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Chapter 1251 Domain Shop

Suddenly, the Little Fae brought several items from his little house and placed them over the little table, the information appeared written on small, hanging wooden tablets that he placed in there. There were only four items available right now, apparently. Not as many as I would have imagined, but well, beggars can't be choosers.

[You have opened the {Domain Shop}, the Domain Shop Fae shows you his wares.]

[Dryad Summoning Scroll (30 Days)] [Cost]: [500] [Limit]: [1/1]

[Spell Recording Grimoire (10 Spells)] [Cost]: [500] [Limit]: [1/1]

[Spell and Physique Ability Fusion Crystal] [Cost]: [500] [Limit]: [1/1]

[Celestial Essence Bottle] [Cost]: [250] [Limit]: [3/3]

[Available Spirit Crystal Coins]: [1050]

"Huh, these items are quite something..." I said. "So a Scroll similar to how I summoned you, Katherine."

Katherine happened to be there once I "activated" the shop, and she came flying here to check on everything by herself. And indeed, she nodded.

"Yeah this is a similar scroll! It means you can summon a friend here," she said. "Come to think of it, we're already halfway through my time here. Time sure flies."

"I guess..." I said. "Your help has been really useful so far, thank you for helping me a lot, Katherine."

"It is fine, I've enjoyed my stay here, although it has been challenging with all these dangers, it has still been rather fun," she smiled. "So, do you want me to recommend what you should get first?"

"Sure," I nodded. "What do you think?"

"Hmm, definitely don't buy the essence bottles, your Domain already has been integrated to a tiny fragment of heaven, so you'll get a great boost on Celestial Essence regeneration on your own," she said. "I would, quite obviously, choose the scroll to summon a Dryad. Do you know how Dryads are?"

"I... well, not too much."

I actually kind of know a bit, I was one in BNLO, but it was also a Player Avatar, so I have no idea how actual Dryads work and everything else, so it would be nice to learn more.

"They a bit like me but are much stronger," she said. "They'll take care of the domain's nature and even the animals. They can also fight and defend much better than me, but are bound to a tree, usually. As long as there's food for them, they'll give your Domain a lot of nutrients and lifeforce!"

"Ooh, that's interesting, but what do they eat?" I wondered.

"It changes from Dryad type to Dryad type," she said. "Some of them like eating humans... others like eating monster corpses, some are ok with just whatever. But they're usually strictly carnivorous, they like to catch live prey sometimes, but dead corpses is fine most of the time, they digest things through their roots, burying their prey."

"E-Eh?! Doesn't that sound a bit scary?" I wondered.

"Well yeah but they're nice people," she said. "Let's just pray you don't get one that wants to eat people!"

"Uhh... ok," I nodded.

"Anyways, the chances for that are small, don't worry," she patted my shoulders. "That Spell Recording Grimoire seems interesting. It's a blank grimoire where you can "record" any spell you've learned so far permanently, only once per spell and it cannot be reverted!"

However, once it's finished with ten spells, it becomes a magic grimoire, and such spells can be conjured by other people as long as they have the Mana for it. Pretty handy, right? Though you wouldn't be

benefiting from this too much unless you ask your friends to give you super unique spells you'll never be able to get yourself."

"Ooh, that's really interesting, actually!" I said. "But... Hmm, I guess it is not that good? I mean it's good, but I would like something else."

"I get you," she said. "The other is... I don't really know what's a physique ability... but I think it is related with your own body's innate abilities? Then it's pretty good if it allows you to combine it with a spell. It has the potential to give you something really powerful if you combine them right."

"Oh yeah..." I nodded. "Hmm... okay, I'll take that and the Dryad Scroll for now then."

I gave the crystals to the little Fae, who took them greedily while giving me the items. The scroll, which was green and gold colored, and the crystal, of azure color.

Once it was done, the little Fae instantly walked back to its house with the rest of the items and the crystals, the house then buried underground and disappeared.

I wonder if I could just steal the items... or maybe not? The whole shop is a power of the Domain so doing that would go against its principles as a "shop".

Also I won't let my intrusive thoughts win...

"Okay, now we got this..."

I glanced at the scroll and the crystal, smiling.

"Then use the scroll first! It's not hard, just flip it over and imbue it with some Mana!"

"Alright then..."

I opened the scroll, walking back to make space, and imbued it with Mana.

FLASH!

I saw several golden runes emerge from within the scroll, surging from them and flying towards my face.

"Uwaah!"

I stepped back in surprise as the runes almost ended hitting my face, but then they spiraled around the scroll and then, rapidly turned the scroll into particles of light.

FLUOSH!

The light then, exploded, infusing itself into the ground, as a huge magic circle imbued with spiritual runes surged.

At the same time, spirits gathered around the magic circle, mostly the little Nature Spirits, who resembled small seeds or stones with grass on top.

"Foo!"

"Fiiuu!"

"Fwaah!"

They made adorable little sounds, suddenly melting into green light and mixing with the magic circle... so that's how a Dryad is summoned?

FLASH!

Another tower of light emerged from the magic circle, which ended rapidly materializing into a shape, a form, growing into a large tree.

Eventually, the tree stopped growing at three and a half meters, with strong, healthy branches, and pink flowers, a lot of pink flowers.

Wait, is this a Cherry Blossom?

Eventually, from the tree, an aura emerged, rapidly taking the shape of a slender Asian-looking woman wearing a pink kimono made of pink petals and whose long, pink hair was covered on white branches and these same flowers.

"It is an honor to meet you, master. My name is Kaguya, a Cherry Blossom Dryad."

Chapter 1252 Kaguya, The Cherry Blossom Dryad

Eventually, from the tree, an aura emerged, rapidly taking the shape of a slender Asian-looking woman wearing a pink kimono made of pink petals and whose long, pink hair was covered on white branches and these same flowers.

"It is an honor to meet you, master. My name is Kaguya, a Cherry Blossom Dryad."

The Dryad that I wanted to summon finally appeared, but it wasn't at all what I expected. It came from a Cherry Blossom Tree, and her humanoid appearance was clearly like a beautiful Japanese lady of old times, even her hair was nicely tied into a big crown with many ornaments made of wood and covered on flowers.

Her name was Kaguya, and she introduced herself as "Cherry Blossom Dryad"! I looked at Katherine, waiting for her response.

However I saw her eyes widening and then her cute little face making a very confused expression.

"Huh?! I don't know that this type of Dryad even existed..." Katherine muttered. "A-Are you really a Dryad? I have never seen your kind before. I know Japan is full of Spirits, but they're usually not governed by my King..."

"Wait, they aren't?" I asked her.

"Yeah, the Spirits of Japan, and sometimes other countries, are governed by their Gods..." Said Katherine. "And that's all I know... Uh."

"Fufu," Kaguya giggled, covering her mouth with a fan that she materialized out of petals and branches. "Indeed, I usually do not mingle with the people overseas. We are quite reserved, to overseas people I am a Dryad, but in my country, I am called a Kodama. A Spirit that inhabits a tree. Cherry Blossoms are very sacred trees in Japan, did you know? So I am quite strong."

"O-Oh! I see, thank you for coming here after I summoned you, Kaguya," I said.

"It is "Kaguya-sama" for you, master! Please mind your manners, alright?" she winked at me, although she was reprimanding me.

"Uh, Kaguya-sama..." I muttered. "Thank you."

"Hm, it is fine! I can tell by that little fairy that you are surprised," she smiled. "Indeed, I decided to answer your call as I was quite interested in exploring the land overseas. I am an old Kodama, you see. I've grown bored of living at Mount Fuji, so I wanted to see how the rest of the world is! Is this your domain?"

Amazing! Usually you have to be a very strong Miko or a Onmyouji to have a Domain of your own. Are you an equivalent of that overseas, master? Ah right! Where are my manners? What is your name, master?"

"I am Elayne," I said. "I have this Domain, indeed. But I don't think I am a Miko or an Onmyouji... I am more of a... well, what even am I? I guess you could say I am a druid... yeah."

"Druids! Those are the European Magicians that connect with Nature, right? They're very interesting! I've always wished to meet one! Magicians in Japan aren't usually like that. Most of the time they're either Mikos, Onmyouji, or Sorcerers.

They rely on Yokai and Kami to gain magical power, because there are so many everywhere."

"Interesting..." I nodded. "So that's how Japanese magicians work, huh? So they're more like Spirit Magicians, I guess I am that too, I can draw upon the power of the Dragon Veins, or Leylines, to call upon the help of Elemental Spirits of the world."

"Amazing! So that's why you feel so welcoming and nice to be around!" she walked to my side, she was actually taller than me. "Hehe, aren't you cute for being a foreigner?" she patted my head.

I don't know what she meant by "for being a foreigner", but I'll let it slide for now...

She is indeed peculiar in her way of talking and also in her personality.

Kaguya is, for a lack of a better word, someone with that type of "high and mighty" personality.

But can I really blame her? She just said she's very ancient, perhaps she's hundreds of years old like Katherine.

"Anyways, what do you eat?" I asked, as she glanced into my eyes.

"I love to eat humans," she smiled.

"Eh?!"

"What!"

Katherine quickly hid behind me for some reason.

"Hahaha!"

However, Kaguya suddenly started laughing.

"I was joking! Calm down," she giggled. "I was raised near a Shrine, so I was always given offerings, usually, they're in the form of mochi, onigiri, dango, and many other sweets and Japanese foods, especially festival foods. Rice crackers were ok too. Usually I would feed on this and also by absorbing spiritual energy from the spirits and Leylines.

Now that I have come all the way here, I suppose my diet could change and adapt to your things."

"So you eat just normal food?" I was surprised. "Okay, I guess I could try to give you that... Mostly rice, then?"

"Yes, mostly rice," she nodded. "I might also, occasionally, eat your spirits. The Elemental Spirits of Nature and Earth are my favorite. Don't worry, you won't even notice them gone because they're so many."

"Uhh... okay? I guess I can't really... get mad at that," I nodded. "Fine... I'll bring you an offering then, Kaguya, wait here!"

"Very well, she nodded. "And it is "Kaguya-sama" please!"

"Ah, yes, Kaguya-sama..."

Yeah she was a bit fixated with these weird manners Japanese have, which sometimes are over the top unnecessary, but whatever.

As I went to fetch food, I saw that Gordon was mostly done with today's lunch, I quickly asked him to make onigiri with rice and some fish filling, and he nodded.

"Not hard at all, I'll get it done quickly!"

He immediately went to cook more food, and in just five minutes, he was done! He cooked the rice incredibly fast with magic. We had some seaweed when we make homemade sushi too, so that helped. It was still crunchy.

"Here, Kagu- Kaguya-sama!"

When I returned to her, I found her laughing at Katherine who was glaring at her with a nervous expression. I guess she was disappointed we didn't summon one of her Dryad friends.

"Well, aren't you quite disappointed on my appearance here, little fairy?" she giggled. "Come on now, don't be like that! I am sure you wanted to see a friend of yours, hm? Unfortunately that wasn't the case! Destiny had other plans."

"Ugh..." Katherine sighed. "You sure talk all high and mighty for just being a Dryad though, you're kind of weird."

"Hahahaha!" Kaguya only laughed it off.

Indeed, she acts more like a princess or a queen rather than a Dryad...

I wonder what her life was like before coming here.

"Here, please have these we just made," I offered her the onigiri.

"Hm? Oh!" she quickly took one with her delicate-looking hands. "Hmm, the smell is fine... Fish onigiri, huh? Not my favorite but... well, let's try it."

She took a bite and made a weird face.

"Hmm?!"

Her eyes were opened wide, and she started munching on the food very rapidly, before swallowing it.

"E-Eh? Was it bad?"

"Ahh! It was..."

She then ate the entire onigiri with a few more bites, unbecoming of her previous princess-like demeanor.

"It is delicious! I can't believe my first experience with a foreign made onigiri is this good! The fish was so fresh and tasty, and the rice was nice and fluffy, the nori too, was very crunchy, delectable!"

Then, she started eating the rest happily.

Ah, what a relief...

Though, this feels a bit wrong.

Who is the master here, really?

Chapter 1253 A Strange Spirit Indeed

After feeding Kaguya, she smiled happily, asking for green tea. I quickly made some for her using green tea I had stored, I couldn't do it the classic Japanese way, so I made it like the... the normal people do it.

"Hmm, it's quite different, the sweet sugar you added is interesting," she smiled. "It's nice, it refreshes the palate."

"I'm glad... Kaguya-sama," I sighed. "So, I was wondering, what do you do? Like..."

"Yeah how will you actually help?" Katherine asked. "Stop asking Elayne to do things for you! She's your master, you know? Not your servant!"

"Ooh? The little fairy has a big mouth I see!" giggled Kaguya. "If you were on Mount Fuji a angry Mountain Kami would have already eaten you, girl. You should always mind your manners, especially when in front of a venerated- I mean, in front of an ancient Dryad such as myself."

"Sorry but we don't follow Japanese customs around here," Katherine said. "Please adapt to this domain's customs instead of asking others to adapt to yours! I think you're just full of yourself, Kaguya! That's not how a Nature Spirit should act!"

"Hmph! A-And what do you know anyways!" sighed Kaguya, crossing her arms. "Anyways, you want to see what I can do? Very well, watch."

She waved her fan around and then, several Japanese letters materialized out of pink light, rapidly gathering into a spinning magic circle with Yin and Yang symbols.

It spread around the entire Domain within seconds, creating a large pink colored barrier that constantly let out small cherry blossom petals made of light.

"Woah, what's this?" I wondered. "I suddenly feel... stronger? Magically powerful... Also my Mana is recovering very quickly!"

"This is my {Cherry Blossom Blessing}!" said Kaguya. "It reinforces domains defenses, adding an additional defensive layer which durability is based on the total Mana of the domain! Also, anybody that is an "ally" within the Domain has their Magic Power and Mana Regeneration Speed enhanced."

"Oooh, that's really amazing a useful, Kaguya!" I clapped. "Really great!"

"Fufu, naturally!" Kaguya giggled, waving her fan around. "And I can do many other things. From Divination of the future by reading the stars, to summoning friendly yokai for battle, but I will show such things later on. I will now expand my influence and slowly get used to this Domain. I'll be only staying for a month but even then, I must prepare. If you excuse me..."

After that, she disappeared into particles of light and returned to the tree.

"I guess she's still really useful, Katherine," I said. "I know she's a bit... peculiar and unique. But she's a good person I think."

"Ahh... fine, I am just a bit disappointed, I have a lot of Dryad friends, I would've loved to see them here," Katherine sighed. "It almost feels like she just snatched that scroll and took the opportunity of someone else to come. But I'm fairly sure that's not possible, right? Though it feels that way, why would a scroll that explicitly says it can summon Dryads summon a Kodama from Japan?"

"As she said, maybe she really wanted to visit the countries overseas! We are nobody to tell her that it's wrong or something, right? So let's leave it at that, Katherine," I said. "Do you want to join us in lunch? Do you eat other food than sweets and fruits?"

"I don't know, I can't really eat meat..." she said. "But if you have normal salad and desserts, I'm in!"

"Okay then, come over and let's eat together!"

We walked back home where the rest of my family and friends were, and we enjoyed a delicious lunch composed of a lot of fish from what we caught in that lake full of fish monsters.

The fish was indeed delicious just as Kaguya said, very flavorful and full of energy and mana. While eating, I also told everyone about Kaguya, our new guest, and how she was.

"So you summoned a Japanese Yokai?!" asked my daughter.

"S-She's not exactly a Yokai!" I said. "I just researched on the internet and she's more like... a Kami. Which are usually what Japanese call gods. But she's certainly not really a Kami, something in between I guess? They call Kami almost anything supernatural."

"Kodama..." muttered Anna. "The only thing I find is some old granny in front of a tree, is that what she is?!"

"No she looked more like a princess..." I said. "Anyways! She's strong and useful so uh, I'll endure for now."

"She's sus," said Katherine. "There's just something about her that doesn't sit quite well with me..."

"Maybe because she isn't your dear Dryad friend or something?" the Great Spirit sighed. "Girl, I did not feel a single bad thing from her, she's a pure nature spirit, her personality is weird yeah but that's about it. Don't go talking such things about other people without knowing them."

"Ah, well... W-What would an otherworldly spirit like you know about this world's spirits anyways?" Katherine sighed. "Completely different things!"

"They're quite literally the same," said the Great Spirit. "It's one of the interesting things I've found out, how close this world is from Arcadia in terms of spirits and everything else. They're so similar even when born in different worlds... well, there's still quite a lot of unique things, but yeah."

We continued talking about what to do next, what awaited us in the future, and what happened today. The bears got used to the place quite quickly, and the plant monsters also easily spread around the domain and seemed comfortable.

The bear Spirits were still going to appear at some point, so the little bear cubs will get even happier I suppose, so that's good.

Once we were done eating our feast, it was time to log back into BNLO, I wanted to check how the Luminous Kingdom was, amongst many other things.

Unlike before, the Domain had grown a lot, there were many more guardians, and the SWORD agents were stationed right outside the house, so I believed there wouldn't be many problems for the time being.

I still wanted to learn more about those cursed sorcerers... but we might as well work on what's in front of us.

And as we logged in and we were greeted by the underground workshop below Ambil's house...

Ding!

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"Ah..."

Chapter 1254 Invasion!

It seems we had ended setting up our spawn point to be the underground smithy connected to the gates that led to the Cloudia Fragment, one of Hephaestus Inheritances. So we all ended logging back in here. Rita and Lily were probably on their way to logging back into BNLO as well, as they had already gone back home after lunch.

However, Rita got a whole family, so I am not completely counting on her appearing instantly, I always wonder how she can manage to take care of her family while still having enough time to even come to BNLO. I would have assumed her husband wouldn't like it either, but I have yet to hear a single complain about her husband from her.

Maybe she's quite dominant in the relationship, and I've seen firsthand that Rita is that type of overbearing mother that can probably exhaust her entire family...

Wait, I guess they're happy she's "playing" a virtual game so she's not always there bothering them...

Wow, is that it?

Anyways, aside from that, the Druids had arrived and also ate lunch later, they said they didn't really mind eating in separate times, but I told them they had to come eat with us every now and then, at the very least.

With the Druids, Kaguya, Katherine, the new Plant Monster Army, and the SWORD Agents outside, I think we're safe for the moment...

"Alright! We're back here," said Mark. "So what do we do today? After everything that happened IRL I'm kind of lost..."

"Hahah, same," I giggled.

"Hm, well, we should probably go meet the Queen and the King, right mom?" asked my daughter.

"We should also check on the prince I think," Anna said.

"Aside from that, perhaps growing stronger and preparing for what's to come," said Elisa. "After all! What those evil sorcerers did yesterday is simply unforgivable, we must prepare for an all-out attack on them before they attack us first! Right?"

"I-I guess so..." said Monica. "Didn't the Druids of this world said they would help too? And Lady Verdant... I remember hearing something about that. Perhaps we could ask them about that."

"Right..." I nodded. "Okay, I think I know what we could do for now, yeah, let's go see the King and the Queen, I think they said something about devising some sort of plan themselves. Aside from that, there's a few things I need to take care of regarding Melisa and the other participants of yesterday's competition."

"Oh yeah, you promised them work, right?" wondered Mark. "Yeah, you should bring them over then. Where are they staying at?"

"I think they're in the castle for now, they're royal guests after all," I said. "Aside from that, the Druids... Yeah, we gotta go talk with them again. Seeing how we're approaching the climax of this whole deal with the magicians... I think we've all grown strong enough to have a chance, right?"

"Yeah," my daughter nodded. "You're all max level by now too, right?"

"Indeed, at least I am," I said.

"What about Brisingra and the people of the Time Realm?" wondered Mark. "I wonder if we could ask for their help?"

"I... don't know, I'll have to see what could be done," I said. "But I don't really want to put their lives at risk, and I don't know if they can properly step out of their Realm as of now."

"Hmm, well, we can see what can be done then," Mark nodded. "Also, remember Tomas? We could ask for his help too! He was one of those that were victims of the magicians. Perhaps how many other young magicians were convinced or forced to become half-demons to join their cult."

"Tomas! Right, he might have more info we could earn about their hideouts and what exactly is Merlinus doing," I said. "If I've saved him, then he could at the very least help back, right?"

"Certainly, he has to," nodded my daughter. "But I think that's about it..."

"Okay then, let's go upstairs and see what can be done," I said. "About Brisingra... I want to leave that girl alone on her own. She deserves to be happy with her mother. Her abilities might have been really useful, I think I'll miss her very useful barriers, but it can't be helped. I don't want to force her into going into a battle that might cost her life, at such a young age too."

"Yeah... it wouldn't be nice," Anna sighed. "Then let's go! I'm getting bored in here, and it's all hot..."

"Usually this place's cramped with workers, but I suppose they moved back to the Forest of Beginnings right now?" I wondered.

Yeah, usually there were a lot of people from the Forest of Beginnings working in here. But they do take breaks and can also use the portals I create at any time, so it makes sense they returned if they felt tired.

"Hmm, they left in quite a hurry."

Suddenly, a blazing genie materialized from the huge smithy's flames, the son of Hephaestus and my contracted Divine Spirit Familiar.

Ignis, the Third Divine Forging Flame Spirit.

There's three more, making them four children that Hephaestus had, each one within a smithy or forge he left behind somewhere, as a part of his grand inheritance.

I think they're mostly concealed within the area though, they cannot step out on their own, but I'm fairly sure they can temporarily summoned by the inheritor of Hephaestus Legacy.

"Ignis! It feels like ages since I last saw you. Did you see something?"

"Ages? Your perception of time is slightly warped, Master," he laughed, crossing his blazing arms. "But yes, I saw them running to the Forest of Beginnings through the portal in the Druid's Guild. That one. They said something about the forest needing protection and warriors. And that whenever you appeared, that you should urgently go back."

"Wait, what?"

And then, just as Ignis said that...

Ding!

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"Ah..." I muttered. "Wait a second! Again?! Didn't this already happen once a while ago?!"

"An invasion!" said Mark. "We have to hurry! Is this why Acorn and Nieve aren't around either? They probably already went back too!"

"We have to hurry!"

Chapter 1255 Moving To The Forest Of Beginnings

We ran upstairs, opening the door towards Ambil's shop and quickly calling for him if he was around. Luckily, we found him, he was having lunch with a bunch of friends!

"Oh my, well, this is a good surprise. You're finally back, good friends."

"Ah! Planta! Hey! You're finally back!"

"Look who's back! We've been waiting for you all day, where have you been?"

"Lady Planta, I'm relieved you're back... About what you promised me..."

"We've come here as you requested too."

"Yeah! Will you really make us your disciples?"

"We also came for the work you promised!"

"Lady Planta! I have to thank you again for having healed us yesterday."

It was all the people we made friends in the Craftsmanship Competition!

Erdragon, the gentlemanly Dragon Man, Goldanaba, the flirty Brownie woman that really loves gold, Horshen, the grump fire spirit magic-wielding Dwarf, Melisa, the cursed girl I saved from that insane Alchemist Guild master, BlackEye and Erika, the newbies full of potential, and Clark and Kent, alongside a couple other participants that had been wounded by that wicked trio of brothers, and which I healed.

"You're finally here! Did you know? David just came here asking for you, he said there was a meeting you should have already gone to with the King and the Queen regarding what they'll do starting tomorrow," said Ambil. "And you have yet to even show up! I know you got another whole world out there but if you make yourself such an important person you should try to be more present!"

"I'm so sorry about that!" I apologized. "And welcome everyone! Glad you're here! We can talk about everything in a bit... For now we're in quite the hurry!"

"Hurry? What happened?" Melisa wondered.

"You see, the forest where we come from is under attack from Undead Gates, those from the new event," said Mark. "And they're sure a pain, we have to go help out the forest. I know they can handle things on their own, but we don't know for how long."

"T-That's right! We have to hurry!" I said. "We're moving to the Druid Guild to get there through the portal. Do you guys want to come as well?"

"Wait, what?" wondered Ambil. "I guess I should go, I do owe you quite a lot..."

"So undead monsters are invading your homeland, lady Planta?" said Erdragon, standing up. "Let me assist you then, that is the very least I could do for a friend."

"Erdragon! Really?" I felt moved.

"Let me go too," Melisa said. "The Undead are from the Demon King of Death, don't they? The Demon Kings are the ones that made me the way I am now... so I want to get back at them, even if a bit."

"Melisa! I'll get your accessory done right after we finish fending them off then!" I said.

"I'm going as well! I'm traveling around the world so I might as well see that huge forest for myself!" said Horshen. "There might be unique materials, I hope you could let me collect some later."

"Sure! There are mines full of Spirit Stones and other Magic Ores, so you're free to take some later as payment for your help," I said.

"Ugh, I guess I'm going too? I don't want to lose face," groaned Goldana.

"Ahh, thanks?" I said.

"Me too, I need to level up more. And I want to try my abilities- Also, perhaps as a way to thank you for saving me yesterday," said BlackEye.

"Me too! Me too!" Erika jumped. "I can fight just fine!"

"We're going as well!"

"Yes of course!"

"Please let us assist you."

"Thank you guys!"

Although crafters and blacksmiths mostly create equipment, that doesn't mean they're weak themselves. If anything they're usually very strong and have amazing equipment to go with it.

"Then let's hurry and go! I'll leave a ward to protect the house, so nobody enters," I said.

As we ran outside, I quickly conjured a powerful Divine Ward that lasts like four hours, it was cheap and almost indestructible, no demons can pass through it also.

"Let's go!"

We ran across the streets, causing a bit of a ruckus, but both Players and NPC recognized us, some of them even calling my name multiple times.

"It's Planta!"

"It's her, really!"

"Holy shit! Please let me take a selfie with you!"

"Planta are you selling spirit equipment again?"

"Got any spirit weapons?!"

"I'm sorry everyone, we're busy right now! Please don't bother us..."

I rushed forward and quickly used my Aura to open the way so the people wouldn't get on our way, quickly reaching the Druid Guild, and opening the door.

The smell of wet wood and mud entered my nostrils, as I saw bugs flying around and also frogs on the floor, around small ponds.

Yes this was the Druid Guild Building, granny Austucia had modified the first floor to resemble a swamp as it kept her more connected with Nature or something.

"Oh my! You guys are back already?" granny greeted us, she was sitting over the wet floor while surrounded by frogs and salamanders. "Just now, a bunch of your little friend went through the portal. Oh? You've brought a lot of new friends here? Hm?"

"Ah yes, they're crafters, alchemists, and blacksmith friends!" I said. "Earlier, those people. Were they Acorn and Nieve?"

"I think so!" said the Druid lady. "Also Johana accompanied them too. They said something about an invasion?"

"Yeah that's it, so we're going!" I said. "We'll come back once that's settled!"

"O-Okay! I'll watch over the portal then!" she said. "Do your best!"

As she waved her hand, I noticed her powerful Nature Soul emerging from her body briefly as I passed through the portal, suddenly expanding around the building.

And then I realized that whole building was somewhat alive, and part of her Nature Soul itself!

It trembled, as its defenses and durability were reinforced.

Wow, that's amazing.

Maybe I should do the same for my house, and even the house I'll have in this city too.

But for now, let's beat some Undead!

It always feels nicer to hunt monsters with my Avatar than with my IRL body, to be honest...

FLASH!

Chapter 1256 The Forest Is Under Attack!

Surrounding the enormous walls made of stone and wood around the Forest of Beginnings, dozens of gray- and azure-colored portals were opening, constantly pouring out hundreds of Undead Monsters from within them.

Giant Phantasmal Creatures, Skeleton Beasts of all shapes and sizes, and Giant Zombies, mostly humanoid, which were wearing bone armor and weapons, charged constantly from these portals. Their presence alone spread a foul decaying aura and phantasmal flames, attempting to consume the strong Domain of Nature that Planta had worked so hard to spread.

However, the Nature Domain was just that, as it was also part of the Forest of Beginnings and its endless, ever-growing life.

Although the Demon King of Miasma had managed to destroy the Forest once, thanks to Planta and her friends help, they were able to revive the entire forest, now becoming its core, the gigantic young Yggdrasil Tree, Planta's "true body" sat still, silently, like a mighty tower or better, a behemoth.

The Undead marched forward, only to be hit by invisible waves of Spiritual Energies constantly released by the tree and its Domain. Hundreds if not thousands of Lesser and Normal Elemental Spirits materialized one after another, their lives were short, but they sacrificed themselves to protect the focal point of their domain.

Fire Spirits exploded, burning through the Undead, Sunlight Spirits released rays of sunlight before dissipating, Earth Spirits transformed the earth and created pits, temporarily burying the undead monsters under the earth, and so on.

There were even Water and Ice Spirits, which appeared in large quantities to fight, releasing floods of cold water that then froze and ended turning the undead into frozen statues, later shattered by the stone spirits taking the form of giants made of stone.

However, at the end of the day, they were the most basic of spirits, the strongest ones required Plants or a strong spirit magician to be summoned, and the basic spirits born within the Domain of Nature in the Forest of Beginnings just weren't enough.

"Continue attacking! Don't stop!"

"We're breaking in! Destroy this wretched place!"

"Burn every tree we see!"

The Undead charged into the outer forest, burning the trees surrounding the walls and trying to completely destroy nature with everything they had.

However, the trees started moving on their own, eventually, trembling and roaring as if they were alive, giant Ents surged from the ground, noticing their burning branches, they started fighting back after having a rude awakening.

"We're under attack!" one screamed, followed by countless more waking up.

They had moved outside of the walls to become guardians of the Forst and to be able to intercept attackers at all times! Led by their Leader, the Ent King, they materialized massive weapons made of wood, and started smashing the smaller Undead into smithereens.

"The trees were Ents! Bring the stronger Undead!"

A flying crow undead flew over the undead army, alerting the generals that had just arrived through the portals, most of them resembled undead knights covered from head to toe with black armor or white bone armor.

However, unlike the other Undead Monsters, their presences were strangely "lively" and weren't completely dead themselves- no, there was a clear sign, auras of lifeforce coming from them.

There were also almost fifty of these "generals" who were given the privilege and ability to control these Undead and even to obtain many powerful Undead Knight and Necromancer Skills.

"Dammit, those fucking walking trees that fucked us over that other time, they're outside the walls now?!"

One of them, a tall and muscular general covered with crimson bone armor groaned angrily, swinging his blazing sword in frustration.

"Gaston! Calm down! This is only the beginning! We literally have an unlimited supply of Undead from the Underworld," a woman wearing tight black armor and with the helmet in the shape of a black and red spider stepped towards him, holding a long black katana. "We'll have our revenge, but we have to first see how they respond.

A war of attrition for now would be the best, to tire them out using our army of small fries."

"Silvera..." groaned Gaston, crossing his arms, the long red hair his avatar had waving by the opening of the helmet. "Fine, whatever! But we're definitely breaking in once they finally weaken enough! I can't wait to burn them all to cinders! I want my Phoenix Item back too, and my sword! Even this Undead sword is only a temporary item, it says it'll disappear in like a week!"

"I know, most of everything we have is temporary quest-tied equipment," said another general, a slenderer man with silver hair and wearing bony armor, holding two swords made of black metal and covered on phantasmal flames. "But this opportunity, we cannot really waste it!

Since we were given the opportunity to join the opposite faction that we've been able to easily massacre all the bastards that looked down on us. And it's time for us finally have our revenge. We'll burn that tree, just have patience. With all the Raid Points we gather today, we'll be able to get more permanent equipment and skills.

Hell, that Skeleton guy said we could even become generals of the demon king of death! Can you believe it? That's a world boss!"

"Haha, I know, Elios" Gaston smiled. "I can hardly believe that our pathetic shitty lives changed so much just a week ago... Well, now it's finally time to set things right and fuck them back."

Gaston, Silvera, and Elios, the three Leaders of three different Guilds, Players that composed the Knight Alliance, a Guild Alliance that once attempted to raid the Forest of Beginnings and were slaughtered miserably had come back, allying the Undead Faction that was invading the world of Arcadia, they had willingly become enemies of all other Players.

However, when offered so much power, who would ever reject such a good offer, especially when progression through the game became increasingly harder after all the penalties they received?

If anything, this was an opportunity they couldn't waste!

Yet would the inhabitants of the Forest of Beginnings let their sacred lands be trampled by the combined forces of Players and Undead?

"There they are there's Players working with the Undead!"

"Just like before, the Demon Kings are recruiting evil players to work for them..."

Acorn and Nieve appeared above the walls, accompanied by hundreds of warriors from the forest.

And behind them, a beautiful fairy princess overflowing with a pink aura nodded.

"It looks like the army is much stronger than before too! A-Are they the same players that invaded us before?"

Florie, the Fairy Princess, had grown a lot since the last time she fought alongside Planta, now having matured more, her magic powers had advanced greatly.

"Yeah Florie!" said Acorn. "We'll have to put all our efforts into defeating them..."

"But if we don't get inside the gates, the undead will never stop coming," said Nieve. "We have to kill the bosses inside!"

"Hmm, but with all these monsters in front, charging towards there will be impossible," Florie squinted her eyes. "Queen Titania entrusted me with leading the army, I cannot disappoint her... we must devise a strategy. Until then, we must defend! Let's support the Ent Army protecting the forest in the meantime!"

Chapter 1257 Titania's Efforts

Within the Fairy Queendom's castle, sitting over her throne, Titania glanced stoically at the distance, her bright divine eyes easily piercing through all physical things, allowing her to see even what was beyond them.

Her powers had increased greatly after Planta created a particular Skill, giving her the power to harness the Great Spirit's divine powers, and to even turn her own powers divine, while also giving blessings to others to a level she could never do so more.

This, as well, came accompanied by a series of improvements to her entire body! Vision, Hearing, Touch, Smelling, Senses, and even her physical strength and magical power, and even her Mana and Spirit Energy Pool increased drastically.

She was completely different than before, perhaps several times stronger, and could become even stronger temporarily through this Skill she was now tied to, and its ability to harness a special type of spiritual energy that allowed her to skyrocket her abilities and conjure unique spells.

Above all, she used such powers to see through the forest and into the army beyond, there, she immediately calculated roughly a thousand Undead Monsters ranging from Level 150 to Level 250, they were strong and a lot.

"Compared to last time, they're much stronger," she said. "Almost a hundred levels stronger too..."

Surrounding her were many fairies preparing for battle, mounting on huge golems, there were also brownies holding massive hammers and wearing heavy armor, while gnomes carried magic guns and cannons.

"But this time, we're much more prepared as well, thanks to Planta's help all of this time, we've been able to grow much stronger, and with her blessings, we can maintain our bodies healthy and energetic, we've been working hard to enhance our defenses," she smiled, looking at her people.

"This is the time to prove her, our guardian, and the rest of the world, that the Forest of Beginnings is not a place they can easily invade! Even less, win!"

"YEAAAHH!"

"KILL THESE UNDEAD!"

"RAAAAHH!"

Fairies, Gnomes, Myconid, Squirrel-kin, and Brownies roared in unison, making up the majority of the population of people in the forest, they had been unified as one big alliance for a while now, all thanks to Planta's efforts.

They heard their queen words and felt invigorated, their eyes glowing brightly as they nodded, marching forward and running across the forest.

"I shall remain within the castle and guide you from here!" she said.

"{Divine Spiritual Expansion Domain}!"

FLAAASH!

Her Spiritual Domain expanded rapidly around the entire surroundings, reaching further from the castle into the northwest area of the walls, where the army of Undead was trying to breakthrough.

The Fairy Queen was an incredibly valuable person in the entirety of the continent, although she might want to step out of her throne or kingdom every now and then, she would do so with extreme cautiousness.

With many foes wanting her dead, it was rather obvious why would her subjects insist on her staying in the castle, and this had happened various times, even when she wanted to go fight against the snake invasion, she was forced to stay here.

At the end, she devised a strategy, to expand her influence and her presence across the forest she saw grow up from the very beginning.

And now, after having grown so powerful, she could further expand upon this power through a mighty domain!

Spiritual Expansion Domain.

FLUOSH!

Everyone felt her motherly presence as they advanced forward, pink colored spiritual energies forming thousands of butterflies flying everywhere as they advanced.

Eventually, after reaching the living walls, which was actually some sort of Spiritual Earth Golem Planta had created, they saw the gates opening, revealing the war beyond the walls.

Fairies, Gnomes, Squirrel-kin, Brownies, and Myconid together joined into an army of hundreds, clashing against the Undead with both magic and amazing magical artifacts.

Although many still lacked experience on wars and battle, with her presence near them or even within them, their fear slowly left their bodies.

Titania not only helped their fears calm down, but she imbued her powers into their armor and weapons.

"With this Domain fueled directly by Yggdrasil and Planta's connection, I can do much more now," Titania said.

She moved her hands forward, waving them as waves of pink light emerged from her fingers, waves that turned into thousands of butterflies.

"{Divine Spiritual Expansion Domain Arts}: {Fairy Knight Armor Enhancement}!"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

"Oooh! What's this?!"

"My armor transformed!"

"How is this possible?"

"The Queen is on our side! We have a deity protecting us!"

The knights and warriors of the frontlines were surprised as their armor, already spiritual in nature thanks to Planta crafting it for them absorbed her presence and transformed.

Eventually gaining pink metallic color, the armor gained big wings and decorations reminiscent of ancient fairy knights, alongside that, they covered their entire bodies and gained several layers of defensive protection.

"RAAAHH!"

CRASH!

"Aagh!"

As a bone beast attacked a Myconid Warrior and pushed him away with immense force, the armor protected him from damage, negating a large quantity of it!

"Eh? I'm fine?!"

The boy stood up surprised, as he saw the Mushroom Brigade charge forward, led by their leader Sporegon, they swung their weapons and destroyed the Bone Beasts one after another.

Their Magician blew them up with mighty magic spells, Sporegon swung his blade, cutting through all, their blacksmith used his blazing hammer, crushing bones and burning rotten flesh alike, their hunters shot from afar, blowing everything up, and even the alchemists and medics helped, throwing bombs created through alchemy using Acorn's recipes.

"Woah...!"

The young Myconid boy stood back up, glancing at the scene in utter awe and disbelief, as he saw Sporegon running to his side, helping him stand up.

"Are you ok?"

"Y-Yes sir!"

"Stay close to us! We'll advance now! We cannot let the Undead touch the walls!"

"I'll do my best!"

As their charged forward, inside the forest, as the armies advanced outside the walls, Acorn who was leading the squirrel-kin, noticed something close to the castle.

A black fruit resembling a grenade fruit, which had broken open, the size of a small person.

"Huh? Where did this pitch-black fruit come from?"

A strange black colored spiritual essence emerged from this mysterious fruit, its trail reaching the outer side of the walls.

"T-This is...? Don't tell me!"

An old monster had awakened from his slumber, ready to repay his debt.

Chapter 1258 Will They Keep Their Promise?

As Titania Constantly imbued her powers into her army and enhanced their abilities, she widened her eyes, sensing a powerful presence very familiar to one in the past suddenly emerge.

However, it was strange, despite holding the same type of energy, it had been strangely twisted and merged directly with Spirit Energies, giving birth to a completely unique, yet bizarre entity.

"W-What is the meaning of this?!" she gasped. "Where did this thing come from- Wait, don't tell me!"

She ran across the throne room, reaching the windows and then flying into the skies looking at the giant Yggdrasil Tree, Planta's dormant, true body.

In there, she noticed that a certain branch that held a black fruit she had been watching over this entire time... had changed.

There was no fruit there anymore.

"Wait... what?! When did he...?"

She looked everywhere, expanding her senses, suddenly noticing a few hundred meters from the castle a huge black fruit.

What should have been a fruit full of pulp and juice was mostly dry and empty inside, as if something had eaten everything as a way to sustain itself before...

Breaking from it, as if it were an egg rather than some fruit.

"That's... since when did he...?"

Titania sighed, recalling what Planta had told her.

"He will pay for everything he has done once he finally wakes up, and is fully reborn through my powers," she said to Titania. "So, once that happens, don't get worried and calm down. He might be a bit mysterious, but he's actually someone that only wants to be loved... I'll guide him to the right path."

"She said I shouldn't worry but..." Titania sighed, looking at the tree. "Will he really keep his promise, Planta?"

As Titana returned to her castle, above the skies, a group of dozens of Bone Wyverns and Phantasmal Specters rushed into the forest, attempting to ignore the walls altogether.

Perhaps in the medieval times of Earth where there were no magic or flighted mounts, something like huge walls would have served to protect a territory.

However, this was a fantasy world, Arcadia, and therefore, winged monsters even more intelligent ones or tamed creatures, were commonplace.

Even more, people that could fly was also very common!

Therefore, walls alone would never truly protect a territory or a kingdom.

And this weakness was what Gaston, Silvera, and Elios wanted to exploit.

"Hahaha! They are wide open in the skies!" laughed Gaston, riding a huge bone wyvern made of black bones and covered on phantasmal flames. "Let's rush directly to the castle!"

Leading the flying units, Gaston the Berserk prepared to drop from the skies and reach the Forest of Beginnings from above, assaulting the inhabitants that wouldn't participate in the battle to lower the morale of the warriors and gain easy EXP.

"Now, descend!"

As they appeared right above the forest passing through the walls, the wyverns and specters roared, making up sixty units in total, all of them between Level 200 to Level 250, descended at rapid speed.

The bone wyverns attempted to clash into the forest, destroy the trees and burn everything with their phantom breaths. Meanwhile, the specters were already conjuring soul-draining spells to eat all the souls within their vicinity!

Yet...

CLAAASH!

The moment they were about to touch a tree, an invisible barrier ended blocking their descend, the wyverns clashed into the magic barrier and the smaller ones exploded into pieces, as the magic barrier released spirit flames and holy light upon being touched by the undead.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

The undead wyverns exploded into pieces and started burning into ashes, agonizingly screaming! The other wyverns panicked, flying up and evading the destructive touch of the barrier.

Gaston's ride managed to evade by a hair, as his face twisted in disbelief!

"W-What is this?! Not only they have walls now, but they got a magic barrier?!"

He quickly glanced around, noticing the magic barrier had several sources of energy. It primarily originated from the walls themselves, as they were made using the territory management system, something Gaston had no idea of, the wall was packed with unique abilities, as if it had skills of its own.

One of such abilities was [Magical Shield], Gaston had no idea about it, but could immediately tell that the origin of this magic shield wasn't normal, even more, as it was connected to the huge tree in the middle of the forest, supplying it with mana and spirit energy constantly.

"What is this?! This is ridiculous! Dammit!" he roared angrily. "It not only can defend but also fight back?! Tch! Fire!

Destroy the magic shield! Specters! Use Curses or whatever to weaken the magic composition or something!"

"ROOAAARR!"

The Undead Wyverns roared in unison, opening their bony jaws and releasing destructive beams of burning phantasmal flames, bombarding the magic shield constantly with explosive phantasmal attacks!

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

The shield received the attacks and seemed to be slightly weakening, however, with its natural regeneration abilities, it would rapidly get back together.

"This ain't working... What about the specters?"

"OOOHHH!"

The specters groaned, resembling human-like skeletons made of phantasmal energies, they pointed their bony hands at the barrier and then released a wave of cursed energies.

FLUOSH!

They covered a section of the magic shield with a black cloud of cursed energies, rapidly making it consume the magic shield and weaken it considerably!

"Now, attack again!"

Gaston smiled as the wyverns attacked once more, bombarding the magic shield with destructive explosive breath attacks.

This time, however, the magic shield gained cracks, and many of them all over its surface!

Crack, crack...!

CRACK!

As the cracks continued to spread through the magic shield, Gaston, smiled, leaping out of the wyvern and swinging his giant blade against it.

"I'll break this shit open and get in!"

CRAAASH!

His sword attack unleashed an eruption of Mana and Energies, spreading the cracks even further until small pieces of the magic shield fell like glass.

A wicked smile surged in the player's face, as he raised his sword again and was about to swing it once more.

"KNOCK KNOCK, MOTHERFUCKER!"

However, in that very moment...

TRUUUM!

A wave of black sludge reached him, wrapping around his body and suddenly stealing his sword.

"W-Wha...?!"

It was so fast and precise that he couldn't even prevent it!

"I'll be taking this."

The voice of a young boy echoed from above Gaston.

"Huh? A damn fairy?!"

Chapter 1259 The Mysterious Fairy

Just when he was about to break through the magic shield and enter the forest, Gaston was surprised, out of nowhere, a wave of black sludge splashed over his entire body, wrapping around him as if it were alive, and using its tentacles, it stole his sword, which was quickly dragged towards his perpetrator's hands.

"Who the fuck...?!"

It was so fast and precise that he couldn't even prevent it!

Gaston glared into the skies angrily, noticing the figure of someone that had done this. The origin of this black sludge that seemed to be weakening him constantly, and that was also dealing damage per second like poison...

"I'll be taking this."

The voice of a young boy echoed from above Gaston as he glanced at the small figure that stole the sword from his hands.

Not once, but twice has he had his sword stolen!

And now, by a damn...

"Huh? A damn fairy?!"

The fairy's crimson eyes glared at the young man, scanning his body and equipment precisely and calmly, and then at the monsters that were nearby.

He had pale white skin, like most fairies, accompanied by black Oni-like horns coming from his forehead, and a third crimson-colored eye between both horns.

His black hair was slightly long, reaching his shoulders, it looked messy and fluffy, and his face was flawless, adorable and round, making him look more like a girl than a boy.

His crimson eyes had slits, resembling those of reptiles, and were big, with long eyelashes, looking slightly sleepy.

The only clothes he was wearing were black leaves that grew around the fruit where he was born, covering his chest up to his waist, the nails from his little hands and toes were black colored too.

"I was never originally a fairy, but this is the form I've taken after being given a second chance..." the boy said. "I don't particularly like it, as it seals away and contains my true form and powers but... It's what I deserve after having committed all those atrocities."

"W-Wha...?"

Gaston couldn't even understand what the boy... or girl was talking about, but he quickly gathered Mana into his hands, releasing an attack.

"GIVE ME BACK MY WEAPON, SHITHEAD!"

As a true berserk, the young man waited no moment in attacking, swinging his hands and releasing giant claws made of phantasmal energies, the skill that his gloves contained, {Phantasmal Claws}!

"Hmm..."

The fairy glanced at the incoming attacks with a sleepy, bored expression.

"So weak."

He yawned, and his yawn itself released a shockwave of dark spirit energies.

BOOOM!

The explosion alone sent Gaston flying away, his gauntlets exploded into pieces, and his entire body was covered on miasma, infecting his wounds.

"Uugh?! W-What the fuck... What the fuck happened?!"

Gaston barely stood up over the magic shield barrier, glancing into the distance as the fairy boy... or girl, glanced at the nearby wyverns and specters.

"GRYYAARRR!"

The black bone wyvern roared at the fairy, rushing forwards with its entire body set ablaze.

It happened to destroy him with a kamikaze attack!

"Huh?"

CRAAASH!

The wyvern impacted his little body, as Gaston stood up and smiled.

"Yes! You did it buddy!"

As he celebrated, suddenly, amidst the smoke and the flames, the fairy boy emerged... unscathed.

"Was I supposed to take damage from that? Why did it kill itself?"

The boy glanced at the pieces of the wyvern and sighed.

"Y-You didn't take any damage?! But you're some small shitass fairy!"

Gaston empowered his body with strengthening skills, now having reached past Level 250, he was not as weak as he used to, he took a second sword from his inventory, having already prepared for the off chance of having his weapon stolen.

FLASH!

And with a single step, he reached the fairy, swinging his sword against him and unleashing a spinning, descending attack that covered his body with crimson flames.

"{Berserk Spinning Blazing Charge}!"

A Fusion Skill that combined magic skills with a charge attack and several techniques at once, allowing Gaston to unleash an explosive charge attack that would destroy anything on his path instantly.

CLAAASH!

The immense attack reached the fairy, who quickly encompassed his entire body with black sludge, reinforcing it until it became dark purple crystal.

"{Miasmic Crystal Cocoon}"

A cocoon made of crystals defended him from all damage, no matter how strong Gaston attack was, it couldn't surpass the defenses of the fairy's "magic".

"W-Wha...!?"

And not only that, but spears emerged from the cocoon, spikes that pierced through Gaston's defenses and shattered his armor in seconds.

"Aarggh!"

As he vomited blood and saw his HP plummet down rapidly, suddenly, the fairy reached him, gathering the black sludge into his hands to form a massive hand.

"I just woke up, so I feel a bit sleepy, but I know that you're a bad person, right? I'll try to defend this forest from now on, to atone for the time I once destroyed it."

"A-Ahh! WAIT!"

"ROOAARR!"

"OOHHHH!"

However, before the fairy could kill Gaston, the wyverns and specters attacked him, the specters released explosive spheres of curses while the wyverns released their phantom breath.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

They continued attacking incessantly, constantly trying to break through whatever indestructible defenses the fairy had and to deal some damage!

However...

"Stop it, it's annoying."

The fairy released a shockwave of pure darkness, which formed a black cloud, swallowing the undead that touched it.

"{Devouring Miasma Cloud}"

The black cloud absorbed the undead and crushed them beneath a tremendous, deadly pressure followed by being consumed and melted by the miasmatic acid.

Until the only thing left were...

Mere ashes!

"A-Ah...!"

Gaston gave a step back, quickly drinking many potions desperately to restore his health.

The fairy glared at him from afar.

"That is not going to help you, my miasma can consume all things... I'm grateful this shield is here, or I would end up damaging the forest."

FLASH!

The fairy spread out his dark purple colored butterfly wings, which had huge eyes on them, reaching Gaston within a second, and then, swinging the sword he stole from him.

"Goodbye."

"{Netherworld Gate}!!!"

SLASH!

As Gaston was split apart into two and died instantly, a huge black and dark blue gate materialized above his corpse.

TRUUUM!

"Hm?"

And then hundreds of Undead poured from it!

"Oh."

Chapter 1260 The Reincarnation Of The Demon King Of Miasma

"Ah! What's that?!" Titania gasped, looking into the skies.

The Queen of Fairies noticed that a huge battle happened right above the forest. The shields surrounding the entire forest were reinforced thanks to her domain and also Yggdrasil's "instinctual actions" which sometimes triggered, such as imbuing mana and energies into certain areas, or summoning lesser elemental spirits.

She saw how a black fairy appeared out of nowhere, one with horns which she couldn't tell if it was a boy or a girl, wearing black leaves as clothes, and using tremendously powerful black magic. The death general leading the flying undead was immediately overwhelmed.

She saw how his sword was stolen and then his entire body was split apart into two with the very sword the fairy took, and that's without even considering what he did to the undead!

"He wields... Miasma! It is him!" Titania gasped. "The reincarnation of the Demon King of Miasma! At last... he's really here!"

She felt both fear and excitement, it seemed that the demon king kept his promise, fighting to protect the forest as he promised Planta he would!

With his new fairy-like body, given to him by Yggdrasil, which was already a species of tree capable of birthing fairies themselves he was able to conceal his true form and seem inconspicuous to most.

"Those black clouds... they completely consumed those powerful undead, turning them into ashes instantly?!"

Not only that, as the battle progressed, she also saw how the fairy created a cocoon to protect himself by crystalizing miasma, and also manipulated miasma as if it were a secondary limb.

"Is he... is he really good now?"

As the Queen wondered, she suddenly saw Gaston being split apart, only for a huge portal to suddenly open right after his death.

TRUUUM!

"T-That's...!"

What she didn't know was that every Player that was turned into a Death general had the power to create one of these Undead Gates only once, giving them the incredible advantage of summoning hundreds of undead within seconds in a single spot.

After seeing how he was going to die regardless of what he could do, Gaston immediately went for it, summoning hundreds of undead monsters above the magic shield!

The sheer number of Undead alone weighed over the magic shield, as their nether and phantasmal flames burned over the magic shield instantly, cursing it and weakening it.

"Ah! I have to reinforce the barrier!"

She flew out of her castle, reaching Yggdrasil and touching the gigantic tree.

"Planta, please give me your strength!" Titania cried.

She touched her chest and then channeled the powers that connected her to Planta and also to the Great Spirit of Harvest and Nature!

"{Divine Vessel Awakening}!"

FLAAASH!

Harnessing the powers of the [Aeternitas' Divine Spiritual Vessel Guardian Protection] Divine Fusion Skill, Titania became the vessel of the Great Spirit, or one of many.

Feeling her divine presence within her, she quickly expanded her powers and harnessed Divine Spiritual Essence!

All through this Skill's special effects, which Titania had access to as a Divine Guardian and also a Divinity that the others can channel as a vessel.

When becoming Divine Spiritual Vessels, the Guardians will be granted the power of the Great Spirit and the Fairy Queen Titania into their Divine Souls, immediately and permanently gaining a boost to MP, INT, WIS, LUK, CHM, and SOUL of +300%, with an additional +10% with each Skill Level.

And they will also gain their Protection, enhancing their Physical and Magical Defense by +200%, with an additional +12% with each Skill Level, while gaining the ability to block a lethal attack against them or any of their registered [Party Members] once every hour.

Alongside that, they will also gain the power to conjure and enhance Barrier-type and Ward-type Magic to gain greater effects; by using Spiritual Essence, they will be able to further enhance their Defensive Power, Healing Effects, and Special Effects by +300%, with an additional +15% with each Skill Level.

When enhancing already existing Barrier or Ward-type Magic, they can also shape it and control its form much better, using it to either encompass their bodies or as a temporary, emergency weapon. And lastly, becoming a vessel enhances the Total Stats, Power, Duration, and Insight of all their Summoned Spirits and Familiars by +250%, with an additional +15% with each Skill Level.

While in the State of Vessel Activation, the Guardians will be able to gather Divine Spiritual Essence of both the Great Spirit and the Fairy Queen Titania, using such power to unleash potent [Great Divine Spiritual Magic] through the combination of Mana with this Divine Spiritual Essence and the Vessels own power.

For every registered Guardian, the power of [Great Divine Spiritual Magic] increases by +100%, with an additional +10% with each Skill Level.

The aura she gained instantly boosted her barrier and ward creating magic, immediately letting her inject this essence into the magic shield, which was already about to break within seconds of the undead pouring from the gate.

"So many...!"

The Demon King of Miasma looked at the hundreds of Undead incoming and quickly started killing them, spreading his black clouds of miasma and devouring them in masse.

However, because the initial wave was so absolutely massive, he was unable to stop them all in time even though he was mowing them down super-fast!

Crack, crack...!

"The barrier's going to break...!"

The fairy panicked, trying to release more of his powers, but feeling his small body restricting them and making him feel sickly and dizzy.

"Ugh, this body seals my powers too tightly... if I let them all out, I'll die! Is this also part of my punishment?" he wondered. "I have to learn how to work with smaller energy reserves instead of trying to release it all at once!"

He quickly spread out the Miasma that he could control at the moment, which he assumed could increase over time as he "leveled up" seeing how he started at Level 1 despite his immense strength.

"{Miasmic Tentacles}!"

Hundreds of tentacles quickly began whipping the undead and destroying them one after another, but more kept coming and moving across the blind spots, attacking the magic shield.

None of them was even attacking him or paying attention to him, they clearly just wanted to destroy the shield and then go down into the forest.

"I WON'T LET YOU!"

Titania and Erebus screamed at the same time.

Titania's magic materialized at long last, as it reinforced the magic shield and quickly added over ten more layers of defenses through the inherited power of Divine Wards as a Divine Guardian.

At the same time, Erebus roared, swinging his tentacles even more furiously while creating more of them as he surpassed the limits of his body briefly.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

While spinning over the magic shield, he devastated the undead one after another, by the dozens! The sheer amount of invading undead coming from the gate lowered drastically, giving him and Titania more time.

"He's really helping me out, he's not evil anymore?" wondered Titania, gasping. "Erebus was his name...? I'm glad you've turned upon a new leaf, Erebus!"

Her voice echoed, reaching Erebus above, the boy glanced at her and blushed a bit.

"T-This is only because I promised Planta that I would do this!" said Erebus. "D-Don't get the wrong idea! I-I'm still a Demon King!"

Despite how he acted, he was glad he was being relied on.