

Brand New 901

Chapter 901 Trying Out New Abilities

After Elena's amazing new Physique, I checked on how Monica was handling things. She had absorbed the materials' essence fully into her body, and the compatibility was rather exceptional as I thought. And just as I thought, the connection with our BNLO Avatars does have to do a lot with how we transform our Physiques.

Of course, the materials used also apply to the whole transformation too, just like it happened to me when I finally was able to evolve my Physique to Tier 2 and added the feathers of Angelina into the equation, turning me into some sort of half-angel being.

[The [Magic Circle (Tier 1: Rank 8)] within Monica's Heart has Ranked Up to Tier 2: Rank 1]

[She has gained +300 Curse Runes.]

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

[Monica has gained the new Spells: [Blinding Curse] and [Paralyzing Curse]

[Monica has undergone body evolution and has awakened the [Accursed Ghost Princess Physique (Tier 1: Rank 1)]

[Monica's [Physique] has acquired the following engraved Physique Abilities: [Phantasmal Body], [Ghostly Touch], [Soul Storage], [Cursed Phantom Claws].]

And just as I imagined, to an extent it was! She gained something like a ghost physique? It fits her BNLO avatar the most, but this might come from an even deeper affinity with what she had gone through before.

After all, because of the whole school incident where that ghost of nightmares named Dorothea took over her soul as a vessel, Monica had her magical powers forcefully awakened within her soul.

And even when we killed Dorothea, she kept the powers that ghost had within her soul, which probably slowly have melded into her as she used magic.

This is also probably the reason why her curse magic is so strong, but also why it drains her mana so quickly to just conjure one or two spells...

But with the new Abilities she got from her weapon that can let her drain mana, that problem should be alleviated to an extent...

Anyways, moving to her new physique abilities, Phantasmal Body is straightforward, I suppose she can turn parts of her body into a ghost, but it might be difficult for the whole body to turn into one right now.

Ghostly Touch should be a physical contact attack using her phantasmal-transformed hands, could either deal direct damage to the soul or just deal direct magic damage to the body, ignoring armor or external defenses.

Soul Storage is a mysterious one... But I imagine it could either be a small storage she could now have inside her soul, or quite literally having the ability to store souls inside of her...? The latter sounds a bit too creepy.

Lastly, Cursed Phantom Claws sounds like a strong phantasmal attack that uses her curses to deal damage to foes physically, maybe...

"Uwaah! I-I became a ghost again..." Monica panicked, looking at her own body quickly gaining the powers of a ghost.

Although she had little control over it at the moment, accidentally phasing through physical objects but midway through. Sometimes only her hands would and not the rest of her body, so she might get stuck sometimes.

"It's honestly pretty cool though!" Elisa was amazed. "Y-You can really turn into a ghost now! Maybe you could phase through things? That could be surprisingly useful for so many things!"

"I-Is that so?" Monica was a bit shy, blushing after getting Elisa's attention. "I wonder if it could make me immune to physical attacks..."

"We can find out now while we train!" Anna said. "I'll tell my familiars to attack you!"

"W-Wait a second!" Monica panicked quite a lot.

We watched my daughter, and her friends practice their magic and their weapon abilities to gauge their strength and how they could be useful in real battles. Anna was eager to spar and try out all the crazy spells she had, so my daughter accepted to go easy on her girlfriend.

"Alright send them all to me! They can be revived after I slay them, right?" Wondered Elena.

"Yes, they turn into light and then I can summon them again, but it costs mana so I would prefer if you didn't kill them..." Anna laughed a bit.

"Okay, I'll go easy on them too." My daughter shrugged. She wielded her knife, which quickly absorbed her powers and then activated its own ability, turning into a long black and red katana, overflowing with shadows and phantasmal flames.

At the same time, Anna nodded. She waved her staff and quickly summoned another of her Familiars, a huge steel golem of over three meters and a half, made completely of hard and heavy steel. And no, it was not hollow inside either.

"Go! [Spiritual Familiar Blessing]!"

FLAAASH!

A golden light encompassed her Green Wolf, Shadow Crow, Young Phoenix, and Steel Golem. I could feel they became much stronger, faster, and more magically attuned. At least by a boost of 30%.

"[Triple Slash]!"

My daughter greeted the four beasts with a warning attack first, swinging her katana three times, as three powerful slashes of shadows were released. The Steel Golem rushed forwards, the three slashes hit it, pushing it back. Each blow was strong enough to leave deep dents on the golem's body, but it had yet to die.

The three other Familiars quickly surrounded Elena. The Young Phoenix fired a fiery breath of flames towards her, while the Shadow Crow unleashed sharp black feather projectiles, and the Green Wolf conjured wooden roots and spears emerging from the ground below my daughter's legs.

Elena's eyes shone with bright red light, turning into a blue Oni, her muscles became stronger and strengthened too. I could tell, as her body steeled itself and as she became more serious, she activated her two other new physique abilities, [Sword Master's Body] and [Phantasmal Reflexes].

"They're strong but way too slow."

And then, her very steps melded with shadows, as she swung her katana while melding with the darkness and evading each attack, appearing and disappearing in front and behind the summons, a rain of slashing attacks covering the familiars on countless wounds.

"[Phantom Slash Flurry]"

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

Chapter 902 The Girls Have Gotten Even Stronger

A flurry of sword attacks made of shadows and phantom flames impacted the rest of Anna's Familiars, pushing them all away at the same time. Anna gasped as she saw Elena easily overwhelm all her Familiars but didn't give up either. She swiftly activated her Skills and Abilities and decided to fight more seriously.

"[Mana Connection]! [Familiar And Summoner Connection]!"

I saw threads of her Mana reach her Familiars, as they were connected to her senses and mana, tuning better to her and somehow sharing a part of their power with her too. And the best part was that their boosted stats from the Blessing Spell were also given to her, even increasing her own maximum Mana!

FLAAASH!

"Oh?"

Elena couldn't help but feel surprised, glancing at Anna conjure her mysterious magic. A wave of blueish and gray colored mana was released from her hands, imbuing itself into her staff-broom and swiftly conjuring a barrage of elemental magic.

"[Familiar Elemental Missile: Green Wolf's Wooden Spears]!"

Spears appeared around Elena in a second, several of them aiming not at her vitals but at her legs or an arm. Elena swiftly evaded them, and those that managed to touch her were swiftly cut down to pieces before piercing anything.

She was able to choose a set of clothes to turn into "armor" with my Potential Cubes and Materials, so although it looked like she was just wearing a black shirt of Metallica and blue jeans, it was as if she had a steel armor on top. This further made this sparring safer.

"Pretty alright but not enough."

Elena rushed directly towards Anna, but Anna commanded her Familiars with a mere thought, the Steel Golem landed over Elena in a second, giving a wider jump than Elena anticipated.

BAAAM!

She evaded barely in time, only for the Green Wolf roots to wrap around her arms, managing to restrain her for at least a few seconds. But the beast didn't stop there, swiftly opening its jaws to bite her sword-wielding hand and force her to drop the weapon, only to be cut down to pieces by Elena's erupting [Beginner Sword Ki Aura], which also freed her from the roots.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

What followed afterwards was a storm of shadow feather projectiles and flames from the Shadow Crow and the Phoenix, which all bombarded Elena in the momentum and forced her to step back. Just what Anna wanted, her magic quickly activating.

"[Familiar Elemental Missile: Shadow Crow's Shadow Trap]"

A shadow appeared beneath my daughter's feet, trapping her on place. She swiftly tried to free herself, almost managing, but only to be pushed down by the extremely heavy Steel Golem, who slammed her down as strongly as it could.

"Ugh...! Okay, this is a bit harder now...!" As Elena struggled, Anna quickly thought she had won, laughing victoriously.

"Hehehe, I won! Now you owe me an ice cream, with three flavors!" Anna joked around.

"Huh? Who said I've lost?"

However, my daughter wasn't done yet, in a split of a second, a burst of dark power surged from within her, combined with dark red essence and energies. Red tattoos appeared around her body, further boosting her power.

"Those red tattoos... Are those another of her abilities?" Mark asked. "It feels like her power at least doubled with it!"

"Yes, that must be her [Red Oni's Physical Enhancement Red Tattoos], they eat away her stamina very quickly though." I nodded. "She's gambling to end the match with the next attack."

CRAAASH!

As she freed herself from the shadows, the steel golem was unable to contain more of her rampaging power, quickly being overwhelmed and cut down into two pieces by my daughter's katana. Elena then stepped forwards, appearing right behind Anna, her Aura erupting as her Beginner Sword Ki Aura melded with another of her abilities, a rain of shadow swords descended upon Anna.

"I got you at point blank! [Familiar Elemental Missile: Steel Golem's Boulder Cannon]!"

However, Anna simply smiled defiantly, firing a giant boulder right at point-blank towards Elena, the boulder was made entirely out of a mana construct imitating steel, but twice as durable. My daughter's eyes widened, as the boulder was about to crush her.

"You're pretty amazing, Anna!" My daughter simply greeted the steel boulder head-on, hitting it with her forehead and spreading a tiny crack into it. She was incredibly tough! "[Graveyard Of Swords]"

And that wasn't all, she went all-out as well, summoning a pseudo domain around her and Anna. Everything around them resembled a small cliff below the moonlight, surrounded by a silent forest.

Over this cliff, there were hundreds of old swords resting, piercing the ground, attached to them were the clothes or hats of the swordsmen that once wielded them.

Anna tried to move but couldn't, it was as if time had stopped only for her.

"[Moonlight Blade]"

SLAAASH!

The moon above the domain fueled her katana's power, as a pink and silver colored slash pierced through the boulder and hit Anna, her armor holding back the prowess as she was thrown away with an aggressive thud.

BAAM!

The match ended as the domain disappeared in an instant, my daughter sighed in relief, her katana going back to its knife form, as she pocketed it away. She looked at Anna with a confident smile.

"Ugh...! Ah, I'm alive?!" Anna opened her eyes in surprise.

"Of course you are, I would have never struck you down for real." Elena laughed. "I had no bloodlust; didn't you notice how gently I was hitting you?"

"Gently?! I feel like without the armor a bone or two would have broken!" Anna pouted.

"Well, you didn't go easy on me either..." My daughter said.

"R-Right, I guess we are even! Good match, this really gave me a better insight about how my abilities work." Anna nodded.

"That's nice! Now you owe me the ice cream." My daughter joked with her.

"Fine..." Anna sighed, giving her a kiss. "But you owed me that kiss."

"E-Eh? In front of mom?! Ah, this is embarrassing..." Elena covered her face, quickly changing her mood from the overconfident swordswoman to a shy girl.

"Hahaha! Anyways, well done. Now it's turn to Elisa and Monica! Everyone has to keep practicing for now." I said, guiding the girls.

We spent a good two hours learning and teaching them how to properly use magic better, until we decided to take a bath together with Mark.

Chapter 903 Relieving All The Stress (R18)

The sound of Mark's hips violently moving and slamming into my back echoed sexily in the bathroom. I thanked myself I had put a deafening charm barrier beforehand, or everyone already would have heard us having sex.

Plap! Plap! Plap!

"Oooh! M-Mark, wait a bit- you're going so hard~!"

I couldn't help but feel weaker as Mark grasped my breasts strongly with his big hands, his strong body completely embracing me on his warm love. His cock was constantly drilling my insides, pushing harder and deeper. I felt like I was losing myself, he was doing it so fast, he looked like a beast in heat.

"I can't stop now...! Hahh... Hahhh...!"

He wasn't listening, constantly fucking me harder. I could only moan helplessly as he bathed me with pleasure, all while the warm shower we were bathing on only made things steamier, making us slightly dizzier.

This was perhaps the best way to break from all the stress we felt, and although I told him to stop, I wanted to just keep going. It didn't take long for the two of us to fuck like rabbits right after we finally had some time alone, but today we just decided to do it in the shower for a change.

"Hmm~ Yes! R-Right there, harder baby!"

"Here?"

Mark's erect rod pushed further inside, touching my deepest walls and making my entire body tremble in an orgasm, I felt my juices leaking from below, further covering his dick with them, this only made it warmer and harder, as he kept drilling me.

"Ooohh! F-Fuck! You're so good at this, dear!"

"I am a fast learner~"

He coquettishly smiled whispered to my ears, making me feel like melting. The stud of a boyfriend I had quickly grabbed me by my neck, gently yet dominantly, and pushed his lips into my own. Our lips met and then our tongues wrestled against one another, mixing our warm saliva on a passionate and asphyxiating kiss.

"Hmn~"

Our lips separated only briefly to take a small breath before continuing our passionate kiss, all while Mark kept fucking me from behind. But he couldn't have enough with that, swiftly rising one of my legs and grasping my plump thighs, savoring them with each tight grasp of his big hands.

"Do you like it like this? Here?"

"Ooh Fuck!"

After he lifted my legs and placed them over his shoulders, he started thrusting even harder, ultimately I ended placing my other leg on his other shoulder, and wrapped my arms around his torso, letting my grab my ass, which he grasped happily, while he fucked me like his life depended on it.

Plap! Plap! Plap!

"Are you cumming soon, honey?" I asked him while moaning. "Ahhh...!"

"Yes, almost there! Here's a second shot...!" He gritted his teeth for a bit, as I broke his concentration by stealing a delicious kiss out of his lips.

As we kissed, his cock reached the deepest part of my pussy and came inside. A warm wave of his sperm filled me to the brim. I felt so much ecstasy as his warm seed kept filling every inch inside, that I gave a very loud moan, before almost passing out.

"Hmn..." I sighed, resting over his shoulders as he gently let me stand again, he didn't stop hugging me while doing so. "Oooh... Mark, you came inside twice..."

"Sorry, I couldn't stop... I was really like a beast in heat, haha..." he laughed a bit, although I didn't really mind him being like that sometimes.

"It's fine... I almost passed out though... Ahh, I'm so full." I sighed, as I saw a fountain of warm cum streaming out of my ravaged pussy. "Fuck..."

"Should I carry you back to bed?" He wondered.

"No dear, I'm fine... Just a bit tired, but that really just took away all my stress, hahah." I giggled. "Oh, what's this? Not done yet?" I noticed his cock was right in front of me, as hard as before.

"Ah, that's... I have a lot of stamina now but don't worry about it- Aah!" However, I interrupted his words as I started sucking on his delicious cock.

How could I even resist when such a big and manly cock was right in front of my face?! Even as modest as I tried to be, that looked too good to pass. I simply let the woman inside of me do the rest of the job, as I gave my adorable Mark the best blowjob I could deliver. He came in just half a minute, his moans accompanied with his cum, as I drank it all, sucking every bit of it.

"Ooh fuck... You didn't have to suck again...! T-That's... it. You drained me there..." He looked exhausted, quickly sitting by my side.

"Nah I think we can go for a bit more before logging in." I smiled, licking my lips, I sat over his thighs and started kissing him. In a matter of seconds, it was up and erect again.

At the end, we continued fucking for another whole hour before we finally washed away completely and dressed up, sighing in relief. We both felt so light we thought we could float away by the wind.

I noticed Gabriel had finally woken up, rather late though. He was wandering the kitchen and eating the food I left for him. Before logging-in I tried to talk with him, he seemed fine for the most part, which made me feel relieved.

"Ah, big sis! I think I overslept a bit..." He sighed.

"It's fine, haha." I laughed. "You did a lot yesterday, without your help, I don't think we would have been able to defeat the demon and close the hell gate, we owe you a lot."

"Hehe! I know! I was the star of the show! Look! My halo got brighter now! And my wings are slightly more pristine! I think I am healing much better now!" He was really happy. "We just have to keep hunting demons!"

"Alright champ, for now just make sure to rest though." Mark said, patting his head and quickly giving him a strawberry cake slice we bought for him. "Here's something we got for you."

"Oooh, cake!" After Gabriel wolfed down the cake, he swiftly flew into the couch and... fell asleep like a trunk.

"I guess he's still tired, haha."

"Yeah... Oh, I wanted to plant something in the backyard, let's go!"

"Something?"

"You'll see!"

Chapter 904 Eden Apple Tree

We moved to the backyard while we saw my daughter and her friends laughing and eating ice cream after an intense session of sparring and magic practice. I had left with them a box full of mana potions for them to practice to their heart's content, so they were having fun using their newfound magic.

"So I didn't tell you before, but I got this, look." I showed Mark, taking the seed from my inventory.

"A golden seed?" He analyzed it. "W-Wait a second... This seed, it is so golden though! And is that aura... divinity? And holy light and celestial element? What is this? It's amazing."

"It's an Eden Apple Tree Seed! Apparently..." I said with a face filled with disbelief.

"What?!" He surprisingly reacted just as I imagined. "How did you...?"

"So because I got this Halo, I get messages from Heaven itself whenever I do something... Err "good"? And because we defeated those two demons, I got this seed as a reward. I don't even know what it will truly become though." I said.

"The Apple of Eden was the Fruit of Knowledge, right?" Mark quickly analyzed it. "But wasn't Adam and Eve punished for eating it?"

"Yeah, they were given the gift of knowledge though, they learned about embarrassment, but also became less aloof of everything. In a way, it had awakened us to become ourselves, to develop thoughts of our own and to feel more things. Some could say it was both a curse and a blessing." I wondered. "But well! Let's just see what comes out of it later. Erm, Katherine, are you there?"

POOF!

"Yes, Lady Elayne?" She asked, appearing right in front of us in an explosion of green smoke.

"Can you find the best spot to plant this tree within my house's perimeter?" I asked her, giving her the seed.

"Of course, wait a bit..." She nodded, analyzing our surroundings. "Found it. Follow me." Just four seconds later, she guided us to the left corner of the backyard, it was a rather open field with only a few plants. "This place should do! And this seed... It is really amazing. A gift of Heaven I assume. Impressive."

"Hahaha... Well, I have no idea how I even got this myself to be honest. They just gifted it to me after slaying the demons." I explained in between giggles.

"You don't have to act so modest, Lady Elayne. Your feat is incredible, you deserved this gift. Well then!" She quickly planted the seed in the ground and bathed it with her magic. "Now, can you touch the dirt above the seed? Imbue it with as much spirit energy and mana as you can."

"Eh? Sure." I nodded, doing as she said. She knew more than I did regarding these things, she was a fairy of over a thousand years old after all.

FLAAASH!

I imbued as much as I could, until I felt exhausted. She nodded, the seed slowly sprouted a bit, revealing a healthy green sapling with only two little green leaves.

"It has sprouted already! Impressive. With this, it should grow over time. As long as you imbue it with energies daily, its growth speed could increase even further if we sum my own blessings." Katherine said.

"I-I see...! Phew, thank you Katherine." I said.

"No problem! At your service, Lady Elayne." She smiled. "Now... Erm, could I have some of that ice cream your daughter is enjoying?"

"Hahaha, sure. You can ask them and just tell them I sent you, and they will share." I said.

"Alright! Thank you very much!" She flew off into the direction where the girls were, spooking out Elisa and Anna who had never seen her before.

"Now, I think that's it for today IRL activities..." I sighed in relief, as I noticed Mark gently massaging my shoulders.

"Let's go back to bed to log-in then, dear." He gave me a kiss in my neck. "I'll help you complete the trial in a flash."

"Aww, will you?" I said, as I gave him little kisses.

"Of course." He nodded. "Anything for my queen."

"Your queen?" I couldn't help but laugh a bit as we made our way back to bed.

"What else could you be but my queen? Give me an order and I'll be there to do it!" He said half-jokingly.

"Hahaha, dummy."

Once we stopped playing around, we logged-in, being greeted by the interior of Ambil's workshop. Not much has happened since yesterday, and the place seemed lively. It was around 3 PM by now, and we found all our friends finishing their lunch with Ambil.

"Well, would you look who's finally back." Ambil said. "Did you have troubles in paradise again?"

"More than you imagine... Troubles involving demons, even." I sighed, quite tiredly.

"Demons?!" Acorn jumped off his seat. "They invaded the world where Players come from too?"

"Something like that..." Mark nodded. "Come on, we can talk about that once we get down there. Is everyone ready for some more smithing? Today we're finally finishing the trial guys."

"Oooh, alright!" Brisingra seemed pumped up. "I've been refining my blacksmith skills all this time. Please let me be of as much help as possible, after all, part of what we're trying to accomplish is to discover more about my mother..."

"Sure Brisingra, but don't overwork yourself!" I giggled.

"My lady, I assume you defeated the demons seamlessly, right?" Nieve asked with eyes full of admiration.

"W-Well, I wouldn't say... seamlessly. We struggled a lot." I laughed nervously below Nieve's icy eyes. I really didn't want to disappoint her by saying I wasn't as strong back on Earth than in Arcadia.

"It must have been a foe at the level of a world boss then!" Nieve nodded.

"Not THAT much." Mark crossed his arms. "But yeah, it was world threatening to us..."

"Tell us more of that down there then!" Acorn said.

"Yeah! I will-"

Knock, knock!

However, in that moment, someone knocked at the door.

"Hello? Planta? Are you there? It's me, Johanna... Granny sent me here to help you out in... anything you want." The young Beast Druid was here.

"Oh, you come in the perfect timing, my dear!" I greeted her with a hug as I opened the door. "We do happen to need as many hands as possible! Let's go down, time to do some smithing."

"Smithing?!" She already looked like she was regretting coming here, but I dragged her with me.

Chapter 905 Time To Finish This Trial

After I dragged Johanna inside, I presented her the smithy below and showed her the people down there too. She was a bit shocked there was this entire underground and secret temple for smithing, even more that it belonged to an ancient, now assumed dead god.

"Aw man, do I really need to smite stuff now?" She cried.

"Come on, it'll be fun!" I winked at her. "If you help a bit, you will get a blessing and gain new skills too. Being able to craft your own items and equipment will be extremely useful to you in the long run, trust me."

"I-I guess... Well, it better pay off!" She groaned. "So in what do I help?"

"Hammer and Ambil here will tell you in what you can add your assistance without any previous experience." I said, leaving it to the two of them.

I quickly moved back to where I often smite my stuff, there was a big pile of materials and halfway done weapons ready for me to finish off. And while I prepared that while warming up to make the Mythic Items and the Legendary Item, I divided my body, this time not two but in three.

After leveling up a lot and most likely thanks to growing stronger back on Earth, my mind... and soul felt stronger, I could handle much more information at the same time. So I channeled it all into three Avatars at the same time.

I left the System do the rest, after I was able to leave commands within the areas of my mind that inhabited the other Avatars, and they quickly began working, still counting as myself.

As I worked, I talked with Mark and my friends about what happened to a little extent, without going on too many details. I think I might get some penalty if I reveal too much to the inhabitants of Arcadia about Earth after all.

And while talking, the subject over Lord Magica's words, David's family, and the Previous Knight Commander Sir Harbertstern came afloat. The man that had turned half-demon due to the spite he had against the nobility of this city revealed to us on his last moments that this man, Harbertstern, was the "true traitor" amongst the nobles.

That it was him who had introduced him to the Cult, and that it was him who had a deep-rooted relationship with the cult, somehow.

"He said Harbertstern was right below the Cult Leader himself in terms of authority." Nieve said. "If that were to be true, then it would make for a formidable foe... That we'll need to eventually take down."

"This sounds complicated..." Acorn sighed. "But I guess there's no helping it. But... David's stepfather?! Now that's a twist! I hope he's really not what Lord Magica said though, maybe the noble was trying to blame him for no reason and..."

"But why would he do that anyways? There would be little point to it." Brisingra said. "If he truly had no relationships with the cult, why name him? To blame him for something he didn't do? Lord Magica doesn't seem to have had any relationships previous to this with that man either. It would be simply nonsensical, and he wouldn't be able to accomplish anything either if he happens to not be, so at most it would have been like... to annoy us? The man seemed more serious to just do that."

"Y-You're not wrong in that logic..." I nodded. "I hope David is alright, he was the most affected. I know he doesn't live with his family anymore, but I wonder if he'll be able to be okay if he crosses eyes with that man again."

"There'll be definitely some tension..." Said Nieve.

"It's a hard subject to talk about." Said Mark. "But I don't think it's in our power to solve that either. I remember that the King and the Queen said they would first find out if what Lord Magica said was the truth, right?"

"Yeah, that's what they said I believe." I nodded. "Well, let's concentrate on what's in front of us for now... First of all, we need to make three more Mythic Rank Items and one Legendary. I guess I'll try to make the Legendary One right away with everything I have. I'll use the remaining ingots from the items I sacrificed into the Smelting Synthesis Process as the base for this crazy piece of equipment... But I won't make it a weapon nor a piece of armor. I'll make it an accessory, which has higher chances of having high quality if I mix it with my Alchemy Skills."

"Ooh, good idea. But what sort of accessory will you make then?" Mark wondered.

"I discovered a new Cultivation Setting in the System interface after I drank the Ki Potions." I explained. "But I lack quite a lot of Ki. My existence as a giant tree makes it so I possess mostly a lot of Mana and Spirit Energy, but my Ki is slow and rather weak. Despite being considered such a huge lifeform, it seems like plant life forms are much slower on the production of this energy."

"Oh, I see... Wait, there's a Cultivation Function? Maybe I should also drink those potions now..." Mark wondered. "And you said there's a slower production of that energy, I guess it might affect me as well. Maybe it has to do with metabolism?"

"Metabolism?" I asked.

"Yes, to sum it up, it is the chemical processes that occur within a living organism in order to maintain life. Plants are much slower in this chemical process, but active beings such as animals, have much faster metabolisms. The speed in which their life moves, the burning flame of their existence. I suppose this might be a big factor on how the Ki within themselves is produced, born from the energy of the body." He explained.

"That's right! I guess I didn't consider that... Ah, but it still doesn't change much." I sighed. "Well, anyways, I'm planning on designing a super amazing accessory that'll help me gain Ki faster, and that could give me a nice bonus to the Stat, and... Perhaps to also somehow transform Mana and Spiritual Energy into Ki? If that's even possible within an item."

Chapter 906 Crafting A Legendary Item!

And it was possible. But not through the conventional materials available. I had to take out some of the very rare items I have been accumulating through my journey. This included the dropped materials from various monstrosities we've hunted so far.

The reason? Well, to make the Legendary Rank Accessory I wanted, I needed a component capable of absorbing and transforming energy. And what better at doing that job than the dropped materials from Miasmic Aberrations and even Demons themselves.

Why? Well, Demons possess the natural ability to absorb and corrupt energies. The reason why they can easily overwhelm me is because they can overwrite my whole Domain with their Demonic Miasma and then cut off all the power I gain from it.

Of course, we've learned new ways to deal with them, and thanks to my developing Angelic Powers, we stand a better chance against them than ever before. But aside from that, they're still a big pain in the ass to deal with.

Call it a "Blacksmith's Inspiration" or whatever, but as I started browsing through the materials while preparing the base of the product, a lot of inspiration kept bubbling from within my head. I could easily learn the items information and then connect their effects together, making new effects inside my head.

Is this how Ambil creates such amazing items with very little material quality? It is as if you can grab what makes these items themselves, the essence of materials, and interconnect them. With this, you can quite possibly create endless possibilities with just base materials.

But with all these high quality, rare materials dropped from Miasmic Monsters, Legendary Dragons, the Monsters from the Underground Area of the Forest of Beginnings, Nether Undead, and even Demons, suddenly, the possibility of creating truly Legendary Ranked Items feels... possible!

"I see what you're trying to make." Ambil nodded. "Hmm, well, let me help you. I can't handle those dangerous materials, but I can give you my insight."

"If it's of any help, I could also grant my insight, my lady." Hammer added, the Myconid seemed eager to help.

"Sure! Thank you guys!"

With their help and the assistance of my friends to divide the job, we started an elaborate process of material refinement and processing. These materials had the powers I needed for my ideal Legendary Ranked Accessory, but they also had a lot of deadly, dark powers that needed to be cleansed, without disrupting their original abilities.

So anyways, the materials we decided on using for this Accessory in specific were these, ranging from some I had for a long while, and many new ones I got recently:

[Black Eyes of the Abyss (A Grade)] x5

[Crystalized Dragon Soul Fragments (A+ Grade)] x5

[Heroic Strength Elixir (S Grade)] x1

[Great Evil Dragon King of Greed's Draconic Eyes (S Grade)] x2

[Corrupted Miasmic Cultist Chimera's Demonite Heart (S Grade)] x1

[Phantasmal Broken Chains of Nether (A+ Grade)] x1

[Corrupted Miasmic Nether Soul Fragments (A+ Grade)] x5

[Shattered Royal Miasmic Mud Slime Core (A+ Grade)] x1

[Corrupted Divine Miasmic Nether Bottle (S Grade)] x5

[Crystalized Otherworldly Demonic Essence (S+ Grade)] x1

[Demonic Blood of the Abhorrent Lesser Demon of Selfishness (SS Grade)] x1

[Shattered Demonic Heart Crystal Shards (SS Grade)] x1

[Divine Holy Valkyrie's Wing Feathers (A+ Grade)] x5

[Divine Holy Valkyrie's Heavenly Blood (A+ Grade)] x5

[Yggdragon's Golden Scales (S Grade)] x3

[Yggdragon's Holy Blood Sap (S Grade)] x3

[Contained Yggdragon's Golden Flames (S+ Grade)] x1

Yes, it was a BIG list of materials, and all of that was going to be condensed into a single item! Well, we had already started the process. The Eyes and the Blood were combined through Alchemy and Synthesis. The power of Alchemy Spirits came in very handy right now, as I used their assistance with the help of a giant Alchemy Cauldron to mix the liquids into a very small red jewel in the shape of an eye.

The cores and shards were also processed with the help of Mark, Ambil, Hammer, and Brisingra. They were all smashed into fine dust and then burned below several types of flames, which then melted the dust and hardened it again. We did this process ten times until all of the combined soul shards and demonic cores became a small purple and black colored jewel.

The rest of the materials went through different processes, some were smelted and then made into ingots, others were turned into small jewels as well. The chains and nether were merged into a black

ingot, which was then smelted and hardened over and over again with Nieve's help, cleansing the materials from all their impurities through this constant process.

With the Divine Flames of Ignis, it was easier to do all these processes, which would be infinitely harder anywhere else. Lastly, the materials from Angelina and my own body were also added to balance the item created, so it wouldn't all be made using corrupted and dark ingredients.

This created a perfect balance, as I imbued the bracelet with the bottled golden flames after bathing it into the combination of Angelina and my own blood, both containing large quantities of holiness within them.

Ultimately, the bracelet was made, a wondrous metal that shone with the light of seven colors, a synthesized component never seen before, using over five kinds of different metals and many materials.

Delicately, and with the combination of both Alchemy and Forging Spirits help, I imbued the four jewels created from the previous processes into the item. And once they were all imbued, I made sure to make it go through another smelting process, completely combining the bracelet with the ingots I had acquired beforehand, imbuing the simple accessory with so much power it seemed like it could barely fit inside.

It contained the effects I wanted it to have, which took so long to extract! And above all, it had even more abilities as a bonus. Simply wearing this item would make just anybody overpowered.

[You have successfully crafted the Legendary Ranked Item: [Divine Seven-Colored Sun Bracelet Of The Four Dark Moons (S+ Grade)]!]

[You earned 1.000.000 Skill Proficiency!]

[You earned 500.000.000 EXP!]

[The [All Trades: Lv7] [Spiritual Cuisine & Alchemy: Lv4] [Hephaestus' Blacksmithing: Lv4] [Hephaestus' Smithing Hammer Techniques: Lv4] [Divine Forging Flame Spirit Furnace: Lv3] Skills have Leveled Up!]

Chapter 907 Becoming A [Legendary Blacksmith]

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[You earned 500.000.000 EXP!]

[The [All Trades: Lv7] [Spiritual Cuisine & Alchemy: Lv4] [Hephaestus' Blacksmithing: Lv4] [Hephaestus' Smithing Hammer Techniques: Lv4] [Divine Forging Flame Spirit Furnace: Lv3] Skills have Leveled Up!]

[Congratulations! You are the first Player to ever create a Legendary Ranked Item from scratch.]

[This enormous feat will be shared through the entire Server of the Game for the next 24 Hours.]

[You gained the [Legendary Blacksmith] Title!]

[Legendary Blacksmith]

Acquisition Conditions: Become a Blacksmith, Craft over 1000 Items without Failures, and a Legendary-Ranked Item.

Equip Bonus: +500 All Stats, +5.000 DEX, Created Item Quality Boost +100%, Item Creation Super Success Rate +50%, Bonus Enhancement Success Rate +50%, Legendary Item Creation Chance +5%.

A Title bestowed to a Legendary Level Blacksmith that has not only crafted over a thousand items without failures but has made a Legendary Ranked Item all by themselves.

You've not only accumulated great experience, but you've accomplished what many have tried for decades! Your Talent and hard work are unprecedented.

As long as your Class or Subclass is Blacksmith-type, these Title Bonuses are active at all times.

[Congratulations, you gained +500 to All Stats and +5.000 DEX!]

[As long as this Title is in effect, any item you make now has a 5% chance to turn into a Legendary-Ranked Item no matter the cost or materials used for it.]

[This chance is fixed and cannot be increased with the Luck Stat; however, it can happen with anything and at any time.]

[This is a special effect only awarded to the first person in the game to craft a Legendary Rank Item, congratulations!]

[You've progressed through Hephaestus Trial.]

A flood of notifications popped up one after another, making me feel slightly dizzy. My strength suddenly increased slightly as I felt the bonus stats adding themselves up into the rest of my body. However, the five thousand Dexterity was the real winner here.

The moment I gained five thousand Dexterity out of thin air, my senses simply heightened. I felt everything... Much clearer. I could sense things much more, I could see the colors very colorfully, hear things more loudly, smell things better.

And above all, the agility and mastery of my hands was greatly enhanced, I could feel it even without having to work on anything right now. My Dex stat was now at over 11k, higher than any of my other stats aside from Mana, which is crazy.

Perhaps I should try wielding arrows and bows too? Daggers as well as magic guns, all these weapons increase their attack power using the DEX Stat, which usually is mostly held by Classes that wield them.

Once the bracelet was made, even our NPC friends saw the messages pop up. It was quite a lot of commotion, most celebrated but the rest were too tired to even move.

"W-We really did it, phew!" I sighed in relief, sitting over my big chair made of wood.

"T-This was exhausting, but the bracelet... It's perfect!" Mark cried in happiness.

"I am honored to have helped in the making of a new Legendary Item, something that will pass on our world's history!" Ambil was moved to tears.

"M-Me too! I never thought such a day would come, even after everything that I have gone through." Hammer laughed. "All of you disciples, should feel honored as well!"

"We are!"

"Amazing..."

"A bracelet with the power of a Legend!"

"I-Is this really happening?!"

There was a huge commotion with all the disciples that were working inside of the Smithy. Even the Divine Fire Spirit was shocked we achieved such a feat so soon.

"Should I have expected this?" He wondered. "You've done something that usually takes decades to accomplish, or even more... A whole lifetime."

"Well! Wasn't it part of the Trial to do this? Don't act so surprised. Unless it was made for me to purposely fail?" I rose an eyebrow as the Divine Spirit quickly felt slightly called out.

"N-No, of course not!" He laughed nervously. "Hahaha! I-I... Maybe father... Well, I could never decipher what was inside of his mind when he made this entire inheritance. But well, whatever was the case, you've proved him wrong, Planta. Or should I say, Master."

"Proving wrong an ancient Blacksmith God doesn't feel too bad, I would say." I shrugged. "Now, let's see this bracelet's true potential..."

Mark and the rest of my friends walked by my side, everyone watching as the bracelet's status appeared in front of us as a huge holographic window.

[Divine Seven-Colored Sun Bracelet Of The Four Dark Moons]

[Item Type]: [Accessory] [Bracelet]

[Item Rank]: [Legendary]

[Item Quality]: [S+]

[Item Requirement]: [Level 180+] [KI Stat Unlocked] [1 God Blessing]

[Item Durability]: [50.000/50.000]

[Item Effects]: [DEF]: [+5.000] [HP]: [+2.500] [MP]: [+25.000] [KI]: [+5.000] [STR]: [+2.500] [VIT]: [+2.500]
[DEX]: [+5.000] [AGI]: [+5.000] [INT]: [+10.000] [WIS]: [+10.000] [LUC]: [+5.000] [CHM]: [+10.000] [AUT]:
[+5.000] [SOUL]: [+5.000]

[Bonus Effects]: [All Stats +30% (S)] [MP Regeneation Speed And Quantity +100% (S)] [KI Regeneration
Speed and Quantity +40% (S)]

[Physical Technique Power +30% (A)] [HP +25% (B)] [Physical Technique MP Consumption -15% (B)]
[Reduces Magic Damage Taken by -30% (S)]

[Item Abilities]

[Divine Seven-Colored Suns Breathing Technique]: A millenary cultivation technique imbued into this powerful divine bracelet. By breathing the Mana and Spiritual Essence produced by your own body, you can transform it through a slow flowing process, and turn these two combined energies into a High-Quality Spiritual Ki. Rate of Absorption and Transformation: 1.000 MP and Spiritual Essence = 10 Ki. Hasten the process of Cultivation of the Body's Physique and of any other Techniques by +500%. Any Ki-fueled Fighting Technique receives a +300% boost to their Total Power and can ignore 30% of a foe's Defenses.

[Four Dark Moon's Refinement Technique]: A millenary cultivation technique imbued inside the bracelet's four jewels. It contains the refined, purified power of the vilest of energies, which can now be used to transform the body and make it stronger. By harnessing the jewels' powers, and by letting Ki flow through your bracelet and body, you can gain additional physical stats, such as Health Points, Ki, Strength, Vitality, and Dexterity permanently. This process might be slow but can be done passively. Additionally, it is possible to absorb these purified dark energies to gain additional Physique Powers.

[???: More Abilities can be unlocked as the two Techniques are practiced over time.

[Item Description]

A Divine Bracelet made using a variety of materials, with the sole purpose of helping someone cultivate their new powers and overcome their shortcomings. This powerful bracelet contains two amazing cultivation techniques, born from the fusion of many Material Essences and Ingots.

With this powerful bracelet, it is possible to transform Mana and Spiritual Essence into Ki, enhancing the metabolism speed and exponentially boosting growth. Especially physical growth.

This bracelet's true powers are still a mystery, and as the wielder advances their cultivation, new abilities will appear.

"Oh, this is just perfect! Just what I wanted!" I celebrated, although half my friends were left wondering what most of these words even meant.

They still had little idea about the Cultivation aspect of this world, which originates from a whole other continent known as the Eastern Continent.

Nonetheless, with this finally out of the way, the only thing left to do was to craft the few Mythic Ranked Items and be done with this damned trial!

Chapter 908 Hephaestus' Trial Complete!

[You have equipped the [Divine Seven-Colored Sun Bracelet Of The Four Dark Moons]!]

[The Bracelet's Special Abilities have been automatically activated. All your stats have risen based in the bonus stats.]

[The Power of the [Divine Seven-Colored Suns Breathing Technique] and the [Four Dark Moon's Refinement Technique] Abilities have been activated automatically.]

[Your Mana and Spiritual Essence is flowing across your body, being refined by the brilliance of the seven-colored suns.]

[Your Body is slowly producing more Ki...]

[Your Ki is being processed back inside of your body.]

[Your Physical Stats are beginning to develop.]

After equipping the bracelet, I felt all the bonus stats weighing on my body. There were too many of them to be honest, but the best bonus stat was the five thousand ki reserves. With this extra amount of reserves, I can hasten my cultivation speed to completely new levels.

And well, I can't even cultivate properly right now, because apparently the "Meridians" of an Yggdrasil Tree are constantly sealed due to the lack of sheer Ki to open them to begin with. Quite ironic seeing how much smaller beings can easily unlock those meridians, but a giant being like myself can't!

As I was making the rest of the Mythic Ranked Items we had to make, which were going to be "lesser" versions of this bracelet for my friends, I looked at the Cultivation Tab again.

[Cultivation]: [Sealed Three Divine Yggdrasil Meridians Realm (Stage 1)]

A New Tab created for those that have started their path of Cultivation.

Because of your Unique Body and Composition, a new type of Cultivation has been created especially for you. Your three Divine Yggdrasil Meridians are sealed and will only unlock themselves once you harness enough Ki.

As it is at an initial stage of 0, it lacks abilities other than the most basic of ones. Devise new Cultivation Techniques or absorb them to strengthen the foundation of this new cultivation method. Complete all three initial stages to advance further, while also gathering enough Ki for the Meridians to be unlocked.

Current Stage Growth:

Stage 1: Become more Resilient to Fire, Explosions, and Burns (20%/30%)

Stage 2: Become more Resilient to Poison and Miasma (0%/

30%)

Stage 3: Enhance your Technique, Basic Weapon Techniques Proficiency and Attack Power (0%/30%)

Current Stage Process: Consume large quantities of Fire-

Attribute Materials, bathe your body on flames while cultivating Ki across your body. The flames must burn and slowly reduce your body to cinders, or it won't work.

Yikes, a bit extreme, isn't it? I did get a lot of progress thanks to those potions I got from the Divine Fire Spirit rewards. However, there's no longer any more of those powerful elixirs, nor any fire fruit either. So the only thing left to do is to get the other 10% through the "conventional" method. I'll do that later though; it feels a bit torturous for now.

Anyways, reverse-engineering the bracelet and using similar materials to recreate it wasn't that hard, mostly because we already made the hardest version of it. It only took another hour before three bracelets of silver color, with rainbow-

colored auras and four jewels in each one of them.

"Phew, we had just enough materials for three of the lesser versions!"

Ding!

[You have successfully crafted the Mythical Ranked Items: [Holy Five-Colored Sun Bracelet Of The Four Umbral Moons (A+ Grade)] x3!]

[You earned 900.000 Skill Proficiency!]

[You earned 300.000.000 EXP!]

[The [Spiritual Cuisine & Alchemy: Lv4] [Hephaestus' Blacksmithing: Lv4] [Hephaestus' Smithing Hammer Techniques: Lv4] [Divine Forging Flame Spirit Furnace: Lv3] Skills have Leveled Up!]

[The Trial has progressed!]

[Craft Equipment of the Unique+ Rank and B+ Grade at minimum]: [1674/1000]

[Craft Equipment of the Mythic Rank and A+ Grade at minimum]: [5/5]

[Craft Equipment of the Legendary Rank and S Grade at minimum]: [1/1]

[The First Trial for the First of the four Hephaestus Smithies has been successfully completed by the Hephaestus Successor!]

"We did it!"

As we celebrated, Ignis appeared before us, on all his glory, resembling a giant made of flames. His gigantic and muscular blazing arms crossing as he nodded his fiery head. His long blazing hair waving around majestically.

"Well done. I can't believe you actually did it in less than a week... This is unprecedented even amongst unprecedented things! Not even my father's best disciple when he was alive was this fast and incredible, and he also had a team of two hundred assistants to work with!" Ignis laughed. "You are someone truly deserving of your Title, Planta! Despite your shortcomings, despite your origins, and despite what you

are, even as a Dryad or whatever, you're still an incredible Blacksmith. And that's something that my brothers and I have already recognized, even if those other three are not here right now!"

"Really? Thank you so much!" I felt so happy I couldn't stop giggling. "So, can we...?"

"Of course, the Gate to the Ancient Valley shall open!" Laughed Ignis. "However! First, please, take your rewards! You earned them with great efforts, you deserve everything."

Another flood of notifications popped up in front of us.

Ding!

[Congratulations! You and your Party have successfully completed the [Trial Quest/World Quest]:
[Complete Hephaestus First Smithy's Trial]!]

[Not only have you successfully completed all the requirements, but you've surpassed them! You're not just Planta anymore, you're Planta the Legendary Blacksmith. The worthy and only Successor of Hephaestus, the God of Blacksmiths.]

[The path leading to the Ancient Valley, a forgotten temple that once belonged to the Ancient and Legendary Continent of Cloudia will now open. Once you step into its Core, a fragment of the Truth of this world will be revealed to you and your companions.]

[But be prepared, the Valley has its Ancient Guardians.]

[You received the following Rewards]: [1.000.000.000 EXP] [1.000.000.000 Gold] [Legendary Skill Points Elixir (S+ Grade)] x10 [Legendary Stat Points Elixir (S+ Grade)] x10 [Skill Specialization Marble (SS Grade)] x1 [Subclass Skill Slot +1 Ticket (SS Grade)] x1 [Divine Skill Fusion Ticket (SS Grade)] x1 [Ancient Valley's Entrance Key (Key Item)] x1]

[Accumulated EXP has been saved until you Rank Up.]

Those were only the rewards I got, everyone got a varying degree and quantity of rewards as well!

Chapter 909 So Many Rewards!

The Quest Completion screen appeared in front of all of us. Well, most of us. The rewards distributed varied a lot between each participant, but I think I got the most rewards for... well, obvious reasons. I am Hephaestus Successor after all.

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[Accumulated EXP has been saved until you Rank Up.]

First of all, a billion EXP! With that I can get a few more levels once I finally Rank Up. I got two Rank Up options right now, but there's a third one "incomplete" option that I am trying to aim for. But I need some more important items I could probably get soon enough.

But maybe I should just evolve anyways, I should need to first look at the two available options and see what I can get out of the third option. But for now, just looking at the rewards is satisfying enough! A lot of Gold for some reason, and then Skill Points and Stat Points Elixirs.

Also some items I have never seen before, something called "Skill Specialization Marble" or whatever, Subclass Skill Slot Ticket, and then another Ticket but for Divine Skill Fusion? What's the difference between the ticket and then the normal skill fusion?

Lastly, there's a huge, stone key that materialized above my hands, emanating an ancient aura of blue light. It could even float in midair if I left it be...

"This key is most likely what'll bring us inside the Ancient Valley, isn't it?" I wondered, looking at Ignis.

"That's right." He nodded. "It seems that the Trial had it this whole time... See? It wasn't that I couldn't open the way for you! I was also restricted by the Inheritance and how it worked."

"Huh, alright, I guess. Wait, will Rita and my friends get rewards too?" I asked.

"Yes as long as they come back." Ignis nodded. "Now you may enter the Ancient Valley wherever you feel like. My job here is pretty much done... Phew, I'm going to just got take a nap now. I am exhausted."

Ignis slowly rested over the boiling magma surrounding the room, and then disappeared. Probably sleeping n the boiling depths somewhere.

"Well, looks like we're finally done..." Mark said. "But I'm starving, my Satiation is at dangerously low levels. Shall we go eat first before anything?"

"Yeah! Everyone, are you hungry? Let's go upstairs to rest and eat." I called everyone, who quickly agreed and followed from behind. They were all really happy despite how exhausted we felt.

"It's finally done! We can finally go there! Finally!" Acorn was really curious about it. "I want to see what we can find inside of that place! What secrets await!"

"You've gotten rather invested into this whole business, huh?" Johanna only raised an eyebrow. "I have little idea what's going on. And what's even Cloudia?"

"It's an Ancient Continent where the oldest tribes once lived." Explained Brisingra. "It is where I think my mother might have originated from... She belonged to an organization known as the Keepers of Time. The Ancient Elves were powerful beings capable of wielding Time itself."

"W-What? Wow, I had no idea..." Johanna was shocked. "I thought Elves were just stuck-up idiots that loved preaching about loving nature but doing very little to actually commute with it unlike us Druids."

"Those are the other Elves, well, there are too many out there that they became as common as humans at one point." Ambil suddenly commented.

"I've meet Fairies before and even Druids, but now that I think about it, Elves are just wandering around. Are there not just like a Kingdom of Elves nearby? I know there's the Verdant Continent Kingdom Alliance too." I said, reaching the kitchen.

"Well yes, there's a few small ones and the big one." Said Ambil. "To the far east there's a Kingdom of Wintear, governed by a family of Royal Ice Elves. They have mostly humans and half-

elves as subjects. Dislike dwarves despite their mountains being so rich in resources... This family is, as you might have guessed it, the Royal Magician Family of Wintear, they're all descendants of an Ancient Frost Witch. They're mostly neutral and part of the alliance but... Dislike outsiders and are quite aggressive when it comes to defending their territory from outsiders entering without permission."

"Huh... Alright." I nodded. "And the others?"

"There's the small City States of Evergreen and Treebark, which could be considered their own Kingdoms but also belong to the big Elven Kingdom in this Continent. And that's the Sacred Elven Queendom of Eterna. It is where every "fancy elf" will come from. That place's full of Magical Academies, and it is

where magic and alchemy is researched the most." Ambil said. "Our Magician Guild and the Magician Tower is pretty big in the continent, but nothing compared to the Magical Academies of Eterna."

"Magical Academies... That does sound a bit dreamy in a way." I said while thinking about that. "I wonder, if that's a Queendom, it is governed by a Queen?"

"Yes, from what I've heard about that place from some Elf Clients I had long ago, their Queen was an Ancient Elf that had lived for thousands of years or something." Ambil dropped a bomb out of nowhere.

"Wait, an Ancient Elf?! Alive?!" I gasped. "Why didn't you tell us that before?!"

"Eh? Huh? Were you looking for Ancient Elves that badly?!" Ambil muttered.

Chapter 910 Taking A Good Break

While we were having a bountiful dinner full of cooked meals this time, as I've grown a bit tired of just ordering food even for Arcadia, the rest of our friends finally logged in. Rita, Lily, and Jenny were finally back into the game. Angelina had logged-in again and she sent me a message saying she was having a good time in the Mine Dungeon with her party, they were uncovering some new secrets and had recently discovered a nest of mutated demonic beasts, which they had slain successfully with the help of the Queen's "Shadows".

They were soon going to come back with tons of news, so while we waited for their return, we discussed what had transpired so far with Rita, Lily, and Jenny. My daughter had also logged-in with her friends, and they were now just a few hours from reaching the city at long last. It took them days to get here because they were constantly visiting Dungeons they came across, so they leveled up a lot.

"With Angelina and my daughter's group approaching, our entire team is going to only get larger now." I laughed, slightly nervously. "Anyways, that's what just happened when you weren't here. Did you girls get your rewards by any chance?"

"Ah, yes, I did get mine!" Rita nodded. "I got a shit ton of nice stuff! And EXP and Gold! My Level's already hitting max soon!"

"I got a weird ticket for... skill fusion? But can't we do that already?" Lily wondered, rising an eyebrow.

"It seems like a special kind of ticket thing..." Jenny said, she had already Ranked Up recently, and finally reached Level 150. As a newbie, she had been lagging a bit behind us, but was catching up quickly. "So I can fuse skills without skill points? That sounds pretty nice actually!"

"I think so, and the resulting skill will also have some "Divine" Power to it or something..." Lily analyzed the ticket.

"Well it also has no restrictions! So we can fuse any damn skill, even without them being to an appropriate level. And it's a max of four skills?! Wow, this is insane!" Rita was getting excited about using it.

"Do Players always fuse their Skills together like this? I think this is the first time I am even given the option to do so..." Acorn said, even as the Honorary Player Title holder, he couldn't access the Skill Fusion tab.

"Yes, maybe..." I nodded. "Brisingra, Nieve, did you two get it as well?"

"Yeah!" Said Brisingra with a nod. "I think I know what skills to fuse together. My skill slots have gotten a bit tighter, so freeing some would be really nice."

"We can still learn new Skills using Skill Points, but yes. The whole skill fusion option does not seem available for us." Nieve nodded.

"That's a pity, but it's also nice you can at least fuse up to four skills together..." I said while slurping on some noodles. "Hmm, I wish there was a way to upgrade the Title Effects..."

"Maybe in the future, it could be some sort of Quest Reward, the System does seem to favor you to an extent, giving you special quests from left and right." Mark laughed a bit, eating pork buns. "Oh, these pork buns are really good. Your cooking only gets better every day!"

"Heheh, well it's thanks to the Cooking Spirits effects that the food is so super tasty." I giggled. "So, are you girls joining in for the exploration on the Ancient Valley?" I asked Rita, Lily, and Jenny. "There was a message saying the place had Ancient Guardians of sorts... I'm worried it'll be more like a Dungeon."

"It IS definitely like a dungeon at this point!" Johanna suddenly said. "After all, that place has been abandoned for thousands of years, right? Even if sealed within the Smithy of a God, the accumulated Mana inside the ruins is bound to turn into miasma and give birth to monsters. The Ancient Guardians left might have also become corrupted as well, for all we know."

"You know a bit about dungeons, huh, brat?" Rita eyed Johanna, who have been acting like she's part of the family already. "Just like two days ago you were really annoying..."

"A-Ah, well, my granny said I had to be friendly! W-What's wrong with that?! Wanna go for a round or something?" The angry druid girl barked back.

"Enough, Johanna, don't fight." I said. "Rita, just leave her be."

"Tch... Fine." Rita shrugged. "You're lucky my bestie's the nicest person in the world, or you wouldn't have gotten away with all the shit you told to her the other day so easily."

"I-I said I was sorry!" Johanna groaned. "Uggghh..."

"Yes, she did say that." Nieve vouched for her out of nowhere. "As long as she regrets her words and also respects my lady, it is alright. Right?"

"I-I guess?" Acorn wondered. "Why are you looking at me? I don't think I have much of a saying in these things! I'm just the Alchemist of the Team!"

"Err, even less myself, I just joined recently..." Brisingra sighed. "But I would say that Johanna has a lot of room to grow! Let's keep her around. Having a powerful Druid like her is useful. I've seen her fight a couple of times in her spars with your Familiars, she seems to have great potential... I also want to join the exploration, naturally!"

"Of course dear, you're coming without a doubt. You're our only connection to the Ancient Elves, the Overseers of Time." I nodded. "But first, it looks like some of our friends are finally here."

As the day was slowly coming to an end, the door of the smithy was knocked, and Angelina and her party arrived. They looked both proud and also exhausted. I wanted to explore the mines myself, but we had no time to do everything, so that they took care of that job was really nice.

"We're finally back! How is everyone doing?" Angelina stepped inside the large hall.

"Angelina! Welcome back!" I said. "How was the expedition?"

"It was really insightful, I would say..." Gandalf groaned in exhaustion.

"We fought like a thousand Demonic Beasts." Sighed Anikitty.

"Uuughh... I don't want to enter a mine ever again." Erdrich sighed.

"Alright, sit down to eat with us and tell us everything that happened!" I said.