tearing through the Hollows, big and small, in front of him.

"Blackie's too busy, we can't ask for his help!" Monica thought. "And where is Morpheus at?! D-Dammit...! If only I wasn't... so weak! If only...! Ugh, dammit, dammit, DAMMIT!"

FLUOSH!

Suddenly, the teddy bear she was holding, a catalyst of cursed energies, responded to Monica's grudges, anger, and pain, growing larger and stronger out of nowhere, overflowing with phantasmal energies.

"OOOOHHHH!"

"E-Eh?!"

The [Cursed Teddy Bear Of Grudges Magic Catalyst] activated one of its Blessing Abilities, generated by receiving the Blessing of a God into the item.

Since it was given, that Monica had simply no idea how it could be activated!

Until now.

The [Phantasmal Guardian (B Rank)] Ability has been activated!

RUMBLE!

The teddy bear suddenly grew up to ten meters, rushing outside the barrier as it turned into a ghostly form, and entering into direct combat with the powerful C Ranked Hollows.

"Huh? What the hell is that?! A Teddy Bear?!" muttered Martina, but suddenly, her eyes widened.

BAAM! BAAM! BAAM!

CRAAASH!

The Teddy Bear started pummeling down the strong Hollows one after another, unleashing explosions of phantasmal flames that burned the creatures' souls.

"What the...?! No, that's a cursed doll! It has so much Negative Energy and Corrupted Mana! That girl...! Wait, so that's the one they asked us to retrieve, huh?" Martina smiled. "Such an immense amount of Cursed and Death Energies inside of her... This is unbelievable!

If she wasn't such a pipsqueak, she could have done this way earlier, haha!"

"Martina! What the hell are you staring at? Kill that golem!" said Tyrone angrily. "You got a whole army at your disposal, work properly!"

"Tch, so annoying!" Martina groaned. "Not like we're even going to lose anyways, look how pathetic they are right now! And the Demon was right, that woman and her group are all in some sort of sleep, connecting to that other world, hahaha!"

"MARTINA!"

Tyrone screamed again trying to alert her of something, but Martina ignored him, leisurely materializing another arrow made of Hollows.

Yet...

CRAAASH!

A giant fist made of wood hit her head one, breaking her nose and making several of her teeth fly off.

"G-Gaaggh?!"

Her crying, bleeding eyes glanced at the origin of the fist.

The garden of the house itself!

And a fairy, the fairy she failed to kill.

"You'll pay for what you did to little Elisa!"

And she was furious.

Chapter 1160 The Druids Appear

Elayne's Domain was still at its starting stage, and many of the powerful abilities it could develop had yet to be fully developed yet. One of them was the power of {Self-Defense}! If only these invaders had come a few days later, her Domain would have surely already developed it.

However, thanks to Katherine temporarily fusing her Spiritual Soul into the Domain Core, she was able to forcefully awaken many of the Domain's innate talents and abilities it would develop as it continued to grow.

And one of them was the ability to control all plants within the Domain and make them move, fuse, and combine, to attack any invader relentlessly and fearlessly!

RUMBLE!

"Martina!"

Tyrone panicked as he saw the girl being punched in the face with tremendous force, her nose broke and her teeth flew off, her body quickly falling from the skies, collapsing on the ground as her skull almost broke, bleeding out a pool of blood beneath her body.

"H-How is this possible?!" Tyrone muttered. "That Domain should only be Tier 1! How is it capable of fighting back with such power?! Tsk! Go heal her, quickly!"

The man quickly called the other Hollows, who rushed towards the agonizing girl, beginning to pour their lifeforce into her wounds, slowly helping her stabilize.

"U-Ugghh...! H-How dare... that... thing!" she groaned while slowly opening her eyes. "HOW DARE YOU HURT MY FACE?!"

FLUOSH!

Corrupted black flames surged from her body as her Hollows melted away and became her power, rapidly boosting her abilities, as her black wood bow suddenly transformed, changing its shape into a huge scythe.

"I'm going to break that fucking barrier and then KILL that fucking fairy!"

FLASH!

"Wait, Martina, don't be reckless!"

Tyrone saw her flying into the skies again using wings made out of her dark aura, reaching the barrier again and hitting it with her scythe several times.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

Crack, crack...!

CRACK!

"Don't you dare break the barrier!"

Katherine's voice reverberated, as giant wooden fists rushed towards Martina. The girl slashed one apart with her blazing scythe, but the second managed to hit her strong enough to break one of her arms.

CRAAASH!

"Gaaaggh...!" however, Martina gritted her teeth, roaring back. "FUCK YOU!"

She swung her scythe with her other arm, cutting the wooden arm into pieces, Katherine realized how strong she truly was, conjuring more and more attacks.

Wooden spears, arms, hands, and projectiles made of spiritual energy reached Martina from all angles, yet the relentless girl unleashed a barrage of furious attacks, burning and cutting through them all.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"Don't think that mere wood can fucking STOP ME!"

Katherine was growing weaker as she was using her Spiritual Soul to boost the growth of the Domain temporarily, she also repelled the other Hollows around the barrier.

But for how long would she be able to keep it up?

"Hahhh... There she goes again, she went nuts," sighed Tyrone. "Oi Martina! Don't ruin it now, okay? If you burn the whole thing there isn't going to- Huh? A squirrel?"

Tyrone glanced as a small and adorable squirrel approached him, suddenly touching the formation.

"Hey little guy, if you touch that you're going to die."

"Is that what you think?"

"Huh...?"

For a moment, Tyrone was just... not getting it.

A squirrel just talked to him?!

"Did that squirrel fucking talk-"

BOOOM!

"Ugh?!"

Tyrone's white eyes widened as a huge explosion emerged from the ground, right where the squirrel had touched, countless wooden roots of enormous sizes broke open the entire street and destroyed his formation.

At the same time, an explosion of green light bombarded him, he covered his face with his arms as his tattoos emerged out of his body, manifesting as black specters that protected his body.

"What the hell?!"

He fell into the ground, rolling over the streets as he glared at the scene in disbelief. The squirrel was still there, now surrounded by hundreds of wooden roots.

"Did you think I was just a squirrel, friend?" laughed the squirrel. "Well, that's like part of the whole trick I guess..."

"Who the... who the fuck are you- AAGH!" Tyrone screamed in agony as he saw several roots rush towards his legs, the area where his tattoos had yet to reach, and beginning to pierce him with countless needles. "The whole formation is ruined! Fucking hell! Get off me!"

With a furious kick, a giant shockwave of darkness was unleashed, destroying dozens of roots at once with a huge explosion.

BOOOM!

"Are you some sort of spirit animal or what?!"

"I don't know what to tell you man, but you choose the wrong territory to mess with."

The squirrel just didn't take him seriously at all, as giant wooden roots continued to emerge everywhere, chasing the man constantly.

The people in the streets, which at this hour were very few, panicked as they saw the scene, running away, some of the neighbors started calling the police as well.

"Shit, the veil broke?!"

Tyrone had conjured a special invisibility veil so people wouldn't be able to see what they were doing, nor sense it either.

However, that damned squirrel just broke it with ease!

"Hahaha! I am not that good at the big fancy magic, but grandma always said I was good at breaking spells! I just messed a lil' bit with your crappy veil, I hope you forgive me!"

"Fuck you squirrel!"

Tyrone roared furiously, punching, and kicking across the wooden roots with extreme physical force, they were nothing against him, but they sure were annoying.

"Hmm, if he doesn't know about Druids they might not be related with the Blighter Society and likely don't know about Aria either..." thought the squirrel, his real name was Emilio. "Hmm, then who the hell are these losers?"

"Is that how you should be talking to a sacred animal of nature?!"

Suddenly, a giant hawk appeared above Tyrone, grabbing him by his shoulders and lifting him up into the skies with a single soaring leap.

FLASH!

"W-Wha...?! A talking hawk now?!"

Tyrone was sure having a terrible day.

"Yeah, a talking hawk."

And the hawk quickly dropped him after flying over two kilometers above the ground.

"Uuuuuuaggh!"