

## Brand New 1571

### Chapter 1571: Magic Phone

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Rita was fascinated with her newly upgraded smartphone, even more that it wasn't broken, and that it was now working even in the Dream Realm.

"Amazing! I can now take photos here and- Woah they look so good and in HD! A-Also all the cracks in the screen disappeared?! And it has these really nice-looking blue circuits all over."

"Y-Yeah, I'm glad it worked... Does it have anything different or...? Hm?"

[A [Greater Potential Cube (B Rank)] and large quantities of your own Mana and Spirit Energy have been utilized on [Samsung Galaxy S32 Ultra (No Rank)]

[The [Samsung Galaxy S32 Ultra (No Rank)] has evolved into [Arcane Samsung Galaxy S32 Ultra (B Rank)]

[The [Arcane Samsung Galaxy S32 Ultra (B Rank)] has acquired the Potential Abilities]: [Multi-Plane Communication (C)] [Multi-Realm Internet (C)] [Interdimensional Connection (C)] [Mana Battery (B)] [Soul-Bonding Magic Circuits (B)] [Virtual Mind World (B)]

[The Weapon has received your Blessing successfully, gaining the additional Ability]: [Magic Technology Transformation (B)]

"H-Huh? Oh wow, it even got a blessing from me?" Elayne was perplexed as she heard the Voice of the World. "That new phone has much more than you can imagine, Rita...! I can't believe it, maybe we should've done this a while ago!"

Elayne quickly explained to everyone what she heard from the Voice of the World, and the phones many new abilities.

"J-Just what do any of these abilities do? I could guess some but they're kind of vague..." Elena said. "Though, they sound amazing... Maybe if it works then I'm willing to offer my phone."

"I can guess some are for communication between planes, worlds, or even realms..." Mark said. "Also, a reason it works fine for Rita must be because it became a magical artifact and its not just pure technology with no supernatural energy. It probably has adapted to the environmental energies."

"That's amazing! Mom, can you do the same with my phone pretty please?" Elena asked.

"M-Me too!" Elisa nodded. "Please!"

"I'll pay you..." Anna muttered.

"C-Calm down, you don't have to be so pushy about it..." Monica sighed, she didn't originally have a phone before. However, Elayne bought her a smartphone recently.

"Alright, alright, one at a time. I got plenty of these Potential Cubes anyway, from every battle or journey we've gone through back in Arcadia, they drop a lot, and are given a lot in quests too," Elayne said.

She began using them one for each phone, the abilities were all the same, it took her a good ten minutes to finish, as to stabilize each phone she had to apply Mana and Spirit Energy as well, which was what made it, so the phones gained so many abilities too.

Eventually, she did the same with hers, this time she added a bit more Mana and Spirit Energy, and even her own wood and dragon scales to experiment more.

The results were... more than she could have imagined!

[A [Greater Potential Cube (B Rank)], large quantities of your own Mana and Spirit Energy, your Divine Spirit Wood and Yggdragon Scales have been utilized on [Samsung Galaxy S32 Ultra (No Rank)]

[The [Samsung Galaxy S32 Ultra (No Rank)] has evolved into [Divine Yggdrasung Galaxy Spirit 32 Ultra (B+++ Rank)]

[The [Divine Yggdrasung Galaxy Spirit 32 Ultra (B+++ Rank)] has acquired the Potential Abilities]: [Divine Yggdragon Wood And Scale Reinforced Body (B)] [Divine Multi-Plane Communication (B)] [Multi-Spirit Realm Internet (B)] [Interdimensional Spirit Connection (B)] [Divine Spiritual Mana Battery (A)] [Soul-Bonding Spiritual Magic Circuits (A)] [Spiritual Virtual Mind World (A)]

[The Weapon has received your Blessing successfully, gaining the additional Ability]: [Divine Spiritual Magic Technology Transformation (A)] [Domain Core Connection (A)]

"It got two more abilities, and the rests were all upgraded too?!" Elayne gasped. "Hmm, maybe I should've done this with the rest... Oh well."

Her phone had changed appearance as well, before it was a plain-looking black Samsung phone, but now it gained a beautiful white silver exterior, shaped as scales, with two red jewels resembling dragon eyes above the screen.

It looked like a luxurious phone that only rich people would ever buy, which was now within her very hands.

And the many abilities it possessed... it intrigued her greatly, she wanted to check them out, quickly tapping her phone and checking if everything was alright.

But above all, as she started the phone and then touched it, she felt an instant connection, the golden circuits of her phone started up right away, spreading across her hand and then reaching her soul.

"Woah?!"

FLUOSH!

She felt connected with her phone, and then with something else, a world of virtual pixels and holographic creations, an artificial plane she knew very little about.

"W-What is this place?"

She looked around in confusion, and then the entire surroundings crumbled, as she was back to reality... However, she also felt something latent within her.

FLASH!

A vision of her Domain, and its Core, a connection had been established, and her phone now connected her to the Domain Core itself.

"I-It's connected! So that's what the last ability was for..." Elayne nodded. "That's really fascinating! Ah, I wish I had my wooden tablet to check information- Ah."

However, answering her questions her phone changed, quickly showing what she wanted to see.

The phone's entire list of abilities and what they could do!

"O-Oh?! Oh wow, so you can do this now? And you even respond to my own thoughts and words... That's more advanced than most AI technology now that gets everything wrong and is just limited to a single app..." Elayne muttered in awe and disbelief, as she noticed everyone around her was very happy.

They were all trying out the new features of their phones, that virtual mind world thingy seemed pretty interesting, as it allowed them to envision a virtual world to visit with their minds.

What could be done there wasn't completely known yet, but apparently one could use images on the internet, video games, books, and other things to influence these fake virtual worlds.

They weren't as complex as real worlds however and couldn't even compare to Arcadia "Virtual World" although it was debatable how Virtual Arcadia was due to the System and all of its Game-like Mechanics being integrated into everything.

It was mostly a visual thing for now, but perhaps there could be something more to it... Until then, however, Elayne decided to let them experiment, while she looked at the abilities in detail.

Chapter 1572: Divine Yggdrasung Galaxy Spirit 32 Ultra

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As Elayne saw everyone fascinated with their newly upgraded, magical smartphones, she checked her own, and the many new abilities it contained.

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[Divine Yggdrasung Galaxy Spirit 32 Ultra (B+++ Rank)]

Formerly a normal Smartphone that was enhanced using a powerful Greater Potential Cube and the Mana, Spirit Energy, and Scales and Wood of the Yggdragon, evolving into a powerful artifact born to connect the user, and only wielder, with other people that also possess similar devices. Special features are unlocked if those the user connects with also possess magical artifacts of similar smartphone types.

Although simple, this artifact can continue to evolve and obtain new powers or evolve its original abilities even further, what it can do might seem simple at the start, but as a never seen before artifact, the possibilities are endless.

Partially connected to The Other World's "System" and the "Virtual Domain".

Abilities:

[Divine Yggdragon Wood And Scale Reinforced Body (B)]: This smartphone has been enhanced with the Wood and the Scales of the Yggdragon, becoming immensely tough, heavy, and near indestructible. Even if it takes a lot of damage, it can automatically repair itself over time through the absorption of Mana and Spirit Energy from its wielder. If willing, the master can use {Virtual Yggdragon Scale Shields} to create multiple virtual shields to protect herself and her allies, based on the connection with the "System" and the "Virtual Domain" and her own Magic Power.

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"Ah, this must be the first ability and why the phone is so tough and covered on scales... But what about this information? Is it connected to the System and the Virtual Domain? W-What is that? This is all new to me..."

Elayne had never known of something called the "Virtual Domain" before, and the "System", if it was truly the same as Arcadia, was also quite surprising to see here.

It probably meant that Arcadia's System and whatever this "Virtual Domain" is, they must be somehow related or connected.

"Also there's the shields... Interesting! Maybe I could use them well, if they're cheaper than other types of barriers, that's it... Perhaps they could be used more effectively in whatever this "Virtual Domain" place is..."

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[Divine Multi-Plane Communication (B)]: This smartphone has upgraded its ability to communicate and has elevated it even further. Through the usage of Mana and Spirit Energy, it is possible to communicate through large distances even between Planes of Existence, such as the Physical Plane, the Spiritual Plane, the Heavenly Plane, or the Infernal Plane, with others that possess a similar device. It is also possible to communicate without the need for a receiving device, but the appearance and name of the subject is required to be memorized beforehand. The longer the distances of communication, the more Mana and Spirit Energy may be required.

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"Oh yeah, this is... I expected as much. Looks interesting... Although this means every plane?! Does that mean I can even talk to angels and demons if I wanted? And I don't even need them to have a phone if I know their name and... appearance...?"

Elayne had small flashbacks of the monstrous, blazing titan that she had faced back in the trial of the past, the shadow of the aberrant Demon King of the End.

If she knew how that Demon King looked and how it was named... Could she even call that being and try to speak with it?

"Nah, I better never try such a stupid thing..."

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[Multi-Spirit Realm Internet (B)]: Grants the ability to connect with the Worldwide Internet, a creation of humans to connect between technological devices in the Physical Plane where the majority exists. Aside from complete and free connection, it is possible to enter the "Virtual Domain" born from the Internet's existence, a special domain that exists and doesn't exist, and where those of the "Underworld" interact. Careful, the Virtual Domain is inhabited by fierce Virtual Viruses, Malware, and Corrupted Programs that can hurt your mind or soul if they somehow attack you.

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"T-The hell?!"

Elayne was left speechless as she further read this ability's description. They weren't mere descriptions anymore, but a gateway for her to end up learning about entirely new things she could never have learned otherwise!

"The Virtual Domain is born from the Internet?! So it's really like some Matrix? Is it a Realm then? W-What is it even? And people from the Underworld interact there, so it is widely known... and I just learned about it? Maybe its existence is still a secret to most? And there's even monsters in there, wow..."

Although she thought it was strange and dangerous, Elayne couldn't help but feel like she wanted to explore that place one day and see what the hell it even was.

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[Interdimensional Spirit Connection (B)]: Grants the ability to connect and communicate between Dimensions, such as Separate Worlds like Earth and "The Other World", or even other Realms, although they aren't complete Dimensions, as they are anchored on the larger dimension composed of Planes, Earth. By connecting your very spirit into these Dimensions, you can communicate with others you've already known about, talk with, know their names, or that have a connection with you or someone you have already created a connection with beforehand. It is also possible to conjure {Virtual Spirit Avatars} to travel Dimensions temporarily, carrying some of your Magic Power. However, previous "Spirit Connection Establishment" is required before doing so.

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"Okay, so this goes with the other abilities fairly well... Oh! And this Virtual Spirit Avatar is really an amazing ability though! To think that making a smartphone this powerful would give me so many new incredible abilities. Smartphones sure are amazing, huh?"

Elayne was left amazed by the existence of these new places, and even more of the abilities her phone now gave to her. She imagined the Virtual Spirit Avatars to be a pretty good way to temporarily visit other planes or realms she visited.

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Chapter 1573: Impressive New Abilities

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Elayne was confused, although her phone could never imitate the power of the System or the world of BNLO, it did feel kind of similar.

"Nah, these Avatars are too weak, I imagine... but at least, it seems similar. Whoever made BNLO probably had a similar type of ability, or magic..."

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[Divine Spiritual Mana Battery (A)]: The smartphone has evolved, and its battery has transformed into one that is fueled by Mana and Spirit Energy in equal measures. Electricity can also charge the battery, but it requires much larger quantities of such energies. The battery can accumulate an incredibly large quantity of Mana and Spirit Energy, which can be further refined into Divine Power, and be used as a way for the user to always have some "saved energy" in case of emergencies.

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"Oh this is nice! So the battery doesn't just work as one, but it doubles down as MY own battery too, I can save up energy and even merge it into divine power for emergencies, or when I get cornered... Nice!"

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[Soul-Bonding Spiritual Magic Circuits (A)]: This artifact has created a Soul-Bound connection with the wielder, a permanent one that will only be shattered when either of the two is destroyed. These circuits allow for the connection with the artifact through mental inputs, words, and even mere "feelings". The smartphone will do its best to help their master with anything they require. Additionally, these circuits will strengthen the more the smartphone absorbs the master's energy, providing them with extra Magic Power and Virtual Runes, strengthening all Virtual Abilities within the Artifact only. External Virtual Magic is impossible to conjure or engrave due to the master's null affinity with it.

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"The circuits I felt piercing my arm and hand... So they can make me stronger?! And Virtual Runes... Oh wow, all of this is really a thing, huh? The more I infuse energy, the stronger the circuits become, and so the smartphone abilities evolve... And I get more Magic Power too. This is great... But what about that last sentence? So I can't even try to get my own Spells of Virtual Magic, huh? Even if I get Virtual Runes?"

Maybe there's something else that's needed... Perhaps a specific Bloodline? Maybe only a certain family of Magus can conjure it."

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[Spiritual Virtual Mind World (A)]: Connects the Mind or the Soul into a Spiritual Virtual Mind World created within the Artifact, which can be made and customized based on any sort of Information and Data absorbed. This World needs to constantly absorb more and more Data to maintain itself stable and ever-expanding. It is possible for one's Mind to enter and interact with the world. Once enough Data has been absorbed, the Spiritual Virtual Mind World can allow the user to experience many things and learn from them, increasing their knowledge and experience on many subjects. Further evolutions are required for this Spiritual Virtual Mind World to affect the user physically.

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"Ah! There it is... Okay, so I can use this to train and gain more experience. Maybe I could use it to learn how to fight better as well as practice more magic and so on... And it can affect me physically if it evolves more. Interesting... Does that mean I could get stronger? Like if I exercise in there, I get ripped in real life? Hmm, that sounds appealing..."

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[Divine Spiritual Magic Technology Transformation (A)]: Through the infusion of Mana, it is possible for the smartphone to transform and take other shapes, to absorb other pieces of technology temporarily and to also gain new temporary abilities to better protect their master. The {Virtual Spirit Weapon Creation} Ability can be used, manifesting powerful Weapons made of Virtual Spirit Energy that can be used to attack and deal damage to Virtual Entities or even modify technology to a small extent. Their real-world damage is more effective against conceptual and ethereal beings, while physical entities take

little damage from them. Power, Durability, and Strength of such Weapons is based on the master's own strength and magic power.

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"Oooh? T-This is pretty versatile! If I can really add on multiple technological items, and shape and transform the phone, this smartphone doubles down as a literal weapon too... Everyone else got this ability too, or well, a lesser version, so they got another weapon in their arsenal, that's nice. Also the Virtual Spirit Weapon Creation ability will be useful if I ever go to that weird Virtual Domain place."

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[Domain Core Connection (A)]: This artifact has created a permanent connection with the Domain Core of the master, which allows for the remote modification, usage, and even vigilance of the Domain from any Plane, Dimension, or World the user is, as long as their smartphone is with them. It is possible to access most of the Domain's Abilities for higher Mana and Spirit Energy costs as well as being able to create a {Domain Portal} to travel back to the Domain at any time. The longer the distance between Realms, Dimensions, or Worlds, the more Mana and Spirit Energy will be required for the {Domain Portal} to be created for a couple of seconds only.

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"And this is the last one, yep, just what I thought- DOMAIN PORTAL?!"

As Elayne was nodding as she was satisfied with all her new smartphone's abilities, which, as both she and her artifact were now soul bound meant they were pretty much her abilities too, she stopped thinking, realizing the description of this one meant more than just "it connects to your domain"!

"I can manage my Domain from far away! This is so damn useful! And the Domain Portal means we won't have to make the whole trip back home now! Though it might be too dangerous to open it in such a volatile Realm as this one... I might try it over at Avalon."

Once everyone finished lunch and were ready to depart, the Dream Cloud floating above them, they began their journey to the Divine Dream Spirit Tree.

Chapter 1574: Magic Circuits

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It was finally time to keep moving forward, we had faced a bit too many powerful enemies, and we even ended up defeating one of the big bosses of the Black Hand all within the journey to get here.

Honestly, it was more than I could have ever imagined. But now that it was finally over and we could resume our journey, I felt slightly happier, if anything.

We had a delicious lunch as well, so I felt refreshed and full of energy. The things that happened back then... I'll leave them there and not let them affect me too much.

Or well, I'll hope that they don't affect me too much. But even then, I still can't get out of my head the little souls of those children.

It left me slightly frustrated about how I couldn't do anything for them, they were already dead after all... And also, it made me worry... I didn't want the same thing to happen to my baby.

That sorrow, mixed with fear and frustration, and perhaps even regret, made me suddenly swear to myself I would destroy the Black Hand entirely.

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Yes, I might've gotten too emotional back then, but I'm glad I didn't say any of those things out loud though...

Nakuna was a formidable foe, and a monster that deserved to die too, his battle was hard, but when comparing it to Merlinus, it was nothing.

He seemed to specialize in the manipulation of Nightmare Energy, and seemed to be a master of it, someone very strong that lived for a long time.

I really doubt the Black Hand has the resources or people to do the same thing he did, especially when he was one of the "Five Fingers" of the Black Hand, an indispensable member of their society.

Once they learn that he died, they will probably take the entire thing much more personal... So, ugh, I can expect them to keep pestering me.



However, it's not like we're weak ourselves, we're pretty damn strong. With Nakuna's death, the other four will follow suit if they keep pestering me.

I won't forgive them...

Even if I once was a woman worried about just the most mundane things a year ago... Things have changed a lot since then.

I often times think something... Do I regret beginning to play BNLO?

If I didn't, I would never have been dragged into any of this, and maybe I wouldn't had dragged everyone else either.

We could have lived more peaceful lives, and maybe someone else would've played hero.

Or maybe none... and the Forest of Beginnings would have ended being destroyed by the Demon King of Miasma, and then he would have invaded Earth...

Wait...

Huh.

If I hadn't started playing, things could have gone terribly wrong!

Perhaps someone else could have taken my role, but I am not so sure it would have been so easy for things to easily be the same without me or my friends.

I wonder if I was somehow destined to do this? To join them? Is Fate even real?

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Haah...

Oh well, there's no point in overthinking too much, it'll only make me paranoid.

But...

No, I don't regret that I started playing. I've saved and changed a lot of lives, and those lives have ended up changing and saving even more.

Even when we've lost some precious people, perhaps others would have suffered a similar fate, or maybe even more, if I wasn't strong enough in that time to do something.

It's a complicated thing to think about, so many variables! You're never really sure what would happen or not.

"Haah..."

As I sighed, I checked my newly evolved phone.

Yep, it gained new appearance, and it even does a lot more...

It even has a battery where I'm slowly storing Mana and Spirit Energy, refining it into Divine Power to use in emergencies!

Pretty handy, right?

It's also soul bound, and somehow has circuits merged with me, these are "Magic Circuits" that will make me stronger the more energy the phone absorbs over time.

Stronger in which ways? Well, it'll add more Runes to my Physique and Magic Circle I think? I am not entirely sure.

Let me check again...

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Ah yes, there it is. I gain more Magic Power and "Virtual Runes", whatever they are. But they only make the phone's abilities stronger, so they're useless with me.

Nonetheless, another method to gain more Magic Power is always welcome!

And yeah, this phone now allows me to see the abilities of things, information, anything.

It's pretty much an upgraded version of the Wooden Tablet from my Domain... And well, it makes sense when it is literally connected to it as well.

It has many other useful abilities, and right now, I'm contacting Olivia and sending her some messages about what we faced.

Olivia, as expected, reacted pretty surprised.

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[Olivia Coyett]: [What? Wait, how are you even sending messages using the phone???]

[Elayne]: [I got the latest model, they're really amazing...!]

[Olivia Coyett]: [Elayne! Do you seriously believe you can feel me so easily? You have some sort of magical phone? That's incredible!]

[Elayne]: [Okay but did you read what I wrote before?]

[Olivia Coyett]: [Yes, I've already reported it to the HQ. It's honestly worrying they were able to intercept you! But I am relieved you could defeat them... you're incredible!]

[Elayne]: [Okay... we're on our way to a dream spirit tree, so I'll send messages later.]

Chapter 1575: Interdimensional Texting

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[Olivia Coyett]: [Understood! Please, if you can, send me pictures, Elayne! I'll pay you for each one! Pictures of such mythical planes or realms have never been shared before. There's no technology capable of taking photos in them after all, even less manage to survive on their way back to Earth.]

[Elayne]: [Hmm, alright, I was going to do that anyway! Here's one.]

[Photo]

[Olivia Coyett is writing...]

[Olivia Coyett]: [That's incredible! {Surprised Sticker Emoji}. Is that the forest you're in right now?! And that tree! And the spirits... your phone can take all of that?! Usually magical things, even more spirits... You usually cannot take photos of them! This is beyond amazing!]

[Elayne]: [Wow you got really happy... Well, I'm glad you like it. How much are you paying me for that one?]

[Olivia Coyett]: [Hmmm... How about 20k USD?]

[Elayne]: [I expected more... Aren't all things in the Underworld super expensive?]

[Olivia Coyett]: [Yes, but this photo you have can be distributed and sold constantly, it isn't an unique item only I can have, so its price lowers considerably! Nonetheless, you could easily squeeze a lot of money by selling it around. A lot of Magus Families would gladly buy them all from you.]

[Elayne]: [Huh, that still doesn't make sense to me, but fine. I'll take a lot of pictures for you, friend.]

[Olivia Coyett]: [Thank you, Elayne! Have a nice trip! We'll be guarding your Domain while we are here! Kaguya is a very talkative and nice Dryad, I like her already.]

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Well, I'm glad she's fine over there...

But seriously, only twenty? I expected more, she must be trying to buy them from me at a cheaper price because I don't know what prices they would even have originally.

Maybe I should try to sell one picture for a million and see if anybody buys it through the Underworld Auction App...

Oh yes, it's there.

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No, wait!

For now I shouldn't really sell it, my enemies could find where we are and come after us.

Yes, I'll better finish everything before I start selling pictures.

And even then, some places should be kept a secret too... public auctions aren't good for that. I might only sell these pictures to trusted coworkers like Olivia.

"Elayne, are you alright?"

I heard Mark's worried voice by my side, as we slowly advanced through the path that Katherine was leading us through.

"A-Ah! Yeah, yeah, I'm alright... I've been just chatting with Olivia. I reported to her what happened." I said.

"Oh, with the phone, right, I should've thought about that..." Mark nodded.



He walked to my side and placed his arm around my shoulders.

"Are you feeling alright? Everything is fine?"

"Yeah, I mean... yeah."

"Really?"

"Hmm, yes, mostly alright... A lot to think about, little time to relax though... So it all becomes a bit confusing. Sometimes overwhelming... But I'm getting used to that."

"Ahh... Well, once we return back home let's talk and then take a break."

"Hmm, yeah... but we should also return to BNLO. I'm worried about everyone there. I think we've been absent for too long."

"It hasn't even been a week but you're right, we still got somethings to do there... I just don't want you to overexert yourself."

"Alright, I won't, don't worry... but even then, the Demon King of Death... we still have to beat him down."

"Yeah, and the plan you have... Of gathering the players using that arena competition that's coming... do you think that would really work?"

"I mean, we have to try, right? And hope for the best..."

"I'll help as much as I can, I'm just saying... if you don't take a long break, you're going to... well, break... We've gone through a lot of stress lately; I don't want you to go through even more."

"...I know, I'm really tired, yeah. But there's no time to take breaks. Maybe once he's done, we'll be able to rest for some time... I know you worry a lot about me, thank you. As long as everyone here is with me, I think I'll be alright."

"Hmm... Okay. But if you ever feel tired, just tell me."

"Sure, sure..."

He was such a worrywart... but I suppose that's also his charm in a way~

"Soooo when are we getting there?" Rita wondered. "Is the place too big? We'll have to walk for kilometers? Might as well fly, right?"

"I wouldn't recommend you fly..." Katherine said. "There are dangerous, flying creatures."

"What? We can take care of them easily either way!" Rita said.

"Yes, maybe but they would be just as tiring and troublesome as the Nightmareborns," explained Katherine.

"I saw them too! They're everywhere! Better stay down to the earth for now, yep!" Gabriel nodded.

"What? What's in the sky?" Lily wondered, looking up. "It looks clean to me..."

"I would like to see as well..." I said. "I don't know what you're talking about..."

"Ah well, okay," Katherine nodded. "Come, master."

The fairy quickly guided us to a tree, and we slowly, stealthily climbed it to the top.

Then, while hidden beneath the pink colored canopy, we looked into the skies.

BBZZZTTT...

In the distance, the sound of bug wings buzzing around echoed everywhere.

And yes, there were giant bugs!

The Dream Tree wasn't the only one that was huge, there were a few others that were enormous, but not as big.

Each one of them, roughly... I think more than six had giant bee nests on them.

These bees were adorable, pink and fluffy, with black lines, but they also looked enormous and there were thousands of them!

I checked the bees with the camera of my phone, taking a photo of them and then, like some sort of Pokedex, information appeared.

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[Giant Imperial Dream Honeybees]

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Danger Level: B+

Information: Gigantic and deadly Dream Spirit Beasts that roam Forests in the Dream Realm. They gather pollen from Dream Flowers and produce an exquisite Dream Elixir Honey, said to have various healing effects. These giant bees are governed by powerful Empresses that command a powerful guard force of a hundred warriors. Alone they might be tolerable, but in swarms, it's almost impossible to walk out without getting stung and bitten to death. Be careful!

Chapter 1576: Dangerous Bees

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"These are not Nightmareborns but Dream Spirit Beasts, most likely. They resemble another Spirit Beast from Avalon, they're called Giant Imperial Honeybees." Katherine explained. "They're incredibly tough enemies on their own, and once they see someone flying in their territory, they waste no time attacking them!"

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Well, that was useful...

And that honey, huh? An Elixir?

"Oh wow, I wonder how their honey tastes like..." I said, looking at the giant bees buzzing around. "So you're saying they're dangerous in big swarms, huh? I suppose we should move on land then. It's too bothersome to fight a giant swarm again, I would rather not go through that if I can help it."

"Yes, indeed, so let's just walk, we're moving really fast, it shouldn't take too long!" Said Katherine.

"But the Dream Cloud, how is it not being affected?" Wondered Rita.

"Because it isn't a living being, it's a cloud made of dreams, common around here, but the bees will detect mana or life force..." Katherine explained once more. "Please believe me! You don't want to enrage these types of bees! I remember that my little brother once threw a rock at once nest, and we had to dig a hole and hide for three days before they finally left us alone back home!"

"They seem vicious..." Mark muttered. "Alright! Noted, we're not flying guys. But we could use mounts, right?"

"A-Ah... I guess so, yes," nodded Katherine said. "What mounts do you have?"

"Oh, we got a few!" I said, quickly summoning my familiars. "Silver! Goldie! Belle! Come help us, please."

I summoned only these three, as they were the fastest and largest to mount.

"Gryyaarr!" Silver greeted me with a cute growl.

"Hey! Are you hungry? Here!" I quickly gave him a lot of monster meat we had, he happily ate it to feel refreshed and full of vitality.

"What about me?" Goldie wondered, looking at me with his big fish eyes.

"Of course, I got you some... fish food!" I said with a nod.

"Eh?!" He gasped, as I poured a big pile of fish food on the ground. "What is this disgusting, dry thing? You really think I would like this?!"

He touched it with his fin and took a taste angrily but...

"Hmmm?!"

His eyes widened, shining brightly!

He might be a fish-shaped dragon, but he's still originally a fish, right?

"T-This is...?! Why!"

He began eating the entire box worthy of fish food.

"It's delicious! Give me more!"



"Maybe if you behave and bring my friends along your back, alright?"

"But I am not a mount! I am the glorious guardian of the Forest of Beginnings! Wait, where did you even summon me into?"

"Haha, it's a long story, I'll tell you along the way... come on, cooperate."

"...Fine."

And Belle was... she was Belle.

"MEEHEEEH...!"

She began licking my face and rubbed her face on my own, her horns were enormous and hard, but she was as fluffy as ever.

"Hello Belle! It's been a while since we had some time to relax, right? Let's have a nice journey together."

I mounted her back while giving her fruits, spirit fruits, her favorites, which she ate happily one after another.

As I sat over her wide back, I ended hugging her fluffy back, and she smelled like hay, so it was relaxing, I almost wanted to take a nap, her back was huge and fluffy, like a bed!

"She's really fluffy!" Elena said. "Oh wow... makes me want to take a nap."

"Yeah..." Anna nodded. "I guess I might as well, right?"

"I wouldn't recommend that, Belle is very quick, and she might make you fall if you sleep," I giggled.

At the end, we mounted the three familiars quite easily. Belle carried Elena, Anna, Mark, Gabriel, Katherine, and me. Meanwhile, Silver carried Lily, Rita, and Jenny, and Goldie carried Elisa and Monica.

"W-Wait, why do we get to mount the fish?!" Elisa complained.

"Fish?! I am not a fish!" Goldie said angrily. "I am a Golden Dragon!"

"Come on Elisa, it's not so bad! And look around, this entire pink and purple forest, the colorful sky and plants... Doesn't this all look whimsical and amazing? Like we're inside a fairy tale!" Monica said.

"E-Eh? You sure look happy... that's rare," Elisa commented. "Well, I guess it's ok..."

"Riding a dragon wasn't what I was thinking when I got here..." Rita complained. "But can't we bring a car at least? Why the dragons?!"

"They're cute!" Lily caressed Silver's scales.

"I agree..." Jenny nodded. "It's not everyday you get to ride a dragon IRL! I thought these guys were only confined to BNLO too, how did you even summon them here?"

"Using the Otherworldly Familiar Summoning Spell! It's one I made a while ago, by connecting it to my own Avatar's powers through the Soul Bound Beast Tamer Skill I have, I'm capable of bringing them here. It costs constant amounts of Mana though, so I couldn't quite do it before, but now? It's a piece of cake! My limit is three for now though, I can keep them around indefinitely because my rate of Mana regeneration is pretty high, but more than that and it gets a bit troublesome."

"Ohh! I want a Spell like that!" Rita said. "Maybe I could summon my little guys in here as well... Nightmare and my Arachne... Whitey is lonely on his own, right?" A little white rat appeared over Rita's head.

"Chuuu, chuuu!" The white rat emanated a little aura of light, this was her pet she got back then, which ended becoming her little pal.

"Alright everyone, let's get going!" I said. "Let's enjoy the view as well, while we are at it~!"

RUMBLE!

However, as we began moving forward, almost just a minute later, large figures emerged from the woods, chasing us.

Chapter 1577 Fighting Dream Spirit Beasts

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"GRAOOOOHH!"

A massive ten-meter beast leaped out from the woods, claws and sharp jaws out, landing in the middle of the road we were using to get to the tree.

The little Dream Spirits all trembled in fear, moving behind me as they looked at the scene, it wasn't just one of these things, but four.

"GRRHHH..."

They were gigantic purple and black lions, covered with crimson crystal horns, and with six black eyes each.

Their manes were made of twisting Nightmare Energies...

They looked rather strong!

"W-What the hell are those things?!" Rita asked.

"Giant lions, duh!" Jenny said.

"But their manes..." Lily muttered. "Are they Nightmareborns?"

"No... they look like the Great Jungle Lions, they're giant lion spirit beasts from Avalon, or well... these are their cousins!" Katherine said.

"Is that so?" I wondered, using my phone to take a photo.

Pokedex, do your thing!

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[Giant Nightmare Jungle Lion]

Classification: Nightmare, Spirit, Beast, Lion.

Danger Level: B++

Information: Enormous and powerful predators of the Dream Spirit Forest, their giant claws, deadly jaws, and agile, yet powerful and muscular bodies make them apex predators. Their ability to work cooperatively to take down prey larger than them is also well known. Their manes possess concentrated Nightmare Energy, which they use to enhance their power or use Nightmare Magic to incapacitate or weaken their prey. The longer a fight against them lasts, the more dangerous they are.

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Oh, they seem rather formidable, B++ Danger too, they're stronger than the bees, individually.

There's four of them, and I don't sense anymore of them far away.

I think this is something we can handle.

"ROOOAARRR!"

The four of them charged at us after a pause, as if trying to analyze us with their six eyes before going for the kill.

They were mostly aiming at our mounts, not us though. Perhaps their huge size made them appealing as meals or something?

"Belle, don't hold back."

"MEEEEEEEE!"

Belle's eyes turned gold, releasing lightning from them, as she swung her foot down the moment one of the lions got closer.

CRAAASH!

"GRYYAAGH?!"

The lion monster let out a pitiful scream of agony, as it got almost knocked out with a single, powerful stomp from Belle.

An explosion of lightning followed, electrocuting its entire body.

BOOOM!

She was partially covered by the Bellflower wood armor, so she had some dream essence within her, enough to give her the ability to damage these monsters easily.

"GRYYAARR!"

The lion responded angrily while bleeding, his mane twisted around, suddenly manifesting several black spheres, firing them at us.

"Belle!"

"MEEEHHEE!"

Belle cried angrily, her horns turned gold, overflowing with electricity and then firing several thunderbolt attacks at the lion's magic.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

The thunderbolts stopped the spheres of nightmare energy completely, and even hurt the lion even more, leaving it burning and in agony.

"GRAAAARR!"



It quickly tried to escape, beginning to run back into the forest...

But Belle was a vicious hunter, she wasn't going to let her prey escape now.

Never provoke a goat's fury!

RUMBLE!

With an explosion of lightning with a single gallop, Belle arrived above the lion, who glanced at her with a terrified expression.

CRAAASH!

And with a furious kick with both of her back legs, she crushed the lion's head and torso, killing the beast on the spot!

BOOOM!

"Well, that was easy, Belle! You're super strong as always."

No wait, what if I use the phone to check her out?

"Wow, she's a killer!" Gabriel said.

"Your goat is... amazingly strong, master..." Katherine muttered.

"Yep, compared to the Familiars I've raised in BNLO, these Beasts are rather weak, hahah..." I giggled a little. "Ah, but it's really bloody... Uh."

"Comparing their Ranks, I suppose Belle is way above B++ Rank then?" My daughter wondered.

I had already shown them the information I could see using my phone. Apparently this was a feature they didn't have.

"Whatever this Danger Level is based on, she might be S?" Anna wondered. "She's damn brutal though...! Wait, what about the others? We got a bit too far away..."

"Ah well, about her Rank, I can't really calculate it well..." I said. "And yeah, we should go back! Hurry, Belle!"

We rushed back, quickly finding Silver and Goldie fighting the other three lions. They were as effective as Belle at that.

"ROOOAARR!"

Silver roared angrily, unleashing a devastating Silver Moonlight Breath Attack, hitting the Lion in front of him at almost point blank, before swinging its claws against the monster, tearing its flesh off.

BOOOM!

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

"GRYAAA OOOOHHH...!"

The lion couldn't even handle all of that, immediately beginning to scream in agony, and attempting to escape.

A terrible choice...

"GRAAAAH!"

With a furious roar, Silver unleashed giant spiraling spears of highly pressurized water, piercing the lion's entire body until it was completely dead...

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

The other two lions weren't having a fun time either, Goldie was taking on both at the same time, surprisingly!

And he was doing it pretty good.

"Hmph! Mere beasts like you truly believe you can go against me, a Golden Dragon? Don't make me laugh!"

His aura transformed, firing several beams of light at the furious lions, without end!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"OHOHOHOH! OOOHOHOHO!"

As he attacked them and the lions were being rapidly overwhelmed, Goldie laughed like a villain!

I understand he might enjoy that but he's overdoing it a bit...

"And take this!"

He quickly swum upwards a little bit, then descended rapidly, hitting the two lions with a powerful tail attack, generating another explosion of blinding light!

BOOOM!

Before they could do anything else, both Lions were... out!

Just like that!

Wow.

I guess we're really strong.

Fighting for a while in Arcadia has made me think we were still lacking, that there were always stronger foes waiting around the corner but.

Yeah, we have become really strong, and it is now that I am finally realizing just how far our strength goes now.

#### Chapter 1578 Checking Everyone's Danger Level

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Hm, looking back at Nakuna, he was a very special and important member of the Black Hand... someone so strong not even entire organizations could defeat, such as SWORD.

And yet we screwed him over... And he's now gone, forever.

Oh my, we're... we're really overpowered, as the young'uns would say.

"W-Well, that was fast... I thought I would have to do something myself..." Elisa muttered, glaring at the bloody scene.

"Hmph! Do something yourself? As long as you're on my back, I'll protect you two pitiful girls!" Goldie laughed. "Because I am the strongest Guardian of the Forest of Beginning's Spirit Lake!"

"A LAZY guardian that does nothing but sleep, dare I say..." I said. "I literally had to drag you out of the Spirit Lake for you to get serious! To think we could have received your help so many times before I found you..."

"E-Eh?! Well, that was my territory, I naturally take long naps, I am a strong dragon after all!" Goldie muttered, embarrassed to admit his laziness.

"But you did well," I nodded. "And you too, Silver! Well done. For now, don't eat the corpses, I don't know if they might be edible for you two."

I looked at the corpses for a moment, their meat was purple, and they weren't disappearing like the other monsters, such as Nightmareborns for example.

"So Spirit Beasts have solid bodies that don't disappear?" Mark asked Katherine.

"Yes, in that sense, they're like the beasts or animals of your world," Katherine explained. "In Avalon, most Spirit Beasts' meat is edible, but we rarely eat it. We don't really like meat that much, and we prefer eating flowers, nectar, honey, fruits, or veggies. They're just tastier... though I love human sweets and snacks, even their savory snacks like potato chips are delicious!"

"I-I see! Well I'm glad you love that..." I giggled a little. "Anyway, let's store these inside my Inventory for now. It's a pity we don't get EXP, but it is what it is, right?"

I quickly extended my Aura, touching the corpses with it as portals devoured the corpses and sent them to my inventory. They can even appear as items in BNLO now too.

"And done, let's continue!" I nodded. "Morpheus, were you not able to detect these lions?"

"I did, master, but I thought it wasn't something you couldn't handle," Morpheus said. "And as you saw, your mounts were enough. They happen to be good materials... Should I notify when they approach? I'm really sorry."

"Ah, it's fine, and yes, please notify me next time," I nodded.

Now, as we advanced, I used my phone again, this pokedex function was really fun.

I used it on Belle, Silver, and Goldie to see what their danger levels were.

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[Heavenly Lightning Tanngnjóstr: Belle]

Classification: Otherworldly, Mythical, Divine Beast, Thunder, Goat.

Danger Level: S+

Information: A powerful mythological and divine beast that comes from another world. Possess great divine power over divine thunder, and has immense physical power, a gigantic body, lightning speed, and god-like reflexes, alongside a wrath comparable to gods of war themselves. Origins are unclear as it comes from another world, more information is needed to be gathered first.



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Oh wow, Belle is S+! Really? It's even higher than I imagined!

What about Silver?

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[Silver Moon Spring Dragon: Silver]

Classification: Otherworldly, Mythical, Divine Dragon, Water, Moonlight.

Danger Level: S

Information: A powerful divine dragon that originates from another unknown world. It has a long, serpentine body, and it seems adapted to live underwater, but it is capable of also swimming in the middle of the air. A dangerous beast with immensely strong physical power, highly defensive, magic reflect-ting scales, incredible water magic, and powerful breath attack, claws, and fangs. It seems to have yet to fully evolve into an Mature Adult Dragon yet, even less into an Elder Dragon, where Dragons unlock their full potential. Origins are unclear as it comes from another world, more information is needed to be gathered first.

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Huh? Oh this gives me more info about Silver than I thought! So he has yet to mature fully? Wait is Silver a he or a she? I don't quite remember...

Well, it doesn't really matter, animals or beasts don't really care how you call them.

Silver seems weaker than Belle though, which is strange because they're a Divine Dragon! But I guess it's because they have yet to Mature into a Mature Adult Dragon.

I wonder what they would look like? I think they're all Max Level though, so I should probably evolve them once I get back to BNLO.

And Goldie...

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[Holy Mythical Golden Koi Dragon: Goldie]

Classification: Otherworldly, Mythical, Divine Dragon, Water, Sunlight, Koi Fish.

Danger Level: S+

Information: A powerful divine dragon that originates from another unknown world. Originally was a Mythical Beast of some Spirit Lake in another world, but through years, it evolved into a Golden Dragon from a Koi Spirit Beast. Reaching such heights, it has been blessed with a golden body and powers over Sunlight and Water Elements the most. A deadly Koi Fish-type Golden Dragon that has matured greatly, reaching almost the Mature Adult Dragon Stage, although not quite there yet completely. Origins are unclear as it comes from another world, more information is needed to be gathered first.

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So he's almost a Mature Adult Dragon, huh? That's kind of a pity, I really wanted him to be already one, but it makes sense seeing he's not quite there yet, just by looking at his face you can tell immediately!

"Hmm, I am thirsty... Isn't there some Spirit Water I can drink around here?" Goldie complained, as we moved through the forest, moving trees and walking over rough terrain... or well, the mounts did.

"I can give you some Water Spirits," I said. "And produce water with them!"

"Ugh, but that would taste nasty, natural Spirit Water is much better!" He said. "Hmm! Hmmm?! I can smell some fresh water! O-Over there!"

Goldie started swimming away, quickly separating from the party.

Chapter 1579 A Spirit Dream Spring

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"Hmm! Hmmm?! I can smell some fresh water! O-Over there!"

Goldie started swimming away, quickly separating from the party.

"Hey! Where the hell is he going?!" Rita asked angrily. "Silver, give chase!"

"Gryyaarr!" Silver surprisingly obeyed her, chasing Goldie.

"Belle!" I called her name.

"MEEEEEEEE!" She quickly replied, leaping from rocky area to rocky area, quickly reaching where the two were going.

And as I detected Goldie stopping his phase, then we stopped as well. Slowly, with Belle and Silver, we moved to the depths of the forest, as the sound of water flowing continued growing louder and louder.

And eventually, we reached the place Goldie was aiming for, a beautiful waterfall, coming from a tall cliff, surrounded by glowing pink, blue, and purple crystals.

Tiny Dream Spirits floated everywhere, greeting us with tiny giggles and flying away as we walked out of Belle and Silver.

"Oh wow! This place's beautiful!" Katherine said, looking around in awe.

The water was beautifully crystalline, the surrounding area was mostly made of gray stone with decorations of these colorful crystals, and there was even a small area full of flowers.

"You could easily set up some house in here or something, like a small vacation house..." Mark said.  
"Hahaha, I mean that would never work we are in a dangerous realm and all..."

"Y-Yeah, hahah..." I giggled a little. "But that sounds nice, this is likely a small sanctuary..."

"Finally! Yes! Some fresh Spirit Water all for me!" Goldie jumped into the water as he began swimming around it, splashing happily and getting wet, his favorite pastime while drinking the water. "HMMM?! GEEHH...?!"

However, out of nowhere, he groaned and started coughing!

Elisa and Monica, who were mounting him, got worried.

"Hey! Are you alright?!" Elisa cried.

"He's shaking so much! Let's move out, Elisa!" Monica grabbed Elisa and flew away with her ghostly levitation. "Um, auntie, what do we do? Is Goldie okay?"

"I'll go look into him... Maybe the Dream Realm water is poisonous too? makes sense though, if it has dream essence then it might make him fall asleep or something!" I panicked, reaching him. "Hey Goldie! Hang in there, I'll-"

"THIS WATER IS DELICIOUS!" His big eyes shone brightly. "Oh master, this water is so sweet, full of spirit energy, and it is so VERY pure! I cannot believe it! I am in awe, left speechless!"

"You don't really act like you're speechless with all that yapping... But I'm glad you're fine," I sighed in relief. "Does it have any side effects on you though? Morpheus, can you check him out?"

"Yes, master, let me see..." Morpheus quickly floated around Goldie while scanning him. "Hmm, he does have dream essence inside of him, but this amount is not really damaging him at all, when you're as strong as he is, it shouldn't be a problem. In fact... I think everyone should be able to drink or bathe in this Spring Water. It seems to have many beneficial effects! And it shouldn't really harm the body at all."

"Wait, how so? You've been saying that the very atmosphere here is dangerous... So how?" Mark wondered, walking to my side.

"Well that depends, the atmosphere itself is not that dangerous, it is the realm as a whole that it is, being swept over by its disasters and all... but this island seems to have its own ecosystem, atmosphere, and it could technically be called a small world of its own. It is much safer than outside for example, and

those giant bees make sure nobody can easily enter either, so it's kept quite safe." Morpheus went on and on about some explanations. "This water must flow from a nearby mountain, or perhaps the Divine Dream Spirit Tree itself, it is highly purified Spring Water, rich in Spirit Energy and Positive Dream Energy."

"Positive?" Lily wondered. "Is it good for us then?"

"Yes, your body can assimilate it easily, letting you gain Dream Runes to grow stronger," Morpheus said. "Of course... the most dangerous thing of being in here is staying for too long, as you risk becoming a Dream Realm Inhabitant eventually. This water... well, to trigger that, would need you to bathe for like a month consecutively without stopping, so please be at ease."

"How interesting!" I said, taking some empty bottles from my inventory. "I have these just prepared for the occasion! I'll bring some of that water with me. I bet they're also great Alchemy Materials."

"For sure! Please take as many as you need, also it would be ideal if Lily could help me mine these crystals over here, master," Morpheus hit the crystal nearby.

CLANK! CLANK!

"I am confident I could break them myself but that might eventually scratch or damage my blades," he explained. "These are Dream Spirit Crystals of very high quality, with many variants... Also perfect materials! They're packed full of Mana, Spirit Energy, and Dream Energy! I would gladly eat some myself as well!"

"Hahaha, I get it, I get it, you want some too," I giggled. "Lily, could you help me out?"

"Sure!" Lily nodded, swinging her pickaxe and beginning to work right away.

CLAAANK!

CLAAANK!

CLAAANK!

"Is this fine for now?"

She quickly finished taking out a pile of dozens of them in mere seconds! And they were also glowing mysteriously, with powerful magical and spiritual auras of their own.

Did their quality increased?

Oh, this must be one of Tierra's Abilities, right?

Let's see...



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[World-Shattering Divine Spirit Earth Drake King's Pickaxe: Tierra (A+ Rank Magic Weapon)]

Potential Abilities: [STR & INT +68% (A)] [World-Shattering Strike (A)] [Defense Ignore: 70% (A)] [Spiritual Draconic Mother Earth's Divine Wrath (A)] [Divine Intelligent Weapon (A)] [Primordial Earth Dragon Mother's Tectonic Destruction (A)] [Divine Spiritual Earth Dragon Golem Summon (A)] [Divine Material Digging (A)] [Divinely Blessed Weapon: Yggdragon (A)]

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Oh yeah, "Divine Material Digging", does that means whatever she digs gain divine quality?

No way, that's way too overpowered...

But their quality does improve, randomly, some remained the same and others improved, interesting.

"Thank you Lily!" I said happily. "Alright then, what should we do... Goldie! Come back already..."

Chapter 1580 Enjoying The Spring

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As I finished filling my bottle with the Spring Water, I was getting ready to depart but...

"What are you talking about? We're taking a dip! I sweated like crazy and want to take a break!" Rita said, as she started to undress.

"E-Eh?! Rita!" I said, feeling embarrassed. "Mark is here!"

"Ahhh, right..." Rita groaned, but she still ended stripping down to only her underwear. "Don't care!"

SPLASH!

And just like that, Rita jumped into the cold water without a care in the world!

It was rather hot here, yeah, she wasn't wrong.

I was also pretty sweaty...

"Oooohh! This is great! It's cold but not freezing, just the perfect temperature! And it smells like soap too! Hey Goldie, you were right, this is a good spring!" Rita laughed while swimming with her belly up. "Come on Elayne! Stop being so stuck-up and just get in!"

"R-Rita..." I facepalmed, sighing. "What am I going to do with her? Mark, what do you think?"

However, Mark was already leaving behind his shoes, socks, and taking out his shirt, revealing his muscular upper body.

"I say let's go!" He smiled. "Come on Elayne, you don't get an opportunity like this every day, right? Who knows when we'll ever return here! We better make sure to enjoy every opportunity we can, right?"

"Mark..." I felt slightly moved by his words...

He wasn't wrong though, if I just dismiss this and not enjoy the ride, then...

I would be wasting these precious moments.

Ugh...

"Fine!"

I quickly undressed as well, leaving on my underwear only.

Lily, Jenny, Anna, Elena, Elisa, and Monica started doing the same.

Nobody cared at this point!

"Looks nice!" Anna said. "Let's go Elena!"

"W-Wait a bit!" Elena muttered. "I haven't even taken out my shirt yet!"

"Oh~? I didn't notice you had a small belly there, hehehe!" Elisa giggled, touching Monica's belly rolls.

"H-Hey!" Monica got embarrassed, all red. "W-What's wrong? It's nothing big...!"

"You should eat less junk food then!" Elisa leaped into the water. I swear I imagined she would be against this, being a young lady and all, but she was completely into it instead.

"I-I don't eat junk food!" Monica chased her as she leaped into the water with her.

SPLASH!

"Nice! I wanted to take a nice bath somewhere!" Jenny smiled, as she quickly walked down to the spring through the rocks.

"Hmm~ I wish some handsome boys were around as well, it would be perfect then, hehe!" Lily giggled.  
"Elayne, let's go!"

"Yeah, yeah!" I nodded, following her as we walked into the water.

Oooh, it was cold!

"Brrr..."

I felt a slight shivering sensation in my spine and then the rest of my body.

But as I got deeper and swam towards Mark, I got used to it pretty quickly. It helped that here it was as hot as a rainforest.

"So what do we do now, Katherine?" I heard Gabriel talking. "Do we take a dip? I wanna!"

"Hmm, some of us should keep watch..." Katherine said. "This is still a dangerous place full of monsters..."

"Come on let's go, everyone's having fun! I wanna have fun in the water!" Gabriel cried, as he dragged Katherine into the water.

SPLASH!

"Ugh, wait a second Gabriel!" Katherine complained. "It's cold!"

"Hehehe, let's play!" Gabriel giggled, splashing water at her.

But they weren't wrong, I should better set some defensive measures.

Good thing that the Summer and Spring Guardians were still stored in the Sanctuary Domain.

So I quickly summoned it back, placing the space to the left, and letting the guardians surround us in several circles, making the place safe instantly.

Belle and Silver also took a dip and started bathing in the water like Goldie, so I couldn't rely 100% on them for the moment.

Morpheus was also there watching over...

And just in case, I set up a barrier using my Halo's powers.

FLUOSH!

"Okay, that should be enough safety..." I nodded. "Maybe? I hope."

"Relax, we already beat the bad guys, wild beasts aren't that big of a problem either way," Mark said, swimming to my side. "You look beautiful, by the way."

"W-Wha...?" I felt embarrassed. "I just took off my clothes... This isn't even swimwear, Hahahah..."

"Well, you're always beautiful anyway," Mark said, as he rubbed my belly. "Oh? It's gotten bigger?"

"A-Ah! Yeah?" I wondered. "It is! It's a bit bigger, hehe... so the baby might end up growing faster then..."

"Yeah, I don't know if that's a relief or... something to be worried about," Mark said.

"I think it's alright... it might be better the sooner he comes, so I don't have to be a pregnant woman in danger," I giggled.

"Right~" He nodded, kissing my cheek. "Well, pregnant or not, you're really beautiful either way. And this place, it's really ideal for a honeymoon or something, don't you think? The starry, pink and purple skies, the spiritual forests surrounding us, the spirits, the sprinkling water..."

"Yeah... It's nice!" I nodded. "Maybe it was a good idea to get down here for a bit~"

As I talked and he held me tightly, I kissed his lips, and he followed with more kisses.

For a moment, we got lost kissing, I quickly hugged him, sitting over his legs while locking my legs around his back.

His lips wouldn't stop kissing mine, sucking on my tongue and all...

Wow, he's really horny!

"Ah...!"

And I quickly noticed he indeed was, something down there got really big, poking me from below.

"S-Sorry! I didn't mean..."



"Hmmm~"

"Huh?"

I felt like maybe we should just do it, right?

Whatever...

Let's get loose for a bit and enjoy the moment, as he said.

"Come..."

I quickly guided him to a path in the small lake, behind some large rocks, away from everyone else.

"It's a beautiful place like you said~"

As I said that, I began rubbing my hand on his big friend down there.

Hm, yes~ It was really hard.

I was on the mood.

"E-Elayne...! Are you sure?"

"Well, we might as well enjoy the moment, as you say~? What? You don't want to~?"

"..."

He quickly went for it!