

## **Brand New 1471**

### Chapter 1471 Meanwhile, In The Forest Of Beginnings

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Although the battle against Merlinus was a victory for his opposing side, the damage that the city ended taking and the loss of their King was a terrible wound left behind, one that was still bleeding a day after. The people that Planta had forcefully made to sleep and then moved to her Forest for protection had already woken up, many of them were very confused and scared at first, it was natural.

To go to sleep like any other day in your house and to suddenly wake up inside a strange magical forest full of weird creatures everywhere, without your home, or any of your possessions other than yourself was incredibly scary, even more when you were told that your house was probably wrecked and the whole city is in ruins!

The mob of people that belonged to the Luminous Kingdom were an enormous amount that even surpassed the quantity of fairies within the Forest of Beginnings, the most populous tribe of spirit people so far, who bordered to almost one hundred thousand within their large magical city.

And yet, the humans were almost ten times that, although most of them were much weaker than an average fairy, once they united into giant mobs, it was very hard to contain them without using brute force.

The children and babies crying constantly, the elderly complaining and angrily shouting at everyone, the worried parents, the mothers that didn't know what to do anymore, and the rest of the people, who felt both frustrated and betrayed by their rulers into suddenly being abducted into a weird and scary forest... it was too much.

"We want to go back! We want to go back! We want to go back!"

"Why can't we go back to our houses?! Let us go, you monsters!"

"Disgusting creatures, you aren't even humans! You dare think you can contain us here?!"

"We will go back if you don't let us! We will break through!"

"Someone call Queen Titania! She is the Queen of all Fairies! She should be able to have a solution!"

"My children won't stop crying, everyone is scared! Please do something!"

"We don't know what to do woman! What else do you want me to do?! Fuck off with your kids!"

"My shop! I left my shop alone! Is it wrecked from the war?! No... All my stuff! My riches!"

"What has been of the Adventurer Guild?! Is the Guild Master fine? I cannot find him among this massive mob of people!"

"Mom! Where is my mom? Buuuuuuuahhhh!"

"My back hurts... Aren't there any seats for us elderly people out here in this wild forest?!"

"Damn Fairies, you think you can order us around, you fucking flying midgets?!"

"Disgusting furry creatures, don't touch me! I won't eat your fucking nuts and fruits! I want meat and bread!"

The mob was massive, hundreds of thousands of people gathered within the southeast side of the Fairy Queendom's City, they had made huge packs of people constantly screaming and complaining.

The fairy soldiers looked exhausted, and it has barely been half a day since the people started waking up, they had been constantly trying to stop them from scaling the walls and trying to run into the wild forest, which is dangerous as it is full of monsters that fairies have no control over, and that's without even including how these people could easily get lost now that the forest is several times larger than before.

"P-Please stop trying to scale the walls, you'll fall and suffer a lot of damage...!"

Nieve was flying around the walls with other fairies, quickly grabbing unwilling humans, mostly men between their twenties and thirties who were trying to climb the huge walls of the city.

"You don't have the right to contain me here, fairy! I am a free human man! Let me go! I want to go BACK HOME!"

They complained, struggled, and even hit the fairies angrily, Nieve felt no damage from their blows, so she didn't care, but they sure felt like stupid children or babies to her.

The other fairies easily conjured spirit barriers, suffering no damage either, or carrying the humans that tried to escape into a different area where they were contained.

"Hah, this is already the tenth batch of wall-climbing humans, we've told them time and time again it is illegal, and they do it again..." Nieve sighed, glaring at the humans inside a huge building made of wood the Queen made. "Please behave! Your city is being rebuilt as we speak. Housing for all of you is being made in here as well! You just need to have patience! We can't let you go to the forest because there are dangerous monsters, and you can get lost easily!"

"What? Are you treating us like children or something?!"

"Let us go back home! We'll help the king rebuild the city!"

"Why can't we help remake our city?!"

"Because it is dangerous, I already told you before that the city walls collapsed, and monsters are roaming the ruins and even remnants of the previous battle remain! Civilians shouldn't go there yet!" Nieve insisted, raising her voice very loudly, something she usually didn't do.

"Bullshit!"

"The Holy Knights will protect us!"

"And the Adventurers and the Players!"

"There's tens of thousands of Soldiers! Can't they do their job for once?!"

"W-What are you even talking about?! All those people fought yesterday, a lot of them died and those that survived need to rest for several days before they can get up and work again!" Nieve facepalmed.  
"Humans, humans, humans! Ugh! You are all so selfish!"

"What did you say?!"

"Damn fairy! Come back here!"

"Where is she going to?!"

The humans kept complaining as Nieve sighed, flying away. She realized it was impossible to reason with people that had become so enraged they would simply not listen to any words.

"It's clear as water that these people had never faced actual struggles in their lives, huh? They lived very sheltered lives in the capital... It must be really hard on their minds to be going through this," Nieve thought, sighing. She still had some pity for them, perhaps because she was also quite old herself. "For now, I should go tell her majesty about everything happening..."

Nieve rapidly flew back to the Fairy Queen's castle, finding the Queen looking all exhausted.

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Nieve sighed as she left the "wall-climbing human containment zone" and rushed back to the castle while looking exhausted. She had to quickly report how things were going out there to the Queen, while she was sure she was busy, Nieve never expected her Queen to be in such a state whatsoever.

She looked utterly exhausted, with bags beneath her beautiful eyes, her face looked slightly older for some reason, and the color of her clothes, wings, and hair had become whiter or grayer, as if her radiance was drained out of her.

"Queen Titania...? A-Are you alright?!"

Nieve flew towards Titania, who quickly looked back at her while drinking a Mana Potion using a wooden straw.

"I-I'm fine, Nieve. Everything is... everything is alright..." Titania muttered. "I am so... so fine."

"No you're not fine at all!" Nieve cried. "Why do you look so exhausted, your majesty? Your Mana is being constantly drained...!"

"I am... building houses for them all, it takes so much Mana to do this... fully concentrating, my head hurts a bit," Titania sighed, as she was actually conjuring a tremendous magic spell within the city, huge trees were surging endlessly, merging, and shaping into houses with many rooms inside. "I am... halfway done! Another... five hundred thousand... left. Ugh..."

"Y-You've done an amazing job already, please rest until tomorrow!" Nieve said. "No more of this, okay? Please, your majesty!"

"A-Ahah... But... the humans...!" Titania cried. "I don't want them to be upset... Poor little humans lost everything..."

"Yes I know, but they're very selfish as well, you shouldn't sacrifice so much of yourself for them," Nieve said angrily. "Tomorrow or even past tomorrow we can continue working. Perhaps when Planta finally returns."

"Ugh... But humans... No, don't say that Nieve... Humans are precious too, they're the children of Yggdrasil and Gaia... Despite our differences, we can... we can be friends..." Titania muttered.  
"Luminous..."

"Your majesty...?" Nieve wondered, as she suddenly saw Titania slowly close her eyes and fall asleep.  
"Oh... Oh well, this is for the better."

She quickly carried the queen with her Aura, slowly and gently placing her over her bed, covering her with her pink bed sheets and sighing.

"Please rest well for now, okay? You've worked hard enough..."

Nieve caressed the queen's forehead before she left, quickly assessing the situation in the castle, where she finally met with an exhausted sister, Florie.

"Florie, you're tired too?"

"Ugh... Big sis? Ah... Hm. A bit. Working for the humans is tiring..."

"What have you been doing?"

Nieve sat down in front of her sister in the huge cafeteria area of the castle, serving herself a plate of fried vegetables with grilled fish, and a small fruit salad as dessert.

"I've been trying to calm the mob of humans using my abilities, it seems I've managed to calm down half of them. My magic can infuse Love and Hope into people," explained Florie. "But... Aaah, I've already used the same power like a thousand times, sister... I'm tired."

"T-That's more than enough for now... You should also rest! We can't simply rush things, the humans are very impatient beings. Perhaps because they don't live as long as we do, they're always so impatient and cannot even sit down and wait," Nieve sighed.

"Hmm, if only Planta was here..." Florie sighed. "If she was, things would be easier..."

"We can't rely on her for everything, Florie," Nieve said. "She has done enough, if we become so dependent, then what will become of our entire Queendom? To rely on a single person to do everything means we are no different from newborn children."

"R-Right..." Florie yawned. "I guess I'll go sleep for now... Ah right! I-Is the Queen okay?"

"She's sleeping by now," Nieve said. "Don't disturb her, okay?"

"Ah, yeah... I'll go take a nap too then," Florie nodded. "And... Ah, well, the Mushroom Brigade are still working hard to provide with necessities to the humans, most of them are cooking and hunting beasts to provide them with all the food they need, which is a lot. Also because they demand meat so much, we can't really please their stomachs with our nuts, veggies, or fruits..."

"It's complicated, yes," Nieve nodded. "I suppose I'll continue working for a while. Have you known anything about the other races?"

"Acorn and several volunteered Squirrel-kin gathered to help out the humans accommodate, although they're receiving a lot of discrimination from them," sighed Florie. "Humans are so nasty sometimes, talking badly of the humble Squirrel-kin! Gnomes and Brownies are also helping on hunting for meat and

also on making a lot of bread and soup to feed the population. That we have to make whole different foods for them is quite the pain."

"I suppose I have to agree with that," Nieve nodded with a sigh. "And the Druids?"

"Most of them are moving between their Realm, the Fey Wilds, Luminous and the Forest," Florie explained. "They're bringing any help they can, but their group is rather small, so they can only do so much on their own. A squad was sent to protect Luminous Kingdom for now though, as orders from Lady Verdant herself."

"That's good then," nodded Nieve. "Well, we've got a lot of friends, it isn't just us Fairies anymore, so I am sure we'll be able to get somewhere. Lady Planta's City population is also helping right?"

"Yeah, the population is already here, they're working hard..." nodded Florie. "They're providing more "familiar" foods to the humans, such as potatoes, tomatoes, cabbage, rice, and so on from her farms, which expand through hundreds of kilometers. At least we're not lacking on this necessary food, though their demand for meat and bread even when given a lot of food is still exhausting. Why are humans so obsessed with these two foods? They don't really need it to live. Veggies and fruits are more than enough to fill the belly!"

"I know..." Nieve sighed. "Is Erebus working too?"

"Yes, he's been working hard containing the humans..." Florie muttered. "And not doing a very great job though, he mostly just scares them."

"Hah... That's better than nothing, honestly." Nieve sighed, finishing her meal. "Well, I'll get going. I might work for a couple more hours myself before going to bed, rest well sister."

"Okay, take care Nieve...!" Florie said, as she saw her big sister fly away. "Hah, you're such a hard worker..."

Chapter 1473 The Scary Fairy

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Although most of the people by now had calmed down after eating, there were still a few thousands of them forming a large mob, constantly protesting against the fairies and their "evil regime" and their "vile tyranny" for keeping them here as "slaves" despite not being forced to do anything at all and being given free food and housing too.

"We want to go back home!"

"Bring us back home, you kidnapers!"

"You will pay for this! You will pay for this!!!"

"Where is all my money?! Did you steal it?!"

"Damn fairies, damn squirrels, damn mushrooms! I hate all of you disgusting non-humans! You will burn in hell!"

"We will not stop fighting back! You kidnaped us all! How can we believe you're even saying the truth?!"

"Where's the King and the Queen?! What did you do to our rulers?!"

"Is this staged by Planta?! Was she the one with that plan? That damned woman!"

The mobs kept screaming loudly, sometimes repeating the same words constantly, pushing and trying to punch and kick the fairies and squirrel-kin trying to contain them and calm them down.

They were mostly all completely weak though, so even squirrel-kin was able to easily avoid their hits with their quick bodies, and fairies conjured spirit barriers to protect them easily.

However, the mob was so huge that even then, they were slowly being pushed from time to time, so they needed something to contain them.

To let them free would mean their deaths, as they would get devoured by monsters and then lost, these people were all generally quite weak.

The Adventurers capable of fighting stayed behind in the Kingdom after all, so mostly weak civilians were here.

"You aren't slaves!"

"P-Please calm down, human people!"

"We just want to protect you for the time being!"

"The forest is dangerous! And you cannot return back home yet, it is being rebuilt!2

"This is an official statement from your Queen! Please remain calm!"

Fairy Soldiers, Squirrels wearing wooden armor and shields, gnomes, brownies, and even Myconid were doing all the same, trying to hold them back while not hurting them if possible.

"Bullshit! Move aside!"

"There's no way the Queen would want us to stay in the middle of some den of monsters!"

"You damn demi-humans will pay for this! The King will come back with his army and exterminate all of your filth!"

"Keep fighting! They cannot stop us all!"

The humans kept fighting back, despite not realizing that their "oppressors" could have easily slaughtered them all with their power, and yet kept them well protected and fed.

They were abusing their own luck by constantly acting this way, despite how nice their helpers were, taking responsibility for their safety even when most were complete strangers.

"THAT'S ENOUGH."

RUMBLE!

And yet, out of nowhere, the humans froze in fear, amongst the gentle "guards" of this city, there was a certain black-winged fairy of demonic appearance, who didn't hold back like the rest.

He appeared, flying from the skies and descending, his dark, shadowy presence spread darkness everywhere, a pressure that made the humans tremble in fear and become almost paralyzed.

"The black fairy is here!"

"W-Wait, calm down!"

"Huh?! Oh no!"

"R-Run! Step back!"

The humans instantly changed their reactions, while they acted like assholes against the nicest of people, when he appeared here, everyone knew it and trembled.

It was nobody else than Erebus, of course.

"You will BEHAVE! We are PROTECTING you right now. And if you ever DARE to step out into the forest. We will not be RESPONSIBLE if you die mauled by beasts, UNDERSTOOD?!"

"E-Eek!"

"D-Don't get closer to me!"

"Uaagh!"

"S-Spare me...!"

The humans felt so afraid they ran away back to where they came from, entering their temporary homes within gigantic trees.

Erebus stayed there spreading his pressuring aura, until the entire mob was completely dissolved, and the stupid humans were back home.

"Hmph..."

As he sighed, he crossed his little arms, glancing around. If the Fairies and the rest of the Forest Inhabitants were too nice to force them like this, then he was going to play the bad cop and get things done.

"E-Erebus, did you had to intimidate them again like that?"

"You know that it's not good either..."

"What if they resent us once they go back to their homes?"

"We wouldn't want to provoke a war or something!"

"There might be some nobles among them, but it'll still not be enough for a war," Erebus explained. "Ultimately the only ones that get a saying are the royal family members, and all of them are well informed of what's going on. They already hate us for no reason, so it doesn't matter if I intimidate them. I never hit them either, nor did I make them bleed or something. If they simply fear my presence then it is their fault, not mine."

"But..."

"Even then, that's a bit..."

"Well, whatever..."

"Yeah..."

The fairies that tried to say something ended shutting down after Erebus explained to them the truth of the situation, and of how little power they truly had despite everything.

Most fairies had expected the humans to be very grateful and patiently wait while enjoying all the free food and housing, like some sort of touristic trip to another country.

They expected to make new friends and stuff... But at the end, it was just a bunch of despicable, disgusting people that hate their kind to death for no reason whatsoever other than the difference in appearance.

"Not every human is this way right?"

"I mean, there are some calmer ones."

"That old lady that thanked me after I gave her soup seemed polite..."

"The children aren't evil either..."

Erebus could hear the fairies mumbling and whispering with one another, his red-eyed glare quickly made them a bit afraid, as they flew away instantly.

"Hmph... Whatever," he sighed, glaring into the castle. "Titania's presence... Florie too? Both are asleep. I suppose they overworked themselves to almost death today."

Erebus looked into the skies, the sun was slowly setting into the horizon, and then he looked at the beautiful Yggdrasil tree, which had become completely white in color, with glistening leaves of purple, blue and gold colors.

"Planta... Although I wish you were here, I want you to know you can take it easy. We will take care of these things on our own."

Chapter 1474 The Mushroom Brigade Works Hard

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"ROOOAARR!"

A huge six-legged lizard roared, rushing across the forest. Its height was over ten meters, covered in hard green and red scales, releasing flames from its jaws.

Despite its appearance, this thing wasn't a dragon, but a prehistoric beast that had begun appearing within the Forest of Beginnings after its changes.

Although these changes were great for everyone, they also brought new dangers that people had to be wary of.

Such as much stronger, higher leveled creatures mostly referred as "prehistoric" or "ancient" ancestors of the monsters and animals that lived here.

These enormous six-legged lizards were actually ancestors of the Common Six-Legged Lizard, a hand-sized little lizard that roams the forest and eats bugs!

However, this gigantic beast? A true monster and behemoth of its own.

And also packed with meat, several tons of meat to feed hundreds of humans, if not thousands.

"{Heroic Blade Swordsmanship}: {Horizon Slice}!"

"GRRHHH?!"

However, the monster's rush was interrupted as a small orange-capped mushroom wearing armor around his body, with thin arms and legs, roared mightily, swinging his small silver colored blade against the beast.

SLAAASH!

A powerful slicing wave of silver energy impacted the beast, of enormous and intimidating size, as its neck was quickly sliced through, its massive head sent flying into the skies!

"GRYAAACK!"

The head still groaned, as it fell to the ground and rolled its eyes, blood splattering into the forest floor, the beheaded body quickly stopped moving.

"Well, that's a wrap! We'll bring this one as well!"

Sporegon nodded confidently as he sheathed his blade, he noticed the other hunters with him bringing their own hunts, all kinds of huge creatures.

Overhunting here wasn't even a problem anymore, the forest had become so huge and full of giant monsters everywhere that hunting them was perhaps the only way to keep it a bit more peaceful.

"Now... Hm?" Suddenly, however, the knight noticed something odd. "I can't store it?"

As he looked at the corpse, suddenly...

RUMBLE!

The entire beheaded corpse stood back up, Sporegon stepped back in shock, as he saw the entire corpse beginning to tremble, something dug out of its open neck!

CRAAASH!

And from within, a massive, horrendous-looking insect appeared, resembling a mix between a mantis, a cockroach, and a centipede, with orange colored exoskeleton, two huge red eyes, and four massive sharp, blade-like scythes.

"SHYEEEEHHH!"

As the creature roared monstrosly, the entire corpse began moving, controlled by its gigantic parasite body inside of it, which had merged its legs with its nervous systems long ago.

"T-This is...?!"

Sporegon glanced at the system notification, noticing the odd thing.

[From the corpse of the [Ancient Six-Limbed Giant Fiery Lizard: Lv200+], its parasitic host, a monstrous [Prehistoric Titan Parasitoid (Adult Stage): Lv250+] has appeared!]

[Because its host has been killed, its evolution has been triggered, reaching its Adult Stage immediately and using the rest of the host's body as its new home.]

[It will fiercely defend it with its four, sharp blade-like scythes which can ignore up to 30% of Defenses from foes, be careful!]

"Huh, another monstrous thing happening..."

Sporegon couldn't say he wasn't surprised, he had seen weird things happening everywhere for a while now, from giant monsters suddenly transforming into bigger forms when almost dead and cornered, to other creatures suddenly triggering evolutions or even spreading domains to survive and escape.

The forest's new monstrous inhabitants were nothing but normal, these ancient and prehistoric creatures once lived in a much harsher world than this one and had evolved into becoming fiercer and much harder to kill.

This giant parasite, though, when looked from his angle looked a lot like a lobster... Sporegon couldn't help but feel like its meat could be tasty if boiled, its claws were huge and meaty after all.

"Okay, we'll have you for dinner too, bring it!"

"SHYAAEEEEGGH!"

The monstrous parasite roared angrily, spraying acid everywhere, Sporegon noticed in time, quickly evading the acid, which melted the head of the lizard behind him.

FRSSSH!

"A deadly long-ranged acid attack! That's new."

Sporegon jumped from branch to branch around the many trees, evading the giant parasite as it swung its massive scythes of over five meters long.

CRASH! CRASH! CRASH! CRASH!

They easily sliced through the huge trees, leaving behind a devastating scene, Sporegon gathered Mana within his blade as he evaded and then, rushed behind the parasite without expecting it.

"My turn now!"

As he said that, his blade overflowed with spiraling silver colored mana.

"{Heroic Blade Swordsmanship}: {Piercing Thrust}!"

With all his force, he pierced through the parasite's body from behind, his entire body and his sword cut through the monster, leaving behind a gigantic hole.

CRAAASH!

"G-GRYAAGH?!"

The parasite vomited blood and splattered blood everywhere, unable to believe it, its giant body dropped dead alongside its host's corpse, finally defeated.

"Hm, well! That was a fine workout I suppose... I doubt the humans will want to eat this huge thing though, so it'll be for us."

The corpse disappeared instantly, stored within his Inventory. Sporegon and the rest of the Mushroom Brigade all had Honorary Player Titles, allowing them usage of Inventories, and to be able to see their Status and System Messages at their command.

"Sporegon! We heard a strange scream, was that a new monster?"

Hunter appeared from amidst the trees, glancing at Sporegon from above, he carried his magic bow and nothing else, his arrows were magical.

"Ah, Hunter! Yes, a giant parasite thing, it was dealt with, don't worry."

"A parasite you say? We'll have to write that down and report it to the Adventurer Guild, these new monsters are dangerous and need some classification."

"True, let's go back then!"

"Uncle Sporegon! I caught a big one!"

As the two were about to leave, a cute rainbow-capped mushroom boy stepped into the scene, carrying with him a huge four-meter-big yellow colored bird with a red, fiery head and a black hammer-shaped beak.

"It's a Prehistoric Hammer Bird! It looks like it could have a lot of chicken meat!"

"Oh, Jack! Good hunt! Well done boy, let's go then!"

The Mushroom Brigade hunters quickly walked back to the Fairy Queendom, bringing a lot of meat from the monsters they hunted, where they butchered them all with the help of the System, processing the corpses into cookable meat chunks instantly.

"Up to you now, Chef!" Sporegon said.

"Leave it to me, Sporegon!" Chef, the cook of the brigade unsheathed his cooking knives, ready to start cooking.

Chapter 1475 Sometimes, Kindness And A Good Meal Is All You Need

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Thousands of humans gathered through the city, glancing at a huge kitchen in the middle of it all working never-endingly, even when the sun was about to set completely, the smell of delicious roasted meat could be smelled all around that area of the city. Even the fairies got hungry and curious, as they saw a huge group of cooks and chefs cooking and roasting all kinds of meals.

Cooking Spirits flew everywhere, helping them constantly produce the most delicious dishes, most of them cooking on gigantic woks and pots, to prepare enough soup and food for hundreds or thousands of people at once.

The smell intensified more as the hard day full of anger, raging people, and stress came to an end. The people continued fighting somewhere, but the smell and their hunger seemed to unify them in the same desire, they wanted to have a good meal.

"Please, please! Gather around everyone! There is food for every single one of you, as much as your belly can hold!"

Chef moved around the massive kitchen of gigantic size, the woks and pots and even the utensils were all made by Hammer previously, their blacksmith.

It wasn't just cooking, but a show where every single person was amazed, the children gathered together to see both squirrel-kin, fairies, gnomes, brownies and humans.

"Woow!"

"Such huge things!"

"Smells so nice! What's that?!"

"Fried rice with chicken meat! I want some!"

"Mommy, mommy! When is it ready?!"

As the children couldn't wait any longer, Chef rapidly stepped forward, as dozens of soldiers placed several plates of food over gigantic tables, with his abilities, he threw the fried rice and chicken meat into the skies.

FLAAASH!

"W-Woah!"

"It's going to fall!"

"Wait, what is he doing?!"

As the people panicked, Chef dexterously manipulated the food with his Aura of Cooking, Spirits of Cooking merging with it and moving the food, all of it, to each plate separately in a show of incredible magic power and technique!

"Ten thousand plates of fried rice with vegetables and Hammer Bird and Ancient Lizard meat done! Please come forward and grab your plate and spoons! There's no need to use any fork or knife for this!"

He had smartly made things already cut into tiny chunks, so forks and knives were not needed to eat, people just could eat everything with a wooden spoon they were given.

The humans timidly stepped forward, quickly making a line without becoming an infuriated mob, the children were first, as most people were nice enough to prioritize them.

"There you go boy! Eat your fill!"

Chef winked at a brown-haired boy, who gasped as he was given such a big plate of rice with veggies and meat, it smelled so good that even if he didn't like veggies, it didn't matter!

"Woow! It smells so nice! I'm so hungry mister mushroom!"

He quickly started eating while walking away, devouring everything happily, and even eating his vegetables without problems.

Children after children, they walked and sat down on the table with their parents to eat, families gathered, and even those protesting ended growing tired, walking to the several dozens of lines to receive delicious food and dishes.

The people sat down to eat, although there were some unruly ones that tried to grab food on their own, only to get dragged back by the more behaved people.

There wasn't just rice though, but also mashed potatoes with grilled meat in tiny cubes for easy digestion, chicken soup with potatoes and carrots, noodles with tomato sauce with minced meat, and parmesan cheese on top, hot dogs, hamburgers, and more.

The humans, and even fairies, squirrel-kin, gnomes, brownies, and Myconid were pleased, eating together as they decided to throw away their differences, maybe just for this once.

"T-This is...?!"

Erebus' eyes widened, as he glanced at the scene in front of him, the central plaza of the city was full of people enjoying and eating food over large tables, of all kinds, although mostly humans.

"They're calm?"

He couldn't believe how mostly everyone was finally calmer than before, eating good food together while enjoying small talk, drinking fruit juice and milk.

The food had a magical effect on their bodies, Cooking Magic made people happier and more relaxed the tastier the food was.

Chef nodded with a smile as he kept cooking and serving food with his squad of over fifty cooks by his side, of all races.

"Everyone is eating together so peacefully? How is this possible? Weren't the humans making a huge fuss a few minutes ago?"

As he flew by the side of Chef, the Myconid smiled back at him.

"That's the power of food, son..." He said. "It can bring people together despite all their differences. And it can soothe a person's soul and heart. I believe that aside from trying to talk, offering delicious food is a must if you want someone to trust you. A good meal can speak a thousand words after all and truly show the kindness of your heart to someone else. Especially if it was done with love and care, and even more if it's really delicious."

"..." Erebus remained in silence, looking at the scene, until he noticed the Queen, Florie, and Nieve flying around nearby, it seemed the queen and the princess woke up after sleeping for over five hours. They had come to help calm down the humans, but found this scene instead, leaving them flabbergasted.

"How about you bring some meals to the ladies over there?" Chef said, giving Erebus a small wooden table with four large plates of food and a jug with fresh fruit juice. "You look hungry yourself, so go eat your fill!"

"A-Ah... Thanks..." Erebus muttered, flying near Titania and the rest, looking a bit awkward and embarrassed.

Chef nodded as the Queen, the Princess, and Nieve nodded, sitting down with Erebus and enjoying a meal while smiling and looking happy and relaxed.

"Thank you for the help, Chef..." Sporegon stepped by the side of his friend.

"This takes me back, Sporegon..." Chef smiled lightly. "Don't you remember back then, years ago, when our Hero Luminous enjoyed a similar meal with the Continental Union before his battle against the Demon King?"

"Yeah..." Sporegon smiled lightly. "You're right... This scene is... quite similar."

"Now the Demon King is finally with us, slowly changing..." Chef laughed. "And I'm so happy my food is bringing everyone together... Makes me happy I became a chef."

"Well said, my friend. Let's go have a meal as well," Sporegon patted his friend's shoulders.

Sometimes what gets people together after so much sorrow, suffering, and differences aren't just sitting down and talking, but showing each other's sincerity through actions.

An act of kindness, perhaps a coat to cover someone from winter, medicine for the pain and to heal wounds, even a good, delicious meal.

These people are all different, they come from different backgrounds, have different cultures and pasts, but right now, they were all sitting at the same table, talking, knowing each other, and enjoying a good meal.

Perhaps they won't change instantly, differences will always remain, some people will continue discussing and fighting back, but over time, they will soon come to realize how little different they truly are from one another.

And that all of us are just people living in the world, trying to get by, with families, people we love, and meals we enjoy.

Chapter 1476: A New Day

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(Elayne's POV)

This time I had no weird dreams whatsoever, waking up around eleven in the morning as fresh as a cabbage!

Quite a lot happened yesterday, despite me wanting to relax. Urban Spirits appeared out of nowhere, we made some totems, which we have yet to make more as we ended getting too lazy to work after lunch, and then I spent most of the evening and the night with my friends and Mark.

I mostly skipped alcoholic drinks myself but Rita and everyone else got wasted. Mark also drank a bit, though he is quite resistant to alcohol. After everything, we had a slightly passionate night with Mark, the two of us were quite horny after everything, so we did a lot of love in bed. When he drinks he gets a bit more intense and... Ahh, well, it was really nice.

Anyway! I quickly decided to wake up already, walking out of my bedroom to notice Mark at my side, sleeping completely naked with only a few blankets covering his body...

Thankfully Gabriel wasn't here, or I would've been rather embarrassed, he had his own room now, so he probably was sleeping there, hopefully.

"Honey, wake up~"

This time I decided to wake him up with me, he groaned a little bit, but slowly opened his eyes, kissing my cheek.

"Hey."

"Morning..."

As he yawned, I quickly went to the bathroom and put on the warm water.

"Let's take a bath together!"

"A bath? Ahh... What hour is it?"

"Around eleven in the morning?"

"Hm, I see..."

"Come on~ Let's go take a bath together!"

I insisted, dragging him out of the bedroom, and when he saw my naked body, his eyes widened, and he woke up immediately.

"Okay let's take a bath together."

"Heheh..."

I giggled a bit as we entered the bath and took a rather long shower together.

For once I just wanted to relax and do a few... well, lewd things here and there.

Once we were done, we quickly walked out of the bathroom and dressed up in some summer clothes, going to make breakfast as usual.

On the way to the kitchen, however, we were greeted by not only Gabriel, but a friend he had made recently, an Urban Spirit with a rather strange appearance. Both were sitting over the couch while playing video games.

The boy was Julio the Stabbed, a boy-like Urban Spirit that looks like he has been stabbed, resembling a boy around Gabriel's age of appearance, purple hair, cute red eyes, and wearing bloodstained black uniform.

"Hi..." He said with a wave of his hand. "I'm sorry... Gabriel invited me inside, so I came... He showed me the TV, and we played video games... I'm sorry..."

"I-It's fine, haha, I don't mind, you're a Spirit after all," I said. "But don't do it again without my permission, okay?"

"Okay..." Julio the Stabbed nodded. "I'm sorry..."

"Don't say sorry so much, it's fine," I sighed. "Anyway, it seems you've become Gabriel's friend? I thought you were the Druid's friend?"

"Not completely... I mean, I got along with them but... Gabriel is nicer, and more around my age," Julio the Stabbed said. "Right?"

"Yeah!" Gabriel hugged him. "He also doesn't sleep much so we can spend a lot of time playing! Katherine and Kaguya don't like playing, and the fire bear cubs are sleeping, so I got bored..."

"I see..." I nodded. "So that's why! Well, you can feel at home here if you want, dear. We'll prepare breakfast. Monica and my daughter should be on their way here in a few minutes I suppose. Let's make something tasty today."

We cooked the usual breakfast with a lot more of fruits we've harvested from the garden this time, adding more nutritional and spiritual value to the meals. In fact, there was a lot of fruit I mixed into as many meals as I could.

"Oooh..." The Urban Spirit boy glanced at the scene in surprise. "So much food... Can I eat some?"

"Sure!" I nodded. "We prepared for you as well, right?"

"Yeah," Mark nodded with a relaxed smile, as we sat down to enjoy a meal while watching TV, the news were quite interesting today.

"And in other news, several new Gates have opened across South America recently. As stated earlier, South America was among the few places in the world where Gates had not opened yet or where they were in much smaller quantities. However, that changed recently with ten reported Gates across various countries."

"Populated areas had been told to evacuate, but the majority of the population refused, not wanting to leave behind their homes. It is to note that most of these people don't really have any funds or money to get a new home, let alone find it, so the situation has been rather hard in these countries."

"However, the President of the United States recently made an announcement, saying he would dispatch Hunters and Specialized Agents to take down these Gates and help South America's perilous situation."

As I looked at the news, I felt slightly relieved.

"Well at least they're going to help out a bit," I sighed. "It's kind of weird though, there aren't any organizations like SWORD in South America?"

"Perhaps not as developed or as big..." Mark said. "I hope some Hunters can raise in there to help out..."

"Hm," I continued looking at the TV but there was an ad, so I just changed channels to something else. "My parents came from Chile, did you know? So I got a bit worried... But it seems the Gate on Chile appeared near the ocean, in the port city of Valparaiso. Seems far away from people at least, as long as they don't approach on boat."

I had researched on my phone almost right away, feeling relieved.

"Oh, I had no idea..." Mark was surprised. "So you're technically Chilean as well?"

"Not really... I mean my parents are, but I was born in Canada," I said. "I've never visited that country though... I guess I worried more in regards of my parents. Well, whatever, today we should finish the totems we were carving yesterday! And maybe I'll build some sort of smithy or forge too, I want to use my Blacksmith Abilities here!"

Chapter 1477: Making More Totems

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After breakfast, and with everyone joining in this time, we started making totems to better protect and strengthen the Domain. After discovering their true power yesterday, and how amazing Mark's magic abilities were when related to said totems, I simply couldn't help myself but get as many as possible until the Domain can develop an Ability related to them, which will grant us a stronger protection from invaders.

I guess it could be said I've grown rather paranoid after the last attack, and well, it isn't as if I am not justified either way, it was a terrifying event that... it even took the life of people. So of course I'll try everything I possibly can to strengthen the Domain's defenses, and probably its surrounding area. Hopefully one day I can cover the entire city too, so no bad people ever get close to us again.

"Big sis, is this right? I don't really know how to do this properly..." Gabriel complained, as he pointed at the totem he was making with his little hands and a knife. "Is it?"

It looked quite fine to me, although it was rough around the edges, that doesn't seem to be enough to make it not a totem worthy piece of wood. Apparently even the first totem Monica made was good enough to be accepted by the Spirits.

"It looks good, don't worry!" I said. "What animals have you chosen for it?"

"Hmm, I don't know, can I choose a white dove?" he wondered. "I like white doves; they represent the holy spirit!"

"A-Ah right, sure," I nodded. "Something else?"

"Perhaps a lamb too!" Gabriel said.

"That makes sense..." I nodded. "And what else?"

"Hmm... Dunno about a third animal, that could be related to god or the bible?" he wondered curiously.  
"Ah right! Perhaps a fish!"

"F-Fish?" I wondered. "I guess so! Sure, that's quite the combination though. White Dove, Lamb, and Fish... Sure!"

I helped him out refine his totem pole, he was using the white wood from my current new form, which I had harvested plenty of beforehand.

"It's looking nicer now! Let's apply some paint!" He said happily, he wanted to paint more than carving wood.

"Haha, okay, okay, but don't paint them too much, just add the necessary little details, alright?" I asked.

"Sure!" He nodded happily.

As we sat in the front yard while making totems, Gabriel happily started painting it with the paint available. It was actually just some normal average paint, nothing magical about it, but it seemed to still be fine and worked alright.

As he painted, I glanced at my daughter. She was working on something with Monica's help, after Monica made the first totem she felt like an expert, and she guided my daughter into making her own.

Using their own Magical Essences, the Totems would gain their elemental properties, this is why I wanted everyone to make their own Totems, so we would have totems of various elements and powers.

"And you do it like this..." Monica said. "If you carve this area here, it'll end in a nice ear. It's a wolf right?"

"Yeah," Elena nodded. "A wolf with horns, cool right?"

"I-I suppose it's quite cool," nodded Monica with a smile. "Then the middle animal, what is it?"

"It'll be a... Probably some sort of bat? Yeah I like bats," she nodded. "And the third will be a tarantula. I think that'll be cool too."

"Oh, quite spooky..." Monica nodded. "Sure, okay, let's continue then! I'll help you out with this and that~!"

Monica had grown more confident in her way of speaking most of the time now. If it isn't something about feelings, she usually doesn't stutter anymore when talking, and she has become much more confident about herself.

She now can mostly freely speak with my daughter, and the two had already become great friends, so I'm happy to see her like this. Also another girl to be around the house that's my daughter's age is perfect, so she doesn't feel completely out of place among adults.

I know Anna and Elisa are also her friends and all, but they can't be with us all the time though, they have their own lives and everything else.

However, Monica was adopted by me, and she has grown to feel like a second daughter... So I'm glad my daughter also sees her as a sister, or well, I hope so...

"Hmm, this totem making work is quite exhausting~ Can't we take a break?"

Kaguya sighed with an annoyed face, complaining all the time while carving the wood.

"A break? We're just starting with the second head, Kaguya! Have some more spirit! The butterfly is done and now we're moving to the cicada!"

Katherine was with her, helping out as much as she could. The two got along quite fine, even though Kaguya had a much lazier personality and attitude.

"Hm, I wonder when is she leaving? I really don't want her to leave..."

I sighed internally as I helped little Gabriel pain, it has been almost a month since I summoned Katherine, and she probably has less than a week left with us.

She'll be leaving... Probably to never return as she'll go to her own Realm, Avalon.

I know its her home and I don't have the right to tell her what to do but... It's kind of sad, nonetheless.

"Hey Gardenia, do you think it's possible to ask the King of Fairies to allow Katherine to stay a bit longer with us?"

"Huh? D-Don't call me by my name, that's embarrassing!"

"But your mommy Verdant gave it to you right?"

"T-That's..."

The Great Spirit of Harvest and Nature's real name was Gardenia, and she was the child of Lady Verdant, something she had very faint memories of.

Although we both believed she was a creation of Gaia or Yggdrasil, she actually belonged to Verdant's Realm originally and was given a task by Gaia to find a Saint representing her, me.

Whenever I call her by her real name, she gets all flustered and embarrassed though, which is really cute.

"Well whatever, what would I know? I'm not from this world and Avalon is a Realm more connected to this world than Arcadia..." She shrugged. "You'll have to just ask her directly."

"Hmm, I suppose it's time to have that talk huh?" I sighed.

Chapter 1478: Spending Time With The Druids

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After an hour and a half of carving wood, everyone was mostly done with their work. I did a totem with Gabriel which was pure white, with a Dove, a Lamb, and a Fish. My daughter and Monica made a darker colored totem with purple-colored wood that turned that color due to their Magic Essence, it had a horned wolf, a bat, and a tarantula. Then Kaguya and Katherine's totem was pink colored due to their magic essence, it had a butterfly, a cicada, and a moth.

Lastly, the Druids were also with us carving their own totem, all three of them made a beautiful totem representing the fallen ones, it featured a turtle, a squirrel, and mama fire bear. It looked the most beautiful out of us all... Ah right, Mark wasn't just doing nothing, he made another totem, this one had a lion, a tiger, and an eagle on it.

"Nice! All the totems are ready!" I celebrated. "Thanks a lot everyone! And I know you're all exhausted, so you can rest for the rest of the day... It is a bit too early for snacks though, we'll cook lunch in a bit I suppose. For now just rest."

As I said that, my daughter and Monica walked back inside the house while Gabriel flew to my bed and just laid there, falling asleep right away. As for Kaguya, she disappeared into the soil, appearing elsewhere in the garden, Katherine looked at the Fey that showed up, a started chatting with them.

"Hey you guys! How's it going?" She wondered.

"Kyuuh!"

"Chuuu, chuuu!"

"Ah yeah, I suppose it's been quite peaceful for now, but don't think it'll be that way forever!" Katherine said. "Back then some really nefarious guys showed up, so keep your eyes wide open for any danger."

As I saw them chatting, Mark patted my shoulders.

"So we'll place the totems in the domain?" He wondered curiously. "Hm? Oh, you want to talk with Katherine?"

"Yep..." I muttered. "But she's kind of busy with the Fey... Ah, I think I'll miss her, there's like... What? Three or two days left until she leaves?"

"T-That little? I guess a month went flying..." Muttered Mark. "To think a month ago we didn't even have this Domain."

"Yeah, and the Druid were still secretive and all, now we're all a big family," I giggled. "Also Gabriel hadn't showed up yet either... Life sure changed a lot."

"Lady Elayne, we've finished our totem as well," Rudras said. "Is it of your liking?"

"Oh yes! I love it!" I nodded.

"Really? We put a lot of love into it..." Judith said. "What a relief you liked it!"

"We ended selfishly adding a turtle and a squirrel for Jose and Emilio..." Sighed Grandma Jannis. "But we might have asked you beforehand... We also added the fire bear mother, which we thought was a nice addition so she could protect the pups."

"Ah, it's completely alright. In fact, I really love it because of that," I said with a gentle smile. "Thank you so much for being here with me and everyone else... I'm really grateful and happy you decided to join us instead of still living in secrecy... And this totem is beautiful, we'll use it happily to honor these people and the little bears' mom, and to... well, to hope they can rest in peace as well."

"Ah, please, it's nothing, if anything our presence here was out of nowhere... We felt rather... well, like we were invading your space, so it was one of the reasons why we didn't want to show ourselves," Jannis muttered.

"Maybe if we would have done it earlier, what happened to Grandma Jose and Emilio..." Muttered Rudras, gripping his fists tightly.

"You don't have to blame yourselves for that," Mark said. "I know it's painful, and I am also mourning them by your side, but it doesn't mean you must blame yourselves... I am sure they wouldn't like that either."

"He's right, what happened... happened, as rude as it might sound perhaps," I said. "There's nothing we can do to change the past, and simply blaming yourself for it will not really solve anything either."

"That's right, you heard her, right Rudras? So don't be like this," Judith said. "Just be happy we're together here right now. That we're alive, and stronger than ever as a family."

"T-Thanks, and I'm sorry... I suppose I sometimes cannot help but say such things. Perhaps I need some time alone, to meditate with nature and reconnect with the winds," Rudras muttered. "If you excuse me, Goddess Elayne..."

Rudras was still mourning and sad, it was understandable, I couldn't really do much for him, these were things that people had to overcome on their own through a lot of time.

"Of course, take care Rudras."

"Thank you..."

He nodded as he quickly turned into an eagle and flew away, soaring high into the skies.

As we looked at him fly away, Jannis sighed.

"Life and death are part of nature, dying by itself is nothing but something natural that comes to us all..." Jannis said. "Although it is very sad that it happened, it doesn't mean we should simply deny death and abhor it either. Grandpa Jose was very old, his time was already coming for him eventually... even if he had a tragic end, I am sure he's happy now, he has become one with nature. Our ultimate life goal."

"I-I suppose he died fighting and defending the family he loved..." Judith smiled lightly. "And Emilio... Ah... Emilio... He was still so young though. I..."

"It's alright dear, I am here for you," Jannis hugged Judith as she started crying.

I felt bad too, I guess a few words suddenly turned this into something very sad...

"I-I'm very sorry..." I sighed. "I wish I could... do something but..."

Flash!

"Huh?"

But out of nowhere, I saw a little something, a twinkle of green light coming from the grass beneath.

It was small, but it slowly became larger, taking the shape of a little squirrel that climbed my body, sitting over my shoulder.

"E-Eh?" I was left speechless.

"I-Is that you, Emilio?!" Judith cried, running towards the little squirrel.

Chapter 1479 A Little Visitor

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The Little squirrel born from the green light manifested out of the Domain, slowly climbing over my body and standing over my left shoulder... I really didn't know what to say at all when this happened. From one moment to another, as if being called, this little squirrel appeared.

It might have a faint spiritual presence, but this wasn't a normal spirit at all, it was mostly composed of a Nature Soul! Yes, this little squirrel wasn't a normal spirit but the Nature Soul of someone made into one.

It was most likely Emilio's Nature Soul, which had merged into my Domain, becoming one with it and also a guardian of this Domain.

I remember we faintly saw him and Jose before, but they disappeared before we could even approach them, before we could even do anything.

For some time I thought it was some sort of illusion, maybe that they were gone... But their presence remains here, they're one with nature, yes, but within the nature of the Domain.

"E-Emilio?!" Judith gasped as she saw the little squirrel, rushing towards it.

I thought the squirrel would disappear before she were to reach him, but it remained, her hands slowly approached, as the squirrel looked at her and...

"Kyuh!"

It bit her finger?!

"Ouch! H-Hey!"

Judith was surprised, her tears were still there, but they slowly faded as she looked at the little squirrel glancing at her.

"Emilio? Is that really you, son? Is this... your Nature Soul? Are you still with us?"

Jannis walked towards Emilio, who glanced at her with his little eyes.

For a moment, I could faintly see some light within those little eyes, emotions, very strong ones.

But Emilio wasn't a human anymore, he wasn't in the same realm as we were, Spirits lived in multiple Realms at the same time after all.

"..."

The squirrel walked towards my hand, and I slowly moved my hand towards Jannis.

Grandma Jannis smiled, caressing the little squirrel's head, and then kissing his forehead.

"We will always love you, my son... No matter what you become, and no matter where you are now."

"..."

The squirrel shed a few tears, as it touched its face.

Judith walked towards it, wanting to touch him as well.

But the squirrel glared at her angrily.

"W-Why are you angry with me?"

"..."

The little squirrel crossed his little arms.

"I'm sorry if I made you upset... Emilio... I miss you..."

"..."

The squirrel looked back at her for a moment, and then jumped over her.

"Uwah?!"

And then ran towards her, rubbing his little snout on her face.

"E-Emilio? Is this really you?"

"..."

The squirrel looked into her eyes for a few moments, trying to tell her something, even without words.

"Ah..."

Judith quickly realized something, as the little squirrel cleansed her tears with his fluffy tail.

"Are you upset because I'm crying so much?"

The squirrel nodded energetically.

"I'm sorry... I've become a crybaby... It's all because I really miss you, little brother."

"..."

The squirrel looked at Judith again, before jumping towards Jannis' shoulder.

"Judith... There's something you must understand, what I said earlier..." Jannis said with a gentle smile, caressing the little squirrel. "Life and death are part of nature. Our true goal is not to die forever or something. But to become one with the nature we love and protect, dear."

"But Emilio..." Judith muttered.

"I know he passed away younger... And it is a tragedy," Jannis looked at the squirrel with eyes full of sorrow. "But that also means he has joined nature much earlier than we did... Death is not the end, Judith. It is a new beginning."

"A new... beginning..." Judith muttered, looking at Emilio while cleaning her tears. "Will you wait for us, Emilio? So we can go with nature as well when our time comes?"

Emilio looked at her, nodding gently.

"T-Thank you..." Judith muttered.

I quickly grabbed a Spirit Nut from my Inventory, a snack that Acorn loved, and I gave it to Emilio.

"I know you're no longer a mortal being like we are, you're something between a spirit and something even higher, Emilio. But take this, a snack for the journey."

"...!"

Emilio happily grabbed the nut, beginning to bite on it, and seemingly looking very happy.

"I have a friend that is a big squirrel, his name is Acorn... He's a lovely boy just like you! He loves those very much."

"..."

Emilio grabbed the nut and placed it inside his mouth, his left cheek looking all swollen.

"Chuu, chuu...!"

And then, with a little squeaking sound, the squirrel ran into the grass, and slowly disappeared into green light.

"I wish... Rudras was here to see this, he missed it..." Judith sighed. "Maybe Emilio will come back one day for him too?"

"Who knows... But we know that this Domain is a gateway for Souls and Spirits," said Jannis. "A wonderful place where we can even meet those that left us behind. Thank you for this opportunity, Goddess Elayne."

"Oh please, I-I didn't really do anything..." I muttered. "But I'm so happy you were able to meet him and talk with him... I hope we could've talked more, that we could've known him better... But I'm happy just knowing he's fine, wherever he is now."

"Me too..." Jannis nodded with a gentle smile.

"Hah..." Judith sighed. "Oh well, I do feel a bit better now... I-I suppose..."

"How about you go tell Rudras about what we saw?" Jannis asked. "Maybe you can lift his spirits this way?"

"A-Ah, good idea! Rudras!" Judith cried, quickly turning into a crow and flying high in the sky too.

As we were left alone with Mark and Jannis, I noticed Katherine flying away into the garden.

Ah right, I wanted to talk with her!

"Um, I'll be leaving! Katherine! Wait! Let's talk, please!"

As I ran chasing the little fairy, I noticed Jannis talking with Mark right away.

"Should we address you as a God as well, Lord Mark?" She called.

"O-Oh please, I am just a human! It's so embarrassing if you use such honorifics..." Mark felt embarrassed.

"Just a human? Hahah! That is a good joke sir," she giggled.

"It wasn't a joke..." he sighed.

Chapter 1480: Talking With Katherine

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I ran towards Katherine, finding her flying away towards her usual spot, a small garden of flowers where she liked sitting and sleeping most of the time. It was right next to the spring, she liked drinking that water a lot, she often said it had the same properties as the Spiritual Water of Avalon.

"Katherine? Please wait a bit before you go take a nap..."

"Hm? Oh, Master? Yes? Do you need something? I am quite tired right now, but I could do about anything if you need it very badly..."

"Ah no, nothing like that. Please go rest when you need to, I just wanted to talk about something else..."

"Yes? Something else?"

She cutely tilted her head, her big green colored eyes shining brightly.

Katherine was so adorable to look at! Like a living and breathing doll.

I can't believe we get to see her every day, she is truly a beautiful spiritual being of myth and legends.

And we were very lucky to have her for a whole month here... Very lucky.

She has helped us so much, I can't imagine a life without her in my garden now...

"I-It was... Um, I wanted to talk about when you're leaving to Avalon again?"

"Oh right... I had completely forgotten! But... Hm, about two and a half days I think."

"S-So little?!"

"Eh? Well, yes, that's what the contract said... Master? Are you upset?"

"I don't want you to leave..."

"Huh? R-Really?"

"Yeah, do you want to leave? I mean... You've got everything here, and you made friends already... Don't you like the human world a lot? A-And I kind of like you being here... I already kind of love you like a daughter..."

"I-I never... I never thought you would grow so attached so quickly to me... It is embarrassing..."

She blushed a bit, I guess it was a bit embarrassing.

"I do love this place as well... The snacks are good as well! And the people is nice overall. There were some hard times, like when I had to fight myself, even though I wasn't exactly summoned for that... And I love seeing this little Domain grow every day, I love tending these plants and everything... But..."

"But?"

"This is really not something I can... Well, I don't have much power over this decision."

"Why?"

"You see, the contract you purchased from your Domain Shop that you used to summon me was created by the Authority of the Ruler of Avalon, the Fairy King Oberon."

"Really? But it was born from my Domain?"

"Indeed, but your Domain is a gateway to other Realms, Rulers from other Realms can decide if they can help your Domain or not, if it benefits them."

"I-Is that so... I had no idea."

"Well it's not something that really matters much, but yes, some of your abilities and powers are "gifts" sometimes. The Domain Shop and its contents are usually such things. And other things they are just made by your Domain and nobody else helps."

"Hmm... I-I see... So that means I cannot... keep you around?"

She sighed, as she approached me and hugged my face.

"I'm very sorry... I also see you as family, master! I've never had this much fun before back home... And honestly, I've gotten along much better with people here than in my hometown. Most fairies there were... kind of childish, but you were all just so nice."

"Katherine... Thanks for saying that... I guess I'll simply have to find another way to keep you here then."

"A-another way?"

Suddenly, Gardenia appeared by my side.

"Hm, if the contract was made by that King of Fairies and you're bound to return, then we can attempt to either persuade him to change the contract or overwrite its effects with a new one."

"Gardenia! You're helping?"

"I told you not to call me by my name like that!"

As she groaned grumpily, she crossed her arms made of vines, branches and flowers.

"I guess I will help a little... Because I like Katherine a bit, she's one of the few that understands me around here."

"Heheh, you think so Gardenia? I'm flattered...! I also really like being your friend... I've never talked with a Spirit from another World, so it has been a whole new experience for me."

"Hmm..."

Gardenia looked at Katherine trying to act cold, but she would probably also miss her.

"So how do we do this, Gardenia?" I asked her. "Do we have to create a new contract?"

"I would say so, but I don't know if that'll work, to replace a contract made by such a being as King Oberon... He's really strong right? If he's the Ruler of a whole Realm, he's probably in equal power to beings such as Lady Verdant, if not stronger I would say." Gardenia explained.

"He is very powerful indeed," nodded Katherine. "It could be said that he is a God at this point, and among the strongest in the world... But his power is limited to the Realm he's bound to. Although Avalon has influenced Earth since its conception, he still cannot exert the same power in this world than he can in our Realm."

"I see..." I nodded while rubbing my chin. "Maybe we can use that to our advantage? If he's not as strong here, then perhaps we can really replace the contract...?"

"The contract is still bound to him within Avalon, so no, that would still be really hard," said Gardenia. "But... Um, well... You could try persuasion!"

"I don't really like the sound of that..." I sighed.

Suddenly, she smiled viciously.

"Hehe, why not? He's head over heels for you somehow! I bet if you ask him PERSONALLY he'll agree instantly!" She laughed. "Making a contract has too many dangers at your level, even more when trying to replace the contract of someone so much stronger than you... And Katherine has a risk of being damaged with a backlash if it goes wrong, get it?"

"Uhhhh..." I muttered. "D-Do I really...?"

As I groaned, I saw Katherine's puppy-like eyes.

"I want to stay..."

Ah, I really can't say "no" now.

Dammit!

"F-Fine! I'll go to Avalon and ask him personally! Ugh..."

I guess we're taking a little trip to another Realm...

It can't be worse than the Fey Wilds right?