

## **Brand New 771**

### Chapter 771 Golden Heroic Emblem

"You're smart so I guessed you would find out quickly. After all I revealed to you my abilities because I trusted you, so, pretty please?" She asked me.

"Okay, I won't say anything. I never intended to... But this is shocking, is this like another of your secret lives?!" I asked her through her telepathic channel.

"Hahaha... It could be said that this is where my real life actually started." She simply giggled. "I could tell you more later... But for now, bear in mind that... this is just my true self."

"O-Okay..." I nodded. "It's weird, but it's also nice to know you have a wonderful family here..."

"Yes, I love them... They're everything for me, and the reason I fight." She answered. "Anyways, my hubby is looking a bit nervous when we are all silent, so let's break the ice, alright?"

"Sure!" I agreed.

"Ahem... C-Camilla? Are you alright?" The king wondered.

"Yes, dear. I was just thinking about something." She smiled. "Anyways! I think it's about time we reward them for their great efforts."

"Indeed." He nodded. "Please, everyone, come here." The King was suddenly given a huge wooden box from Camilla's inventory. It seems he even let her carry things for him.

As the nobles gathered, he opened the wooden chest, which contained dozens of golden emblems, in the shape of two swords crossing with angelic wings on top of them.

"These are Golden Emblems, a special reward we only give to Heroes that have done great feats and achievements in our Kingdom." The King gently gave one to each one of us. "This is one of your rewards for having saved our Kingdom so much, it is not simply a piece of gold. It will allow you to walk through most restricted areas, enter the castle as you wish, and also receive a wide arrange of discounts everywhere, if you've registered as an adventurer, you will receive bonus rewards from completing quests too."

Ding!

[Congratulations! You've received the [Golden Heroic Emblem (A Rank)] for your heroic deeds on the Luminous Kingdom!]

[The King has rewarded you with this emblem, which will give you several new benefits within the confines of the Nation.]

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[Golden Heroic Emblem]

[Item Type]: [Accessory] [Emblem]

[Item Rank]: [Unique]

[Item Quality]: [A]

[Item Requirement]: [Be Recognized as Heroes of Luminous]

[Item Durability]: [6000/6000]

[Item Effects]: [HP]: [+500] [MP]: [+500] [STR]: [+250] [VIT]: [+250] [DEX]: [+250] [AGI]: [+250] [INT]: [+250] [WIS]: [+250] [LUC]: [+250] [CHM]: [+2500] [AUT]: [+500]

[Bonus Effects]: [All Stats +5% (B)] [All Damage Reduction -10% (B)] [Royalty Charisma +50% (B)]  
[Favored by Nobles +50% (B)]

[Item Abilities]

[Heroic Emblem]: As an Emblem made to recognize Heroes, you possess the [Heroic Aura] of one. When fighting evil doers, All Stats increase by +20% and grants the usage of [Heroic Aura]. The [Heroic Aura] can boost the power of any Skill or Magic by +100% and grant special effects.

[Respected By The Masses]: You will be respected by the masses, even those outside of the Luminous Kingdom. Any non-evil aligned NPC will have a favorability for you upon seeing the Emblem by +200%. You naturally exude an Aura that calms the fear of innocents from their hearts.

[Item Description]

A beautiful Emblem crafted by Ancient Artisans and enchanted with the Divinity of the Ancient Heroes over the eons. Whoever is recognized by the King and wears this Emblem will be able to channel a fragment of the ancient hero's strength when fighting evil doers.

Bonus Effects cannot be reset using Potential Cubes.

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[You have equipped the [Golden Heroic Emblem]!]

Emblems were separate accessories from rings, bracelets, or earrings, and you could equip as many as you wanted, but the ones that gave any stats and benefits were very rare.

Even blacksmiths or craftsmen could barely make any emblems with stats, they were often thought to be quest-only special accessories.

This with the Dragon Emblem already gave us some nice bonuses!

It even increases Authority by +500, making all my subjects stronger as this stat makes them stronger the higher it is!

"Wow, this Emblem is incredible.." Mark pointed out. "This alone is enough of a reward!"

"Yeah!" Rita nodded. "I can't believe I can get some heroic power too, hehe. Elayne's not the only one anymore!"

"I-Is this for me too? I barely did much!" Acorn was shocked.

"Incredible, to be recognized as a hero of another nation... Lady Titania would be proud." Nieve smiled.

"Dad... Look how your daughter's growing!" Brisingra seemed happy too.

"Don't worry, these belong to you now." The King smiled. "I know it might be a bit premature to give you this incredible item, we only have a few more in our treasury after all, but... in exchange for this reward, we need your help. Would it be possible for you to cooperate with the Knight's Union to bring down the cult?"

I see, so giving this to us also would shackle us into this conflict, if we wanted it or not, it didn't matter once we grabbed them and equipped them... But alright, I really don't mind.

"We were already going to crush those cultists anyways, King Luminous." I said with a smile. "We would gladly cooperate with your Knights, we have grown acquainted with Sir David already, he is a good man. Also, Sir Ambil here, he is an incredible blacksmith that not only welcomed us to your nation when nobody did but has helped us by giving us a job and a place to sleep and eat."

"A-Ah?!" Ambil was surprised when I suddenly introduced him into the conversation, he hadn't received an Emblem for obvious reasons, but was still at our side. "Oi Planta! What are you even talking about?!"

"So this is Ambil, is it? I've heard from him from David." The King said with a pristine smile, walking to his side. "I have heard that you've been on a tight rope with your finances... Is that true too?"

"Y-Yes, your majesty..." Ambil sighed, bowing his head. "But thanks to them, we've managed to make great sales, I've saved enough money to pay for my debts, and once that's done, it'll change..."

"Hmmm..." The King judged his resolve. "You seem to have potential, very well. Tomorrow, bring me weapons he has made, I will appraise them."

## Chapter 772 A Noble King

"A-Appraise them?!" Ambil was surprised. "Would you really, your majesty?"

"Yes, I already said so." The King sighed. "I've heard you're the last member of a family of prestigious blacksmiths. I am looking forward to what you could make. If you seem to be promising, I MIGHT consider commissioning you to arm my knights. The quality of the other blacksmiths is good, but if yours is even better... Well, things might change."

"I-I will! I shall!" Ambil was filled with resolve like we've never seen him before.

"Is the King good at Appraising?" Acorn asked innocently.

"He is!" Camilla nodded happily. "My dear is the best Appraiser in the entire Kingdom. With his special ability [Sage Eyes] there's nothing that can escape him. He will deduce with 100% certainty if something is valuable or not. And his powers give him even more details than what us players can see from items."

"Eh?! He's that amazing?" Wondered Jenny. "I thought he was just a handsome blondie..."

"Hahah..." The King laughed a bit angrily but let that slide because she called him handsome. "Aside from my looks, dear slime girl, I am quite good at almost everything else. I am not a King without being strong. I am good at magic, swordsmanship, appraisal, and also at resource management. The Class I possess, [Luminous Kingdom's Ruler] gives me all of such benefits, necessary to both protect my country and my people."

"Father also has a special Class similar to that..." Brisingra whispered to me. "I guess he's right. My dad was very strong too!"

"I see..." I nodded. "Very well then, your majesty. Will you make this request to help you eliminate the cultists official? I also expect good rewards."

"I will." The King nodded. "And I shall also forgive your rudeness! Of course I would never forget rewards, Lady Planta. I know how greedy all of you Players tend to be... but can I blame you? I would ask for the same in your position. Aside from the emblems, there are additional rewards that had been left in the Adventurer Guild, you can go retrieve them and complete the Request of Cultist Elimination and Hidden Dungeon Clearing."

"So that's how it is." Angelina nodded, her bright eyes shining. "Thank you so much, your majesty... When should we begin operations then? We've got some clues about where their hiding places might be, but this is confidential information I would rather share in private."

"Indeed, tomorrow morning, as you bring me the weapons Ambil has made, we can discuss our next course of action." Said the King.

We've only been in this Kingdom for three days, yet we've already achieved so much! If possible, I want to eliminate the cult by the end of the week.

After all, there's little time until the Demon King of Death's resurrection. Only one week and a half left, in specific!

I've noticed that a month is already going to come to an end, but the Hourglass of Calamity time has been extended when the new update happened.

Did the gods intervene to make his resurrection even a big slower?

But even then, only a month after the previous one was slain, they really didn't give us a break. We've been moving from one place to another for almost a whole month.

I hope that the next Demon Kings take their sweet time to resurrect...

"Very well." I nodded. "As you may already know, the resurrection of the Demon King of Death is drawing very close, your majesty. The Hourglass of Calamity, given to me after I helped defeating the previous one, says that in a week and a half from now, the gates to the underworld will open."

"I see..." The King nodded. "So you are quite the big shots at the end. We are well aware of his resurrection, most of the Union between Nations are. But there's little we can do about it other than fend off his army of Undead as they come... Lady Planta, do you have any idea how to defeat him?" He asked a ridiculous question, but he did good in asking me.

"I've been traveling around the world and defeating his Death Generals. I do know that there's a way to get to the Underworld before the Gates open and defeat him before he resurrects." I said. "If we fight him while he's still sealed, his power will be much, much weaker... And it would be our only shot at making it out of this without drastic casualties like the previous Demon King provoked around the world with his Miasmic Beasts."

Just remembering all the utter chaos caused back in the Forest of Beginnings, how many innocent people died there, and how many others died around the world from his beasts... It is something I want to stop.

Especially because he's most likely aiming to go to Earth somehow too! I want to stop him before he can even fathom to do that.

"The Cult... from what we've found out, is related to the Demon King of Death..." Mark pointed out. "It wouldn't be an understatement to say they're cooperating. The defeat of this organization would also foil the Demon King of Death's plans..."

"So that's your plan." Camilla nodded. "To go to the Underworld itself... Fufu, you sure are amusing, Planta... everyone. We shall consider helping you once the cult is done with. But to be in time, we would need to capture and eliminate them in less than a week now, isn't it?"

"And we will." I said. "For now, let's leave the rest for our private meeting. The stares of the nobles put me a bit nervous..."

"Alright." The King nodded. "I never thought about things as deeply as you did, but you might be completely right in that regard... If we could ask for the Verdant Continent's Kingdom Alliance to unify as one and attack the Underworld to defeat the Demon King before his resurrection... then millions of innocent lives could be saved."

Despite his "higher than you" attitude that the King had going for him, he was someone truly noble, that cared about the lives of innocents, and found it was his responsibility to protect them.

"My father taught me what Noblesse Oblige meant, and since then I vowed to live by that code." He smiled. "Lady Planta, you have our full cooperation."

### Chapter 773 Beta Test Player

"For now, enjoy the banquet." The King rose his wine-filled cup. "Everyone, behave and recognize the heroes, despite being non-humans. This is a great step forwards in our Kingdom, and this day shall be remembered as well as the day new heroes were born!"

"OOOHH!"

Several nobles celebrated and raised their cups filled with wine, giving a toast in our honor. Since then, the nobles started pestering us at every moment.

They surrounded us and asked us all matter of things. Some were interested in our feats, others were interested in our appearances, our strengths, or even our riches.

"Lady Planta, you're such a beautiful maiden. I apologize for not having realized earlier."

"You stand with so much pride and strength! You're truly a hero!"

"Do you happen to have a fiancée? I have a son around your age that would gladly marry a maiden like you. If the King has married a Player I don't see the problem, right? You will receive half of my family's riches if you-"

"Don't listen to him! His son is ugly! Please marry me, I'll make you the happiest woman alive!"

"Men are sure disgusting, aren't they? You could also marry me, I do have a few female concubines... You're beautiful."

From men to women, all of them wanted me to marry them, or give them something else! It was a bit disgusting, and it was overwhelming me. I felt like at any moment I would explode.

It was the same with my friends, Mark was surrounded by mostly ladies, Lily and Rita by guys, and... Well, some of us by kids, like Acorn and Nieve.

"Let me touch your fluffy tail!"

"You're so cute!"

"Uwah, a real-life fairy! I can't believe it!"

"Can you sing and call animals from the forest?"

After arduously dragging ourselves away from the crowd, we gathered once more, sighing in relief. There were still a few questions in our heads. One of them included Camilla's true identity, if she was truly Black Haze, this only made things even more confusing.

But I guess it would make even more sense that she saved the Luminous Kingdom from the invading army of Miasmic Monsters when the Forest of Beginnings was infected by them.

She had literally flown there as fast as she could to save these people in specific, using all her powers to destroy the monsters before they could even touch the city.

If Camilla is really Black Haze, then this is incredible...

"Well? How is the banquet?" Camilla walked to my side, gently smiling at me.

"Black- I mean, Queen Camilla..." I muttered. "Is it really you? Since that time we talked that you never came back. I thought you just stopped caring?"

"It hasn't even been a whole month, Planta." She sighed. "I do have a life here, after all. Whenever I'm not raiding dungeons and exploring new lands with my Guild, I'm here taking care of my child and helping my husband."

"I-I see... You... You said you have been here for years but... BNLO has only been out for three years, no?" I asked her. "So how... is your son?"

"Oh, that?" She giggled. "It has to do with the Beta Test... A special ability BNLO has, which hasn't been revealed to the public. The Beta Test had time dilation. That year became five years."

"Eh?!" I was completely shocked. "That's... so you played the Beta..."

Although it is widely known that there was a Beta Test, the Beta Testers were only a hundred people all around the world, all of them with mysterious backgrounds.

Only a few have shared tips in the forums, the rest falling into obscurity. And it becomes even more mysterious because to become a Beta Tester, they had to work or have connections with Nexus Corporations, the company behind BNLO.

Meaning that... if she truly has connections with them, Camilla probably is aware that this world is not truly a game. Perhaps the very reason why she never called anybody here as an NPC and simply called the "inhabitants of Arcadia".

"I did." Camilla nodded. "My circumstances were very unique... It was thanks to my father. Ah, I suppose I shouldn't be talking more than that, confidential info from the company and all."

Maybe she's not aware the world is real, or maybe she's not aware I know it's real, so she's not talking about that... I better just simply play along instead of trying to get myself into more problems.

But the curiosity is still killing me, she's too mysterious! Someone with so many secrets... can they truly be trusted?

"I guess it is not information you're allowed to reveal, by legal contracts and all?" I wondered.

"More or less... But I can reveal that my father is one of the people working for BNLO. So thanks to that, I was able to access the game- Ah, I'm not a kid if you're wondering, I'm already a young adult, my father just loves to spoil me..." Camilla giggled a bit.

"I see..." I felt a bit awkward.

But her interactions seemed genuine, and she looked to be trying her hardest to make be friendly. I know she has many more secrets, but she has already revealed a lot to me.

It means she wants me to trust her... And after she has helped me and all, I guess I can't deny I want to become her friend too.

"I know that you're thinking that you can't trust me after learning this..." Camilla crossed her arms. "But everyone has secrets, right? I could had also pretended to not know you, and you wouldn't had been able to do anything about that. You also keep many secrets, don't you? Some secrets you don't want anybody to know."

"..." I remained in silence, she was right. "Sorry, I guess I was just overthinking things, a lot has happened, and there's a lot of things to do too."

"Believe me when I say this, I also want to protect this place... Everything I lived here, and what I built, it's all for me." She said. "It's everything, in fact.."

"Camilla..." I felt a bit surprised. "Do you know that this world...?"

"I don't know if its real or not, but to me, it is..." She smiled. "I want to believe it."

## Chapter 774 Surprise

If she says that, she is probably not sure, but has noticed that everything is way too real, so she has the belief everything is real in her heart. And she's not wrong, it is!

However, revealing her that outright might be too crazy, and she might not even believe it, or think I'm mocking her, so I'll just leave it at that.

"And I believe you, I also think the same!" I nodded. "I guess that's why I was so serious about defeating Thanatos before he can become unsealed. So? Will you help out? You've got a whole guild to back us up too!"

"I do want to join into that plan, but first I need to see how far you can reach, and if you'll truly defeat the cultists within the rest of the week." She explained, crossing her arms. "But yes, if you fulfill these promises, you might get yourself the backing of the strongest guild in BNLO...! Though, we'll need even more Players. Unlike the people of Arcadia we Players can risk our lives because we can revive, even with penalties..."

"Indeed, I know you're influential, but I don't know if you'll be able to bring the attention of every player capable of helping us." I said. "For that, I was considering participating in the tournament that's coming next week."

"That tournament?!" Asked Camilla. "But... Wait, that makes sense, if you could beat everyone, maybe, just maybe, you could captivate the hearts of the other guild masters!"

"I-I mean, I was thinking about doing some sort of bet with them. That they would help me do a raid with their guilds if I won, and I lost, I could... I don't know, make any item they want? Or something."

"I see, I've read in the forums your items are getting popular, my hubby wants Ambil's ones, but you could also show him yours." She said.

"Yeah, I considered that too..." I nodded. "Your husband, huh? I thought you were asexual or something..."

"Ahahahah! It's a lie I usually give to everyone, so they stop annoying me." Said Camilla. "Luminous is someone that captivated me and conquered my heart slowly. I can't believe I ended having a baby and all. Do you understand why I feel everything is so real? It sometimes feels like... this world is where my life truly began."

"Camilla..." I couldn't help but agree a bit with that. I also felt like BNLO helped me in tough times and has sharpened my mind too. I've become someone better thanks to this world.

"And, well, I guess that's that... This is embarrassing to talk about." She giggled, her crimson eyes shining brightly. "Huh?"

However, our talk was suddenly interrupted as she furrowed her eyebrows. She glanced at the King, who was surrounded by many people. Their son was nearby eating sweets with other kids.

But suddenly, some people that had been hiding appeared, wearing black cloaks, and slowly sneaking towards their child.

"Wha...?!"

They suddenly grabbed little Gustav and pointed a knife into his throat, the people nearby panicked as the King's attention was directed towards them.

At the same time, someone with a knife glowing with a bright purple aura started walking towards the King's back.

"Everyone, stand back! If you don't want your little prince to die!" Laughed one of the two black cloaked men in the scene, pointing his knife at Gustav's throat.

"Gustav!" Luminous cried. "L-Let go of my son!"

"Let go?" Laughed the men. "You bastards have been interrupting our research this entire time! Don't you know how hard we've been working on this?! And now you call these disgusting non-humans and give them emblems for their merits?!"

"This Kingdom will fall, and it will begin today!" Laughed the second cultist. "Now, King, don't you dare give another step, or your son will die before you can even realize it!"

The atmosphere instantly became incredibly tense, all while the cloaked man slowly continued walking towards the King's back.

Were they trying to attempt an assassination on the king by distracting him by threatening his son?!

They sure were sneaky!

"..." Camilla's eyes glowed with bright red light, her aura erupting with the force of someone that had already surpassed the Level 300 cap. She gritted her teeth, showing her sharp vampire fangs. "You...!"

FLAAASH!

"Give me back my son!" The King screamed, unsheathing his sword, trying to act brave, but he was afraid, he wasn't giving another step.

"Not another step, you bastard." The cultists smiled, his knife moving around. "I guess we'll have to cut his hand to show you we're serious!"

"Cut it." The second nodded.

"Uaaaghh! Daddyyyy!"

As Gustav screamed in horror, a crimson blur appeared behind the two cultists as they laughed manically.

"[Blood Threads]"

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Crimson threads emerged out of their skin and wrapped around their bodies, pushing them away from Gustav at the same time as the two cultists panicked.

"Argh...!"

"What the...?!"

As they were pushed back, Camilla appeared behind them, her Blood Magic activating as two crimson spheres of energy surged from her hands.

"[Blood Spear]!"

The two cultists, in their panic, summoned dozens of magic circles, fireballs, icicle spears, and stone needles were about to massacre everyone.

"We'll take down everyone before you kill us!"

"DIEEE!"

As the Blood Spears pierced their bodies, the magic circles released their spells, countless explosions of elements spreading across the entire Banquet.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

Everything was set ablaze, frozen, or destroyed... But the entire hall had yet to fall, indeed, it's because everything was covered by my roots.

And everyone else was also surrounded by Spiritual Barriers of my own creation. Thankfully, I responded the moment Camilla rushed to save her son.

"W-What happened?!"

"Ahhh... I'm alive?!"

"Your majesty!"

"Ugh..."

The King was fine too, protected by a barrier. His killer was caught by Mark's sword and was now a burning corpse cut into two halves.

"Mom!"

Gustav stared crying as he found himself trapped inside a bubble of blood magic, Camilla had acted before me and protected him in time.

"Gustav!"

She ran towards him after confirming their deaths, hugging her son tightly, and kissing his forehead.

I was happy everything ended as quickly as it begun but... Wow, everyone was left frozen.

For those nobles that doubted the King, now they should be sure the cultists are a real problem.

Chapter 775 The Aftermath

After what happened, we gathered outside of the castle, surrounded by knights. Magicians quickly came, serving the royal family directly, and beginning to clean the area with special magic, while checking for anything the terrorist left.

It was shocking for everyone what had just happened. Not even Camilla could have predicted they could get this far at all... Thankfully, we were able to think quickly and make sure nobody died.

Camilla was swift too, eliminating the guys and securing her son's life in a split of a second... But at the end, they were actually aiming for the king.

Mark managed to stop that guy and split him apart with his blazing sword, quite brutal, but there wasn't any other option, they came here to die with us, not to just kill us.

It means they were willing to do absolutely anything to accomplish their goals, just as they tried to blast the entire castle with that magic, which we managed to shield against with Camilla.

Not only I managed to save the castle from collapsing with my roots, but Camilla used her Blood Magic to create several Blood Pillars and Blood Barriers around the perimeter, stopping the castle from falling over us.

Although the majority was still in shock, as the time went by, things calmed down. The King hugged his son and his wife tightly, feeling like he had almost lost them, and then dismissed the nobles, the banquet ended rather bitterly.

Of course, we also did some interrogations, and I asked the Spirits if they could have sensed anything. Normal spirits were unable to see because the area was too destroyed, but the Great Spirit was different, she noticed something.

"They definitely came with the other nobles. They were hiding as nobles until the very moment they decided to die... You'll have to identify their appearances later. If we can identify the families they came from, you could get a few clues about the families cooperating with the cult." She told me.

I nodded, as I told the same thing she said to the King and Camilla, as we were resting and having a tea in a more private manner on another, much more safe area of the castle.

"So that's what the Great Spirit linked to you says..." The King sighed. "She might be right; we'll check whatever was left of their bodies later. Though, its going to be hard to identify... sadly."

"This is... so frustrating." Sighed Camilla, gritting her sharp teeth in utter fury. "I lowered my guard! I was too relaxed..." She was blaming herself. "I should had killed them before they even acted! They hid too well..."

"Don't blame yourself for this, dear... You're very strong, and you did what you could, please." The King comforted her, hugging her.

"Is little Gustav alright?" Rita asked.

"Yeah, he's sleeping right now." Camilla nodded. "I set several Barriers and Wards around this area of the castle. Nothing here will happen without me knowing."

"Hahah, that's a bit scary, but reassuring." Mark laughed a bit. "But won't it be a problem once you log-off?"

"I won't." Camilla answered plainly. "Anyways, I suppose you should go home now, I don't want to bother you more than we already have. Tomorrow, the meeting is still on. So please come back as early as possible. With Ambil too."

"V-Very well, I'm really sorry for what happened." Ambil nodded.

"There's nothing to be sorry about." The King said. "This is just something we should had expected of those barbarians... I hope this also serves as a lesson to the nobles that didn't want to help me fend off the cultist before. Now they know this is a problem and not just an illusion or something."

"Yeah, I hope they can cooperate more." David agreed, he was at our side, lamenting what had happened too. "We are sincerely sorry; our security wasn't enough... We failed you, my king." He suddenly kneeled again.

"You were too lax, I would punish you right now, but I need your strength." Said the King. "David, personally escort our friends back home. Also help them retrieve the rewards at the Adventurer's Guild if possible... Ambil too, should pay his debt if he already has the money for it."

"Very well." David nodded obediently. "Shall we get going then?"

We nodded, following him out of the castle... I gave one last look at Camilla, who seemed rather depressed. Was she really going to stay logged-in all the night? Isn't that unhealthy?

"Don't stay for too long logged-in, it is detrimental for your health.." I whispered to her through her telepathic channel.

"Don't worry about me, Elayne. I'm fine." She said. "I've already deployed my Shadows too, so this incident will never happen again... I'll tighten the security surrounding the castle and in the near streets."

"Your Shadows?" I wondered, as I got inside the carriage.

"You'll find out who they are someday, eventually." She said. "They are... not related with my Guild, nor with this Kingdom either, they're another faction I control."

"Another... faction?" I was left speechless, but she didn't elaborate more than that.

"Well, I hope you're alright, Camilla, take care." I smiled.

"Don't worry about me. I haven't logged off in years since that incident..." She sighed, as she stopped speaking to me.

What did she mean by years? What's exactly happening to her right now?

"Are you okay?" However, Mark interrupted my worried thoughts. "Let's go get the rewards and rest, we need to sleep to be prepared for whatever might happen tomorrow too."

"I know." I nodded. "Thank you for being there for me." I hugged him back.

"Don't worry, I'll always be there for you." He caressed my hair.

Once we reached the Adventurer's Guild, we received our rewards. They were quite plentiful today as well, and that coupled with the Quest Completion of the Hidden Dungeon capture, and also some of Ambil's requests, made it possible for us to rack a lot of Contribution Points.

Our Adventurer Rank was rising rapidly, at a speed never seen before!

Chapter 776 Becoming B+ Rank Adventurers!

"T-Thank you for your hard work..."

The blonde receptionist congratulated us in an awkward tone of voice.

Ding!

[You've completed a special [Hidden Dungeon Discovery] and [Evil Cultists Bounty] and a few dozen more Adventure Guild Requests!]

[You earned 300.000.000 Gold]

[You earned 70.000.000 EXP]

[Level Up!]

[Level Up!]

[Your Level has increased from Level 170 to Level 172/180!]

[All your Stats have increased. You gained Bonus Stat Points and Skill Points.]

[You gained [Skill Book: Healing Magic (B Grade)] x1 [Skill Book: Beginner Magic (B Grade)] x1 [Ki Reinforcing Elixir (A Grade)] x10 [Wizard's Magic Ring (A Grade)] x1]

[You earned +100000 Adventurer Guild Merit!]

[Your Adventurer License has improved from D+ Rank to B+ Rank!]

[Congratulations! You acquired the [Intermediate Adventurer] and [Experienced Adventurer] Titles!]

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[Intermediate Adventurer]

Acquisition Conditions: A Title given to an Adventurer after completing 15 Requests and ascending up to C- Rank.

Equip Bonus: All Stats +100, EXP Earned +20%, Adventurer Guild Merit Earned +10%.

A Title given to Adventurers that have already proved themselves to be really good, but that still have a long way to go!

As long as your Adventurer License is active, all Title Bonuses will always be active as well, even without equipping it.

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[An outstanding achievement! You gained +100 To All Stats]

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[Experienced Adventurer]

Acquisition Conditions: A Title given to an Adventurer after completing 25 Requests, ascending up to B+ Rank, and completing a Request given by someone of Great Authority.

Equip Bonus: All Stats +300, EXP Earned +30%, Adventurer Guild Merit Earned +25%.

A Title given to Adventurers that are amazingly experienced and have even earned themselves the recognition of Nobles and other Authorities within society.

As long as your Adventurer License is active, all Title Bonuses will always be active as well, even without equipping it.

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[An outstanding achievement! You gained +300 To All Stats]

Not only did I get lots of Gold, EXP, and some new and interesting items, but I also got two new Titles, which together give me +400 to All Stats!

Wow, and the EXP bonus is also really nice too. I should had become an Adventurer much sooner! Though, I don't know if I might had been able to gain so much merit as easily.

This growth is certainly very out of the norm, I have to admit it, hehe.

I also got these two Skill Books, which seem pretty interesting, they're both Healing and Beginner Magic! This could be really useful if... I didn't have much better magic already.

And well, there's also the strange new Elixir and a Ring.

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[Wizard's Magic Ring]

[Item Type]: [Accessory] [Ring]

[Item Rank]: [Unique]

[Item Quality]: [A]

[Item Requirement]: [+10000 MP]

[Item Durability]: [2500/2500]

[Item Effects]: [MP]: [+5000] [INT]: [+1500] [WIS]: [+1500]

[Bonus Effects]: [Magic Spell Power +40% (A)] [MP +25% (B)] [Magic Spell MP Consumption -15% (B)]  
[INT +15% (B)]

[Item Abilities]

[Wizard's Trinket]: When this Ring is equipped, you gain the [Wizard's Endless Stamina] Ability. Every time you spend 1000 MP; you gain 10 Satiation.

[Item Description]

A Unique and high quality, yet mass produced Ring that every wizard of high society wears, it grants them the ability to remain active for several days without needing food, nor water, nor sleep, to keep going on their countless research.

Bonus Effects cannot be reset using Potential Cubes.

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The ring enhances Magic Stats and has the wonderful ability of restoring Satiation based on MP spent! 1k MP is 10 Satiation, which might seem like a little, but I have thousands of MP and I am constantly using them on battle, and my Satiation runs very low in battles whenever I overuse my body's abilities.

And unlike MP or Spirit Energy, it doesn't regenerate as easily either, and only my Photosynthesis-related Skill can let me recover, and that's not always readily available, so this is a welcome addition, covering one of my weaknesses.

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[Ki Reinforcing Elixir (A Grade)]

A Special Elixir designed by the talented Alchemist of the Luminous Kingdom.

It is made with a variety of unique materials, and once consumed, it can awaken the Meridians of a Talented Warrior and allow them the ability to wield the power of Ki Aura.

If they already have their Meridians Awakened and have forged a Physique, it can increase their Maximum Ki, and hasten their Strength Growth.

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Oh, and this Elixir is quite interesting, apparently there's a hidden stat named "KI" which most Warrior-type and Monk-type Classes unlock as they progress and grow stronger, these Elixirs can help me unlock the Stat, increase it, and forge a Physique.

Like the Great Spirit had said before, when there was no System, the people of this world cultivated their bodies and magic through different methods, this is one of the ancient methods that has passed been passed down.

While Magicians had their Internal Magic Circle Creation, and Runic Inscription, Warriors had their Physique Refining and Ki Aura Techniques... The secret behind the warriors and knights of this Kingdom being so strong must be because they cultivated strong physiques through such ancient techniques, usually not shared with Players unless they're very high level.

I'll see what I can do with this Elixir tomorrow, and also with the new Skill Books I've accumulated. I can't bring this potion to Earth due to its high quality, so I'll have to just drink it in here.

Well, as my connection with my body on Earth increases, the growth of one influence the other too. All these Stats I'm accumulating here show themselves in my real body too, although at a much smaller scale, but they're constantly making me stronger, little by little.

And that's without even including that I can share Spells and Techniques learned from Earth in here and use some of the Skill Effects I possess back on Earth too!

As the connection grows stronger, the ability to share their abilities will continue to amplify. It wouldn't be too surprising if I could replicate the Hephaestus Smithing Hammer Techniques back on Earth if I practice a bit there.

But for now, time to log off!

Chapter 777 The Societies In The Shadows

Amidst a dark hall somewhere within the Luminous Kingdom, a large group of cultists gathered, sitting over an enormous table.

At the end of it, sitting over a larger and much fancier chair, there was an old man, covered on black cloaks, with a long white beard.

"I'm sorry, my lord, but it seems that the attempt at killing the King failed..."

"Hmm, well, I wasn't expecting much out of it. That it caused so much commotion just shows how little they were prepared..."

Their most recent attempt at killing the King failed miserably. The three cultists infiltrated into the banquet and were about to do something that might have taken them more preparation if done right.

But at the end, there were more people than just the royal family there. Not only were their plans foiled but nobody died aside from the cultists, there was not a single noble killed.

"It was all because those Players were there... Yggdrasil, above all." The Cult Leader spoke with an old and annoyed voice. "Not even the castle collapsed, she must have an incredible grasp in her abilities, and her reaction speed is, too, very superb."

"That is the Yggdrasil that has slain most of the Death Generals by now, ruining my Lord's plans one after another." Spoke the Lich at his side, overseeing a large Magic Rune Array that was constantly feeding off hundreds of innocent souls. "My King generously offered you his army for this attack, yet you only left it to three of your cultists."

"That is because it wasn't a serious attack, I was trying to gauge their security with this." Smiled the Cult Leader. "There was no need to waste those resources. We'll be using them very soon, in something different. Something much more planned, a decisive battle that'll give us this entire Kingdom for ourselves, and all of its people. All of their Mana, Life Force, and Souls..."

"You are truly planning to do this?" Wondered the Lich again. "You cannot go back to the way you were once you thread through the Path of Calamity, human."

"I don't care..." The old man sighed. "We will break the chains of destiny and become a God... Even if we must channel the strength of the Underworld for that, or even Hell."

"Your determination is unwavering as it is your malice... You don't see the people of this country as your fellow countrymen?" Asked the Lich.

"I told you I have made my mind. They are mere sheeple, made to be exploited, grown fatter, and killed so we could eat them! We are simply grabbing what is rightfully ours." The Cult Leader's will was unwavering. "I've been dedicating my whole life for this moment... Yes, hahah... For this very moment, hohoho... The path to True Magic, and the Bridge between Worlds... As long as I can achieve them both, then... I can access our ultimate goal."

"What is this ultimate goal you seek?" The Undead asked suspiciously.

"I do not need to answer more questions from you, our deal is of equal terms..." The Old man grumpily said. "Simply do what your King told you to do, and don't you dare interfere."

"..."

The Lich remained in silence, simply glancing at the Array slowly grow stronger, the souls being sacrificed were both a wonderful sight, but also, deep down within the Lich's mind, a horrendous and sinful act.

However, for him to help his King avenge his beloved family and Kingdom, he had to do these sinful things, and would continue doing them, as they too, have walked into a path they can no longer walk back from.

"That they've found out two of our Hideouts means little anyways, our work is almost complete..."

"Indeed, our rise to godhood is coming soon!"

"We will grasp what nobody could!"

"That is right!"

The Cultists celebrated, but there were a few that were still worried.

"But what about the Divine Smithy, if it doesn't open...? We will never get access to the Fragment of Ancient Times!"

"My lord, are you sure things will go just as you think they will?"

"Aren't we being too bold? What if..."

"Hohoho... Fear not, younglings." Their leader spoke, his eyes glowing with bright red energy. "The chess pieces have aligned themselves. Yggdrasil, the last descendant of the Ember Family... Soon enough, they shall open the Gates. And give us access to it. We must simply prepare and wait. It will be soon, very soon..."

"Mephistopheles."

Suddenly, a strong voice echoed into the mind of the Lich watching the old man speak his mind, his empty eyes glowing with phantasmal.

"King Thanatos. Yes?"

"Watch carefully from now on... You know what you must do when the time comes, isn't it?"

"Oh... Yes, heheh... I know very well, my King."

As intricate plans between different masterminds entangled with one another, creating an uncertain and chaotic future, within the streets of the Luminous Kingdom, several shadowy figures moved, below the soothing moonlight.

These shadowy figures gathered across the alleys, quickly walking through a secret passage leading to an underground, and abandoned prison below the Kingdom's Castle.

In there, a young woman with long silvery-white hair, pale white skin, and crimson red eyes awaited them, as they all swiftly gathered and kneeled before her.

"Our Queen..."

"You've finally called us."

"We were getting bored of simply sleeping."

"What must we do now, my Queen?"

The figures appearances slowly were revealed, showing similarities to her. They had pale skin, sharp crimson eyes, and mostly discolored hair. Some had it silver, others red, and some blue.

"My shadows..." Their "Queen" smiled as she admired their large numbers and powerful auras.

"An annoying rat is threatening my peaceful life with my beloved husband and my son, your future King." She spoke. "Aid those chasing these rats and ensure that they're all dealt with."

"By rat, you mean...?"

"Oh, that cult, isn't it?"

"I see..."

"Indeed." Their Queen smiled, her very presence unleashing an overwhelming aura of pure power. "We are the only ones that manipulate society in the shadows. We won't let any other bastard get away with it..."

Chapter 778 Hunting Hollows Again

The next morning came flying, and this time without weird dreams. Today, before even having breakfast, I decided to help my daughter and Monica get stronger.

After she showcased a great deal of talent with her magic, we wanted Monica to get a magic circle, the Great Spirit informed me that if she gets one, it will help her regulate her powers much better.

And also my daughter needed to get a bit stronger, she needed more Mana to use her abilities properly! So we'll let Monica get a magic circle and also upgrade my daughter's magic circle.

For that we prepared everything in my room, which was the largest. The magic array was prepared on the ground using my branches and sap, which the Great Spirit said were great conductors of mana.

"So we just sit in here and do nothing?" Asked my daughter while raising an eyebrow.

"I-Is it that simple?" Asked Monica.

"It's not!" I sighed. "It's not that simple... Look."

I explained them how it worked, from the mana conduction to the usage of mana crystals.

"These Magic Arrays are made out of special runes that help in the transportation of Mana and hasten the generation of Runes in your bodies." I explained. "These circles are nodes; I'll place the materials in here. Such materials are imbued with magic, which will hasten your growth progress, and as for Monica, it will create a compatible magic circle."

"Oh, but where did you get those materials?" Wondered Monica, confused. "I've never seen those bones before... A-And that black goo is a bit creepy..."

"They're materials we collected from the Dungeon at school, those Undead weren't just left there, I looted most of them with my Inventory ability." I smiled. "Monica has an affinity with Darkness, Death, and Phantom Magic. But more specific, the branch, which is a mix of them, Curse Magic. So for that we

need Accursed Materials, the bones of a resentful undead, the nether miasma of some evil cultists, and lastly, these Phantom Crystals dropped by Dorothea."

"E-Eh? I am growing more scared now...." Monica was scared.

"Calm down, it's alright, I had to use similarly weird things." Said my daughter. "No, wait, I only got the most basic materials for my magic circle! Mom, why is she getting privileges?"

"She's not getting any privileges, child." Said the Great Spirit, appearing above me. "Monica has a greater Mana Essence Core within her interior, something that was formed by the condensation of her dangerously high quantities of Mana she developed. If we use low grade materials, it won't work and there will be no magic circle to contain her powers."

"I-Is she that talented?" Wondered my daughter, feeling rather shocked.

"Y-You're even better, Elena..." Monica smiled while blushing a bit. "I am simply a dummy that can barely conjure a Curse Spell... And I don't even know how it works, I just willed it..."

"That's why you're so special, simply willing magic is usually not possible! You need a Runic Formula, a Magic Circle, and knowledge to conjure it. Only those with ridiculous enough quantities of Mana capable of wasting it on whatever spell they imagine can do this." The Great Spirit reiterated. "Now, calm down you two, and just relax."

"As she said." I nodded. "Relax, girls, inhale and exhale. Don't pay attention to the world around you..."

The two of them closed their eyes after I told them that, trying to relax. Monica was still very nervous, while my daughter relaxed surprisingly easily.

Her upgrade isn't a normal one though, we could had asked her to use a Mana Crystal and absorb them until she felt "full", which is the period we need to rest in between our strength growing.

However, this time I wanted her to get a little boost because she's my precious daughter, of course! And for that, I will not only add some of the materials from monsters of this world.

But also some of them coming straight from BNLO... Well, Monica is getting some too, but my daughter is extra special.

I just bought a few items in the Commerce Area, which were rather cheap dropped items not many needed, but that became real and useful materials with my abilities.

I just spent a few million of Gold to purchase [Red Oni King's Blood Bottles (C Grade)], [Blue Oni Barbarian's Horns (C Grade)], [Oni Soldier's Shattered Armor Pieces (D Grade)] and lastly... [Ashura Oni King's Mystical Bead (B Grade)]!

The last one is from an actual biweekly boss that is around Level 100! It is farmed by many so it sold super cheap, but once I brought it to Earth, I was able to sense an incredible amount of power within, very compatible with my daughter after the Great Spirit inspected its properties too!

"Alright, all done." I nodded. "Let's begin."

"Okay!"

The Great Spirit touched the magic array, as it activated instantly. The entire thing glowed with bright golden light, connecting all my branches and sap into a beautiful creation.

The materials were immediately consumed, turning into particles of different colored lights and being absorbed by the branches, conducting them towards their targets.

"Now, as you are concentrating, Monica, imagine something inside of your heart. A big circle, with many colorful runes. Like the ones I showed you." I told her.

"O-Okay...!" Monica nodded.

She began to imagine it, as I used my Dream Magic to see through her mind to an extent, seeing she was struggling to imagine everything.

There was a huge cloud of darkness right behind her, it seemed bothered that she was trying to contain it with a magic circle, the runes were arranged and the circle was being made.

However...

RUMBLE!

Her soul shook rapidly, the black cloud, the manifestation of her ridiculous quantities of Mana became enraged, beginning to annoy her creation by putting pressure on her, the Mana was overflowing from her body, creating a huge black aura.

FLAAAASH!

"Urgh...!" Monica struggled, gritting her teeth. "ARGH...!"

"Monica!"

As I tried to help her, the Great Spirit stopped me.

"Leave her alone, she needs to win this battle herself! She has to tame her powers!"

"I-I can... do... do this!"

Monica gritted her teeth, while sweating, her face was growing redder.

She was doing her best!

Chapter 779 Elena And Monica's Growth

"I have to use this strength for something good...!" She cried, constantly pushing herself to her limits.  
"I've hurt so many people with this magic... I-I don't want to do that anymore!"

The darkness enshrouding her mind shook as it heard her will!

"So please... let me... LET ME TAKE CONTROL OF IT!"

As her screams resonated within her mind, I saw the darkness stop attacking her. It began to condense rapidly around her soul, and then it fused with the magic circle and the runes.

Becoming a completely unique magic circle we've never seen before.

FLAAASH!

"T-That magic circle... I knew she was talented but this...!"

Even the Great Spirit was shaken after seeing what was happening. The magic circle wasn't made of golden energy as usual, it was glowing with a crimson and black color.

Each of its runes were red, purple, and black at the same time, and seemed sinister in nature, looking like eyes on the spiraling magic circle...

And then, it stopped spinning as its powers were contained, placing itself near Monica's heart.

"Hahh... Ugh... D-Did I do it?!"

The process finished faster than we imagined, as the overflowing aura she held suddenly was contained within her, as if sealed by her own will.

"Y-You sure did..."

The Voice of the World whispered to my mind...

[You have awakened a [Magic Circle (Tier 1: Rank 8)] within [Monica]'s Heart!]

[The [Shadow Accursed Ghost Princess Magic Circle] has gained 800 Curse Runes!]

[The [Magic Circle] has acquired the following Engraved Spells: [Life Draining Curse], [Soul Eating Curse], [Mana Draining Curse], [Accursed Abyss Chains], [Accursed Spectral Aura]!]

[1 Curse Rune equal to 5 Darkness, Phantom, and Death Runes.]

Wait, does this mean she has like 4000 Runes already?! Curse Runes are amazing, and also unique, kind of like my own Spirit Runes which amount for almost every element, making me an omni-elemental magician.

"I-I feel... I think I feel much better now? Like... there isn't this heavy weight in my chest anymore." Monica wondered, feeling much more comfortable after that power was used to create her Magic Circle.

She was so talented she started as Tier 1 Rank 8 from the beginning, even higher than my already talented daughter... Though, their powers are too different to compare them.

Unlike my daughter Monica is still very physically frail, also her curse magic is not that flexible, and can only do a couple of very lethal things.

I suppose the two could complement each other's fighting styles really well... Monica could weaken a foe and Elena finishes them off with a very strong attack.

Though, if the foe is weak enough, Monica's Life Draining Curse can one shot them... It is quite scary, indeed. But she's a gentle hearted girl.

"That's good! That's exactly what this magic circle was supposed to be after all!" I celebrated, clapping.  
"Well done, Monica!"

"I-I hope I can be of some help in the future..." She sighed. "Or maybe, just to protect myself better too...  
Or my friends..."

"Phew..." At the same time as she saw that, my daughter opened her eyes, her body turned blue skinned  
for a little while. Her black hair turned silvery-white, her eyes deep red, and she gained horns. "Hahhh...  
What materials did you gave me, mom? For a moment it felt as if other Onis were with me, and gave me  
their power... weird."

"Hahaha, yeah, weird right? I used some of the materials from the Oni-type Monsters in BNLO." I giggled  
innocently.

"Eh?!" She was shocked. "Ah, makes sense now..."

Her blue skin now gained new tattoos, crimson-colored tattoos growing around her arms, which seemed  
to enhance her physical strength even further.

The Voice of the World resonated inside of my mind in that moment too.

[You have enhanced [Elena] Magic Circle from Tier 1 Rank 6 to Tier 1 Rank 9!]

[The [Dark Abyss Sword Magic Circle] has gained 300 Darkness Runes and 450 Oni Runes!]

[A New Rune has been created within [Elena] Magic Circle, Oni Runes.]

[1 Oni Rune counts as 10 Physique Runes.]

[Oni Runes won't increase her Magic Circle Rank, however.]

[Her [Magic Circle] has acquired the following Engraved Spells: [Red Oni's Physical Enhancement Red Tattoos], [Moonlight Blade], [Beginner Sword Ki Aura]!]

"Now I can maintain my form for much longer and- What in the world? It feels like my whole body got much stronger from the get-go! But I have no Physique, right?"

"Oh my, you just develop a unique Rune!" Said the Great Spirit. "Oni Runes? What in the world is THAT?! I've never heard of Runes capable of enhancing your Physique even without having one! What a cheat!"

"So that's it?" Elena asked.

"Yeah, I think that's the case." I nodded. "It's strange, I guess this happened because I used Oni Materials and they were VERY compatible with her, right?"

"Most likely." The Great Spirit nodded. "Although these Oni Runes will help her, she still needs to exercise! You're not getting much stronger unless you do a lot of exercise, girl. Keep going to the gym as usual. You might get a Physique in a few days I think."

"Oooh! Really?" Elena was excited. "Alright, I better not slack off then! Let's go to the gym right now, mom!"

"Ahahaha... You're really excited." I giggled a bit. "Okay, let's have breakfast before that."

Knock, knock!

At the same time, I heard someone knocking at the door, it was Mark, who brought doughnuts today.

"I hope we find some Hollows in the way so I can practice my new spells..." Elena was pumped up.

"Me too!" Even Monica was the same.

"Sure, sure, let's eat before that." I giggled a bit.

Now that I know my daughter was competently strong, I felt a bit more relieved. If something were to happen to her, I know she'll have the strength to at least run away to safety.

Though, knowing her attitude... She might end up staying to fight, I need to teach her to not be too reckless either.

## Chapter 780 Physique Evolution

After a lot of exercise in the gym this morning, and then a nice meal with my family and my boyfriend, I decided to log-in back into the game quite early today.

Mark said he'll log-in in an hour or two, after he was done with some things at his job, so I better do something productive until they all log-in to have that meeting with the King.

They did say it was going to be early in the morning but there was no way we would be able to get there early in the morning, so I hope they can understand.

Though, before doing that, after taking a warm bath and relaxing, I heard something within my head.

[Your Physique has developed enough Physique Runes.]

[Your Physique: [Spirit Tree Maiden]: Tier 1: Rank 9 has increased to Tier 1: Rank 10!]

[Your Physical Strength, Agility, Toughness, and Movement Speed have greatly increased.]

[It is now possible to Evolve your Physique.]

"Wow, after over a week since I got my Physique... I can finally evolve it! Wait, isn't that fast?! Being in Arcadia has certainly twisted my perception of time a bit..." I muttered, analyzing my body to feel it was even stronger.

My abs were rock hard, my arms looked strong, my thighs seemed deadly, capable of easily crushing ten watermelons if I ever wanted...

I think I should look bulkier with so many muscles, but everything seems compacted enough to make me look almost the same as before, if not just taller.

Unless I just show my body and then let everyone notice my hard gains, it's hard for anybody to tell I'm muscular.

"Hahaha, I kind of like these hard as rock abs instead of the belly I had." I giggled, feeling rather proud of my body.

"Yeah, you've certainly gotten hotter- I mean, stronger." The Great Spirit nodded, appearing by my side. "Time to get an upgrade then! Do you have the Materials?"

"I did prepare them a while ago." I took them out of my Inventory. "Yggdragon Scales, my own Yggdragon Spirit Branches, Roots, Fruits, Dragon Blood Sap, should I add more of the Dragon Materials?"

"I guess you should, to enhance the Yggdragon Power even further, it can absorb any Dragon Ability. After all, the Yggdragon is the Progenitor of all Dragons! The perfect child of the gods made by their combined Divinities." Said the Great Spirit.

"Yeah... I don't like to be reminded I inherited such a legacy, because then I compare it with Erebus and it makes me feel bad he's catalogued as the "failed" child..." I sighed. "I wonder how he's doing, since I put him in that fruit that he hasn't moved."

"He had pupating for almost a month now, but he should get out soon, I believe." She said. "Anyways, I feel like we should add another thing to your Physique. Going by the norm is going to make things boring, right? Why don't you spice things up a bit at least?"

"Spice things up?" I asked. "W-What do you mean by that?"

"Adding an unexpected power to your Physique, your Physique can literally absorb and assimilate anything... Although it is fine if you want to continue the same path as your Avatar, it's never wrong to diverge to gain new and different abilities." She explained. "Like... Hmm, to make you more proficient with them, how about you add the Nightmare and Dream Materials you got?"

"Oh! I suppose... I could try?" I wondered. "And what else? Hmm... Wait, this is...?"

I took out a large red crystal that was inside of my Inventory, it was a Crystalized Demonic Energy Stone, the one John gifted to me. It was just pure Demonic Energy, with nothing else.

"A Demonic Energy Stone?" The Great Spirit was intrigued. "Well, it doesn't have any soul in it, so it shouldn't be too hard but... It could give you unprecedented powers you wouldn't be able to control too well... Are you sure you want to risk it for the biscuit?"

"Hmm, maybe not for now I guess, it would be too conflicting with my powers." I nodded, saving the stone inside the inventory. "Hehe, but I got something better."

I took out a bunch of white feathers, golden hair threads, and a small bottle of red blood, shining with a golden aura.

"W-What are those items?!" The Great Spirit got excited. "P-Perfect! This is just what we needed to spice things up! Seeing how you were getting more proficient at Holy Light Magic..."

"I got these from Angelina. I bought them from her after politely asking I needed Holy Light attribute materials." I explained. "She gave me a bunch of her wing feathers, her golden hair, and even a bit of her blood. She sold them to be for 50 million gold."

"Wow that's expensive I think?" Asked the Great Spirit.

"No, it was quite cheap. She said she never thought about selling her own materials, but seeing how they can be used to create potions and crafting, she realized she might begin to do that if she needs money." I smiled. "Anyways, with this, let's begin!"

I placed all the materials I wanted to use in the Magic Array, and after arranging the Runes here and there, we began the process.

The entire Magic Array activated almost instantly, the materials turning into particles of light and flying into my body endlessly.

FLAAASH!

Not only the power of the Dragon Materials flowed into my body, but also of the Angel Materials from Angelina...

Their combined powers created something anew, as I felt like my whole body was floating in an endless sea of light.

It was a relaxing experience, and it wasn't painful at all...

When everything ended, I found my body had changed. A pair of dragon-like wings grew on my back, covered by beautiful white feathers.

Parts of my body were now covered on golden scales, resembling a natural armor... My nails grew into sharp woody claws.

My eyes seemed draconic, burning with blazing power, I had a long tail made of wood and covered on golden scales.

And I even had horns!

"W-What?!"

When I looked myself in the mirror I felt quite shocked... I was even blonde now, and my eyes were shining very brightly.

"Huh?"

However, that wasn't the end of my surprises. There was even something in the shape of a ring, made of golden light, floating over my head.

"I-Is that what I think it is?!"

As I tried to touch it, I felt a strong burning sensation, I quickly pulled my hand away from it, as it scared me to even touch it!

"Y-You got a Halo, yep."

The Great Spirit gave me the new good news as soon as possible... I never thought that just absorbing Angelina's blood, hair, and feathers would just give me a halo!

"What the hell is this?! Did I turn myself into an angel now?! T-That wasn't within my expectations..." I sighed.

"N-No, you're not an angel, but you're something close to it." The Great Spirit said, inspecting the halo. "Your Physique has absorbed their properties, alongside the dragon ones... You're what I would call an Angelic Dragon! Or a Holy Dragon, pick the name. Oh! What about Angelic Holy Dragon? Or Holy Angelic Dragon?"

"Ugh, shut up for a bit, let me process this..." I sighed, resting over my bed.

My appearance slowly went back to normal thankfully, the Halo simply became invisible or something.

And the Voice of the World spoke inside of my head.