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Chapter 1211 Creating A Nature Soul

After learning better what a Nature Soul truly was, the Druids went to check if we were compatible... Aside from me, it seemed that everyone else was already compatible!

"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! This means that thanks to that powerful Vessel Skill, which should also be a Divine Fusion Skill, everyone's soul has been attuned by the Great Spirit and maybe also Titania?

"It must be because of her," I said, as I showed them the Great Spirit, who appeared in the form of several fruits, vegetables, and plants wrapped up into the shape of a small girl the size of half a meter. "I don't know if you have seen her or met her before, but this is the Great Spirit of Harvest and Nature."

"A Great Spirit...!" Jannis muttered. "Incredible! So the Goddess has such a being serving her..."

"I should have expected as much!" Judith nodded. "A Great Spirit! Did she attune their souls to be Nature Soul compatible?"

"But even then, it shouldn't be that easy..." said Rudras. "Maybe the Goddess can harbor the Great Spirit as a vessel, but what about the rest? Do they even possess such aptitudes?"

"Perhaps it's thanks to a "Skill", I have, a Supernatural Ability connected to my Soul," I explained. "It shares the ability to harbor the Great Spirit as a Vessel with anybody I choose as a "Guardian", you see."

"Oh..." Rudras muttered. "So an innate power to the goddess?"

"I suppose she would have such things, not everything is some easy magic we can understand," said Judith.

"Yes, there are many powers in this world, and with this First Contact Event that kickstarted the awakening of normal people into people capable of harboring Mana and Magic, it is possible for even more of such powers to become common," said Jannis, nodding. "Now, please let us awaken your Nature Soul, Goddess. The rest can do so with the help of Judith and Rudras. It shouldn't be too hard.

However, for the Goddess, I must help her personally."

"Alright then," I nodded. "Do I need to do something, Grandma Jannis?"

She walked to my side then sat behind me, touching my back with her hand.

"Just stay right there," she said. "I will touch your skin with my hand, and then imbue a part of my Nature Soul into yours. This should quickly awaken your dormant Nature Soul."

"Wait, it's that easy?! I thought a ritual was needed..." I said.

"Yes, normally," she giggled. "However, Goddess Elayne is very powerful! Your Soul is very large as well, and it has been growing constantly. So I believe it shouldn't be hard."

Constantly, huh? Must be because my SOUL Stat has increased a lot over time in BNLO, my Soul has become progressively larger, I barely noticed.

"I see... Then begin immediately, Jannis," I said. "I'm leaving this to you."

"Rest assured. Just close your eyes and think of something," she said. "Think of what you believe is "nature" of those that you're close to, and the "feeling" that you get when you're surrounded by nature."

"The Feeling...?"

I closed my eyes, thinking about such things.

I thought about what I believed nature was.

Endless lush green.

Beautiful forests, jungles, swamps.

Grasslands and even mountains, seas, the sky itself too.

Floating islands, a beautiful realm of nature and spirits.

Animals, people...

Druids and gods.

Isn't all of that Nature?

Indeed, Nature is not just plants.

I guess I've realized that for a little while now.

Nature encompasses all natural processes.

The entire world, theoretically, was born from nature itself.

Even the harshest deserts are nature, even the coldest snow lands are nature.

The highest peaks, the lowest underwater trenches.

The beautiful, colorful coral reefs.

The swamps and their water, plants, and animals.

Great canyons, deserted wastelands.

Rivers and lakes.

I could see it all so very clearly, for some reason...

And then, those I'm close to?

My entire family.

Mark, Elena, Rita, Lily, Jenny, everyone...

Anna, my daughter's girlfriend, she's also my family.

Elisa and Monica too, of course.

My mother and my father, my sisters and my brother.

My grandmother and my grandfather.

My husband, and even his distant family.

Even the people of the Forest of Beginnings.

The Squirrel-kins and Acorn.

The Fairies and Nieve, Florie, and Titania.

The Brownies, Gnomes, and the Myconid.

The Mushroom Brigade.

My Familiars, Silver, Belle, Loki, and many more...

Blackie too, of course.

The Great Spirit and Lady Verdant.

Granny Austucia and the other druids from Arcadia, Johanna as well.

Brisingra and her father, and also her mother too.

Ambil, my good friend.

The King and the Queen of Luminous, and their beloved child.

Gabriel too! And Katherine, how could I ever forget them?

Even Irene, my Shovel...

Melisa, Erdragon, Horshen, Goldanaba, BlackEye and Erika.

So many people I love and care for, they're all my family.

I can see them all so clearly, so many people have shaped my life already.

And I might meet many more in the future.

And then, the "feeling" that I have when I'm in nature.

Hmmm...

I suppose it would be a calming feeling.

I feel at ease, happy.

Protected.

FLUOSH!

These visions continued to appear through my mind, as I felt something surging, something emerging from my very soul.

It was as if I was blossoming like a flower, spreading out my petals into the world.

it expanded, became one with my surroundings, and then continued spreading.

My senses were melting, spreading everywhere.

It was as if I was... dying and being reborn at the same time.

FLAAASH!

"Oh my...! T-This is?!"

And I heard Jannis' shocked voice.

Chapter 1212 Divine Nature Soul

FLAAASH!

I felt that my senses melded with my soul and that I was melting and spreading everywhere. I was somehow dying and also being reborn at the same time, yet I couldn't really feel any sort of fear.

It was as if I was becoming one with my surroundings. I was consumed by the soil and became nutrients. My nutrients became trees, the trees feed the animals, then I became the animals.

Over time, an endless cycle where I became everything in nature, from the most unseen and small creature, an earth worm, to a giant tree, and an intimidating bear.

This is not normal, right?

When I finally opened my eyes, I felt refreshed, looking around to find myself... covered with dirt, plants, flowers, and trees growing all over me.

It was as if I had become a small part of the forest and the entire garden.

"Hm? Just what happened?"

"G-Goddess! It seems you woke up quickly... you've been unconscious for around twenty minutes now."

The voice of Jannis echoed from above, my eyes were... somewhere, I could see her.

"Eh?! H-How?!"

"It seems that when you awakened your Naturel Soul, your projection of what was nature was too powerful, you ended being assimilated by it."

"A-Assimilated? Can I get out of here? Or am I permanently dirt and plants now?"

"Of course not, goddess. Your Domain has become one with you, to simply go back to normal, imagine yourself back to normal."

"T-That easy- Ah!"

As I imagined it, it happened, I returned to normal.

The strange sensation of becoming one with my Domain disappeared in an instant.

Yet the feeling remained within me, lingering, make me feel a bit nauseous.

It was certainly a... life-changing experience, there's no other way to say it.

"Phew...!"

As I sighed in relief, I heard Mark and Elena run to my side.

"A-Are you ok?!" wondered Mark. "Out of nowhere you just merged with the dirt and the plants... In BNLO I guess its natural, but it felt a bit... weird right now."

"Yeah! I thought you would permanently become dirt and plants..." Eleana sighed in relief.

"S-Sorry about that! I got a bit absorbed into the ritual, but I'm ok so don't worry," I smiled. "If anything, I gained a new ability, to merge with my Domain, that could come in handy... Hm?"

FLUOSH!

Then I felt something, an ethereal flame of green, yellow, white, and blue color surged from my hands, it was without a doubt...

My Nature Soul!

It felt connected to my very soul, the more I wished for it to emerge, the stronger it felt, expanding everywhere.

It resembled flames but it didn't work like fire at all though.

This energy- no, this Nature Soul was more like an essence of sorts.

"Jannis, is this my Nature Soul?"

"Y-Yes! I'm impressed you can already wield it without any problems, incredible..."

"Oh, but it's weird, I thought it was going to be just about... Nature, right?"

"Of course, it's Nature, it's your own concept of Nature, what you believe Nature is."

"Huh?"

Jannis stood up and walked towards me.

"You see, every Druid- or person, has their own perception of what Nature is," she said. "To me Nature was of course forests and so on, but I also believed the brightness of the sun and how it illuminated the world was also nature, life was born from it. Therefore, my Nature Soul was strongly that."

Judith is the same but regarding night, the girl had lived most of her life as a nocturnal huntress after all. The night sky, the moon and the stars was her "nature"... Then Rudras, someone that could become a bird since he was four years of age. He loves flying, feeling the wind before his body, seeing the endless horizon ahead.

Therefore, his "nature" is the endless sky and the winds that encompass him and the world! And you... my goddess, your own concept of nature expands even further!"

"E-Even further?" I tilted my head in confusion.

It was nice I heard a better explanation of how Nature Souls form, it seems that everyone has their perception of Nature, and that's how the Nature Soul is shaped.

It's not always just "forests, plants, animals", its just a part of the world which we believe is the "nature" that exists around us.

Yet...

My concept of nature went even further than them?

How so?

"Why do you think it has four colors, my goddess?" she giggled. "Your Nature Soul Embodies four concepts into one. What you believe is nature... the World!"

"T-The World?" I wondered.

"Yes, green is life, all life... Plants, animals, bacteria, insects, everything! Yellow is the Earth we step into, from forests to mountains, deserts, canyons, beaches even, everything. White is the sky and the sun, winds and light the beauty I can also see. And then blue... blue is water, the seas, rivers, lakes." She said. "Impressive, beyond belief! It is as if you have four Nature Souls into one!"

A-And I think there might be more Nature Concepts within it, that might awaken as you grow stronger."

"I-Is that so?!" I was shocked. "I... I guess I did think about the entire world when I formed the Nature Soul... Then what is its name?"

"Without a doubt, its name would be... Divine Nature Soul of the World, you encompass all creation, my goddess," Jannis kneeled and bowed, putting her head on the grasslands. "There has never been such an all-encompassing Nature Soul in all of history, you alone, stand supreme in Nature. Your kindness extends to everything within creation."

"E-Eh? Wait, Jannis, please don't kneel!" I quickly helped her sit down. "You shouldn't do such things. I don't like that! Please, don't treat me with reverence. I want to be... a family for you, and perhaps a guardian?"

A bit?"

"Hah, indeed... my goddess, your kindness is boundless," the old lady giggled. "Thank you."

It feels so embarrassing they call me goddess...

I am just a normal human at the end, you know?

I just gained a lot of... supernatural powers, but that's about it!

[Congratulations, you have awakened your {Divine Nature Soul: The World}!]

And then I heard the World's Voice.

Chapter 1213 The World

[Congratulations, you have awakened your {Divine Nature Soul: The World}!]

[Your {Divine Nature Soul: The World} embodies four Concepts: {Nature Concept: Life}, {Nature Concept: Earth}, {Nature Concept: Sky}, and {Nature Concept: Water}!]

[Your Nature Soul is at the early stages of creation, only being in the Nature Soul Initiation Realm, at Rank 1.]

[To further improve your Nature Soul, comprehend the Four Nature Concepts you've created and strengthen your soul through the absorption of such concepts from the outside world.]

[The ability to comprehend the Concepts and the Essence within Nature will raise your Magical and Physical abilities, and gift you with new Druid Magic related with these Concepts.]

[Your Magic Circle will not grow at the same time, but it will gain more Runes, strengthening your Magic Power and giving you new Spells.]

[All four Nature Concepts can be used as you wish, their Magical and Ethereal Powers grow as you use and experiment with them.]

[As a result, you gained +4.000 Nature Soul Runes.]

[1 Nature Soul Rune = 10 Spirit, Nature, Life, Sky, Earth, and Water Runes.]

[You're one step closer from reaching the Truth.]

The truth?

I heard the rest of the words, and it was a pretty interesting new way to grow stronger, pretty much Soul Cultivation I suppose.

However, these four Nature Concepts are like Abilities, Spells, and Skills all at the same time, it seems. Their Magical Powers are vast, but I can only discover them as I "play around" with them for now.

There's a lot to do but it's not like I cannot use them in BNLO either, so this is fine by me... Nonetheless, I was thinking about going on a quick trip to hunt down some Monsters.

There might be some Gates close by, so we could do some public service and clear them to keep the city a bit safer.

SWORD is working on them, but they sometimes pop up out of nowhere so, I'll try asking Rose about if there's any close by.

Anyways, what did the World's Voice meant by the truth anyways?

That sounded ominous...

Was me awakening a Nature Soul somehow related with that?

Huh...

[Your Nature Soul possess four concepts into one. Therefore, you have four Druid Spell Slots.]

[Once you use your concepts and begin to assimilate Nature and Magic into one, you will be able to develop Druid Spells.]

[Good luck and grow stronger.]

T-There it is again!

"Hi? World's Voice?"

I tried to call it, but there was no longer any response...

Okay, I guess there's no helping it with that.

There's four Druid Spell Slots, I guess I'll have to develop the Spells later.

Maybe with the help of Druids?

Nonetheless, I quickly asked my family what happened while I was unconscious.

"We developed Nature Souls already," said Mark.

"Yeah, it was easier than I thought," Elena nodded.

"Huh?! Already too?!" I asked. "Rudras, Judith, is this true?"

"Ah, yes," Rudras nodded. "They all had excellent aptitude, only a small Ritual with the Spirits of this Domain was needed."

"It was quite easy, everyone here was compatible with it, even the... Even this angel boy," Judith glanced at Gabriel.

"I got a Nature Soul! I didn't know it was possible for angels to get one! I feel lighter!" said Gabriel.

"Gabriel too?!" I gasped. "Wait... S-So what are your concepts?"

"Fire," said Mark. "I guess it's pretty obvious it was going to be fire. It's the Element I'm most attuned right now."

"Makes sense, that's one I couldn't get, it must be very strong," I said. "A Druid that uses Fire... that is very rare, right?"

"Yes it is! I never imagined a Nature Soul of Fire could be created," said Jannis. "Though, there are old, ancient legends about the Druids of the Circle of Wildfire. They were said to be Druids that wielded flames and could summon Wild Fire Spirits, while also taking the form of fiery beasts."

"R-Really?" Mark was surprised. "Then I'm more special than I imagined..."

"You sure are! Maybe this is the resurgence of the Circle of Wildfire?" I wondered.

"It could very well be!" nodded Jannis. "Mark is an outstanding young man. His closeness with nature, plants, and fire is superb and very unique. Especially the power he has, Totem Spirits are beings from North America, so we don't know much about them, but he seems capable of calling for their aid... Also he is somehow blessed by a Phoenix. Perhaps he'll be able to transform into one as his Wild Shape."

"Amazing! I wonder what's my Wild Shape... I guess some dragon thing?" I wondered.

"A-A dragon would be an incredible Wild Shape! Usually, Magical Beings aren't candidates for Wild Shape, but normal animals," said Jannis. "Only older Druids such as me and Jose could further evolve our Wild Shapes into Mystic Wild Shapes, where we evolve our original Wild Shape into a Magical Beast, gaining unique abilities and strengthened magic power and larger forms."

"So that's how it works..." I nodded. "Ah right! Elena, how did it go?"

"I got two... Phantom and Shadow," said Elena.

"Oh! Amazing!" I clapped. "Well done! Is this also rare?"

"Hmm, perhaps just as much as Wildfire Circles," Jannis nodded. "Although Judith is here, Night, Darkness, and Shadow Nature Souls are very rare! Even more Phantom! This means she could be compatible to the Druidic Circle of Phantoms. Rumored to be an Ancient Form of the feared Cursed Sorcerers, Necromancers."

"R-Really?" wondered Elena. "Woah... Wait, how does that even work?"

"It is rumored that Necromancers were born from Phantom Circle Druids who broke their Nature Souls, becoming Blighters. Then, the Phantom Circle Blighters powers, which were used to help Phantasmal Souls pass away peacefully and then receive their help afterwards, turned into slaving phantoms instead and creating Undead from them." Rudras explained. "It's a very old legend..."

"Are Druids the origin of every school of magic out there or what?" wondered Anna. "Ah, my concept is Beasts! It's a... normal and common one."

"Oh, well done though, Anna!" I nodded. "I was also wondering the same, Jannis."

"Hmm, well, across the entire world..."

Chapter 1214 The Origins Of Druidic Magic

"Are Druids the origin of every school of magic out there or what?" wondered Anna. "Ah, my concept is Beasts! It's a... normal and common one."

That was actually a really good Nature Concept, and it went really well with her Summoning Magic Circle and her Summoner Magic as well!

It might be able to strengthen her Summons really well.

"Oh, well done though, Anna!" I nodded. "And yeah! I was also wondering the same, Jannis."

"Hmm, well, across the entire world, Druidic Magic might as well be one of the most ancient schools of magic, going back to the prehistoric ages when magic had yet to even be polished into proper forms and shapes! Indeed, in a way, the reason why there were so many varieties of Druidic Circles was because they are the root of what modern magic is known for at modern ages.

The Ancient Magician Families of Europe, their ancestors go all the back to prehistory, cavemen that created druidic rituals to call upon Primal Spirits!"

"Really?! This is so cool!" I said.

So Magic has been existing since such ancient times? I can hardly believe it! Then it is true that Magic has been an element of the world from prehistory, perhaps even before humans were born.

Does this mean that before humans, what did exist? The dinosaurs and other creatures? Magical beings that used magic in other ways?

Perhaps the very density of the planet's atmosphere was different as well due to the immense amount of Mana there was!

But somehow, it slowly went down a lot, it has only recovered slightly thanks to the First Contact, and apparently according to SWORD, it is going up over time.

"Please tell us more, we'll love to hear about it!"

I decided to ask more things while we were at it, nothing wrong with it right?

"Hoh, happily, goddess!" she said. "You see, Druid Magic might seem so easy and simple because it is! To commune with nature and call upon their help to use magic is a prehistoric and primal way of conjuring magic that people in prehistoric times could do as there weren't any modern things that would cloud their minds and belief."

"Huh, does this mean that magic existed even before humans?" wondered Elena.

"I was wondering the same," said Mark.

"Yes, it existed! Ancient Myths and Legends created by Primal Spirits that then were passed down to the Prehistoric Druidic Tribes have always said that the world even before humans was a wild one," said Jannis. "It was the Era of Gods, which extended even after humans emerged, and continued for several thousands of years."

"Oh wow..." Anna muttered. "Just how much history have the government hid from us? The existence of magic, the Era of Gods... And all of this, it's insane."

"Yeah..." Elena nodded. "I feel a bit dizzy by just hearing all of this, honestly."

"Me too!" Elisa nodded. "Quite insane..."

"Anyways, listen well, as magic progressed, thanks to the help of the Primal Spirits, Humanity learned how to properly wield magic. In ancient times, magic was much more widespread, and known as a fact, before it slowly recessed as the Era of Gods came to an end." Jannis said.

"When did the Era of Gods exactly came to an end?" wondered Mark.

"Perhaps when the Monotheistic Abrahamic Religions began to become widespread, Christianity and so on," said Judith. "It is when the entire Faith of Humanity started to gather elsewhere, on a single Plane, which absorbed Realms and then became Heaven, or so we believe."

"In the past, according to Primal Spirits, the atmosphere of this world was much thicker and full of mana," said Rudras. "Perhaps the reason why beings were so immense and large wasn't just due to proven scientific facts, but also because of the Mana in the air making everything gigantic."

"R-Really?" wondered Mark. "Incredible... But what happened? Why did magic just disappeared and became rarer over time?"

"Hmm, from what I've learned from ancient myths and legends, the Era of Gods was the factor that rapidly drained the Mana of the environment," said Jannis. "You see, back then, it was said that the atmosphere of our planet was so dense and magical that it was as if the entire world was a Magical Realm! Or a gigantic Domain!"

"T-That dense? So everything was magical..." I said. "I guess Spirits must have been the oldest intelligent beings then?"

"There might have been other demi-human or non-human races back then," said Rudras. "But we have little idea about them..."

"Though, we've heard from Grandpa Jose that he once talked about the Lizards and the Spiders, simple names given to these ancient tribes of intelligent, magical beings that prehistoric druids fought against," said Judith. "But that's about it... It's all a mystery, this world is truly big."

"But how did the Era of Gods drain the Mana?" asked Elisa.

"That's easy to guess," said Rudras. "Gods are beings born from humanity's faith and also from magical energies in the environment, or so we believe... therefore, as humanity was born and their Faith

controlled the latent Mana within their bodies, Gods were born, absorbing the Mana of the world. There were many religions, many myths, heroes, and legends, countless Gods were born in every culture.

Whole pantheons that governed as their believers thought they would."

"So the Mana was drained by the Gods?" I gasped.

"A part of it was their fault, yeah," Jannis nodded. "It doesn't mean they did everything, they created Realms and Domains of their Divinities, further expanding and keeping Mana within pockets of space, so the world became somewhat a bit safer from the gigantic magical beasts roaming everywhere. Therefore, from our own believe, Humanity was able to prosper and progress as the Gods protected us."

"However, that only lasted so long... Magic was deemed as too dangerous by Ancient Kings, and it became rarer because of this." Jannis said, as she looked at us with a smile. "Mana became a forbidden thing only a few selected families could wield!"

Chapter 1215 Friends Are Back

"However, that only lasted so long... Magic was deemed as too dangerous by Ancient Kings, and it became rarer because of this." Jannis said, as she looked at us with a smile. "Mana became a forbidden thing only a few selected families could wield!"

The large families of magic, descendants of the prehistoric druids, already having forgotten their ancient roots, hid in the shadows and controlled society as it progressed, shaping it while also protecting it from the supernatural."

"Because Abrahamic Religions took over the world, the Faith towards other gods weakened greatly, their magical domains weakening or disappearing completely," said Judith.

"And so, over the last two thousand and five hundred years, the world you know was born," said Jannis. "The Era of Humanity began."

So this is the origin of magic in Earth, and why it's so rare now.

"Wait, then what happened to all the Gods? They died?" wondered Elena.

"Well, we've fought the apostles of one of such forgotten Gods, Kalmas, a Goddess of Death and Decay," said Jannis. "Some of them decided to simply let humanity progress without them, either dying or becoming divine spirits instead. Others, like Kalmas, took things on their own hands. They decided that if they cannot gain more power and continue existing, they will have to take it on their own."

"So... Evil Gods were born, forgotten Gods from ancient myths and religions," said Rudras. "Who have decided to predate souls and magic power from humans so they can regain their own strength. Sometimes they would go as far as trying to invade Magical Realms or Domains and absorb them."

"So that's... what happened," I sighed. "I suppose Kalmas is not the only one out there doing such a thing."

"Certainly not..." said Jannis. "There might be many other Forgotten, or Dying Gods that are taking such tactics, some even spreading cults that offer them sacrifices, which can be worth the same as a large quantity of Faith. The stronger the sacrifice, the more Dark Faith they gain, it corrupts their main divinity and gives them more power, but also makes them mad."

"This is really dangerous..." I sighed.

"Yes, it is, but the Goddess is unique, you are a young Goddess with a physical body, so you don't suffer the threat of having your existence fade away, and your primary divinity also is not born from Faith and belief," said Judith.

"Yeah," said Rudras. "I suppose that's one of the reasons why we came all the way here, stable Nature Gods are rare. We Druids once did not need deities, but that is long in the past. Most surviving Druidic Circles belong to a Deity's care."

"I see... What was the other deity that took care of you?" I wondered.

"It was a Minor Deity of a large Forest where we lived," said Jannis. "However, when the forest was burned, her Nature Soul was destroyed and... she died."

"Our Guardian Goddess perished, and we had to flee as our home was destroyed," sighed Judith.

"By those damned Blighters, traitorous Druids whose Nature Souls were destroyed by their own will, betraying the Circle and pointing their weapons against their own former home," said Rudras.

"Right, the Blighters..." I nodded. "I wonder where did they go; we took down most of them except their leader, right? Just how did they even come here? Are they related to you guys?"

"I also wanted to ask that question," suddenly, a voice echoed behind me.

I looked behind, as I was greeted by several familiar faces.

"Ah, Rita! You're back! Lily and Jenny too! Thanks for coming here."

I ran to hug my friend, who happily accepted my hug before I gave her a big kiss on her cheek.

Rita is like my sister at this point, so I love snuggling with her and hugging her from time to time.

"Yeah, yeah, you don't have to act like that Elayne, it's not like I am an asshole or something to not come here if you asked me to come!" Rita sighed, crossing her arms, and kissing my cheek. "How are you? a lot happened yesterday but do you feel better?"

"Yeah! I'm fine now, thank you for everything, really," I kept hugging her.

A lot has happened, and sometimes I imagine the worst-case scenarios... Losing my friends, losing her, it fills me with so much fear.

Maybe that's why I'm hugging her so much, thinking that she might have died makes me really sad.

"I appreciate you care about me Elayne but stop hugging me so much, ugh...!" Rita groaned. "We're not little high school girls anymore, geez!"

She was trying to push me away, but I kept hugging her!

"Nuh-huh! You're not pushing me away! I'll hug my best friend as much as I want!"

"Jesus... this woman."

She sighed, as she glanced at Jannis.

"It's nice you're more open and all but what's your relationship with the Blighters?" she wondered. "I know you knew them but what happened? Who was this Aria woman?"

"Aria..."

Jannis, Judith, and Rudras sighed, as if immediately recognizing that name.

"Yes, we knew her," said Jannis. "Aria was... one of us, part of the Circle."

"I knew it! So when you came here and started living secretly among us, you brought that woman here as well!" said Rita. "Don't you understand how much danger she brought?! Elayne's daughter and the other kids almost died because of her!"

"W-We're... we apologize," sighed Jannis. "That is indeed all our fault and-"

"There's nothing to apologize for, please!" I said, patting Rita's shoulders. "Rita! Yesterday, two of them sacrificed themselves to protect me, how could you say that?! YOU should apologize right now! Maybe Aria came chasing them, but so what? We stopped her and that's what matters.

Yesterday they did an even greater sacrifice, please think about that too!"

"That's... ah," Rita sighed, groaning. "But... Hm, ok... Okay, maybe I went too far there. Sure. Sorry."

Rita seemed to have gone through a lot of emotions, I guess she still had some lingering resentment of that time, but things had changed a lot now.

"Please, no need to apologize," sighed grandma Jannis. "Aria is indeed our responsibility... And the next time she appears, we'll make sure to take her down."

Aria...

"I wish to know more about her, would you share a bit of her story with you?"

Chapter 1216 Kalmas And The Blighters

"Yes, of course, it's the least we could do."

Jannis nodded, as she explained to us who Aria was.

"Aria was one of the members of our circle. Our circle used to be much larger," said Jannis. "There were over twenty of us before. But most of them deserted, escaped, or ran away somewhere else. Aria was... alongside Jose, my childhood friends. We knew one another since we were kids, many years ago."

"Really? That long?" I wondered. "But she looked much younger..."

"That is because of the powers that Kalmas has granted her," said Jannis. "Kalmas has power over Death and Decay, naturally, aside from spreading this, she can also revert it, giving Aria and the other Blighters youthful bodies again. Although they come with the price of needing more Mana to maintain themselves, or they'll begin aging rapidly again."

"I wasn't there when it happened, but from what Grandpa Jose said..." Judith muttered. "Aria became a Blighter after her Nature Soul was shattered, right?"

"Yes," said Jannis. "Aria was... she lacked enough faith in herself. She was always the rashest of the three of us. But she was also like our sister, someone that protected us, and that we protected. She was unable to progress her Nature Soul over many years because of this personality of hers. She didn't want to meditate and calm down.

She would rather hunt and explore. She liked to lead others and train. But that also made it so she grew distant from her own concept."

"What... was her original concept?" I asked.

"Aria's Nature Soul was surprisingly not Phantom or something else," said Jannis. "It was a very rare one, Life."

"Just Life?" I wondered.

"Yes, like the one you acquired, goddess," Jannis nodded. "However... for the reasons I explained, and maybe... because we were unable to help her in time, maybe because we couldn't find the courage to help her. Maybe because... because we were too distracted taking care of the forest and the young'uns. We were unable to notice her problems, her inner demons eating away at her mind..."

"Y-You don't have to blame yourself for what happened, grandma..." Judith said. "I wasn't there but, it was thanks to you that I am here. That you took care of children means a lot."

"Aria took her own decisions. She was already an adult, an old one at that, you don't have to feel guilty for something like that, you weren't her mother or something," said Rudras. "Maybe she was wicked from the start..."

"No... my children, please don't say such things," Grandma Jannis sighed. "I simply was not there when she needed me, I was a bad friend, and therefore, it's my responsibility."

"But... how come not progressing a Nature Soul would make someone mad like that?" asked my daughter.

"It was over a long period of time, perhaps over fifty years," said Jannis. "While Jose and I further evolved our Nature Souls and our Wild Shape Spells, she stagnated, and grew weaker. She felt abandoned by the Forest Deity, she thought she preferred us instead of her. But our Deity simply wanted Aria to find her own inner peace first... but that never happened."

"So she...?" I asked.

"It is a terrible Ritual, a last resort for those that have lost all faith and hope to continue as Druids... a horrible ritual that has existed since time immemorial," sighed Jannis. "She stabbed her own Nature Soul with a magic-infused needle, shattering it."

Once a Nature Soul shatters and becomes corrupted through this trial, it becomes a Corrupted Nature Soul, it is also called Shattered Nature Soul, it has many names. Some call it... Fallen Soul. And from this moment, there's no turning back, her Nature Concept is twisted and turned into its opposite. And because hers was Life, it became Death."

"Did Kalmas had something to do with this?" I asked.

"Yes, perhaps she tempted her to do it," nodded Jannis. "When we ended abandoning her, that goddess, a new deity, promised her power beyond her limits. After all, if her Nature Concept of Life became one of Death, then she would become a perfect vessel and apostle for Kalmas, a Goddess of Death and Decay from Irish Mythology."

"Compared to other Gods of Death or the Underworld like Anubis, Thanatos, Hades, and so on, she's pretty much forgotten, huh?" wondered Elena. "I have never heard of such a goddess before."

"I researched her on Wikipedia, she's indeed very obscure, only being mentioned in a couple ancient Irish poems as more of a personification of death and decaying corpses than a goddess, although some also said she was indeed worshiped as one," said Mark. "To think such an obscure deity would become such a problem..."

"She had definitely played her cards well," said Jannis. "I believe Kalmas began a cult based on sacrifices from the corpses of graveyards for many years now."

Her cult kept her barely stable as a minor deity, but now that it must have likely disappeared over the years, she set her eyes on Aria... Perhaps she manipulated her to give the last step, so she could continue her existence through the Blighters that Aria would rise. The ones we fought were only a few, the majority must still be in Ireland. I believe she went back to find them.

whenever we met her again... We might fight the entire cult."

"H-How many are we talking about?" I asked.

"P-Perhaps... over a hundred," muttered Jannis.

"What?!" Rita gasped.

"S-Seriously?" Jenny muttered.

"Oh no..." Lily cried.

"How did she raise so many already?" I wondered. "Aren't Druids rare? Even rarer would be a Blighter that is a corrupted Druid, no?"

"Yes, in normal cases, but Aria is being helped by Kalmas," said Jannis. "She most likely forces a soul to become a Nature Soul somehow, and it corrupts itself immediately with the powers of Kalma. So she doesn't even need to first raise a Druid, anybody with enough talent for magic, or perhaps just the intention to join her would do so... even if doing this would severely reduce their lifespan."

"I see... This is really wicked," I sighed. "But... is killing them all really the way to do this? They're still people after all, we're not dealing with monsters."

Chapter 1217 There Must Be Some Solution

As we talked about Aria and the Blighters, we learned many things, and one of them was also how Aria operated.

"Aria most likely forces a soul to become a Nature Soul somehow, and it corrupts itself immediately with the powers of Kalma." Said grandma Jannis. "So she doesn't even need to first raise a Druid, anybody with enough talent for magic, or perhaps just the intention to join her would do so... even if doing this would severely reduce their lifespan."

So it even reduces their lifespan... I don't really like the sound of it! Are these people really okay with doing this to gain magic power? But why though? They must have more reasons than just because, right?

"I see... This is really wicked," I sighed. "But... is killing them all really the way to do this? They're still people after all, we're not dealing with monsters."

"Planta..." Rita sighed. "You're too soft! You've seen what they're capable of and how they don't even hesitate! They even worked alongside demons, so they're done for. Also, they can turn themselves into undead monsters, isn't that freaky enough for you?"

"But Rita! I know, okay? I know all of that but... after yesterday, after everything that happened, I'm a bit tired of death, of killing..." I muttered. "At the very least, I want to try helping her."

I don't know why but Aria reminded me of myself more than I could have thought.

Someone that slowly lost their faith on themselves, and in everything.

That slowly fell more into depression, after the loss of those she loved, her family.

Someone that needed others the most, but that never received the help she needed.

I guess that's where our paths diverged.

But if I hadn't had my friends or my family to rely on, I might have only worsened.

She is not some evil demon that thrives on destruction, she was once one of the druids.

She was once Jose and Jannis' sister.

There are so few of them, only three now.

To kill them all... it would be too much for me.

Isn't there a better way to solve this?

Nothing is set on stone; people can change even after everything.

If Aria truly suffered like that, if she was really that lonely.

I want to help her or try doing so!

"If the problem lies within their Nature Souls, then... I will find a way to heal it and then help them progress even further," I said. "If I do that... Would they stop?"

As I spoke, everyone fell into silence. I guess not even Mark, or my daughter expected me to still have my soft side. I've certainly become bolder, and when it comes to protect those I love, I don't hesitate.

However, I'm still me. And I don't want to stop being myself, to let the rage consume me, to let a murderous intent take over, I've killed demons, monsters, undead, and even people that turned themselves into demons.

Even then, I want to try something different this time. Maybe I'm going against what I've shown to others. Maybe I'll look cowardly or stupid, and yes, maybe that's true.

But I believe everyone that regrets their decisions deserves a second time!

"I-I have no idea," said Jannis. "We tried talking with her with Jose back then when we confronted her, but she was too powerful, we were unable to get through her before she started trying to kill us."

"Maybe if we neutralize her first?" wondered my daughter.

"Elena? Would you help?" I gasped.

"They tried to kill us... and I fucking hate them for that," said my daughter. "But... but if they're victims of that goddess brainwashing, then there's a chance they actually didn't mean what they did, right?"

"Well, those that tried to kill us already died, only Aria escaped, the others, which we've not seen before, might be different too," said Anna. "Right?"

"...Yeah!" Mark suddenly said. "If my Elayne believes that they can change, then it's my duty to punch them until they knock it off so she can talk to them, right? I'll help!"

"Mark..." I felt moved, I knew my love would also help me! "I never doubted you would agree!"

I hugged him tightly, kissing his lips, he happily responded with another kiss.

"Of course, you're a good person, and I love you exactly because of that," he said. "If you believe they can change, then who I am to doubt your heart? Let me help you."

"Thank you my love! Mooch! Mooch!" I ended kissing him a lot. "A-Also thank you Elena, and Anna! But what about the rest?"

Everyone seemed to have conflicting opinions...

But.

"I also want to see if they can change," Judith said.

"Judith?!" Rudras gasped. "Are you insane?! They're Blighters! They've abandoned Nature and..."

"And so what?! They were abandoned by Nature too, by us..." said Judith. "Aria was... grandpa Jose's childhood friend. Is there really not a way to help her?"

"But..." Rudras seemed like the one that didn't like that idea at all. "To befriend Blighters, that's just pure insanity. They thrive and grow stronger by destroying forests and life... They're our total opposites!"

"Hmm..." Grandma Jannis sighed. "To be honest, I also want that."

"Eh?!" Rudras was left speechless.

"Me too!"

Suddenly, Lily ran to my side, hugging me.

"Elayne is a treasure of a person, her heart knows no bounds," she said. "Her love goes to her family and friends, so I knew she would eventually say something like this, haha... I've known for not for long, but I believe she's my beloved friend. And... I also kind of believe they deserve a chance. A little one at least."

"Lily!" I hugged her tightly, kissing her cheek. "Thank you!"

"It's nothing! I'm your friend after all, right?" she smiled cutely. "Let's help them."

"Ugh! You guys are so weird!" Rita groaned. "But... fine!"

The idea of helping the Blighters wasn't something that everyone was going to swallow easily, but it was something I wanted to suggest nonetheless, and something I was rather intent on doing so.

Chapter 1218 Everyone Awakens Nature Souls

The idea of helping the Blighters wasn't something that everyone was going to swallow easily, but it was something I wanted to suggest nonetheless, and something I was rather intent on doing so.

Some quickly supported me while a few didn't like the idea at all... However, the supporters easily outweighed the non-supporters!

"Ugh! You guys are so weird!" Rita groaned. "I'm with Rudras here but... Hah, seriously... okay, let's give them one chance... ONE! But if at the end, they don't want to, or they simply won't obey anymore... Then I'm breaking their skulls."

"A-Ahahah, okay, I accept those terms," I nodded. "Jannis too? Rudras?"

"I'm ok with that," Rudras nodded.

"Me too," Jannis smiled. "If it could be possible to heal their Nature Souls, then the light of nature would embrace them, perhaps their dark minds would be healed. And maybe... just maybe, we could speak with them better. Right now, Aria and her Blighters are clouded with darkness. The power of Kalmas divinity is strong after all."

"Kalmas..." I sighed. "I wonder if she's truly evil though? If she's doing this completely out of desperation, then maybe I can help her as well. But that's... even more of a fantasy than helping the Blighters so- Eh? Wait, don't look at me everyone, I wasn't saying I would help the goddess too!"

Aside from Mark, who seemed only surprised, they all looked at me with a bit of skepticism, I guess the support extended only to the Blighters which were other people.

A goddess created from people's faith wasn't in the list.

And that's fine, I guess.

If I ever see them again one day, then I'll have a talk with her.

I need to learn what's her true goal is.

I mean, isn't it sad too, when I think about it?

A Goddess born from people's faith, a guider of the souls of the dead, a guardian of graveyards.

Someone loved and created as the protector of the death, the phase that comes after life, which many people are so afraid of.

A goddess that guards' graveyards and protects the souls of the dead was very important somewhat, yet at the same time, she was quickly forgotten.

Abandoned, made by belief, and then slowly dissipating.

The horror she might have experienced as her entire being faded away, even though she had such a great attachment to people...

Its as if your own parents forget you exist, and throw you into the middle of the road, never to see you again.

Starving, without a ceiling to sleep beneath, cold and thirsty, you're in the middle of nowhere, and don't have any way to continue living without their help.

Thinking of Kalmas as a child might be a bit too much but... When I fought her, she didn't seem mentally well at all.

I don't know if that's simply the nature of her Divinity and Soul, or if she became like that after deteriorating for so long.

I don't plan to not fight her, I'll fight her, and I'll aim to stop her forever, even if that means... exorcizing her, as she has become more like a vengeful spirit than a goddess now.

But just like with Aria and the rest, I want to talk to her and learn what happened to her.

Just like I did with the Demon King of Miasma too...

Or maybe not?

I guess I'm letting the powers I've gained get to my head.

I can't be so delusional...

But I also don't want to leave behind the beliefs I have, my own morality.

If I leave them behind, how much different will I be from them?

If I become cold, ruthless, and calculative, wouldn't I be the same as them?

I don't want that...

Therefore, I do things that others might think as stupid, because...

That's how I've always believed I must live my life!

"Remember, Elayne... In a world where you can be anything, be good."

These were the words that my grandma often told to me when I was just a young girl.

She passed away when I was just sixteen, yet I still her words remember now.

Almost every day, these words have helped me move forward.

They have helped me move on after so many things have happened to me.

And because of my kindness, I've also made so many friends that help me so much.

I've improved people's lives, I've saved many and in return, they have also saved me from the darkness that was slowly eating away at my mind once my husband passed away.

Aria...

Kalmas...

I hope you'll let me talk with you two, at the very least.

"A-Anyways, I think we've talked enough about many things, we shouldn't waste more time, right?" wondered Jannis. "How about I let your new friends awaken their Nature Souls as well?"

"S-Sure! Rita, Lily, Jenny, do you want?" I asked.

"Nature Souls?" Rita was confused.

We explained to them what they were as the Druids did the rituals. These rituals included dances, a circle made of wood and leaves, and also the nature spirits that gathered around.

It was much simpler than with me, and then everyone got their own Nature Souls!

Woah, that was damn easy!

"So what are your Nature Souls, everyone? I only learned the one from Mark, my daughter, and Anna..." I wondered.

"Mine's Holy and... What was the other?" wondered Gabriel. "Right! Stars! Wow!"

"I acquired... Darkness," said Rita. "It was pretty damn obvious anyways... Though it's apparently different than Night and Shadows? We'll see."

"Earth!" said Lily with a smile. "Oh right, I brought everything you bought Elayne! Let's begin planting everything!"

"Oh yeah Lily, let's begin!" I nodded.

"I'm Poison? That's so weird! A Druid of Poison?" Jenny wondered, complaining.

"And I am, naturally, Gold!" smiled Elisa. "A rare one, but apparently related with the Circle of Earth, according to experts!"

"Um... Phantom," said Monica. "And... Curses."

"Oh, that must be super rare!" I said. "Looks like everyone got their new Nature Souls, that's good! Well done!"

"Holy, Stars, Poison, Gold, and Curses..." sighed Jannis. "I think those are very rare indeed! Curses in specific... This must be the first ever that is not a Fallen Nature Soul, incredible!"

Chapter 1219 Completing The Domain Quest

Although Gabriel could awaken a Nature Soul somehow, Katherine couldn't, perhaps because she was already a species of spirit, a Fairy? Though I thought that angels were also some sort of holy spirit, but I guess that's completely wrong and they're their own whole lifeforms, kind of like spiritual and ethereal in nature but that can materialize, like demons.

But that wasn't all, although his Holy and Stars Nature Souls were very impressive, Elisa, Jenny, and Monica had even more surprising Nature Souls.

"Holy, Stars, Poison, Gold, and Curses..." sighed Jannis. "I think those are very rare indeed! Poison and Curses in specific... This must be the first ever that is not a Fallen Nature Soul, incredible!"

"Can Poisons and Curses even be perceived as a Nature Concept?" wondered Rudras. "It just sounds so strange..."

"Um, sorry?" Jenny sighed, crossing her arms. "Look, stud, I didn't ask to be given this magic power, Elayne here helped me awaken magic and I ended getting this element in specific because that's my BNLO Avatar... I'm a slime thingy. And I kind of inherited some of that, but I'm also kind of like... a Poison Dragon bloodline? I'm weird, but I like having powers."

"S-Stud?" muttered Rudras, feeling embarrassed as he was called that. "A-And you said... Beeneleou? What's that?"

"BNLO?" Wondered Jenny. "Wait, you haven't told them about Arcadia yet?"

"Ah, well, I think they already know about the otherworld, right?" I wondered. "I did hear from someone you sneaked into the Forest of Beginnings once!"

"O-Oh, yes, the Divine Realm of the goddess, right?" Jannis wondered. "Or... it isn't?"

"I have no such thing as a Divine Realm! This Domain is all I have for the moment, geez..." I sighed.

"What you visited was the Forest of Beginnings. I am shocked you somehow got there! Was it because of my Domain's connection to Arcadia? I had no idea there was such a thing.

Great Spirit?"

"Um, well, yeah, there is..." she said. "Sorry I never told you, I mean, the connection is mostly hidden and dormant. I could have never guessed Druids could go through it! Isn't that the same as using Gates to trespass this world? It's a bit crazy when you think about it! T-Totally not my fault!"

"How did you get there?" wondered Mark.

"Ah, we haven't done it again anymore," said Jannis. "But it happened when we all meditated and were trying to harmonize with Nature and the goddess Domain. Our consciousness was temporarily sent to that beautiful forest."

"It was populated by all kinds of creatures we've never seen before!" said Judith. "Squirrel people, gnomes, smaller brown skinned people, many fairies, and also mushroom people! And so many creatures too! Magical beasts of all kinds!"

"It was an inspiring event," said Rudras. "It helped our Nature Souls reach a higher realm and grow stronger. It was like a one-time thing, an enlightenment. We left behind a souvenir after we talked with some of the beings there... It was a truly mystical thing."

"Incredible, so there's a way to get there even without using the VR equipment," said Elena. "But it was only temporarily, and you were unconscious? So I guess it's just worse..."

"Hmm," I nodded. "Still, it's amazing... I guess you could try doing it again? Keep trying and practicing, maybe you'll be able to improve upon that technique! Although maybe we could bring VR equipment, so you visit that world with us?"

"Ah, we shall continue practicing the technique..." said Jannis.

"We would rather not use technology, although it might seem magical as it sends your minds to another world, it's not exactly good for us," said Judith.

"Our communion with nature is very deep, if we use a lot of modern technology, we might grow distant from nature again," said Rudras. "It's dangerous, you see. To do such a thing."

"Wait so you don't even use a phone to talk from a distance, or the internet?" asked Rita. "How do you guys even live then?"

"We use magic of different types to communicate," said Jannis giggling.

"We can talk from long distances through Tree Talk," said Judith.

"W-What's that?" Rita wondered.

"You touch a tree, and the other person does the same and you can talk with one another," Rudras said.

"Hah?!" Rita gasped. "I had no idea that was even a thing..."

"Go figures..." Judith averted her gaze.

Well, I guess Rita and the Druids are not the best match, but whatever.

"And we're done..."

I sighed in relief, thanks to the help of everyone, we were able to plant a hundred trees, from seeds I helped sprout into small saplings to already existing saplings.

Thanks to the expansion of my realm's size, this was an easy accomplishment, and it came coupled with also turning many plants into Spirit Plants.

Lily bought her whole shop worth of plants, and using her powers, she also helped me grow the trees into full grown trees and even the other plants into Spirit Plants.

Our combined efforts, plus the Druids and Mark who was also getting good at nature magic, we were able to complete two Domain Quests in time record!

It would be unrealistic to plant four hundred new plants in just thirty minutes, right? Well, by dividing my body into many hands and fusing a part of myself with my Domain, such a thing was a trifling matter!

And above all, my Domain also seemed happy, all these plants added more life force to the Domain and more spirit energy, strengthening its foundations even more than before.

And then, I saw the ground tremble, as the wooden wall where all the quest papers were beginning to glow, two of these papers flew towards me, their words changing.

[Congratulations, you have completed the Tier 4 Domain Quest]: [Plant 100 Trees Inside the Domain (100/100)]

[Congratulations, you have completed the Tier 4 Domain Quest]: [Grow 300 Spirit Plants (0/300)]

The two quests were finally done! And there were new rewards, alongside a wave of energy that strengthened the growth of the Domain.

Chapter 1220 Fae Feeding Grounds

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Above all, it seemed the two quests were finally done! And there were new rewards, alongside a wave of energy that strengthened the growth of the Domain.

[Congratulations, you have completed the Tier 4 Domain Quest]: [Plant 100 Trees Inside the Domain (100/100)]

[You have taken care of your Domain, planting more trees so its foundations can be strengthened. More trees mean more Life Force, necessary for your Domain to remain alive and thriving.]

[Even without the motivation of this Quest, continue planting more trees to strengthen your Domain's growth and its abilities. Its expansion is solely dependent on this.]

[Quest Rewards]: [Domain Growth +10%] [Spirit Crystal Coins] x300 [Mystery Seed] x1 [Nature Soul Elixir] x1 [Spell Evolution Crystal] x1]

Huh? Aside from the growth, there's the Spirit Crystal Coins, right! There's a Domain Shop, so I could use them to buy new items.

But aside from the Mystery Seed there's also two other items?

Nature Soul Elixir and Spell Evolution Crystal!

I can already guess what these items are for, but it's amazing how my Domain just materializes them...

And there's the other quest too.

[Congratulations, you have completed the Tier 4 Domain Quest]: [Grow 300 Spirit Plants (0/300)]

[Spirit Plants are another vital component for your Domain, planting the spirit plants inside your domain will fill it with more spirit energy, making your domain more magical and where spirits can thrive better.]

[Even without the motivation of this Quest, continue planting more spirit plants to enhance your Domain's growth and its abilities. The life of the spirits inside depends on this.]

[Quest Rewards]: [Domain Growth +10%] [Spirit Crystal Coins] x300 [Mystery Seed] x1 [Nature Soul Elixir] x1 [Physique Ability Evolution Crystal] x1]

And this time, it's a Physique Ability Evolution Crystal, huh?

FLAAASH!

The items materialized in front of me, appearing over the grass right in front of the wooden wall, two little bags of coins, accompanied by two large, colorful seeds with many colors, two bottles of transparent, slightly green liquid, and then two crystals, one red and another blue.

I glanced at the Domain information, something new appeared.

Domain: {Domain Core: Heart of the Forest}: Tier 4: Magical Domain. 70%/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]

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 (4)]

Domain Inventory: [Spirit Crystal Coins] x750 [Mystery Seed] x2 [Nature Soul Elixir] x2 [Spell Evolution Crystal] x1] [Physique Ability Evolution Crystal] x1

Aside from the 20% growth boost the Domain Inventory section appeared detailing every item I get from Quests! Now that's easier to see.

"I wonder, can I place these here?"

I left the items in the floor, and then they were suddenly swallowed by the dirt!

"W-Woah! It's really like an inventory?!"

Then I wished it, and the items came out from the ground again.

That's really quite something, huh?

Though, I have my own Inventory already so it's not like it was needed.

But sure, I'll take it.

"Looks like you completed the quests?" wondered Mark.

"Yep!" I nodded. "Let's plant the Mystery Seeds for now! I want more Faes to help out!"

We quickly ran towards the fertile soil, where we opened it and planted the two seeds. By adding water, spirit energy, and some nutrients I injected directly...

FLAAASH!

Both seeds sprouted almost instantly, as two plants emerged from them, which grew larger and larger, until they resembled little bushes.

"Huh? Wait, they aren't Fae anymore?"

I was a bit surprised, there weren't any Fae this time, but strange bushes.

"It's a Mystery Seed for a reason," said Katherine, the fairy, flying to my side. "It's a magical seed created by your domain, so it'll give you something... random. I think I recognize these bushes though! You got kind of lucky!"

"Really?" I wondered, confused.

"Yeah!" she nodded. "These are Mystic Fruit Bushes! They are the favorite food of Spirits, Fairies, and the like. Hmm, if you inject some mana, they might give fruit."

"Ooh!" I quickly injected mana.

And then...

POOF! POOF! POOF!

Weird fruits popped out of the bushes, with rainbow colors and spiky appearances.

"They are poisonous to non-magical spirits, so I don't think you should eat them," she said. "But! Hm, well, candies are nice, but these are still good! I'll help myself with one!"

She took a fruit and ate it whole; they were the size of berries.

Her Magic Aura surged slightly, enhancing her magical abilities.

"Hmm! Not bad!" she said. "They aren't as big and juicy as back home but they're good enough," she said. "I feel refreshed... If you keep the bushes with lots of fruits, they'll attract wild Fae! Maybe fairies, gnomes, and so on could come here if they think it's a nice enough place."

"R-Really?" I gasped. "I guess it's not so bad then!"

I injected more Mana into the two bushes, creating dozens of rainbow colored, spiky fruits. I guess that'll have to wait for later.

I hope more Fae come to live here; it would mean my Domain would be more protected. I've never met the gnomes of this world, maybe they're different just like fairies.

[Your Domain has gained two [Mystic Fruit Bushes], special bushes that produce berries that all Fae love and eat to maintain their magical abilities.]

[Because your Domain has gained these two bushes, the Domain Ability [Fae Feeding Grounds] has been created.]

[Fae might occasionally come to eat at your Domain, if they like the food and the domain, there's a chance they might even remain to live here, protecting your domain as their home.]

Even the World's Voice recognized it as a Domain Ability! Nice!

"With everything done, time for you guys to get magic circles, I've gathered most materials!" I said, quickly walking to the druids. "Are you ready to get a boost in magic like never before?"