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Chapter 1531 Heavenly Crusade Ark Barrier

As I summoned the Soul Trait: {Mystic Bellflower Tree Dreamscape} and encompassed the entire dream cloud with its branches and then unleashed a terrain for mana and spirit energy recovery, I quickly moved into using the new spell I obtained.

Yes, this spell required a lot of preparation time, but it was so strong that it was completely worth it, especially in this situation.

"Now...!"

In that moment, I started waving Irene and Morpheus, using their Magic Power to amplify the spell effects and range even further, expanding them everywhere. Clouds of pink light encompassed everyone's bodies, beginning to rapidly form into new armor.

It even reached the little pillow-shaped Dream Fae and the Nightmare Undead that were summoned earlier, strengthening them even further.

"{Mystic Bellflower Tree Dream Armor}!"

FLAAASH!

The power fully manifested into powerful wooden armor, encompassing everyone's bodies and fusing with their clothes or magic armor. The white wood was also covered by flowers, giving everyone a rather... well, unique look.

It wasn't ugly though, as the armor was finely created and refined, and wasn't just a bunch of branches and roots wrapped together. It even adapted to their armor and clothes, making everyone look quite regal, despite the flowery theme.

"Oh, a whole set of armor?!" Mark asked. "I can feel a lot of Dream Essence from it as well, Elayne you're amazing as usual, hahah... With this it should be possible for us to continue into the Nightmare Cloud and fight monsters with ease!"

"Yeah, I can feel some Dream Runes in there, will this make us capable of fighting the monsters?" Rita asked.

"I can feel the runes as well!" Lily nodded. "It's pretty amazing... well done Elayne! You never disappoint, friend! Hehe."

"This is such an advanced spell at that!" Katherine said. "Now that even I have it, I might as well help out in the fight...! Well, I wouldn't dare go fight head-on, but I can provide healing, some barriers and long-ranged attacks, I think. Perhaps with enough nature, I can unleash powerful spells."

"I'll help too!" Gabriel nodded. "I like the armor but it's a bit heavy for me to easily fly with... But I'll do whatever I can at least!"

"I want to try out the new weapon I have... or well, the evolution of the lame bat from before this thing sure looks like something out of a fantasy world now, hehe!" Jenny had been mostly obsessed with her new weapon form.

"Oooh! Even my Familiars got the armor?! That's sweet! With that even them can damage the nightmare things!" Anna said happily.

"Hmm, looks like mom was more prepared than I imagined," Elena nodded.

"You shouldn't be looking down at your mom, Elena... She prepares quite well for these things," said Elisa.

"Well, now that we have the armor ready... Um, when do we go there?" Monica asked.

"Hm, yeah it's all mostly done but... I want to make sure we're well protected, so..." I quickly touched the ground and activated the powers of my Angelic Halo.

The runes within it activated, making the halo shine brightly, as I unleashed the power of Guardian Angel Title, {Divine Ward Creation}, which allows for the creation of wards or well, barriers, of various shapes, sizes, and effects.

Ingredients can even be supplied to create even more complex barriers and wards, and they can even be combined, creating multi-layered wards and barriers too.

For now though, I decided to create a simple yet powerful Ward, using the entire dream cloud, the terrain and nature, and the spirits created from it as the ingredients.

And I'm going to give the barrier a cool name too.

"{Divine Ward Creation}: {Heavenly Crusade Ark Barrier}!"

FLAAASH!

The entire cloud transformed, merging with a golden, heavenly barrier that used my own Celestial Energy to be created.

Everything quickly came together, changing the entire cloud and becoming a giant, golden ark thrice as big as before, further merged with the Bellflower's barriers as well as the tree itself, which were also ingredients for this new barrier.

FLUOSH!

[You have used the power of your Title [Guardian Angel] and the ability tied to it [Divine Ward Creation] to create a powerful barrier and ward formation using your surrounding barriers, magic constructions, and terrains as main ingredients.]

[You have successfully created the {Divine Ward}: [Heavenly Crusade Ark Barrier]!]

[The {Divine Ward}: [Heavenly Crusade Ark Barrier] effects have been activated. As long as you're within it or above it, you and your allies receive a boost to all your Magical Power, Physical Strength, Magical Defense, and Physical Defense of 100%, alongside increasing Mana, Dream Essence, and Spirit Energy Regeneration Speed by 300%. Barrier Durability: 10.000.000]

[Duration: 1 Hour.]

Hmmm? The World's Voice was indeed quite chatty today, it even informed me of such things... But well, isn't that convenient? The effects are just as I expected, that's without considering the barrier durability of ten million, I poured a lot of my Celestial Energy inside, mostly all of it, so it better be super tough.

"W-Woow! Is this the same cloud as before?!" Asked Elena.

"No way! I didn't know we could go this far into the transformation of magical creations..." Rita muttered.

"I wasn't sure myself, but the Divine Ward Creation ability is quite customizable, actually!" I said. "So I thought it might work... and it worked! Nice, right? With this done, we can move on without trouble. Let's go!"

FLAAASH!

The giant ark began moving across the endless pink sky, as the rumbling black nightmare clouds greeted us. With Morpheus and Irene in each one of my hands, and my shield equipped over my right arm, all while wearing my armor, I was as ready as everyone else.

RUMBLE!

The nightmare clouds rumbled the closer we got, producing a sound similar to thunderous clouds, but also, I could hear another sound, a buzzing sound of something... inside of it.

BBZZTTT...!

As we got closer, the buzzing sound only became louder and louder, until something started moving out of the clouds once we got very close, less than a kilometer from it.

"W-What is that?!"

As Elisa screamed in horror, strange creatures appeared from the Nightmare Cloud...

"Nightmareborns, apparently! Insect-type...! Be careful! Everyone get into positions!"

As I commanded them, everyone got ready, not even our way to the cloud itself was going to be peaceful.

Chapter 1532: Nightmareborns

BBBZZTTTT!!!

The horrendous sound of a swarm of bugs echoed from within the rumbling Nightmare Cloud, the moment we got less than a kilometer close to it, something from the cloud emerged.

They resembled giant mosquitoes and were made almost completely out of black and red energies twisting together, resembling darkness and blood.

Their heads were not like mosquitoes though, shaped like giant syringes, and their wings had giant red eyes on them.

From this distance, it was hard to calculate their size, but they were definitely larger than an average adult man, perhaps twice as big, if not car sized.

The swarm was... over a hundred of them, maybe two hundred of these creatures perhaps, and they were buzzing angrily at us at that!

"They're most likely Nightmareborns made to protect the Nightmare Cloud." Morpheus explained.
"There's... I can calculate... approximately two hundred and seventy-three! I believe... more in the way, probably a huge swarm of hundreds more!"

"Dammit, and they happen to be such ugly things?!" Rita complained, holding her gun angrily, as several spheres of malice floated around her. "Well, whatever, how do we fight them? I imagine we can't just jump into the fray, right?"

"I would recommend engaging over the ship-shaped cloud barrier itself, there's an invisible ceiling that will protect us all," Morpheus explained. "At the same time, the barrier is modified so we can send attacks from the inside, but none from the outside can enter."

"Oh okay, that's convenient!" Said Elena. "Wait, do we even need to fight then?"

"The barrier only has a limited amount of durability... if it was just a few handfuls of Nightmareborns or a dozen at most, I wouldn't worry, but there's hundreds, before we can get through them, they'll destroy the barrier in less than ten minutes," I explained. "So yeah, we need to fend off as many as possible and defend the barrier!"

"Well I don't really mind either way! More fun for us too!" Rita smiled, holding her gun. "Right Onyx?"

"You got it!"

Her gun talked back to her, as our intelligent weapons could talk and everything.

I suppose Onyx has a similar personality to Rita.

"Alright everyone, let's go!"

We walked upstairs, there were now stairs, as we heard the buzzing get closer.

Once we got on top of the ship-shaped flying cloud, whose shape had truly become like a floating or flying ship made of translucent golden glass, we saw the insects get closer.

Their sharp stinger started hitting the barrier, dealing from 1 to 5 damage per hit, not so much, but when hundreds swarmed, hundreds of points were being lost rapidly.

"Alright, they're here! Start attacking, hurry!"

I didn't even hesitate to command everyone into action. Although some of our physical attackers struggled a little to reach the monsters, it wasn't impossible for them to unleash long-ranged attacks.

"Now, Irene!"

As I roared, I quickly harnessed Mana and Spirit Energy into Irene, swinging her against a large group of mosquito-like Nightmareborns, which were trying to destroy the barrier with their sharp stingers.

She transformed into her giant, fiery axe form, which wasn't just appearances, as it made her much stronger.

[Divine Spiritual Sword-Axe Form (A)]: This shovel has been transformed into a powerful, heavy, and slashing weapon a rudimentary combination between sword and axe capable of cleaving, slashing, and crushing foes while also more easily moving the earth to the user's own desires. In this form the weapon's Weight and Sharpness increase by 500%. Form can be switched in and out into a simpler shovel and this appearance.

In this stronger form, I unleashed one of her Abilities right away, releasing an explosive strike of spirit energy.

"{Consecutive Spiritual Explosion Attacks}!"

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

Each blow generated a small explosion, constantly spreading across the Nightmareborns and killing them on the spot, their bodies exploding and splattering everywhere, while more of them nearby died due to the shockwaves.

Yeah, this ability was actually really good, an evolution from the former [Spiritual Explosion Attack]!

[Consecutive Spiritual Explosion Attacks (A)]: Gather Mana and Spirit Energy into the weapon and swing it rapidly to unleash destructive and explosive attacks against a foe or several of them within a large range. Damage is based on the Weapon's Durability and its own Attack Potency and Mana Conductivity, alongside your own Spirit and Mana Energy and Magic Circle Rank and Physique Rank.

The damage was based not just on the Weapon itself, Irene, but also on my own Spirit and Mana Energy, and my Magic Circle Rank and Physique Rank.

Yes, the unlike before where the damage was mostly fixed to the amount of Mana and Spirit Energy given, it can now increase constantly based on my own progress and growth.

Therefore, the explosions themselves were even deadlier as a result.

And that wasn't all of that...

"BBBZZZTTT!"

As more and more mosquitoes gathered where the rest died and tried to take their place, I stopped them on their tracks.

Hundreds of Lesser Elemental Spirits summoned by my Terrain gathered around Irene, fusing into her axe form and giving her a new appearance, glowing with gold color, shining with heavenly brilliance.

Yes, I merged her with Holy Spirits, and even a Lesser Heavenly Spirit I had summoned just in case!

"{Divine Spiritual Elemental Fusion}: {Holy Axe of Heaven Form}!"

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

Countless slashes tore through the Nightmareborns, as giant waves of heavenly light and dream essence completely deleted them from existence by the dozens.

This was the power of her new ability, the power to evolve and take upon forms based on the elements I infused into her.

[Divine Spiritual Elemental Fusion (A)]: Summon Elemental Essence through Mana and Spirit Energy and fuse it into the weapon, temporarily granting the weapon a new form according to its own Element. Each Element has a unique form, and unique abilities that can be unlocked. Their power varies, depending mostly on the amount of Elemental Runes within the Weapon, your Magic Circle, and your Physique.

And the unique abilities unlocked through these forms were not easily ignorable either...

Chapter 1533: Intense Battle

I activated the power of yet another of Irene's Abilities, an evolved form of an older ability, which now gained unique powers and effects.

By infusing Spirits or Elemental Essence into her body, it is possible to transform her body into a new "form" each element give her a new form with new abilities as well!

Their power usually varies, apparently depending mostly on the Elemental Runes within the Weapon itself, Irene, and my Magic Circle and Physique.

Meaning that on top of her boost through the Consecutive Spiritual Explosion Attacks, which already uses my Magic Circle and Physique, I can boost Irene's strength EVEN FURTHER by infusing Elemental power into her and using my Magic Circle and Physique to strengthen her double that.

The level of power that Irene can achieve now, without even needing any special spiritual synthesis transformation was simply... absurd!

"{Divine Spiritual Elemental Fusion}: {Holy Axe of Heaven Form}!"

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

As I activated Irene's first new form, I swung her rapidly, horizontally and vertically! Countless slashes tore through the Nightmareborns, as giant waves of heavenly light and dream essence completely deleted them from existence by the dozens.

This was the power of her new ability, the power to evolve and take upon forms based on the elements I infused into her. And the unique abilities unlocked through these forms were not easily ignorable either...

"{Holy Axe of Heaven Form Art}: {Crescent Heavenly Wings}!"

FLAAASH!

A pair of holy wings sprouted out of the axe itself, not me, as the wings flapped rapidly, releasing holy light and winds that pushed the Nightmareborns away as we moved through their swarm.

I swung Irene all over our group, managing to push the bugs away so they would stop chipping away at the barrier.

In this little time, a bit over 5% of its durability was already gone!

But that wasn't all, these wings could do something else...

"{Crescent Heavenly Wings}: {Shining Holy Feather Rain}!"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

The wing exploded, turning into hundreds of large, white colored feathers made of light, which flew against the Nightmareborns, chasing them like tracking missiles, and exploding upon piercing their bodies.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"Irene, your new abilities are amazing!"

"Heheh! And this is just one of the many new forms I can take!"

She was quite proud of herself, her fighting style had evolved and expanded so much that I found little point in bringing out my swords for now.

"Mom! There's a huge swarm coming from behind us! Hundreds perhaps!"

I heard Elena from behind me, as I was dealing with the things in front of us, another swarm had appeared from behind, trying to do a pincer attack and surround us from both sides.

"Half of us should go with Elena and defend the backside! The rest come with me!"

As I commanded them, the group quickly divided, Elena's friends quickly ran after her, while Mark, Rita, Lily, Jenny stayed with me. Katherine and Gabriel remained in between both groups, giving support to the two of them with their unique spells.

"BBZZTTTT! SOUUULLLSSSS!"

Suddenly, a large swarm of mosquitoes appeared again, hitting the barrier from the front, hundreds of them gathered together, groaning in unison as if trying to speak.

"You damn disgusting shits! Burn in hell!"

Rita roared angrily, pointing her gun at them and loading Onyx with as much Mana as possible, before firing several bullets at them, which spread large explosions, damaging dozens of Nightmareborns at a time.

"{Divine Elemental Spiritual Bullet}: {Divine Abyssal Bullet Storm}!"

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

Countless explosions reverberated through our surroundings, as the storm of black bullets constantly reached their foes, the mosquitoes, and dealt massive damage.

The accumulated explosions began to gather darkness into certain points, which Rita then used to conjure magic!

"{Abyssal Dark Nova Rain}!"

The darkness gathered into spheres, dark Novas, which exploded and left small, miniature black holes, absorbing dozens of mosquitoes each, which continued exploding everywhere.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"So many explosions! I LOVE IT!"

Onyx enjoyed it the most, as a weapon, and especially a talking gun, I suppose she or he really loved all the destruction and explosions caused by their master.

"Incredible, if it wasn't for this swarm only intensifying over time, Elayne and Rita alone could've taken care of them..."

I heard Mark commenting, although he said that, he was also pushing his own weight and unleashing a devastating inferno into the skies.

Wielding his newly evolved knife, Ignias, he unleashed a barrage of cutting attacks after transforming her into a giant blazing sword.

"{Infernal Sextuple Slash}! {Infernal Demonic Dragon Spirit Flames}!"

Ignias blazed with flames resembling gigantic dragons, as Mark swung the sword into the air, each slash suddenly dividing into six slashes through the {Infernal Sextuple Slash} Ability, and the more he slashed the empty air, the more slashes were created, until the skies in front of us were suddenly turned into a blazing hell!

SLAASH! SLAASH! SLAASH! SLAASH! SLAASH!

For four seconds straight, the flames never disappeared, as more swarms of mosquitoes came towards us, more of them died, exploding and being sliced apart.

Even though with their current Dream Essence everyone only had around 50% of their true power against this realm's inhabitants, it didn't quite feel that way.

The newly evolved weapons were simply too overpowered!

"Let's see...!"

Lily smiled cutely and calmly as she looked at the mosquitoes gathering on her side, holding her giant pickaxe without any problems despite her small size.

"Ready Tierra?"

"Yep!"

"Alright~!"

She raised the pickaxe, Tierra, and with all her strength, she swung it against the swarm of mosquitoes once a hundred of them gathered in one place.

"{World-Shattering Strike}!"

TRUUUMMM!!!

A massive strike slammed the swarm and the empty air as the giant pickaxe hit the empty air, without even hitting the mosquito-shaped Nightmareborns themselves to begin with!

RUMBLE!

The entire sky trembled, the shockwave of her blow alone blowing into pieces the Nightmareborns, leaving nothing behind but shattered fragment pieces...

"Phew! That was a bit tiring, I have been slacking off on my exercises, heheh..."

Ah, everyone was quite the monster.

Chapter 1534: Jenny's New Strength

"Oho! That's amazing...! Everyone's so cool, I have to somehow show off too!"

Jenny looked at everyone fighting, from Elayne to Lily, their attacks, techniques, and magic showed just how experienced they were.

And unlike them, Jenny felt slightly left out, she was someone that joined them quite late, and although she was Elayne and Mark's friends and coworkers when they worked at that mini market, it wasn't the same as Rita or Lily for Elayne.

She usually felt like that a lot, and because Jenny didn't have more than two friends, who were usually busy with their much better lives than her own, she was usually pretty bored at her house, only living with her single mother and all.

But once she entered into this world of magic, mostly rather forcefully at that, she discovered a whole new perspective to everything, she had only started playing BNLO before, having fun in adventures with Elayne and the rest, but quickly learning that things in this fantasy world were more connected to the real world than she could have ever hoped.

Since then she was introduced to this world, mostly by accident, and instead of being afraid, Jenny, someone who always believed her life to be boring and too ordinary, who always secretly wished something interesting could happen, and that, generally speaking, hated the world and how miserable everything felt sometimes, was amazed and very happy to know that, indeed, there was magic and supernatural things to sprinkle color into a boring and monotonous existence.

"This new weapon that Elayne forged for me with her attention and love, I can't waste it...! I have to show I'm useful to everyone... I want to join them more...! This might be dangerous, but I've never felt so alive before, you know?"

As she talked to her halberd, her weapon glowed brightly, although it wasn't a named weapon, it was strong and held a spiritual aura, something close to a soul.

The weapon absorbed her magical aura, and glowed brightly, generating an aura resembling a multi-headed serpent made of purple ethereal light wrapped around the halberd and her arm.

"Woah, this shit's nuts...!"

As she smiled in disbelief, she saw the approaching bug-like Nightmareborns, smiling and quickly getting into battle.

She barely knew anything about fighting with halberds though. She was good at baseball actually, hence why she used a baseball bat to fight before, and well, in BNLO she was a powerful slime that mostly used her own body to fight, escape, or protect allies.

"Alright, let's do this, my cute Halberd!"

As she said that, she glanced at the Halberd's information, an ability all newly evolved weapons have, their owners can easily access their information through a special rune arrangement that Elayne felt on them.

Weapon: [Abyssal Viper Drake Queen's Venomous Fang Halberd (A Rank Magic Weapon)]

Potential Abilities: [STR +60% (B)] [Abyssal Venomous Viper Blow (B)] [Defense Ignore: 50% (B)] [Deadly Viper Drake Queen's Wrathful Venomous Assault (B)] [Venomous Viper Drake Queen's Massacre Domain (B)] [Abyssal Poisonous Viper Spirit Summon (B)] [Divinely Blessed Weapon: Yggdragon (B)]

"SHYAAAGH!"

The mosquitoes suddenly began merging together as Jenny prepared, noticing that a larger than usual manifested! She looked back at Elayne and the rest, panicking, but noticing they were too busy to give her any help themselves.

BAAAM! BAAAM! BAAAM! BAAAM!

The giant mosquito started smashing the barrier with as much force as possible, Jenny grabbed her halberd and quickly rushed to fight it, there was no helping it by panicking.

She had to get to it and DO IT!

"{Abyssal Venomous Viper Blow}!"

With a ferocious roar, she swung the halberd down, with little to no dexterity and technique in her attack, using the weapon as a any person would wield a bat!

CRAAASH!!

However, despite her poor technique, the results were massive, as an explosion of purple fog, serpent-shaped spirit creatures, and black curse miasma spread over the giant Nightmareborn.

"GYAAAAH!"

The thing screamed in agony, Jenny smiled in disbelief, quickly charging forward, and swinging the halberd again with all her strength, activating the ability over and over again.

"Take this, you shit head! Do you think you can stop us?! HUH?! EAT SHIT!"

Each of her blows activated the same ability with more and more power, her aura wrapping around the halberd as the weapon itself guided her movements, becoming sharper and more precise, deadlier.

Her aura ultimate took shape, becoming a giant Viper Drake head, each of her attacks would make this gigantic Viper Drake head open its maws and pierce the Nightmareborn's head, biting it with its sharp fang and dealing strong piercing damage.

This was why the ability had evolved and changed into "Abyssal Venomous Viper Blow" it quite literally was like the mighty bite of a powerful Viper Drake, the main ingredient of this weapon's evolution, and also of Jenny's Equipment.

Indeed, the ring and bracelet she wore also carried the Viper Drake's scales and had special abilities of their own such as [Viper Drake's Scales] and [Viper Drake's Bite], combining these with her poison and sludge-based magic circle and her slime-like physique automatically developed from her Soul-Bound Skills from Arcadia, Jenny rapidly began adapting and improving her attacking patterns and techniques.

"{Consecutive Abyssal Venomous Viper Blows}!!!"

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

The monstrous gigantic mosquito screamed in agony, as its entire body was pierced by massive aura fangs, injecting deadly venom that melted it from the inside out!

"GRYSSHYYYAAAAGGH!"

As the creature agonized, Jenny quickly gathered Mana into her weapon and unleashed a powerful attack, not a technique of any kind, but she instinctively gathered and harnessed her energies into a single point.

"Fuck off!"

With a mighty roar, a massive explosive strike of purple and black colored mana erupted, blowing away the monstrous mosquito-like Nightmareborn, and all surrounding monsters

BOOOMMM!!!

Jenny stared at the huge explosion in disbelief, her jaws dropping down.

"Woah, no fucking way... I did that?!"

As she was processing what happened, the swarm of Nightmareborns started gathering in the backside area more and more...

Chapter 1535 Don't Stop Fighting!

Elayne was honestly amazed, from her own Weapon, Irene, having evolved to a point she became incredibly powerful, with new forms and transformations, to Rita's gun and her magic combining their effects and even synchronizing to create even stronger attacks, to Mark's blazing, endless storm of slashing attacks and draconic flames, and Lily's almighty hammer strikes, capable of splattering a hundred Nightmareborns in just a single blow, although leaving her a bit tired afterwards, and Jenny's new halberd, her great and rapid moves, and her destructive capabilities now that she held a great weapon to go with her own innate power, everyone had become too amazing.

And partly thanks to her, and Ignis, the new Divine Forge they created within her Domain ended becoming an incredible new asset to their growth, old weapons she had made using basic materials and objects have now evolved to the point they could compare to Legendary Weapons from Arcadia, finely forged by the most talented blacksmiths out there, and even then, they could perhaps never compare to her own creations, unique in so many details, abilities, and powers.

BBZZTTT!

The swarm of Mosquito-like Nightmareborns had become much smaller by now, the ones attacking the front at least had reduced their numbers quite considerably, and the speed at which they were being replenished had also slowed down a lot too.

It seemed that Planta and her friends' efforts had paid quite considerably, their powerful, elemental attacks, combined with their coordination and the amazing weapons they held were enough to quickly tear through most foes, allowing them to easily get through the swarm.

With only a few hundred meters to the Nightmare Cloud, the swarm in the backside, however, was intensifying as more kept trying to attack the area behind the barrier instead of the front!

Despite that, Elayne, Mark, Rita, Lily, and Jenny were quite busy right now, as they were constantly fighting the frontlines, they had little time to put into caring about what was going on in the backside of the large ship they had created, a combination of many spells together.

Gabriel and Katherine were also working hard! Gabriel created barriers outside of the ship itself, offsetting some of the damage that the vessel was taking even as they shattered pretty quickly, and he also released large, golden arrows with white feathered wings behind them, a special, powerful spell he had unlocked.

"{Radiant Angelic Arrows}!"

The arrows chased the Nightmareborns, targeting the specially large and chunky ones, and blowing them up into pieces, explosions of holy light also released shockwaves, blinding and weakening other Nightmareborns in the process.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

The little angel has been growing stronger every day in his own way, and right now, his internal Celestial Essence had reached a very high amount, allowing him to unleash stronger spells.

"{Heavenly Shield}!"

He also conjured layers of Heavenly Shields, powerful Barriers Angels could conjure, resembling giant golden shields made of metal, beautifully decorated, but that were actually magical constructs.

The attacks from the Nightmareborns quickly were reflected by these barriers instead, the more damage they took, the more these shields gathered energy, until they fired giant beams of light against their attackers for extra damage.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"That's amazing, Gabriel! You've become really strong!"

"Hehehe, right? I'm amazing!"

Katherine praised little Gabriel, as the fairy girl pointed her hands down, grasping the grass, flowers, and the spiritual nature of the terrain of Planta.

"Let me help on my own way as well!"

Back then when Elayne's Domain was attacked by the Cursed Sorcerers, which now they know were actually members of the Black Hand, an organization of Warlocks, Sorcerers, and Assassins originating from the Ancient Middle East, Katherine had to fight to defend the Domain.

Although her original purpose upon being summoned was to protect the plants and help them grow, the fairy was forced against the wall to battle and survive, and also to protect her place.

And it wasn't like she wasn't familiar with battle, and like back then, Katherine had to fight using the nature around her.

"This is how Fairies battle, Nightmareborns!"

She raised her hands, as her eyes shone brightly while her green colored hair waved by the wind produced by her attack.

"{Nature's Wrath}!"

She weaved nature into giant fists of stone, dirt, wood, and plants, as they rushed towards the Nightmareborns, punching them constantly, until they started slowly dying one after another.

BAAM! BAAM! BAAM! BAAM!

"Hmmm..."

As she fought, she realized there were a lot of cores falling from the monsters as they died. She remembered her master talking about wanting to pick them up, but because of the current situation, that was very hard to do.

"I'll pick them up for master then!"

She spread out large hands made of wood everywhere across the outside world, gathering many of the spherical cores that fell when the Nightmareborns died, and beginning to gather them inside the vessel.

The holy light inside the barrier naturally purified them, making it impossible for these cores to revive as new Nightmareborns as well, so she began gathering more and more.

"These materials are sure to be valuable for master, I hope she praises me once she finds this big pile! Heheh!"

As everyone was working hard, Elena and her friends battled the Nightmareborns gathering in the backside, already making a huge swarm of over two hundred more.

"Elena! Do you think you can handle that many? Should we help you?"

She heard Morpheus voice echoing behind Elena, but the girl didn't even look at him, holding her knife, which rapidly transformed into a long black katana.

"Don't worry about us, Morpheus, keep advancing. We'll clear this out quickly."

As she said that, she stepped forward, reaching the barrier in front of her and facing the monstrous syringe-headed bug-like Nightmareborns.

Her online persona, which was already something of an alter ego, DarkReaper, began to resurface within Elena, as her eyes glowed bright red and her skin turned pale blue, while two black horns grew over her forehead, this was because she conjured her [Blue Oni Demoness Transformation] Spell.

"Let's test my new blade...!"

Chapter 1536: The Power Of The New Weapons

This Spell didn't just temporarily transform her into a half blue oni, but granted her great physical strength boosts, almost as if she had jumped one whole Tier in her Physique, freshly created and attuned to her Avatar itself.

"Let's do this, Kurosanji."

She smiled, glancing at her knife, or rather, her Wakizashi, which now even had a name of its own, even though it had yet to receive any [Intelligent Weapon] Ability.

She glanced at the weapon's details, nodding.

Weapon: [Phantasmal Shadow Demonic Shikigami Wakizashi: Kurosanji (A+ Rank)]

Potential Abilities: [STR & AGI +70% (A)] [Phantasmal Demonic Slash Storm (A)] [Great Shikigami Spiritual Resonance (A)] [MP & INT +70% (A)] [Abyssal Spectral Vampiric Blade (A)] [Spectral Demonic Shikigami Katana Transformation (A)] [Abyssal Graveyard Of Swords Domain (A)] [Abyssal Blue Oni Phantom Muramasa Spectral Aura Guardian (A)] [Cursed Demonic Shikigami Sword Spirit Creation (A)] [Divinely Blessed Weapon: Yggdragon (A)]

BBZZZTTTT!!!

At the same time the mosquitoes began to rapidly meld together as they tried pushing the barrier, becoming a larger humanoid-like insect with several syringes as head.

"{Phantasmal Demonic Slash Storm}!"

Elena moved her katana, upwards, downwards, and the horizontally and vertically, a storm of phantasmal flames erupted from her slashing attacks, covering the entire thing within seconds.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

"G-GRYAAAGH...?!"

The monstrous merged Nightmareborn was confused, as if nothing had actually happened.

But a second later...

"You're already dead."

Elena smiled back at the monster, as its entire body exploded into countless pieces, which then turned into black fog, dissipating.

BOOOMM!!

At the same time, the attacks released shockwaves of phantasmal flames, which reached the monsters behind the big one, burning them and cutting through their bodies.

"Not bad, it can adapt to my BNLO's techniques pretty well!"

Elena nodded, satisfied by the power of her newly evolved weapon, no longer feeling like she was just carrying a mere knife around anymore.

Her eyes shone brightly, as her spells activated in conjunction with the movement of her knife.

"{Summon Darkness Swords}"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Twelve swords made of darkness manifested around Elena in that moment, as the swarm of Nightmareborns rushed towards the barrier once more.

"{Triple Slash} + {Mana Slash} + {Phantom Blade} + {Sword Ki Aura} + {Moonlight Blade} + {Soul Eating Blade} + {Blades of Emptiness}!"

Several spells were conjured at the same time, combining together rapidly as she used them with each of the swords she had summoned, alongside KurosANJI.

And as they all converged, all techniques condensing together into a single singular power, her eyes shone bright red.

"{Soul-Eating Spectral Void Slash Onslaught}!"

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

The attacks concentrated to a point where they began to cut through everything and began to rapidly make the Nightmareborns explode, covering the skies in front of her and clearing almost fifty percent of all the monsters in the backside!

"A-Amazing, Elena! You're incredible...!"

Anna was amazed, praising her girlfriend as she looked in awe.

"Aren't almost the same as in BNLO now?"

Elisa was already wondering if their power could reach their own Avatars.

"Nah, our Avatars are capable of even stronger things after all, we have not even grasped their full power here... but that's what makes it fun, we got two builds now."

Elena smiled as she answered her friend's questions, there was an air of excitement around her.

"T-Then let me help as well, Elena! Anna and Elisa too, let's get to work! Elena can't take on all of them either way...!"

Monica looked at her friends, as the girls quickly nodded. Elena didn't say anything, despite her prideful demeanor, she knew this quantity of creature was simply absurd to take them all down on her own.

"We have to keep the area clean as we move towards the Nightmare Cloud, so let's not waste any other second and let's begin!"

Elena commanded the girls, as they quickly began moving, unleashing spells and techniques.

"You guys, it's finally your time to shine! Attack with me!"

Anna summoned all her Familiars, or well, the ones connected to this world and not those from Arcadia, who were still only possible to be used there.

Thankfully, thanks to her own Avatar connecting to her Magic Circle, her Spells were able to synchronize with her summoner abilities, and with Elayne's weapon crafting abilities that could fit anybody's specialties, Anna was able to bring forth several familiars at once.

The Green Wolf, her Shadow Crow, the Young Phoenix, the Mithril Golem, the Holy Scarb, and the Sea Serpent all appeared around Anna, manifesting their colorful, Elemental Auras, and spreading them around her body.

Anna nodded, combining their elemental Auras with her own, and rapidly unleashing a powerful barrage of explosive beams against the Nightmareborns, bombarding them with countless explosions across the sky.

"{Spiritual Familiar Elemental Cannon}!"

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

The elemental beams, using her familiars as "batteries" allowed Anna to unleash powers and elements that alone wouldn't be possible.

And that wasn't all...

She swung her broom-shaped staff, channeling her own Magic Aura and fusing it with the Auras of her Familiars, both the smallest of them and the largest.

"Let's add some additional protection as well, we can't let them wear down the barrier too quickly!"

"{Divine Spiritual Familiar Elemental Fortress}!"

Activating another of her broom's abilities, Anna manifested a large fortress made of rainbow light, each color being the aura of one of her familiars, converged into a single magical construct.

The Nightmareborn roared angrily at that, attacking the fortress constantly, only for the fortress to slowly wear down, protecting the real barrier below from more damage.

Anna knew that they would still need it for once they entered the Nightmare Cloud itself after all!

"Amazing, Anna is so cool too!"

Monica looked at Anna, nodding, as she held the teddy bear in her hands, and then quickly began unleashing her ghostly soul aura from her body.

"I have to help too...!"

Her teddy bear's empty eyes suddenly glowed bright red, as it released a spectral aura from within...

Chapter 1537: Monica's Power

Anna unleashed several of her new abilities, most of them tied to her newly evolved and upgraded broom staff weapon, these powers, tied to her own Magic Circle as well as her Avatar's original abilities allowed her to not only summon new Familiars or strengthen them, but also to unleash their own combined power.

Some of such techniques allowed her to unleash elemental beams with the elemental power of her familiars, while others, such as the fortress-type spell she used just now, allowed her to manifest a large fortress-like barrier around the barrier of the cloud itself, further strengthening everyone's defenses momentarily, and making sure the original barrier doesn't lose too much durability.

With this mighty barrier and her useful spells and familiars, Anna rapidly took down dozens after dozens of the Nightmareborns that came to harass them, making use of her abilities and magic smartly and expertly.

"Amazing, Anna is so cool too!"

As Anna unleashed her magic and helped everyone in the process, Monica couldn't stop being amazed about her performance, nodding fascinatedly as she held the teddy bear in her hands.

"She has amazing new abilities and spells; it make her look almost like her BNLO Avatar in a way... No, perhaps even cooler and stronger?!"

As Monica was amazed, she quickly pressed her hands into her teddy bear, and then quickly began unleashing her ghostly soul aura from her body infusing her Mana and Powers into her Teddy Bear itself.

"I have to help too...!"

Monica got ready to fight too, as her teddy bear's empty eyes suddenly glowed bright red, releasing a spectral aura from within its stuffy and fluffy body.

This Teddy Bear was Monica's "weapon".

The reason why she didn't get a proper weapon, but a strange item was because of the nature of her powers and her fighting style.

Even in BNLO, Monica created an Avatar that fought very similarly to her IRL; therefore, she never really developed any good technique with weapons.

And unlike Jenny, who was willing to learn with her bat-turned-into-halberd, Monica wasn't interested that much, developing her ghostly and spectral powers instead.

Which, as a matter of fact, had increased and become even stronger now that she was able to connect them to her Avatar through new Soul-Bound Skills.

Unlike Anna, Elena, or Elisa, Monica was different, she was already carrying great magical power within her and her Soul, which had kept the phantasmal and spectral energy that the ghost that had possessed her left behind within her.

Perhaps even before she was possessed though her soul and her body exuded a large quantity of Negative Energy due to her traumas, her lonely life, her bullying, and her depression, festering into power thanks to said ghost.

Therefore, after obtaining a Magic Circle and then Soul-Bound Skills that complemented her even further beyond, Monica was bound to become an enormous powerhouse in terms of curses and phantom magic, and not so much of anything else.

With her abnormally very high amount of Mana, which keeps increasing everyday thanks to her growing spectral soul, which absorbs Negative Energy in the air and grows automatically over time, she was made for fighting using magic alone, a true specializer.

Therefore, seeing what she could become, Elayne picked one of the most precious items that Monica had, the Teddy Bear she kept in her bed, a gift from her long-gone parents, and turned it into a Magic Catalyst, technically a "weapon" for magicians.

Why the Teddy Bear in specific? It wasn't out of cruelty or something, but because of the emotional attachment and value it held.

For years, this Teddy Bear absorbed Monica's Emotions, both Positive and Negative, becoming a vessel to her powers, a Cursed Item that Elayne quickly realized was perfect for her!

And as a "Magic Catalyzer" it worked perfectly as a vessel of her powers, a catalyst that channels her magical abilities and amplify them even further.

In a way, staffs and wands did the same, catalyzing magic within their bodies and guiding it out for magicians to learn how to cast spells...

[Cursed Ghostly Teddy Bear Of Abyssal Grudges Magic Catalyzer (A Rank)]

Potential Abilities: [AGI & MP +50% (B)] [Abyssal Mind Devouring Curse (B)] [Cursed Spectral Ghostly Resonance (B)] [INT & WIS +50% (B)] [Mana Devour (A)] [Spectral Ghostly Barrier Formation (A)] [Great Abyssal Phantasmal Spirit Guardian Familiar (A)] [Cursed Ghostly Spirit Companions Summon (B)] [Abyssal Body And Soul Paralyzing Curse (B)] [Divinely Blessed Weapon: Yggdragon (B)]

And this amazing catalyzer was filled with wonderful new abilities and also old, evolved abilities with great potential and power.

"Let's go, Teddy... Full power!"

Monica dropped the Teddy Bear, as it began to float in midair, its eyes glowed bright red, overflowing with malicious powers.

And then...

"{Great Abyssal Phantasmal Spirit Guardian Familiar}!"

FLUOSH!

A powerful ability was activated instantly, darkness, phantasmal flames, spectral and ghostly energies, all of them gathered within the teddy bear, making its form rapidly grow in size, and then in power.

TRUUUM!

The teddy bear transformed, becoming larger, as big as five meters of height! Above all, its brown fur turned completely black, and the spectral aura around it resembled countless teddy bears floating around it.

At the same time, its shadows twisted, showing countless crimson eyes and tentacle-like shadow limbs, spreading around, resembling a stuff of nightmares!

But perhaps, in this Realm, that was for the best.

"{Cursed Spectral Ghostly Resonance}: {Soul Eating Curse}!"

FLAAASH!

As Monica resonated with her teddy bear guardian, the giant familiar rushed forward, swinging its giant arms at the nearest Nightmareborns and...

BAAM! BAAM! BAAM! BAAM! BAAM!

Smashing their entire bodies into smithereens, with an immense, unexpected level of physical strength way past the Nightmareborn's wildest expectations!

TRUUUM!

The skies trembled as dozens of Nightmareborns were reduced to tiny pieces and then ashes by the monstrous series of attacks.

This wasn't just because of her familiar's sheer physical power, but because she had resonated with it, infusing the teddy bear with the {Soul Eating Curse} effect, allowing him to devour the soul essence out of the Nightmareborns, killing them in just a couple of physical attacks.

"Alright, let's continue...!"

Chapter 1538: Smash Them!

With the combined power of the Soul Eating Curse and her Resonance with her Magic Catalyst, Monica was able to accomplish an incredible feat, allowing her Tedy Bear to easily kill dozens of Nightmareborns in mere seconds. This powerful yet dangerous and tiring to conjure spell, once imbued into a physical medium, became a physical contact-only effect.

Therefore, the Teddy can now eat away the souls of anything it smashes with its mighty, stuffy arms! Which it showed, as these Nightmareborns ended meeting their demise quicker than they could have ever imagined. And Monica wasn't even done yet.

More buzzed towards her, hitting the barriers angrily, she spread her aura even further and then, sent the Teddy Bear-like ghosts within her Catalyst's Aura.

"{Cursed Ghostly Spirit Companions Summon}!"

The ghostly companions rushed outside the barrier, as the Nightmareborns, resembling giant mosquitoes with deadly syringe-shaped heads, attacked them.

The little teddy bear were mostly weak on their own, however.

That is, if Monica didn't do anything with them.

Like her teddy bear, they were mini catalysts to her magic to spread further, to do more interesting things.

"{Cursed Spectral Ghostly Resonance}: {Accursed Abyss Chains} + {Mana Draining Curse}!"

FLAAASH!

The teddy bear phantoms suddenly released their spectral and shadow auras, releasing giant black chains from their small bodies. Before the Nightmareborns could harm them, over fifty of them were trapped within countless black chains.

"I-I need more Mana, so please, give me everything you've got...!"

The chains, infused with the mana draining curse, began absorbing all the mana from the Nightmareborns! Unlike Hollows they didn't die, however, but felt much more weakened.

FLUOSH!

As Monica harnessed the Mana within her body, which carried traces of Nightmare Essence which she felt weren't harmful to her, as she expected, she raised her hands, and the chains rushed towards the barrier.

"Now, smash them!"

"...!"

The Teddy Bear's mighty stuffed arms looked as if they turned super muscular out of nowhere, smashing the bodies of the weakened, trapped Nightmareborns, without even using Soul Draining Curse, as it was quite exhausting to conjure.

BAAM! BAAM! BAAM! BAAM! BAAM!

BOOOMMM!!!

The series of punches combined into a big explosion, consuming anything within the vicinity into a black hole that ate it all, before disappearing completely...

FLUOSH!

"W-Woah..."

Monica herself couldn't believe just how powerful she had suddenly become. The combination of spells, techniques, and weapon abilities, and even her soul-bound skills...

Everything could create an even higher level of strength!

Her entire life the girl had felt weak, helpless, and lost. In a world that took away her happiness, her family, everything, she always wished she could die.

But after Elena, Anna, Elisa, and Elayne entered her life, things slowly improved over time, even though many challenges also came alongside them.

Perhaps her life was in even more danger than it ever was before but...

She felt happy!

With this strength, she didn't plan to intimidate people, to intimidate others, and even less to abuse innocents or anything of the sort.

She was only going to use it to protect those she now loved.

Her new family...

"Mom, dad... Despite how dangerous things are, I'm having fun... And I'm happy!"

As she smiled to herself and confidently furrowed her eyebrows, she unleashed more chains, more curses, and more blows with her catalyst.

The incredible combination of all of this created an endless loop! Even when giant combined chimera Nightmareborns appeared, they were quickly dealt with moderately easy, as they were, like the rest, smashed to pieces.

"HMPH!"

Her Teddy Bear let out of a grumpy groan, nodding while crossing its fluffy, stuffed arms with confidence and strength.

She never imagined the little teddy bear her parents gifted her when she was only five years old would one day become such a formidable magical guardian.

In a way, it felt like the teddy bear carried their love for her as well, as the teddy bear would always protect her no matter what, even when not even told that as an order.

"Thank you for your help so far, Teddy!"

She patted the teddy bear in the leg, as its red eyes glanced at her, it still looked like a stuffed animal toy to her but... it carried a certain "liveness" to it.

"HMM!"

It let out a groan again, before kicking a giant Nightmareborn that got too close, before beginning to punch it again...

From a distance, Elisa, who had already begun fighting the Nightmareborns with her new spells, techniques, soul-bound skills, and above all her newly evolved weapon, could only watch with a slight smile.

"You've improved a lot, Monica... I have to admit it!"

As she smiled, feeling proud of Monica, her golden gloves gathered golden flames, and her aura grew stronger, channeling not just Mana, but Spiritual Energy, Ki, and Draconic Power.

"And that somehow really makes me happy... Ugh..."

She swung her fists forward, as her Aura resembled a fierce, roaring dragon, her gloves, now capable of turning into giant golden gauntlets around her hands, smashed the living shit out of the Nightmareborns.

"{Golden Dragon's Claws}!"

BAAM! BAAM! BAAM! BAAM! BAAM!

As she destroyed them, spreading explosions of golden light everywhere, Elisa kept thinking about Monica, her improvements, and her changes.

She felt more and more flustered, especially by how awesome she had become lately...

And as she blushed, she remembered that kiss that Monica, the shiest girl she had ever known, stole from her out of nowhere back then...

She got flustered, embarrassed, and angry!

"You sure love stealing the spotlight, don't you? Hmph! Damn perv!"

Her gauntlets overflowed with magical and blazing draconic power, as she noticed three giants Nightmareborns rushing towards her side of the barrier.

To allow them to strike the barrier would mean a lot of durability lost!

She couldn't afford that; she couldn't let them harm the barrier even more when they weren't even in the Nightmare Cloud yet.

"Heh! Have you come to die? Then you're more than welcome! Oohoho!"

As she laughed like a rich young lady would, Elisa's fists moved forward, resembling giant draconic fists covered on golden scales, all while explosive bursts of lightning erupted with each blow.

"{Thunder Dragon Fist}!"

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

Chapter 1539: Elisa's Power

"{Thunder Dragon Fist}!"

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

Explosions of thunderous energies erupted, consuming the Nightmareborn Chimeras, and blowing holes through them until they were nothing but ashes, with sheer physical might alone.

Elisa's gauntlets were simply superb, and this, further boosted with her many body-strengthening Spells, her developing Physique, the rest of her equipment, and her Soul-Bound Skill passive effects taking place within her body, making her stronger than her own Physique stated, she was quite the little powerhouse.

Of course the Gauntlet's effects and abilities were the best upon its evolution...

[Divine Spiritual Golden Dragon Scale Battle Gloves (A Rank)]

Potential Abilities: [STR & AGI +50% (B)] [Thunder Dragon Fist (B)] [Great Spiritual Draconic Resonance (B)] [HP & VIT +50% (B)] [Divine Dragon Fist (A)] [Divine Golden Dragon Battle Aura (A)] [Spiritual Golden Dragon's Divine Wrath (A)] [Spiritual Golden Dragon Combo Attack (B)] [Spiritual Golden Dragon Spirit Aura Guardian (B)] [Divinely Blessed Weapon: Yggdragon (B)]

Her Strength, Agility, Health and Vitality increasing by 50% on top of her Physique, Equipment, and her Soul-Bound Skill passive effects already made her someone that surpassed most of her previous limits by several realms...

BBBZZTTTT...!

"Hm?"

As she looked at the Nightmareborns being decimated by her last attack, she suddenly noticed a faraway black cloud approaching, yet another swarm.

Unlike the other swarms, this one fused into a single thing instantly.

"Eh?!"

FLUOSH!

The gigantic swarm of black Nightmareborns took a bizarre form, resembling a mutated insect, with several syringe-shaped heads, wings, legs, and also humanoid arms with countless red eyes across them.

"GRUOOHHH!"

The giant thing rushed towards the cloud! She looked behind her, Elayne and the rest were busy dealing with similarly gigantic foes.

"Looks like things are getting more heated up as we get closer..."

She quickly imbued her Mana into her gauntlets.

"Then let me get some of the spotlight... Let's try more of these abilities, hehe!"

As Elena, Anna, and Monica were already fighting hundreds of other Nightmareborns, Elisa quickly decided to take down the big guy all on her own.

She rushed towards the barrier, greeting the thing's hand, which was filled with red eyes firing red beams, with her fists.

And her aura, of course.

"{Divine Golden Dragon Battle Aura}!!!"

TRUUUM!

Her Aura erupted from her body, instantly transforming into a giant golden scaled dragon that was absolutely jacked, muscular and mighty, spreading his giant wings.

"ROOOOAAARRR!"

And with a mighty roar, the dragon's massive fists rushed forward alongside Elisa's fists, that went outside of the barrier itself.

"{Thunder Dragon Fists}!"

Using her Battle Aura, she began punching the hands before they could get closer, releasing explosions of thunder everywhere as the hands began to receive a lot of damage.

BAAM! BAAM! BAAM! BAAM! BAAM!

"GRYAAAAHHH!"

The Giant Nightmareborn Chimera cried in agony, rapidly attacking Elisa's Battle Aura, wrestling with the giant, muscular golden dragon.

"Hmph, not enough? The how about this!"

Elisa's gauntlets shone brightly, harnessing Divinity, power that not even her Avatar had developed yet to this extent, which was directly connected to the weapon's Divine Blessing of Yggdrasil, which happened to be extra compatible with her and her powers, especially the weapon itself.

The divine power shone like white flames, releasing into an explosion shaped as a giant scaled fist!

"{Divine Dragon Fist}"

Her Battle Aura turned white with these divine flames, punching the Giant Chimera Nightmareborn again, explosions of divine thunder and flames erupted through its body.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

This time, she was managing to deal some decent damage, giant cracks spread through the massive monster, making it weaker and weaker over time.

"GRRSSHHHAAA!"

The thing began to rapidly grow tentacles as its arms were being destroyed, wrapping around the battle aura and beginning to darken it, consuming its mass!

"Ugh...! So you had such weird tricks, huh? Disgusting...!"

Elisa grew furious, she wanted to show off, not to be humiliated in front of everyone in here...

All her strength she had been building up has all been for moments like these after all.

As someone that has lived her entire life trying to prove herself worthy to people around her, and to her parents, someone worthy of their attention...

Elisa craved the attention generated from recognition, this was the reason she worked so hard in her studies, and also the reason why she acted so arrogant at times.

Perhaps her own flaws were also born from this relentless desire...

"I am strong, and I'll show you, damn monster!"

With furious eyes that became fully draconic, Elisa's Battle Aura began to release electricity and divinity within it.

And, through her resolve, her gauntlet shone brightly.

FLAAASH!

"{Divine Dragon Fist} + {Thunder Dragon Fist}!"

Temporarily, both Weapon Abilities fused.

Their converged power generated something else within her gauntlets, and the Battle Aura.

"HAAAAHHH!"

She roared mightily, the Battle Aura roared, its giant fists suddenly regrowing anew beginning to punch the monster even harder than before, lightning and divine power accompanying each blow.

"{Divine Thunder Dragon Fists}!"

BOOOM!

A giant explosion of thunder and divinity erupted, tearing through many tentacles.

BOOOM!

As the monster attempted to defend and attack back, another punch broke through its defenses, destroying its last two arms.

BOOOM!

While the monster struggled, its red eyes fired lasers, and yet, its entire body gained another hole, the laser beams were interrupted, receiving great damage once more.

BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM! BOOOM!

The monster could no longer retaliate or defend, its entire body gained countless cracks and then was smashed to smithereens, no matter how many Nightmareborns made it!

"RAAAAHHH!"

With a mighty roar infused with her frustration towards her mother, that promised to come see her, only to make excuses to not appear again, Elisa destroyed the giant monster on her own!

BOOOMMM!!!

The gigantic thing exploded, dying on the spot, leaving behind black ashes that slowly fell from the skies, and also a giant black sphere, which was caught by Katherine's wooden hands.

"Haah... Haah... I did it... But I bet nobody cares anyway..."

Elisa sighed, feeling tired, resting over the floor.

"Nobody ever cares about me..."

As she looked down, suddenly...

"That was amazing, Elisa!"

Chapter 1540: Amazing, Elisa!

Elisa suddenly heard a voice, noticing Monica running to her side, her cute face was now wearing an even cuter smile, although her hair was a bit messy, she was very pretty when smiling.

"Y-Yeah... It was incredible."

Elena also walked to her side, nodding while smiling lightly, giving her a thumbs up. She was amazed.

"You killed the boss on your own?!"

And Anna was shocked, she couldn't quite believe that Elisa just took down the boss on her own just like that, she was way too overpowered.

"Eh?"

Elisa was surrounded by Elena, Anna, and Monica, who rained praised on her. This time, there was people that cared about her more than she thought. She felt slightly flustered.

"You saw that?" She asked timidly.

"Of course we saw it, how couldn't we?" Elena wondered. "We were going to help you out, but that thing ended being defeated solely by you... Wasn't it made by like over a hundred Nightmareborns? That's no small feat..."

"Yeah!" Monica said. "I don't think I could've been able to do that... I would've struggled a lot... H-Heheh, you're cool, Elisa...!"

"Even less me!" Anna said. "Hmm, maybe if I combined my Familiars? But I don't know if these guys are as strong as my BNLO Familiars... So yeah, I hate to admit it but that was pretty damn fucking crazy Elisa, you stole the spotlight..."

"R-Really?!"

Elisa was still processing what they were saying, but slowly, she stood up and smiled confidently, and then...

"Hahahaha! Of course I did it! Who else would be able to do it?! I am amazing, aren't I? Yes I know I am incredible; you can keep praising me! Heheh..."

The praise ended getting into her head, and before she could realize, she began acting all arrogant and prideful again.

But well, she did deserve all the praise, right? Even more to act like that...

"Eehh? You already got all arrogant, ugh..." Anna groaned, facepalming while looking at Elisa laugh because of how superior she was.

"I suppose that's how she is..." Elena smiled. "Well, looks like the Nightmareborns are mostly cleared and we're making our way to the Nightmare Cloud..."

"Ah yeah..." Anna looked around. "I hope things don't get even worse inside... Ugh."

"Don't set up such obvious flags, or they'll become real..." Elena facepalmed.

"What, really?!" Anna panicked. "How is that even a thing though?"

"I'm joking~" Elena smiled lightly.

As the two talked, Monica kept praising Elisa, she was the best at that.

"Y-yeah, that's right Elisa, you're incredible..." Monica nodded, with mostly enamored eyes. "Y-You deserve all the praise in the world...!"

"H-Heh! Really? Well I'm glad you finally recognize just how great I am, Monica," Elisa smiled. "D-Don't you dare steal the spotlight next, okay?"

"W-Was I?! I was just trying to help, I'm sorry Elisa! I'll do my best for you..." Monica nodded.

"A-Ah...! Well, if you weren't showing off then I guess that's... that's fine," Elisa blushed as Monica got closer to her. "D-Don't get closer though, perv! D-Don't think I haven't forgotten your kiss...!"

"Kiss?" Monica wondered. "A-Ah, that... Uh, sorry..."

"Y-You're sorry?! You don't have to, you know? A-Ah, I mean... you don't... it doesn't matter, hmph."
Elisa kept changing her expressions as she simply decided to not care.

"D-Did you like it?" Monica wondered, blushing a bit. "Elisa I... I kind of... liked it..."

As Monica talked, she began fidgeting her own hair, making Elisa find her cute.

"I-I mean...! Um..." Elisa muttered. "It was... my first kiss... I can't believe you stole it!"

"E-Eh?! Really? It was mine too!" Monica smiled.

"Ugh..." Elisa groaned. "Let's talk about this later, ok? Um, in another occasion I guess..."

"S-Sure...!" Monica nodded. "I guess it isn't the right time now..."

"It certainly isn't!" Elisa said. "So don't do anything perverted..."

"Geez, you don't have to apologize so much either...!" Elisa complained.

"Okay... I won't! Sorry..." Monica nodded.

"You're doing it again..." Elisa facepalmed.

"E-Eheh..." Monica giggled nervously.

"..."

Elisa only glared her in silence for a bit and then elsewhere.

She found that nervous giggle rather cute as well.

"Alright! We're almost there, everyone!"

Morpheus voice echoed through the entire Dream Cloud, as everyone looked into the front, seeing as the Nightmare Cloud was about to touch the giant ship-shaped dream cloud.

Darkness began enveloping everyone, as the Nightmareborns suddenly stopped coming altogether, something that made several of the people here wonder what was actually happening anymore.

"The Nightmareborns are gone completely?" Rita wondered. "Isn't this too suspicious? Out of nowhere they're gone just when we're going inside?"

"Perhaps they got tired and went to take a nappy?" Lily wondered, trying to take this lightly.

"I doubt they would ever do that Lily..." Elayne said. "They're Nightmareborns, they don't even sleep to begin with. Such concepts don't exist for them I believe. But yes, we could be waiting for an ambush, we have to be prepared. Everyone is ready?"

"I am ready anytime," Mark nodded. "This sword, the shield and the rest of the equipment are fantastic as ever. Thanks for everything, dear."

"A-Ah, it's nothing my love..." Elayne giggled cutely, kissing Mark's lips several times.

"E-Eeeh? The two are making out in such a situation?!" Rita gasped, murmuring mostly to Lily.

"Heheh, well, they're rather young, aren't they? Young people is like that," Lily smiled with a nod.

"Young? I wouldn't call Elayne the youngest out there but... Um, just how old are you Lily?" Rita glared at her while raising an eyebrow.

"Me? I wouldn't really like saying though... Rita you're a woman like me, and you're asking me for my age? Of course I wouldn't say it..." Sighed Lily.

"Aw come on, we're between friends!" Rita said.

"I-It's... Uh, over fifty..." Lily felt embarrassed.

"Woah that's not... what I imagined." Rita said. "Well, you look way younger either way."

"Yeah, the Magic Circle, and the Physique development have greatly de-aged my body, I feel like I'm on my last twenties or early thirties...!" Lily nodded. "It's really nice, right? To have such abilities. You won't get older either, Rita."