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Chapter 791 The Other Side

I had made that armor and rapier specifically for the King's and Camilla's son, Gustav. And he seemed to love it as he quickly got the whole armor set on and even the little rapier. I had made them lightweighted and small for him.

"You look like a little paladin, my prince!" David was amazed.

"I'll become a paladin like David!" Said Gustav.

"Well, you can become a Prince Knight." Said his father. "But Paladin is a bit too much..."

"Just let the boy dream, dear." Camilla giggled. "Thank you for these things, Planta. Here's your payment for everything, and also here's Ambil's payment for the things we bought from him."

"Thank you so much." Ambil bowed his head.

"Thanks!" I smiled, grabbing a bag full of coins.

Ding!

[You've accepted the payment.]

[You received 500.000.000 Gold.]

With that alone, I ended making half a billion...

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Wait, isn't that too much money?!

"A-Are you sure this is okay?!" I was shocked. "Your majesty, half a billion is...!"

"Pay no mind to that, this equipment is top tier." Said the King. "And if its for my son, I'm willing to reward you well because you thought about him! Now that we're done with this, we should quickly start our actual meeting, the original reason why you were invited here."

"R-Right, that's right. Sorry for making everyone wait." I apologized to my friends and Angelina's group.

"No worries, the drama was fun." Rita giggled maliciously.

"I wish those three were punished more..." Mark sighed. "But I guess that's that for now."

"So there's a Crafting Contest coming this weekend! It is quite exciting to think about." Angelina said. "I am not a crafter myself, sadly, but I'll be cheering for you, Planta!"

"I might join it. I am quite good at Alchemy at least." Said Gandalf.

"You're not even in the top 10 Alchemist Rankings, stop bluffing." Laughed Anikitty. "You're just mid at most, nyah!"

"Who are you calling "mid"?!" Gandalf almost lost his marbles.

"Now, now, let's calm down and just start the meeting already." Erdrich giggled at his friends' hijinks.

"I'm so bored..." Jenny yawned.

"Let's just get to it." Lily smiled. "After this, we could take a break!"

"It's not like you've done much since you logged-in, no?" Rita raised an eyebrow. "You want to take a break already?!"

"I still feel a bit sleepy from last night~" Lily giggled mischievously.

"Last night?" Rita wondered. "Oh! Don't tell me you meet another stud? Geez, you're really having the life, huh? How many have you gotten already?"

"Hehehe..." Lily only giggled without revealing the exact number.

She was certainly a deadly cougar... Anyways! Back to the topic at hand.

We moved to a large hall where there were a few other knights guarding the entrance. The king asked us to sit down and relax.

Several maidservants and manservants arrived, bringing all sorts of tea brews and snacks, such as small cakes, pies, and breads with butter, cheese, and ham.

They all looked delicious and were of similar quality to the banquet. Some of us were quite hungry, so this was perfect to sit down and relax while talking about a rather serious topic.

We spent the first fifteen minutes talking about what happened yesterday, the suspects that could have been working with the cultists hiding as nobles, and also addressing the chimera attacks we experienced, and then we moved to the hidden dungeons, and what happened in each one in more detail.

From the fragment of the chimeric being that had become a "Core" for Miasma and other Demonic Materials to be created, which held a small fragment of the Demon King of Miasma himself, to the second chimera we fought, the aberration hiding in the second hidden dungeon.

The first hidden dungeon was still in operation, there were many cultists working in there, and were constantly utilizing the monster they had sealed to gain power and the materials needed for their strange augmentations, that made them more like monsters than the humans they used to be.

The second hidden dungeon was empty from cultists though, but the last boss was unnerving. It was made specifically with a different method, and all the monsters there were chimeric monsters different than the modified cultists, creatures made by sacrificing people and monsters, and merging them together with Miasma and Death Magic.

The Boss, however, was the strangest. It possessed Demonic Energy, and it was made using strange pentagrams and a bizarre book I still have inside my Inventory, which I forgot to show to Rose and Albert...

We also told him what that Boss did once it was about to be killed, the whole portal creation, that led to a different, demonic realm where demonic beings tried to invade this world...

"The cultists are doing much more than just trying to modify their bodies, they're trying to reach something with all of this." I explained. "This book, whenever I tried to appraise it, I got a big headache and it somehow tried to corrupt the System itself... It's dangerous, but it's one of the few clues we have about what they were trying to do. It's filled with bizarre drawings of demons, a language we can't understand, and also countless Demonic Magic Circles, or Pentagrams, which aid wicked warlocks to connect with Demons or even summon their strength."

"T-This is incredible..." The King was feeling rather shocked. "To think they have gone so far... Those bastards, are they trying to contact the [Other Side]?" He wondered.

"Most likely..." Camilla sighed. "Urgh, this is all our fault for not being careful. We shouldn't have let them grow this far! It is also my fault... I let this happen."

"I-It's not your fault, Camilla, calm down." The king tried to calm her. "This all falls to my shoulders, I am the King here... I am the one to blame for letting them begin their wicked summoning of the Other Side's monstrosities."

"Other Side?" Mark asked. "What's that?"

"It is... a confidential information only shared among the most prestigious and strongest noble families in the continent, including the royal families." The King said. "But in our Mythology, the Other Side has many names... Some even call it "Inferno", "Hell", or even "The Purgatory" ..."

So it is as I thought... Hell is also connected with Arcadia!

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Heaven and Hell, two "Planes" that are between a Realm or a Dimension, which coexists with Earth, which is the middle part of the two.

Like a sandwich, Hell is below and Heaven above, while Earth, the Mortal Plane, is the center of such a sandwich, both sides influence the one in the middle, while constantly trying to destroy each other with their own factions.

I experienced that firsthand when I accidentally turned myself into something like a half-angel by absorbing Angelina's materials... And the worst part is that, because they live between these Planes, not even Awakened people can normally see these entities.

The reason I was able to see them was because of what I ended becoming... But nonetheless, knowing that Hell might be somehow connected with Arcadia only brings me more questions.

Is Arcadia's hell different than Earth's Hell? Or are they one and the same? I have not been able to confirm that fact yet, but due to the strong connection that both worlds have, it wouldn't be far-fetched to say they're somehow connected.

But wouldn't that mean Heaven is also connected? Yet I have not found anything regarding that area yet, aside from knowing the existence of Angelic Races one can choose when creating an Avatar, like with Angelina.

And then what's up with the Underworld? It seems to be a completely separated area from Hell, and it also seems to be somewhere where souls go too, an afterlife of sorts... It is much different than Hell, but it serves a similar purpose.

"Hell?" Lily asked.

"Wait, that Hell? Does that mean that this world also has one?" Rita wondered.

"It seems to be the case..." Mark rubbed his handsome face's chin. "Your majesty, would you be alright be revealing us more of this Hell?"

"I will, you've done enough to deserve that." He said. "I trust you won't be telling everyone about it, right?"

"We won't." I nodded. "I promise you."

"Very well, those eyes are strong enough for me to believe you for now, Planta." The King nodded. "And I've heard that you're also Yggdrasil's Successor, is it not? You're the priestess of the Ancient Tree, someone that governs the Forest of Beginnings."

"A-Ah, my facade as a normal commoner was broken already?" I felt a bit speechless.

"But of course, it would be stupid of my part to not realize how incredible of a being you are. Having you here is a blessing by itself." He smiled. "Now, to the topic at hand... What is Hell? Well what I've learned is only what I read in the only book in my library that has such information. It is a broken book with many missing pages, and incredible ancient. My father once told me it was inherited to us by a Group Known as the Overseers of Time."

"Overseers of Time?!" I asked. "Wait.... That's...!" I looked at Brisingra, who was just as excited.

"We are also aware that there are ruins down there, which are connected to their ancient inheritance, but it is so heavily protected nobody has ever been able to enter. It is also sealed together with what

Ambil's family has been protecting, Hephaestus Divine Forge." The King explained, surprising us that he knew so much.

"Your majesty, please...! I... Do you know something else about the Overseers of Time?" Brisingra asked.

"Brisingra, isn't it? I also know you're the daughter of King Dainn of Svartalfheim." The King smiled. "It is nice to know that the Country of Dwarves is cooperating with us. King Dainn must trust his daughter's strength."

"E-Eh?! You know so much..." Brisingra was left speechless.

"I suppose you know I serve Queen Titania too." Nieve spoke with a cold tone of voice.

"Of course, Knight Nieve, you're a renowned knightess of your country." The king smiled. "I find this a joyous opportunity to rekindle the alliance we once had with these two countries, but I suppose that for that to happen, we better get rid of the problem at hand."

"First of all, about the Overseers of Time, we don't know more than that." Camilla said. "My husband has read that book many times, but we only know that they left an inheritance, and they once controlled Arcadia's fate."

"And about Hell, well, this knowledge is deeply rooted with our world's myths. Especially the myth of the Seven Demon Kings of the past, which are now being reincarnated one after another." Sighed the King. "Hell is a Unique Realm, known as The Other Side, by some of us..."

"It is said in the book of the ancient overseers of time that when the Demon King of the End was born, his power was so strong Arcadia could not hold him." Camilla explained.

"And therefore, space and time distorted, creating a Realm to contain his endless prowess. This is The Other Side, a wicked reflection of our world, twisted, transformed, and filled with flames, death, and the Demon King of the End's children, True Demons." The King revealed the truth.

"W-What?!"

We were all left speechless... Because if this was the actual truth and not just some myth they made up, it meant that even the Hell back on Earth... was connected to the Demon King of the End!

But how?! It doesn't make any sense! Does it mean that Arcadia and Earth had a connection from much earlier than just recently? An even more ancient connection, that could date to before humans even started building civilizations!

Or maybe it's just really different than our Hell and I'm just overthinking things. Though, nonetheless, it really feels quite shocking that the Demon King of End has its own strange Realm.

"What the cultists are trying to bring to this world is even more dangerous than the Undead forces of the Demon King of Death himself..." King Luminous muttered, gritting his teeth. "They want to summon the Demon King of the End's forces, and accelerate this world's doom!"

"We can't let them get away with it, we already managed to survive against the Demon King of Miasma, and now we're dealing with yet another more, if there's a third... It's pretty much game over." Camilla, the strongest player, confessed. "This world... might truly be destroyed if that happens."

"We won't let that happen, no matter what!" I said.

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"And you've done well in not letting that happen, by destroying these two hidden dungeons, not only you've slowed down their plans, but you've bought us valuable information and time." The King admitted. "Your help has already been priceless for our country's safety, I am really grateful for what you've done, all of you."

The King bowed his head to us, something we never thought someone as prideful looking as him would ever do.

"Y-You don't have to bow, your majesty..." I tried to stop him. "We're not even halfway through this entire ordeal anyways. It is also time for me to reveal you some of the information I've gathered recently."

"Information?" Wondered the King.

"What is it, Planta?" Camilla wondered.

"Well, the reason we were able to detect those hidden dungeons was thanks to my Spirits. I was able to tell them to follow certain materials I got from the chimeras we fought, and they easily led us to where they might have originated." I answered.

I quickly revealed to them how there were hundreds of tiny spirits flying everywhere using my Aura, surprising them even further.

"And with their help, I was able to find three paths. Two of them led to these two hidden dungeons, one to the sewers, the other to the abandoned laboratory. And the third..." I said, looking into the King and the Queen's eyes. "It led me to the Magicians Guild Tower."

"..."

"..."

The two remained in silence for a while, they probably had mixed feelings, but didn't feel as surprised as I imagined.

"We had our suspicions, we even thought about it many times." Said Camilla, sighing.

"We've also sent many spies there, but they never said there was anything weird." Sighed the King. "But your Spirits, the ones that brought you to the dungeons hidden with powerful magic, led you there then, huh?"

"I assure you that there MUST be something wrong there... I don't know what, I'm not even pointing fingers at anybody either but... I think that place must be connected with the Cultists! The Spirits are usually scared to go there too, they feel it, something sinister is growing there..." I muttered, feeling a bit of the same fear the Spirits transferred to me through our connection.

"If the Magician Guild were to be the ones truly behind this then..." The King said. "It's not going to be easy to stop them, even as a King, I have to admit it."

"They're too powerful, they're the second strongest organization after our royal family itself." Camilla said. "Merlin, their Guild Master, is an incredibly powerful and wise Grand Archwizard, he's Level 400."

"L-Level 400?!" We were all left even more speechless.

"Or even above that Level, he's very old, and has lived for many years, not just what a human would live." The King sighed. "My gran grand father has documents saying that Merlin was still there, an old man as always. This means he's at least three hundred years old, if not older."

"W-What...?" Mark was left completely shocked. "T-This is ridiculous..."

"Level 400..." I said. "So there are levels above 300, huh? This means he has most likely he has completed not once, but perhaps twice or three times the Advancement Trial, right?" I asked.

"So you know about the Advancement Trial for Ascendancy?" Camilla asked. "It is something that only those that have reached Level 300 know... But yes, after hitting Level 300, you have to complete one every 50 Levels."

"Merlin then completed... one at Level 300, then another at 350, and another... at Level 400? If he's over Level 400, then... that's three trials." Jenny muttered. "D-Does this means he's super overpowered?"

"He's not all-powerful." The King broke our tension. "Merlin has grown weary, weak, and very old. His magic is mighty, but his body is at its limits of what a human can achieve in terms of age. He has extended his lifespan so much he's deteriorating rapidly now that he's reaching the end of it. If this old monster, which we've relied for years to be our Kingdom's protector, is truly related with the cult...? it's not like he's an impossible foe."

"There's a way?" I wondered. "Ah! W-We shouldn't be acting too suspicious though, maybe he's nice and fighting against them in the shadows! Who knows?"

"I want to believe that too, but there's also the necessity to always be prepared for anything." Said Camilla. "We need contingency plans for the worst-case scenarios, that's how you manage a Kingdom, Planta."

"..." I remained in silence as I felt frustrated.

The wall of a monster at Level 400 like Merlin, who was not only an incredible magician, but also someone that could be related with the cult was... unnerving, if not even more frightening than fighting one of the 72 Demons of Goetia!

"So you're saying he is physically weak and grows weary and exhausted, huh?" Mark wondered. "What else? Are there more weaknesses?"

"Hmm..." The King stared thinking about it. "I believe we should address this once we're completely sure he is related to the cultists..."

"But walking into the Magician Tower knowing this... Wouldn't it be like walking into the tiger's den?" Rita asked. "And without a plan at all either..."

"Didn't you visit that place?" I asked her. "How were things there?"

"Normal? I-I mean, we went there before we even knew what was going on... And before we destroyed their hidden dungeons." Rita said. "But it was fine? The magicians were of all ages there, young, old, middle aged, young adults, and so on... There was a huge library at the entrance, with countless books,

flying artifacts, it looked like a magical place. I never thought... they could have been hiding something so dark there."

"So you've registered there, I guess?" I wondered. "Hmm... Alright, I guess we might have a nice excuse to get there with Rita!"

"What are you planning on doing, Planta?" Camilla asked me. "You... don't tell me..."

"I'm going to register in the Magician Guild and see how far I can get before they show us their true colors." I smiled. "Can't you help us out with camouflaging our Status?" I asked her through her telepathic network.

"..." She remained in silence and sighed. "I can, but I'll need someone that could help me imbue my magic into equipment first. So your plan is infiltration, not bad. You're bold! I like that... Alright, you got me."

"Leave that to me, don't worry!" I told her back. "Ahem! So, we'll infiltrate!"

"You will?!" The King was both joyous and afraid of my plan. "B-But..."

"Don't worry, there's still a lot of things to do." I answered. "Also, I imagine you won't be just sitting there, right, your majesty?"

"Of course." He sighed. "I was about to tell you that we'll be assembling larger knight squadrons, and we'll assign one to you, led by David and some of his trusty knights."

"Hmm, I don't know if we'll need their help, we're pretty strong ourselves." Rita said, wondering if it was a good idea.

"We appreciate the help!" I said. "And don't mind my rude friend's words. We'll be happy to have more backup whenever we raid a dangerous place. But I imagine that's not everything, right?"

"Indeed..." The King nodded, as he unfolded the many plans he had in store.

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"The reason I've been reinforcing my army's strength was for this moment anyways. I'll be dividing my strength and spreading it across the most dangerous areas of the city." Explained the King. "To maximize security. Of course, there'll be my best knights protecting my home too."

"Aside from that, I want to commission you and Ambil for some equipment. Are you confident you could make equipment for a few hundred of my men?" He asked. "I will pay you very well for this. We especially require Armor, Swords, and Spears."

"I see, it is possible." I nodded. "These last days I've made hundreds of pieces of equipment, leave it to me, I've figured out a good way to mass produce them while keeping their quality intact."

The King seemed pleased with my answer. "Excellent. Camilla will handle you the contract and half of the payment in advance. Ambil too, are you sure you can do this?"

"I will, leave this to me, your majesty. We need to protect our Kingdom. If I can better arm up our soldiers, that'll be for the better!" Ambil was more than willing.

"Moving on, aside from those plans, we've employed spies that my wife has nurtured." Said the King. "She calls them her Shadows, and they'll be inspecting every nook and cranny for anything suspicious."

"I've already told my strongest ones to surround the magician tower and keep an eye on it and its activities." Camilla smiled.

I suppose those auras I sensed were her "shadows", huh? She's not keeping them a secret. Maybe she really trusted us and her husband to that point.

"And we'll be looking for clues with detectives we've contracted from nearby Kingdoms." Camilla said.
"They might join you from time to time..."

Detectives exist in this world?! Well, now that's a surprise.

"However, Planta, for our next step, we want to suppress as many of these hidden dungeons as we can. I am sure there must be more out there... Can you use your Spirits to ask them to look for the origin of this book?" Asked the King.

"...Very well." I nodded.

I did the same ritual-like spell as before, and the spirits answered almost instantly. This time, they showed four paths. One of them led to the Tower of the Magician Guild once more.

And then, the other three led to different sections of the city. One was near the center of it, in the middle of the noble district.

The second was in the outer layer, beneath the walls. And the third path led to the outside, towards a nearby dungeon the kingdom has made into a mine to get resources from.

"There's one in the noble district!" The King was shocked. "And then another below the walls and... the mines?! Now this is surprising! I did not expect it to go this far... Those bastards! They've infiltrated well. Way too well, I would say."

"There's a few things we need to do before we start investigating." I explained. "This investigation also includes our registration in the magician guild and infiltrating their ranks one way or another..."

The other that I must do soon is to complete the quest of Hephaestus Divine Smithy and finally gain access to it. If I can get there, I think that mass producing what the King wants will be swift and easy.

Even more if I can get it before Camilla can help us get the camouflaging equipment that could even hide our status...

For now, we were mostly done with preparations, and for what we needed to talk about. The threat that Merlin was could be tremendous, but we had no idea if he was truly a member of the cult.

So until we could find out about that by infiltrating, we better move on to something we can do right now.

After talking and planning some more, we decided to move back to Ambil's smithy. I had thought about placing a Divine Ward here, but because they could only last at most 24 Hours, having to come here every day to set it up again would be a pain... And Camilla said I shouldn't worry about it.

"Don't worry about these things." She smiled. "We'll be fine. For now, simply go back to the smithy if you're still so busy, we'll contact you once our side of the plan is ready."

"Okay then." I nodded, thanking her. "Thanks a lot for everything. See you, Gustav!"

"See ya, auntie Planta!" Gustav adorably waved his little hand at us as we left through the carriage that brought us here.

While my friends were talking about the many things we had to do now, which kept piling up one after another the moment we got in this problematic city that seems to be a breeding ground for issues and problems, I checked my Inventory.

There were a lot of Skill Books I had saved, which I wanted to check and see if I could use them to improve my abilities... Getting a new Swordsmanship or Paladin Skill would not be that good, considering my Heroic Divine Swordsmanship Arts is a much superior version of those two.

But there were another two Skill Books that had my full interest. The [Skill Book: Healing Magic (B Grade)] and the [Skill Book: Beginner Magic (B Grade)]!

Both could help me expand my Magic Abilities even further, so I quickly took them both out and tried to use them, seeing if I could get some new Spells in Arcadia compared to back on Earth.

However, a different window popped up.

Ding!

[It is possible to use both [Skill Book: Healing Magic (B Grade)] x1 and [Skill Book: Beginner Magic (B Grade)] x1 at the same time to Evolve the [Green Magic: Lv10] Skill!]

I could evolve the Green Magic Skill, which has been locked at Level 10 for a while now, using two Skill Books at once, even without having a specific Skill Book for it!

I didn't even know this was a thing at all!

Better take the opportunity while it's still there.

Ding!

[The two [Skill Book: Healing Magic (B Grade)] x1 [Skill Book: Beginner Magic (B Grade)] x1 Skill Books have been absorbed!]

FLAAASH!

The Skill Books turned into particles of light, fusing into my body.

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Ding!

[The two [Skill Book: Healing Magic (B Grade)] x1 [Skill Book: Beginner Magic (B Grade)] x1 Skill Books have been absorbed!]

The Skill Books turned into particles of light, fusing into my body. Information quickly flowed into my mind about how to properly wield this power better.

My magic power suddenly increased too, as a result of this knowledge, and the Skill itself, which was represented as a sphere of golden and green color inside of my soul, blossomed into a much larger and brighter form.

F L A A S H!

Once I opened my eyes again, the Skill had successfully evolved!

Ding!

[The [Green Magic: Lv10] Skill has Evolved into the [Verdant Green Domain Magic: Lv10]!]

[The Magic Skill had already reached its Max Level, but now its Level Cap has been increased to Level 30!]

[All available Spells have improved and become stronger. New Spells can now be learned.]

[To Level Up the Skill further, a combination of Skill Points and Skill Experience must be given. Unless Skill EXP is not enough, the Skill cannot Level Up using Skill Points.]

Verdant Green Domain Magic? I thought it would end up as "Yggdrasil's Green Magic" or something, but the name ended becoming much different than I imagined.

I should probably ask grandma Austucia about it once we meet her again, I'm sure she'll know why the Skill has changed into a different name.

[Verdant Green Domain Magic: Lv10/30]

[Skill EXP]: [0/10000]

A Special Advanced Magic that was born from the [Green Magic] Skill, which only those connected with the Great Verdant Green Domain can conjure. Aside from being able to call forth the power of Nature, it is also possible to hasten the growth of, enhance the quality, evolve, and strengthen Plants within the user's Domain into all sort of shapes, including the body of the conjurer if compatible.

By improving the connection with the Great Verdant Green Domain and the many Pseudo Domains that encompass it, it is possible to form contracts with Nature Souls dwelling within the Domains, below the tutelage of Divine Spirits or Gods. It is a power that does not simply can control plants, but help the user understand the concepts behind life and nature itself.

When commuting with the Great Verdant Green Domain, or any of the Pseudo Domains connected to it, you can draw their Spiritual Energy and Mana for yourself, enhancing your Spell Magic Power and Effects by +300% or more, depending on your connection in exchange for all spells costing three times as much Mana.

Available Spells:

Level 1: [Plant Authority] [Holy Verdant Recovery Light] [Super Accelerated Growth]

Level 2: [Spiritual Plant Enhancement] [Yggdrasil's Divine Shield] [Spiritual Seed Creation]

Level 3: [Plant's Best Friend] [Recovery Antidote Sap Potion] [Advanced Tracking]

Level 4: [Advanced Terrain Reading] [Earth Manipulation] [Gaia's Earth Wall]

Level 5: [Yggdrasil's Divine Wooden Spears] [Gaia's Divine Wooden Hammer]

Level 6: [Divine Spiritual Healing] [Spiritual Antidote Sap Elixir]

Level 7: [Nature's Connected Senses] [Spiritual Eyes of the Forest]

Level 8: [Warning of Nature] [Spiritual Divine Mana Fruit]

Level 9: [Conceptual Nature Comprehension] [Divine Blessing Of Life]

Level 10: [Divine Nature's Gift] [Verdant Green Domain Connection: Gaia's Emerald Sword]

It was an incredible Skill, just as I thought! And the new and evolved Spells were amazing too! They were all much stronger and had a lot of "Divine" to them.

Even my Plant Manipulation turned into an Authority, which holds even stronger power over them... And even my weak recovery spell became stronger!

And that's without even mentioning the few offensive spells, which now gained amazing effects and strength.

There were also some skills I had not noticed beforehand because I've focused too much on other Skills... Such as [Nature's Connected Senses] and [Spiritual Eyes of the Forest].

Both worked in tandem, the first one allowed me to connect my senses with any body of nature I could find anywhere by quickly creation a connection with them.

The latter allowed me to convert these plants into my eyes, and be able to see through many directions at once, nothing escapes my vision...

[Warning of Nature] made it so any body of Nature I made a Domain Connection with would alert me of incoming danger several seconds before, similar to a Lesser Foresight, to an extent.

[Spiritual Divine Man Fruit] allowed me to convert my Mana into Mana-restoring fruits that can also restore some Spirit Energy. They don't work on me, the creator though, but they do in anybody else.

The amount they can heal is restricted to the amount of Mana I use to create them, but it can't exceed the visual MP number in my status, invisible buffs don't count, apparently.

Nonetheless, it is an amazing spell I've used a few times already to heal and help my friends, it also restores some Satiation! Now that they're upgraded, they have become even better.

And then there's the interesting ones... Level 8 Spells [Conceptual Nature Comprehension] and [Divine Blessing Of Life].

The first seems to allow me to "mediate with the Verdant Green Domain" and gain "Conceptual Comprehension of Nature" whatever that is, it might be related with the Divinity of Gods and Divine Spirits, especially of those connected with Nature and Life.

Apparently, the more people believe things, the stronger they become in this world, a reason why the Gods grow stronger with belief, the same way seems to work back on Earth, with the new "God" having appeared recently within Heaven and becoming the new Conceptual Ruler, although I know little about him.

This also opens the possibility that other Gods from past religions and myths might have existed, or still exist somewhere else. And I doubt that's only on Earth, there might be many "unknown" Gods that were created after the original Elemental Gods of Creation created Arcadia, which were born from people's beliefs, materializing into conceptual existences.

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Wow, did I just think about all of that?! This Skill really gave me a lot of knowledge...

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The Gods I've meet so far might be the Chief Gods of Creation, the ones that originally appeared and created Arcadia, wherever they came from is not something I know though.

However, they are the chiefs, Hephaestus existence, which I had no idea of until recently already revealed to me that they're keeping a lot of secrets regarding the rest of the Gods.

The Blacksmith God's legacy and his existence most likely means this world has many more Gods around, although much weaker than the chief gods, they're gods, nonetheless.

But that also means, most likely... that the majority had perished like Hephaestus. Which is quite sad, indeed...

No! I can't just give up on them so easily! There's no way there are no gods somewhere, right? I just have to ask and look for them.

This whole Verdant Green Domain thing might be related with other Gods, it was even mentioned in the Skill Description about "Lesser Gods"!

So anyways... back to Level 10 Spells, there was [Divine Nature's Gift] and [Verdant Green Domain Connection: Gaia's Emerald Sword].

The first one seems to work passively once I activate it. Apparently, it makes Nature gift me something from time to time.

It can be anything from food, materials, or even spells and skills! It has no limits, but it is all random, and it depends in both Luck and also on my Domain and Forest connected to the Heart of the Forest.

It is interesting, but I can't really say anything else than that... We'll see how it works eventually. They're gifts at the end of the day; I shouldn't expect anything nor ask for anything either.

Lastly, the long-named Spell can't be used right now... I have yet to create a proper "commuted connection" with the Great Verdant Green Domain, but this skill evolving like this means it has "invited me".

So whatever it is, I have to somehow go there first... I would gladly do so, but I am quite busy right now, so I'll leave it for later.

Right now, we finally arrived back at Ambil's property, the Divine Ward had worked excellently and has protected the entire place well.

"We're finally back." Ambil sighed in relief. "Alright, let's go to the Smithy down there right away, that Quest or whatever should be done by now."

"Yep, let's go!" I couldn't easily mask my excitement.

We moved to the stairs leading to the underground with my friends, while Angelina decided to split with her party again, deciding to progress on their own Class Quests.

"Hey, are you sure you want to participate in that annoying contest? You really don't have to, Planta." Ambil said, as he moved downstairs.

"Oh, you mean the one that the King talked about?" I asked. "I know it was more for you, but I also want to show off what I can do to the rest of the people here... I know that not every person really knows that demi-humans are talented at all, so I want to show off! Acorn and Brisingra will join us too, so they won't easily use the excuse of us being "just players and therefore different"..."

"So we're participating too? Yipee!" Acorn was happy, he didn't even ask if he could participate before, so I assumed he would do so eventually.

"M-Me? Why me though?" Brisingra asked, she seemed slightly scared. "I am okay at Blacksmithing but..."

"You're okay?" Laughed Ambil. "You've got both talent and determination, and your bloodline favors you greatly, Brisingra, I had no idea you were the actual princess of the Dwarven Kingdom, but that does makes sense now, seeing how talented you've been."

"I-I am?" Brisingra was shocked.

"Of course you are! Be more confident in yourself, girl." Ambil sighed. "And, anyways, Planta... Ugh, I guess I can't convince you otherwise, huh?"

"Yeah, I'll be participating. It will also be a great opportunity to gain some fame with more Players, so they recognize what I can do in a larger and broader scale." I said. "Before I participate in the PVP colosseum matches that will happen soon."

"Eh? You're still going to do that?" Rita asked me. "A-Are you sure?"

"We already made up our mind with Mark, right?" I asked him.

"Yeah, I will join too and do my best, even if we'll fight really high-level players, we need to bring as much attention to our cause." Said Mark. "Like that, we would be able to recruit Players for our next plan."

"Huh, you sure are a busy woman..." Ambil sighed, as we reached the depths of underground.

The dark caves greeted our sight, and at the end of the corridor, there was a large wall incrustated with red jewels and beautiful carvings.

"Here we are, once more."

Ambil sighed, as he looked at the ancient gate leading towards a mysterious ruin that he was never able to enter before.

I can't imagine dedicating a whole life to something you're not even allowed to see or enter to... And then someone random appears with that same god's legacy.

It would make sense that they would be the ones blessed by Hephaestus and not me.

Yet... for some reason I got this Subclass.

I still am not sure why but...

I'll make sure to honor the Ember family legacy.

"You're once more back, Hephaestus' Successor."

The Divine Forge Spirit materialized itself in front of us as we stepped in front of the gates.

"We helped him pay the debt." I said. "Is this enough?"

"I wonder..." The Divine Forge Spirit smiled, and suddenly...

Ding!

[You've Completed the [Special Subclass Quest] related to the current [Quest Chain]: [Help the Ember Family Smithy Increase Their Sales!]

[Not only did you managed to triple, quadruple, or even multiply the sales by over ten, but you helped Ambil pay his debt and regain his reputation, keeping his Smithy and even all the things given to him.]

[The Divine Forge Spirit is pleased for what you've done, and has decided to reward you...]

Chapter 797 Opening Hephaestus' Divine Smithy!

Ding!

[You've Completed the [Special Subclass Quest] related to the current [Quest Chain]: [Help the Ember Family Smithy Increase Their Sales!]

[Not only did you managed to triple, quadruple, or even multiply the sales by over ten, but you helped Ambil pay his debt and regain his reputation, keeping his Smithy and even all the things given to him.]

[The Divine Forge Spirit is pleased for what you've done and has decided to reward you! Additionally, because you not only helped Ambil improve his smithy's monetary gain but also raised his reputation and even allowed him to be recognized by the King, bonus Rewards will be added.]

[Completion Rewards]: [50.000.000 EXP] [300.000.000 Gold] [Divine Flames Crystalized Heart (S+++ Grade)] x1 [Skill Book: Runic Inscription Arts (A Grade)] x1 [Blazing Spirit Fire Fruit (A Grade)] x10 [New Quest Chain]

[Level Up!]

[Your Level has increased from Level 172 to Level 173/180]

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

The rewards were finally given to me, as I saw my inventory become filled with them. There were three special rewards aside from the EXP and the Gold.

There was a huge heart-shaped red crystal made of divine flames, most likely what will allow us to open the Gates at long last.

The reason we needed this was because the Smithy naturally stopped producing Divine Flames, saving them into its depths before the Ambil family could end up exhausting them all.

According to what the Divine Forge Spirit explained, Hephaestus Smithy did give the Ember Family some reward, in the form of these Divine Flames it let out into an opening right in front of the gates.

With these Divine Flames, the Ember Family created master pieces through the many years. However, they became too greedy and ended exhausting the Smithy.

To punish them, the Divine Forge Spirit stopped letting the flames emerge, and took them back here they came from, leaving the people without them.

Since then, the Ember family has been into a constant decline...

With this stone, it should be possible to create more Divine Flames, enough to finally open the Gates to the Smithy!

And lastly, the other two items... Another Skill Book, this time one for Runic Inscription, it is a Skill for that! I have heard that there was no Skills that could actually control Runes.

But here it is! One right here and now...

And lastly, there are these Spiritual Blazing Fire Fruits, which have the shape of large, red chili peppers.

Reading their description made me realize they are similar to those Ki Potions I got before, after eating them, I would gain Fire-Attribute Ki Essence into my body.

It might help me become better suited to use Hephaestus, a fire-attribute god's skills and also his Smithy... but I don't know if I would be able to digest this energy well enough, seeing how I'm still weak to fire.

Well, the description does say I'm compatible and it won't harm me... I guess I'll eat them later.

"It looks like you got what you were waiting for." The Divine Forge Spirit noticed what I was carrying in my inventory.

"Yep, this is it, right?" I asked, taking out the crystal. "Looks like the System did indeed deliver an item... A most valuable one at that!"

FLAASH!

The red crystal gave a bright shine, almost blinding most of us... It was simply dazzling in all aspects.

"Incredible, that stone..."

Ambil was the first to notice how great of an item it was...

"Woah, just a huge red crystal?" Rita asked. "I really expected something better for all our efforts!"

"Come on Rita, don't be like that..." I sighed. "I'll make you some cool equipment eventually."

"Well, you better fulfill that promise then, hehe." Rita seemed to be looking forward to that.

"Now..."

I quickly handed over the crystal to the Divine Forge Spirit, trusting him with this incredible treasure.

He glanced at the crystal greedily, licking his blazing lips. It seemed like he was about to eat it at any moment...

However, he didn't, and slowly placed it into a small fissure within the gate.

Crack... CRACK!

The sound of gears beginning to spin and move happened almost instantly, as the red crystal imbued the entire gate with divine power.

Red-colored blazing flames surged from within it, coursing through it all!

FLUOOOSH!

The old-looking gates slowly turned deep red, gaining golden linings and decorated with orange metals. It was a beautiful artifact of ancient times by itself!

Whoever made these ancient and divine gates, wasn't a human... It was most likely Hephaestus himself.

Creaaak...!

And then, the Gates finally started to open up in front of all of us. We were left speechless as we sensed a small part of a God's true Aura coming from it.

TRUUUMM...!

It was an overwhelming, blazing pressure... But it only lasted for a split of a second before it dissipated, revealing to us the entrance to one of Hephaestus' many Divine Smithies.

A corridor made up from black and gray stone was revealed in front of us, which was slowly illuminated as hundreds of torches lighted up one after another across the walls.

"It is finally open... After many eons, someone has finally arrived carrying your legacy, Master..."

The Divine Forge Spirit appeared in the middle of the corridor inside of the Smithy, his form taking looking almost the same, like a ghost made of flames floating in midair.

"So this is it, huh? We finally got into one of these..." Rita said.

"Well, I can already tell that pressure we felt was... something else." Mark said.

"Most likely the presence of my Master left behind within his creation!" The Divine Forge Spirit said proudly. "Now, now, what are you waiting for staring at this place in awe? Come inside, you can bring any of your friends too, Successor."

"R-Right...!" I nodded, glancing at Brisingra. "I think this could lead us to the Ancient Valley, one of Cloudia's Fragments!"

"That means... We could find clues about my mother?" Brisingra wondered.

"I hope so! Let's go, Brisingra, everyone!"

I led everyone inside, as we walked across the corridor.

Chapter 798 Ambil's Gift

We walked through the mysterious corridors as we landed into a gigantic hall.

There were two enormous magma waterfalls rushing down from the ceiling into a large boiling lake of this molten stone surrounding the hall.

The hall resembled a huge island made up of a black, divine metal. There were many beautiful statues sculpted out of these black metal ores.

In the middle of it, there was a gigantic forge, blazing with new divine flames that had flowed into it once we placed the crystal into the gates.

And in front of the forge, there were hundreds of items that would make an ideal smithy...

Three anvils of different shapes, colors and with different decorations.

Countless tools, such as hammers, tongs, vices, crucibles, and even quenching materials.

They were all of excellent quality, overflowing with ancient divine energy within them!

And at the end of the hall, there was what seemed to be another room, leading high into a second floor of sorts, there was a sealed gate there.

"Is this... a Divine Smithy?" I asked in surprise.

I quickly noticed even more things. There were huge red, orange, and yellow crystals imbued into the floor and giant crimson jewels floating in midair.

They exuded strong auras of divinity and mana of the fire element, seemingly there to enhance quality or something, perhaps.

"Indeed." Smiled the Divine Forge Spirit. "Welcome to my Master's legacy! This is but only one of the many Divine Smithies he has left behind... After so many eons since his death, I am so very happy to see that people has finally arrived at his legacy!"

"A-Amazing... All the quality of these equipment are top notch!" Ambil said. "The hammers, the anvils! Ohhh!"

"You sure look excited! I honestly have no freaking idea how to use this." Rita admitted. "I've barely done much and barely learned anything..."

"I can tell this place seems quite amazing, even though I've only learned how to do basic Blacksmithing thanks to the Skill, but I can't compare to Planta or Ambil." Mark admitted.

"I think everyone should be able to use this place, there's no way I'll be the only one using it!" I laughed. "You're all invited to help me out! And Ambil too, of course!"

"M-Me too?" Ambil asked while feeling embarrassed. "I-It would be an honor but, am I even worthy?!"

"You sure are!" I giggled, as I quickly equipped the gauntlets he gifted to me, while checking their status.

[Ambil's Forgemaster Fire-Proof Gloves]

[Item Type]: [Armor] [Gloves]

[Item Rank]: [Unique+++]

[Item Quality]: [A+]

[Item Requirement]: [Blacksmith Class/Subclass] [Ambil's Disciple]

[Item Durability]: [25.000/25.000]

[Item Effects]: [DEF]: [+1.500] [HP]: [+1.500] [STR]: [+1.000] [VIT]: [+1.000] [DEX]: [+3.000]

[Bonus Effects]: [Blacksmithing Proficiency +30% (C)] [STR +4% (C)] [Satiation Recovery Speed +10% (D)]
[Backlash Damage Risk While Blacksmithing -50% (B)]

[Item Abilities]

[Fire-Proof Gloves]: Whenever the wearer is doing Blacksmith, Crafting, Cooking, or Alchemy, Fire Attribute Damage is decreased by -100% and all other Damage is decreased by -30%.

[Dexterous Crafting Hands]: While Creating something through Alchemy, Crafting, Blacksmithing, or Cooking, increases DEX by +30% and Mastery over these Arts by +50%.

[Item Description]

A beautiful yet simple pair of gloves forged by Ambil, the last descendant of the Ember Family, who carefully crafted this pair of gloves for his beloved and enthusiastic disciple, which has changed his life forever since she appeared on his life, Planta.

They were made using all his knowledge on Runic Engraving, becoming one of his greatest creations so far, it reduces all fire attribute damage when worn, especially made for his disciple, who is weak to fire yet recklessly challenges this element to forge items to make her master proud.

Bonus Effects cannot be reset using Potential Cubes.

[You have equipped the [Ambil's Forgemaster Fire-Proof Gloves]! While Forging, Fire-Attribute Damage is reduced by -100% and all other damage is reduced by -30%.]

[Additionally, your DEX and Mastery over these Creation Arts will increase by +30% and 50% respectively while practicing them.]

"Awww, what an adorable description!" I felt utterly in love with these gloves. "Thank you so much for making these for me, Ambil! It means so much you care so much for me!"

I couldn't help but hug him again, he was already like an uncle to me.

"W-What are you talking about?!" Ambil only got grumpier as he tried to evade my hugs, but my branches got him, and he could not escape. "Urgh! Are you going to hug me every time you get happy?! Let go of me! I made those because you kept burning yourself, nothing else!"

"Hahaha, as grumpy as ever, aren't you?" Laughed Acorn. "He sure never changes!"

"He must care a lot for Lady Planta..." Nieve smiled, nodding.

Rita glanced at Mark with a teasing smile...

"Aren't you jealous?" Rita asked.

"J-Jealous? Why would I be jealous?" Mark looked elsewhere. "I'm sure Elayne doesn't see Ambil in any other way than an uncle!"

"Hahaha, you don't have to get like this." I giggled, letting go of the angry old man.

"Urgh! Anyways, back to the main topic... Oi, Divine Forge Spirit. These kids want to go to the Ancient Valley, where's that?" Ambil asked the Divine Forge Spirit.

"I was going to get into that, but you kept acting so cute, you're like one big and adorable family, aren't you?" Laughed the Divine Spirit.

"I bet it's not going to be easy to get there, right?" I asked, as I looked into the distance, the gates above the second floor which we couldn't access right now.

"Oh, so you noticed..." The Divine Forge Spirit laughed. "Indeed, the Hidden Valley is sealed behind that door. However, for you to enter such a Sacred Place, you need to complete this Divine Smithy's [Hephaestus' Trial]."

"Hephaestus'... Trial?" Asked Brisingra while getting nervous.

"I knew there was a catch..." I sighed.

"Wait, we need to do even more?! Haven't we worked our asses off already?" Asked Rita angrily.

"I'm sorry but these are the rules my Master made."

The Divine Forge Spirit then pointed at the Forge at the end of the corridor.

"However, first things first. Planta, you must touch the flames of that Forge and unlock Hephaestus' First Blessing!"

"First Blessing...?"

It seemed there was much more than just the Smithy...

Chapter 799 Divine Forging Flame Spirit Furnace

"I need to touch the flames?!" I asked.

"Yes, so you can absorb their divinity and obtain Master Hephaestus' First Blessing. There are Four Blessings he created in total, distributed on the four Divine Smithies." The Divine Forge Spirit said. "This is but the first you've encountered, but there are three more scattered around Arcadia, somewhere."

"I see..." I said. "S-So I just touch it?"

I slowly approached the flames, but the Divine Forge Spirit stopped me.

"First of all, do you have the Skill that would allow you to connect with the Divine Forging Flames?" The Spirit asked.

"The Skill to... Oh! The one I haven't learned yet!" I said. "I haven't learned that one because I couldn't use it without Divine Flames! But I guess this is where I should use it."

"Indeed. Learn it if you can." The Divine Forge Spirit nodded patiently.

Ding!

[You exchanged 200 Skill Points!]

[You learned the [Divine Forging Flame Spirit Furnace: Lv1] Subclass Skill!]

[Divine Forging Flame Spirit Furnace: Lv1]

A Unique Skill that cannot Level Up through Skill Points and will only Level Up through constant practice and improvement of the Hephaestus' Successor Subclass.

Through the power of Hephaestus' Divinity dwelling within you, you're capable of creating a Divine Contract with a Divine Forging Flame, which are Spiritual beings of their own, often referred as "Fire Souls".

By channeling the power of your Contracted Divine Forging Flames, you can summon a part of their bodies anywhere you go to both forge new items with them and to use to fight, albeit limitedly.

As this Skill Level Ups, the Contracted Divine Forging Flames become stronger, their Volume, Firepower, Mass, Divinity, Spirituality, and Quality increases by +25% with each Skill Level.

By summoning their power, you can summon the Divine Forging Flame Spirit Furnace, a special Building that can be summoned and unsummoned at any time, which will grow larger the more Divine Hephaestus Smithies you find.

Contracted Divine Forging Flames:

[1: ???]

[2: ???]

[3: ???]

[4: ???]

"It's done." I said.

FLAAASH!

I felt a strong energy gathering into my chest, as all my friends watched in shock as a Divinity started dwelling within me.

It was very faint, however, and could only be called a fragment, or perhaps only a leftover essence. But I could tell, every Skill from the Hephaestus Successor Subclass was like a piece of Hephaestus knowledge and powers granted to me.

It was up to me to utilize them and help them grow to the strength and power they once had while being wielded by their original master.

"Excellent, I can already feel your power rising."

The Divine Forge Spirit then slowly merged with the rest of the Divine Flames, surprising us.

"What is he doing?!" Ambil asked.

"I am merely going back to where I belonged originally." The Divine Forge Spirit said. "I am Ignis, the Divine Forging Flames Spirit, a manifestation of these flames, and one of the four children of Hephaestus!"

FLUOOOSH!

The flames within the Divine Forge blazed with divine, golden and white flames, transforming and evolving as they went back to their original form!

I see... So this is what really happened! The Divine Forge Spirit ended weakened and separated his "Flame Soul" from the Divine Forging Flames before they were to exhaust themselves.

And by giving him that jewel I got from the Quest, not only did I open the Smithy, but I also managed to help him regenerate to his former glory.

"It is indeed as you thought, Planta."

The Divine Forging Flames Spirit raised from within the Divine Forge, his new body looking ten times as large as before.

He was now exuding a Divine Aura of crimson and golden flames, there was two arch-shaped floating flames behind him, resembling divine ornaments.

His arms became muscular and strong, and he revealed a red skin beneath such flames, which now worked as clothes around his body.

He had a young and handsome face, with sharp yellow eyes, and a small red jewel in the middle of his forehead. His entire body was ripped yet lean, and he had short red hair.

"Oh no, he's hot!"

Rita's first reaction was something I saw coming from a mile away!

"He's really quite the stud!"

Lily also followed her words... I could not have expected anything else from her either.

"T-This is the Divine Forge Spirit's true form?!" Even Brisingra blushed a bit. "W-Wait, he has a name too?"

"Of course I have a name, my name is Ignis." Sighed the Spirit. "Hey, I know you're watching..."

He glanced at me and then, the Great Spirit of Harvest and Nature emerged out of my body, transforming into a beautiful lady made of plants and wood.

"I have been watching for a while! So what?" She asked angrily. "Do you want me to give you a pat in the back or something?"

"Pay respect to your superior, perhaps?" Ignis giggled.

"You're not my superior!" The Great Spirit said angrily. "I am also technically Lady Gaia's daughter...! And I am the Great Spirit of Harvest and Nature, I'm great and amazing! I don't need to pay respects..."

"Is that so?" Ignis kept teasing her.

"Ugh..." The Great Spirit then glanced back at me. "Thanks to Planta, I'm growing much stronger so don't annoy me!"

"We'll be living together very soon, so you better get used to me." Ignis joked around.

"Uaagh...!"

She seemed very disgusted with that!

Did these two had some history together? It feels like they know one another from a while, but the Great Spirit never said anything!

Oh well, I can't really waste my time thinking this.

"Alright, let's leave this relationship between the two of you for later..." I sighed. "First things first, as you said, Ignis. So do I just touch you?"

"Give me your hand." He asked politely.

"S-Sure?"

I extended my hand towards him, as he gently bowed and then kissed it, while looking at Mark's eyes.

"..."

Mark was keeping himself calm but couldn't help to grow angrier, his entire body was set ablaze in that moment.

And at the same time, I felt Ignis powers becoming one with me, a deep connection, almost similar to the one I have with the Great Spirit was formed!

FLAAASH!

Chapter 800 Lesser Divine Blessing Of Blacksmithing

A powerful connection with Ignis was created, almost as strong as my connection with the Great Harvest Spirit, if it wasn't because I became her Vessel instead, meanwhile, Ignis was much freer in what he could do.

But what he meant by "sharing the same house" was that he and the Great Spirit will both inhabit within my Soul and Body as contracted Spirits, similarly to the Dragon Spirits inside of my Dragon Heart.

I felt his divine powers surging into my body, the flames were not really assimilated into me like Mark though, but I could feel them within me, and I could channel them to an extent too, although limitedly.

Ding!

[You have created a Contract with [Ignis, the Third Divine Forging Flame Spirit]!]

[You have fully connected with the [Third Divine Hephaestus' Smithy]!]

[As the possessor of the [Hephaestus' Successor] Subclass, you've been given one of Hephaestus Divine Blessings!]

[You acquired the [Divine Hephaestus' Blessing: Smelting Synthesis]!]

[You can now create a portal to enter any of the Divine Smithies you've found, teleporting into them at any time you desire.]

[However, the portals cannot be created in the middle of a battle, or when you're exhausted of Mana.]

[The [Third Divine Hephaestus' Smithy] has now become your property, you can check the building's entire status, which has been assimilated into your Territory Management System.]

[By further upgrading the Smithies, you can receive new Effects and Abilities from them, making your crafting much easier.]

"Smelting Synthesis?" I wondered. "Oh! And it seems that this has become a building too! How interesting..."

"Indeed!" Nodded Ignis.

"Anyways!" I quickly pushed him away from me, as he was getting too close. "Why did you kiss my hand? You didn't ask for permission! If you're a pervert or a weirdo, I will terminate our contract right away! I thought you were a respectful divine spirit!"

"E-Eh?! Wait a second, I was just messing around! Don't get too offended over something that wasn't anything at all!" Ignis suddenly got nervous. "Come on- URGH!"

However, I grabbed the connection I had with him and started to twist it with my power.

"I'm sorry!"

He quickly bowed his head to me and asked for forgiveness.

"You better be! I have a boyfriend, you know?! And I didn't really like how you teased him there! You better behave! What would your father even think of you if he saw you acting like an idiot?" I reprimanded him as if I was his mother.

"I apologize, Master... I got so happy because I was finally "revived" and... Well, I am known for having a rather playful reputation among my siblings... Sorry again." He kept apologizing.

Mark walked to my side, trying to tell me that it was enough with that.

"Come on, don't get so angry, I am not so feeble as to get... Jealous over such a thing." He laughed a bit.

"Hmm, okay." I sighed. "But you should apologize to him too." I told Ignis.

The blazing spirit quickly gave Mark a glance.

"Sorry..." He sighed.

"It's fine, no worries. You were just playing around, right?" Mark said, his eyes glowing bright red.

"Y-Yes..." Ignis sighed. "Look, to show you my sincerity, I will bestow upon you some minor Blessings as well, through my connection with Planta, everyone with the Blacksmith Skill can get some buff! Planta, can I borrow some Divinity from you?"

"Divinity? I have that?!" I asked.

"Yes, you've been cultivating it within you. Don't worry, I will borrow a small piece of it that you can recover in some days." He said. "Nothing much. Also I need Spirit and Mana."

"Okay, got it." I nodded, without overthinking it. "If it's to help out my friends, it's fine."

"Very well!" He nodded, Ignis extended his arms and then released a wave of crimson energy that covered everyone's bodies. "[Lesser Divine Blessing]!"

FLAAASH!

Small golden flames flew into their bodies and fused into their chests, quickly awakening within them a new power.

Ding!

[Ignis, the Third Divine Forging Flame Spirit] has granted a [Lesser Divine Blessing] to all your allies that possess the [Blacksmithing] Skill!

[Their Blacksmithing Abilities have been boosted by +100%, they can now channel a small [Divine Forging Flame Ember] whenever they create items using Blacksmithing.]

"Amazing!" Acorn said, playing with the tiny fire.

"It feels like a lot of knowledge was drilled into my head..." Nieve sighed.

"Ugh, my head hurts! How the hell is this a Divine Blessing, dude?!" Rita complained as usual.

"It seems that the +100% increase in Blacksmithing Abilities means that we gained more knowledge..." Said Brisingra. "Amazing, it feels like a small amount of the knowledge of the God of Blacksmiths was imbued into my head. And this tiny Ember, it is a Divine Flame too?!"

"It is a small one, so you can't do too much with it." Said Ignis. "But you should still be able to use it to enhance the items you create quite well, above others."

"Amazing..." Even Ambil received the blessing. "This is more than I could have ever asked for, I am eternally grateful, Divine Spirit." He bowed his head before Ignis.

"No worries." Ignis shrugged. "Now, see? I am honest and nice too...!"

"Well, I suppose so." Mark said, the Divine Ember he could channel suddenly flickered as he fused it with his Spiritual Flames.

FLUOOOSH!

"W-What the...?!"

Even Ignis was surprised when Mark's fire started to suddenly evolve out of nowhere as he fused it with the Ember of Divine Forging Flames!

"Interesting... Although I cannot create more Divine Forging Flames, I can imbue this Ember into my Flames and give them even stronger and powerful effects." Mark smiled confidently.

"Amazing, Mark!" I cheered for him. "I knew it would help you get stronger too!"

"T-That's cheating..." Ignis didn't thought something like that could be done with the tiny Ember. "A-Anyways, did you check the power the Blessing gave you, Planta?"

"The Blessing? Yeah, it said something about Smelting Synthesis, but what does that means?" I asked confusedly.

"It is the Special Ability of this Divine Smithy." Ignis smiled. "A power only father possessed, which will make you stronger than any other Blacksmith of Arcadia!"