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Chapter 1201 Domain Growth

CLASH!

Before the crazed Falco were to hit me with its sharp beak, Blackie roared, swinging his claws and smacking the bird's head into the ground.

BAAAM!

"Craagh..."

Falco groaned in pain, its eyes were spinning, and its tongue was out, Mark and I ran to heal him, as the bird quickly widened its eyes.

"Crah? Craacaah!"

Suddenly, it seemed normal, it didn't seem threatening anymore, and it spread out its wings without any issues, greeting us happily.

"Did it go mad due to the power overload?" wondered Mark.

"Maybe..." I nodded. "Well! I'm glad he's back to normal... I think."

Falco seemed to have fully recovered from Blackie's powerful paw attack.

It was a bit rough but, I think it was... fine?

This seemed to have happened to Blackie too, but midway through he woke up from that "madness" that he got.

Perhaps because they're not bind by the system of BNLO, it is not as easy for them to stay in control of their powers...

Nonetheless, things went well, so it's fine!

[Congratulations! You have successfully evolved your Familiar: {Falco} from a Tier 2 Big Wind Hawk into a Tier 5 Divine Wind and Thunderstorm Hawk (Young Divine Beast)!]

[Falco has unlocked the following new Abilities: [Wind and Thunderstorm Domain] [Electric Boost] [Wind Blade] [Divine Beast Aura] [Divine Beast Rampage] [Ruler of the Skies] [Divinity Spark: Divine Wind and Thunderstorm Hawk]!]

[Falco's Available Abilities: Magic Feather Projectile, Windswept, Wind Slice, Magic Flight, Float, Spiritual Cloud Summon, Wind and Thunderstorm Domain, Electric Boost, Wind Blade, Divine Beast Aura, Divine Beast Rampage, Ruler of the Skies, Divinity Spark: Divine Wind and Thunderstorm Hawk]

[Falco has shared some of his Strength, Magic Power, and one Ability with you.]

[You gained +1.000 Wind and Thunder Beast Runes.]

[1 Divine Wind and Thunder Beast Rune = 10 Thunder, Wind, and Heaven Runes.]

[You gained +1.000 Beast Physique Runes.]

[You inherited the Ability: [Ruler of the Skies]

[The Ability has been transformed into a Unique Ability; its power has been increased slightly.]

Wait, hold on! I got an ability again? Ruler of the Skies!

But this should have been Mark's ability... Ah.

Can't I transfer it?

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No response, the voice seems done with this I guess.

And my Unique Abilities so far were...

Unique Abilities: [Inventory Transfer] [Pathway: Divinity] [Soul Devour] [Ruler of the Sky]

These are Abilities directly tied with my real body, unique powers only I have.

I have yet to fully utilize Soul Devour, it is kind of scary and I don't think I could easily eat souls... wouldn't it be sad? I would be denying the afterlife to them.

Then there's Ruler of the Sky, this one... I don't know exactly what it does. But it sounds strong. But it could be just as easily as just allowing me to easily fly or to control winds and even the weather at will.

But nah, it couldn't possibly be as strong as... Weather Control, that's at the level of a Omega Level Mutant after all!

"Looks like I got a new ability..." I said. "Just like when with Blackie I got Soul Devour, with Falco I obtained Ruler of the Sky."

"Oh, that's interesting," said Mark.

"Yeah! Maybe that's how you could get more abilities, mom," said Elena. "Try taming more animals."

"I-I don't think it can be that easy, they need to be at a certain level," I said. "Well, this is enough, I think I should test the ability first... Right! Falco, try using Ruler of the Sky!"

"Craaah!"

FLASH!

Falco flew into the skies above the sky, we could barely see him from down here, he flew so fast we were left speechless.

RUMBLE!

As it spread out its wings, a powerful aura surged from his body, the clouds in the sky started rapidly swirling around his body, electricity and winds being generated.

It wasn't the entire skies but... at least a range of a hundred meters?

With enough practice, it could expand even further, or with more Mana.

"H-He can manipulate the weather?!" Mark gasped. "Wait, how is that... He's creating and also controlling clouds, winds also gather around him, there's some rain too? Snow? And thunder! Wow..."

"Ah..." I was left speechless.

Wait, it's really Weather Control?!

Should I wear sexy, tight leotard, a cape, and paint my hair white and call myself Storm from now on?

This is too much...

I glanced at my own hands for a bit, as I Falco stopped doing what he did and came back here again.

"So that's what I can do too?" I wondered.

"I think it might be better for you as you have more Mana," said Mark. "Why not try it?"

"Hmm... I don't know, I'm kind of afraid... But this power could really be useful," I nodded. "For now, let's feed the Domain first. I can feel it is growing stronger and steadily, but it needs more energy."

We quickly dug up a huge hole with the help of spirits and then, decided to place half of the mana crystals for now, that's over five hundred of them.

Once placed inside, the ground moved on its own, closing the hole instantly and beginning to rapidly devour the crystals.

"CRUNCH, CRUNCH, CRUNCH..."

It was a bit creepy! As if my own garden was a living being, an organism of its own.

And then, a wave of pure spiritual light and mana surged, covering the entire Domain within a mere second.

FLUOSH!

Everything was covered with light, and this light spread further, far away, to the confines of my Domain itself, probably up to two more neighborhoods from here.

Naturally, most people didn't even notice. Even those that had awakened, unless they were strong, wouldn't really notice this presence either.

If anything, it might seem as if it was more comfortable and nicer to be around my Domain to these people, but that's about it.

"Nice, it's working!" laughed the Great Spirit, sitting over my head. "Elayne! Your Domain is evolving!"

"Eh?!"

RUMBLE!

Suddenly, the entire land around me changed, the ground shook and split apart, plants grew several times longer, generating a huge forest- no, a jungle!

It was as if I had been transported to another world, but this was just my house...

Chapter 1202 Domain Rank Up!

When everything finally ended, we found ourselves in a large jungle, it was as if the world itself had expanded in front of us, but no, this was actually just my garden.

"H-How is this possible?" I wondered, looking around.

"What happened? Mom?" Elena was a bit far away, but I called her.

"Here! Come here Elena!" I called.

Everyone else that had been lost in the jungle quickly followed my voice, arriving by my side again. That was a bit frightening, it was so huge and the expansion so fast it sent people everywhere.

However, I was sure that this was my Domain, and therefore, I could control it as well. Even if someone was lost here, I could easily bring them to my side through its powers.

"This is... quite something," said Mark. "But it's a bit beautiful, isn't it? The walls are over there... it is as if we're in a jungle and not... Is this some sort of spatial distortion?"

"Yes, once a Domain evolves, its spatial structure expands!" said the Great Spirit. "Right now, it has expanded to around two hundred meters! You can also freely make this expansion visible or not as you please. Try "retracting" it with your thought, Elayne."

"Retracting it?" I wondered. "Um, okay..."

I closed my eyes and then concentrated.

I imagined the jungle coming back, and then... like, getting smaller.

RUMBLE!

Suddenly, the garden was back to normal, although there were still large trees everywhere, it was still like before, but much... larger.

"Do people outside doesn't realize this?" I wondered.

"They don't," said the Great Spirit. "It is a spatial expansion unique to those inside the Domain, which then are allowed to see the true form of the Domain."

"I see... Oh?"

I heard the Voice of the World right afterwards.

[You have feed your {Domain} with over five hundred Mana Crystals]

[Your {Domain} has successfully absorbed all Crystals; its Growth has increased from 45% to 100%]

[Your {Domain Core: Heart of the Forest}: Tier 1: Ethereal Domain has Ranked Up to Tier 2: Realized Domain!]

[Your {Domain} growth has increased from 0% to 100% due to excess Magic Energy.]

[Your {Domain Core: Heart of the Forest}: Tier 2: Realized Domain has Ranked Up to Tier 3: Spirit Domain!]

[Your {Domain} growth has increased from 0% to 100% due to excess Magic Energy.]

[Your {Domain Core: Heart of the Forest}: Tier 3: Spirit Domain has Ranked Up to Tier 4: Magical Domain!]

[Your {Domain} growth has increased from 0% to 30% due to excess Magic Energy.]

[Your {Domain Core} has developed the new Themes: {Nature Soul Shrine} {Jungle of Wild Beasts} {Spirit Garden}!]

[The {Nature Soul Shrine} Theme has manifested. You will be able to cultivate and enhance the cultivation of Nature Souls within your Domain and your Domain might develop its own Nature Soul over time.]

[The {Jungle of Wild Beasts} Theme has manifested. Half of your Domain has become a Jungle full of Wild Beasts. Its large, lush vegetation and trees protects you from outside harm, and Wild Beasts might gather and grow stronger to better protect your Domain.]

[The {Spirit Garden} Theme has manifested. Spirits will grow over time and automatically out of any plant within your Domain. Spirits born from your Domain will not disappear and become its population and inhabitants instead, protecting and reinforcing your Domain in the process.]

Wow, three Themes! And my Domain became Tier 4!

[Your {Domain Core} has developed the new Abilities: [Nature Soul Summon] [Wild Beast Protection] [Spirit Growth]!]

[Your {Domain} has gained the new Domain Guardians: [Wandering Nature Soul: Squirrel of Youth] and [Protective Nature Soul: Turtle of Wisdom]!]

[The Domain Guardians: [Red Fae of Protection (Dead, Waiting Respawn)] and [Blue Fae of Protection (Dead, Waiting Respawn)] have been modified by the {Divine Authority: King of Fairies Oberon} into [White Fae of Healing] and [Black Fae of Curses]!]

This is...

Not only a squirrel and a turtle... like Emilio and Jose, but also the Fae were directly replaced by King Oberon himself?!

And they're different this time, one specialized on healing and another on Curses, not Protection.

Is this because of the Nature Soul Guardians?

I saw the information of my Domain, which appeared within a small wooden sign that popped out of the ground.

Domain: {Domain Core: Heart of the Forest}: Tier 4: Magical Domain. 30%/100%

Domain Themes: {Forest of Secrets} {Forest of Fantasia} {Nature Soul Shrine} {Jungle of Wild Beasts}
{Spirit Garden}

Domain Abilities: [Expanded Senses] [Domain Manipulation] [Nature's Gift] [Fountain of Life] [Domain
Quest Table] [Domain Shop] [Dream Gate] [Nature Soul Summon] [Wild Beast Protection] [Spirit
Growth]

Spirit Crystal Coins: 150 / Mystery Seeds: 0

Domain Guardians: [Wandering Nature Soul: Squirrel of Youth] [Protective Nature Soul: Turtle of Wisdom] [White Fae of Healing] [Black Fae of Curses] [Forest Fairy: Katherine (Temporary)]

Miscellaneous: [New Domain Quests Available (5)]

FLASH! FLASH!

The moment I realized the upgrades, I noticed something, two little heads emerged from the ground, and then erupted with flashes of bright light.

"Fugo... Fugo!"

"Fwah! Fwawah!"

It was the two little Fae!

They looked almost identical to the other Fae, but they had a black and a white cap instead. The little guys were also holding weapons on their own.

The black-capped Fae held a small black scepter, made of black wood and with a purple gem attached to it.

The white-capped Fae held a small white staff, made of white wood and nothing else.

"T-Those are the new Fae?" wondered my daughter.

"Yeah, they are! They're back!" cried Gabriel. "Katherine! They're back! Look!"

Katherine quickly appeared, watching the Fae appear.

"Oh my! So fast! It must be due to the changes... Tier 4 Domain is really decent now. A Magical Domain is the first step into forming a Lesser Realm," said Katherine. "Though you first need to reach Tier 6 to start that!"

"Maybe if I feed it the rest of the magic crystals..." I said, rubbing my chin. "But anyways, hello! Welcome here... I swear I won't let you die like the other two... I'm very sorry about them."

"Fugo, fugogo..." said the black capped Fae, nodding.

"Fwaah?" the little white capped Fae touched my leg and sent me a wave of light, somehow calming my anxiety a bit.

"Thank you," I sighed, patting their heads. "So, you two are not for protection, but healing and curses? Can you show me what you can do?"

"Fugooo!"

"Fweh~!"

Chapter 1203 A Love Letter?!

The two Fae seemed willing to show me what they could do, but before that, the black-capped Fae handed me what seemed to be a small, white-colored scroll.

"Huh? What's this?"

I wondered that as I grabbed it, quickly realizing it was actually a letter with words inside, made out of magic runes which I couldn't understand at first, but upon close inspect, as if illusions, they twisted into readable, English words.

"A letter?" Mark wondered, standing by my side.

"Looks like it," Elena nodded, doing the same.

"Huh, let me see!" Elisa said.

"Um, what does it say in there?" Monica asked.

"You guys, aren't you bothering her a bit too much? Give her some space..." sighed Anna, crossing her arms. "But what does it say?"

"I can detect some faint divine spirit energy in it!" said the Great Spirit. "It's something important! Read it!"

"O-Okay! please everyone, calm down, give me some more space..."

They walked a few steps back, finally with my own space, I quickly started reading it on my own, without saying it out loud for now.

And what it said was...

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For my dearest Spirit Maiden, Elayne.

I've been watching you with interest for some time now.

Your love for plants and spirits is truly awe inspiring.

It is a pity that two of my children died there, but they came back as heroes.

Please don't worry about them, my fair maiden.

Instead, I've chosen two very special children for this new task.

One of them will help you heal your friends.

And another will help you weaken enemies from afar.

This way, they can protect you better within the Domain.

I'm very interested in what you will do next.

Your Domain, although very small, has a beautiful aura, truly captivating, just like your beauty and your honest heart.

I am eagerly waiting for your Domain to one day become a Realm. Maybe once that happens, I will invite you to my castle, so we can share a meal, while I sing poems praising your grace.

Until then, bound by my own Laws, I cannot step out of my Realm.

I wish you the best of lucks, my most beautiful fairy, I am sure that you will do well.

I will be looking over you.

Please, take care.

To you with great love, King Oberon.

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"Huh..."

I'm really flattered and all, but is this how he usually talks to every female, or was he being flirty with me?

I hope he doesn't... actually like me or something, that would be a bit weird!

I quickly grabbed the paper and squeezed it, before everyone came running back to me asking what it said.

"What did it say?!" my daughter wondered.

"Was it King Oberon? It was him, right?" Katherine asked.

"Elayne?" Mark wondered, curious.

Ugh, what would he say if he reads this letter?

I need to throw it away or burnt it!

Yes, I need to burn this before- Ah.

"Gotcha!"

The Great Spirit out of nowhere stole my letter, opening it up and reading everything.

"For my dearest Spirit Maiden, Elayne. I've been watching you with interest for some time now. Your love for plants and spirits is truly awe inspiring. It is a pity that two of my children died there, but they came back as heroes. Please don't worry about them, my fair maiden? Huh?"

What's with his way of talking?" she wondered. "Instead, I've chosen two very special children for this new task. One of them will help you heal your friends. And another will help you weaken enemies from afar. This way, they can protect you better within the Domain. I'm very interested in what you will do next.

Your Domain, although very small, has a beautiful aura, truly captivating, just like your beauty and your honest heart- Pfff! He's definitely flirty with you! Hahaha!"

I covered my face in embarrassment.

"I'm sorry Mark! I didn't mean it like that, I don't like him!" I apologized.

"Huh? T-There's nothing to apologize for?" Mark wondered. "That another man likes you is not really your fault... Although King Oberon is... quite the competition. I better up my game too."

"Eh?! No, I will never replace you, don't think like that!" I panicked.

"Haha, I was joking," he patted my head. "Don't worry. I'm not mad at you... Though, yeah, I'm a bit mad at him. Doesn't he know we have a relationship?"

"Um... well, I can't believe this..." Katherine's impression of her King quickly pummeled. "T-To think my King would be this flirty with a human woman... He hasn't done something like this for the last six hundred years! I thought he had promised the fairies and spirits he wouldn't go around the mortal realm flirting again!

He even made an Oath, so he's confined on his own realm to not cause any more mischief outside but... I guess letters are fair game, huh?"

"I haven't read everything yet, just you wait!" the Great Spirit kept laughing. "I am eagerly waiting for your Domain to one day become a Realm. Maybe once that happens, I will invite you to my castle, so we can share a meal, while I sing poems praising your grace. Until then, bound by my own Laws, I cannot step out of my Realm.

I wish you the best of lucks, my most beautiful fairy, I am sure that you will do well. I will be looking over you. Please, take care. To you with great love, King Oberon! Hahaha! With Great Love?!

Oh my gosh this is becoming a romantic comedy now! Hahahaha!"

The damned Great Spirit wouldn't stop laughing in the air, rolling around and giggling until she hit a tree.

"Ouch!"

I quickly glanced back at Katherine, who was facepalming.

"I-Is he always like this?" I asked.

"Yes... well, supposedly, not anymore," she said. "But she does flirt with every maiden in the realm that's an adult. Thankfully I'm still considered a child! He's a womanizer!"

"Huh... I remember that in the fairy tales, there was Queen Titania too... she doesn't exist?" asked Elisa, who was knowledgeable about the origins of King Oberon.

"Queen Titania? Who?" Katherine wondered, tilting her head.

"So Queen Titania ended being born a whole other world apart from Oberon?!" the Great Spirit screamed. "Dammit... Hm, well, our Titania is pretty lonely, right? Maybe..."

"Are you playing at matchmaking now?!" I screamed.

Seriously, someone needs to shut her up already!

Chapter 1204 The Limits Of Growth

As the Great Spirit laughed, I glanced once more to the Domain Information, which displayed itself on that wooden sign for my convenience. It was as if my Domain itself wanted to act as a System-like interface for me, which I appreciated.

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Miscellaneous: [New Domain Quests Available (5)]

So first of all, I ended jumping from Tier 1 to Tier 4 immediately... Thanks to 500 purified Mana Crystals extracted from those very powerful Hollows that invaded my Domain.

But I think that wouldn't had been enough... Maybe the bodies of the two Druids, their essence fully merged with my Domain when the crystals were absorbed.

Maybe that's how it jumped so quickly and... well, why I got those two mysterious Guardians with me now.

Yeah, the [Wandering Nature Soul: Squirrel of Youth] and the [Protective Nature Soul: Turtle of Wisdom].

Unlike the Faes, who appeared right after they were summoned, these two Guardians are supposedly already here, even when they had yet to appear.

I suppose they won't appear out of nowhere and just start talking to us, their conditions must be different, I believe.

After all, they are... well, the Nature Souls of people, not Faes. So they're entirely different. Though, one of my Domain Themes is Nature Soul Shrine, and the Domain Ability Nature Soul Summon is there too.

But honestly, after what happened and their sacrifice, I don't really want to bother their souls. I'll let them decide when to appear or do whatever they want. I don't think it's fair to just call them now.

There must be a reason why they're not just openly appearing and all of that after all, so let's leave them.

"Hahh..."

Despite the funny moments of Oberon's letter, I still... well, don't feel that good anyways, what happened yesterday was really impactful. The very reason I've upgraded my Domain is because of that after all.

"What should I do now?" I wondered, glancing at Mark and my daughter. "I've spent most of the Crystals, there's the other half but... I don't know, should we use them?"

"Well, I think that... Yes, you should," said Mark. "Although our prioritizing our growth would be nice, I think protecting and strengthening your domain even more is more crucial."

"I agree with Mark!" nodded Elena. "Also we got our Divine Fusion Skills we can use here now, right? They're connected to our Souls after all."

"Right..." I nodded. "Hmm, still, I don't want to use everything... I wonder, Katherine, can you tell if I could Rank Up the Domain again with more crystals?"

"Hmm... Let me check," the fairy nodded. "Hmmm!"

She closed her eyes, expanding an aura that resembled a domain of green and golden light. Which then was absorbed by the Domain.

"Yes, I can feel it... if you use a bit over four hundred, you might be able to get to the next Rank!" she said.

"Really?!" I gasped. "Nice, then...!"

"Wait a minute," she stopped me. "Are you really sure you want to do this though? If your Domain grows even faster now, it might become unstable. Three Ranks in a row is already insane... I am not really sure how your Domain hasn't just broken out and begun merging with the world outside.

Usually Domains of your Rank take over entire places, hence why most people build their Domains outside of big cities."

"Eh? I didn't know..." I muttered.

"I would say... Let your domain rest, use the crystals on yourselves," Katherine said. "I know you're worried about being attacked again the same way as before, but its utterly impossible for it to happen again after these changes... Your Domain has finally become what it should have been from the beginning. Another rank won't change that fact. It might risk making it unstable though."

"So... it's a no, huh?" I wondered.

"I agree with her," nodded the Great Spirit. "Let it rest for a week, minimum. Use those crystals to get stronger, you guys! You need them."

"Damn, well, if that's the case, then there's no other way," Marks shrugged. "Let's try absorbing as many as we can until we feel... well, tired like Elisa and Monica did."

"Okay then!" Elena nodded.

"Fine," I agreed. "Let's begin."

We sat around the huge pile of mana crystals and began absorbing them over time. I wasn't too patient as to do it one by one, so I absorbed like four per refinement process.

Auras of Mana spread everywhere at once, as we continued assimilating the Mana and refining our Magic Circle and Physique, which we've been exercising daily.

Eventually, as we accumulated more physical workout, our physiques also responded after absorbing a lot of Mana Crystals.

My limit was 100, after that, I felt too bloated, like I would end up puking my own Mana reserves, so I stopped there.

"Phew... It's done."

FLUOSH!

My Aura of Mana surged from my body and Magic Circle, stronger than ever before. Glowing with gold, silver, green, red, and blue colors.

The runes of my magic circle came together, old spells quickly merged and created new ones, constantly growing in power at the same time.

I felt another element coursing through me now, my connection with my Avatar in BNLO growing stronger, giving me her Time Element, although much weaker than Planta.

"This is... amazing!"

I felt my body glowing brightly, as my physique evolved, for a moment, angelic wings grew from my back, spreading out and glowing with silver light.

Then, a second pair of wings appeared below them, which were made of golden feathers.

And even my Halo started trembling, glowing.

"T-This is...?"

Chapter 1205 Magic Circle Growth! Learning Dozens Of New Spells!

Without a doubt, my Physique evolution was shaping me to be something different than Planta in BNLO. The combination of energies, elements, and the power of the Angelic Halo were already shaping me into something different, yet at the same time, perhaps connected to Planta.

It was nice that I wasn't become an exact copy of my avatar, and instead becoming my own being, but at the same time, it was a bit scary how much I would change every time my Physique developed...

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"T-This is...?"

Then, my Halo expanded, gaining a second ring to it, and becoming silver and gold in color. At the same time, there was a sign of a sand clock in the halo.

"So my evolution also evolves my angelic powers...?"

Well, back in Arcadia I did fight and killed several Demons. And I don't remember seeing any notification, so I assumed it didn't appear when I did it in another world.

But maybe that's not the case?

"Ooh..."

Aside from the halo and the angelic wings, my hands and legs were now covered on small golden scales, making my fingers large with long silver-colored claws.

They resembled the talons and legs of birds, with those small, yet tight scales they possess, but made entirely out of gold.

This, combined with the many silver feathers over my body, gave me the resemblance of a half-bird person, or maybe a Harpy?

Though, my dragon horns, made of white wood, grew strongly over my head, spiraling upwards and then being covered with gold.

I also had my tail, longer and thinner than before, now covered in these same feathers.

"Woah, I became feathered?" I wondered, glancing at my body. "It feels like these changes only continue to become more permanent."

"C-Can you shapeshift back?" wondered my daughter.

"Yes... I think I can, but I like it like this for now, I think I'll stay like this for a little while," I giggled.

I wanted to stay in this form because it allowed for the easier flow of Mana and other energies after all, so while in this form, I suddenly heard the Voice of the World.

[You have successfully absorbed 100 Mana Crystals. You have refined and absorbed the Rich mana into your Magic Circle and Physique.]

[You have refined +1.100 Spiritual Runes. Your Magic Circle Tier 3: Rank 9 Spiritual Magic Circle has Ranked Up to Tier 5: Rank 1: Holy Draconic Spiritual Magic Circle.]

[All of your Spiritual Runes have gained Draconic and Holy Attributes.]

[Your Maximum Mana Capacity has increased exponentially.]

[Your Control over Magic has been greatly enhanced.]

[Your Resistance against Magic Damage has been strengthened.]

[Your Connection with the Spiritual Planes have become deeper and stronger.]

[You have Engraved the Following Spells into your Magic Circle]: {Spiritual Domain Soul Connection}, {Spiritual Domain Beast Spirit Summon}, {Spiritual Domain Guardian Fusion}, {Spear of Fragmented Time}, {Time-Eating Spirit Flames}, {Holy Radiant Draconic Angel Armor}, {Time Spirit Summon}, {Divine Demon Sealing Ward Cube}, {Frost Dragon of Time Breath}, {Fire Dragon of Dreams Claws}, {Wind Dragon of Celestial Light Tail}

The Spells continued growing stranger over time, these certainly looked weird when I looked at them.

And above all, my Magic Circle became Tier 5, it jumped over a Tier so easily...

I guess that's why I got so many Spells. I did will some of them to appear, I wanted more Domain-related Spells so I could better control it from afar.

Hopefully, if I use these spells while in Arcadia, perhaps I could do something even when I'm busy there. I've already tested Spells that my Magic Circle possess do work there.

So if I use a Spell connected to my Domain here, it should work too, right?

I also added more interesting offensive Spells, an attack-type time attribute spell in the form of a spear, then flames that eat time from foes, armor for more protection, and also...

Time Spirit Summon!

It was just a theory I had, but the only Time Spirits out there are those within the Fragment of Cloudia, which became a Realm of its own.

So if I use that Spell, and open the connection to Cloudia's Fragmented Realm of Time, could I summon the people there temporarily?

I'll need to test that.

After that, an already built-in demon sealing spell, which was much needed, it also fuses my Ward Summoning abilities from my Angelic Halo, but because it's a spell it costs no Celestial Energy.

And lastly, those three other Spells were mostly experimentation as I merged elements together, they're all offensive spells, but might be stronger than anything I had before.

[You have refined 1.100 Physique Runes. Your Physique: {Holy Dragon Tree Princess}: Tier 2: Rank 5, has Ranked Up and Evolved into Physique: {Four-Winged Draconic Nephalem of Time}: Tier 3: Rank 6!]

[Your Physical Strength, Dexterity, Speed, Agility, Defenses, and Vitality has been strengthened.]

[Your Maximum Amount of Stamina that your body possesses has increased greatly.]

[You have Engraved the Following Physique Techniques into your Physique]: {Four Angelic Wings of Silver and Gold}, {High Demon Resistance}, {High Curses Resistance}, {Holy Fist of Time}, {Heaven-Splitting Soul Blade}, {Holy Draconic Nephalem Transformation}, {Time Ward Creation}, {Angelic Dragon Spirit Summon}

There it was the evolution! So it is a four-winged Draconic Nephalem... of time?! That's a complicated name.

And the Halo...

[The {Will of Heaven} has recognized your achievements on slaying Demon Dukes and a Demon Prince even in another world.]

[You have gained +1.200 Angelic Runes due to your achievements. Your Angelic Halo: {Spiritual Angelic Halo} Rank 9 has Evolved to {Pseudo Divine Angelic Halo} Rank 1!]

[Your Total Celestial Energy pool has increased massively.]

[The {Will of Heaven} bestows upon you gifts for your achievements...]

Oh?

Chapter 1206 The {Will Of Heaven}'s Gifts

After noticing that my Magic Circle and Physique successfully Ranked Up and granted me a lot of new spells and techniques, the Halo's information emerged through the Voice of the World.

[The {Will of Heaven} has recognized your achievements on slaying Demon Dukes and a Demon Prince even in another world.]

[You have gained +1.200 Angelic Runes due to your achievements. Your Angelic Halo: {Spiritual Angelic Halo} Rank 9 has Evolved to {Pseudo Divine Angelic Halo} Rank 1!]

[Your Total Celestial Energy pool has increased massively.]

[The {Will of Heaven} bestows upon you gifts for your achievements...]

Apparently the Will of Heaven knows about Arcadia and was able to even detect and see what happened there! This further adds up to my theory that both Heaven and Hell, as Planes are shared between Earth and Arcadia.

[The {Will of Heaven} has granted you a new Title.]

[You have been granted the Title: {Demon Slaying Angel}: Increases Total Celestial Energy by 100%, adds 1000 Angelic Runes to your Angelic Halo, increases Damage against Demons by 200% and grants the ability to detect Demonic Presences within 1 Kilometer from you.]

[The {Will of Heaven} has gifted you an item: [Eden Apple Tree Seed], [Heaven Cloud], [Archangel Feather]

Three items suddenly materialized out of thin air in front of my face, landing on the ground. One of them was a large avocado-sized golden seed, the other was a bed-sized fluffy white cloud, and the third was a huge white colored feather, emanating a golden aura.

"Ooh, this is amazing... three items this time."

Glancing at the items with my family, we were a bit surprised.

"Another apple seed!" said Gabriel happily. "Now we can get two trees! Yaaay! I'm going to go plant it!"

"Oh? Okay!" I nodded as I let Gabriel do his thing.

He ran into the garden and then found a good spot, where he started digging with his bare hands, placing the seed there, then covering it with dirt and then injecting celestial energies.

FLUOSH!

The process was almost instant, as a small sapling grew from the ground. It was faster than before I believe, and it was a bit larger too.

"But what's this for?" wondered my daughter. "A... floating cloud? Wait, are you mean to ride it like Goku?"

"I-I don't think that's its purpose," I said. "I am not so sure, but it seems to be like a tiny piece of heaven. Also there's this feather too! Maybe it's a material for something? Perhaps to strengthen my physique? Or give it to someone else..."

I glanced at Mark, I had not thought about it, but maybe I could help him evolve his physique and he can become an angel as well!

"Huh? Me?" Mark was a bit flustered.

"Wait!" Katherine suddenly said. "I think I get it... Great Spirit from another world, do you get it too? This cloud..."

"Ah... Yeah," nodded the Great Spirit. "That Cloud is not just a cloud, its quite literally a piece of the sky. If you merge it with your Domain, it'll be more complete, its internal space will become... more "real" as it would gain a fake sky of its own. Its one of the first steps to turn your Domain into a Realm!

If you can successfully let your Domain assimilate the cloud, then it'll grow into a Realm in no time!"

"A-A Realm in no time?! Really?" I wondered.

"Wait, wait, don't just give her hopes like that," Katherine sighed. "No, you're not getting your own Realm anytime soon Elayne, so calm down. It'll lay the groundwork, but you need to go through several steps before even getting to the Realm part. Though, a Magical Domain is one of the first steps, getting a "fake sky" is another, but there's several more."

"Oh, I understand," I nodded. "And this feather, what is it for? Material?"

"Yes," nodded Katherine. "I think so... Hm, wait, can't you summon a Heavenly Spirit? Maybe they can help you."

"Right!"

I quickly stood back up again and then conjured the spell, the runes within my magic circle aligning and unleashing the magic circle into the world.

"{Heavenly Spirit Summon}!"

FLAAASH!

The skies above trembled as a small ray of light descended into the ground right in front of me, hitting the floor like thunder.

And then they appeared, a Heavenly Spirit, shaped like a small angel, with no visible features, completely made of light.

Well, it did have some features, two golden eyes made of light.

They spread out their wings, glancing at me.

"Someone that can summon a Heavenly Spirit... You must be the person that other guy was talking about, are you not?" they asked with a feminine voice. "I have no name, but I am what you were asking for, a Heavenly Spirit. My stay here is limited, so tell me, what do you need me to do? I can't do anything that goes against my own morality or the laws of heaven though."

"I-I see, so you're not the same person as the other..." I said.

"Unfortunately so, your spell cannot target a specific Heavenly Spirit, it just summons one at random... I was the lucky one, as some would say, or the unlucky one, as I would like to say," she sighed, crossing her arms.

She was a bit sassy...

"I see... Well, I wanted to ask you a few questions regarding the gifts that the Will of Heaven granted to me," I explained. "There's this cloud... and then the feather. As you can see, this is my Domain, it's a Magical Domain as of now... And yes, I also have a Halo, so I'm kind of like an angel... or something close to it."

"I see!" she nodded. "Interesting... So you've been granted gifts from Heaven, that just never happens. Just what did you do?"

"I've permanently killed a couple demons, and helped permanently kill three dukes and one prince," I explained.

"Oh, very well then- HUH?!" her glowing eyes widened. "Y-You what?!"

"As you heard... I-"

"I heard you the first time!" she cried. "This is... you can permanently kill demons?!"

"Yes." I nodded. "It's not too hard, you simply have to target their souls directly and shatter it into pieces."

"That's not something easy to do!"

Chapter 1207 A Talk With A Heavenly Spirit

I suppose the Heavenly Spirit's Reaction was earned; I did act a bit aloof there. I can destroy Demons Soul through a combination of many factors after all, but I never thought it was that hard. So even Angels struggle with truly slaying them?

"Anyways, I know we got little time so please can you help?" I asked as nicely as I could.

"Ah! Yes..." she nodded. "Very well, let me see... A fragment of heaven's clouds?! And... an archangel feather! What with these gifts?! The Heavenly Will is really... Hah, based in what you've done I suppose it's well earned."

"Can you help me place the Heaven Cloud in my Domain?" I asked. "I don't know how to combine it into it... Also about the feather, do you have any recommendations on how to use it?"

"Sure, I'll get to it right away."

She quickly spread out a Heavenly Spiritual Aura, grabbing the cloud and then pushing it upwards into the skies.

Her Aura then divided into thousands of different hands, molding and shaping the Domain itself and at the same time, placing the cloud at the "ceiling" of my domain.

By doing so, the Cloud began to rapidly spread out like dough, combining with the ceiling of the domain and then rapidly becoming one with it.

Honestly, it was an impressive showcase of power and angelic abilities, despite only being a Heavenly Spirit, it could do so much already!

FLUOSH!

As the assimilation began by my Domain, which was done almost automatically, she quickly flew back to my side glancing at me while I held the feather.

"An archangel feather is a treasure among treasures," she said. "In your world you could give it any price, and anybody would buy it. But I am sure the Will of Heaven knew you wouldn't do that... It's a material, you could absorb it and enhance your Halo by a bit. Or you could... give it to someone else, and if the Will of Heaven approve, they could also gain a Halo."

"Really?!" I gasped. "Then..."

"However..."

She quickly glanced at Gabriel, who was happily looking at the trees.

"I am sure this isn't something you have much of a choice on giving," she said. "That child is an angel, right? An archangel at that. One that lost most of their power, identity, and memories... But their soul is very powerful. So strong... could it be... Is he Gabriel?"

"Y-Yes..." I nodded. "He came to my house asking for help once, a demon was cashing him, and I killed the demon, since then he has been living with us... Hahah."

"S-So this is where Gabriel ended on! Most of Heaven's inhabitants had been waiting for him to reincarnate in Heaven to help him recover his strength and memories but..." muttered the Heavenly Spirit. "To think he's living with you! Can't you let him go back to Heaven?"

"Apparently he ended weakened and can't fly to Heaven yet," I said. "Oh..."

Then I realized something.

The feather in my hands, its aura...

Was very similar to Gabriel.

"That feather is one from Gabriel's previous form," said the Heavenly Spirit. "I am fairly sure the Will of Heaven granted it to you so you could give it to him... And well, if he can't go to Heaven yet, unless angels come down here to directly bring him back, nothing much can be done... And angels are too busy, they're definitely not going to do this for now."

"Too busy? Like... always busy?" I asked.

"It started recently since that "First Contact" with the other World," she said. "Demons have become more common in the Mortal World due to the large quantities of Mana, making it easy for them to keep their demonic powers stable without them weakening.

Nowadays, they don't even need special vessels to harbor their souls, anybody that just Awakened and has been a bit accustomed to Cursed Energy can harbor their souls or make many contracts with them... Some call it the New Era of Demons."

"So that's why they're busy..." I nodded. "But when I found Gabriel he was already like this, does that mean he's already reincarnated?"

"Most... likely? Or perhaps he has gone through a similar state after being attacked," she said. "Who was chasing him?"

"A third rate and very weak demon whose name I don't even remember anymore," I said. "But I think it wasn't anybody noteworthy if I could have killed it without even having a Halo yet."

"Wow... You're strong," she said. "Well, even then, perhaps... He was taken down by a much stronger demon. You know that Gabriel was one of the Seven Pillars of Heaven, right? His strength is comparable... to a Lesser God, and even stronger when he wields his Divine Equipment. Yet somehow he was defeated so quickly, and his weakened form, which seems semi-reincarnated, ended near your house..."

"What are you trying to imply?" I wondered.

"That whoever was that enormously strong demon, they might be within this city, or close to it," she said.

We all quickly became paralyzed for a bit... True, this place is a nest of demons and other cursed sorcerers. Whoever was the monster that killed Gabriel, it must be close to this city, it can't be here, their presence would be too strong, right?

"Maybe that immensely powerful demon was the one that sent those sorcerers here," said Mark. "And maybe that monster was also who knew we were busy in BNLO... They probably planned it with whoever is in the Luminous Kingdom. Maybe Merlinus? He gave him the demons, and then once we were caught in that event, he sent his minions IRL to eliminate us."

"Huh... How do you know about the Luminous Kingdom?" the Heavenly Spirit was shocked. "The information about the Other World... shouldn't be known by mortals."

"Ah, well... it's complicated." I said. "Not even I am sure why this game was created. But Brand New Life Online..."

I explained to her what we knew, and she was surprised. Thus, her words completely confirmed it, Heaven and Hell are shared between Earth and Arcadia, who she calls "Expanded World" for some reason.

"Does Earth and this Other World have a deeper connection than we imagined?" I asked. "A-Are there other worlds connected to Heaven and Hell?"

"I don't know... I know very little as I'm just a spirit," she sighed. "Sorry."

I guess it was worth asking.

Chapter 1208 Absorbing The Heaven Cloud

Apparently, she didn't know more than that, unfortunately. Still, I was glad that theory was somewhat confirmed. She said she knew about the "Luminous Kingdom" and the "Expanded World" from overhearing angels and cherubins in Heaven.

It seems that Heavenly Spirits just live everywhere, either serving these races or making up their entire world. She said she served angels in a huge castle where they armed and practiced fighting demons. Apparently angels are constantly training and dedicating themselves on protecting the mortal world from demons and anything related to them.

"Maybe it might not seem like this because there has been demons and monsters everywhere now... But that's only because of the First Contact," she said proudly. "Imagine if the angels weren't here, it would have been so much worse! They're your eternal guardians, so always pray to them and wish them good luck!

Prayers contain Faith, an energy that Angels can absorb to become stronger, so never forget praying four times a day before every meal and before going to sleep!"

"A-Ah, yeah..."

Honestly, I don't know if I'll even remember doing that.

"Anyways, from what I heard... they said something about demons appearing in this Luminous Kingdom," she said. "And they said they were unable to deploy the Valkyries, the specialized team of angels of that Extended World because they've been dealing with keeping the Armies of... Death? From breaking out of the... Underworld? Or something like that."

Wait...

So the reason why the Demon King of Death's awakening has been delayed so much is thanks to the Valkyries constantly fighting them off in the Underworld itself?!

Damn, the situation might be more dire than it was already!

We need to hurry... Raiding the Underworld comes right after dealing with Merlinus, and for that I need to gather Players, a lot.

The fight against Merlinus is close, maybe today, or tomorrow, at any moment now.

So for that, I need to prepare.

"Anything else you know?" I wondered.

"Ah, no..." she sighed. "But that feather is from Gabriel, so please... give it back to him. I don't know if it'll help him go back to heaven but... it will help him regain his strength, even if a bit."

Her body was already turning into particles of light, disappearing.

"Okay then, thank you for everything!"

"No problem... You seem much more connected to the fate of our world than I imagined. I wish you good luck."

Although I had thought she was sassy before, I take that back, she was a good person.

FLASH!

As she disappeared, going back to the Plane of Heaven, I sighed in relief, noticing everyone had already Ranked Up their Magic Circles. Also Mark's physique seemed ready to evolve, but he needed some materials, I think.

My daughter also had automatically developed a physique without needing materials, most likely due to her connection to her avatar being so strong, I could already guess what her physique ended becoming, as her skin turned blue, and she gained tiny black horns.

"Woah, Elena! You became a bit like your avatar! Though your skin color is much paler than the strong blue of your avatar and your horns are much tinier," giggled Anna.

"Yeah, it's surprising! I have yet to get a physique myself... Do I need to exercise even more? How bothersome!" Elisa complained.

"Hmm... I guess we have to work hard," Monica nodded.

"So you'll give the feather to Gabriel?" wondered Mark.

"Yep, did you want it?" I wondered.

"Of course not, I was shocked when you thought about giving it to me..." he sighed. "Anyways, I think that we should definitely give it to him. If he was stronger, maybe what happened yesterday... it could have been a bit different."

"True..." I nodded. "Alright Gabriel, come here!"

"Huh? What is it?" he quickly floated to our side, looking very curious. "Ohh!"

Until he noticed the big feather on my hand.

"Is that an archangel feather? I can feel some connection to it!" he said.

"Yes it is!" I nodded. "Do you want it? Here, so you can grow a bit stronger."

"T-Thank you!"

The cute angel boy quickly grabbed the feather and...

"Nom! Gulp..."

He ate it?!

We felt a bit shocked he just ate a big fluffy feather, which could have made him choke or something.

However, none of such things happened, the boy immediately absorbed the feather and started glowing brightly.

FLAAASH!

"Wooaaah!"

The light enveloped him completely, as if it were a cocoon!

Maybe he would change his appearance and age a bit?

The light cocoon encompassed him, fused with his body, then his body was revealed.

"Nice! I feel stronger! My wings got a big bigger, I think? Yes! Like... three centimeters bigger, wow, that's a lot!"

"Huh?"

We were staring at Gabriel in disbelief, after that show of lights, we imagined he would become a young adult or something but...

Aside from his golden and silky hair being even longer than before, and him looking... even cutter, he had not aged at all.

Did that feather even worked?!

"My Celestial Energy must have tripled now..." he said, looking at his hands and how they produced particles of light. "My magic is stronger, and I think my techniques as well! Perhaps I can do much more now, big sis! Everyone!"

He was very happy, so we smiled and congratulated him for his growth... I suppose that's for the better anyways. It would be awkward if he suddenly became a handsome young man while keeping his childish tendencies.

"That's nice to hear Gabriel!" I patted his little head. "Who wants some ice cream?"

"Me! Meee!" he started jumping happily.

Wasn't he cute? Maybe it's fine if he remains a child... Katherine I think? Did said that it would take him thousands of years to grow up... Huh, well, whatever.

As we moved back to the house to have a small break and eat something to cool down the heat produced by my domain, which felt like we were in the middle of the amazonian jungles in summer, I heard a new Voice of the World.

[Your {Domain} has successfully assimilated the [Heaven Cloud] and has materialized a {Imperfect Sky} with it.]

[The Essence of the {Fake Sky} makes your {Domain} feel more complete. You have advanced yet another step into the creation of a Realm...]

Chapter 1209 A Growing Domain, Domain Quests, And Nature Souls

As we ate ice cream with my family and friends while preparing for Mark's Physique Evolution and also sorting out my materials to see if I can help the Druids get Magic Circles, I heard a Voice of the World. Looks like the Heaven Cloud was completely assimilated!

[Your {Domain} has successfully assimilated the [Heaven Cloud] and has materialized a {Imperfect Sky} with it.]

[The Essence of the {Fake Sky} makes your {Domain} feel more complete. You have advanced yet another step into the creation of a Realm.]

[Your {Domain Core: Heart of the Forest}: Tier 4: Magical Domain Growth has developed from 30% to 50%!]

[Your {Domain Core} has developed the new Theme: {Heaven Fragment}!]

[The {Heaven Fragment} has manifested. Your Domain's skies are similar in nature to the skies of the Heaven Plane, capable of harboring and slowly gathering Celestial Energy for you to use as reserves. Additionally, your Domain gains greater protection against Cursed, Undead, and Demonic beings. Meanwhile, there's a small chance for a little miracle to occur.]

[Your {Domain Core} has developed the new Ability: [Heaven Bridge]!]

[Your {Domain} has gained the new Domain Guardians: [Lesser Heavenly Spirits]!]

[The Domain Guardians: [Lesser Heavenly Spirits] will manifest once the Skies of your Domain gather enough Celestial Energy over time.]

"Amazing... So much growth."

Not only I got a Theme, but also a new Ability and a new Guardian, or Guardians!

But what is this Heaven Bridge Ability?

[The Domain Ability [Heaven Bridge] cannot manifest yet. Celestial Energy is needed for Lesser Heavenly Spirits to descend and use the Heaven Fragment as their new home.]

So that's how it works! It is how the Heavenly Spirits come to begin with, gotcha.

I took a look once more at the wooden sign outside.

Domain: {Domain Core: Heart of the Forest}: Tier 4: Magical Domain. 50%/100%

Domain Themes: {Forest of Secrets} {Forest of Fantasia} {Nature Soul Shrine} {Jungle of Wild Beasts}
{Spirit Garden} {Heaven Fragment}

Domain Abilities: [Expanded Senses] [Domain Manipulation] [Nature's Gift] [Fountain of Life] [Domain
Quest Table] [Domain Shop] [Dream Gate] [Nature Soul Summon] [Wild Beast Protection] [Spirit
Growth] [Heaven's Bridge]

Spirit Crystal Coins: 150 / Mystery Seeds: 0

Domain Guardians: [Wandering Nature Soul: Squirrel of Youth] [Protective Nature Soul: Turtle of
Wisdom] [White Fae of Healing] [Black Fae of Curses] [Forest Fairy: Katherine (Temporary)] [Lesser
Heavenly Spirits (In Development)]

Miscellaneous: [New Domain Quests Available (6)]

Hmm, looks alright. Also there's a new Quest, huh? I should check what they are and see if I can do any
right now.

"Domain, show me the Domain Quests, please."

RUMBLE!

The ground below trembled, as a large wooden sign popped out of the ground, there were six papers attached to them. These were the six quests...

[Available Domain Quests (6)]

[Tier 4 Domain Quest: Hunt 200 Hollows (0/200)]

[Tier 4 Domain Quest: Feed the Domain 100 Monster Corpses (0/100)]

[Tier 4 Domain Quest: Plant 100 Trees Inside the Domain (0/100)]

[Tier 4 Domain Quest: Hunt 1 Demon And Feed it to the Domain (0/1)]

[Tier 4 Domain Quest: Grow 300 Spirit Plants (0/300)]

[Tier 4 Domain Quest: Summon 10 Lesser Heavenly Spirits (0/10)]

These quests didn't look as easy as the ones from the previous Tier 1 Domain. I think that the higher the Tier, the more... well, expensive these quests become. Both in terms of effort and requirements. Hopefully also with the rewards.

"Wasn't the city cleaned of Hollows? I guess we can't easily find them anymore... But the Monster stuff doesn't seem too hard," I said. "Also there's the hunt one demon... That isn't happening anytime soon. Growing 300 Spirit Plants might take some time but not too long given my powers. Then there's... the last quest, that also will take time."

"What about the 100 trees?" wondered Mark.

"Seems easy as well," I nodded. "I just need 100 new tree saplings, I could buy them or grow them separately... Luckily, Lily has a shop and also an ability that could help. I'll ask her if she can help..."

I sent her a message and she answered almost right away, saying she'll bring me 40 saplings she had in her shop and 60 seeds to grow into saplings.

She also said that would be like... three thousand dollars or something, which I accepted without problems. I'm quite rich right now after all.

With that done, the only thing was hunting monsters and planting spirit plants, I can begin doing that right away as well.

"Like this...!"

I quickly waved my hand, as small wooden clones of me, extending from my body through wooden connections, started walking around.

I gave them plants from my inventory, which I had grown into spirit plants from Arcadia, and they started planting them.

It was 300, so it wasn't ending anytime soon though.

"While we're getting that done... I need to find them... Druids! Are you there? Somewhere?"

I waited a bit, but they eventually arrived. A white howl, a hawk with green eyes, and a black crow descended from the skies.

"Goddess is there something you need?" asked Grandma Jannis.

"Yes, a bit..." I nodded. "I wanted to see if it was possible to give you magic circles! Also, could you teach me more about Nature Souls? I want to develop one... if possible."

"Magic Circles?" wondered Jannis.

"What do you mean with that, goddess?" Rudras wondered.

"Is it possible to have such a thing... within us? Is this the secret behind your apostles' powers?" asked Judith.

"More or less," I nodded. "Mine too. There's also Physique Forging. Maybe that could also help you, seeing how you're all very strong, you might be able to get both right away. How about we try? I want you to be stronger after all."

The three druids glanced at one another, before jumping down from the roof and quickly turning back into their original human forms.

"Very well, goddess, we accept your offer to grow stronger," nodded Jannis. "In response, we'll also help your companions to get a Nature Soul, if they're compatible."

"What about me?" I wondered.

"You? But you're a Goddess, you already have one. This entire Domain is part of it, connected to your Soul, a Nature Soul, right?" wondered Judith.

"Indeed," Rudras nodded. "You already have one."

"Huh?! Really?"

Do I?

Chapter 1210 Learning About Nature Souls

After I called the three Druids and offered them my help to become stronger in exchange for them helping me and my family get Nature Souls, they seemed to quickly agree. The three druids glanced at one another, before jumping down from the roof and quickly turning back into their original human forms.

"Very well, goddess, we accept your offer to grow stronger," nodded grandma Jannis, her smile decorating her kind wrinkled face. "In response, we'll also help your companions to get a Nature Soul, if they're compatible."

Nice! Well, if they're compatible...

At least Mark should get one easily, right?

Though I don't know if the rest are attuned enough to do so...

"What about me?" I wondered.

They said my apostles, but not me.

Why?

"You? But you're a Goddess, you already have one. This entire Domain is part of it, connected to your Soul, a Nature Soul, right?" wondered Judith.

The black-haired girl glanced at me while tilting her head in confusion.

"Indeed," Rudras nodded. "You already have one."

I already have... one?

"Huh?! Really?"

Do I?

I glanced at them in disbelief.

"So the Domain was a way to get a Nature Soul this entire time! I had no idea!" I said. "Great Spirit! Katherine! You didn't tell me..."

"I didn't know either!" said the Great Spirit. "The concept of Nature Souls is a Druid thingy."

"Me neither, I apologize," said Katherine. "But now that I've understood and studied how Druids and their Nature Souls work, it might truly be similar, yes. If not the same..."

"H-How so?" I wondered.

I felt a bit embarrassed I was asking so many questions, the Druids thought of myself as their goddess, but I'm here acting clumsy and without an idea what they're talking about!

"I suppose that you not knowing is understandable, the goddess is a very young deity after all," nodded grandma Jannis. "Very well, let us teach her then! First of all, about Nature Souls and what they mean, what they are, and how you create them."

We sat in the garden as we listened to the druids. This included my whole family and Elena's friends too. Lily was in her way here, she sent a message she picked up Rita and Jenny too, so we'll have the whole team assembled soon.

"First of all, what do you think is a Nature Soul, everyone?" Grandma Jannis wondered. "Anybody has some idea?"

"Um, a soul made of Nature Energy?" wondered Elena.

"A Soul connected to a Domain?" asked Mark.

"A Spiritual Soul!" Elisa said.

Grandma Jannis, Rudras, and Judith giggled a bit at their guesses.

"Hohoh, perhaps a bit but that's not entirely the same," she laughed. "You're all... wrong!"

As everyone nodded, she continued.

"Rudras, explain it to them."

"Yes grandmother."

Rudras nodded, beginning his explanation.

"A Nature Soul is forged beneath the Nature's Essence, it is feed by Spiritual Energy, and it grows from our Connection and Comprehension of Nature, Animals, and the Balance between Life and Death."

"Huh... Go on."

Judith was explaining now.

"To develop a Nature Soul you must first create a Bond with Nature, Spirits, and even the Balance of Life and Death," explained Judith. "Over time, this Bond develops, blossoms, and grows across your body. The Bonds you make with Nature through Plants, Animals, and Spirits materializes, refining your Soul and making it part of Nature."

"To create a Nature Soul is to become part of it, do you understand?" wondered Grandmother Jannis. "Think of a forest. In the forest there is a hundred trees and fifty animals. To become one with them you must live with the animals, you must eat from the trees, and you must place your waste near their roots, making sure they get back the nutrients they give to you.

Over time, you forget manners, you forget what society taught you. You become... For a lack of a better word, wild. After a long time, then, you'll begin to understand."

Judith and Rudras spoke at the same time now.

"You'll become one with the Forest."

"You will be the animal that hunts."

"You will be the animal that is hunted."

"From the worms crawling beneath the soil."

"To the wolves preying on the rabbits."

"From the roots of the largest trees."

"To the smallest mushrooms."

"Once you forge a Nature Soul..."

"You become a part of it all."

"You are a tree."

"You are a beast."

"You are the harmony between Life and Death."

"And then... it surges, it comes, naturally," smiled grandma Jannis, opening her hands to reveal her Nature Soul, resembling a small white flame of bright light. "Every person's Nature Soul is unique and different. Some more attuned to Nature will be green. Mine, who was attuned with daylight, is white and yellow. Judith, always attuned with the night, is black with small sparkles of light like stars.

Rudras, who always wanders and flies, is clear green, emerald, and flows like the wind."

"Nature Souls show how is your personality," said Rudras.

"Pretty much!" nodded Judith. "B-But that doesn't mean I'm gloomy..."

"Yes you are," Rudras smiled at her.

"I'm not! I just prefer the night..." Judith sighed.

"Anyways," Grandma Jannis smiled. "Did you get it?"

Everyone seemed confused though, I think only I understood a bit of it, and maybe Mark.

"Uhh..."

"To be honest..."

"Hmm, nope."

"I'm sorry..."

My daughter and her friends were completely lost.

"Hohoho, oh well! It doesn't matter, we'll check who can get one or not, so don't worry," said the old druid lady. "Now!"

Her eyes widened for a moment, shining with bright golden light, it was as if she stared at everyone's soul and body for a second.

"Hmm! Interesting... Very interesting!" she laughed.

"What is it?" I wondered.

"Hahaha, despite them not having gone through similar processes as us... They... They're all compatible to create a Nature Soul now! It is as if... a greater being attuned with Nature had blessed them already. Their souls... they had become its vessel; therefore, it has automatically become capable of becoming Nature Souls!"

Wait, is this because of the Vessel Skill I made?!

Well... that makes things easier!