

Brand New 1301

Chapter 1301: New Soul-Bound Skill

Ding!

[You have selected the Fusion Skill [Yggdryad's Divine Spiritual Presence: Lv10/15 (Fused Skill)] to Evolve using the [Divine Skill Evolution Ticket (SS Grade)] x1!]

[Do you wish to proceed with the Divine Soul-Bound Skill Evolution?]

[Yes] [No]

I pressed [Yes] as fast as I could, as the Skill Orb and the ticket rapidly merged together.

FLASH!

The orb, which glowed with golden, green, and azure color absorbed all one hundred particles of light created by the ticket, rapidly growing larger.

Eventually, it became at least three times its original size, overflowing with tremendous power, it even gained a new pixelated icon like before.

The icon now resembled a half-dragon, winged woman emanating a strong silver and golden aura, while leaving behind boundless nature before her steps.

Ooh, that's pretty! Is that me?

FLUOSH!

After that, the Spirit Orb merged with my Soul, creating a new Soul-Bond like before. This was already a strong Fused Skill I had created back then in the Dwarven Mountain.

But now, it had evolved and become even stronger...

I felt its power coursing through my very existence, it was now imprinted with my latest evolution, becoming something greater.

Ding!

[Congratulations! The [Yggdryad's Divine Spiritual Presence: Lv10/15 (Fused Skill)] Skill has successfully evolved into the Soul Bound Divine Evolution Skill: [Divine Aeternitas Yggdragon Heavenly Spiritual Presence: Lv1/30 (Evolved Skill)]!]

[Due to the effects of the Ticket, the new Skill has gained 10 Bonus Levels!]

[Divine Aeternitas Yggdragon Heavenly Spiritual Presence: Lv10/30 (Evolved Skill)]

The Evolved form of the [Yggdryad's Divine Spiritual Presence] Skill that now absorbs the power of Yggdrasil, the Yggdragon, and Aeternitas to reach new heights. Now Soul Bound, it can unleash its true power as it was imprinted into the user's very soul.

As the Yggdragon Aeternitas, you're the very source of Divine Spiritual Nature Energy, Time Essence, and Spirits. By merely being somewhere, anywhere, Nature, Spirits, and even Time Essence comes naturally to you, without you needing to do absolutely anything. By spending a constant quantity of Mana per second while walking or simply staying idle, in any place, any surrounding Tiles or Terrain will automatically transform into [Primordial Garden of Life Tiles] and [Fragmented Time Tiles].

The more it expands, the longer it takes to get farther away from you, but as long as you move, the Terrain will continue to automatically expand. You can either decide which Tile you want to expand as you walk, they can be both or one in specific as you desire. Additionally, both Tiles come with new unique Effects that take place whenever you or an ally are standing over them.

[Primordial Garden of Life Tiles]: Increases HP, KI, STR, VIT, DEX, and AGI by 100%. Increases Stamina, Satiation, and HP Regeneration by 200%. Ancient Divine Spirits might appear to help you. Foes are constantly attacked by Spirits.

[Fragmented Time Tiles]: Increases Spell, Skill, Technique, or Ability Attack Power and Attack Speed by 200%. Accelerates movement speed by 100% and decreases movement speed of foes by 50%. Increases Time Essence Restoration Speed by 150%.

While being close to a place with a high concentration of Nature, Spirits, Time Essence, or any Tile or Domain related with them, your Stats increase by 300%, your Spiritual Energy, HP, and MP Regeneration is enhanced by 500%, and any ally near you receives an enhancement of 150% to All Stats and Spiritual Energy, HP, and MP Regeneration per Skill Level. Additionally, there's a 50% chance for nature surrounding you to protect you from lethal blows.

Additionally, while bathing on the sun directly, or by being within any compatible Tile, Stats are increased temporarily by 200%, your recovery of Spiritual Energy, HP and MP increases by 400% and the power of all your Skills and Magic Power and Effects are enhanced by 200%. And if you're within any compatible Tile, reduces Damage Taken by 50% of total WIS Stat (Max 70%), and you can summon your {Divine Aura} to enchant all Skills and Magic with {Aeternitas' Divine Authority} or {Yggdragon's Draconic Wrath}.

{Aeternitas' Divine Authority}: Increases the power of Magic and Skills by 700%, Ignores 70% of foe's Defenses. Can ignore Invulnerability Status. Whenever it touches a foe, it will release {Time Explosions} that slow down foes based on 30% of their Magic Power and spreads [Fragmented Time] Tiles around them.

{Yggdragon's Draconic Wrath}: Increases the Power of All Physical Attacks by 700%, Ignores 70% of Physical Defenses. Can ignore all sorts of Defensive countermeasures. Wrathful Draconic Roars will impact foes and surrounding foes for additional damage and a chance to Stun them temporarily while spreading [Primordial Garden of Life] Tiles around them.

"Oh wow..."

Didn't this change way too much?!

It's amazing!

If I can use this IRL, then I'll be able to easily gain an advantage against any foe.

And the new Tiles are upgraded based on the current Domains I can actually unleash too, which is really... incredible.

"Maybe with this... Against Merlinus and that skeleton... There's a big chance to win."

I felt a bit more hopeful, I mean, isn't this incredibly strong?

If I combine it with everything else...

Strangely enough I felt somewhat... excited to fight?

I don't think I've ever looked forward to battling before.

Is this the feeling that a World Boss develops?

This sensation of wanting to dethrone and defeat the other World Boss rivals.

It's a bit creepy, let's just forget about it.

For now... Should I leave it at that or fuse some Skills now?

Ah, it has gotten quite late already, I guess I'll leave the Skill Fusion for later.

There's also a third Specialization Marble.

I could use it to get a third Specialization or...

I could give it to Mark so he can finally get one!

My daughter obtained one and gained so much power from it, it was unreal.

If Mark can get something as well... then it could truly improve his survivability and strength.

I already have two Specializations anyways, the third can wait for later...

"Mark, here!"

"Huh?"

While he was drinking tea, he noticed the Specialization Marble I gifted to him.

"T-This is...?! Wait, you had a third one, Elayne?"

"I got it from one of the Players that our guild destroyed in this battle... I had considered using it myself but that would simply be too greedy. Take it and use it to gain more power."

Chapter 1302: Mark's New Power

"I-I can't take it..." Mark muttered.

"Eh?! Why not?" I wondered, tilting my head. "Come on, you should use it right away!"

"But I can't, it makes me feel bad..." he said. "It feels unearned, and you're only just gifting it to me... Wouldn't I be shameless to use it without even hesitating?"

"You totally earned it!" I said. "You fought a lot, defeated several powerful foes, saved the Yggdrasil Tree from getting corrupted by the Demon King of Death by cutting the branch, and defended the forest, right? You defeated the most Undead, so call this a spoil of war, take it!"

I insisted, he was sometimes a bit too humble. I know he might feel embarrassed that I might be acting like some sort of "sugar mommy" and it becomes worse when I'm actually older than him...

"Ah, well, if you put it like that I did put a lot of work, yeah," Mark nodded, rubbing his chin. "Well, alright... fine, I'll take it as my payment for my services, haha."

"Good!" he grabbed the marble from my hands gently, as he glanced at it.

"Hmmm..." he looked at it attentively. "Surely it won't break if it ends up falling, r-right?"

"I don't think it can break, so don't worry..." I said. "Though, I recommend you to use it right away!"

"Hmm, true," he nodded. "Okay, sure."

He quickly started imbuing his energy into it, as the Marble started overflowing with light.

"I need to select a skill... Okay, the skill matters that much?"

"Yeah, it'll become what shapes this new specialization. It depends though, what do you want the most? Offense? Movement? Durability, survivability, etc... Select a Skill for such things."

"Okay, I'll go for more offense, can't ever go wrong with more attack power," he nodded. "Now... Woah! What the...?"

He seemed a bit surprised the moment he selected the Skill.

"Ah, are you seeing a list now? Yeah, inspect them carefully, they're the Specializations you can choose... You can also reset the selection using Gold," I said. "It costs one billion per reset... I have a lot of Gold so feel free to ask me for more if you need."

"Ah, don't worry, I got myself quite a lot," he said, beginning to roll again, and again, and again.

I see, he wasn't the only one with my same problem, haha...

As for Elena, I don't know how she did it, but I think her first selection had the specialization she chose at the end, which ended being ideal for her.

While waiting for him to get done, I checked a certain coin I've been earning a lot lately, Nether Coins.

[Nether Coin (S Grade)] x138.136

"Oh, I got a lot..."

These Coins are specially used for the Underworld Shop, which can be accessed through the special Wandering Skeleton merchants NPCs.

The last time I saw one of them, they were with Angelina's part, Erdrich was very interested in the skeleton, but since then I think they moved on.

I need to find a new one, most likely... but where?!

Part of my plans to infiltrate the Underworld was spending these coins to buy the key for it, which comes in several fragments.

Once we get back to the Luminous Kingdom, I'll send all my spirits to look for the skeleton merchants if there's any wandering around.

Though, based in what has happened lately in the city, I doubt they'll allow them to walk in the streets, they could get attacked instantly...

Unless the System somehow protects them against other NPCs, inhabitants of this world...

And seeing how everything is gamified and so on, perhaps that's not too far from what's happening right now.

Anyways, looks like someone already finished.

FLUOSH!

A powerful blazing aura surged from his body, suddenly shaping into a feathered, winged humanoid titan...

"What did you get at the end?" I asked him.

"I got... Path of the Phoenix Soul Titan Spirit Guardian," he said. "It looked really cool, like something straight of some anime I liked when I was a kid."

"A-An anime?" I wondered. "Like what?"

"Let me show you in a less cramped place," he said.

We walked towards the terrace of the castle which was empty, and he released his Aura.

FLUOSH!

"CRYYAAHH!"

The furious and fierce cry of a giant phoenix echoed from his aura as the enormous, humanoid birdman appeared once more, made of soul flames!

It wasn't just a temporary being apparently, it remained there for a while!

"What in the world is this?!" I asked.

"It's like a Stand!" he said. "It will attack anything I choose to attack, and it can move however I want it through remotely controlled mind commands."

"CRYAAH!"

The giant, muscular feathered phoenix man roared, smashing the ground with its fists and leaving a huge, blazing crater behind.

BAAAM!

RUMBLE!

The entire building trembled for a bit...

"Mark! B-Be careful!" I panicked.

"Ahh! Sorry, sorry! I kind of got ahead of myself..." he apologized. "But it's really cool, isn't it?!"

"Yeah it reminds me of that certain anime..." I nodded. "Does it have unique and wacky abilities like that one had?"

"So you watched it too?!" Mark got excited. "I knew you were the perfect woman, Elayne!"

"Ahahah... I was kind of forced to watch a lot of stuff like that because of my late husband..." I sighed.

"Um, but well... what else can it offer?"

"It can move automatically to protect me or surrounding allies, release flame waves, and is incredibly strong physically I think..." he said. "It should also be capable of growing larger, or even fuse with me eventually. It can grow stronger if I absorb Phoenix Soul Essence, which is generated when I defeated foes with it."

"Sweet!" I nodded. "Sounds like an incredible upgrade if you can use it properly and combine it with other Skills! And because you can use this IRL too, it'll be a great asset."

"Right?" he asked. "I'm quite satisfied with it."

Haha, he was acting like a kid out of nowhere for some reason... He really liked his ability.

"Nice, alright then! Shall we go to Luminous now? I don't want it to get too late... Look, it's already getting darker," I said.

"Sure, let's go," Mark agreed.

Chapter 1303: Moving Back To The Luminous Kingdom

While we left the feast still ongoing, we quickly gathered with my friends and those we brought the Luminous Capital, this time we also brought along Erebus, who was eating a lot of food and enjoying the flavors.

It seemed he had little to no flavor senses back then, everything to him tasted like nothing, apparently. But now that he had a fairy body with tastebuds and all, he was amazed by every flavor he could savor.

"Ah, I wanted to eat some more..." he sighed, patting his big belly.

"I think if you continue eating you're going to explode!" Rita said angrily. "You might want to eat more but your little body isn't going to take more."

"Yeah... if you eat too much you'll get stomachache, so be careful little Erebus," said Lily, a bit worried.

"I-I'm not a little kid..." Erebus sighed. "But I guess you're not wrong, I feel strange now... Guugh..."

"I hope you don't end up puking..." I facepalmed. "Be careful when eating next time, okay?"

"I-I understand..." he sighed.

However he looked very cute with that little belly, I wanted to squeeze his belly rolls...

"So we're finally going back, huh?" Ambil asked. "About time! I got tired of drinking booze... Ugh."

"You drank too much you damn scallywag!" laughed Horshen. "You're still a human, beard cutters like yer can't handle booze all day like us dwarves."

"What did ya say? I'm of dwarven descendancy! I may not be completely dwarf but... Ugh, but... let me tell ye I can handle meself," Ambil groaned in between his groans.

Yep, he's definitely a bit drunk...

"Come on Ambil, let's go," I said, leading everyone through the portal where we came from, back to the Druid Guild.

While that happened, I noticed Melissa walking to my side.

"Um, Lady Planta about the thing you talked about..."

"Yes, don't worry Melissa, I'll start making it right away once we get to the Forge."

"Really?!"

"Yes I can send my Avatars to do it for me, no worries."

"Oh, that's so nice! Thank you!"

She was very happy, the thing I promised her were a series of accessories that would form a special type of "formation" around her body, a special effect that'll decrease the intensity of her Cursed Powers.

Because anything she touches with her bare hands will get cursed, and her very cursed aura makes NPC, the inhabitants of this world, inherently scared or repulsed unless they're very strong.

That's also the reason why she covers her entire body with robes and even wears gloves and everything, her avatar's actual appearance isn't ugly though, she looks kind of cool and cute I would say.

But it's her Cursed powers that create this illusion towards NPC that she's ugly and disgusting, with this new series of accessories, that'll be decreased and weakened to the point she doesn't have to cover her body anymore.

Plus, once she can interact with NPC properly she'll be able to receive quests, buy materials, items, and more without any more issues.

Once we went back to Luminous and stepped into the Druid Guild, Granny Austucia was there waiting for us.

"Oh, you're all back, good, good! How was that?" she wondered. "Hm?!"

"Granny!" Johanna ran towards her and hugged the old lady very tightly.

"Eek! C-Calm down girl, you're breaking my bones!" the old lady screamed, trying to push her away very weakly.

"I think I almost died! I even started screaming and despairing..." Johanna muttered.

"O-Oh..." muttered Austucia. "Was it that bad? What happened?"

"A lot..." Johanna sighed.

"I guess I'll leave you with Johanna then," I said. "I can also tell you more later, Austucia, but I'm really busy right now..."

"It's fine, it's fine, take care Planta," she nodded. "Alright dearie, come here, let's have some tea first. You need to calm down. How about some herbal tea with some swamp cookies?"

"I want the cookies with extra berries..." Johanna cried as if she were a child.

Her grandma must pamper her more than I imagined...

But well, that's fine anyways.

We moved back to Ambil's Forge, where I summoned my Avatars, who started quickly working on Melissa's project.

I already had the whole mental blueprint, and plenty of curse-type materials, some of them from this latest battle alone such as wood from Qliphoth and undead bone fragments.

I had once thought about adding holy element materials to counter the curse, but that would only hurt Melissa anyways, so I decided to create cursed items that absorb curses instead.

Using Melissa's latest creation capable of absorbing cursed energies, darkness, and demonic energies and even cleanse miasma, I'll reverse engineer its effects into accessories.

CLANK! CLANK! CLANK!

They began working right away.

"Alright, we're going, you guys can stay here or something else, we can talk later," I said.

"Can't we go?" wondered Goldanaba.

"Uh, I don't know if you can... I mean you could try but the King and the Queen didn't invite you." I said.
"I could bring you along sure, but what do you exactly want though? If you're going to help us defeat Merlinus and his entire Magician Guild then be my guest and come along."

"E-Eh?! You're doing such a thing? No way!" Goldanaba cried. "I don't want to die!"

"Then don't come..." I facepalmed. "Let's go!"

We quickly decided to fly towards the castle, I brought my friends and family, and also my daughter's friends too, we were all a big group here.

In the way there, we also found Angelina's group, so we regrouped with them, finally, and they came along as well.

Ambil joined us, and also Melissa, these two wanted to participate in the battle at the end.

We were quite the huge party, so when we landed in front of the castle bypassing the walls and everything, a lot of guards panicked and pointed their weapons at us.

"It's us, you guys! Calm down, calm down..." I said raising my hands.

"I-It's Lady Planta's group!"

"I was so scared for a second!"

"I seriously thought they were demons or something..."

"What a flashy entrance! Haha, come inside," laughed Camilla, appearing from the left corridor. "We've been waiting for you."

Chapter 1304: A Talk With The Rulers

We were received by the Queen, who led us to the throne room where the King and the Prince were. Little Gustav seemed to have recovered already and he looked a bit more energetic, and the King was as stoic as always, although his eyes wouldn't stop glaring at Erebus, and I couldn't blame him for that, the boy was quite strange.

"Welcome back Planta, everyone," the King said. "It seems you had quite the issues back home. Was everything alright? If you had informed us earlier, we would have quickly deployed an army to your aid."

"I'm flattered for your willingness to help, your majesty, but that wasn't necessary, we were able to manage on our own," I said. "But I'm thankful for that, I hope I could use this little favor for another time."

"Of course," he nodded. "We've been helping one another for quite a while now. You saved my son's life, you defeated demons and saved even more people. We owe you perhaps more than you could imagine."

"Ah thanks..." I said. "Well, we came here to talk about what we'll be doing next. You said you wanted to plan out a strategy to go against Merlinus, right?"

"Yes, we cannot let him contaminate our Kingdom anymore," said Merlinus. "Preparations had already begun for a large-scale battle. Our greatest disadvantage is that the Magician Tower is right in the middle of the city, Merlinus could easily kill millions if we were to attack him."

"So you're going to evacuate the citizens first?" I asked. "Like it was done before, I hope? If I employ all my Domain and my Spirits, it shouldn't be impossible to help them evacuate to my forest temporarily."

"Yes, we've been considering that, seeing how you helped the people evacuate yesterday," said the King.

"Although that was only a small portion of people that lived surrounding the arena, we believe it could be possible to do at a large scale," said the Queen. "And that's one of the reasons why we need your help, Planta. We cannot directly evacuate everyone, Merlinus might immediately tell what we're planning and counterattack, slaughtering everyone to get ahead of us."

"That sounds a bit too schizophrenic..." said Rita. "Would he truly go that far, your majesty?"

"I believe so," said the Queen. "Based in how mad he has shown to be, so mad he is, that I think he might be capable of anything. He only needs a single provocation for everything to end. This Kingdom... on its entirety, might fall before his wrath."

"It is all our fault, that we left such a monster roam inside the city so freely, being given all these benefits and privileges, and that we left him be on his own for so long..." sighed the King. "We should have detected how insane he was from a while ago, it's indeed our fault, all of it."

"Don't blame yourselves so much," Mark said. "This isn't something you could easily predict... Merlinus had been protecting this kingdom for longer than the two of you were alive, right? He's an ancient guardian, someone that even knew the old kings and heroes... that he ended up turning evil and becoming a demonic warlock was beyond everyone's expectations based on what he had shown through history."

"He simply went mad out of many things that accumulated over time... It wasn't something that was within your grasp, nor something you could have easily prevented or predicted," I nodded. "But don't worry, I accept your request! I will help every single citizen of the Kingdom evacuate. For that though, it'll be easier to do while everyone is sleeping, at night."

"At night..." nodded the King. "I see... But what do you have in mind?"

"While everyone is sleeping I'll expand my Domain and use the Spirits to drag the people across their homes," I explained. "Once the Spirits begin to drag everyone away, I'll use my ability to create a portal to the Realm of the Past I created in the Trial, easily teleporting everyone out of danger one by one."

"I see... how long do you think this might take?" asked the King.

"...Hm, if I use everything I have, and grow a bit stronger using the items in my possession," I said. "It shouldn't take longer than ten minutes. I'll use Dream Magic to make them be deeply asleep and not wake up. There might be a couple of people still awake, but I'll force them to sleep using Dream Spirits I'll spread beforehand."

"Excellent, you can even do such a thing!" the Queen said. "Planta you've really become someone incredible... And how did you even get Dream Magic?"

"Ah, well, some Skill Books here and there..." I explained.

I can't tell her that I just learned Dream Magic IRL, right? That would be too far-fetched.

"That's a very useful magic, though there might be strong people that won't be easily affected," said the Queen. "But to me, if they're strong enough to resist your magic and remain here, they might as well fight to protect the city, right?"

"Haha, I-I guess so... I'll try to explain things to them and persuade them, but if they reject my help, then they're free to stay and fight... and die," I sighed. "Nonetheless, that's pretty much my plan! It might have some flaws, but through my Domain, Skills, Magic, and the help of my friends, the Druids, and also this boy over here. It should be possible. I'll plant some special Totem Spirits beforehand underground and in special spots. Which will act as nodes for a city-wide formation that will expand my Domain instantly."

"Then you have our permission to do so," said the King. "How long do you think this could take you?"

"I'm already doing it! I sent one Avatar of mine to do it. By combining my love's Totem Spirit Magic he allowed me to learn and combining it with my own Wood Manipulation Magic and the very wood of my body, I can connect to these spiritual totem nodes from almost any distance."

"Y-You really have everything planned!" the King said, amazed. "Thank you... truly, thank you, Planta!"

"Oh please, don't worry about it! This place already became kind of my... well, my third home? But it's a place I've grown to love despite its flaws," I said. "I'll protect this kingdom... And this little friend as well."

"The King and the Queen of Luminous, huh...." Erebus muttered. "Nice to meet you. I'm the Demon King of Miasma, Erebus."

"EH?!"

Chapter 1305: Erebus Meet The King And Queen

I tried to introduce Erebus myself, but the boy ended introducing himself in the most shocking way possible!

"The King and the Queen of Luminous, huh...." Erebus muttered, glaring at them with his sharp red eyes. "Nice to meet you. I'm the Demon King of Miasma, Erebus."

"EH?!"

The King and the Queen couldn't quite react well to that, they didn't even know how to respond to just being told the fairy in front of them was the Demon King.

"Is he your new friend? Why is he joking like that?" asked the King.

"The Demon King of Miasma died, I saw him die myself," said the Queen. "Is this boy joking around or something? He does look different than other fairies, with horns and black wings and hair, and those red eyes... And that third eye in his forehead, he's quite unique looking. I've never seen one like him before."

"No, he's not... Uh, he's not joking," I explained. "I didn't kill Erebus, I gave him a new chance, and I allowed him to reincarnate with my own powers. Using my Yggdrasil Body, I reincarnated him as a fairy."

The rulers blinked a bit in disbelief, without wanting to even recognize what I said for a couple of seconds, but then grew desperate.

"I don't really like this joke..." the King said.

"Wow! Is he really a demon?" wondered Gustav.

It seemed that they couldn't really believe me, and I can't blame them, it's normal not to believe something so insane without seeing him in motion.

"Erebus here is indeed the Demon King of Miasma," I explained. "I decided to give him a second chance after I glanced through his memories and past. I know it might have been wrong to some, but to me it felt like death was too good for him. He needed to live and redeem himself, to help us survive and fight the other Demon Kings. I intend to do the same with the rest of them."

"T-That's... that's insane..." the King muttered. "Planta! A-Are you truly saying the truth?! This cannot...!"

"Calm down," said the Queen, her eyes growing sharper. "Planta, can you give me some proof of what you're saying being the truth? I know you have plenty of abilities, but reincarnating a Demon King simply seems ridiculous. Why would the System even allow you to do that?"

"I think it was something beyond the System, something I did that wasn't within its programs," I explained. "And yes, Erebus here can easily show you... Do it."

"Very well," Erebus nodded, raising his little hands. "I'll show you some Miasma Magic, would that be ok?"

FLUOSH!

Suddenly, a large mass of black mud manifested, its aura of contamination, poison, and destruction so powerful it immediately started spreading a purple fog around its surroundings.

The ball of Miasma then gathered into a single sphere floating above Erebus right hand, as he looked at the King and the Queen.

"This is a basic Miasma Magic Spell, {Miasmic Sphere}," he explained. "If I drop this into the ground, it'll spread like black, living slime, and consume all life it touches, mutating it. It's very dangerous. so I can only let you see it."

"T-That's genuine Miasmic Magic!" said the King. "I can't believe it! Such an element, only a Demon King or his servants could wield it!"

"The Demon King of Miasma had no servants, only monsters that served him," I explained. "And well, I suppose the siblings of Titania which he... transformed into monsters."

"..." Erebus remained in silence.

"I see..." The Queen was looking so fiercely serious right now, she was thinking and considering things. "Is he free to do as he pleases?"

"No, I am bound to Planta's-"

"Don't talk unless you're told to," she glared at him. "Don't you dare speak."

"..." Erebus eyes squinted a bit.

"No he's not," I said. "As he said, he's bound to me as a sort of Familiar. He is also bound to a Promise we made. That he will help and save as many people as he can, whenever he sees them in danger. And he will prioritize to save lives above all else."

"I see... So it's like a curse, or a binding vow," said the Queen, nodding. "It's very dangerous what you're playing with, Planta... But I'll trust you, you've done so much for us that it wouldn't be nice for us to begin distrusting you, right honey?"

"I... I mean yeah but take this trust as a part of the repayment," the King sighed. "Before we owed you like five favors, so now... four."

"Hahah, it's alright," I giggled. "I saw his past, his entire life. He became a vengeful Demon King because of many reasons, though one of them was because the Ancient Gods hated him. As the Son of the Gods who was deemed as a "failure", only Gaia loved him as her true son. The others abhorred him due to his Element of Chaos and Miasma, and his appearance. A group of unknown Gods set a Curse on him that made him go Rampage, attacking the Gods and making them retaliate, ultimately ending up with a big fight. The Yggdragon, who was their perfect creation in the past, had to fight him alongside the Gods. Ultimately, he ended being defeated and cut down into seven fragments which were sealed by the Yggdragon and the Gods. The Demon Kings appeared afterwards, born from each fragment."

"I see... You learned all of this from his memories?" wondered the King. "That's very interesting..."

"Erebus here, is the Demon King of Miasma, the third fragment that took upon his original powers and also part of his memories. Unlike the ones that might come later, he didn't develop a unique ego and remained as the same as before being sealed, in an endless maddening rampage. It seems that upon being finally defeated and having his body destroyed, with his bare Miasmic Soul left behind, this curse that turned him berserk was finally gone, and he was able to see reason."

"I... deeply regret everything I've done," Erebus muttered. "But I won't blame it all to simply being part of the curse. A part of me... was malicious, and I'll fight against that part, and destroy it. I will rewrite history as to what a Demon King truly is. Luminous, Titania, and Planta have taught me many things. I still remember him, yes, your hero."

"My ancestor?" the King gasped.

Chapter 1306: The Many Demon Kings

Luminous, the Hero King of the Luminous Kingdom, the one that defeated the Demon King of Miasma in the past, who had to sacrifice himself at the end to seal him away when Erebus had first awakened.

He was a formidably powerful Hero, to go against a monster like Erebus on his own. He was probably someone beyond any level, skill, or player's strength. Singlehandedly capable of fighting a World Boss on his own.

However, it wasn't as if he did this alone, he had many friends, and they gave him their strength. Titania did, and also the Mushroom Brigade, for example.

And even now, Erebus remembers Luminous with fondness, apparently he wants to be like him, which I find rather interesting and a bit adorable, he wants to really be a hero.

"So that's how it is," the Queen nodded. "I did tell you not to speak though!"

"S-Sorry..." Erebus muttered, lowering his head.

"About the Demon Kings..." she said. "Planta, what else did you find out?"

"Hmm, I believe that each one of them will have a special element to them just like the ones before," I explained. "And their elemental specialization was something that manifested from within Erebus as he was made out of the divinities of every God unified together, and also from the Yggdragon."

"The Yggdragon?" wondered the King.

"Yes, the Demon Kings were never truly defeated due to their incredibly resilient existences," I explained. "His fragments, sealed by Yggdrasil and the gods' divine powers became their food over eons, as they attempted to free themselves, they devoured the fragments, which twisted their corrupted divine powers and turned them very different to how they used to be. For example, the two previous Demon Kings before the Demon King of Miasma were like monsters, they lacked any intelligence to begin with, they embodied the more berserk aspects of Erebus. Meanwhile the third inherited most of his mind and original appearance. After the third, they begin to diverge and look completely different than before until its even hard to tell if they were once Erebus."

The King and the Queen nodded attentively; they were listening.

"The King of the Kingdom of Sorrow, Thanatos," I explained. "Was the Demon King Fragment that reincarnated as a Human in this Kingdom, a prince that ascended to the throne. It was until his entire Kingdom was slain, him included that upon his death and the death of everyone else he loved that he awakened his Demon King Soul and became one. As you can see, because he was reincarnated, he

became a completely different person. He has a grudge against me because I've assimilated the Yggdragon's legacy and become the new one myself. This is also the reason why I'm a World Boss. I have a similar status to the Demon Kings, I inherited the power of someone made by the gods combined divinities, Erebus arch-nemesis."

"Incredible..." the King said. "So many mysteries finally resolved... We should definitely write this down for the next generations to learn the truth of the world."

"I would rather do that later honey," said the Queen. "For now, I am indeed impressed, but I have a couple of other Questions. Planta, do you know who the next Demon Kings will be?"

"Yes, I know," I nodded. "I know them all."

"The First Fragment, the Demon King of Plagues." I explained. "He was the first World Boss that awakened upon the appearance of Players. I think he was a giant worm or something? According to what I've seen online."

"I remember that thing, I was part of the team that took him down," said the Queen. "He was definitely powerful to us when we were only around Level 100 or 150 back then... But it was certainly weaker compared to Miasma or Death. It lived in a giant dungeon in a small island, which we had to visit to defeat him. It was full of bugs and the giant worm, which was green colored with purple spikes, could control these bugs as it pleased, and there were billions of them. ultimately, it supposedly had a second phase where if we took too long to defeat it, it would become a giant butterfly and spread poison and plagues everywhere in the world through the skies. Thankfully he was taken down before that happened."

"Hmph, he was a weakling," Erebus shrugged, he wasn't even bothered about them dying. "A mere bug monster... could you even call it a Demon King, hah."

"The Second Fragment, the Demon King of Famine." I continued. "He was the second World Boss that appeared a couple of months later, right?"

"Ah yeah," nodded the Queen. "I also helped defeating him. He appeared as a giant three-headed wolf that roamed this continent, destroying anything it found. It was very powerful and had the ability to devour things to gain more power. Causing famine as it ate all the food. It was a World Boss that unlike the previous one, moved around the entire continent, so we had to coordinate and predict where it would go. We failed many times, but ultimately we learned that by gathering so much food it would feed a whole country in a single place, the thing would appear there and begin devouring everything. That's where we jumped it with over three hundred players, by the end of it, barely six of them survived, me included."

"He was a weakling too," nodded Erebus. "Too busy wanting to eat."

"The Third Fragment, the Demon King of Miasma." I continued. "Erebus right here... He god a whole continent for himself and everything."

"The Fourth Fragment, the Demon King of Death." I said. "The one we're dealing with right now, hasn't fully stepped out of the Underworld."

"The Fifth Fragment, the Demon King of Flood." I continued. "This should be the next one after the giant pile of bones. I have no idea what it could be, but it might be related with the oceans. Maybe a giant fish?"

"The Sixth Fragment, the Demon King of Swarms." I said. "Maybe similar to the first one, capable of creating bugs and control them..."

"And the Seventh Fragment, the Demon King of The End." I finished. "This... this is the strongest. And the one that might also be the ruler of hell, and the origin of all other Demons. The strongest of them all, and the one that could destroy the world if he's freed from hell."

Chapter 1307: Calling For Someone Special

Seven Demon Kings, each one gradually becoming stronger than the previous one, which also comes with Players having new ways to grow stronger.

It is as if each one sets the stage for the growth of Players, whenever a new one came out, larger Level Caps were released, alongside new mechanics like Skill Fusion and Equipment Potential and Enhancement.

I had researched this online, and most of the things that already were here when I created my account were non-existent in the first versions of the game.

Yeah! Nobody could fuse Skills, Skill Books were also very rare if not nonexistent, people were stuck only with their Race and Class Skills, and Subclasses didn't exist either.

So synergy was the most necessary, and I guess that's why all the pro players that started at the beginning are so obsessed with their "builds" from the beginning instead of just enjoying the game.

Certainly there's more freedom now as they can develop into many directions, learn new skills and so on in many new ways, but yeah.

Things like adding Potential Stats to your equipment, or additional enhancements weren't added until the second world boss I think.

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"Hell?!" wondered the King. "You mean Purgatory? That Realm where Demons live, and where it is said that sinful souls go to? You mean that's the place where the Demon King of the End has been sealed?!"

"I think its original purpose was indeed that," I said. "A whole separate Realm, or Dimension, where the Demon King of the End had to be contained and sealed. Because nothing else could ever contain him. Ultimately this place also became known as Hell, perhaps... And this is where Demons and all sorts of other monstrosities were born from."

And because we share the same Hell, this means that the King of Hell in Abrahamic Religions, which is usually Satan, or Lucifer, or other being, might be the Demon King of the End himself.

"These are more revelations than I can take..." the King sighed. "So Merlinus, has he been dealing with the Demon King of the End?!"

"His Demons at least," I explained. "He has become something of an agent of the Demon King of the End, but he's obviously having his own separate agendas. He's most likely only using him, bringing in and summoning the demons while attaining power from them. Most of his magicians became demonic human monstrosities too, though I don't really know his exact relationship with them, I know he summons the Demons and serves the Demon King of the End to an extent? Or maybe it's something else entirely... Well, he also has an alliance with the Demon King of Death."

"What a monster," said the Queen. "So he's truly the one summoning all these Demons to our Kingdom, and he's also the one that's been turning all the magicians into monstrosities... Hmm, that boy you brought along, I think he recently woke up. We could interrogate him for information."

"Right, he might be more up to date with information," I nodded. "Tomas... Let's go meet him then. I think he should be alright, let's free him too."

"Free him?!" wondered the King. "Even then, Planta, he was someone that harbored a demon inside of him and he could be dangerous!"

"I've sealed his demon," I said. "The demonic souls given to these magicians weren't the strongest demons, I think they were so weak they don't even have numbers or are members of the Goetia, which is the Elite of all Demons. We should be fine."

"If she's sure..." said the Queen. "Let's use another favor and let set him free then."

"Then you have three more favors..." sighed the King. "V-Very well then."

"He was a victim after all, King," I explained. "He was a young magician, full of dreams, but ultimately ended forced to become a monster, a demonic human, by Merlinus and his cult. It was quite clear, since we fought him, how much he was trying to stop himself, and how much he was crying."

"..." The King sighed. "I understand... I get it... I am not stupid, you know? I know what happened to him... Fine. David! Go free him."

"Yes your majesty," David nodded, who was right by his side.

"Bring him here too," the King said.

"I shall," David nodded.

As he walked away, I remembered the whole thing with David's stepfather, since he learned about his stepfather being part of Merlinus cult, he was devastated, but he had slowly become better, and his cheerfulness came back. However right now he looked dead serious.

"About David..." I said. "How has the investigations regarding his stepfather been going?"

"We're still trying to gather information and evidence," said the Queen. "But David has been checking his room and so on, and he had found clear evidence already. Books with demonic language and pentagrams. Demonic beast bones, and strange potions he had saved."

"He was a bit devastated though..." muttered the King. "But he didn't let that get him down. With his students by his side, he seemed to have recovered quickly."

"So while we plan what to do against Merlinus, what will be of his stepfather?" I asked.

"He's still acting like normal, as an instructor, however he's not allowed to enter the castle, we're using the excuse of not wanting anybody from outside anymore," said the Queen. "Like... we're doing a quarantine, get it?"

"Oh yeah but still..." I muttered. "Won't he get suspicious? I think we should deal with him the moment we go fight Merlinus."

"David said he would take care of him," said the King. "So let's trust our strongest paladin for now, shall we?"

"...Alright," I nodded. "I just hope... well, I wish him the best."

"We do, we all do," the Queen smiled. "Ah, there he is."

And then, he came back to the throne room with Tomas, who looked rather lost, with his face still nasty, and his clothes torn apart, he looked terrible.

"H-Huh? This place... your majesty?!"

He quickly kneeled before them.

Chapter 1308: A Talk About Merlinus 1

Tomas panicked, kind of similarly to how Acorn would panic, the young man quickly dropped his broken glasses and became slightly blind, as he tried to look for them over the floor, getting cut on his hand while trying to do that.

"A-Ah! Ouch... My glasses... I can't see well without them." he muttered nervously. "I'm so sorry..."

The King and the Queen facepalmed after seeing him acting so goofily, immediately realizing that he was indeed not quite the malicious young man as they imagined him to be.

"Tomas..."

I walked to his side, holding his hand and healing it, then I grabbed his glasses, and by using Alchemy and Synthesis, and adding some glass myself from my inventory, I repaired them.

"Here, would these work? I gave it a Sight Improving Enhancement."

"E-Eh? That voice...! Elizabeth?" he blushed a bit, but once he put his glasses on, he realized. "R-Right... It's... it was fake..."

"I'm sorry about that, Tomas, but we had to infiltrate using fake identities so we could get deeper into the magician tower and discover the truth," I said. "We used you and... I'm sorry about that."

"Ah... It's... I guess it's fine," he muttered. "I always dreamed of the magician tower crumbling down. To think all the dreams I had, everything, it was all fake. It was nothing but a horrendous demonic cult... I hated everything... but I was forced to be there. Or I would have been killed."

"It's understandable," I said. "It's fine, you're no longer there, Tomas. We brought you here, I sealed your demonic powers, and the King and the Queen know your situation as well."

"R-Really?" he looked hopeful. "I am so grateful... But I can't... I don't know if I should go out yet. I would rather remain in my cell. If Merlinus ever gets to know I am not dead, he'll quickly come after me, to kill me- or worse, he might kill my family!"

"We've already secured your family's protection, Tomas," the King suddenly said. "They're living inside one of the castle's rooms, and you might be able to see them again."

"W-Wait, what?! Your majesty!" Tomas was shocked, falling to his knees. "T-Thank you... Thank you so much!" and he started crying.

"However, things aren't going to be free," said the Queen. "To get to that, you must first cooperate with us. We require the information you've learned from that place. Everything you could tell us about Merlinus, the tower's structure, his loyal retainers, the plans he has, the artifacts he has, everything we need to take into consideration."

"I guessed that would be what I had to do..." Tomas smiled a bit sorrowfully. "I'll do it... I will tell you everything... I hate them, I hate Merlinus and all of them, for toying with my dream, for toying with the dream of countless more, for turning us young magicians into monsters for his cult! For forcing us to become his slaves, for blackmailing us... I have never before known such a vile man as Merlinus before. He seems to be evil incarnated, pure malice... cunning like a fox, emotionless and inhumane... He's worse than demons."

"It seems you hate him to the guts!" laughed the Queen. "Good... Oh?"

She noticed little Gustav was already asleep in her lap.

"Alright then, let's go to bed dear," she quickly walked to bed and then returned. "Let's continue, sorry about that. My little son fell asleep. He's already big enough that he shouldn't be falling asleep like this anymore..."

"I-I see..." Tomas nodded. "Well, uh, Merlinus is... someone despicable. And... I'll help you, in anything I can. To make sure he's dead... he and the monsters he raises, and all his colleagues, who were all wicked like him..."

"I had thought he was evil but this wicked? Just what happened to the legendary old archwizard to become so truly despicable?" wondered the King. "In ancient times he even guided the Hero Luminous, helped him learn magic and grow stronger... He's that ancient! He's a figure of legends even, a living legend. Why would he... become so monstrous?"

"Maybe exactly because of that..." suddenly, Mark spoke. "Unlike other long-lived beings like Fairies, Spirits, or even the Demon Kings. The human brain is not designed to live for so long. The more he lived,

the madder he grew. He probably started to feel like nothing else mattered in the world except him as everything else faded away eventually, only he remained, as ancient as he was."

"That's... certainly a good theory," said the King, nodding. "He grew mad out of his incredibly old age... bored of the world. Bored of all living things, bored of all material things. He might have also begun to feel terrified of how old he became. Seeing how he's obsessed with Gustav, he most likely wants him to be his vessel, if I heard Planta right?"

"Y-Yes, he's been trying to obtain a new young body," said Tomas, nodding. "He's obsessed with finding a perfect vessel. Because his magic and demonic powers are so strong, any other body would simply die off immediately. This is why he wanted Gustav's body most likely..."

"Because of whom he is?" wondered the Queen. "So he knows I am a Vampire?"

"Yes..." nodded Tomas. "He also knows your second identity, well... as an extension, most of us know as well... he wanted... he mostly likely wanted Gustav because he's a half Player, a Dhampir, and also holds the bloodline of Luminous Royalty, which have powerful magical abilities unique to them. He said that there was no "more fitting vessel" for him than Gustav..."

"How disgusting..." the Queen muttered. "Another reason to hate this bastard old man! Dammit, I should've killed him before all of this..."

"I don't think you could've done it alone, my dear, he's too strong..." the King sighed. "Nonetheless, all of this is valuable information. Let's discuss a lot more. We must prepare for what's to come. We can't keep delaying this... tomorrow at night, we shall dispose of him and the entire magician tower."

The King gave his decree.

Chapter 1309: A Talk About Merlinus 2

"So it seems a member of the cult has joined us," Erebus said. "That might give us a good insight of what has been happening recently, yes. But I am fairly sure this boy, Tomas, doesn't know all of the important information regarding Merlinus, his hideout, the cult, what they do, and also all their powers and even origins."

"Eh? Who are you...?" Tomas wondered, looking at Erebus. "I've never seen this girl before; I don't remember her from the magician tower..."

"He's Erebus," I explained. "The Demon King of Miasma's reincarnation."

"T-The Demon King of Miasma's reincarnation?!" Tomas gasped. "And you mean... a he? But I thought... Ah, sorry."

"Hmph..." Erebus crossed his arms and diverted his gaze from Tomas, directing his eyes to the rulers. "I can tell you his weaknesses, how his magic works, and more."

"So that's... the value you offer, I see..." nodded the King.

"He probably knows them the most as the cult was originally around him," I explained. "Later, it moved on towards the other Demon Kings."

"Merlinus always had that greed of his, he wanted everything for himself, and despite working for me and helping me, he always asked for great power in exchange, he had his own agenda," said Erebus. "He had a strange dream, to become a "Superior Being" like us Demon Kings, he wanted to become a Demon King himself."

"But why?!" asked the Queen. "He already had so much..."

"Well, that was not everything," Erebus said. "He wanted even more, he wanted to become Superior, Supreme, Divine. He had grown bored of being a human of its many limitations. Of the limitations of the System too... He wanted to break apart all of that and forge his own path, a demonic path where everyone else except him was mere fodder, mere items to be used."

"Yes, that's exactly how he is..." Tomas nodded, sighing.

"What about his weaknesses?" wondered the Queen. "We'll list them up so we can consider them as we fight him."

"Well, one of his weaknesses is his terrible temper," he said. "If you make him angered enough and frustrated enough, he will become mad and end up attacking without thinking. But that is justified based on how strong his magic is... Spatial Magic is so powerful it could instantly kill anything if used correctly, and he has hundreds of years of experience, there is perhaps no better magician for space element like him in the entire world right now..."

"How can one fight space magic though?" the King asked.

"By using space magic yourself, or by unleashing attacks capable of breaking through space," said Erebus. "None of you could do it though... Hmm, no, maybe she could do it. She's strong enough. The thing is, you have to master the power to gather enough divine power within the tip of your weapon attacks, I recommend spears for piercing power, and swords for slicing power. As long as you can stack layers of divine power capable of piercing through space, being capable of intercepting his attacks become possible. Otherwise, you'll never have a chance to even get close to him."

"I see..." I nodded. "I do have the tools to do that! And with my Time Magic, I might be able to hold him back on my own."

"I was thinking the same, you're ideal against a monster like him, two monsters I suppose," Erebus laughed. "Your endless regeneration, your versatile magic, movement, and destructive attack power... You also have many useful Skills, and when you combine spirits and weapons you can even customize spiritual weapon effects."

"Yeah," I nodded. "I can do that and a bit more... If I call for Mimy's help, and someone else that can create Domains... Like Silver and Goldie too, my two other dragon familiars, we could distort his own spatial magic, right?"

"Yes, Domains are a form of space manipulation," said Erebus. "So if your familiars can create domains, by letting them out, they might interfere with Merlinus space magic and also become able to intercept it to an extent..."

"Okay, I get the hang out of that," said the Queen. "But do you have any other weaknesses? Weak spots?"

"Like all Demonic Humans, he has a obvious weak point, his heart," said Erebus. "He had transformed his heart into a powerful Demonic Heart, which had crystallized inside of his chest. If you can hit his chest enough, you'll be able to shatter it and he'll either die or grow very weakened. Though knowing how cunning he is, he might know what to do when that happens, or has already prepared plenty of defenses to protect this very obvious area."

"I never imagined Demonic Hearts were our weakness..." said Tomas. "But what about his head? If we blow it up..."

"Good luck with that," Erebus said. "Like any other being, he'll protect his head the most naturally. The chest? It doesn't come as something as natural as the head. Nonetheless, sure, you could consider it a weak point too. If you can splatter his brains he'll definitely die. Unless... unless he has become so monstrous he doesn't even need a physical brain to be alive. However, last time, he still was limited by a human's condition."

"Hmm..." I nodded. "We'll have to see what he truly has become once we confront him... It's not going to be easy though, I'm sure. We need as many backup plans as possible, allies too. Erebus you'll join the fight too, I assume."

"I suppose I must," he nodded. "Only I could hold him back aside from you. If we work together, we might become capable of matching his power... Hopefully."

"I also want to fight," said Mark. "I have to... I need to protect Planta. I swore I would. And I've been growing stronger as well! There are several other items I haven't used... I could grow much stronger."

"Me too, don't leave us behind, Planta," said Rita. "We're definitely helping you out."

"We'll jump on him! Let's make it so he can't even think about his next move!" Lily said.

"Mom, my swordsmanship can naturally cut through space, you literally have to include me no matter what..." my daughter closed her arms, smiling.

"Elena..." I muttered. "Right... but we'll also need more people to fight his army, and whatever monsters or demons he throws at us."

Chapter 1310: A Talk With Lady Verdant

"He's going to definitely summon demonic monsters or something similar once we begin attacking the Magician Tower," said Tomas. "And he'll summon the magicians that serve him as well... I-I don't know how I feel about fighting them all, some of them are like me, innocent people that were forcefully turned into demonic humans once they convinced us to join the guild. Is it really okay to slay them?"

"In the heat of the battle there will be little time to make smaller judgements like that," the King said with a ruthless tone of voice. "I am sorry Tomas, but unless they yield themselves I won't make my army delay their attack or go easy on our enemies just because of the chance some of them might be forced to fight... this is a thing of life and death. If we lose, my entire Kingdom will fall."

"I-I understand..." Tomas sighed. "I know, I apologize, your majesty... I'll also fight. If possible, I'll search for these people myself. Is that okay with you?"

"Hmm... as long as you don't delay or stop our army," said the Queen. "And with the vigilance of my soldiers and Planta, sure."

"Thanks..." Tomas nodded.

I looked at Tomas, pitying him a bit. Maybe he had friends he didn't want to die? But in this situation, it'll be hard to convince them not to fight, especially because their demonic powers can be forcefully activated, and they can be controlled by another demonic magician of a higher authority.

"I'll try to help you too, but no promises," I said. "Alright?"

"Thank you..." Tomas said. "Thanks a lot..."

The King and the Queen nodded.

"Very well, I'll bring some of my trusted government members. The war strategist, a general, the chancellor and perhaps a few others," the King said. "David, make it swift."

"Yes your majesty," David nodded.

Like that, our long strategy and planning session continued for several hours in a row. We took breaks logging out to eat, go to the bathroom, and so on before coming back again.

Eventually, I also discussed the inclusion of the Druids, whom I went to visit in between everything with an Avatar, I managed to talk with Austucia and Johanna, and then the rest of the druids within the Verdant Green Realm, and we confirmed their support and even the support of the new Goddess, Lady Verdant herself.

The King and the Queen were ultimately invited by the Druids to go visit her themselves so they could gain her trust, it was something insane that every soldier and member of the government opposed, but the two agreed.

So, we finished the day by having tea with Lady Verdant, the Great Spirit of Harvest, and many other druids in a big table inside of the Great Verdant Tree within her Realm.

"I see, so the day is finally upon us..." the Goddess said, with her eyes shining brightly.

The two rulers and David, who came along to protect them, were utterly dazzled and shocked by the presence of a true Goddess.

She might be young compared to the rest, as she had divinely manifested only in the last hundreds or so years, but she was without a doubt a God right now.

So, her presence alone made them feel a bit paralyzed...

Nonetheless, they still were able to explain things to her, although they were always looking a bit scared... and amazed.

"Merlinus is an evil being, a darkness that had only continued to spread for many years," she said. "It has been many years since he left behind his humanity, betraying himself and his own past to become a true monster. Because of him, the Demonic Domain and the Death Domain's expansion growth increased a lot. And the presence of the Demon Kings is ever so strong... I already had said I would help; it was a promise. Planta here also became a part of this Realm, she has become the anchor of the Fey Wilds to the Material World, rekindling Yggdrasil's connection. Thanks to her, we've managed to release my Domain into the world, and it is actively fighting against the other two Domains, expanding greenery and spiritual energy as much as I can."

"I see... so that's what you've been doing, Goddess Verdant..." muttered the King. "I am truly grateful for all your help... We are honored to even see your presence."

"We apologize for ever doubting your existence or your cooperation, we were truly foolish and ignorant..." the Queen said as well, she was so serious.

"Fufu, there's nothing to apologize for, it's alright, I would have reacted the same way in your shoes, so I can understand you," Lady Verdant nodded. "Planta has the right to also talk on my behalf, as she's the Second Ruler of the Fey Wilds. The evolution of the Forest of Beginnings into the Primordial Garden of Life has also strengthened the Fey Wilds a lot, and our connection has grown even more, expanding richly across the continent. To not help you all to defeat this great evil would be nothing short of a mistake. I must help no matter what. My Druids are here, they shall serve you with their lives and souls."

The Druids nodded, none of them even dared to object her words.

"We shall help the Luminous Kingdom defeat the great evil wizard," nodded Austucia. "Preparations had already begun quite a long ago though! We shall combine our own Expanded Domain with Planta's to strengthen it. We'll also set up a special Divine Invocation formation."

"D-Divine Invocation Formation?" wondered the King. "You mean...?!"

"Although I can only do this temporarily for... at most, thirty minutes, I shall also participate in the battle," said Lady Verdant. "With the unified Nature Souls of my Druids, it should be possible for me to manifest myself and help you battle Merlinus, or deal with even greater threats. Planta will have the power to call me, so I'll leave it to her judgement when to summon me."

"I see... thank you, Verdant," I said. "I really appreciate it. We'll do our best to win."