

Brand New 1441

Chapter 1441 Dream 2

"You're my child, and then you and your siblings created an incarnation of me, which then became you once more. You are me and I am you, and yet, we are different. This is the cycle of creation."

"W-What? I don't get it..."

"One day you will... Your Soul Metamorphosis has made you much weaker than before, but now that you carry the Legacy of your child within you, you have an even greater talent than ever before."

"Talent? My child? But I-"

"The cycle continues, the souls come back to me, and then they leave once more for reincarnation, you and your siblings were no exception. In the great scheme of things, nothing was."

"You know... about the System, by any means?"

"The System?"

"Do you know where it came from?"

I might as well ask that now that I'm here!

After that last vision I saw where Gaia was left alone as the entire world of Arcadia was destroyed...

Yeah, that vision I saw in the Rivers of Time.

I want to know why that glistening light appeared, and where did that System come from.

I think that silver light... was it related to it?

"Do you know what it is? What happened to Arcadia? Why is it the way it is now? Why is Time so messed up? Beings from the past, present, and future living together..."

"Time isn't as linear as you imagine. It goes everywhere, it interlinks at times, giving you the illusion it is linear. However, it is much deeper than that."

"Eh?"

"The future and the past, they live alongside the present, it is a beautiful harmony of love and tragedy."

"...I don't get it!"

"You will do so one day."

This tree is sure making me a bit angry right now!

I just can't even get a single answer from her and-

"The System you asked about before... I do not know it."

"...You don't?"

"I don't."

"T-Then where did it come from? Wait, what am I even asking right now?"

"Most likely it came from The Outside."

"What's... that?"

"What else but Outside of Existence?"

"...?!"

I didn't even understand well what she said, but "Outside of Existence" sounds really quite... dramatic.

So where we live is "Existence" and what's outside of it...

What's that?

The System came from there?

So it is not artificially created?

Or maybe it is?!

I don't get it!

"Looks like your visit was brief... I wish you good luck with your endeavors, my dear, foolish, and kindhearted daughter. The most kind of them all."

I saw my own body beginning to disappear.

"W-Wait! I want to ask so many things!"

"There's no time, I'm afraid."

"But...!"

"Despite what you've seen and experienced, this is nothing but a small fragment of the truth... But let me tell you one thing, my daughter. You and those that accompany you... might be the only ones that could grow to the point to face him."

"Him?"

"The Ultimate End."

"Y-You mean the Demon King of the End?!"

"Something worse than him."

"W-Wha...?!"

"The Fragmentation of Time has caused a paradox, converging timelines have created something even worse than before, something much more malicious. The embodiment of the end, everything reaches an end, and so, since the moment my inexistence came to exist, I realized I would end by his hand."

"It's... predestined?! But you're the one that connects it all, if you die then..."

"It is fate or destiny, perhaps both or none. But I know one thing. You are also the product of these fragmentations of time and the distorted result is also your home."

"You mean Earth?"

"A refuge for the fallen, but also a breeding ground for malice. You must balance your life between both worlds. Be careful, ignoring a world for too long would only let malice grow stronger."

"D-Do I have to do it all myself? I'm so tired!"

"You will never be alone, that, I can assure you. Go rest for now. Don't think about what hasn't happened. Relax, and make your life worth living. Only then will you have the motivation and strength to fight for it."

As I disappeared, I quickly woke up.

The memories of what I experienced felt much blurrier than before, and at some point I forgot big chunks of that.

But I quickly wrote everything down to not forget it completely.

Though, even then, it looked like a mess.

"Aaah... What a mess."

I sighed, sitting on the bed, Mark was right there, without his shirt and only wearing boxers.

Damn...

He's built like a crick now, goddamn.

Oh wow.

"A-Ah, right..."

I shouldn't let him distract me from what I just experienced!

Why is he so erotic though?!

Dammit! He's tempting me with his erotic body!

He needs some correction!

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SPLASH!

"Haah... Much better. Damn its hot today... Summer is slowly creeping in."

I quickly opened several windows in the house to let the air inside, the house felt like an oven with all this heat.

I yawned as I sat in front of the backyard, looking at the plants and the garden while drinking a cold coffee.

"Uwaah... I'm still so sleepy... What hour is it? Nobody's even waking up... I think we went to sleep at like 6 AM, makes sense- Ah?!"

I gasped in disbelief as I looked at my phone, it was 2:12 PM!

"N-No way... We slept too much..."

I rested over the grass for some time, as I noticed several little spirits approaching me.

Then the Fey brought me fruits.

And then Fire Bear Cubs started playing by my side, licking my face sometimes.

"Uweeh... You're cute but your breath stinks a bit... Hahah..."

"Groar!"

They were very happy anyways, and I noticed there was some meat by their side.

I think I left Kaguya with the task of their feeding; she must've feed them the meat from the monsters we hunted.

"Well, well, look who's awake. Hello Elayne."

And talking about the devil, there she was...

"Hi..."

"You don't look at all energized today... had a hard night with the man?"

"T-That's not it!"

I should've known she would crack a joke like this...

Chapter 1442 A Lazy Morning

I squinted my eyes at Kaguya, who sat right next to my left side, looking at the cubs play around with a relaxed smile.

"I honestly don't understand though, a being like you shouldn't get this tired..."

As she said that, she quickly opened the palm of her hand, growing a beautiful pink colored fruit, it resembled something like a cherry, but it was the size of an apple.

"Eat this, this is a delicious Spirit Cherry," she said. "Eat it up, it's very sweet. I put all my nutrients there for you."

"Aw, well, thanks, you didn't need to though..." I sighed, taking a bite. "Hm?! Oh!"

It tasted so sweet and fruity and juicy! Oh my god, each bite filled my mouth with delicious juices.

The pulp was so tender and nice to bite.

"Nam, nam, nam! Eh? It's over?"

I ended with my hands all sticky; I ate the whole thing in a few seconds.

"Fufu, you were hungry then! Well, how do you feel now?"

"I'm alright... I mean, I think I feel... a bit better. Yeah I needed that sugar."

"Drinking coffee doesn't work on you anymore."

"It doesn't?!"

"Indeed, you should eat fruits like these to fully regain your energy. Magical and spiritual fruits packed with sugar and vitamins. You need all of that to move every day! You're no longer a normal human, you stopped being one a long time ago. Commoner food is no good, even the food you mix with magic, it still synthetic magic, you have to use actual magical ingredients from monsters or these plants in your garden."

"O-Oh... so ordering food is no good anymore?!"

"Fufu, well once you get your nutrients I suppose you can indulge on more... unhealthy food, you won't get fat anymore either I think."

"Oh really?!"

She didn't know how happy that made me!

"However you'll still get a big belly right there."

She playfully touched my belly.

"Fufu, look at you, it's getting a bit swollen."

"Wait it is?!"

I looked at my belly, yes there was a little thing there.

It wasn't this fat.

"Wait a second how fast will this kid be born?!"

"It is a special child! Who knows? Definitely not eight months."

"A-Ah..."

I touched my belly for a moment, sighing.

Well, I'm kind of happy though, I'm having a baby with the man I love.

Actually, can't wait!

"I want to see how the baby will be... I wonder what it will be? Boy or girl?"

"Maybe it's a plant and just has both, hm?"

"E-Eh? Is that possible?"

"I'm joking, hahaha!"

"Not that it would've been a bad thing or anything..."

I slowly stood up, eating the other fruits the Fey left for me.

They were small cherries, nuts, and what resembled a root.

The dirt in the root was cleansed and it was even peeled.

When I took a bite, it was sweet like carrots, but it was white colored.

"Hmm!"

I ended up eating everything before I walked back to my house and the kitchen.

"Morning!"

And there he was, my little home angel, Gabriel.

"Hey! I didn't see you when I woke up, where were you Gabriel?"

"I went to take a stroll around the neighborhood. I can fly a bit more now, but not higher than a few meters..."

"Well, how was it? Were there any demons nearby? Monsters?"

"Nothing at all, the people stationed everywhere are protecting you really well! I don't think you should worry about anything for a while... Maybe we can finally relax, big sis!"

"I see... SWORD is working too hard just to secure this area, I don't think it is just because of me though. But yeah..."

I should probably go check them out later, we're co-workers and all so I should at least be cordial enough to do that.

Anyway...

"Alright, time to start the day! Let's have some breakfast... Lunch? Yeah let's just mix both, it's too late for breakfast already, right?"

"Yeah I'm hungry! Anyway, how did things go last night, big sis?"

"Ah right, well, we defeated the big bad so it's alright... Though... well, a lot of things were lost."

"Aww... But why didn't you summoned me? I could've done it!"

"I'm sorry Gabriel... I was worried you would get hurt..."

"But big sis! I am strong and I can help! I am an angel!"

He became grumpy, pouting angrily, his wings were flapping constantly to show his anger.

His long golden locks and bright blue eyes though...

He was just too cute!

"I'm sorryyyyy...! Please forgive me!"

I quickly begged for his forgiveness while hugging him, I couldn't resist his cuteness.

"Hmph! I don't think I will forgive big sis!"

"Aww... What if I make Gabriel his favorite dish? Or dishes? What do you want dear?"

"Hmm... Really?! T-Then I want pizza! A-And pasta... with the white sauce! And also I want orange flavored soda and cookies and cream ice cream!"

"O-Okay... I guess we could buy that in delivery."

"Yaaaay!"

He got all happy, as he began dancing in the air cutely.

Well, it's good he's a child so it's easy to make him forgive me with stuff like this.

Though I don't know if that's healthy for him for now... He should eat less of that stuff if possible.

"For now... Gordon, can you prepare breakfast?"

I summoned the three-headed Golden Dragon Gourmet Spirit.

"Of course."

"Leave it to us!"

"We can do that easily."

They rushed to the kitchen and began cooking instantly, their movements and how they cooked were all my techniques. Indeed, they moved and prepared what I prepare and how I act, that's how Gourmet Spirits develop.

As that happened, I went to take a peek at my daughter's room.

"Elena? Are you awake?"

"Muh..."

She was sleeping on the bed without even covering herself.

I also noticed Anna sleeping at her side, hugging my daughter.

Oh my... I guess they're already... sleeping together, huh?

A-Ah, I hope nothing else happened though?!

Um...

I don't know what to think.

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For now I think it's... it's fine?

"Whatever... Elena! Anna! Time to wake up! It's too late already... Don't you want to eat?"

"Muuh... Mom?"

"Guuuggh... Wha...?"

The two barely woke up, looking all sleepy, their hair was also a mess.

"A-Ahh! Wait, mom this isn't what you think it is!"

"Huh?"

My daughter panicked the moment she realized I saw her sleeping by Anna's side.

Chapter 1443 A Heartfelt Moment

"Elena! Anna! Time to wake up! It's too late already... Don't you want to eat?"

"Muuuh... Mom?"

"Guuuggh... Wha...?"

When I called at them a bit louder than before, the two barely woke up, looking all sleepy, their hair was also a mess.

They need a nice bath asap... Actually me too.

And then, my daughter panicked the moment she realized I saw her sleeping by Anna's side.

"A-Ahh! Wait, mom this isn't what you think it is!"

Her eyes looked all afraid and surprised, while Anna didn't understand what was going on.

"Huh?"

She looked at Anna and then at me for a few seconds before growing redder.

"W-We didn't had sex!"

She screamed very loudly at that.

"...Is that so? Hm..."

I crossed my arms, feeling slightly mad anyways.

But I tried to calm down and trust her words.

"A-Anna! You shouldn't had worded it that way!" Elena said angrily, growing redder.

"B-But we didn't... I mean you didn't want to..." Anna muttered. "I-I mean it's not like I wanted it either!"

"Hmmm..." I looked at the two and sighed. "I guess we're at that age already, huh... Between two girls its... safe anyways so I guess telling you to use condoms doesn't matter. Just... I hope you delay it a bit late. I mean both of you are underage, right? So please just wait until you're eighteen first!"

"But that's way too long..." Anna looked annoyed. "I-I mean that's fine and totally fair!"

She panicked a bit whenever she ended talking her mind a bit too much.

I like Anna and I think she's a great friend of my daughter and also someone that genuinely loves her, so perhaps also a good girlfriend.

But even then... sometimes she gets on my nerves.

"Anna! Please don't be so rude with my mom..." Elena said.

"I'm so sorry, I'm really sorry! Sorry, sorry!" Anna cried, almost begging.

"It's fine..." I sighed, patting her head. "I'm glad you make my daughter happy though, Anna. Thank you for being there for her when I couldn't..."

"O-Oh..." Anna felt surprised I said that. "D-Don't mind it, eheheh..." she felt embarrassed.

"Well whatever the case, let's go have breakfast girls." I said.

"A-Ah, yeah..." My daughter nodded. "I'm quite hungry... I'll take a bath first too."

"I gotta go back home too," Anna said. "So I'll be leaving... My mom has been calling me all the time to spend time with her so..."

"It's fine, we can meet in the game," said Elena, kissing her.

"Okay then... Maybe I'll come tomorrow again!" Anna nodded.

I walked away as the girls were not their own, I quickly moved upstairs, and noticed Monica had already woken up, she had already taken a bath, and she was combing her long black hair, which looked very beautiful and fluffy.

"Good morning Monica, how are you today?"

"A-Ah! Auntie, hi... Good morning."

Today she decided to wear a white dress and some sandals, a fitting set of clothes for this heat, I might copy her looks honestly. She smiled cutely as always, she was gaining more confidence, but still was shy.

"Auntie? You can just call me Elayne," I shrugged.

"But... well..." she muttered, feeling embarrassed. "Aunt is fine, right? Calling you by your name directly is... kind of... well."

"Okay, fine," I sighed, petting her head. "How have you been though? We've gone through a lot, but we haven't talked as much, the two of us."

I sat by her side for a bit.

"Since everything that happened with you that you've been living with us and all... You were living alone before, right?"

"Um, yeah... My parents... well, they are gone... for a while now."

"I know... Its honestly hard for me to believe someone like you was living all alone, I thought someone could've adopted you but... well."

"I guess I'm a bit too old for any families that would want to adopt me... But well, you kind of... adopted me, no?"

"I guess we could put it that way, but I didn't want to say it because it might upset you... Since I saved you that time from the specter that possessed you and everything else, I decided to take responsibility for you."

"Auntie..."

"I know you could never see me as your mother, and it's fine... But I hope you can be happy here? Has the family treated you well? Do you like your room?"

"I-I like it... Yeah, I... I love everything... Sniff... thank you..."

She ended up crying as I talked with her, and she hugged me.

"Monica..."

She hugged me very tightly.

"Thank you for everything... I really thought I would live my whole life alone..."

"Ah... oh my, dear... Of course not... I'm here for you."

I hugged her back, kissing her little forehead and caressing her long hair.

"Don't cry... It's okay... It's alright."

She slowly calmed down, as I dried the tears in her face with a small handkerchief I had. She always looked like a mess when she cried.

"I'm glad you see call me auntie if that means you see me as family. I never would've imagined I would end up adopting another girl to my family but you're already like Elena's sister at this point..." I laughed. "She cares for you a lot too. Mark as well! We all do."

"R-Really?" Monica wondered. "I-I don't know what to say... But thank you, a lot..."

"Heheh, it's alright dear, you're so cute," I giggled. "Alright, let's go have some breakfast then?"

"Yeah... m-mom..." she muttered.

"E-Eh?"

I almost skipped a beat when she said that.

"I-I didn't say anything, please forget that...!"

She panicked, getting all worried I might've gotten angry or something...

But honestly that kind of made me a bit happy.

I don't know why.

Perhaps I just like being a mom.

"No, it's fine..." I smiled at her. "I-If you see me as your mother... it's fine if you want to call me that way too, Monica. Don't worry, and don't be shy."

"R-Really?" she wondered. "Uwaah... B-But that's..."

"It's okay, you can say it again, heheh," I giggled.

"M-Mom..."

Ah!

I skipped another beat.

This is too cute!

"My cute daughter!"

I couldn't resist my motherly instincts, hugging her tightly.

"...What's going on in here?"

While hugging Monica, Elisa appeared.

The two of us quickly became very red for some reason.

"N-Nothing!"

Yeah it was still a bit embarrassing in front of other people...

Chapter 1444 Time For Breakfast

After that cute moment, we walked downstairs, noticing that the breakfast was already done. my Dragon Cooking Spirit was amazing at doing his one and only task, and he left a banquet using available ingredients, and whatever was inside my Inventory, which he has access to.

Pancakes, waffles, cupcakes, toast with melted butter on top, scrambled eggs, omelet, bacon, yogurt with fruit, coffee, hot cocoa, and more were awaiting to be devoured over the table. All of it was made within ten minutes.

I couldn't believe how quick it was! But I guess with cooking magic, it is possible to hasten the process of cooking a lot more, even baking cupcakes takes no time at all.

"It is done, master, please enjoy the food with your family." Gordon said.

"Thank you Gordon!" I said.

I felt a bit stronger deep down, every time he gained a level, I gained some Soul Stat, which made my soul stronger.

After yesterday's big battle, my soul got a lot... well, it was greatly wounded, but right now I'm feeling really well.

Not just because of this but also because Lady Verdant healed us.

"Good morning everyone..." Mark stepped out of our room after he took a shower, still drying his hair with a towel on his head. "Looks good! Did you make this Elayne?"

"Ah no honey, it was Gordon, but he replicated my techniques," I smiled. "I was too lazy today to cook anything, sorry..."

"Nah it's fine, I was about to suggest just order something at the local coffee shop or something, but I guess this is fine too," Mark said. "Thanks for the breakfast Gordon."

"It is my pleasure to bring you the best dishes I can cook, I was made for this after all!"

"Indeed, indeed!"

"But we're quite hungry ourselves."

Gordon had three heads, each head had their personality and could talk and everything, he was a very unique spirit.

"Hungry huh?" I wondered. "I guess that you're a Cooking Spirit after all, but you don't necessarily eat the stuff you cook."

"As a spirit of my caliber, it is not very nutritious."

"We require something with more... energy packed into it."

"Master, do you happen to have something we could eat?"

"I'm so sorry for being a bad master, I should've given you a stash of food already..." I sighed, drinking the coffee. "Come with me!"

I walked to the garden with them, and the two adorable Fae had already prepared a lot of stuff for the two, Spirit Fruits, Leaves, and Roots freshly harvested from my Domain.

"There you go! The Fae just collected these for you guys," I said with a smile.

"Oh wow!"

"So much!"

"Should we cook it?"

The trio started eating it before cooking anything, they were quite hungrier than I imagined...

I quickly opened my inventory and also gave them a bag with Spirit Stones.

"Here, I've heard most Spirits love these!" I said. "They're Spirit Stones packed with spirit energy."

"Oh thank you!"

"These are perfect!"

"Very yummy and crunchy!"

As I left them eating all they wanted, I walked back to my home. I saw Gabriel already sitting down. My daughter was there with Anna, and also Monica with Elisa. Mark quickly served me some food, giving me two plates full of stuff.

"Here I made you this plate, it has all the pancakes and waffles you like, some cupcake and other things..."

"Yummy! Thanks! I'm starving..."

I quickly began eating with everyone else, while we watched TV. This time we didn't put on the News because I was tired of depressing stuff in the morning, and we watched a Youtube video instead... It was a funny cat compilation of one hour.

Yes it was a bit dumb, but it was nicer to watch than anything right now... And it made the morning very pleasant and calm. I devoured the pancakes, then the crunchy waffles, and moved to the toast, with lots of eggs on top and bacon, making myself an egg and bacon sandwich.

I devoured that with some more coffee and then a hot cocoa with lots of whipped cream on top... If it wasn't because of my new physiques and everything, I wouldn't eat this much! But honestly I decided to pig out a bit.

"You sure are eating everything!" Said the Great Spirit. "Let me have some myself! I'm also starving around here!"

"A-Ah, wait you can eat?" I wondered, as I saw her sitting over the table on her little dryad-like form, she started eating a cupcake.

"Hm? Wait a second I can!" She realized. "I guess I'm more physical than before... Although I could interact with physical objects, it was mostly magical ones you gave to me... Now I can even eat? I didn't realize! So nice!"

She started eating everything on the table to the point it worried me a little bit, but we let her do as she pleased. She certainly ate more than her stomach size looked like; it was as if she had a black hole inside.

"Phew..."

Once she was done, Gardenia had a big belly full of food she patted while resting over the table, honestly she looked a bit cute, but also she was quite cocky, wasn't she?

"Hey you, fat spirit."

"W-Who are you calling fat spi- burp..."

"You ate too much! Are you going to be ok?"

"I'm fineee... Ugh..."

I think this is the first time I saw her eating food? Or did I see her doing that before? I can't quite recall, but whatever the case, it was rare.

"I guess we should wash the dishes for now..." I said.

As I walked to the kitchen with Mark, I noticed Anna getting ready to depart, alongside Elisa.

"Oh, Elisa is going too?" I wondered.

"Ah yes, my father called me, and he said he was coming to visit tomorrow," Elisa said. "So I'll be at home until he arrives..."

"Oh I see... well, good luck then! I hope you enjoy your day with your dad."

"Yeah..."

She didn't look as excited as I thought she would be, weren't her parents been very absent in her life?

Elisa left with Anna; she brought her home in her limousine.

"Well! Now that we're done I should go take a shower..."

I wonder how Rita and Lily are, I should call them.

Chapter 1445 Magic Plant Gardening

After taking a long bath and washing myself thoroughly, letting go of all the sweat produced by today's intense heat, I walked out of the bathroom feeling refreshed. I quickly dressed in something simple, a white summer dress and some white sandals to go with it.

Anything more and it would only make me feel hotter, honestly. I walked out of my room once I had dried my hair, and I felt it looked all nice and silky. And then I felt something...

"Hm?"

There was something I felt down there, in my belly... It wasn't a stomachache. And it wasn't "physical" either. But something spiritual I felt.

Was that the baby somehow?

It felt like a little light that lit up very brightly for a moment, before going back to how it was before.

I don't really get it but... maybe it was my child's soul.

Kaguya did say my child wasn't going to be quite human... It was going to be something much different, mostly because I've already become something different myself.

And Mark too, he isn't quite human either anymore.

So whatever our child becomes, it'll be something... between the two of us? I don't really know, but it will probably be half-spirit or something.

Maybe also with tree powers, or maybe it'll be a tree itself?

Hm, hard to say for now.

But that tingle of power I felt was definitely spiritual power, and very strong one at that.

My baby will be superpowered from the start, it might be hard to deal with.

How are we going to raise them so they can both control their powers and not use them for bad things?!

"Are you alright?"

I heard Mark's voice behind me, he was in the front yard garden planting some spirit seeds he had created, he said he wanted to make his own garden with special fire elemental plants.

"Oh? A-Ah! Yes I'm fine dear."

I did feel a bit dizzy myself, but it quickly faded away. I wanted to do something to pass the time that wasn't just fighting though.

"You look a bit stressed, come on, let's go relax. We went through a lot yesterday, so you need to rest."

"Ah yeah... but we should log in soon right?"

"Forget about it for now, we can do it tomorrow or past tomorrow."

"A-Are you crazy? But the people, they need us..."

"I am fairly sure they can do things on their own too, right? They funded and made a whole kingdom. And I doubt they need you to be telling them what to do all the time, so relax."

"Hmmm..."

He patted my shoulders gently and I ended giving up.

"I guess... I could laze around a little bit?"

"Yeah, let's just not worry about anything even if for a day or two... we need a break, honestly."

"You're right... Ah, what do you think of this dress? I purchased it a bit ago."

"Oh yeah, I was just looking at you from afar."

He nodded, his eyes going up and down around my body.

"You look gorgeous, of course... That white dress looks really beautiful on you. The white color evokes purity you know? It makes you look almost angelic, haha."

"Hahah! What are you talking about?"

I giggled, feeling embarrassed of the stuff he says.

"Well, aren't you an angel in a way already?"

He hugged me and kissed my cheek.

"Hmm, I guess I'm something similar to that but not quite... I mean I'm a human at the end right?"

"I guess we're both humans... that have changed a lot, to the point other humans might not consider us humans anymore."

"Yeeah... Anyway, I guess I could do some light work to distract myself? What are you up to?"

"I'm planting these Fire Rose Seeds. Also some Fire Spirit Tree Seeds, and a few Fiery Blaze Vines and other plants around here. Now that the Domain is huge, I want a part of it to have Fire Plants. It'll help me get Fire Attribute Plant Materials for my stuff, and also it'll produce food for the Fire Bears. Meat alone won't do for them."

"Oooh! Nice! Let me help them honey. What do you want me to do?"

"Hmm, I suppose you could help me plant and water some seeds over there. Okay let me bring the shovel."

"I can use mine as well!"

"Nah, don't worry, I want you to relax and just do light work. You're pregnant after all, so I would prefer if you didn't do too much exercise."

"Aw, well, if you insist! At least let me summon my little friends."

I quickly spread my Aura, as dozens of Farm Spirits emerged, carrying tiny shovels and bags of seeds already pre-made.

Most looked like cute and chubby baby dragons of various colors, with tiny wings and adorable, big eyes.

"Oooh! Aren't they cute? Haha."

Mark looked at them with bright eyes, he was quite amazed despite seeing this for a while now.

"We've been doing this for a while now, why at surprised?"

"I'm honestly always surprised when we do this in real life... I mean, in our world I guess? It just feels so much more magical somewhat."

"Hmm... I guess you're right..."

We quickly got moving with Mark, as he lent me to the ground he had plowed, it looked a bit lacking in nutrients though, his plowing ability wasn't the best.

Unlike me, he wasn't a farmer, so he didn't have any soul-bound skills related to farming to improve this IRL.

"Ah, that look... I knew it, the land is not nutritious for the plants?" He wondered, feeling a bit embarrassed. "I really did my best, but I guess I can't compare to a farmer's eye, huh?"

"Heheh, it looks great for a first timer!" I giggled. "But let your future wifey solve this~!"

I quickly knelt on the ground and touched the dirt with my hands and bare soles.

I needed the most direct contact; the Druids had taught me that.

Then, I channeled my Nature Soul!

And...

FLUOOOSH!

Chapter 1446 Crafting Totems For The Domain's Protection

I channeled my Nature Soul, thinking about the best soil for these seeds. I thought about something red, with fire spirit essence, and then infused these thoughts through my Spiritual Powers, thinking about it, fire spirits arrived and merged into my Aura, infusing themselves into the soil.

FLUOOOSH!

Like that, the soil was "blessed" something I didn't expect to happen, as its color changed completely from dark brown to bright red soil. It was even warm, something I also didn't expect at all!

"Woah... it changed a lot?" Mark asked. "H-How did you even do that?"

"I don't know..." I muttered. "I kind of imagined it? And it happened..."

"Y-You imagined? That's awesome..." Mark muttered. "It's kind of like you blessed it then?"

"Y-Yeah..." I nodded, touching the soil and quickly putting my sandals back after cleaning my soles. "Verdant did mention something about training my... "goddess powers" or something."

"Damn, that's cool," Mark was surprised. "And this soil its perfect I think."

He quickly began checking it, grabbing the soil and even smelling it...

"It has a lot of sulfur?" He wondered. "It's weird... but maybe it'll work well."

We planted the fire spirit seeds he had, and we quickly saw how great that worked after watering them down a bit.

POP! POP! POP!

Almost just a few seconds later, all the seeds started germinating, little seedling appearing from the soil one after another.

They remained tiny, but I could tell they would grow very fast, and unlike normal plants, their colors were red and orange mostly, very amazing.

"I wonder if there's some law against growing magical plants in your garden..." I wondered.

"Hmm... Maybe?" Mark wondered. "But it doesn't really matter I think, there could be or not, but you're being protected by SWORD now, so I doubt something like that would be bad."

"Hm, yeah," I nodded. "Well, Olivia said she was an alchemist I think, and I bet they grew their plants themselves... Or maybe in the Magus Association?"

"I suppose it's nothing big to care about, unless you're doing acts of vandalism or crimes with them," Mark said. "Alright let's plant some more! I've got a hundred seeds left!"

"That many?!" I gasped.

"I made a lot using a skill!" Mark smiled. "I also plan to make a totem and... Aah, I'm so sorry!"

"Eh?"

"I didn't even ask you about this and I'm already planning on taking a piece of your domain..." He sighed. "I'm acting a bit too selfish I guess? I got too excited..."

"Hahah, there's nothing to worry about! You have the right to use a part of it for whatever you want Mark, don't worry," I shrugged. "It's a huge plot of land and it might continue growing big! You're my... well, my future husband, so you shouldn't really worry about these things..."

"Ah, what a relief... Well, I was planning on making totems, to carve them out with my own tools from spirit wood," he said. "What do you think?"

"Sounds cool! I bet they would also be great decorations." I nodded. "How are you making them? and how many? Wait, what are their effects?"

"They'll be guardians, but they can also spread smaller blessings for the plants," he explained. "I mostly wanted guardians though. And the amount? Well it depends on you, I could make as many as you want. But I bet too many would look weird."

"I guess you could make like ten for now?" I wondered.

"Sure, I was planning on five, but ten is good too!" he nodded happily.

"Alright you got me pumped up a little... Let me help you out with this!" I said with a confident smile.

Like that, I brought from my Inventory Wood extracted from my Yggdrasil body in Arcadia. I had stored a lot of it from all my previous forms.

Each evolution I underwent had a different type of wood and quality. The first evolutions had the lowest, but the wood was easier to carve out into shapes.

Then the second became tougher, but with more spirit energy, the third became tough, and the white one, the current one, is actually quite soft when it is carved using magic.

But it seems to be a special wood that changes texture and molecular density depending on me, even when it was taken out of my body, it still somewhat part of my body...

If we are slow and delicate, it can be carved rapidly though! But if we are rough and we try to hurry up, the wood hardens for some reason.

I suppose that the softer you touch it, the softer it feels, but the more pressure is applied, the harder the wood becomes, until perhaps becoming harder than steel.

"Oh wow, this is a lot of wood!" Mark said. "Is this from your tree form?"

"Yep," I nodded. "Do you have some of your own avatar too?"

"Yeah, I've got one that's black and metallic, I don't know if it'll be easy to carve," he said. "And the normal one."

His wood was warmer and had a fiery aura, with a smoky scent... Which made me want to eat barbeque for lunch.

"Alright what do I do? I kind of want to make a big one!" I said.

"Totems don't have specific forms," Mark explained. "Just try to make them look like an animal. Or animals, stacking together one over the other... Can you do it?"

"Yeah I can!" I winked at him, grabbing the tools he had. "Let's begin..."

CRACK!

The tool broke instantly.

"Ah..."

He had given it to me, and I broke it!

"I-I'm sorry!"

I panicked a bit.

"Aah, it happened to me too, the wood is still very tough right? You have to enchant it using your aura, so the tool is strong enough."

"Enchant it, huh? Oh, alright!"

Why didn't I think about it?

I quickly enchanted the tools, infusing spirits into them and my aura.

Until they became shiny and super stylish looking.

"Let's see...!"

And as I began carving, my hands moved on their own, slowly shaping a large log into something magnificent.

I started with the head of a dragon, then a phoenix, then I went for a purple snake and a black panther, and lastly a white tiger.

It took me a whole hour, but it was done! I just needed to add paint now, maybe.

"Phew! How about this one?"

"Eh?! You're already done in just an hour?!"

Chapter 1447 Ancient Totem Spirits

Apparently, Mark was only halfway done with his Totem carving, he was the fastest, but I guess I have become even faster now, hehe!

But it sure is exhausting though, and we need to make eight more?!

"I've got the hang of it so maybe I could make another quicker than before," I said.

"I'm just speechless, it usually takes me a while..." Mark sighed. "I guess you're just built different at this point, Elayne. Hahah...!"

"Hey! You're pretty good as well! Maybe you need a little something?" I wondered, sitting by his side. "Let me help you finish it! I'll guide your hand... Also let me enchant your tool so it's better."

"What did I say about needing to rest?" He sighed.

"Hey we're resting! We're sitting and only moving our hands," I said with a smile. "Let's do it now...!"

I helped Mark finish his own totem, adding a few more stacks to it. At the end, I made the white wood one and he made the black steel wood.

Makes sense why he was taking a while though, that's wood as hard as steel he was trying to make into a totem after all!

"It's done... Well that took much less time with your help..." Mark said. "Hmm, with this we can get it done then. These two seem plenty strong."

"What do you want to get done?" I wondered.

"It'll be a special type of Ward for the Domain," Mark said. "I've been thinking about it for a while now. It will be able to summon very strong Totem Spirits to help once the Domain is attacked."

"Ooh! But don't we already get a lot of defenses thugh?" I wondered. "You didn't really need to do this much effort dear..."

"Hah, well... You never have enough defenses, Elayne, don't be too overconfident." He smiled. "The more defenses you got, the more your enemies will have to get through them to even enter the domain. After what happened the other day... I don't really want such a tragedy to repeat again."

"Mark..." I felt a bit moved. "You're right... Alright, how do you do this formation thingy?"

"I'll do it on my own so just watch," he smiled confidently. "It'll be quick!"

He quickly ran to the back of the fiery garden we made and placed the white colored totem there.

Ah right! We didn't paint them! Are they fine like that?

I guess if he didn't say anything it doesn't matter...

Anyways, well, after he placed the white colored totem I made on my own, the other totem he made was then placed at the opposite end of the large garden.

Once both were placed, he touched the ground and began to spread his aura into several rivers. I saw many spirits appear around him.

Cute, tiny spirits such as Smalls Suns, Tiny Embers, and Baby Fires, which were the various types of Fire attribute spirits out there, and also sunlight spirits.

FLUOSH!

The aura of spirits spread everywhere, connecting both totems, which he had imbued with runes beforehand and...

FLASH!

I saw in awe as several threads made of this energy interconnected beautifully, leaving me in slight awe at the scene.

"Woah..."

A part of the "sky" of my Domain became red for a moment, as I saw the silhouettes of many beasts emerge and roar, before going back to normal.

And then I felt a fiery, and powerfully wild power flow into my own body, the connection with the domain had been strengthened!

Wait, don't tell me...

[You have established a connection with Ancient Totem Spirits thanks to the Totems and the Totem Formation placed inside your Domain.]

[The Ancient Totem Spirits have come to bless and protect your land. In exchange, they demand the sacrifice of fresh beast blood every full moon.]

[Do you accept this contract?]

"W-Woah?! The Voice of the World?!"

I looked at Mark, who was tinkering with the totems and was already about to carve another one.

He didn't even realize he made my Domain stronger?!

He's sure amazing!

I'll tell him this after I'm done with this...

I suppose... fresh beast blood every full moon? It doesn't seem hard to do, but the problem will be actually remembering it.

Maybe I can leave that task to the Fae or Katherine... though Katherine is leaving in another week I think, unfortunately.

There's Gabriel as well, but I don't think he would like the idea of offering blood to some "pagan spirits" so maybe not.

Or I could give the task to the Druids too?

Although wouldn't it be too selfish of me seeing how they're still mourning their fallen comrades?

Aaah, I feel confused but... sure! Let's accept it anyway.

"I accept the contract terms! However, I would like to be reminded of the fresh blood sacrifice every full moon. My life is incredibly busy, and I might forget."

The presence of the spirits remained strong.

[The Ancient Totem Spirits agree with your terms, as long as you add some spirit crystals as bonuses.]

"Greedy aren't you? Fine, fine~ You better protect the domain well then!"

FLAAASH!

I felt their presence intensify everywhere.

It encompassed my body, shining with bright red and orange colors. For a moment, I had slight visions of the past. Of indigenous people worshipping these totem spirits.

Their beautiful rituals, their laughter, and the many times they were protected from the wild beast that roamed the old world.

I even saw warriors who carved themselves with runes of these totem spirits and gained their powers, similar to Mark.

I guess they consider him such a warrior already.

Wow...

[Congratulations, you have created a contract with a group of vacant Ancient Totem Spirits.]

[They have sworn to protect your Domain with everything they have. The more Totems you place, the stronger and more numerous they will become too.]

[In exchange, they will demand a sacrifice of fresh beast blood every full moon, and some spirit stones as bonuses.]

[Bear in mind, the more Totems you place and the more Ancient Totem Spirits inhabit your Domain, the more sacrifices will be needed when it's full moon.]

"Understood!"

As I nodded, I saw Mark coming back to my side.

"Elayne! I felt several powerful presences! Were those the spirits I summoned?"

"Yeah! You did amazing! I got a new upgrade for the domain and everything!"

"Wait, what? Really?!"

Chapter 1448 Domain Growth

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[In exchange, they will demand a sacrifice of fresh beast blood every full moon, and some spirit stones as bonuses.]

[Bear in mind, the more Totems you place and the more Ancient Totem Spirits inhabit your Domain, the more sacrifices will be needed when it's full moon.]

[Your Domain: {Domain Core: Heart of the Forest}: Tier 4: Magical Domain has gained the Domain Guardian: [Ancient Totem Spirits]!]

[Your Domain Growth has increased by 1%!]

[The More Totems you place might give the Domain enough power for a special new Ability related to Totems to appear.]

[If the Totem Forest expands enough, even a new Domain Theme might emerge.]

And there it was, as I heard the World's Voice, I was able to learn of the new upgrades my Domain obtained, a new guardian!

And if I keep adding more totems, a new ability and even a new theme could appear as well.

Damn, I didn't think it could be done more artificially, I always just thought about relying on the Rank Up itself or on quest rewards.

But maybe modifying the Domain on my own with special techniques and other things is the actual real way to do this!

Domain: {Domain Core: Heart of the Forest}: Tier 4: Magical Domain. 91%/100% (Cooling Down)

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

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

Domain Guardians: [Wandering Nature Soul: Squirrel of Youth] [Protective Nature Soul: Turtle of
Wisdom] [White Fae of Healing] [Black Fae of Curses] [Forest Fairy: Katherine (Temporary)] [Lesser
Heavenly Spirits (In Development)] [Fire Bear Soul Spirit Clan (In Development)] [Cherry Blossom Dryad
(Kodama): Kaguya (Temporary)] [Ancient Totem Spirits]

Miscellaneous: [New Domain Quests Available (3)]

Domain Inventory: [Spirit Crystal Coins] x50

Hmm, also didn't it say something about my Domain Growth? Yeah, it grew by 1%! So you can grow it
like this too... Well, it is still on cooldown, so its better to leave the growth of the Domain on its own for
the moment.

Nonetheless, this is pretty good news. Now I want to make as many Totems as possible! It could become a new family activity. I'll ask my daughter, Monica, Gabriel, Katherine, and Kaguya to help out! Ah yeah, also the two Fae, the White and the Black Fae.

And maybe the Druids? Though I don't want to force them to do anything for now, honestly...

"Elayne! I felt several powerful presences! Were those the spirits I summoned?"

As I thought of various things, Mark walked to my side.

"Yeah! You did amazing! I got a new upgrade for the domain and everything!"

I saw his face quickly grow from curiosity to shock.

"Wait, what? Really?! I did that?!"

He couldn't believe it, haha.

"Your idea was actually brilliant, honey!" I held his hands. "The Domain got an upgrade, and we got a new Guardian added, and it said that the more totems we add, the stronger the defenses will become."

"Oh wow!" He said. "So you made a contract with totem spirits? I thought I would be the one doing it... But I suppose you're the owner of the Domain here."

"Yeah... Eh, they demanded a few things though, they weren't doing it for free," I said.

"Demanded? What?" he asked.

"They wanted the fresh blood of a human every full moon!" I said. "It has to be of a virgin girl too."

"W-WHAT?!" He gasped in horror. "Elayne, you accepted that?!"

"Pfff... Hahaha! I'm joking!" I patted his shoulders as I laughed, he was still a bit incredulous.

"A-Ah... what a relief... Uh, spirits can get freaky sometimes you know?" Mark asked. "When I was a kid I used to read a lot of occultism stuff. Like gnomes, big foot, fae and spirits. I remember reading in one magazine that spirits aren't as nice as the movies make them up to be!"

"I mean there are indeed of all types," I nodded. "Well I wonder how you felt when you learned the occult stuff was real though?"

"Ah, it still felt a bit different," he said. "I don't know, but I'm always amazed to see it IRL."

"I can tell!" I giggled. "Anyway, should we go look for everyone else? I don't know what they're up to right now."

"Sure, we could ask them to help us out with the totems," Said Mark, nodding.

We walked through the large garden, which was expanded several times its original size, and reached the other side of my house, where Gabriel, Katherine, and Kaguya were playing video games.

Yes, these three spiritual, supernatural entities were enjoying video games!

My daughter and Monica were there too, apparently they brought the TV to the garden and also a console, and they started playing a Party Game.

Well, isn't that endearing?

"Aww! I lost the star again?!" Gabriel complained. "Katherine why are you stealing the star all the time! Let me have it!"

"Hehe, that's how you play this game Gabriel, you rob the others!" Katherine giggled, while munching on a chocolate bar with peanuts.

"It's mostly all random Gabriel, don't get too mad, you'll get lucky next time," Said Elena with a smile.

"Uuuh... really?" Gabriel wondered, looking a bit pissed. "Ah! I was able to get to the... the golden forest! Coins! Wow so many!"

"I-I'm still in the last..." Monica sighed. "Gabriel you're pretty lucky actually."

"Ohohoh! I've gathered yet another star! This game is mine, folks!" Kaguya laughed, waving her fan around with arrogance.

"Not fairrrr!" Katherine groaned, biting the chocolate bar angrily. "A-Ah! M-Master!"

She gasped a bit after seeing me and felt embarrassed.

"Hey, I see all of you are having fun!"

Chapter 1449 More Totem Making

When we finally caught them, all five of them were playing some video game. It seemed that instead of working to improve the domain they were more interested in playing video games!

But this too, was fine anyway. I'm glad they're relaxing and just enjoying the day doing something that isn't worrying about a battle or something.

"Oh mom..." Elena muttered. "We were... uh, well, we were playing this game- I mean we're still playing it- Ah it's my turn..."

She started moving her character while concentrating.

"Hahah! I never imagined these modern age games were so interesting now!" Kaguya said. "Back then board games were all I had, but this is so much more interactive! And all flashy and stuff. Is this some kind of magic?"

"It's just technology," I explained to her. "...I think."

"Human technology is sure amazing, they get to make stuff like this without any magic whatsoever," Katherine commented. "They're incredible! Also the snacks too!"

"Is that so?" I giggled. "Well I'm glad you're enjoying yourselves."

"Um, did you need something?" wondered Monica. "I can help in anything!"

Monica seemed the least interested in playing because she was in the last place...

Well, if she wanted to just leave then that's nice.

"Actually, we were carving totems with Mark." I said, as Mark nodded.

"Totems?" Monica asked.

"Why?" Elena asked, while still looking at the screen.

"Aren't totems those big wooden poles with animal shapes?!" Gabriel wondered.

"Y-Yeah, those," I nodded. "It was Mark's idea actually."

"Yeah I had no idea they would strengthen the domain or create new spiritual guardians," Mark said.
"But it worked pretty well, it might be a good way to strengthen the domain defenses artificially instead of relying on upgrades."

"Oooh, I had no idea!" Monica said. "That's so cool. Can I help?"

She was really just not into playing the game anymore, huh?

"S-Sure!" I said. "Who else wants to help out? No pressure though, only if you really want to."

Nobody responded, it seemed they were glued into the TV...

"A-Alright then, hahah..." I sighed, as Monica walked to my side.

"I'll help," She said. "Though I am an amateur at wood carving... Could you teach me, m-mo... mom?"

"Heheh, of course," I nodded. "Well actually Mark here is the expert, we'll teach you together?"

"S-She called you mom?" Mark covered his face, almost in tears. "T-That was... so cute..."

"D-Don't point it out uncle..." Monica felt embarrassed, growing redder.

"She's cute isn't she?" I giggled.

"Yeah," Mark nodded. "So I guess we can admit you adopted her right?"

"I mean, WE adopted her, no?" I said. "Or you don't want to?"

"Well, I didn't think about it too deeply..." he said. "But sure? I don't really mind, though I doubt it'll be something Monica will accept right away..."

"I-I'm just happy how things are..." Monica muttered. "But I would love to... I-if possible, um... well, to connect more with uncle? You're mo... mom's lover and all so... Um..."

I quickly poked Mark with my elbow.

"She's too shy to say stuff sometimes, so just be nice to her and nod," I told him.

"Sure..." He nodded. "Of course Monica, don't worry! Want to learn woodcarving with us?"

"Y-Yes!" she said.

"Alright, let's go, come along!" I said.

We ended up coming back to do some more woodcarving after we realized it was still not the time for lunch. I messaged my friends though, Lily, Rita, and even Jenny.

We taught Monica how to do it, she was very shy about it, but with enchanted tools and some easy to carve wood, such as my first wood from my first form, that wasn't even a full-on tree but just the Dryad, she was able to get something done.

She went first for a platypus, it looked a bit goofy, but we helped her correct some of the imperfections.

"Being detailed is important when making Totems," said Mark. "If you make it too messy, the spirit might not find it fitting."

"Oh. I-I didn't know... I'm so sorry..." Monica apologized shyly.

"It's fine, it's fine, he's not angry," I said. "Come on, let's make the rest of the heads. This totem is rather small due to the wood size. so perhaps three more animals should fit in! What else do you like?"

"Um... a cute cat? And a dog! Maybe a wolf?" She wondered.

"Alright!" I nodded.

We carved a wild cat and then a gray wolf on the wood, when it was done, we gave it a few polishes here and there, and it was done.

"Woow! M-My very own totem!" Monica said happily.

"It's quite incredible how it turned out, pretty good," Mark nodded.

"I can feel Monica's power inside of it," I said. "Just like we left our own in the other totems."

Indeed, the totems we made were infused with our essence, and the spirits that inhabited them were also affected and strengthened by them.

The one I carved, out of my highest quality white wood, was infused with angelic energy, my mana, and spirit energy, and even some hints of draconic power.

Although there aren't ancient totem spirits that represent dragons, a lizard would appear in its place and absorb this draconian power to become something similar to one.

The same would be for a bird with the phoenix and so on...

And so, Monica's totem, although small held a lot of dark and ghostly powers within them, the spirits that will inhabit them will gain forbidden, dark powers!

"And we're done!"

We placed the totem, and it connected to the rest, a dark, ghostly aura spread everywhere, as new beast totem spirits inhabited it instantly.

It seemed they were eager to enter this domain for some reason!

"Oh wow! It's already inhabited?!" Monica gasped, her shyness flying away already. "T-This is great... Can I make more?"

"Sure?" I nodded. "You can make as many as you want! We'll be planting more seeds with Mark, but we'll be around."

"O-Okay!" Monica nodded, as she started carving another wood around the same size as the previous one.

Well, she looked to be enjoying herself.

Chapter 1450 Barbeque With The Fire Bears

Time passed, and with the help of various Farm Spirits, we planted a lot of seeds and spread Mark's Forest further through my Domain, making it at least a tenth of the whole land. It ended up being larger than I imagined! And a lot of fire spirits gathered on it. Now the only thing we had to wait for was for the plants to actually grow and become larger, forming an actual forest or garden.

Meanwhile, Monica carved a totem on her own within that hour, we helped her out with the imperfections, and then placed it on the domain as well, not that far away and not that close to the other totems. And it seemed to be working perfectly too.

FLAAASH!

The aura appeared again, connecting the totems and whatever was inside of them when this happened, probably new beast spirits, right? It seemed three more were added to the mix.

Was it enough for...?

[You have planted two more powerful Spirit Totems and connected them to the Ancient Spirit Totems Veil within your Domain.]

[Your Domain has been strengthened by the new Ancient Totem Spirits inhabiting it.]

[A New Domain Ability has begun to develop...]

[More Totems are needed for the Ability to be fully created.]

Ah damn it, that was such a tease!

So I need more, okay I guess.

"For now, however, we're done!" I said. "Let's go cook something to eat, shall we? I was thinking of barbeque..."

"Barbeque?" Mark asked. "Sounds good to celebrate our victory from yesterday I guess."

"Y-Yeah...!" Monica nodded, agreeing completely with him.

"Alright then, how about we use some of the leftover wood branches here and there..." I said. "Let's make a bonfire and prepare to leave the food roasting or grilling."

I quickly cleared an area of grass and placed some of the red colored soil I created beforehand on top. Then I placed several stones around the soil, and lastly wood before starting a small fire.

The fire spirits helped create a nice and cozy bonfire, and then I placed the upper side of a grill on top of the bonfire, attached to metal-like wood from Mark.

It didn't look as elegant, but it was perfect for this.

"Now..."

I opened my inventory, as I placed several pieces of meat on top of a wooden table to my left side. This was a lot of pre-cut meat from monsters that I've hunted on Arcadia.

Thanks to Arcadia's System, whatever is hunted can be either received as a whole corpse which then can be butchered individually or through the inventory, or it can be received already as butchered eatable and usable parts.

Yes, when you hunt, for example, a big bear, you'll get everything separated, the bear pelt, organs, meat, bones, eyes, and so on... But there's an option in the game menu to also receive full corpses if you prefer.

Some people practice their butcher techniques in the game after all, and there's even skills related to butchering. Apparently doing it manually creates higher quality meat with special effects.

However, I don't have the time for that! I'm a busy lady, you know?

Therefore, I simply have the option of receiving everything already butchered activated, henceforth all the meat is more than ready.

"What's up?" Wondered Gardenia, the Great Spirit. She was gone for a while, probably napping after all the stuff she ate. "Oh, meat? You're cooking? In a bonfire? But don't you have modern kitchen here?"

"Hey! Yeah I wanted to cook barbeque on my own weird style," I said. "This time we'll eat... Oh there's a lot of leftover dragon meat... Hmm! Okay, we'll do some roasted dragon meat. And... What else? Oh River Fish! I caught a lot of them back then..."

"So you're grilling meat?" she asked. "Sounds nice! Do you have any chicken?"

"Let me see..." I said.

I checked my inventory again, and found there was also a large quantity of butchered Mole Birds. Oh I remember I hunted them a few weeks ago! They're pretty tasty as well.

"I've got some Mole Bird meat I had yet to cook! Ah it's nice the Inventory keeps everything on a time stasis, so it doesn't go bad!"

"Yeah you're lucky the Gods blessed you with such abilities! Without their help you wouldn't had gotten this far."

"Hey, don't say that... I mean I'm grateful, but I like to believe I also am a hard-working person, and that I don't just rely on the powers of others."

After I was ready, I summoned Gordon again, alongside several Gourmet Dragon Spirits using the power of my Specialization.

"Alright guys! Help me out butcher and prepare this meat! If possible, marinating it for a few minutes would be ideal too! Can you hasten the time it takes for meat to be marinated?"

"Yeah we can do it."

"It's not hard!"

"Leave it to us!"

Gordon spoke with all three of his heads nodding in unison, he seemed ready to work again. The other Gourmet Spirits I had summoned started moving, shaped into all kind of dragon forms.

I cut down the large chunks of meat into sizable pieces and ended up making the grilling area much larger as well, covering a few dozen meters so everything could be grilled nicely.

Some started marinating the meat already, others were cutting off grease or nerves that wouldn't be tasty to eat from them.

I seasoned some of the meat too, preparing the marination sauce, and waited a couple of minutes as the grills heated up.

Using Cooking Magic to enhance the flavor of meat and also its absorption of flavors, the marination only took but a couple of minutes.

How convenient!

After that, with the help of my spirits, we began placing the meat over the grill one after another, the smell of grilled and roasted meat filled the environment.

Especially the fish, which was very fragrant, it quickly brought the attention of the Fire Bear Cubs, who came walking slowly while yawning adorably, they were taking a nap.

"Hey! Do you want to eat some meat?"

As I asked them, one of them sneezed, releasing flames on top of the meat.

FLUOSH!

And he... burned it into charcoal.

"Aaah! I-I guess you can eat these..."

For some reason they liked the meat very burned.