

Brand New 941

Chapter 941 Mini Quest

"A-Ah, hi!" Brisingra greeted Mercedes happily.

"Welcome, come in. Ah, you guys are quite a sizable group, huh?" Laughed Mercedes, as she let us all inside. "Well, thankfully our house's large. The entire city has to be big and wide so the dragons can walk and transform comfortably too."

"I see how it is..." I nodded. "So, why did you call us here?"

"They didn't tell you?" Mercedes asked. "Well, in resume, we've got a new mission and we wanted to invite you guys as well. You're getting a portion of our pay, of course. You'll work as bodyguards and also to help us look for clues and stuff. Any insight would be valuable."

"Sure! I'm all for it if I am getting paid." Rita nodded.

"Hahaha, you're similar to Cecilia." Mercedes laughed.

Thats what I said.

"Hm?"

Mercedes noticed that Brisingra was watching at her in silence, her eyes shining brightly. She was really just silently admiring her.

"Dear, you're watching me for a while now..." Mercedes blushed a bit. "Do I have something in my face?"

"N-No, sorry." Brisingra apologized. "I am just amazed to see you, Lady Mercedes. You're... Err, a very famous researchers where I live."

"I-Is that so?" Mercedes was a bit confused, but didn't pursued the situation. "Anyways, Elbedo, Hermes, Cecilia! They're here! Is breakfast done yet?"

"Almost!" Elbedo said.

"Don't believe this bastard, he hasn't cooked anything yet!" Hermes complained.

"Well if you helped things would be much easier, Hermes! You're just sitting there reading a book! Move and do something else!" The dragon complained.

"You two men are so loud, I will just eat an apple or something." Cecilia sighed. "Ah, hey!" She waved her hand at us.

"Oh, if its food what you wanted, we haven't had breakfast ourselves. How about I cook something for everyone?" I asked with a smile.

"Oh yeah! Mom's cooking is the best, I swear!" Said my daughter.

"Lady Planta's cooking is indeed the very best." Nodded Elisa.

"It's tasty." Monica agreed.

"I tasted it once and I am already in love with her cooking, indeed." Greenie said.

"Yep! She cooks the best." Anna agreed.

"Well! Looks like those younglings are quite confident in your cooking, Planta." Mercedes said. "Can you help us cook something?"

"Of course, leave it to me!" I nodded. "I'll need a bit of help though. Mark, Rita, Lily, come with me too! Nieve as well. Let's make some ice cream while we are at it."

"Okay, let's cook something tasty." Mark nodded. "Even if this is a dungeon or something."

"We get to rest for three hours, so let's enjoy them~" Rita yawned.

"Yeah!" Lily agreed. "Elayne can you cook something savory? Too many sweets tire me a bit."

"Alright, I'll make some eggs with bacon for starters. Also let's bake some bread too." I nodded. "Oh, how about we make a pizza while we are at it? I got a lot of ingredients."

"S-Sure... but milady, am I only useful for making ice cream?" Nieve looked slightly depressed.

"Of course not! I mean, your ice is really good for that though." I told her. "Come on, you also love it."

"...I certainly do." She nodded.

As we started cooking, the rest of the party explored the house and talked with the four researchers. Everything was so realistic that it didn't even feel like a recreation of the dungeon. Some of us even speculating it might be some sort of travel in time shenanigan, or a parallel world sort of thing.

But I was able to notice the clues from the get-go already. Perhaps due to my growing affinity with the Dream Element, and after receiving a sort of Blessing from the Gods of Dreams and Nightmares. This entire thing was but a fabrication, a very realistic one.

And it could even be said these NPC were living dream beings, unaware of their own existences, until the dream itself ends. It is quite tragic, but it also offers insight to the past. This entire Dungeon is made out of a Fragment of the World's Memories after all.

And as I was thinking about that...

Ding!

[Break Time Remaining Time: 2 Hours: 50 Minutes.]

[By fulfilling certain conditions, you can also trigger special Auxiliary Mini Quests within the Scenario's Break Time itself!]

[Completing these Mini Quests will grant you higher Score and additionally, might reveal clues about the next Scenario.]

[You've triggered a new Auxiliary Mini Quest: [Cook Some Delicious Breakfast!]

[The four researchers are starving and their only cook, Elbedo, is having a hard time making something out of the little ingredients they have in their house at the moment.]

[Why not cook something delicious for them while they are getting ready for the day?]

[Quest Conditions]: [Cook something that will both satiate them and surprise them.]

[Completion Rewards]: [Large Quantity of Score Points.]

[Time Limit]: [Same Time Limit as the Break Time Limit.]

Oh, one triggered right away! Seems easy enough.

"So you must be Planta, huh? We had a little time to talk yesterday, but wow, your cooking is incredible. Are you making eggs and... meat? I've never seen this before." Elbedo praised my cooking. "It smells amazing."

He situated himself right at my side. His muscular and handsome appearance made me blush slightly. He was very attractive. Was this a natural attraction between dragons or something?! Wait, no! Why am I even feeling this way? He's just an illusion! Calm down, my horny mind!

"A-Ah, yes, I am cooking scrambled eggs with bacon." I explained to him. "What were you going to cook, Elbedo?"

"I was planning on just toasting some bread with roasted meat chunks and some garlic sauce..." He laughed apologetically. "It seems you have many more ingredients and recipes I've never seen before though!"

"Hey golden scales, watch out from touching my girlfriend." Mark warned Elbedo who was getting a bit too close.

"E-Eh? Ah, my bad. I had no idea. I am sorry, I didn't intend any of that." Laughed the dragon. "I might not look like this in this form, but I am a rather old man, older than everyone here. I already have a mate and children."

"Is that so? Mark! Don't be so jealous." I told him.

"S-Sorry, I just got somehow scared." He said.

"A-Ah... Oh well." I laughed a bit at that.

Yeah, I mean, I did think a few things myself, but I am a loyal girlfriend!

Chapter 942 Delicious Meals

Ding!

[Wonderfully done! You have combined the Eggs of Golden-feathered Forest Spirit Chickens, Wild Boar Bacon, and the Dwarven Seasoning Mix! You have created the Divine Dish: [Spiritual Scrambled Eggs & Crispy Seasoned Wild Boar Bacon (S Grade)] x12!]

[Amazing! You have combined the High-Quality Dough, Fiery Tomato Sauce, Essence Oregano, Dwarven Seasoning Mix, Luminous Kingdom's Pepperoni, and Divine Thunder Goat Cheese! You have created the Divine Dish: [Divine Neapolitan Goat Cheese Pizza (S Grade)] x10!]

[Incredible! You have combined the Ice Cream, Divine Thunder Goat Milk Yogurt, Chocolate, Fruits, and Syrup. You have created the Divine Dish: [Chocolate Cheesecake Ice Cream (S Grade)] x20!]

[Excellent! You have created the Divine Dish: [Spirit Garlic Brie Bread (S Grade)] x20!]

[You have created the Divine Dish: [Divine Chocolate Milk (S Grade)] x15!]

[You earned 2.500.000 EXP!]

[You earned +50.000 Divine Gourmet Essence.]

The table was served, a myriad of dishes was made in under ten minutes. Yeah, I don't even need to take too long to prepare things like these using my powerful Specialization abilities.

"Woow! This looks so yummy! Thank you Plantaaa! Nom, nom, nom!" Cecilia started eating everything happily. "Ooogghh! Sho guud! What's this?! Nam, nam!"

"O-Oi! Wait, Cecilia! Don't eat everything you glutton!" Hermes complained, pushing her away before she was to eat a whole pizza on her own. "Nom- Hm?! This thing is what you call pizza?! It's insanely good! I never thought combining these ingredients over a bread would make them so tasty together!"

"I also love that, but this... This sweet and cold dessert, it is really refreshing, especially with the heat of this time of the year, even in the morning." Said Mercedes, as she ate the ice cream cheesecake. "And I

never imagined that cheese and yogurt could be combined together in such a way. And this cold cream, ice cream! So many amazing new ideas combined together."

"This is... Yeah, its amazing. These eggs are fluffy and warm, and the bacon are crunchy and salty, a godly combination even for a dragon like me, who mostly likes eating raw meat." Laughed Elbedo, devouring the food.

"I'm glad it is of your liking!" I felt slightly proud of my cooking.

[The [Cooking Spirits in the World] are shocked of what you've cooked! They want some of that but can't enter the Dungeon.]

[The [Ancient Chef Of The Golden Mountain] slumber has been completely disrupted! He groans in hunger, he wants to eat breakfast too, but cries because he's so far away.]

Huh? Again with these weird messages. Who the hell is the Ancient Chef of the Golden Mountain anyways? I am so confused right now. I wonder if these ancient people know about him? I might as well try to ask.

"Do you happen to know about someone named "Ancient Chef of the Golden Mountain" or something?" I wondered.

"No, not at all. Who is he?" Mercedes asked.

"Nope!" Cecilia said while drinking chocolate milk. "Hmm, so tasty!"

"I don't know him, sorry." Hermes said.

"What? That title..." Elbedo muttered. "I have heard about someone with that title, a few years ago. When I briefly visited the Eastern Continent. I heard he was a powerful Ki Cultivator that also was trying to become an Immortal but failed. He was the laughingstock of the local Immortal Cultivators."

"Wait, Immortal Cultivators exists?!" Asked Mark. "Ah, this is too good- But yeah, do they?!"

"Even for me the Eastern Continent is a mystery. It is a continent full of our same kind, and a few derived races created by other Gods. It is said to be much more ancient than Verdant, the continent below us which we are slowly raising as the Yggdragon became Yggdrasil. As of now only little Titania and her pets are there." Said Elbedo.

Little Titania! So this is that time when Titania was just created by Yggdrasil, and her pets must be the other creatures.

Wow...

Ding!

[Congratulations! You've completed the Auxiliary Mini Quest: [Cook Some Delicious Breakfast!]

[You have not only made them incredibly happy with such tasty dishes, but you've enlightened their minds and sharpened their focus and cognitive ability.]

[The Researcher's Stats and Abilities Power and Effects will be boosted by +100% for the next Scenario once it begins!]

[Quest Conditions]: [Cook something that will both satiate them and surprise them: Complete]

[Completion Rewards]: [+100.000 Score Points.]

[Current Score]: [600.000]

Oh, it's complete! Nice.

"So what's the name of this guy?" Mark wondered. "And why are you asking about him out of the sudden, Elayne?"

"Ah, well, I keep getting this message in my head about him watching what I cook? Its weird." I said.

"O-Oh, yeah, that's odd." He nodded.

"Ahem! As I was saying. I do remember that he had a title but not a name. He belongs to the race of Pandaren, ancient and strong people that live in the Eastern Continent." Elbedo explained. "And that he had gone into a slumber after being unable to breakthrough into finding enlightenment necessary to advance his Culinary Abilities and attain the Gourmet Dao."

"I see... So weird, do you guys also cultivate this thing?" I wondered.

"Each God has a different teaching about the absorption and transformation of energy. In the Eastern Continent they call this technique Cultivation, and they specialize in the refinement and enhancement of the physical force known as Ki! In here, we specialize in the refinement and transformation of Mana and its evolution into Divine Essence." Elbedo continued explaining as he munched on the pizza and then the brie bread.

"So it's like... Every God designated a certain group of people and continents to research something?" I wondered.

"Yes, that's right." Hermes agreed to that too. "I am surprised you didn't remember this, if you live here you should have also known this."

"Ahahaha, right, yeah! Silly me." I laughed it off.

Once we finished eating breakfast, we decided to go to town because they wanted to buy new items and groceries. Sadly there were messages saying any item we get inside of the dungeon will disappear later, so we held off from trying to buy these ancient objects.

However, as we explored such ancient lands, I had this weird feeling, as if something was off. Something in the atmosphere, or the streets? A dark presence.

And then...

Ding!

[An Auxiliary Mini Quest has been triggered automatically: [Find The Traces Of Darkness!]]

Chapter 943 The Ten Traces Of Darkness

The entire town was a rather beautiful place, it was built around the Ancient Valley that connected to many more cities. Therefore, a lot of people from all these other cities constantly visited this area. There were many ingredients and ancient materials we've never seen before in the modern Arcadia. Materials and ingredients lost in time, which we sadly couldn't get to modern times, as it was all just part of the dungeon's entire scenario.

But it was indeed a rather beautiful place, full of life and vibrant atmosphere. Young divine dragons, ancient elves, and majin played around. Street vendors constantly offered us their goods, and even if they weren't real, we still checked the items to find information through their descriptions and the like.

However, as the minutes passed, I kept looking around. I knew there were clues hidden somewhere, things we needed to look for. The rest of my part was mostly relaxing, and I didn't fault them for that, the first scenario was already very difficult, but I was the one constantly expanding my Spiritual Senses, looking for something.

And I found it. Traces of darkness, of miasma, nether, and even demonic energy mixed together. One, two, three, many of them. I quickly felt like something was wrong here. Someone or something was lurking, waiting for an opportunity to strike. And it was chasing us somehow, yet the same time, it was in several places at the same time.

And then...

Ding!

[An Auxiliary Mini Quest has been triggered automatically]: [Find The Traces Of Darkness!]

[While everyone is busy admiring the beauty of a town of ancient times, you have kept your senses on high alert, and you've detected something, or someone.]

[An evil entity, a darkness is lurking around. Masses of negative energy are gathering in several spots around town. And you suspect there's something dark brewing in the background.]

[Find the Traces of Darkness and obtain a clue for the next Scenario.]

[Quest Conditions]: [Find the Ten Traces of Darkness: 0/10]

[Completion Rewards]: [Large Quantity of Score Points.]

[Time Limit]: [Same Time Limit as the Break Time Limit.]

I quickly decided to explain my friends about this, while some of my party members kept the four researchers busy giving them small talk. Brisingra in specific was happy to talk and chat with her mother about whatever. Elisa talked with Elbedo about gold dragons (she was one), and then Angelina's party kept Hermes and Cecilia busy by talking about many things.

"So there are ten traces of darkness, I didn't even feel them before." Mark was surprised. "Where can we find them?"

"I don't know, but I feel them. I think I could easily find them using my Spirit Senses by looking for traces." I said. "I could call my spirits, but I feel like it won't work, this dungeon makes them feel a bit dizzy and disoriented, maybe because it is like a dream too."

"So we have to just search them with our senses, gotcha." Rita nodded.

"I think I can feel a few." My mother said.

"Me too! I can feel all ten!" Monica said happily. "Let me guide you!"

"You can?" I wondered.

"M-Maybe because of my connection to darkness? I am a ghost after all." She said.

"How come I can't feel them then?!" Rita complained.

"Maybe because you're not a ghost like her! Ghosts probably have expanded and stronger senses." I explained. "Anyways, Monica, can you tell us where you can sense them? Here. I've made a basic map of our surroundings using the information I gained from my senses."

"Y-Yes, here... and here, and here... and there too!" Monica quickly pointed all the areas with a pen I gave to her. With that done, I took a photo of it through the system's chat function and sent it to the chat of all my friends and my daughter.

With the information shared, we started to quickly search for the ten traces as quickly as possible. I ran to the south, where I saw a trace of darkness hiding behind a barrel. It contained strange, assembling dark runes. Was it some sort of pillar for a domain, or a bomb?

"For now, just store them inside your inventory! They can be easily handled with a barrier of spirit magic." I explained my party.

And we did just that, the masses of darkness didn't attack or anything, meaning that whoever left them there was not considering if someone would ever find them. At less than five minutes, we found them all, stored inside of our inventories inside of bottles. Everyone handled them to me, and as the party leader, the Mini Quest was completed.

Ding!

[You have Completed the Auxiliary Mini Quest]: [Find The Traces Of Darkness!]

[You have finally found the strange ten traces of darkness, congratulations! However, there's now a question lingering inside of your mind. What are these for?]

[Although you didn't seem to notice at first hand, once you look back at the map you made, you realize they were all placed in a strange, recognizable position.]

[A demonic pentagram.]

[Quest Conditions]: [Find the Ten Traces of Darkness: 10/10: Complete]

[Completion Rewards]: [+100.000 Score Points.]

[Current Score]: [700.000]

"Wait, it's true! It is a pentagram." I looked back at the map. "So they placed these as nodes for a formation, a demonic formation!"

"Wait, what? But when?" Mark wondered. "This is... So there's indeed someone trying to do something fishy."

"Not just fishy Mark, something really bad. Isn't this similar to what's going on in Luminous? They're trying to summon something..." Rita said.

"I guess so... Well, let's return with the rest." I nodded. "Our score rose to seven hundred thousand. I am guessing we should aim for as much as we can. Try to look for clues or weird things, that might trigger a new Mini Quest."

"Gotcha." My daughter said. "Let's go now!"

We regrouped with Cecilia's group, and as we made our way back home, we explained them what we found. They were slightly shocked they were unable to find the traces themselves.

"Traces of Darkness?! That's... And you say they were arranged like this?" Mercedes muttered in disbelief.

"T-That's really bad." Hermes said.

"So there's really someone trying to summon something!" Cecilia said.

"But who?" Elbedo wondered.

"That's something we'll have to find out."

Chapter 944 Find The Four Relics

"These Traces of Darkness are not normal." Mercedes analyzed them in her studio using a special divine artifact. "They are an assemble of Miasma, Nether, and Demonic Energy. All three of such energies are derivations of Erebus Chaotic Essence, which divided themselves and then were infected with different elements the Demon Kings wield. However, to seamlessly weave them into a Node for a specialized Magic Domain is incredible. Most people that tried wielding such energies would normally... die. Their hands would just melt and then the rest of their bodies."

"Whoever is doing this is capable of wielding these deadly energies seamlessly, meaning that they have somehow modified their bodies, isn't it?" Hermes wondered, while rubbing his chin. "Maybe if we could conjure some sort of divine detection spell, to see through the bodies of people..."

"But that's a bit too much, no? It feels kind of perverted to do that! Not all people like going around naked, only dragons." Said Cecilia, blushing a bit.

"What...? I am not naked! My scales are my clothes!" Elbedo groaned.

"Enough." Mercedes sighed. "I think I could assemble a special device to track the origin of these Darkness Traces. But for that I need a few things. It'll take some time... Unless I can get some help. Can you guys' search for the relics I need? They're spread all over our house because we are all quite messy."

"Sure! Leave it to us." I nodded.

"Thank you, here, this is the list of things I need." She said. "I'll begin the assembling with what I have here. I'll need Cecilia and Hermes to help me with setting up the Runic Spirit Circle as well. Some come over here. Elbedo, help them search the items."

"Got it." Elbedo nodded, the other two elves walked to help Mercedes.

Ding!

[An Auxiliary Mini Quest has been triggered automatically]: [Quickly! Find the four necessary Relics!]

[After talking about the Darkness Traces with Mercedes and the others, you've discovered they originate from something much darker. And all of you begin to presume it might be a whole conspiracy.]

[To quickly make a tracking device, swiftly find the four Relics necessary before the time runs out! This is the third and last available Auxiliary Mini Quest, don't fail!]

[Quest Conditions]: [Find the Four Necessary Relics: 0/4]

[Completion Rewards]: [Large Quantity of Score Points.]

[Time Limit]: [Same Time Limit as the Break Time Limit.]

[Break Time Limit]: [0 Hours, 43 Minutes.]

We have less than an hour left before the break time is over, we have to find these things as quickly as we can!

"Now, follow me, I'll tell you where each relic is." Elbedo quickly led us through the house.

Using Mercedes list, we slowly started the process. The house was really big, and there were at least twenty different rooms. We separated our groups into four, each one looking for a single relic to maximize efficiency. The relic we had to find was called "Time's Cog" and it was located in the attic.

However, the bad thing was that there was a pile of relics everywhere, so we had to quickly push them away one after another while trying not to activate them by accident. At the end, I just encapsulated them all inside a Spirit Barrier Bubble and searched for the cog.

"Here!"

I took it from the pile while my friends were still looking for it, it was a small, silver-colored Cog imbued with a small amount of Divine Time Essence.

"Got it! Let's go back!"

We moved downstairs to find two groups ready, but one, the one from my daughter, was still taking a while. I quickly went to check with them with Elbedo, finding them looking through a library. The relic they needed to look for was called "Grimoire of Truth".

"There are so many damn books! Where is it?!" My daughter and her friends were growing desperate.

"Elena, calm down for a bit." I sighed, walking in.

"Mom?!" She gasped. "A-Ah, I'm getting ready, we're about to find it!"

"Let me help you, we don't have much time for this." I said. "Monica, can you expand your senses?"

"I've done it already, but it doesn't work..." She sighed.

"Hmm, Greenie, aren't you a scholar? Can't you detect grimoires?" I asked him.

"Wait, I could, right?" It seemed he never thought about that ability. "Wait a bit- Ah! There!" He had activated some Eye-type Skill and immediately found the relic.

"Hey dumbass, you could have used that from the beginning!" Anna groaned angrily.

"I-I'm sorry..." Greenie laughed nervously.

"Anna! Don't call my cousin like that, you bad mouthed little...!" Elisa was growing a bit angered as well.

I could tell everyone was slightly stressed, but once we secured the gray and white colored grimoire, we swiftly moved downstairs, and with almost twenty minutes left, we handled all the items to Mercedes.

The Time's Cog, the Grimoire of Truth, the Eye Of the Stars, and lastly, the Mirror of Laments. All of them were powerful Divine Relics we could never hope to get our hands into. People in these times had so many they had piles after piles of them inside their houses. The Gods handled them away like candy.

And above all, they were able to combine their effects through special Relic Assemblages, as they called them, combining Runic Divine Spirit Magic Formations with Time Magic and then Relics. What Mercedes was doing right now!

"Almost there... And... done!"

FLASH!

All the relics fused together in the form of a large sphere star lights, with a single, golden eye in the middle. She placed the bottle with the Darkness Trace inside, and the eye immediately started processing the essence information and everything. In just three minutes, it was done.

It looked to the west, why? We had no idea why. But it seemed that there was something there. And whatever it was, it was the origin of the Darkness Traces!

"I think we got ourselves a good clue now..." Mercedes said. "This Relic Assemblage will guide us to the origin of the Darkness Traces! Let's go!"

Chapter 945 Hidden Scenario

Ding!

[An Auxiliary Mini Quest has been triggered automatically]: [Quickly! Find the four necessary Relics!]

[Well done! You've found the four relics in time and assembled the special combination. Now that the eye is pointing at a direction, follow it! The culprit behind the Darkness Traces might be where you're going to.]

[Quest Conditions]: [Find the Four Necessary Relics: 4/4: Complete]

[Completion Rewards]: [+100.000 Score Points.]

[Current Score]: [800.000]

[Break Time Left]: [0 Hours, 15 Minutes.]

As we ran outside of the house to follow Mercedes and everyone else, I saw the system notification again. This was apparently the last Auxiliary Mini Quest, yet it seemed that break time wasn't over yet. We were, in fact, moving towards a certain direction without hesitation.

"There!"

"Over there..."

"To the north!"

"The west? Is he moving?"

Mercedes was growing restless as we kept running around the entire city, letting a few people startled as our large party moved around like a small army. Our target was constantly moving around, as if intentionally making us waste time. It was getting annoying, especially because six minutes went by quickly, leaving only nine minutes left.

Whatever this was, it seemed very important, we had to find this person to trigger something special in the second scenario, and we couldn't let them fool us!

"Alright, I got a plan. We separate into three groups, and we run to the opposite directions of where they are right now." I explained. "Familiars, do the same!"

I quickly commanded our party, Mercedes group agreed immediately after having seen that my leadership skills were quite acceptable. They moved accordingly, as the target started to move, they quickly meet with my daughter's party, who was directly livestreaming it to us!

"We got you! Stay where you are!"

I heard my daughter's roar, as the figure of an elf man appeared in the end of an alleyway, wearing gray robes like anybody else. His eyes opened widely, as he started to run away, only to find another dead end. He quickly imbued Mana into his legs, trying to kick the air and escape from the sky.

However.

"Where do you think you're going?"

I appeared right above him, flying with my fake fairy wings combined with my draconic wings. I imbued Mana and Ki into my fists, as I grew three pairs of enormous wooden fists covered with golden dragon scales through my Draconification Skill and pummeled him down before he was to attack me with a black scythe made of the same energy as the Darkness Traces.

BAAAM!

"Urgh?!"

His body was quickly smashed into the ground. As he was immediately surrounded by all of us. The four researchers arriving in the last moment. Once he stood there, surrounded from all sides, both the sky and the ground, he gritted his teeth.

"W-What?! Who are you! Let me go!" He protested, as I quickly fired an arrow made of wood towards his head. He evaded as I imagined, but his hoodie was torn apart, revealing to us his appearance.

"Argh!"

He had long green hair and sharp emerald eyes. However, his eyes seemed slightly odd, they were emanating a black and purple energy from within, while constantly spiraling. There was some dark power coursing through his entire body.

"Let me go! I haven't done anything wrong!" He cried.

"Nothing wrong? You literally planted all those Darkness Traces!" Mercedes said. "What are you planning to do with our city?! Did you lifted the seal of the Demon King Fragments that were given to us?!"

"Huh? What? What are you talking about? I don't... Ugh...! I don't remember! Leave me aloneeee!" He man screamed, his aura of darkness constantly surging from his body, like an eruption of pure Malice.

FLUOSH!

"The darkness has made him go insane!" Hermes cried.

"Just what is happening now?! How come someone was infested by darkness like this!" Elbedo said.

"It doesn't matter how it happened, what matters is that we have to stop him, NOW!" Mercedes said.

"That man... He looks similar to someone I know." Cecilia said, feeling a slightly strange feeling.

"Uggh....! AARGH!"

However, the man was groaning furiously. The darkness encompassing his body into a complete suit of black armor. His size increased from two meters to over ten meters. His bulky black armor made of metallized miasma started blazing with phantasmal flames fueled by nether, as his scythe flared with dark red flames made of demonic energy.

"We know most people here, Cecilia!" Hermes said. "Quickly, we have to put it down before it ends up destroying half the city!"

"He's wielding the energies of darkness seamlessly!" Said Elbedo. "He's the culprit without a doubt!"

"Dammit, he's coming!" Mercedes cried.

The giant started rushing towards the quartet of researchers, making the ground shake with each step as his groans echoed across the city. Every step he gave set everything ablaze with black, blue, and red flames.

The buildings slowly started to melt, and people began running away. Not everyone in this city was a fighter. At the same time, system messages appeared once I noticed the break time had finally ended. Almost synchronizing with the transformation of the elven man.

[Thanks to all the efforts you did in the break time, you were able to find the culprit behind the Darkness Traces... However, he's completely mad with the power flowing through his body and charges against you after transforming into a giant monster.]

[You have triggered the Hidden Second Scenario, changing its structure from what it was originally going to be!]

[Scenario 2/4 has begun: [Defeat the [Abyssal Dark Hell Knight: Lv300+] while protecting the four researchers from death and the citizens of the city!]

[Careful! The Boss monster will spread his flames everywhere, constantly destroying his surroundings and putting every civilian nearby at risk! You must stop him and help the civilians in danger at the same time.]

[The more civilians you save from death, the higher your score will be.]

[Scenario Requirements]: [Protect the four Researchers, kill the Boss, protect at least 30 civilians from death.]

[Scenario Hidden Requirement]: [???

[Time Limit]: [1 Hour]

The second scenario finally started, and it was much more difficult than I imagined.

Chapter 946 Against The Second Scenario Boss

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[Scenario Hidden Requirement]: [???

[Time Limit]: [1 Hour]

The second scenario was supposed to be about us finding clues inside of the pile of rubble left behind from their research laboratory, but it ended changing to this after we sought after the Traces of Darkness, and ultimately came to the culprit with the special divine relic made by Mercedes.

This man!

We don't even know his name, but we know he had left the traces of darkness. This ancient elf man was also overflowing with Miasma, Nether, and even Demonic Energy, coming from his own body. He had somehow managed to use relics and magic to hide the evil energies presences.

But now that we were here, he was incapable of hiding his strength anymore. We cornered him, and he was quickly forced to unleash all his powers, suddenly undergoing a surprising transformation.

His entire body transformed, the evil energies around him materializing into hardened armor that reinforced his defenses and transformed him into a giant made of black metal. His size increased from two meters to over ten meters. His bulky black armor made of metallized miasma started blazing with phantasmal flames fueled by nether, as his scythe flared with dark red flames made of demonic energy.

He had completely changed!

And above all, what made me the most curious and worried wasn't the Level 300 boss himself, nor even the flames he spread. But his words before transforming! It seemed as if he was completely confused about what was going on.

As if he had amnesia, or simply couldn't remember having done anything, yet the relic and the clues, all pointed at him as the culprit. Yet I couldn't help but feel weirded out. No matter what, there should be a point to his words, right?

This entire dungeon is made so we have to push ourselves to our limits, especially our cognitive abilities. Even the smallest clue or strange dialogue could lead to a completely different scenario than what was originally intended.

And right now, even as we confront this man, I can't help but feel a hunch, something's telling me we can't just kill him and be done with it.

But for now, at the very least, we must neutralize him!

"GRAAAAH!"

He roared like a monster, stepping towards me. He had his gaze set specifically on me! However, that didn't mean he came without problems aside from just fighting the ten-meter metal giant. His flames spread everywhere, slowly turning into all sorts of blazing undead creatures. Resembling ghosts, ghouls, and skeletons made of phantasmal, miasmic, and demonic fire.

[The [Abyssal Dark Hell Knight: Lv300+] has manipulated his Phantasmal Miasmic Demonic Flames! Dozens of [Aberrant Phantasmal Miasmic Demon Blazing Undead: Lv200+] are being summoned!]

[Destroy them before they spread flames everywhere and burn everything even more than before!]

"Oh no! They're summoning even more monsters!" Cecilia panicked. "W-What do we do?! T-The houses are going to be set ablaze!"

"Shit! Dammit!" Mercedes was swearing furiously, conjuring her time magic and creating walls made of stopped time to corner the endlessly spawning beasts.

"I won't let you give a single step forward, bastards!" Elbedo roared, tearing and clawing his way through the fire monsters.

"Cecilia, snap out of it!" Hermes said, conjuring barriers of stopped time as well, temporarily stopping the monsters from running away and spreading the fire on the city.

"Familiars! Surround the monster and quickly stop it! Don't let it give another step forwards! Goldie and Silver, your magic should be the most effective against him, stop him!" I said. "Everyone else, let's divide. Protect one of the researchers with the same teams as before! Nieve, transform too! Flood the place with as much holy water as you can! Everyone else, Water, Ice, and Holy Light Spirits will be infused into you, your equipment, and weapons! Don't let the flames spread and turn them off!"

As I gave my orders, all my Familiars quickly clashed against the giant. Silver and Goldie unleashed their magic and breath attacks, bombarding his blazing body in an attempt to stop his advance. Explosions of moonlight silver-colored water and holy light continued to spread, his flames beginning to weaken.

Then the rest of the familiars worked together, smacking him, stopping him, and unleashing magic from afar. the plan-types were told to remain in the back this time, as Terra and Loki were too weak to their flames to withstand their full power.

"GROOOHH!"

At the same time, the metallic giant gave a loud metallic roar, swinging his giant scythe against all my familiars, releasing a cutting wave of fire! Mimy cried, quickly imbuing her powers into her shield and making it grow to an enormous size, blocking the attack.

BOOOM!

As I continuously buffed and healed my allies while constantly spreading my Domain and Terrain, the rest of my party separated into smaller parties and all rushed to protect the researchers, who were already surrounded by hundreds of smaller monsters.

And as all of that happened, I also had an Yggdrasil Avatar right behind me, conjuring something else entirely!

"[Divine Ward: Miasma-Sealing Divine Palace]!"

FLASH!

Chapter 947 Going All-Out!

"[Divine Ward: Miasma-Sealing Divine Palace]!"

FLASH!

A wave of pure celestial energy, spiritual energy, mana, and even my life force was released, conjuring a huge palace made of divine celestial light that erected around us. The palace encompassed us alongside the monster, leaving us trapped with it.

However, the flames it spread could no longer move further away. There were two houses that got trapped inside too, but both were empty, thankfully. I was able to quickly conjure this by combining my Barrier Skills with my Barrier Spells, and then spend half of my Celestial Energy from my Halo.

Ding!

[You have conjured the Advanced Divine Barrier: [Divine Ward: Miasma-Sealing Divine Palace]!]

[You have covered a large area with the barrier. Any dark entity sealed within cannot step out! All Dark, Miasma, Undead, and Demon-type Foes Stats decrease by -50% within the barrier. Health and Mana Regeneration Speed of you and your allies increases by +100%]

[Time Limit: 10 Minutes.]

The moment the barrier was formed, we felt refreshed, our health and mana recovering at an even faster speed. At the same time, our foes weakened! Indeed, after a lot of work with the arrangement of runes and the combination of abilities and manipulation of Celestial Power, the ability to create a barrier that can weaken enemies inside was made.

It only targets these specific types of foes, but its not like they aren't the ones we're always fighting anyways! And Rita wasn't affected either way, it only affects foes, not those considered as allies. The giant armored man and the blazing undead fiends quickly received a terrible debuff.

Fifty percent of all their stats disappeared out of thin air, weakening them severely. The blazing undead were quickly caught off guard as their size and burning flames reduced in power. The rest of my team quickly started destroying them with ease, using their powerful and destructive attacks.

"Come! [God of War and Death: Susanoo]!"

I saw my daughter's party in specific, freely spreading destruction with their variety of high-level skills and magic. My daughter resembled a blue blur, easily slicing and cutting through anything with her deadly katana. Her aura erupted, resembling a giant blue skeleton made of phantasmal energy, wearing blue and black samurai armor.

That was her evolved Susanoo Aura, a manifestation and also some kind of summon at the same time. It boosted her power tremendously, and she used it to easily cut through and annihilate anything on her path with the giant samurai's enormous phantom sword.

"[Consecutive Void Slash]! Cut through space!"

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

As if things couldn't get any more amazing, she leaped into midair and targeted the boss right away! Cutting through his attacks and his flames, and then using her Susanoo to land a powerful hit into its head!

"GROOOHH!"

The monster groaned in pain, stepping back only to amass more power and release it, a sea of deadly black, red, and blue flames covered everything in front of him. I conjured barriers of spiritual light while Brisingra used her rainbow barrier magic, barely managing to buy enough time for my familiars to escape before being hit directly.

BOOOM!

"Dammit! Even when being almost Level 300, I've never specialized on defense. If I take that hit directly I'll surely die no matter what." Elena sighed, looking back to me. "Mom! Do you think you can take on that?!"

"Alone I can't, but if everyone else joins, of course." I smiled. "And well, by everyone else, I mean everyone else including the Spirits!"

I unleashed all the spirit energy I had accumulated so far, thousands of spirits emerged endlessly around the entire Domain, sprouting out of flowers and plants. I quickly combined half of them into my main body, while the other Yggdrasil Avatar stayed holding the entire Divine Ward together.

"[Holy Yggdragon's Transformation]!"

FLAAASH!

My body changed, but I didn't look the same as my other Yggdragon forms. I even imbued into me the other Dragon Spirits, combining their draconic power into mine. My wings spread out, resembling fiery feathered angelic wings. I gained three giant heads, one red, the other gold, and the third blue.

There were six giant arms, with sharp claws, and covered on golden armored scales. At the end of my body, there were three long tails, each one with sharp spear-like tips. And the power of hundreds of spirits flowed through me, only temporarily though.

Ding!

[You have activated several skills, spells, and abilities and combined them together alongside Hundreds of Lesser Dragon Spirits, Holy Light Spirits, and our tamed Dragon Spirits!]

[You have temporarily transformed into the [Three-Headed Holy Yggdragon Goddess] form!]

[All your Stats have further increased by +500%, all of your Spirit and Dragon-type Skills and Spells Power has increased by +300%, your HP and MP Regeneration Speed has increased by +1000%, and you have gained the ability to activate the Divine Skills: [Holy Yggdragon Domain], [Divine Dragon Spirit Army], and [Celestial Draconic Weapon Creation]!]

[An Aura of [Holy Yggdragon's Domain] has spread everywhere, your Domain and Terrain has gained the [Immunity] status, becoming incapable of being destroyed as long as your transformation remains.]

[Duration: 5 Minutes.]

I was channeling all of what I had, and becoming a Goddess, even if for five minutes!

"RAAAAH!"

I leaped towards the metal giant, unleashing a storm of lightning from my horns, combined with rays of holy light from my three heads and countless swords made of crystallized nature spirits, resembling rainbow-colored diamond blades.

Explosions of light and golden flames covered the metallic giant, his armor gaining a few tiny cracks. He was incredibly tough, and barely flinched after my initial barrage of blows! I quickly infused spirits into both of my weapons, transforming them into Caliburn and Apocalypse respectively, two powerful blade weapons, one imbued with sunlight, holy light, and flames, and the other imbued with the power to absorb and seal demonic and miasmatic power.

However, even with all my attacks, the metallic giant simply started growing larger, his flames simply absorbing all my damage to further boost his power and size, matching my own!

"GROOOHHH!"

With a ferocious roar, his helmet opened, revealing a monstrous jaw that released an explosion of deadly flames in front of my face!

BOOOM!

Chapter 948 A New Divine Form

BOOOM!

The flames covered my body, my scales slowly started to melt, but I toughed it up, opening my three dragon heads and releasing my strongest dragon breaths, explosions of golden flames covered the titan, as I used my Gaia's All-Purpose-Tool and activated its special ability, Nemean's Lion Roar, as the phantom of a giant golden lion attacked the monster relentlessly, pushing it back a few steps.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

At the same time, all my Familiars constantly activated their abilities and skills, bombarding the monster and even healing me too. They were unleashing their Divinity Sparks, as I could feel their divine power rising rapidly.

"Continue attacking it! Don't let it catch a break!"

As I ordered them, I decided to activate the two other Divine Skills this transformation granted me. Apparently completely unique to it! The first one activated itself automatically, granting immunity to my Domain and Terrain, complete immunity! It meant that no matter how destructive this monster's flames were, the domain would never be destroyed.

I used that to my advantage too, gaining some of that invulnerability, although not completely, by fusing with my Domain using my other Skills, the plants, spirits, flowers, trees, and nature itself constantly supplying my body, which was being destroyed and regrown constantly, with much needed energy and mass.

"If I recall correctly..."

I looked back at the system window.

[You have activated several skills, spells, and abilities and combined them together alongside Hundreds of Lesser Dragon Spirits, Holy Light Spirits, and our tamed Dragon Spirits!]

[You have temporarily transformed into the [Three-Headed Holy Yggdragon Goddess] form!]

[All your Stats have further increased by +500%, all of your Spirit and Dragon-type Skills and Spells Power has increased by +300%, your HP and MP Regeneration Speed has increased by +1000%, and you have gained the ability to activate the Divine Skills: [Holy Yggdragon Domain], [Divine Dragon Spirit Army], and [Celestial Draconic Weapon Creation]!]

"Alright! Let's try this! [Divine Dragon Spirit Army]!"

I felt an endless amount of draconic power erupt from my body. My Divinity, which was already developing through my many other Skills, erupted like a mountain of divine green and golden light into the skies, opening up a portal. I was shocked, as I saw the portal opening to reveal dozens of giant Dragon Spirits, made of elemental spiritual essence, leaping into battle.

Ding!

[You have activated the Divine Skill: [Divine Dragon Spirit Army]! Your Powers and Energies have summoned the Divine Dragon Spirit Realm Portal, summoning Divine Dragon Spirits to battle!]

[For the duration of the portal's existence, these Divine Dragon Spirits will fight for you and protect you as well as heal you and even die for you! However, once the Portal's duration is over, they will return to their Realm.]

[Duration: 5 Minutes.]

Each one exuded the power of at least a Level 250 Monster. And they were BIG! At least thirty meters big each. They landed on the floor, surrounding the titanic armored behemoth and attacking it. Claws, jaws, spear tail attacks, and blazing breath explosions bombarded his body.

More cracks spread through its armor; we were getting through it! Its HP was slowly decreasing as well, but at this rate, it wouldn't be enough. I already noticed its metallic body was harnessing even more flames again, it was going to unleash that blazing explosion again!

And as if things couldn't get any more complicated, that deadly scythe of it was cutting through the divine dragon spirits with ease, even now the stat difference was tremendous. Level 300 Monsters were on another level completely.

"Everyone! Attack!" However, I wasn't alone.

My friends, my family, and everyone else leaped into battle. Now that most of the smaller undead fire monsters were dealt with. Everyone else started attacking the metallic titan. Mostly all sorts of spells

rained from above, bombarding its body metallic body. The intense rain of attacks eventually spread the cracks further.

"GROOOHHH!"

However, the powerful shockwave came again. We all got ready, conjuring fifty-layered spirit barriers using my skills to protect everyone together on a big bubble. The flames were unleashed, an inferno of black, red, and blue flames engulfed everything.

BOOOM!

Crack, crack...! CRASH!

The barrier I conjured broke into pieces, barely managing to take on the whole hit. I felt my energies depleting almost instantly, but then quickly beginning to fully recover yet again. Everyone else jumped into battle again, attacking the titan with their strongest attacks.

Mark transformed his body, unleashing all the power he could as he activated his Divine Skill, combining with dozens of his Totem Spirits together into a massive megazord-like titan. His blazing wood suddenly becoming so hard and solidified that it turned into black wood, shining like metal now instead of just being rough like wood!

"[Blazing Totem Spirit God Of Fire And War Transformation]!"

He truly resembled a titanic mech now! I was shocked! And he immediately used this new and titanic form to fight. His berserk sword becoming a titanic black blade imbued with his black steel wood, and his now pure red flames, which roared with the roars of dozens of totem spirits converged into his body.

With the wings and head of a phoenix, the shoulders in the form of the dragon wings, his claws resembling the talons and claws of the phoenix and the fire dragon, his legs looking like those of a holy light lion, and with several more metallic, blazing heads of other beasts spread through his titanic, bulky body, he struck the titanic black armor monster with countless strikes.

CLASH! CLASH! CRAAASH!

Each of his attacks spread the cracks further, while summoning Totem Spirits out of nowhere, similar to my own Domain Abilities that could summon Divine Spirits and so on! The Totem Spirits converged into his body each time our foe retaliated, taking most of the damage he would have taken, and then exploding in front of our enemy, damaging it even further.

Rita also transformed into her mightier Draconification form, unleashing all her strongest attacks by combining her element of Darkness with Void, tearing through the monster's metallic armor defenses.

"RUUOOHH!"

The Boss' HP was now below 70%, and its heavy armor began to slowly collapse into pieces, revealing something else beneath...

Chapter 949: The Boss' True Form

Crack, crack...!

CRASH!

The boss HP finally reached below 70%, which swiftly prompted a change. The heavy and bulky black armor it had shattered into pieces, falling down into piles of black metal. And while that happened, what was underneath was revealed. The man's real body was much deeper, I could feel it. However, his powers were completely encompassing him. Revealing the "true body" of the monster he had become.

Countless of monstrous, pulsating black and red tendrils could be seen, a body covered by such fleshy tendrils made of miasma and nether, while its purple and red colored eyes spread through the rest of its lanky humanoid body. Its scythe suddenly fell apart as well, but from within its fleshy interior, countless bony growths emerged.

Ding!

[The [Abyssal Dark Hell Knight: Lv300+] HP has reached below 70%, its hard armor has been broken!]

[The Boss has shown his true form: [Abyssal Dark Hell Demonic Beast Of A Hundred Eyes: Lv330+]!]

[All of the Boss Stats have increased due to the Level increase! All of the Boss Attack and Speed Power has increased by an additional +200%, while all of its Defenses have decreased by -90%!]

"W-What the hell is going on?!" Cecilia cried. "What is he becoming?!"

"Some sort of... Demon?!" Mercedes muttered.

"This is horrible!" Elbedo said.

"W-We have to quickly get rid of that before things get even worse!" Hermes added.

"Move!" I roared, a second before the giant monster were to suddenly unleash almost a hundred beams of red and blue light from all of the eyes spread across its body. I extended my body and fused it with my Domain, forming several walls of stone and wood.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

Even with the pseudo invulnerability they gained thanks to being made out of the invulnerable domain, they still gained countless cracks, managing to barely hold on before they broke apart anyways. My Domain kept spreading though and I still had three minutes left of my transformation.

"Keep attacking it! Don't stop!" I roared, as my familiars and the divine dragon spirits attacked the demon. Magic projectiles and physical attacks bombarded its body, only for the monster to quickly evade almost all attacks, leaping into the skies and then rushing down towards me at lightning speed!

"Dammit!" I quickly greeted it with both of my weapons, unleashing several Heroic Swordsmanship Arts. Slashed and waves of pure holy light constantly attempted to slice through his soft-looking body, only for him to easily evade all attacks, moving around as if the monster was made of water.

"GROOHH!"

With a furious groan, the beast's arms grew large spurs of bones, resembling two enormous hammers, which quickly greeted me with a myriad of attacks, so fast I wasn't even able to react in time before half of my body was torn to pieces.

CLASH! CLASH! CRASH!

As I resisted the attacks and attempted to fight back by firing dozens of spells against it, the monster quickly evaded them by leaping away, firing its bone growths like spears, which pierced my scales and then exploded on contact.

"YOU!"

Mark, Rita, and Lily appeared behind the demon, attacking it from the left, right, and above. Mark's titanic sword barely missed it, only managing to cut one of its limbs, which it regrew instantly. Rita's beams of darkness couldn't connect, and her Dragon Claws made of Darkness and Void were also incapable of catching any of its limbs.

Lily was the slowest, but by fusing with the terrain, she attempted to catch it the moment it touched the floor. Sadly, that didn't work either, as it simply floated in midair by growing wings made of flesh and membrane out of its body.

"That damn thing's way too fast, oi!" Ambil groaned, as he was killing the smaller blazing undead to level up quicker with the help of a few other party members. "You need to get quick and small to catch it!"

"Let that job to me!" Angelina flew through the skies, increasing her speed with several buffs, as her Aura of Divinity and Holiness surged from her body. Her brilliant golden spear descended, impaling the demon's body and destroying several of its eyes!

As blood splattered over the floor, the monster screamed and quickly escaped Angelina, not without leaving a surprise for her, as all the blood it lost quickly transformed into a swarm of insect-like monsters, grabbing her limbs and wings and pushing her down.

"ARGH! What the...! BEGONE!"

A shockwave of light was released from her body, disintegrating the monsters, but they ended slowing her down enough for the boss to already escape her grasp. The boss quickly pointed its eyes towards us, firing countless beams as we chased it through the limited space of the divine ward's interior.

"There's not enough space for you to escape to!" Anna said.

"Just stay where you are, will you?!" Elisa roared.

Both girls unleashed a barrage of magic attacks. Anna summoned all of her familiars, who fired winds, fire, earth, and ice magic at the demon, in the form of giant projectiles. Meanwhile, Elisa channeled her dragon magic, materializing into several giant golden dragons that fired their blazing sunlight beams at the monster.

The demon swiftly evaded all attacks but was then caught by Elena from above. My daughter unleashed a barrage of slashing blows, followed by a wave of phantasmal and dark flames. The demon was barely able to evade her by a hair, only for several clones of herself to surround it!

"Heh, I gotcha!" She smiled almost like a true demon. "{Abyssal Void Blade Third Form}: {Myriad Phantasmal Blades}!"

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

The monster was covered on cutting wounds, several of its fingers, bony armor, flesh, and limbs were cut through like a hot knife through butter. Its large HP pool was rapidly decreasing!

"GRUOOHHH!"

With a furious roar of frustration and agony, the monster's surviving eyes suddenly fused together into a gigantic one on its chest, unleashing a beam of pure demonic power, hitting Elena directly and blowing her away!

"UGH!"

I caught my daughter in time with a hand made of wood and healed her, as we all ganged on the monster, now with its HP below 50%!

"Now or never! Kill it!"

Chapter 950: The Power Of {Celestial Draconic Weapon Creation}!

Ding!

[The Boss [Abyssal Dark Hell Demonic Beast Of A Hundred Eyes: Lv330+] HP has fallen below 50%! The Boss has grown desperate, unifying its eyes together into a gigantic one, and becoming a flying, tentacled abomination!]

[All of the Boss' Magic Power has increased by +200%, while gaining the ability to limitlessly fly and conjure magic circles instantly!]

"That thing became even larger now?!" Elbedo muttered, he was already busy dealing with all the small fry spread everywhere.

"This is becoming progressively more hopeless..." Cecilia cried.

"Dammit! Should we escape?!" Hermes asked.

"No, but if we let that thing go, everything will be gone!" Mercedes said.

"Mom's right, we can't let it escape!" Brisingra nodded. "I-I mean, Auntie's right!"

As its HP dropped below 50%, the monster tactics now changed. All its eyes converged into a gigantic eye, and the rest of its limbs grew as large, thick tentacles spreading everywhere.

It knew it was trapped inside, and it was constantly trying to break the divine ward, hitting it with its giant tentacles, but to no avail, each time it hit them, the tentacles burned and turned into ashes, so it decided to change tactics, summoning countless demonic magic circles and firing blazing demonic meteors at the barrier, yet no changes occurred either.

My Divine Wards were near indestructible! However, to give it the effect of weakening a foe, they had to use a lot of their power, giving them short summoning time as a result. The Demon was well aware that this divine ward was not only trapping it, but it was weakening it severely. It wanted to get out, and quickly! It was desperately firing magic attacks everywhere!

"The Divine Ward only has a couple of minutes left; we need to slay that thing now! Its HP and Defense are at its lowest point! I will conjure barriers with Brisingra, everyone else charge with me!"

As I said that, I used my third and last Yggdrasil Avatar, giving it a maximum of three bodies I was controlling at the same time, all of which was possible thanks to Terra's inherited Skill [Colony Mind]. Using this third Yggdrasil Avatar, I helped Brisingra combine her magic with mine, conjuring even stronger barriers protecting everyone.

We all leaped into the skies, clashing and destroying the Demonic Meteors as they fell over us and exploded. My Mana was constantly depleting itself and then healing back to full over and over again. Mark, Rita, and Lily stayed close to me, while my daughter was right in front, slashing everything with her mighty sword techniques, that seemed to cut space itself.

Mark punched and slashed everything with his titanic, blazing fists and his enormous black sword. His techniques improving as his volcanic prowess melted through it all. Rita's black magic engulfed everything on darkness, opening the way further. And Lily's titanic stone hands and arms continuously pushed the demon further back.

Angelina's party was also right above us, attacking with a myriad of projectiles of all sorts of magic. Erdrich and Anikitty combined their armies of minions into monstrous giants as well!

"Come! {Divine Undead Fusion Magic}: {Undead Corpse God}!"

A titan made of corpses and bones fused together materialized, punching and grasping the tentacles of the abominable demon, while emitting a foul venomous smoke, decreasing its stats even further.

"Go! {Divine Shinigami Spirit Fusion Magic}: {Shinigami Of Pale Blood}!"

A giant ghostly Oni-like monster appeared as countless ghostly spirits merged together, it quickly took the shape of a beautiful woman with long silvery-white hair and sharp crimson eyes, wearing a purple kimono.

Her attacks were sharp and precise, as her hands and legs were all made of countless white colored snake heads, which gnawed the demon's tentacles.

"{Triple Elemental Tempest}! {Elemental Vortex}!"

Gandalf pointed his staff into the skies, resembling a true sorcerer, elementals erupted from his very command, gigantic explosions of fire, ice, and lightning fell over the demon, roasting its tentacles and then spreading through its body. The elements converged into an endlessly twisting vortex, absorbing pieces of flesh off the demon.

And Angelina conjured a thousand spears of light, firing them at once, explosions of holy light engulfed the demon. With all the attacks together, their HP was now below 30% enough for us to quickly finish it off!

"Now!"

All four of us attacked. Mark unleashed storming slashing and punching blows, explosions of flames erupting endlessly. Rita's darkness consumed everything, weakening the beast even further. And Lily's earth magic conjured endless spears of diamonds, managing to pierce the monster's flesh even further.

The monster groaned in pain, agony, and frustration. Its giant eye unleashed yet another massive beam of darkness and demonic energy, the one that had almost killed my daughter. This time, we received it together!

"{Abyssal Void Blade Third Form}: {Myriad Phantasmal Blades}!"

My daughter went first, unsheathing her katana again and duplicating herself into a myriad of clones made of phantasmal energy, which rained the monster with countless of slashing attacks, further weakening him!

And now, it was my turn!

"{Celestial Draconic Weapon Creation}!"

Ding!

[You have activated the Divine Skill: {Celestial Draconic Weapon Creation}! Your two weapons have been used as the base, while the rest of the summoned Divine Dragon Spirits have been fused into them, further materializing into the {Celestial Draconic Spirit Blade}!]

[The {Celestial Draconic Spirit Blade} combines the stats of both weapon bases, plus a +300% boost to all of their stats and ability effects! Additionally, each consecutive blow will release {Draconic Spirit Flame Explosions} that will deal +100% additional damage with each blow, for a maximum of +1000%!]

I activated the only Divine Skill of my new form I hadn't used yet, combining all the Divine Dragon Spirits into a new, crystalized and gigantic draconic sword, which ended also absorbing my Gram and Gaia's All-Purpose-Tool into the mix.

A massive rainbow-colored crystal blade materialized, I imbued into it all my leftover Mana and Spiritual Energy, my Draconic Heart shining brightly, as I unleashed a devastating blow, crushing the demon's eye and slicing the rest of its body with ten consecutive slashes, each one becoming stronger than the other, the monster's insane HP Pool quickly went down.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

The Level 330 Boss HP finally reached zero!