

## Brand New 1321

### Chapter 1321: Amaterasu-no-Kami's Heavenly Sun Prison Pagoda

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"For such beings... the only thing you can do is slay them for good," said Abe no Seimei. "Because to them, their very existence is suffering. You'll be giving him a favor, if anything. Okay, and I know what can work for you in regard to that."

"Really?" I asked.

"Yes, but tell me what else he does," he said.

"He can control Demonic Souls..." I said. "He's a full demonic warlock. He has probably also turned his own body into that of a monster... And I suppose he can unleash the power of Hell and Demons."

"I understand now," he nodded. "Very well... Then for such a monster, we must create an ultimate counter ability, I'll make you his nemesis, the very opposite of his existence. You will be his greatest foe and weakness."

He quickly selected several spells after thinking it over and nodded.

"These... I can assure you that they will give you the edge you'll need over his power to surpass him and slay him," he said, showing me through the mirror.

And I heard the World's Voice again.

[You have used your first [Soul Orb] to embody a small concept within your Soul.]

[You have chosen the following Spells/Physique Abilities to combine]: [Heavenly Spirit Summon]  
[Heavenly Light Protection] [Life and Light Chains of Restraint] [Divine Demon Sealing Ward Cube]  
[Terrain Dominion]

[Do you wish to combine these Spells through the power of your [Soul Orb]?]

[Once done, the Spell Runes will merge, and they will disappear from your Magic Circle.]

Yes, he had chosen those five. I had thought about it for a bit, but I decided it was worth sacrificing these Spells.

I can more or less recreate them with just raw magic casting like everyone else can now, without the instant-use assistance of an engraved spell.

Once I've used Spells a long time, I can more or less replicate them without any issues on my own, so I think it's alright.

The only one that is a true sacrifice would be the Heavenly Light Protection, which is a Physique Ability actually, the first one used on these.

It helped me by protecting me from damage as an innate barrier around my body... But well, I can compensate getting stronger armor and barrier magic, also my scales are pretty good so far.

So now, let's get to it!

I accepted, nodding.

"Looks good, Abe, let's do this. I'll trust you."

"Thank you, Elayne-san, I won't disappoint you."

With a nod, he quickly did the same thing as before, infusing a part of his divinity, a very little part of it so it wouldn't make my soul explode.

FLUOSH!

The Runes from my Magic Circle and then my Physique flew away, merging and spinning around, rapidly fusing with the spirit orb, which then melted.

Rapidly, it all turned into a large inscription, a huge mark within my very soul.

[You have merged the Spells into the {Soul Orb} to create a fragment of a concept and inscribe it into your soul as a [Soul Trait] based on your motivations and desires.]

[A [Soul Trait] has been successfully engraved and merged with your Soul.]

[You have permanently lost the Spells/Physique Abilities]: [Heavenly Spirit Summon] [Heavenly Light Protection] [Life and Light Chains of Restraint] [Divine Demon Sealing Ward Cube] [Terrain Dominion]

[The {Divine Essence} of a Mysterious Kami has merged with your Soul Trait, improving and modifying its structure and powers.]

[Due to the powers of this {Divine Essence} of a Mysterious Kami, the Fusion Spell: [Celestial Heavenly Sun] has also been merged into the creation.]

[You have created the [Soul Trait]: [Amaterasu-no-Kami's Heavenly Sun Prison Pagoda]!]

"Eh? This Soul Trait has...?!"

"I imbued a bit more because I felt the divisiveness within your words," Abe no Seimei smiled. "I've sprinkled there a bit of our divine empress of the sun's blessing. It might need her approval to be used but... I already know she'll let you. She's always very merciful and protective with women, especially those that are priestesses like you."

"I'm a priestess?!" I wondered.

"Aren't you? I assumed so because you're surrounded by spirits and nature itself seems to love you," he laughed. "You are definitely a priestess of the spirits, nature, and life. Amaterasu-sama loves all of that."

"I-I see..." I muttered. "I really hope I don't get dragged into her divine realm or something!"

"Ah, well, I can't guarantee you it won't happen, but she definitely isn't as permissive as me in letting mortal souls enter her Realm," he laughed. "She is the Divine Goddess of the Sun of Japan after all, the symbol of the country as the rising sun itself. Mother of all life, nature, and everything."

"Ooh..." I nodded. "I... well, can't I see the description first? I feel like I'm beginning to... fade away?"

"Oh yeah, you'll probably go back now, sure, check it as much as you want," he nodded, showing me the Soul Trait's description.

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[Soul Trait]: [Amaterasu-no-Kami's Heavenly Sun Prison Pagoda]

By offering bountiful amounts of Mana, Spirit Energy, and Divine Power, call forth the Divinity of the Sun of Amaterasu-no-Kami, goddess of the eternal rising sun of Japan to your aid.

Her presence will instantly materialize, becoming a giant golden prison pagoda with up to nine floors, which will stack over one another as time passes at any foe or foes you desire to "entrap" within its endless confines.

Although it might not like they had gone to another space, the more the prison pagoda's floors stack, the greater the weight exerted upon space, making it increasingly harder to manipulate it, while constantly dealing Sunlight, Holy, and Light damage over time to the target.

This purifying pagoda cannot be destroyed, and it will remain forever as long as Mana and Spirit Energy are constantly supplied. Over time, the Mana of the foe will also begin to be burned out by Amaterasu-sama's Divine Brilliance, making their magic power progressively weaker.

If five or more floors are stacked together, you can entrap a foe within the interior of the Prison Pagoda, and if they're weakened enough, they can be completely sealed. The Prison Pagoda Floors can also unleash concentrations of Sunlight Energy at foes to deal damage.

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Oh wow, it seems simple, but it's definitely everything I wanted it to be!

Chapter 1322: Farewell

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"It seems this is it, Elayne-san, you're fading away quite quickly now," Abe no Seimei giggled.

"A-Ah! Really?" I gasped, noticing half my body was gone! "Uwah, this is a bit creepy; don't you think?"

"Calm down, it's alright, you'll be back to your body in no time," he smiled. "Thank you, it was a brief moment, but I enjoyed talking with you... It has been many years since I just had a talk with another human, especially someone as beautiful as you. It's always Kamis or Shikigami here, and they just can't understand that we humans like small talk and enjoy some snacks, right?"

"Hahah, I suppose you're not wrong! Thank you so much for your help, Abe, even though we just met an hour ago, you did so much for me," I said.

"Well, it was nothing much," he shrugged. "And you're also the new master of my little Kaguya! So please take care of her for me. I don't know if she's the same as before anymore now that she had grown up. But I always remembered that she was a very lonely girl. I wished I could have given her more time, but I was always so busy in the capital and with the Shogun's requests... and also handling all the Onmyōji and everything else, haah... Just tell her that her papa loves her, please."

"S-Sure!" I smiled. "I will, thank you again! See ya!"

"May we meet again, if fate wills it," he nodded, waving his hand.

FLASH!

In that moment, I came back home, finding myself sitting over the grass, Mark was there with Kaguya, and even my daughter who was worried. And also Gabriel too, and Katherine, and the Great Spirit.

"W-Well, I'm back... Ah, how much did it take?" I wondered, noticing a powerful Aura coming from my Soul. "Woah! What's this?!"

I gasped as I noticed my Aura reaching the skies, overflowing with Gold and Pink light. A huge, beautiful pink and purple bellflower tree was erected behind me, and then an enormous pagoda with nine floors.

It was the image of my very Soul after it absorbed these two Soul Traits, it completely changed, beyond what I had ever expected!

"Y-You're back! It took you like half an hour..." said Mark. "Are you doing alright?"

"Y-Yes, I'm fine! I just... Hah, a lot happened actually!" I sighed, glaring at Kaguya.

She smiled nervously for a bit.

"She already told us that you might've been kidnaped by someone called Abe no Seimei," sighed my daughter. "I was about to go inside your soul somehow to rescue you mom..."



"K-Kidnaped?! Gosh, that's not right! Abe no Seimei was such a gentlehearted man, what is she even talking about?" I laughed.

"Phew, so it wasn't nothing bad?" Mark wondered, feeling relieved. "Um... W-Was he handsome or something?"

"Don't be jealous! He was a very old grandpa, I could never like him anyways," I shrugged. "Also I love you, so I don't have eyes for other men..."

"I-I didn't said anything..." Mark blushed a bit.

Eventually, he'll surpass all of them anyways, I just know it.

"Big sis, your soul is so big now! Wowowow!" said Gabriel, looking at my Soul Aura.

"I-It has become even stronger than I anticipated!" said Kaguya. "D-Did my previous master gave you some of his divinity to improve the Soul Orbs?! I can't believe it!"

"Yeah he did, he was so kind with me," I smiled.

"R-Really?" she gasped. "Usually my master was a cold, ruthless man to anybody but his closest people. I didn't imagine that... Hmm, I guess he was pretty nice with women though, yes. Pretty, beautiful women around your age, they were always his weakness."

"E-Eh? Is that so..." I muttered. "Um, oh well! He was nice anyways, so that's fine."

The Great Spirit stared at me in disbelief.

"Damn, the power of being a pretty woman, huh?" she laughed.

"I-It's not a power..." I sighed. "Anyways, I got two amazing Soul Traits, I think this'll help us resolve the conflict with Merlinus and give us a strong edge against him!"

I tapped the ground as I was able to see my internal information through wooden plate, it worked similarly to the Soul Mirror, but only for me.

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[Soul Trait]: [Mystic Bellflower Tree Dreamscape]

By consuming large quantities of Mana and Spirit Energy, summon a giant Mystic Bellflower Tree within the Realm of Dreams directly connected to you. While the tree is summoned, nobody expect you can detect it, see it, feel its presence, or even discern its essence or calculate you're using it.

When summoned, the Mystic Bellflower Tree will unleash a {Dreamscape} at your command, which will encompass an area as large as the Mana supplied. This Dreamscape only exists within Minds and the Dream Realm and can only target those you desire to target within a certain area.

Whenever someone capable of having dreams is in the range of this Dreamscape, you can choose to make them fall asleep, in which their minds will find themselves in the Dream Realm, protected by the Mystic Bellflower Tree from any harm.

You can make anybody that is weaker than you fall asleep, or as long as you supply sufficient Mana and Spirit Energy to overwhelm their resistance and forcefully make them fall asleep.

Once asleep, the bodies of those that are Dreaming will be encompassed by the {Mystic Bellflower Tree's Roots} and carried away to safety or wherever you desire, becoming Dreams themselves temporarily, and so, invisible to plain sight.

The Mystic Bellflower Tree can also be used to create special {Mystic Bellflower Barriers} when summoned, increasing the Magic Power of you and your allies within its range by twice as much, while protecting them from most Magic Damage as long as enough Mana is supplied.

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"See this? This is the Soul Trait we'll use to save everyone in the Luminous Kingdom!" I said, showing it to Mark and Elena, her friends also came closer to check what was going on.

"With this... for sure, it could work so efficiently!" nodded Mark.

"Wow, how did you get something so specific, mom?" Elena wondered.

"This is the power of Soul Traits!"

Chapter 1323: The Power Of Soul Traits

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The Power of the [Soul Trait]: [Mystic Bellflower Tree Dreamscape] was all I needed, and something that I definitely wouldn't have obtained using the other items I had alone, the Soul Orb was what allowed me to get such an amazing and effective way to deal with this issue.

And well, Abe no Seimei also helped with his enchantment to the Soul Trait and him deciding what was the best for me... Although after I heard he was quite the womanizer, I'm having second thoughts about him.

Was he really nice to me just because I was his type? It's a bit... Oh well, I mean, he wasn't evil or anything either.

No, yeah, let's just think positively of him and be thankful. Whatever Kaguya said, it doesn't matter!

"Soul Traits... I had no idea such a power existed," my daughter said. "Can I get something like that too?"

"I don't think so dear, not for now, we don't have any more materials to make more Soul Orbs..." I said.  
"Maybe I should've left one for you? My bad..."

"A-Ah, no mom, don't worry, I think that was a good decision," she said. "Maybe another time."

"Okey then..." I nodded. "I wish Rita and Lily were here! And maybe Jenny too... But anyways, we can explain them once we log back in."

"Yeah, what's the other Soul Trait though?" Mark wondered, walking to my side and checking the wooden tablet. "Oh, it has... it has the name of the Japanese Sun Goddess? From Shinto?"

"Oh so you know!" I said.

"Yeah, how couldn't I know? Amaterasu is a pretty popular deity," said Mark. "D-Does this really have her divinity?!"

"We'll find out once we use it," I said. "Abe no Seimei said that she would easily approve of me using her powers so there was no issue with this... But yeah, take a look."

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"Oh, this is interesting!" said my daughter.

"With this you guys can cancel that damn space magic, no?" wondered the Great Spirit. "Or maybe weaken it enough! Over time it'll get worse for that old fart too! Hahah!"

"And if he uses demonic powers or turns into a demon, or brings demon souls, they'll be constantly burned with holy sunlight of purification, so they're going to take constant, big damage," I smiled. "I don't think this'll give us an immediate edge or be the winning move, instant kill attack... But it'll even the field, a bit."

"Yeah, I mean these are amazing, but we can't lower our guard just because of that..." nodded Mark. "Merlinus is a powerful arch wizard after all, he's cunning too, very cunning. We must be prepared for anything while fighting him."

"Even then, with this alone, mom will have an insane edge against him," smiled my daughter. "Can't wait for us to fight him now, I'm getting really pumped."

"Hah, only you would say such a thing dear." I sighed, patting her head. "Anyways, let's take care of the Domain and then let's go have lunch, shall we? It has been some time since breakfast. And it might be our last meal before the whole battle begins, which might take many hours, we need to be ready."

"I wish I could go too..." sighed Gabriel. "I wonder if there's a way for me to help... I want to help after all!"

He felt like he really wanted to help, almost desperately.

I know he's been trying to be more useful, but I think it's not the right thing to force him into this.

"It's fine, Gabriel, I don't think you should join anyways," I said. "You should rest here, recover, and maybe occasionally hunt Hollows or something. You'll grow stronger over time. Now that the Domain has a part of heaven, you'll slowly absorb their energy."

"Um, but even then, I need to do more good deeds..." he said. "You said you were fighting demons... I am an angel! I was made to combat demons after all!"

He pouted adorably, looking very decided to help.

"Ah, I wonder... we don't have the time to buy him a new thing," I said. "Even more, he would start so low level, it would be very hard for him to even catch up, right?"

"Hmm..." the Great Spirit wondered. "Angels... are technically Spirit-like beings, right?"

"Yeah!" said Gabriel. "Not entirely, but we are composed of spirit energy too, vastly."

"Then maybe it should be possible for you to summon Gabriel," said the Great Spirit. "Just like you could easily summon little Titania as a Time Spirit in here, you just need a spell that'll allow you to summon Angels. An Angelic Spirit Summon Spell? That might be the trick."



"So Heavenly Spirit Summon doesn't work?" I wondered.

"Ah no, Heavenly Spirits are different..." said Gabriel.

"I see..." I nodded. "I do happen to have one spell slot left..."

Having Gabriel's help, even as a temporary Angelic Spirit could be game-changing when dealing with the demons.

There's no purer holy light than that of a true angel like him after all.

"Okay! Fine, I'll try to make a Spell like that, wait a bit then," I patted his head.

Chapter 1324: Creating A New Spell For Gabriel

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To create a spell that can summon an angel, what can I do?

The first thing I thought was my own connection as a pseudo angel myself.

I do have a halo, which I obtained as a gift from Heaven by slaying a demon.

Not just the normal way though, the demon was killed permanently, so I think that's not something everyone can do.

Most of the time, apparently, people exorcize them and send them back to hell.

But I killed them, period, they were dead, finito.

So I guess it is much more differently at the end, a greater feat that Will of the Realm of Heaven believed was enough to give me such a power.

My halo has evolved as I slay demons from both Earth and Arcadia, and I can use my angelic powers in both worlds without issues either.

Now, Halos have their own Runes, Angelic Runes, which enhance my magical power based on certain elements, such as light, life, holy, and sunlight I think?

So I was thinking I need to simply manipulate the Holy Angelic Runes of my Halo and use them to create a new Spell!

But how do I do it when the halo and my magic circle are separate bodies though?

"Hmm..."

As I was thinking that rubbing my chin, Gabriel was sitting by my side, making braids with my hair.

"Big sis, are you pregnant?"

"Eh?! You guessed already?"

"Yeah! I noticed a baby soul inside of you... Congrats!"

"O-Oh, thank you... Yes I'm pregnant, it'll take a while to be born though."

"Oooh! I see! I can't wait to see another angel joining the ranks!"

"Wait, angel?!"

I didn't realize that, but my son could indeed become an angel if... they can inherit halos and everything, then yes definitely.

I... I hope nothing bad happens regarding that!

"Yeah, it's rare, but I remember that... I think angels can create other angels..." he said. "But it's usually done differently. Hmm, is this because big sis wasn't born an angel?"

"I-I suppose..." I nodded. "Hm, wait, I have an idea! Gabriel, can you create a link between my Halo and my Magic Circle in my chest? I need it to create the spell that'll let us summon you."

"Oh yes, I think I could do that!" he nodded happily. "Wait a bit!"

He quickly took out one of his long, blonde hairs, and infused it with his holy energies, making it grow even longer, and ethereal.

Then, he wrapped it around my own halo and then around my chest.

FLASH!

I immediately felt a connection, the runes of the Halo temporarily became one with my Magic Circle.

"It worked in the first try!" I said. "I had no idea you could use your hair like that though!"

"We angels can use any part of our body to do something special," he said. "We are holy beings born from the Radiance of Heaven! Even a strand of our hair can be used as a strong catalyzer of... holy energy? Or something, ah, I don't remember more than that... weird. It's like information came into my head but then it went away... huh."

It must be his old memories sometimes coming back, memories he had before dying and then reviving again in a child form, perhaps?

"Don't worry about it, we'll get there eventually," I said. "Now..."

I could have tried making Gabriel something like a familiar, but I thought that might be a bit denigrating of him, as he's not a monster or something, nor a pet either.

There was a slot left so I could probably make him a "Divine Guardian" though, but that doesn't guarantee I'll be able to summon him by my side I think!

"If this is done, then let's do this and this..."

I closed my eyes, concentrating and infusing my Mana into my Magic Circle, then activating my Runes and rapidly moving the Mana through the strand of hair.

Then, they reached the Angelic Halo, where the Runes connected together, rapidly beginning to combine. Holy energies with magic converging constantly.

Spells are created through the combination and creation of Runes.

Older Runes that created Spells can give birth to new Spells by expanding, dividing, and interconnecting between one another.

This is the reason that while I started with simple spells, they had begun to become more and more complex with each new Spell that is born.

And now... I wanted to make something like this again, combining the Runes from the Halo and the Magic Circle.

"Hmm..."

I kept concentrating, connecting them, until finally, a branch between both runes was unified.

FLASH!

A spark of golden light emerged within my mind and soul, as I opened my eyes, surprised.

Okay, it's working!

"Now..."

I kept connecting the runes, slowly, one by one, dozens, then hundreds of them.

Ultimately, their connection, the branches, slowly built into something, a new spell altogether.

Using the slot I had freed, I moved towards creating this new spell.

Okay then, it'll be Angel Summon!

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SPARK!

However, the moment I tried, the spark weakened, and I almost received backlash.

Wait, is it too strong?!

So I can't make a spell to summon Angels.

I guess they would consider all Angels in general, and yeah that would be too much.

I need to be more specific, Gabriel Summon? Nah, even that's not too specific, I'll end up summoning any Gabriel person.

Let's try anyways.

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SPARK!

Ouch, it didn't work either.

Then...

Hmm.

How about...



Angelic Friend Summon?

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SPARK!

No?!

So what can I even name it then!

Hmm...

Wait, perhaps... Angelic Spirit Friend Summon?

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FLUOSH!

The name worked!

All the runes converged into a new set of runes, which then merged into a single spell.

[You have created the Spell: {

Angelic Spirit Friend Summon

}!]

[You can now Summon Angels you've become friends with as Angelic Spirits by spending Celestial Energy, Spirit Energy, and Mana.]

"It worked!" I celebrated, raising my arms. "Gabriel, I made it!"

"Really?! Yaaay!" he cried happily, as he hugged me.

Oh my gosh, he was so warm and small, and he smelled like flowers.

Little Angels are too cute, I can't...

Is my baby also going to be as cute as him?!

Chapter 1325: The Heavens Are Shaking

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RUMBLE!

The Heavens trembled, as all inhabitants noticed the strange changes across the entire Realm. Angels, Heavenly Spirits, and more of its countless inhabitants realized something was happening.

A connection with the Mortal World had been made, with someone, something that had only happened over three hundred years ago, when a powerful Saint of the Vatican managed to create a spell similar to what a particular someone had made.

"What's happening?"

"I can see something, look!"

"A tower of golden and green light?!"

"Wait, it's not a tower... It's expanding!"

"A tree?!"

The smaller angels and heavenly spirits traveling across the endless, beautiful sea of clouds, pointed into the distance, an enormous tower of pure golden and green essence surged, reaching the Higher Heavens.

At first it resembled a tower as they said, but slowly it took a better shape, expanding into several branches, until it resembled, a faintly ethereal, phantasmal tree made of gold and green light.

"W-What's happening?!"

"It's enormous..."

"I can't sense any negative energy from this."

"So we aren't under attack then?"

"A new Saint has been born then!"

"No, this is not from a Saint either."

"EEEH?!"

While the angels remained mostly calm, the heavenly spirits were screaming and flying everywhere, constantly panicking as they saw the Heaven Realm change for the first time since its conception.

Amidst the endless sea of clouds, there was a massive golden palace, standing above a gigantic floating island, where hundreds of powerful Archangels and other Angels of higher Authorities gathered.

Wearing glistening golden armor and possessing six or more wings, these knights, paladins, Valkyries, and princes of heaven sat down around an enormous, golden table.

"I suppose everyone knows why we've gathered here," an angel whose face was covered with a white veil, but whose long, silver hair could be seen cascading from his head and into the rest of his pristine, white armor, spoke with a tender voice that evocated both love and strength. "A never seen before event has happened within Heaven."

"Hmm! I did see it, yes, it is very interesting, isn't it?" giggled another figure, a tall and slender angel with long blonde hair, his face covered with a huge golden helmet. "It seems someone down there, that one person blessed by the Heaven's Will and given one of our Halos, has done something interesting again."

"This energy..." muttered another, a female angel, a Valkyrie, with a gray dress and armor, covering her face with a veil of the same color, she was the only one among everyone that had silver wings and black hair. "It belongs to a powerful Divine Being, and it was also born from a Spell they created. A Spell that is now engraved within them."

"This Divine Being is really her?" wondered another young angel man, with short, spiky red hair, clear brown skin, and red wings, he wasn't covering his face, showing his youthfulness and handsomeness around. "Huh, to think she would make such a Spell! But why though? None of us are her friends, right? What's up with that?"

"Who knows?" wondered another female angel, this time it looked like a warrioress, with white skin and long blonde hair, wearing Valkyrie armor and holding a spear and a shield, her fiery red eyes glowed as bright as flames. "Perhaps our only choice might be to become her friends... She could become a perfect conductor for our powers. If she could truly summon us as long as we befriend her, then descending might not take such a big toll on us, and we could perhaps properly eliminate the Demons, who had been progressively become more dangerous and aggressive lately."

"Hm, we'll see. For now, we must witness for what she will use this power, and if she has good or bad intentions," said the angel that spoke at the beginning. "However... I have to say, for some reason, looking at that tree is... very comfortable. It generates a strange feeling of longing and love within my heart. One not born from illusions or malicious curses either. How odd."

"Yeah, it is as if we were looking at our mother, isn't it?"

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[You have created the Spell: {Angelic Spirit Friend Summon}!]

[You can now Summon Angels you've become friends with as Angelic Spirits by spending Celestial Energy, Spirit Energy, and Mana.]

After hearing the Voice of the World, and learning the new Spell, I felt at ease, it took more energy and effort than I imagined!

"With this Spell it should be possible to summon you in there, Gabriel. But for now, I think you should remain here," I said. "Once we need your help, we'll summon you, alright?"

"O-Ok!" he nodded. "I'll be waiting! Please don't forget about me!"

"Don't worry, we won't," I said. "Anyways, I think we're finally done for now, right? Let's go log-in."

Without much else to do than get back there and do everything we need to do in Arcadia to prepare for the big war, we logged back into BNLO.

I opened my eyes, finding myself in the forgery underground, the ancient Hephaestus Inheritance, which seemed to have become our spawn point, for some reason.

I think it should be possible to change it, but for now this isn't bad...

I think it became our spawn point because I've left one of the portals to the Forest of Beginnings in here.

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Then, I saw Mark, my daughter, and her friends log-in, one after another, they seemed to be ready for the day.

"Alright!" I said. "First thing first, I should quickly give this to Melissa, a promise is a promise after all."

I grabbed something I had finished yesterday, but Melisa had logged out, so I was unable to give it to her back in that moment.

It was a series of accessories, including rings, bracelets, and necklaces, all made for her so it will absorb the negative, cursed, and demonic aura she releases naturally.

This'll help her regulate it at will, while also helping her control this absorbed energy for her to fight much better and unleash even stronger spells or attacks.

Chapter 1326: Logging Back In

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Once we logged back into BNLO, I quickly checked my inventory, finding out that what I had made for someone was already finished by another of my Avatars yesterday, but because she logged out I had no chance to give it to her.

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What I had taken from my inventory was a series of accessories, including rings, bracelets, and necklaces, all made for her so it will absorb the negative, cursed, and demonic aura she releases naturally.

These items will help her regulate this energy at will, while also helping her control this absorbed energy for her to fight much better and unleash even stronger spells or attacks.

Yeah, I had thought about all of this in more depth than I imagined and found out that her powers couldn't just be completely negated.

They had a lot of potential as some sort of Negative Essence or something, like what Rita does! She gathers this evil energy with her orbs, then unleashes super strong spells with them.

It's kind of the same logic there, but she accumulates this energy within her accessories naturally!

"Oh, those accessories are for Melisa, right?" wondered Mark. "They look nice!"

"Yeah right? I did put some effort into making them," I said. "And they..."

I explained to him, my daughter, and her friends what these accessories could do, surprising them quite a bit more than I had imagined.

"Sounds great," said my daughter. "With that she could potentially become really strong... Maybe she'll be of some use at the end, I hope."

"Let's hope," said Anna. "Anyways. I was wondering about Angelina's party, we haven't seen them in a while, where are they anyways? Will they join us?"

"It seems they've been busy IRL," I said. "But I did see them connected today, and I sent them a message about everything that has happened and today's plans. They seemed to be on board for whatever would happen... Although I am not so sure if we should really bring them into this confrontation or not."

"We should, I mean, the more the merrier!" said Elisa. "Right? Now let's go!"

We ran upstairs, finding Ambil who was working on something, he seemed shocked we appeared out of nowhere, we surprised him.

"Uwack!" he screamed. "You lot! Why are you so damn silent when walking upstairs? Couldn't hear a single thing until you literally appeared behind me!"

"Sorry, but we're back," I said. "What are you making?"

"I'm mostly reinforcing my own equipment and fixing some faults in them," he said. "If you need anything repaired, say something now before it breaks, just for today I'm giving you a discount."

"Oh nice!" my daughter said. "Then can you reinforce my katana and my armor? And this too."

She ended giving him a pile of items, wasn't she taking too much advantage of him?!

"Hey brat, don't take advantage of an old man like that!" he complained. "I'll help but just this once, and don't you dare ask for more than this, you heard me?!"

"Hahah, ok," my daughter laughed, acting like a troll.

"Then me too, please!" said Elisa.

"A-And me...!" Monica said.

"And me as well, might as well," Anna nodded.

"Ugh... Anymore?" he wondered, asking us.

"No I think that's alright," I said. "Where's Acorn and Nieve?"

"They went to the forest again," said Ambil. "They said something about preparing forces there or something..."

"Forces?" I wondered. "Wait, do they want to recruit warriors to come fight here? But that's... after that invasion from the undead I believe they should rest! Why would they risk their lives here..."

"Well, that's what they said!" said Ambil. "I'm not sure what they'll end up doing but keep in consideration that everyone over there loves you a lot, Planta. And they just want the best for you."

"Hmm..." I nodded. "I-I guess so... I'll have to talk with them later, for now, do you know where Melisa could be?"

"She must be with the Queen and the King right now," said Ambil. "The other craftsmen though? No idea what they're up to, but I believe they all wanted to move away and not participate. Can't blame them, this entire thing seems almost suicidal."

"Hey it's not suicidal! We got some chances now," I smiled. "I got some pretty strong Abilities we'll use later, they should make things... considerably more doable, I hope."

"Hmm, I wonder what is it? Hopefully not just more trees or plants..." he said.

"Haha! Don't worry, it won't be that," I smiled proudly, nodding. "Let's go find Melissa then. We also need to talk with the King and the Queen about the preparations, then go visit the druids and... Yeah we'll be super busy!"

First thing first, we moved as quickly as possible to the castle, flying into the skies with my wings and then descending rapidly, causing yet another commotion.

This time, however, the soldiers recognized us and let us inside, where we landed at the throne, room, both rulers weren't here though.

"Where are they- Oh!"

We ended walking around until we found a large open area, the castle's own barracks, where the rulers were supervising the preparations for the battle. There were over a thousand soldiers in there, from magic knights, paladins, and so on.

"Oh, Planta! Welcome back," said the Queen. "It seems you've come in a hurry; we're still preparing everything. I was thinking of asking you about the druids, and if they got things prepared or we should begin immediately? We still got plenty of time, but time is precious so we shouldn't waste it either way."

"Oh yeah, I haven't done that yet... have you seen Melissa though, queen?" I asked.

"Melissa? Oh you mean that crafter girl," said the King. "She's playing with our son down there. For some reason he seems immune to her cursed aura. And he took a liking at sparring with her."

"S-Sparring? I never considered Melissa to be that type of girl..." I said.

"Well you'll be surprised," the queen giggled. "Come."

Chapter 1327: Melissa's Sparring

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The queen led us to the large area downstairs, where we reached a small corner where Melissa was sparring with the little Gustav. Though it was more like she was tanking his hits while Gustav learned how to evade attacks coming at him.

"Hya! Hya! Hya!"

CLASH!

Gustav swung a sword clumsily, sometimes releasing small shocks of crimson electricity from his attacks, which dealt little damage to Melissa, but made her step back in awe.

"You're doing well, young prince. Your lightning seems to be an innate ability within your body," she said. "Try using it as much as possible against me."

"O-Okay!" Gustav nodded, charging forward. "Hyaaa!"

FLUOSH!

The little prince's aura transformed, becoming crimson lightning in the shape of a multi-headed hydra that wrapped around his body.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

And then, he attacked Melissa continuously, releasing explosions of crimson thunder that seemed very strong, but that dealt very little damage to her.

"Oh, that was strong!" Melissa smiled. "Well done, prince Gustav."

"Ugh... Haaa... I feel like I'm still lacking so much," Gustav complained, feeling frustrated. "Thank you for accepting to spar with me, Melisa... Nobody else wanted!"

"I suppose it's because they're afraid they could hurt the prince," said Melisa. "Honestly I am also afraid. But I'm happy that my curse doesn't affect you, while I am also quite high level, so we both take minimum damage from one another, making each other good sparring partners, or at least that's what I think."

"Yeah! I just discovered my magic powers back then... W-When I almost got kidnaped," sighed Gustav. "I don't want that to happen ever again! Even if I'm alone, I want to... I want to defend myself somehow..."

"I know," nodded Melissa. "I also can relate to that feeling of hopelessness quite a lot. You've got great potential prince, maybe you need to level up hunting monsters next. I wonder if you can see your status?"

"I can!" said Gustav. "But... Hmm, there's a bunch of stuff I don't understand well, like the numbers and other things... Uh, I don't know if I can read this that well... Sorry!"

"Well it's fine," Melisa said. "As long as you can feel some progression, then we're doing things the right way. And... Ah! P-Planta?!"

Melisa and Gustav were very invested into their own conversations, which surprised me quite a bit. I never expected these two to get along so well! But as they explained, maybe it has to do with their own powers and how they cancel each other or something.

"Melissa!" I said. "I brought you the accessories I promised you, please come here."

"Oh, thank you!" she ran towards me, grabbing them and equipping them one by one. "Ooh! T-These look so stylish! And they fit just right?! How did you even make them!"

"Well I got some good eye and can adjust how I create things, so they fit my clients," I explained. "Now, the accessory will not only help you suppress the aura, but it will continuously accumulate the aura into essence you can use offensively or even defensively."



"Like this...? Oh!"

FLUOSH!

The moment Melissa equipped all the items, her cursed aura constantly being exuded from her body gathered within her accessories instead, rapidly accumulating the energy without harming her environment.

At the same time, her entire "presence" changed, the reason she was always constantly covering her entire body was because her appearance, despite not looking bad at all, contained some sort of visual curse within it.

This made it so mostly all NPC felt a natural "repulsion" and "fear" to her, unless she covered her entire body, without revealing a single speck of skin!

But now? That was different, and it would change forever.

"Now, how about you take off the clothes covering you?" I asked her. "There's plenty of NPCs here, so we can test if it works or not."

"B-But!" she complained, feeling a bit afraid.

"Don't be afraid, this is fine," I said, patting her head. "Come on, let's do it."

"Ugh... O-Okay then, I'll trust you, Planta," she nodded.

Melisa took out her hoodie, her black mask, her robes, and even the many other clothes covering every inch of her body, revealing her true appearance. She had red skin with some black skin spots here and there. Six eyes, three were red, the other three were dark purple.

There were two malformed-looking horns growing from her forehead, looking like she had cut them off a lot so they wouldn't get in the way of her clothes, which was always a bit sad to see. But now, I think she'll be able to grow them as much as she wants without worrying.

Also, she had pointy ears with black scales on them, and she also had black scales in her neck all the way to the cheeks of her face, she also had silvery-white hair, with red and purple colors at the sharp ends.

She was indeed very beautiful in her own way, like a beautiful amalgamation of many traits that somehow perfectly blended together into a demon girl. If anything, she was an exotic beauty.

"W-Wow, so that's how Melissa looks like?"

"I have never seen a demi human quite like her."

"So peculiar!"

"Her horns... Are they damaged?"

"So she has scales too?"

"Six eyes! I bet she can see a lot with that."

"Oh? Who's the cutie over there?! I've never seen someone with such a vibrant appearance!"

"It's Melissa? Wait, really?!"

"Why was she hiding herself like that?"

The soldiers walking around stopped to admire her appearance, although some were a bit shocked, others seemed to smile and even flirt with her.

Melisa covered her face in embarrassment though, she was cute.

"So this is her true appearance!" said the Queen. "Interesting, she's quite peculiar. Not like any race I've ever seen before, right?"

"Yeah," nodded the King. "If anything she looks like... I don't want to sound offensive, but she resembles a little demon girl."

"Woaah! You're so cool Melissa!" said Gustav, blushing as he gasped by seeing her appearance. "Scales, and horns too?! And you got SIX eyes?! I wish I had all of that!"

"Hahah, you flatter me," Melissa giggled, feeling embarrassed. "Thank you Planta, this... this is all I could've ever asked for. It finally feels like I can begin enjoying this world."

"You're welcome!"

Chapter 1328: Many Things To Do

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After helping Melissa change her entire life as a player of BNLO forever, we talked to her about a couple of other things, I introduced her to how to use the accessories properly, their curse absorbing abilities and so on, and a bit more of that here and there.

Eventually, she sparred again with little Gustav, this time employing her accessory abilities, the results were amazing right away.

"Hyaaa!"

SLASH!

As the prince swung his sword and released a wave of crimson lightning, Melissa generated a hardened shield using her accessory's accumulated curse energy.

"{Cursed Shield}!"

BOOOM!

Gustav's attack as successfully blocked, as an explosion of lightning only reached the skies.

At the same time, Gustav was evolving, his Skill was most likely rapidly leveling as he sparred with Melisa!

As I had overheard before, he seemed to enjoy a Players Privileges, such as being able to see his Status despite being a natural inhabitant.

Also, he probably has the NPCs innate ability to automatically level up their skills. And also to automatically learn new ones.

They're usually not too completely aware of this while they grow, but because Gustav can see all of this growth, it's probably completely different for him.

"How about this!"

Gustav took another sword, and started dual wielding, he was clumsy too, but his lightning attacks became more varied as he spun around, trying to imitate...

Huh?!

He was imitating my techniques! Haha, so cute!

"Hya! Hya! Hya! Dual Sword... Thunder Dance!"

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

His attacks reached Melissa's shield, releasing explosions of crimson lightning shaped as tiny draconic serpents.

The demon girl took the attacks easily, and then pushed forward, making the prince trip on his own foot and fall.

"Ouch... Ah, I messed up..."

"Hahah! I would say you've got the spirit, prince. That was very creative, how did you come out with that? You could one day refine it into something strong, maybe," Melissa was having a lot of fun with Gustav, she also talked like she had experience with little kids, perhaps she has a brother?

"I-I'll get there!" Gustav nodded. "But Melisa you also have to attack some more, you're too passive! I can take it, don't worry."

"I don't know about that, I wouldn't dare hurt you," sighed Melissa.

"Come on I can take it!!!" Gustav complained, he was very spoiled.

"That's enough dear, no more sparring for today," his mother stepped in. "Thank you for helping him so far, Melissa. You've been of great help."

"A-Ah, it's nothing," Melissa nodded. "I also have my own little brother I take care of, and mom's sick in the hospital so... well."

"I see..." nodded Camilla, smiling. "I suppose we could make you my son's private tutor. Although someone like David will teach him more of the ropes and all, you've got some good compatibility with him, and he already likes you, so it can't be helped. Maybe in your free time, if you don't mind..."

"O-Of course!" nodded Melissa. "I would gladly help him... He really reminds me of my little brother. He's so spirited and cute... I-I mean, he's... he's a good child."

"He truly is adorable and cute, I agree!" nodded Camilla. "Don't worry, you're free to praise my son all you want! Hahaha!"

"Well, now that you're free, we wanted to ask you something, Melissa," Mark said. "It's about joining us in the battle. We'll soon prepare things, so we were wondering if you'll join us? Now that Planta gave you that amazing accessory set, it would be a nice way to pay back, right?"

"A-Ah! So that's it..." nodded Melisa.

"W-Wait a second!" I said. "Mark, don't make her think I only made that for her to help us..."

"I-I didn't meant that...!" he panicked. "I just thought it was worth saying. After all, the other craftsmen all ran away with the tails between their legs. And I guess we can't really convince them otherwise, but Melissa could be different. I know you want to remain humble and not take advantage of people, don't worry. And I don't think we're doing that either."

"No, yeah, he's right," she nodded. "I'll help! I ended falling into that damned dungeon and was gifted demonic powers that had been an utter curse for me since I started BNLO... Maybe I can finally use them for something good. Also that Urn I made that can absorb Evil Energies could be effective against Merlinus, right?"



"It certainly could!" I nodded. "We used that to kill that demon prince after all, by turning it into a giant stake, haha!"

Maybe I shouldn't be laughing so heartily about killing a young demon, but I don't think I should feel bad either, that prince had eaten a lot of innocent souls, so he deserved what was coming for him.

"The urn, right..." she nodded. "I could probably create more of such items to help us out... Shall we go to the workshop?"

"Nonetheless, since then the Urn had been slightly damaged, so we need to repair it a bit first..." I murmured to myself. "Oh? You mean you can make more?"

"Yes, the competition only gave us some minutes to create things, so I'm sure I could make a couple more items equivalent to the urn if I got enough materials in my stash," she said.

"I could also provide you with more materials!" I said. "Anyways, let's go! We should make as many as we possibly can!"

These items were all amazing trump cards, we can't waste Melissa's talents!

I went with her with a second Yggdrasil Avatar, while I stayed with my original body with my friends.

Dividing my mind to talk with both at the same time was a bit confusing, but as my Psychic Mind Skill evolved and leveled up, I've kind of gotten more or less used to the feeling!

"Anyways, shall we go meet with Rita and Lily? I just got a notification they logged-in, then let's go talk with Angelina," I said. "After that, probably with the druids and the forest people, and I think we'll be done with that."

I also wanted to fuse Skills or Evolve some, I haven't forgotten that, and I'll get to it once I'm done with this.

Chapter 1329: Loyal Allies

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After helping Melisa and going with her to make more of her unique items, we moved to a nearby café, where to meet Lily, Rita, and Angelina's party. The Queen decided to come along, changing her appearance into that of a young man, taking the identity of Black Haze, the strongest player of BNLO... Or well, the first to reach Level 300!

Her ability to transform her body appearance and even the information of her status are all pretty unique abilities, I'm not going to lie that it makes me wish I had something so conventional with me as well! But it certainly comes in handy for a queen as well, I suppose.

"Phew, we barely made it in time! Sorry for being so late, bestie," Rita sighed in relief. "I was busy dealing with my family and everything... It's a miracle I can find time to log-in most of the time, honestly."

"You're such a hard worker, Rita," giggled Lily. "I can't really give a good excuse, I was actually resting and sleeping from all the exhaustion I felt yesterday... but I do feel better, I think."

"That's totally understandable, honestly," I said. "You've all gone through a lot. So its only normal you would feel so tired and exhausted! Also Angelina, welcome back! How have things treated you and everyone else?"

"Good so far, we were busy with our personal life, work, family, and so on," Angelina said. "Sorry for being absent for a couple of days, but right now we're finally free, so let us join you in whatever we can! ...Wait, is that Black Haze at your side?!"

"Yeah I was thinking the same thing nya! What the hell nyaaa?!" gasped Anikitty. "BLACK HAZEEEE!"

"I guess this shouldn't be surprising, Planta might have her connections," said Erdrich, nodding while a small skeleton merchant was standing by his side.

Wait it's the merchant from before! I see, so he became buddies with the necromancer of the party?! Not even I can believe that so easily, but well, I'll need to ask him if he can sell me some stuff later.

"Hmm, it feels like we've faced her Aura yet," said Gandalf, rubbing his long beard. "Have we met before, Black Haze?"

"Honestly I am surprised you don't know, but I am also the Queen from here," she explained. "I use my special ability to change my form. I quite literally live two lives."

"R-Really?!" gasped Gandalf. "Wait a moment, you're truly the queen?! I thought she was... Wait a second! I-I...!"

"Damn the old man's taking a while to process this nya," laughed Anikitty. "I kind of guessed something was up, but wow, to think it's that nyahahaha!"

"It's surprising, yeah," Angelina nodded. "Camilla was your name? Is this your real name?"

"Yeah," nodded Camilla. "I'm telling you the truth because you've been fighting for the Kingdom so far, and you're people Planta trusts the most as well. And so, well, I came here to try to convince you to fight to protect the Kingdom."

"Oh, but of course, that should go without even saying, we'll join," nodded Erdrich. "My army of Undead are below your command. We've been busy with IRL stuff, but now we can work out something to help."

"Of course," nodded Angelina. "We also would benefit greatly from completing the World Quest that will most likely trigger from this... I had even considered that we could invite even more Players to help and fight for us, what do you think?"

"That's a good idea," said Gandalf, stroking his beard. "The more the merrier, right? And unlike NPC, players can just die without many problems. As long as they aren't PVP or Guild Wars battles, the penalties should be minimal. If you can offer them a good pay, plus the rewards they'll get from the World Quest, I think most will agree."

"Nice," nodded Camilla. "I'll be including my own Guild too, which is the strongest in the entire game. So I'm sure that could incentivize some to come and help, if possible. It still all left for them to choose."

"Huh, so things are finally going to start soon..." Rita said. "I can't say I'm not nervous, this is going to be quite big."

"It'll be an intense battle where everything will be on stake, so of course it'll be big," I said. "I'm also really nervous, despite how much we've prepared. We need to prepare even more! So, for now, let's go to the druid guild, we need to quickly make sure their preparations are complete. We can't be their help, even less the assistance of Lady Verdant, a literal goddess."

"Uwaah! So she's really helping nyah?! Sugoi!" said Anikitty. "Then it'll be a piece of cake with a goddess by our side!"

"I don't know about that, her presence can only be summoned temporarily," said the queen.

"She also requires a lot of preparation time, the druids had already begun doing that though, she needs a gigantic domain to summon her divine presence," said Mark. "But I think it'll work anyways. The thing is, we need to know when we can time her summoning perfectly, to make the best use of her strength."

"He's right," nodded Elena. "We shouldn't summon her immediately after the battle begins, but in the middle maybe, when it seems like Merlinus has the upper hand, or he pulls out something ridiculous. Which, based on how old and strong he is, it's very likely."

"We've only seen but a fragment of his true capabilities," said the Queen. "And the records about what he can do are also very short, he had been hiding his powers for hundreds of years. Most of what he's capable of doing is unknown to us."

"As long as we can secure the citizens' safety, I think we got half the job done," I said. "Now, let's go, we have to talk with the druids and see if everything is right. We'll need to fully coordinate everything, and also leave several ways to communicate from afar."

I hurriedly drank my cappuccino and ate my strawberry muffin, rushing to the druid guild with everyone else.

Chapter 1330: Visiting The Fey Wilds

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We entered the druid guild building and quickly realized several animals were following us, small rats and birds. Once we entered the building, they all started talking and transforming into people. Most of them were humans, but I also noticed some elves.

"Welcome back Lady Planta!"

"We saw you from afar, so we decided to join you."

"Have you come to see Granny Austucia?"

"Most likely."

Suddenly, the one that spoke at the end transformed into Johanna, she had become a little brown rat, it was surprising how small her presence was like this.

"So you're back, I guess you came to check on everything?" she asked.

"Yeah!" I nodded. "Shall we talk more in the Realm?"

"Sure, let's go then," she nodded with a smile.

We entered the portal with my friends. The druids sniffed everyone they had not seen before, this included Angelina's party and Black Haze, which was the Queen, but her transformation was so good they couldn't even recognize her scent.

We advanced across the druid's village made out of wood and plants, surrounded by a mystical, spiritual forest. In the way to the tree in the middle, we found Austucia with other elders.

"Welcome back," she said. "So you've come at time it seems... There's a bit we should talk with the elders, come along, Planta."

"Alright," I nodded.

We moved to the tree's interior, where I decided to bring all my party anyways. Verdant was there, concentrating her energies for the big fight.

It seemed she also had to prepare a bit, she was sitting cross-legged, meditating and expanding her presence across the entire Realm.

In front of her, there were several elder druids as well, sitting around a wooden table, there were fruits and tea served for everyone to enjoy.

"Welcome," Verdant opened her eyes. "I've been waiting for you, Planta. Now that things are mostly set-up, I need to tell you how everything will work regarding my summoning into the mortal world."

"Sure," I nodded. "I'm all ears! I came here to talk about exactly that after all."

"Good," she nodded. "My druids will explain you more of the details, but the entire formation has yet to be placed or activated."

"Is it?" I wondered.

"Indeed, what they have done so far is set up things so the formation can activate, things that aren't infused with mana, or that are very well hidden and disguised in plain sight," she explained. "Planta, trees, even rocks and the dirt beneath people's feet, everything will be a catalyzer. By now, everyone had placed every single ingredient for the formation in the perfect and most ideal place."



"I see..." I nodded. "But how is it even going to work then?"

"It's simple," she smiled. "Right now, I am connecting to many Dragon Veins through this Realm, that way, Merlinus cannot detect me as I'm doing this beneath the dimension he can see. Also, he's unable to access the Dragon Veins due to his evil nature, the spiritual energies will not let him use them. This creates a great loophole not only for me but for everyone else, you and my druids."

"It is as her divinity says," nodded Austucia. "By now, I believe she has connected with at least over ten different dragon veins, and she'll probably connect with as many as possible. Once that is done, we'll activate the formation from outside, using our magic and our united Nature Souls. Once that begins, a connection to the dragon veins she had taken over will be opened, and therefore, she will be summoned into our world as she has already assimilated them temporarily."

"It might sound complicated, but it will work as intended," said Lady Verdant. "In that regard, we have no problems. The problem at hand is communication. We need a way to talk with one another easily even across Realms. So you can notify us in time for everything to start when you believe it's the right time for me to manifest my powers and help you fight the False Demon King."

False Demon King... So I guess that's the name he'll go with, huh? Alright then.

"Alright, I think I have an idea for that," I said. "I usually can communicate with people through my roots and plants, so I'll do this, I'll leave an Avatar here, or well, a part of an Avatar."

I summoned one of my Yggdrasil Avatars, and then transformed her, dividing her into little wooden dolls with not many features, walking around.

"Here, I'll leave a couple with you, everyone that's important should keep one," I said.

I ended giving one to Verdant, Austucia, Johanna, and a couple of other elders who were in charge of activating the Formation.

"Now try speaking to it, Lady Verdant."

"Oh? Hello?"

As she talked, I could hear her voice perfectly fine through another of my avatars outside.

"Yes I can hear you from there! It works!"

"Oh, this is spectacular then!"

Lady Verdant was amazed.

"To think it can be possible to communicate between Realms this easily!"

"Well, with this we got that problem finally covered."

"It should go smoothly from here."

"Yeah, hopefully."

As I nodded by hearing their words, I quickly decided to talk about something else as well. Remembering those that ended dying trying to protect me, I didn't want the same thing to happen to them...

"Aside from Lady Verdant's help, I would prefer if every druid concentrated on the Formation, please," I said. "Leave the fight to us and your goddess. I don't want anybody to risk their lives, alright? And please, don't you ever dare go against Merlinus without a plan, you'll die."

"B-But...!"

"That's..."

"Hm..."

They were a bit surprised by my harsh words, many of them seemed to have the intent to battle by our side, but that was not what I planned.

"...Very well," Lady Verdant said. "All of you are forbidden to confront the False Demon King without my permission. However, if you can, you'll help fighting anything else he might throw at Planta's army, with caution and in large groups. Never fight alone."

"Very well then..."

"Your words are the law, Lady Verdant."

"It shall be done as you've ordered!"

"Okay!"

It seems her words were indeed the law for them, as they agreed instantly.

Now, the only thing left is to grow stronger.

Time to use all these items!