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Chapter 1451 Preparing A Magical Lunch

The Fire Bear cubs were quite hungry, these little guys were growing quickly, so I guess they needed a lot of meat to work and function properly. I decided to let them have the burned meat they... well, they burned, and they seemed to like it as black as charcoal and crunchy too.

It was weird to see meat in such a texture, but I guess that's how they liked it. I gave them more wyvern meat I had stashed in my inventory, which they "cooked" on their own. I suppose this was how the Fire Bears ate meat, very interesting, to be honest.

"Alright, now..."

I quickly started flipping the meat I was already roasting over the grill, quickly adding more marinating sauce on top of it so it would remain juicy and delicious.

I also used a knife to leave holes through them which would let the juices get inside easier, and also will make the meat juicier.

After that, I began working on something else, while leaving Gordon and the Cooking Spirits working on that, I began grinding various types of meat.

Some of the leftover dragon meat, and the meat of various other monsters we've hunted, including prehistoric creatures such as the monsters from the prehistoric Verdant continent from the past, all of them were delicious.

Dinosaur meat and saber-toothed cat meat wasn't something anybody would eat every day, even less dragon, wyvern, or giant mammoth meat, all available inside my handy inventory.

I used my meat grinder that I had enchanted with my aura to become strong enough, and grounded the meat until it was tenderly grounded.

After that, I moved it over a large metallic bowl and mixed it together.

Yes! I mixed dragon, dinosaur, wyvern, mammoth, and saber-toothed cat meat together to create the ultimate Jurassic Burger!

It was a little fantasy I had to make such an ultimate hamburger, so I went and did it!

I added grounded garlic, some small, thinly sliced white onion and also green onion, a bit of cilantro, oregano, sea salt, pepper, some soy sauce, sweet soy sauce, and a few other ingredients.

Once completely mixed together, I made huge burgers the size of two apples!

The reason? Well, I thought that if it was a Jurassic Burger, it had to be enormous!

Also I'm rather hungry, so I wanted to eat a giant hamburger, now that I learned I don't get fat even IRL, I want to pig out a bit...

I mean, what's the point of not being able to get fat if I wouldn't enjoy food to my heart's content?

Also Kaguya said something about needing to eat highly magical and spiritual food to truly satiate my hunger now.

Eating normal food won't do anymore, I need to use monster meat, eggs, and so on to be satiated.

And talking about eggs, I had also added two large eggs from the Giant Mole Birds, which were enormous and delicious.

I remember I boiled one when we went to hunt them down with Mark and Gabriel, and it was so delicious and creamy with just some salt on top!

Now all of that flavor is going to the hamburgers, while helping to keep them strongly together, as the different meats didn't get along as well as I imagined, so a strong gluing ingredient was required.

FRSSHHH...!

I placed the hamburgers on top of separate grill where I had already placed some oil, the smell of the meat being cooked was wonderful.

I had also added one ice cube inside each hamburger, a technique my husband taught me, which they did in Japan, so the burgers are always super juicy.

How? Well, the ice cube inside slowly melts down inside the burger, the water boils inside and it also helps the burger become fully cooked!

Then when someone bites on the burger, all that extra water is now mixed with the meat juices, filling a person with delicious meat juice several times what it usually is!

"Oh wow, you might've onto something with these, damn..."

Gardenia was glancing at the burgers while drooling, she wanted to eat one already.

"Heh, I'll give you a piece of one, but you've eaten a lot already, and these are for the family! Alright?"

"Huh! Can't you make me a tiny one then?"

"Fine..."

I used the leftover meat to make a few small hamburgers at the side, they were around the size of a grape, enough to make mini hamburgers for her.

"Hey, that meat smells delicious..."

Mark walked behind me and grabbed my hips gently, kissing my neck.

"Yeah, the barbeque is looking great. Did you make the side dishes?"

"We are working on that... I-I made the rice too, and also I think I could make some salad..."

Monica also came out from the house to check what I was preparing.

"Nice, yeah, we need a lot of salad to go with the meat... Also let's make some potatoes too, perhaps we could put them in the oven with some cheese inside..."

"S-Sounds good!"

Monica was almost drooling after hearing that. I quickly took out a basket from my inventory and put the potatoes and other roots that the Fae had given to me.

These two little guys worked happily on the farm picking up all the things that were ripe for the taking, and gifted them to me in a basket, they were sure endearing!

I miss the other two though, but I'm glad they're still alive in their own Realm, and now they're clamored as heroes apparently.

"First, let's peel the potatoes." Mark and Monica helped me peel the potatoes after washing them, and then I opened them in the middle, adding some little cheese cubes.

"Like this?" Monica asked, doing the same as I did almost perfectly.

"Yes, just like that!" I nodded.

"Uh I think I might've cut mine a bit too much..." Mark showed his potato looked like a little mess.

"Well! You'll learn slowly," I giggled. "Let's put these bad boys in the oven! The meat will still take a while... Gordon! Flip the burgers please."

"Of course."

"We're on it!"

"Leave it to me."

The three-headed dragon cooking spirit nodded, helping me in the kitchen.

In half an hour lunch should be ready, can't wait...

Once we're done with that, we'll probably make more totems, I want to get that done quickly for extra protection.

Chapter 1452 Urban Spirits

We placed the potatoes in the oven, and with cooking magic, we enhanced the speed in which they were cooked, making them in just about ten minutes, despite how it would take much longer than that for a raw potato to become fully boiled without water inside an oven while being covered by aluminum foil.

I also decided to put some fish with the same technique, adding tomatoes, mushrooms, and some spices and salt on top, while putting them over the grill with aluminum foil as well, this way they would be boiled inside and would end up with all the concentrated juices.

"Elayneeeee!"

"Huh?"

However, as I watched everything being done, I heard someone's voice, I walked out into the garden and rushed to the door, finding out there was someone there.

"Oh! Rita!"

It was my friend Rita, who had arrived carrying a bag with stuff, probably a lot of liquor. At her side was Lily too and... Jenny! Oh she finally came.

"Lily and Jenny too! Welcome back."

I quickly opened the door, letting them inside, as I noticed a cute orange cat lurking inside, being chased by a black cat.

Then, the orange cat quickly turned into a handsome, slightly muscular young man wearing nothing but a few leather clothes over his body, and necklaces made of bones and fangs.

"Hm? Oh, Rudras! Hello to you too."

"Goddess Elayne, I'm sorry for coming out of nowhere, your black cat was chasing me around and wouldn't leave me alone!"

"Mereow!"

Blackie was disappointed when Rudras returned to his human form, Lily, Rita, and Jenny laughed a bit though, despite all.

"Hahah, seriously you're scared of a cat dude?" Jenny teased him, although she eyed his entire body and bit her lips a bit...

"Hello Rudras! You're looking as handsome as ever today!" Lily smiled.

"E-Eh? Ah, thank you..." Rudras was shocked when he was complimented, feeling a bit awkward.

"Where's your grandma and your sister?" I wondered.

"They should be around the block. We were scouting the area, and also looking for anything supernatural," said Rudras. "I came back to tell you we found a few Urban Spirits, perhaps you might want to talk with them? they seemed interested in meeting you, Goddess Elayne."

"U-Urban Spirits? Wait, what are those?" I wondered, I genuinely had no idea what that was.

"Hm?" Rudras scratched his head and sat on the grass. "You don't know what Urban Spirits are, Lady Elayne?"

"No..." I said. "Ah, should I?"

"Well, it's something most people know about..." Rudras said.

"Looks like we came just in the middle of an important conversation..." Rita said. "Anyway, friend, we came to celebrate our victory yesterday. And it smells delicious! What in the world are you making?"

"We're making a huge barbeque! I also made Jurassic Burgers and Steamed Potatoes with cheese!" I smiled. "Rudras! We can talk while we have lunch, how about it?"

"Ah sure, I was quite hungry myself, thank you Goddess Elayne, I appreciate your kindness with all my heart," Rudras bowed his head.

"T-There's no need to bow your head, come on..." I sighed, feeling embarrassed. "Come on, call your granny Jannis and your sister Judith already! It's almost all done."

"Oh! Alright then! I'll come back with them!" Rudras nodded, turning into an eagle and flying away.

"Wow~ Druids are always amazing to see, huh?" Lily said, looking with a smile at the bird flying away. "I wonder how they're in bed though, hehe~"

"W-Why are you thinking that?!" I asked angrily. "Lily! Are you a bit drunk?"

"Hmm? Ah well I had a few little cups with Rita here, we talked about stuff~" Lily giggled, looking slightly dizzy.

"Damn cougar this woman is, whenever she sees a young man she's already eyeing him..." Sighed Jenny, seemingly a bit jealous. "But yeah Rudras is... quite the stud. Not going to lie, the whole wild vibe he got going, it's... hot. I-I mean in a general way; I am not saying I like him or something."

"Come on Jenny, don't be like that, you've got your own wonderful charms!" I said with a smile. "Right Rita?"

"Yeah you're young too! I wish I was your age again, dammit!" Rita complained. "What? Having problems in paradise or something?"

"I-I didn't say anything..." Jenny looked elsewhere, although I could clearly tell she might be having troubles finding a boyfriend, maybe.

If she likes Rudras... Huh, maybe we could do something? It all depends on the two of them though.

"You like Rudras or what?" Rita asked her directly.

She literally stole the words I was thinking!

"E-Eh?! I-I don't! He's... a wild young man, and I am a humble city girl! We're worlds apart!" Jenny cried while blushing.

"Aw, that just sounds like the plot of a romance drama!" I laughed. "Come on, let's talk about it while we prepare lunch then!"

We walked back to the kitchen where Monica was placing the potatoes on top of the table, they were about a dozen, all of them were ready to eat.

The fish was also naturally ready I believe, and the meat might be about to get done, the burgers are probably done too.

"Ah hello ladies, welcome," Mark greeted the girls with a charming smile, as Rita placed the wine she bought over the table.

"One two... four... five bottles?! Rita do you want us to get drunk?" I asked her.

"Hahaha! Don't overreact that much, we've grown super strong right? So just a single bottle doesn't do it anymore, to feel it right we have to drink a lot more unfortunately," Rita said, as if she was somehow lamenting that.

"Master!"

"The food is ready."

"Meat and burgers, done."

Gordon appeared behind me, phasing through the house walls like a ghost.

"Oh! Nice! Then let's quickly serve our food! Can you help?"

"Of course."

With him, the cooking spirits, and everyone's help, we set up two big tables in the garden, several chairs, and more, and prepared a huge feast.

Just in time, as I saw an eagle, a crow, and a small songbird descending from the skies and quickly transforming into three druids.

"Welcome back everyone! Please sit down to- Huh?"

As I noticed a fourth "person" with them.

Some sort of... Spirit.

Wait, is that an Urban Spirit?

Chapter 1453 Having A Feast With The Family

As we were about to eat lunch, the druids arrived in their animal forms, rapidly polymorphing back to their original human bodies, they came with a fourth member though. Someone that wasn't quite human... nor whatever I thought a Spirit could be either. It wasn't hard for me to quickly guess this fourth "person" with them was in fact the Urban Spirit they were talking about, or one of them.

"Goddess Elayne, we've come to eat with you as Rudras asked us," Granny Jannis said, walking to my side.

"We decided to bring along one of the Urban Spirits Rudras told you about," Judith said, as she quickly called the spirit to come forward.

"Oh? Urban Spirit, huh?" I wondered. "Hi! I was wondering what Urban Spirits were but... you're certainly not what I imagined.

"A-Ah... hello..." the Urban Spirit muttered.

His appearance was that of a boy, perhaps in his fourteen years of age? He had long purple hair and red eyes, and his skin was very pale.

The boy was wearing a black and gray colored school uniform, covered with blood and it looked ragged and old.

These clothes... as weird as they looked, were part of his body.

I also noticed a knife stabbing his chest.

It was certainly... Uh, quite unwelcoming of an appearance.

Although he looked cute, he also had quite a gloomy vibe.

"I have never seen an Urban Spirit before, but you remind me of a ghost instead..." I said. "Ghost usually keep wounds in their bodies and-"

"P-Please don't compare me with ghosts, lady goddess... Ghosts are souls that linger in our world because they have strong grudges..." the boy sighed. "I am an Urban Spirit, born from Urban Legends."

"O-Oh?! I had no idea that's how they were born!" I gasped. "I'm Elayne by the way, and... Uh well, the druids call me a goddess, but I don't really consider myself a goddess."

"I-I see..." the boy gloomily said, he had a slightly girlish voice, and he spoke with a very low tone of voice. "Me and a few others moved nearby because of you, Lady Goddess. Your presence and your Domain supplied us with plenty of spirit energy, helping us continue existing without threatening our souls with disappearing."

"So that's why you came here..." I nodded. "From where you came from, dear?"

"I am Julio the Stabbed... I am an Urban Legend Spirit that was created five years ago..." the boy said. "Children from a few schools began fabricating a tale about a boy that wandered the streets at night and was stabbed at one point or another... Uuh, and I was born!"

"E-Eh?! That simple...?" I asked.

I have never heard of such an Urban Legend though, but I guess anything can become one if a lot of people just create it and spread it, even if it didn't exist at all before.

"Urban Spirits are born this way, through belief and faith similar to how gods are made," explained Jannis. "However, they're passing beings, their existence is very short as so are the Urban Legends created. However, their existence is based on the collective belief of these people. And because they're so few, and they never become famous, they disappear once their energy depletes."

"However, if we work hard enough to make our Urban Legend believable by scaring people, we can continue existing as the belief of our existence increases!" the boy became more energetic. "But... uh, that doesn't work quite well with me."

"I see, so you're like ghosts then..." I nodded.

"I-I'm not a ghost...!" the boy cried, looking a bit sad.

"A-Ah, sorry, sorry..." I apologized. "Well, we could talk more while eating... Though your appearance is a bit scary. Can't you take out the knife at least?"

"It's part of my body..." Julio the Stabbed said. "They used this knife to stab my body fifty times... According to the tale. Did you know?"

"O-Oh..." How exactly are these spirits not ghosts?!

"But I could cover it with my hair tied like this..." Julio the Stabbed tried his best, wrapping his long, ghostly hair around his chest and waist, looking a bit funny, but at least he wasn't as gory anymore. "I-Is this better, Lady Goddess?"

"Sure is!" I nodded. "Now, um, do you eat food?"

"I-I can..." he said. "But, um, what type of food? I like... sweets."

"I could give you sweets, sure," I shrugged. "Come on, sit down, let's eat and talk some more. We should introduce you to my family as well. Are there more like you around?"

"Yeah, I'm the youngest and weaker of the bunch..." the boy nodded. "Our leader is a Wendigo."

"W-Wendigo?" I asked. "A monster?"

"Not a monster, he's a spirit like me..." Julio the Stabbed said. "Wendigo are, after all, Urban Legends as well."

"Are there multiple Wendigos?" I wondered.

"Yes, it is among the most famous Urban Legends in the entire world after all..." He nodded. "We are usually bound in a single area or space, it took me a lot of effort to get here from my designated area of existence... but once I got here, my exhaustion was relieved. Well, our leader is different, Wendigo can go anywhere because their belief is so strong."

"Wow..." I nodded. "There's so many things I don't know about this world..."

The more I learn, the more amazed I am at what was hidden beneath my own noses this entire time, it's honestly quite surprising and incredible.

Anyway, we sat down to finally eat and enjoy the food, I called my daughter and Gabriel to join us as well. Katherine and Kaguya didn't really like eating meat or having lunch either, so they skipped it.

"Alright everyone, I hope you like the food we made!" I said. "First of all I want you to taste this Jurassic burger and tell me how it is!"

"Jurassic Burger..." Mark muttered. "Wow, it's huge."

"Let's eat!" I said happily, taking a big bite out of it.

Everyone else followed me too, taking a big bite out of the hamburger.

And...

The flavors, juices, everything came together deliciously with the soft bun, the melted cheese, the tomato, onions, lettuce, and sauces.

Oh wow!

FLUOSH!

And I even felt a surge of energy through my entire body.

A single bite made me feel super energized, it was insane!

Chapter 1454 The Domain Is Connected To How Many Places?!

Urban Spirits.

A new type of Spirit I had never seen before.

Well, not new for the world, but new for me and my family and friends.

Apparently, and according to what I heard, they are created out of man-made Urban Legends.

Their existences are faint, and they might only live a few years before disappearing.

This is because they're made out of the short-term belief of people gathered within a certain area.

Therefore, they're also bound to this area.

However, a tactic they use to remain alive for longer is that they spread more rumors about themselves through the world.

By acting like their Urban Legends, scaring people, or helping them, or stealing from them like these legends... then they begin to become stronger and more real.

An example of one of them as Julio the Stabbed said, would be the Wendigo, a man-eating undead monster.

Maybe other examples could be Big Foot, the Sasquatch, or the Yeti. Perhaps even the Loch Ness Monster, and many more.

Does this mean that every single Urban Legend or perhaps even Cryptids are real?!

That's just crazy...

"So tell me little guy, are there more like you out there in this city at least?"

Rita became curious about Julio the Stabbed and his origins and also his friends, so she asked him a lot of questions, and honestly me too, everyone was curious.

I hadn't noticed before, but there was a small will-o-wisp floating above Julio the Stabbed head, it made him look even more ghostly than I imagined.

"Yes there are more... We are a group of six... But we aren't together all the time. Um, like right now... I-I came here voluntarily. Everyone else was... t-too scared to face a goddess."

"I am not a real goddess though! I'm just... well, I can't say I'm a normal human anymore either."

"Um, well, your level of power and divine spiritual energies... Lady Goddess, they're incredibly high. Nothing quite comes close to you in all our lives... Merely being a kilometer away from your Domain feed us with enough energy to live for many years... I believe that's a goddess!"

"Seriously...? That much energy?"

I was a bit confused, as my Domain that powerful as to give even Urban Legends power?!

"Well beyond your own talents and Nature Soul, Goddess Elayne, I believe there's also another reason why your Domain is so special," Jannis interrupted my train of thoughts as she finished sipping on some green tea I served her, at her age she had difficulty eating meat, but she happily ate salad and the cheese potato. "It is because your Domain is connected to several other Planes- or Realms."

"O-Oh? That's right..." I nodded, realizing that perhaps that was one of the factors.

"Oh yeah! Isn't it partially connected to... Um, to the Realm of the Spirits? What was the name?" Asked Rita.

"It's named Avalon," Katherine said, flying nearby, as she was quite interested in Julio the Stabbed. "And yes, this Domain has already established a connection with it through me and the Fae... It supplies the Domain with great energy passively."

"Wow..." I said. "But which other then?"

"Heaven!" Gabriel said. "Yeah, Heaven is connected to the Domain, not just because I'm here but also because big sis has an angelic halo, and she also fused a Heaven Cloud Fragment into her Domain! This also passively supplies your Domain with a lot of energy and holy power."

"H-Heaven too?!" I gasped.

"Lastly... I suppose the last one would be the Realm of Nightmares and Dreams," explained Kaguya. "I don't exactly know what its name is, but you've established a strong connection with it for some reason, even though Dream and Nightmare Magic is such a rare thing..."

"Ah, it's... Well, long story short..."

I explained to her and those that didn't know a little more about Monica and how we found her, and the terrifying foe that had taken over her, where it came from and so on...

"So you obtained your Dream and Nightmare Magic from such an otherworldly foe! I see..." Kaguya nodded, amazed. "This is simply amazing though. And this being, he's both a weapon and a Dream Spirit, huh?"

She finally met Morpheus, who had been mostly resting inside of my house for a couple of days. I have unfortunately not really needed his strength lately, and so he went napping.

He didn't really seem to be bothered by not being needed, as both a Dream and Nightmare Spirit and also a Living Weapon he was quite lazy and liked sleeping a lot.

To him, it barely felt like any time passed because he slept so much.

"I am rather flabbergasted, I slept for just some time and now your Domain has grown so big, master..." The scythe-shaped spirit said. "There's even an Angel here now, a Fairy, a Dryad, and... Oh it's that an Urban Spirit? Oh wow!"

"Yeah, yeah, a lot happened while you slept, Morpheus," I giggled. "But it's nice to see you awake again. There's a lot of friends to hang out with now, so you should stay around for longer. I'll be needing your strength in the incoming battles too, so I might bring you along to Arcadia now."

"Oh, that sounds like wonderful news! Perhaps I will cut short my naps then," he nodded. "Also, it would be convenient if I received a small upgrade in the future too... I've grown slightly dusty, and I might benefit from a reforge using new materials."

"I see! I can do that, yeah, in the time you slept I gained a lot of Blacksmith abilities, so leave it to me!" I nodded. "I might reforge you back in Arcadia though, I hope you don't mind?"

"I am rather interested about this other world... So I'll gladly go!" he nodded. "My memories about it are rather faint, mostly from the three skeletons that composed my creation, who were once mercenaries in the ancient past of that world."

"I see, well, you'll be up for a lot of fun then," I giggled.

"Ahem!"

And then, a floating shovel started floating very close to me.

It was a shovel beautifully decorated with spirit wood and spirit crystals, looking shiny.

"A-Ah, Irene! I always use you though, why are you angry?"

"I also need a reforge!"

Chapter 1455 A Spirit Sanctuary In The Making

Irene had appeared out of nowhere, reprimanding me that I hadn't upgraded her for quite a while, and she wasn't wrong, I haven't done it for the rest of the equipment I created IRL, the enchanted clothes and the shield either, the bracelets and so on. I had made them initially because I couldn't transfer equipment from Arcadia here, but now that I have grown enough to be able to transfer A Rank items from Arcadia to Earth, they became slightly redundant.

Of course, I still wear them, and their shapes can be changed, so I usually wear them whenever I go out to fight, but that hasn't happened in a while either or might not for some time as Arcadia will have my full attention for the time being.

Merlinus might have been vanquished, but the Demon King of Death is still there, and the battle against him is slowly creeping in and approaching, so I can't really focus too much on Earth for now.

However, although the rest of my clothes aren't as important, as I had mostly made all this armor and other equipment pieces out of desperation to prepare for foes we couldn't fight on our own before, the Shield and Irene remain as special, powerful equipment.

Also the same goes for my family and friends, their weapons are still useful all the time, and I can't always be there to bring them their equipment either, so they have to usually rely on what they got IRL... I should probably update their own equipment first actually!

Anyway, Irene deserved a reforge yeah, I use her a lot alongside the Gaia All-Purpose-Tool shaped into a shovel or a sword, Irene can also become a shovel, and with enough Spirit Synthesis, temporarily a giant sword.

She also has her own unique abilities and powers... Last upgrade was when I added Dragon Materials to all my equipment, it elevated them all to B Rank.

I think that's still decent even now, but maybe it is about time to be boosted to A Rank at least...

For example, here's Irene and her info, which is very short.

[Spiritual Farm Shovel Dragon Staff: Irene (B Rank Magic Weapon)]

Potential Abilities: [STR & INT +25% (C)] [Great Spiritual Explosion (C)] [Great Elemental Resonance (C)]
[MP & INT +25% (C)] [Intelligent Weapon (B)] [Dragon Spirit Summon (B)]

It is mostly the information I can "read" by looking at her. These are her abilities and bonuses I get from wielding her.

Because I created magic items by infusing Potential Cubes into normal objects, every created magic item has Potential Abilities.

These tend to vary, evolve, and also appear differently than in Arcadia, perhaps because here the items aren't restricted by the game-like system.

In a way, equipment created and enhanced in Earth will always be much different than the one made in Arcadia...

Nonetheless, let's go back to the main topic.

"I know Irene, I'll reforge you as well," I nodded. "Though if your rarity increases too much I won't be able to drag you back here, so you'll have to stay at A Rank for now, until I can transfer S Rank materials, okay?"

"Hmmm... fine," Irene sighed grumpily, as she placed herself on the ground. "Anyway, if you need any help with the farm just call me, I'll rest for the moment."

"Y-Yes ma'am, rest well..." I muttered.

To think Irene is the personification of the shovel I used to use back in my house in the countryside, the old shovel inside my house that not only I but everyone uses for all sorts of things.

After giving her "life" through a Potential Cube, she gained the ability to speak and everything, the same way our other weapons did, such as Mark's knife, Rita's fun, and Lily's pickaxe.

And well, she got quite the personality, this young lady... or well, old lady I guess? I'm fairly sure she was made before I was born.

"Anyway, as I said before, your Domain, Goddess Elayne, is very powerful not only because of you but also to these three Realms it is connected to," explained Jannis, continuing with our original conversation. "This is why other spiritual beings, or even magical beings in general, would feel attracted to your Domain. The Urban Spirit is only the beginning. I am fairly sure you were once visited by a Dream Plane inhabitant already, right?"

"S-She's he was a frog with a... a frog with a hat," I muttered. "I don't even remember his name anymore though... It was frog something. Frogginton? Yeah."

"He gifted you a few useful materials," Mark nodded. "Oh right, didn't he warn you about something though?"

"He said that there was a group of Warlocks that had been recently trying to find a path towards the Dream/Nightmare Plane for some reason," I said. "And that I should be careful because they... might try to use mine, but nothing has happened so far regarding them... Unless those Hollow-controlling sorcerers that attacked our Domain were them?"

"Those?" Jannis asked. "They might've been, they were all Warlocks holding demonic magic and curse magic. Their ability to control Hollows is because they learned to absorb their evil powers for their own... Perhaps this man, Frogginton... Was he a Dream Spirit?"

"I think so," I nodded.

"He might have warned you correctly," said Jannis. "Thankfully the perimeter is now being protected by the agency you've allied with, Goddess Elayne, so there shouldn't be much to worry about. But even then, let's be careful."

"Alright..." I nodded. "Anyway, Julio, what are your other friends? I'm pretty interested...!"

As I asked, I continued eating my food, I had already finished the delicious Jurassic Burger, and it was to die for! The flavors combined so well; I'll happily do this again next time.

The meat was also deliciously flavored and juicy, the marination was just perfect, and everything was really good.

"Well there's Wendigo, he's a Fragment of the original Urban Legend, like most Wendigo you will ever meet," he said. "And... Um, well... he's not exactly quite as intimidating as the real deal."

"What do you mean?" I wondered.

"Well... you could say he's more human-like than Wendigo-like," he said nervously.

"Huh?!"

I guess I'm up for a lot of surprises today and the next few days.

Ah, I wonder how everyone else is doing back in Arcadia though...

Chapter 1456 Camilla's Mourning

After the events that happened yesterday, where the evil sorcerer and demonic cultist Merlinus and his army were vanquished, the entire Kingdom of Luminous had been left in ruins.

Although the ruins, beautifully so, were now covered by endless verdant green nature, the effects of Planta and Lady Verdant's powers and domain.

Their power, having vanquished the monstrous evil, had also spread nature everywhere, leaving the Queen, who was still mourning his Husband, while giving herself the hope she could revive him once she could find his soul, with quite the predicament.

For sure, Camilla had but little time to mourn or rest, the Kingdom was her first priority. Now that her husband had passed away heroically, the entire Kingdom's responsibility and weight rested over her own shoulders.

The predicament at hand, aside from being able to rest, was what to do now? The ruins of her city remained, and she wanted to recover them and build the houses back with everyone's help.

However, Planta and her friends had yet to log-in, making this something that'll end up taking a long while before getting anywhere.

Lastly, if it was fine to destroy the sacred and spiritual forest that Verdant left here, or if she should cut down the trees and burn the grass to make way for the new houses and streets.

She couldn't really imagine her Kingdom being one in the middle of a forest like the Forest of Beginnings, but after what Verdant did for everyone, destroying what she left behind might be a greater offense.

"I have to stop thinking how the Kingdom should be, and how it looked..."

She sighed, feeling rather discouraged and disheartened. Her beautiful Kingdom, its lustrous streets, its many shopping districts, the countless beautiful houses, the noble district with its beautiful manors, the castle, even...

Everything was now covered by plants, most of the buildings completely destroyed, the battle against Merlinus and his forces didn't cost a single civilian life, so she was relieved at least, but the cost in infrastructure, and above all, of the legacy of her Kingdom and its history, was immense.

"Merlinus... Even after your death, what you've done will remain as a deep wound in the hearts of everyone... You damned bastard, I hope you suffer in hell for all eternity."

Camilla gritted her teeth, gripping her fists tightly as she glanced at the beautiful forest beneath her castle.

For a miraculous reason, the castle seemed mostly unscathed, although the lower half seemed slightly wrecked and the surrounding area, including the wall, was damaged, the rest of the infrastructure was fine.

And also everything inside, the food, the resources, the security chambers and the storage, were all secure, enchanted using magic to be as tough as possible.

After everything, she felt relieved at least her home wasn't touched.

Although its outer walls, ceiling, and surroundings were now covered by grass, vines, flowers, and trees, a rather new "look" to everything.

"At least I could sleep in my bed if I wanted... Hah..."

She sat over her bed, looking at the side her husband slept on. Her eyes quickly became teary, as she started crying, hugging her husband's pillow.

"Dear..."

She felt the smell of his hair on the pillow, making her feel slightly more relieved, but only momentarily, as more sadness washed over her.

She really needed Planta right now, to cheer her up, her friends, everyone...

And yet they wouldn't come yet.

"Planta... I need you..."

As she cried, she heard footsteps approaching, light ones, which gently knocked at the door.

"Mom?"

"Ah! Gustav?!"

She gasped in disbelief...

It was definitely the voice of her son!

She was sure she had told her soldiers that the citizens shouldn't come here yet until at least a third of the city was rebuilt.

However, her son appeared out of nowhere?

"W-Why are you here dear? You shouldn't...! Not after everything that happened..."

She quickly ran to open the door, as he saw Gustav looking at his mom, holding back his tears while trying to look strong.

"M-Mom..."

"Gustav...!"

She couldn't resist, hugging her son tightly and embracing him with her love and her warmth.

Gustav quickly started crying in her embrace, he had already learned about his father, and also after seeing what happened to the city.

"I'm sorry for what happened to your father... I was weak... I was unable to protect him... I was-"

"I-It's not your fault mom!"

"Eh?"

Gustav looked at his mother's eyes, his crimson eyes glowing with golden light.

His aura grew powerful.

"G-Gustav?"

"This is... not the fault of anybody..." he muttered. "Papa... he... he fought like a hero, right? Like our ancestors once did! He was... he became the hero..."

The boy was sniffing, crying while furrowing his eyebrows, gritting his teeth, trying to act tough.

"Papa died fighting to protect us!"

"..."

Camilla looked at her son, the Aura he held, the power that he possessed, and she couldn't help but be slightly reminded of her husband.

"Yes... You're right. He was our hero, everyone's hero."

She hugged her son again, closing her eyes.

That's right.

For him...

For her son.

She had to be strong.

She couldn't just be weeping there.

She had a whole kingdom to take care of, and her son.

Her husband wouldn't be happy if she neglected him, not at all...

And within this boy too, there was the aura of a hero.

She just realized; the boy held an Awakened Heroic Bloodline.

According to her husband, their bloodline had grown very thin, and there hadn't been someone with Awakened Heroic Bloodline in over two hundred years.

Even though the King himself had a suppressed, weak bloodline, only through the powerful artifact Planta made was he able to awaken it and push it to his limits.

Maybe because he awakened it forcefully too much, he had to pay the price for such power...

But his son might be different...

He, who held the Awakened Hero Bloodline of Luminous, and the Vampire Bloodline of his mother.

Might have the potential to become the strongest hero.

"I'm sorry for trying to rely so much on you, Planta... I'll rebuild my Kingdom on my own, with my people... Don't worry about us, we'll fine."

She held her son's hand and walked out of her room, looking forward to a future she and her subjects would build with their own hands.

"Let's go, Gustav."

"W-Where to?"

"To rebuild a new Kingdom."

Chapter 1457 Even Now, The Battles Continue

"If you think we'll ever yield you're sorely mistaken!"

"While you are all weeping your king, we'll kill the queen and take over!"

"We will honor Lord Merlinus death and start anew!"

Near the city plaza of the ruined city of the Luminous Kingdom, a huge Demonic Wizard with three heads, muscular body, and holding several scepters with his hands confronted a group of young Magic Knights.

Although the war was over since yesterday, there were a few "remnants" of the demonic cult. There were some that escaped and just decided to never come back.

However, a few stubborn ones decided to stay, combining together into this monstrosity to have a better chance against their enemies.

Without Planta or her friends nearby, they believed that they had a chance at conquering the ruined Kingdom by killing the Queen.

The entire army was weakened and resting, the strongest of them, the Knight Captain, was still recovering from what happened yesterday, and the Queen had been weeping her husband's death all day.

The rest of the knights and soldiers were busy trying to clean the streets and reconstruct the nearby houses, prioritizing the housing districts first, so they were completely busy.

It was now the perfect moment to strike and take over whatever was left!

"Honor that monster's death?! You're all just completely insane! If you think we'll let you do that, you're the ones that are mistaken!"

However, a charming pink-haired young lady, with long pigtails shaped as drills confronted the three-headed, fused demonic wizard.

She had a small stature and a robust chest, her eyes were full of determination, while holding onto her thin, white and pink colored rapier.

Her Magical Aura surged from her body, resembling pink colored flower petals surrounding her body.

"Pppfff... Hahahaha!"

"You must be really full of yourself if you think you can take on us!"

"What a ridiculous child!"

The demonic wizard laughed at the girl, making her become embarrassed before the immense demonic energy surging from the monster.

"How about you call your seniors, hmmm?"

"Perhaps by then they can put a decent struggle!"

"They're all dying nonetheless."

Their confidence was annoying, making the girl even more furious.

"W-We will not call them! Everyone is so tired after yesterday, if we did, we would only be making things worse for them! We will fight on our own and defeat you, even if it's the last thing we do, right guys?"

She roared, as the rest of her friends nodded.

"I suppose we can't really do anything else now, Patricia...!" A young-looking knight with blonde hair that wore glasses spoke timidly. He looked like the youngest of the group, no older than 14.

"We aren't as weak as before! We were able to level up yesterday, and we sharpened our skills in that war! Don't underestimate us!" The tallest of the group roared, a burly young man with short red hair.

"We have to protect the Queen and our seniors...!"

"Even if we have to put our lives on the line...!"

A pair of twins, two girls with long and silky, azure-colored hair nodded at the same time. They looked so identical that the only way to differentiate them was by the color of their eyes, one had golden eyes, while the other had silver eyes.

They were all young Magic Knights in training that David had been training for a while now. among the most talented of their classes, Joustin, Heshmerie, Emerette, and Juliette respectively.

"That's right! I am not alone, everyone here will stop you, evil wizard!"

Although it was still unofficial, Patricia already considered herself their leader, as she was the one with the most charm and the best leadership skills.

"HOW CUTE."

The Demonic Wizard took a single step forward, as demonic dark specters began to suddenly spread through the floor. The nature surrounding them instantly started to wither.

"{Demonic Specter}!"

FLUOOOSH!

The demonic specters emerged one after another, resembling the demonic aberrations that attacked the city yesterday.

It was their Demonic Essences left behind, which the Demonic Wizard rose into spectral soldiers!

"OOOHHH!"

"GRYAAH!"

"SHAAAH!"

"GERORORO...!"

"W-What kind of wicked magic is this?!" Patricia asked angrily and flabbergasted.

"It's a tremendous amount of Magic Power too! Just how strong is that wizard?!" Joustin asked in disbelief.

"It seems he has risen the demonic souls of the monsters from yesterday?" Emerette wondered.

"Not quite, this is not the same as necromancy, sister..." Juliette said.

What they were capable of was indeed thanks to their great magic power. They weren't just one, but three Demonic Wizards combined into one... All three of them had been lethally wounded in the war but managed to hide and then merged into an abomination to survive.

This, despite the difficulties of having three brains in one body, brought them even greater magic power as they combined it all into one.

"It doesn't matter what they are, we have to stop them! Use your Auras!"

Heshmerie roared, swinging his great sword as his Aura of Red color covered his blade with Crimson Flames.

"{Blazing Rush}!"

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

He unleashed one vertical slash, followed by three horizontal slashes, slicing through the approaching Demonic Specters.

Once they were hit several times, the specters disappeared.

Not without a surprise.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"Ugh?!"

Heshmerie screamed as he covered himself with his large sword, trying to protect his body and face in specific from the destructive explosions of demonic flames.

As he groaned in pain, several more specters sneaked behind him...

"Hesh!"

Joustin panicked, rushing to his side as he swung his sword while holding a grimoire, channeling its powers as well.

"{Wind Slice}!"

SLAAASH!

The young knight released a horizontal slice, releasing a wave of cutting winds that cut through the specters coming towards Heshmerie from behind.

"Hesh, move aside!"

Joustin grasped Heshmerie with his wind magic and pulled him towards him, before the specters were to explode again.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

As several tiny explosions spread everywhere, the demonic wizard smiled with all three of his creepy heads.

"Hehehehe! See? You can't possibly win against us."

"We're invincible after all of you are so weak!"

"Time to die, children!"

"Don't worry though, we'll make good use of your bodies and souls."

The young knights stepped back, feeling the tremendous pressure of their opponent.

Even though the war was over, there were still battles raging on.

Chapter 1458 The Young Knights Won't Give Up

The young knights that were being trained by David confronted the terrifying three-headed demonic wizard, one of the survivors of yesterday's catastrophe.

Through combining their dying bodies, not only were they able to survive, but their power increased tremendously.

Despite such a powerful opponent, the young knights couldn't bring themselves to call for help, they knew how bad the current situation of their Kingdom was.

If they couldn't prove themselves now and take care of this foe, could they even call themselves knights at all?

"Go, my Demonic specters!"

"Spread your flames everywhere!"

"Burn it all! Burn this damned nature once and for all!"

The wizard laughed, raising his three burly arms as their scepters activated. Demonic energy spread around like dark red fog, giving birth to demonic specters out of thin air.

These horrendous specters had the form and shape of various demonic beasts that attacked Luminous yesterday, it wasn't their souls, although these young knights believed otherwise, being much more intimidated than they should have been.

"SHYAAAAH!"

Dozens of demonic specters rushed forward, swinging their huge claws at the young knights while releasing blazing shockwaves!

The knights stepped back, constantly evading the incoming attacks while unleashing their Auras.

These weren't common or normal Auras, but Knight Auras!

They were born from the cultivation of their Physiques through the flow of both Ki and Mana, a combination of these two energies.

These Auras had different colors based on each Knight's Elemental Affinity imprinted into their bodies.

However, they weren't just Knights, no, these young'uns were more than just that.

They also had magic circles!

"Don't underestimate us!"

Patricia stepped forward bravely, swinging her spear forward even in front of four specters at once!

"Patricia! Don't be reckless!"

Joustin panicked, only to see Patricia's aura explode.

Her magic circle and her physique combined their powers, her Aura became thrice as big.

"We are not the same as before!

Her aura spread out everywhere, covering the specters with petals.

"{Fluttering Advance}!"

As she moved forward, she thrust her rapier like a spear, her aura encompassing her into a spiraling drill-like attack!

BOOOOM!

Several specters were hit at once, being sent flying away and exploding in midair, completely away from any harm.

"SHYAAAHH!"

Five more of them surrounded her out of nowhere, and yet Patricia remained calm, furrowing her pink eyebrows, she held her rapier tightly.

"Come at me then!"

Her friends gazed in disbelief as they attacked her, only for her to jump in midair in the last moment, pink petals flew around her body, propelling her into the skies.

FLUOSH!

"{Fluttering Descent}!"

Suddenly, aside from petals, there were now many butterflies flying around her, the moment she descended, she moved at lightning speed, attacking several specters at the same time.

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!

As she did, she quickly kicked the empty air and fluttered away, her aura resembling a pair of butterfly wings, surprising her friends.

As the specters exploded and died, she quickly attacked more and more, constantly destroying them!

Her friends were left speechless.

"S-Since when did she had such strength?!" Joustin asked in disbelief.

"Impressive! She truly has grown stronger...!" Heshmerie seemed hyped.

"We had grown stronger ourselves as well..." Emerette was amazed.

"It just that we haven't tapped into this power... Yet." Juliette said.

The twins looked at one another and nodded, rushing forward and confronting the specters one after another, the three-headed demonic wizard stayed behind watching in anger.

"You dare believe you can go against my Spectral Magic?!"

"You're going to pay a great price for underestimating me!"

"{Demonic Spectral Fusion}!"

All three heads roared in unison, as dozens of demonic specters suddenly merged into a single entity, roaring furiously at the knights.

"ROOOAARRR!"

It resembled a horrendous chimera with many tentacles, arms, legs, wings, and heads, from bird-like crow heads to large lion and wolf heads, all monstrous and twisted, covered by red eyes.

It rushed forward, making the ground rumble, unlike the other specters, this monster was much stronger and also materialized than the rest.

RUMBLE!

The thing reached Patricia in no time, attacking her with a barrage of biting attacks! Patricia panicked, quickly stepping back while parrying the blows by attacking at the teeth with her rapier.

"{Fluttering Hollow}!"

Her attacks were precise and completely sharp, piercing holes through the monster's jaws, making it welp in agony, but attack even more ferociously than before.

"SHYAAAAH!"

One of the snake-headed tails opened its jaws, releasing a poisonous purple gas at her! Joustin and Heshmerie panicked, quickly rushing to save her.

"Patricia!"

Joustin gathered wind magic into his hands sword and then released it with a single slash.

"{Gust Wave}!"

FLUOOOSH!

The wave of winds sent the poison back to the specter, which made it cough in annoyance, although it didn't make it become poisoned.

"Joustin! You saved me, thank you!"

Patricia thanked him, she had become much more honest and open than before.

Back then in the Knight Academy, she was someone that always acted all high and mighty, looking down on others.

However, because of her personality, she wasn't well liked, and people wouldn't approach her as much, making her feel very lonely.

But since she was put into this team with these young knights, she had slowly opened up to them.

"We have to work together, Patricia! Don't do things on your own!" Joustin said.

"Yeah!" Heshmerie nodded, swinging his sword and releasing a blazing slicing wave, hitting the chimera's heads with it.

BOOOM!

"GRRRHHH?!"

The Chimera glared at them with fury, rushing towards the trio, Heshmerie stepped forward, with Patricia and Joustin behind them.

Meanwhile, the sisters Emerette and Juliette were fighting smaller specters behind them.

Their Auras were very unique, resembling water itself.

They were covered by their auras, becoming mostly immune to flames, which allowed them to enter the blazing inferno the specters spread and eliminate them.

"{Ocean Pike}!"

The two girls swung their spears forward with both hands, using the same technique in unison, they unleashed a powerful piercing and thrusting blow, destroying several specters at once while spreading water everywhere, turning off the flames.

SPLAAASH!

Chapter 1459 Combination Technique!

"ROOOAAARRR!"

The Demonic Spectral Chimera charged against the young knights furiously, swinging its claws at them and unleashing blazing waves of demonic fire.

Heshmerie swung his blade against the flames, slightly manipulating their trajectory to surround them instead of hitting them outright.

BAAAM!

As the flames hit their back and exploded, Joustin and Patricia stepped forward, their blades, infused with their Auras and Magic, unleashed a barrage of attacks at the beast.

"{Stinging Pirouette}!"

"{Tornado Sword}!"

Their magic combined as Patricia spun in midair with her rapier and then Joustin's sword attack embraced him and her into a tornado of fluttering petals and slicing winds.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

CRAAASH!

Several consecutive attacks hit the monster, pushing it back constantly. Large wounds spread through its torso, front legs, and heads, bleeding miasmic demonic energy into the ground, setting things ablaze.

"SHYAAAGGH!"

Its snake-headed tails, which were five of them, swiftly moved and opened their jaws, firing poisonous flames at everyone that set things ablaze and spread deadly poison everywhere.

FLUOOOSH!

"Careful!"

Heshmerie stepped back and quickly grabbed his friends, escaping the flames by giving a big, Aura-boosted jump into the safety of the distance.

"ROOOAAARRR!"

The Chimera didn't stop, opening its pain heads and releasing a triple breath! Black winds that cursed people by touching them, purple flames of poison, and red blood ice that drained blood when it made contact reached them, spreading across several dozens of meters.

"S-So many elements!" Patricia cried, running away with her friends.

"We have to attack it from the rear!" Joustin said. "Let's circle it down!"

"I'll watch your backs!" Heshmerie nodded, swinging his blade and releasing waves of blazing flames.

"{Burning Wave}!"

SLAAASH! SLAAASH! SLAAASH!

These slicing waves of flames managed to destroy the blood ice, dissipate the black winds, and even stop the poison flames from reaching them further.

"T-Those damn brats...!"

"They're going against our strongest creation and yet...!"

"They're holding it back?!"

The three-headed demonic wizard gritted his teeth across his body, as he saw the knights fighting the powerful Demonic Specter Chimera, the strongest Demonic Familiar their Magic could conjure in their current state.

"Then let's attack them while they're focused on the beast, right?"

"It'll cost more energy, but we can restore it once we eat their souls and use their bodies to create new monsters."

"You're right!"

The trio nodded in unison, using more of their Mana and Demonic Energy and conjuring dozens of magic circles above the knights, suddenly raining down demonic fireballs over them.

"W-Woah!"

Heshmerie panicked, swinging his blade as countless projectiles bombarded him and his friends from every angle!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

The chimera was immune to these flames, and in fact, its blazing aura of demonic power only grew stronger the more it took these blows.

Indeed, this was both an attack spell against the knights and a buff for the chimera!

"GRRRHHH! GRAAAHHH!"

The chimera blazed with demonic power, spreading demonic elements from its many jaws everywhere!

FLUOOOSH!

"D-Dammit! Things are only getting worse!" Joustin said. "We should retreat, Patricia!"

"We can't retreat! We cannot give even more work to our seniors!" Patricia said. "We must resolve this with our own strength! What use do we have if we can't even take down a single foe?!"

"She's not wrong, dammit!" Heshmerie said, his heart started beating rapidly. "I'll go all-out! You guys follow me!"

"W-What? What are you planning on doing?!" Joustin asked.

"I'll release it all!" Heshmerie said. "I might even die."

"Wait, what?!" Patricia asked.

"Let's see what my limit is!"

Heshmerie was filled with determination and reckless bravery, his heart blazed with powerful flames, as the flames suddenly covered his entire body.

"{Blazing Aura And Body Fusion}!"

FLUOSH!

Suddenly, Heshmerie became a man made completely out of flames, surprising all his friends.

This was a near suicidal technique used by Fire Attribute Swords masters as their absolute last resort.

One they thought he hadn't even learned yet...

By pumping flames into his own heart and infusing his Aura into his body, absorbing it, he undergoes a tremendous change, becoming a Blazing Man.

RUMBLE!

With a single step forward, Heshmerie, now twice as big as before, swung his giant blazing sword, cutting through the chimera's legs!

SLAAAASH!

"GRYYAAAAH!"

The chimera screamed in agony, firing its deadly breaths at him! However, Heshmerie's fire burned it all, making him near immune to it.

"He's using that suicidal technique! He's a lunatic!" Joustin cried.

"We can't let him even waste a single second, let's help him!" Patricia said.

The two leaped into battle, evading explosive spells everywhere, while preparing their techniques.

Their Auras were also infused into their arms and legs, and then their swords.

This was the limit of what they could unleash.

Both looked at one another, nodding.

Once more, together!

"{Stinging Pirouette}!"

"{Tornado Sword}!"

Their techniques combined, as they created a powerful combo spell, now, they even named it, making the combination even stronger as a result.

"{Combination Technique}: {Fluttering Piercing Tornado}!"

With Joustin holding the entire tornado together and Patricia spinning in midair at the tip of it while strengthening it, the two struck the chimera with full force!

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!

BOOOM!

The monstrous beast was blown away by the tremendous attack, several of its heads were sliced apart, only leaving a wounded wolf head and without enough arms to move on its own.

"GRYYAAAAH!"

It screamed angrily at them, and yet Heshmerie didn't give it time to rest, leaping towards it and.

"{Blazing Guillotine}!"

CRAAASH!

Splitting the monster into two halves and setting both ablaze with his massive, blazing sword.

The powerful monster died instantly, burning into ashes and disappearing, without even exploding this time.

The twins watched the scene from afar, as they ran towards their friends once they finished dealing with the smaller specters.

"You did it, you guys!"

"Well done!"

As they ran towards them, suddenly...

"DAMN BRATS!"

"YOU REALLY WANT TO DIE, HUH?!"

"FINE, WE'LL DO IT OURSELVES!"

The Demonic Wizards had enough, leaping towards the Magic Knights and shaking the ground around them, releasing a magic shockwave that sent the twins flying away with the rest of their friends.

BAAAAM!

Chapter 1460 Dual Aura Combination

The powerful combined attack from Joustin and Patricia was enough to almost finish off the Demonic Spectral Chimera, only for Heshmerie on his Blazing Man form to split it into two halves once it was finally weakened enough, and deal with it once and for all.

Filled with frustration, the three-headed Demonic Wizard reached them in an instant, full of fury after what he had witnessed! His greatest creation with his current limitations was ultimately bested. And more than angry, it grew desperate.

"Dammit, these fucking brats aren't good news!"

"Aren't they stronger than we thought?!"

"We have to eat their souls quickly!"

It had to kill these knights and eat their souls to regain more power, and it was its only chance to advance further and then take over the rest of the ruined kingdom.

His true aim was actually the castle's treasury, which he wanted to loot for its many magical artifacts, riches, and ancient weapons and armor to become stronger and also gain enough capital to run away.

"We have to eat their souls and run to the treasury as quickly as possible!"

"That brat used Blazing Man; he's going to pass out!"

"We should target him first! Kill them, rob the treasury, and escape!"

The three heads proclaimed they were going to kill the Queen, but they actually just wanted to sneak inside...

As their thoughts combined into a large mind due to their different brains connected into a single body like conjoined twins could, they were also able to think much quicker than everyone else.

And conjure magic even faster as a result!

"WE'LL SHOW YOU THE TRUE POWER OF OUR CULT!"

"LONG LIVE THE LORD OF DEMONIC WIZARDS, MERLINUS!"

"AAAAAHHHH!"

They roared in unison, raising their scepters into the sky and then summoning the demonic specters they could at the moment, roughly twenty or so of them.

They opened their jaws and started to devour them!

"W-What are they doing?!" Patricia asked.

"They're eating their own summons?!" Joustin asked.

"This is bad! Get back!" Heshmerie screamed, as he saw the monstrous demonic wizard transform.

Their body started rapidly growing larger, tumors spreading through their entire bodies, their three humanoid heads merged into their torso.

And then a fourth larger head emerged, resembling the head of some kind of draconic demonic monster, with no skin and just made of muscle and flesh, covered only with a huge red metal mask and with no eyes, but giant sharp teeth.

"GRUUUAAAHHHH!"

As it roared furiously, it spread out two ugly, featherless wings with sharp spikes and eyes, while it grew two more arms, becoming a six-limbed monstrosity.

The three heads of the magicians remained stuck to the torso, looking around their surroundings creepily while reciting demonic magic.

"Y-You can't be serious...!" Joustin muttered. "W-What are we even supposed to do against that?!"

"Why would they go so far?! To turn their bodies into monstrosities and sacrifice their souls to demons!" Patricia cried. "I just can't understand them!"

"They're crazy, Patricia, that's what they are!" Heshmerie said, looking slightly tired now. "I'll take it on! You two support me from afar...! Where are the twins?"

"We're here! H-Heshmerie?!"

"Heshmerie, don't stay in that form for too long!"

Emerette and Juliette were very worried about him, Heshmerie had yet to go back to normal, he had to stay in this form to protect his friends.

"Don't worry about me..." Heshmerie said. "We must protect the Kingdom... Our queen, our prince, our seniors... We must protect the home my father gave his life for years ago."

He grasped his blazing hands tightly, as his friends recalled Heshmerie's story, the single surviving member of his noble family, his mother died due to a sickness early in her life, and his father died battling demonic cultists three years ago.

"But giving away your life for it won't work!" Patricia cried. "Stop this, we can... we should run!"

"Run?" Heshmerie wondered. "No... I cannot allow myself to do that now. But maybe you should... I'll hold this thing back."

"Dammit! Do you think we'll do it now after everything you said?!" Joustin screamed angrily, his grimoire floating above him.

"We'll simply have to fight with everything we've got, and more!" Emerette said. "Right sister?"

"Yes! We won't leave you behind, Heshmerie...!" Juliette nodded. "Sister, let's do this together too."

"Yeah!"

"Then...!"

"{Dual Aura Combination}!"

FLUOSH!

The twins held hands tightly, their Auras suddenly connecting and combining, their power suddenly doubled as their auras became one, shared between the two.

"Their Magic Power doubled?!" Patricia asked.

"Wow, they combined their strength too!" Joustin said. "Patricia, we should do the same!"

"B-But I don't know how!" Patricia said.

"Like we did before, but with our Auras and Magic!" Joustin said, readjusting his glasses. "Touch my hand!"

"ROOOAAARRR!"

RUMBLE!

As this happened, the monster charged towards the young knights.

"Y-Your hand?!"

Patricia panicked, growing redder and redder.

"This is not the time to get embarrassed, Patricia!"

"A-Ah, fine! Fine!"

Patricia held his hand, their Auras, Pink and Green, began to meld together.

Although their colors were different, both were primarily Wind Element.

"{Dual Aura Combination}!"

FLUOSH!

As their Auras combined, they felt elevated, more magic power coursed through their bodies as they shared it with one another.

"Let's go!"

Heshmerie charged forward, swinging his gigantic blazing sword against the chimera with everything he had.

"For Sir David, for Queen Camilla, for Young Lord Gustav...!" Heshmerie thought. "I must persevere, I must fight! I cannot lose! I simply cannot lose!"

CLAAASH!

The monstrous beast that the demonic wizards had become roared, attacking Heshmerie with its six massive claws while releasing red laser beams from its many eyes!

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

It was an all-out barrage of countless physical and magical attacks!

"Nnnghh! Uuuggh!"

Heshmerie resisted with his blazing body, but he was being filled with holes and covered on slashing wounds!

Nevertheless, he swung his blade and cut through the monster's arms, two at the same time.

SLAAAASH!

The Blazing Man Transformation was tremendously strong, increasing his power several times over as he burned his own lifeforce.

However, even then.

The thing in front of him was just much stronger.

"RAAAAHHH!"

In that moment, the monstrosity opened its jaws and...

FLUOSH!

Heshmerie ended taking a giant blazing breath attack at point blank.

"Ah!"

BOOOMMM!!!