

Brand New 971

Chapter 971: Save Mercedes!

Elayne looked at the Quest information once more. There was something saying, "Stop the Time Memory Fragment from further corrupting the pillars of the Scenario", it didn't specify how she could do it, and now there were only seven minutes left before the entire Dungeon collapsed on itself. She started thinking as fast as possible, with all the minds she had thanks to her Colony Mind Skill.

What brought her to this state? Was it really just Brisingra's words?

And the answer was as simple as "no"!

Mercedes fell into this state not because of just Brisingra, but because of the accumulated emotional damage beforehand, which then was further destroyed and made her mind break due to Brisingra's words, which brought a terrifying revelation.

The revelation to the "Memories of Time" within the Dungeon to realize their own existences, something that somehow, was not intended within the Scenario or the Divine Dungeon.

But this only made Elayne think something else!

Why were these "Memories of Time" even sentient in that regard? Just what was the Time Memory Fragment truly?

How could a piece of time have sentience? And what was the true purpose of these Divine Dungeons then?

Was this an ancient legacy left behind by the Gods, truly?

Was Hephaestus the one that made this Dungeon, or did he simply protect it?

Were the Fragments of Time's Memories truly just... that?

"No, I can't think of these things..." Elayne quickly patted Brisingra's head, smiling. "The Dungeon is collapsing, Brisingra. Your mother... Mercedes, is very hurt from everything that has happened. Her friend and someone she loved betrayed her, her friends betrayed her, and now, it was revealed to her that she was within some simulation, and that even her life might be fake."

"I-It's all my fault, isn't it?" The half elf and half dwarf girl cried. "I did this... It's my fault..."

"You might have contributed to it, yes." Elayne nodded. "But it is not entirely your fault... Your mother went through excruciating emotional pain, something not many can easily overcome. I know from personal experience."

"Then what... What do we do?" Brisingra asked, looking desperate.

"You have to talk with your mother." Planta said. "Talk with her, and convince her that everything will be okay. Tell her that you love her, tell her that there's a way out of this... And tell her that she needs to trust you, and us."

"..." Brisingra seemed to fall into silence, Elayne noticed doubt in her eyes.

"Can you do this for me, Brisingra?" Planta asked, with all her sincerity.

"A-And what will you do?" The girl asked.

"I will try to fix the cracks." Planta said, as Mimy suddenly appeared by her side, teleporting. Silver and Goldie appeared right to her left and right after that. "With this trio at my side, it might just be barely possible. But we'll need you to calm Mercedes, or the cracks will only continue to spread.

We Players might not die, we can revive, but you, the inhabitants of this world, if you die inside this collapsing dungeon... Then you won't be able to come back."

"...Okay." Brisingra clenched her fists. "For father, for mother... I'll do it. There's... no other way!"

"Well said." Planta smiled. "Now, let us open the way for you!"

Mercedes was surrounded by many cracks within the spatial structure of the entire Divine Dungeon. And they only kept expanding like ripples in the dimensions. Her plan to temporarily "fix" this was quite simple and relied a lot on her new Divine Beast Familiars and the power she inherited from them, alongside combining them with her own.

"The plan is simple, listen to me." She told her Familiars. "We'll abuse the Invisible status of my Domain and Terrain and combine it with the Ethereal Domain that Silver and Goldie can summon. With the help of Mimy, I'll manipulate the spatial membranes of the Ethereal Domains and literally sew them into the ripples of space, creating temporary patches."

My Familiars were attentively listening. Only Goldie could speak, but Silver and Mimy weren't fools at this point, their evolution granted them immense intelligence and understanding abilities. Both nodded attentively at my words.

"Ready? Then let's begin, Silver, Goldie, do your thing!"

"ROOAR!"

"Fine!"

FLAAASH!

Silver expanded an Ethereal Domain of Silver Moonlight, while Goldie expanded an Ethereal Domain of Golden Light. Both created the slight illusions of being reflections of different areas. Silver's Domain created the illusion of the surface of the moon, while Goldie, of the interior of a golden palace.

They expanded everywhere, their effects quickly starting up, as Silver's Ethereal Domain charged the place with Mana and Moonlight Energy, while Goldie Domain charged it with Ki and Sunlight Energy. Both energies clashed against one another, creating the illusion of silver and golden light constantly hitting one another, like waves of two different ethereal seas.

"Now, Mimy!"

"Guguuu!"

Mimy adorably nodded, as we activated the [Space-Traversing Eldritch Body], while Mimy also added an extra layer of space-shaping abilities with her [Dungeon Infection] and [Divinity Spark: Spatial Mimic]! The first one allowed her to infect the dungeon's spatial structure with her own endlessly expanding, shapeless body, and the second allowed her to shape space more easily.

By combining our Auras as I channeled her powers through my thanks to the new Divine Skill I acquired, I felt like my hands were grasping onto something, something that wasn't truly physical, yet that I could clearly feel.

It was like a blanket, the two colliding Ethereal Domains of Silver and Goldie!

"Now!"

Without wasting time, I grabbed them with Mimy, and using Lesser Spirits as if they were glue, I stuck the "blanket" of the two Ethereal Domains with my own Domain, following by doing the same process, covering the cracks with the spatial blanket.

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

The cracks slowly started to close as silver and golden colored patches of light covered them, forcing them to quickly stick back together! The tremors started to slowly recede, and things were slowly calming down.

"Now, Brisingra! While this can last!"

"Okay!"

Chapter 972: Rita And Lily Teaming Up

Cecilia was still processing what was happening. It was going to be a simple plan, one that pained her greatly, but one that was necessary to free everyone from the shackles of the Gods. One that included forcing her best friend, and the girl she loved into a Demonic Beast, the same way she had to do it with her brother.

She didn't expect her brother to survive, even less to be saved. She had already expected to pay for her sins once she died, as she believed she was doing this for a greater good, to help the rejected son of the

Gods to rise back again, and to free everyone from the evil shackles of the Gods, which stopped them all from achieving true freedom.

The primary reason why people joined this ever-growing cult wasn't because they were particularly evil or hated society, but because they all saw a dead end within their society, a stagnation that they've been suffering for the last thousand years so far.

And that was only going to get worse over time.

If Cecilia had to be honest with herself, after seeing Elbedo and Hermes dying, she was beginning to regret her actions, and very badly so.

Even more when Mercedes had confessed that she loved her...

Yet, what could she do now, when she had gone so far?

She could only keep moving and fall even deeper.

Until she can finally reach her goal.

Or at least... die trying.

"You're a really piece of shit, aren't you?"

However, as of right now, she was having difficulties even making her resolve. She was desperate, fighting a badmouthed Dark Elf woman and a ridiculously strong Brownie.

"Shut UP!"

Cecilia screamed, madness clear on her face as she unleashed a barrage of attacks, her powerful Demonic and Miasmic Abilities manifested in the ability to inject fragments of True Demons inside Cursed Knives.

She controlled such knives easily as well, being able to summon them, create them, or destroy them at will by merely using Mana. This was her amazing power, and the one that allowed her to turn her brother into a monster.

"Rita, careful!"

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

Lily barely managed to protect Rita from an incoming rain of Cursed Knives by rising a four-layered stone wall, which quickly collapsed into pieces after just taking a few hits but gave them enough time to escape.

Crack, crack...!

CRASH!

"Come here...! I'll turn you two into Demonic Beasts, and then you'll become my obedient dogs. Maybe like that you'll stop getting on my way!" Cecilia's personality was slowly showing her true self, the gentle and shy girl was already just a long-lost façade. "I am getting tired of you! JUST BEGONE ALREADY!"

As she screamed, more and more knives kept materializing, Lily and Rita conjured their techniques, skills, and spells, both friends clashing against the Ancient Elf woman with everything they had. Lily conjured the defensive magic mostly, protecting them both from being turned into demons or being cursed, meanwhile, Rita took care of the damage.

"You're not going to get fucking away this time! {Abyssal Void Dragon's Accursed Claws}!"

Rita conjured three gigantic, floating dragon claws made of shadows and void, which quickly clashed against Cecilia. The elf managed to destroy two with her daggers, but a third managed to catch her, crushing her down into the floor.

BAAAM!

Rita wasn't done though, the moment Cecilia was finally pushed down, she smashed the floor with the tip of her staff, as a powerful Spell was conjured, utilizing so much Malice Essence she would never be able to gather naturally.

She was only capable of using this much because her current Divine Skill granted her a special transformation that gave her the ability to automatically regenerate Malice Energy at an incredibly fast speed.

"{Abyssal Accursed Chains Of the Netherworld}!"

A portal made of dark void and phantasmal energies opened wide behind Cecilia, as countless chains made of bones and covered on phantasmal flames and black cursed flames reached the Ancient Elf.

"W-What is that?! What kind of magic are you conjuring?!" Cecilia cried. "Are you really an Elf? This magic is even more sinister than the one the Majin can conjure!"

The elf woman kept fighting back, imbuing her daggers with Time Magic, her Time Magic in specific wasn't like Hermes Time Decay and Time Regeneration though. She had Time Acceleration and Time Overcharge instead.

Her flying demonic knives clashed against the chains before they could reach her, the moment they made contact, they exploded, spreading more and more cracks through the chains, even before they could reach her!

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"Dammit, this bitch!" Rita was groaning in frustration. "Keep yourself down, you little shit!"

With all her anger, she conjured three more claws, attacking Cecilia with them and quickly pushing her down with even more strength, while constantly trying to drain her Mana to stop her knife summoning abilities.

At the same time, Lily conjured countless spears and fired them at Cecilia to attempt to deal some damage to her! However, thirty knives were quickly summoned, Cecilia's maximum amount of knives she could keep up at the same time, quickly rotating them around her body and using them to defend against the incoming projectiles.

Crack, crack...! CRASH!

Most of Lily's spears broke apart, making the Brownie groan in frustration. Cecilia smiled as she kept destroying the projectiles, laughing maniacally.

"Hahaha! It is futile, you can't harm me! My powers are too strong!" She laughed.

She was able to accelerate the speed of her daggers, and with her seamless control, easily protect herself and hurt others. And with Time Overcharge, she made the knives explode with all the time imbued into them.

"At any time now, I'll free myself from your damned magic and- Ah!"

However, it was too late, she didn't realize, but the chains sneaked around her while Lily kept her busy destroying her hundreds of projectiles.

The chains wrapped around her arms, legs, and neck, draining her Mana at an even faster pace, making Cecilia vomit in utter pain as her reserves emptied almost instantly.

Her daggers disappeared.

And she finally realized how fucked she was.

"I got you, bitch."

Rita smiled.

"N-no... wait... wait a second! WAIT! PLEASE WAI-"

BAAAM!

And the last thing Cecilia saw was Lily's giant hammer smash over her head, splattering her brains into the floor.

Chapter 973: Distortions In Time

Brisingra ran towards her mother, cleaning the tears from her eyes as Planta and her familiars opened the way for her, "patching" the cracks on reality. Her mother noticed her presence approaching, her eyes shifting towards her. Even without her wanting to, her own attention made space and time twist around Brisingra, as her rainbow shield protected her from an invisible wave.

BAAAM!

"Ugh...! M-Mercedes! It's me, please calm down!"

Brisingra fell to her knees, slowly running towards her mother again. Her eyes looked completely silver now, showing glitching colors of the rainbow. It felt like Mercedes was now being possessed by something else, by a power she couldn't understand.

"Bri... sin... gra?"

"Please calm down!"

As she moved closer to her mother, Mercedes looked down and then around her. Her glitching eyes widening as she saw the corpses of her friends, dead. This only made her go madder.

"N-No... Everyone... Why... WHY?! Why did it had to end like this?! WHYYYY?!"

As she screamed in horror, the surroundings around her further glitched, falling apart. The fabric of "reality" within the Scenario started to distort, being destroyed!

RUMBLE!

The entire dungeon was being absorbed into a shattered piece of reality, a crack, a black hole below Mercedes, while the ground below her remained floating. Even those fighting the two Divine Beasts gasped as they saw the world around them twist and beginning to be destroyed.

Stars, nebulas, memories and emotions all mixed together, swirling around Mercedes. Brisingra, Planta, and everyone else gasped as they saw something within her. Something as her body became slightly transparent.

A floating piece of something, a fragment of a transparent, gray colored grass. It emanated an endless brilliance and it twisted everything, it was as if time itself was slowing down and accelerating at the same time!

"MOM!"

As Brisingra screamed, Mercedes opened her eyes again, looking at the destruction she was making. She was terrified, horrified to see her friends' dead bodies turn into particles of light and disappear.

"W-What's happening?! What is this?! Is this reality?! Am I real?!"

As she started to question herself, Planta saw the time tickling. There were less than four minutes left before the system were to forcefully reset the entire thing, which might end in the deaths of all the NPC allies she brought along.

"Is talking not going to work?!" She thought, gritting her jaws. "Will I have to somehow kill her, will that work?!"

It was the first time that Planta didn't knew what to do for sure. It was a sickening feeling, a feeling of helplessness that she never expected from a Dungeon she had imagined would be a challenge, but not something that would escalate out of proportions like this.

"Brisingra... Come!"

She grabbed Brisingra with her giant draconic arms, as she ordered her Familiars to fight back against Mercedes time and space distortion with their own abilities, constantly patching everything as it was being destroyed.

"It's not working, I don't know what to do!" Brisingra cried.

"You know what to do, Brisingra! We have to wake her up from her daze!" Planta said. "We have to tell her that she's real, your voice, it was special. It caused changes within her. I think she is really fond of you, more than any of us... You have to help us help her!"

"But...!" Brisingra was still doubting herself, until they reached Mercedes.

"AAAGGH!"

She screamed in agony, waves of distorted time and space hitting Planta's body, tearing her wooden body to shreds every time, as more of her regenerated almost endlessly.

BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

"Come on, a bit closer... A bit closer...!"

She felt time around her slow down, and then accelerate, it was fucking with her mind, but Brisingra was well protected in her claws, with her rainbow barrier set over her entire body.

"Wait, that barrier!"

And then, an idea found its way inside of Elayne's head. It was the barrier! That barrier Brisingra used, it was both a power of her own and also something awakened from the ring her mother gifted to her.

This was a barrier her mother could make, and something capable of resisting these time and space distortions. She quickly smiled, rushing down.

"Mercedes, calm down and listen to us!"

"GRAAAH!"

However, the woman was not listening, another guttural scream came out from her, distorting space and time and bringing destruction to everything.

However, this time, Brisingra generated a huge shield of her barrier, the time and space was unable to pierce through it, although it still left cracks.

BOOOM!

"I-It worked?!" Brisingra asked.

"It did! Your shield is the way!" Planta said. "Brisingra, can you make a sphere with it, and put me inside!"

"S-Sure, here... here we go!"

Brisingra created a triple-layered bubble of rainbow barriers with her special magic, her mother's ring shining brightly, as the sphere of rainbow rushed down, drawing closer and closer to Mercedes.

"ROOARR!"

"AWOOO!"

However, the roars of the two wounded, yet still alive Divine Beasts reverberated right behind them! Somehow, both beasts caught up with what they were trying to do, chasing them and trying to stop them, they attempted to get in the way!

"Dammit, move away!"

Planta fired a myriad of magic beams against them, made out of channeling her familiar's divine sparks with her divine skill, but the divine beasts tanked all the hits as they rushed forwards.

CLAAASH!

However, a giant made of flames punched both beasts, alongside a half-dragon woman encompassed on a dress of darkness, and then a giantess made of stone, metals and crystals.

It was Mark, Rita, and Lily, arriving right in time.

"Don't worry, we got this!"

"Go! You two can do it!"

"Please help her!"

"You guys!" Planta couldn't help but smile, thanking god she had good and reliable friends.

The trio managed to push the divine beasts away barely, as the sphere of rainbow light reached Mercedes, clashing against an invisible barrier of time around her, and shattering it.

Crack, crack...!

CRASH!

"Mercedes! That's enough!" Planta roared.

"Mother! Please stop, you're going to kill everyone!" Brisingra cried.

"Y-You...?" Mercedes silver eyes looked at the two, her body beginning to distort. "R-Run... Please... run!"

As tears streamed from her face, she became something else.

Chapter 974: Doing The Impossible

Elayne couldn't find a proper way to describe what was happening to Mercedes, but she would have said that the elven woman was becoming the embodiment of distorted and decaying time and space. Her face melted down and so the rest of her body, her arms stretched and so did her legs. Her skin turned of a translucent gray, green, blue, and red color, looking as if it were made of liquid glass.

Her body constantly glitched, showing distorted flashes of light.

Her stretching face showed a screaming, crying woman, Brisingra experienced utter horror as she saw her mother become something else, a monster. Or whatever could else could this be called. She gritted her teeth, preparing her Mana, which Elayne gave her endlessly.

"Mother... I'll help you; I'll free you from whatever you've become!"

"You ready, Brisingra? Good."

"Run... GUUH... GRAAAGH!"

Mercedes charged towards them. Her strange body composition allowing her to skip through time and space, virtually teleporting. In a split second, she appeared above the two of them. Her long arms extending towards them as sharp claws. A barrage of powerful attacks fell over the two.

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

Brisingra barely managed to shield against the first two with her barriers before they shattered, the third attack was taken by Planta, as she swung her massive sword, a product of fusing Gram with Gaia's All-Purpose-Tool and her own Divine Spirit Dragons, glowing with bright rainbow light, and made completely of divine draconic essence crystalized together.

Crack, crack...!

However the moment it was hit, her combined sword gained cracks, shattering in half! Elayne gasped as she saw the weapons forcefully trying to go back to their former selves. Her eyes widened as she saw Mercedes appearing behind her, her enormous claws grabbing her head and tearing it out of her body.

CRASH!

"L-Lady Planta?!"

Brisingra screamed in utter horror as she saw Planta's draconic head being torn apart, her blood sap splattering everywhere... Only for a gigantic tail to pierce through Mercedes arms from below. Destroying one, while the other managed to evade and then tore apart her tail too.

"Don't worry about me, Brisingra, stop your mother and tell her that everything is going to be okay!" Planta roared. "No matter what, I can take as many hits as I must!"

As Planta spoke, she conjured her magic, beams of elemental spiritual energy, thunderbolts from her horns, giant spears made of divine Yggdrasil wood, and emerald swords containing the power of the Verdant Green Domain. The attacks kept bathing Mercedes, yet she took barely any damage, her body regenerating back endlessly.

Brisingra kept running while Planta protected her, Mercedes continued erratically attacking them, her daughter conjuring her magic rapidly, as she created two spheres on both of her hands. She threw one towards Mercedes, as it suddenly captured her within a sphere!

"RAAAAH!"

Mercedes continued hitting the sphere, as cracks spread through it, but it kept her in check. At the same time, Brisingra shaped the other sphere into countless of giant chains, although they need more strength, Planta provided it.

"We can't keep hitting her and we're running out of time, restraining her is the best, right?"

"Well thought!"

Planta touched the chains as she fused them with hundreds after hundreds of Lesser Spirits she had already summoned from both her body and her Domain and Terrain.

"Now! {Divine Rainbow Spirit Chains}!"

FLAAASH!

The chains were reinforced and transformed, becoming ten times as thick and powerful, the moment Mercedes broke out of the bubble, the chains wrapped around her body while Planta kept raining down spells to distract her.

"GRAAAH!"

Mercedes screamed in agony and fury, as Planta panicked, seeing there were only 1 minute, and 42 seconds left of the Quest Timing! The chains wrapped around her limbs and then her chest and head, pushing her down and forcing her to kneel down.

We barely had a few seconds!

"Brisingra! Use that ring! I remember seeing she had a similar one, use that to remind her of what she is!" I told her.

"O-Okay!" Brisingra ran forwards as I kept myself in place, boosting the chains to be tough enough to not break right away.

Brisingra ran and ran, reaching her mother at long last.

And hugging her.

"G-Graaahhh... Ugh...!"

Mercedes groaned, as she looked down with her dead, melting eyes. Brisingra's eyes glowed brightly, tears streaming from her eyes, as she showed her the ring.

"Mom... this is your ring, right?"

"A-Ah..."

Mercedes memories flashed in an instant, as she recalled that ring's design. It was a ring her father had gifted to her long ago. It has been a couple of years since her father passed away. As long as the Ancient Elves could live, they didn't have endless lifespans, and after living three thousand years, he died like any other elderly.

It was a ring he had gifted to her when she was but a little child, a gift from her own deceased mother, that had died giving birth to her. Mercedes looked at Brisingra. Deep within this memory of this time's fragment, there was someone, or many people.

And amongst these many "people", these memories, this consciousness, fragments of them left behind by time as it fragmented apart.

Mercedes woke up.

"Please... you're not false, you're real... I don't care if you died, you're here, with me... So please, don't die... Wake up, mother!"

As Brisingra screamed, Mercedes slowly started to return to normal. The stream of consciousness within the time memory fragment started to go back where they came from, as Mercedes slowly regained the control of her body.

"My... you're truly my daughter..." Mercedes muttered, hugging Brisingra. "I would have only given that ring to my own daughter after all..."

"Mom..." Brisingra kept crying, she couldn't help it. "You're back...!"

"I'm sorry..." Mercedes cried. "I'm so sorry for having died in the future... I can't believe I have such a beautiful daughter."

"Mooom!" The half elf and half dwarf girl started weeping desperately, as the world around them slowly weaved itself back to normal, as if nothing had ever happened.

Planta gasped in exhausting, as she looked at mother and daughter hugging and crying, she felt a slight relief inside her heart.

And the system window in front of her popped up, saying quest complete.

And the time left?

[0 Minutes: 11 Seconds]

"We barely made it..."

Chapter 975: Completing The Third Scenario

Mercedes' threat was neutralized thanks to our combined efforts, and the entire distortion of the Scenario was quickly recovered. In front of my eyes, the quest complete window appeared, and with barely eleven seconds left before the system reset everything.

[You have completed the {Emergency Scenario Quest}: {Repair Request}]

[Congratulations! You have managed to avert the issue and have kept in control the Rampant Consciousness within the Internal Synapsis of the Special Divine Dungeon: {Cloudia's Fragment: 1/4}. Securing the safety of the Time Memory Fragment and the integrity of the Dungeon and the System.]

[Completion Rewards]: [+3.200.000 Score Points] [System Administrator Privileges] [Automatic Scenario Rearrangement]

[Current Score]: [5.500.000]

[You will be able to access your [System Administrator Privileges] once your exploration of the Divine Dungeon is done.]

[The [Automatic Scenario Rearrangement] has been triggered!]

[Generating A new Scenario...]

[Success.]

[The Third Scenario has started and has been generated.]

Wait, just like that?!

Don't tell me...

Ding!

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

[Scenario 3/4 has begun: {Defeat the two Divine Beasts guarding the Ancient Ruins and Escape with Mercedes!}]

[You find yourself trapped inside the ruins with Mercedes, after having slain the traitors, the only thing left is defeating the mighty Divine Beasts guarding the ruins and escape with the weakened Ancient Elven woman.]

[Once the Scenario ends, your entire party will be fixed on "Full Exploration" mode, where the Scenario won't advance automatically, all due to the previous, already fixed problems.]

[Scenario Requirements]: [Slay the two Divine Beasts: 0/2] [Protect Mercedes]

[Time Limit]: [1 Hour]

"Alright, this works!" I nodded. "Brisingra, can you protect your mom?"

"L-Leave it to me, Lady Planta!" Brisingra nodded. "Mom, just stay by my side, my barriers will protect you."

"These barriers..." Her mother muttered. "They are similar to the Time Barriers I can make- Ah, the Divine Beasts, right, those things remain! L-Let me assist you, Planta!"

"No need, you just stay there. We'll quickly get rid of those things!" I said, quickly leaping into action.

I joined with the rest of my party, as we attacked the two Divine Beasts. Their health points have already been chipped over all this time, and despite having tried to get on our way before, were extremely weakened. However, because of having entered into a frenzy or berserk mode, their attack power and speed had increased greatly.

This caused that even now, our entire party was unable to catch them and deal the last amounts of damage against them, until now. I copied Brisingra's barrier magic using my own Spiritual Barriers, forming a bubble of it right before the giant Silver Lion were to bite Mark's arms.

FLASH!

"GRAAOOHH!"

The Lion ended hitting its head into the walls of the barrier, biting its own tongue in the process. It vomited blood and groaned in confusion, where I appeared right in front of it.

"GRAAH?!"

The lion quickly panicked, attempting to escape, it knew that it had low health and it had to run away from direct hits. The thing is, this bubble was extremely small, barely fitting the two of us.

"You're not going anywhere."

As the lion opened its jaws to release beams of Moonlight and Light, I swung my sword against it multiple times, stabbing and slashing its body. Each blow decreasing its health points rapidly, as I tanked the beams and explosion directed at me with ease, simply regenerating any damage taken while I was still on my three-headed Yggdragon form.

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

As its health points were rapidly decreasing and almost hitting one percent, the lion screamed, about to shatter the barrier with a powerful shockwave of light.

"ROOOAAR!"

RUMBLE!

Crack, crack...!

"Enough is ENOUGH!"

With all my might, I pierced the lion's chest with my sword, its health points finally depleting to zero, as the beast died, groaning in pain before finally stopping its movements altogether.

"The other!"

I quickly directed my eyes towards the wolf, but my daughter had caught it with everyone's help. Mark had cornered it from the left, Rita from the right, Lily from below, Angelina from above, and my daughter rushed in towards their four-person formation.

While constantly evading all matter of attacks, the wolf didn't expect my daughter to teleport directly into his own shadow, her katan swinging rapidly at least a dozen times in a single second, space distorting itself as waves of void cut through its body.

"{Abyssal Void Blade Fourth Form}: {Thousand-fold Void Blade}!"

SLASH! SLASH! SLASH! SLASH!

Without being able to escape in time, the wolf's entire body was divided into a thousand of pieces within just a split second, its body exploding into a bloody mess, and then disappearing into particles of light just as the lion had done.

Well, that ended quicker than I imagined.

Ding!

[You have completed the Scenario 3/4: {Defeat the two Divine Beasts guarding the Ancient Ruins and Escape with Mercedes!}]

[Congratulations! The two Divine Beasts have been finally slain. You've completed the third scenario.]

["Full Exploration Mode" has been enabled for the Break Time and Fourth Scenario respectively.]

[Please explore the world around you and find the clues necessary to trigger the last and final Scenario.]

[We wish you good luck.]

[Scenario Requirements]: [Slay the two Divine Beasts: 2/2] [Protect Mercedes: Complete]

[Scenario Rewards]: [+1.000.000 Score Points.]

[Current Score]: [6.500.000]

[Advice: Go back to the city to report the higher ups about what has happened.]

"W-We're finally done... Ugh, this was way too long, and too much happened." I sighed. "But at least we got a lot of Score, so that's nice."

"How high can the Score go? At some point I would assume there's a fixed amount of rewards at the top, I doubt it'll need this much Score, right?" Wondered Elena.

"I think it might generate the rewards automatically based on the score." I said. "Or maybe it'll be like the Score Points become actual points we can use to purchase or exchange things? We'll see once we're done with this though. Well done, everyone. We deserve a small rest, shall we return?"

"Planta, I..." Mercedes walked to my side. "Thank you... And I am sorry for what happened to me."

"It's fine. We have a lot to talk about, so let's go back for now." I nodded.

Chapter 976: The Next Plans

After getting outside of the ruins, we made our way back to the city, where we met with the guards and then the elders of the city, which were handling things on their own. There were no invasions or any monster or cultist appearing yet. It seemed that having slain those three traitors helped at delaying whatever they were trying to do.

"S-So that happened..."

"Wow..."

"I can't believe it, Elbedo, was a cultist this entire time?!"

The leaders of the city were unable to believe our words at first, but after the testimony, the proof, and everything else we gave, they were forced to accept the cold and horrible truth. Mercedes ended crying again in the middle of it all, but Brisingra and I helped her get better.

"These are terrible news." The Majin Elder sighed. "We've already contacted the Gods through our network with the Priests. I think they might help us by erecting a divine barrier before their attack... However, that doesn't mean it might be able to fend off the invasion of a Demon King."

"After all, their powers encompass the element of chaos, they could slowly break through even divine barriers." Sighed the Divine Dragon Elder.

"Our manpower is limited even now, even if we call for the help of those that have been blessed... Another war just after a few years since the previous one, I don't know if it would be easy." Sighed the Ancient Elf Elder. "Unless the Gods themselves descend to aid us once more."

I suppose this is where the original timeline finally begins to change completely. Most likely in the original timeline, they all failed to detect the cultists in time, and that ended with the Demon King being summoned and destroying all of Cloudia.

However, now that we've stopped every cultist in the city and managed to delay the inevitable, it is time to end this and create a "new ending", one where the worst possible scenario didn't happen, one where Cloudia was not destroyed.

And maybe one where Gods didn't die.

Because at this point, it is very obvious that many died, after all, Hephaestus is only one of the many that perished in the past, and I doubt the Gods died out of old age or something.

They were most likely killed on a war against the strongest Demon King, the seventh, the Demon King of The End!

To stop that from happening in this Dungeon and get the best possible ending, and the best rewards, we'll have to stop that Demon King from ever getting here.

And for that, we need to leave Cloudia.

"Actually, we learned many things..." I ended explaining them everything we knew.

"So they're performing the ritual not here, but in the Demon King Continent!" Muttered the Divine Dragon. "That damned continent.."

"Just what is that continent anyways?" Wondered my daughter.

"You don't know, young Majin?" Sighed the Ancient Elven woman. "The Demon Continent was formed when Erebus was defeated and sealed. His gigantic body fell into the seas, and shattered the tectonic plate, create a continent as the water filled all the cracks. A land of pure black stone, where nothing but monsters roam."

"It is said that the leftover Soul Essence of Erebus was impregnated into the continent, making it a living being of its own. The Continent possess a strange, Miasmatic Domain that encompasses it all, it is extremely dangerous to even step there, as your life and mana will be constantly drained away." The Majin Elder said.

"Because of that, going there is a suicide even for us, unless we go fully equipped with the highest-grade divine equipment." Said the Divine Dragon Elder. "This is beyond our reach; we'll need to leave it to the Gods to decide."

"No, I think we can do that ourselves, actually." I said, stopping their talk. "Right, team?"

Everyone nodded, ready for anything. We came here to complete the damn scenario, and that's what we were going to do now. No holding back, no walking back, and no chickening out.

"But that's suicide! And you can't even get there easily! You'll die before you can even...!" The Divine Dragon spoke before he suddenly stopped talking, his eyes widening.

In my hands there was a bright, Holy Energy, this was Celestial Essence, the power that Angels wield, and a power that apparently none of the Ancient Races could wield.

"T-That's...!"

"It can't be, you possess the power of the Gods' servants?"

"Impossible, are you truly an elf?"

"You could call me a messenger of the Gods. I possess a halo and wings too, much like my friend over here." I pointed at Angelina, who also showed those traits after hiding them for the most part, as they only come out when she fights or flies. However, she can't wield the same essence I can, perhaps her Avatar hasn't developed such a power yet.

"E-Eh? Ah, yeeeah, that's right!" Angelina quickly went along with me, she was learning how to bullshit really well.

"We've defeated two Divine Beasts and the three traitors, and even several Demons." I explained. "With this energy and our large team, I believe we can stop the ritual from even starting."

"E-Even then, how can you get there in time? I bet the ritual might start at any minute! You will be too late!" Said the old Ancient Elf lady.

"I can solve that problem easily as well! I've already sent two clones of myself to the Verdant and the Demon King Continent." I said. "I haven't been able to get to create a tree in the demon king continent, but I have done so in the verdant continent.

We can teleport there as a shortcut and then gather enough power to break through the Miasmatic Domain of the Demon King Continent, allowing my greens to grow there."

Actually, I could even do it with my three-headed divine Yggdragon form as it possesses an invisibility status for terrain and domains, but that one can last at most ten minutes, so it is not reliable enough.

And I believe if we ask the help of the real Yggdrasil down there, little Titania, and even her Divine Beasts...

Things might finally become possible.

Chapter 977: A Secret Not Revealed By History

After further explanations of my powers, the elders were left utterly perplexed, but ultimately accepted my offer and allowed us to go. Not without some of their help. They decided to let us bring a battalion of twenty of their strongest soldiers, which we checked one after another to see they weren't evil cultists in disguise.

Alongside that, one of the Generals also decided to come with us, the second in command of the soldiers, a red-skinned Majin man with a very tall, muscular frame, a single black horn over his forehead, and short blonde hair and black eyes with red pupils, Sir Crimson.

"This is all we can offer you, Planta, Mercedes." Sighed the Majin Elder. "We can't give away more of our soldiers or the security of the city would be greatly compromised. I hope you can understand..."

"I completely understand, so it's fine." I smiled. "Thank you for the help nonetheless, I am sure they'll be useful fighters!"

"We'll be on your command, Lady Planta." Sir Crimson said, putting his hand over his chest as a way to greet as a soldier. "How... shall we go to this destination?"

"Right, now that we are all together, we better just go right away." I nodded. "Mercedes, are you feeling alright? Ready?"

"Yes, I've rested enough for now, Planta. Thank you." Said Mercedes with a nod. "Your food has recovered most of my exhaustion after eating it, so I feel as good as new. I... There's a lot for me to process, but we can talk about this on the way down there."

"Yeah, there's some things we also need to discuss with the whole group." I nodded. "Anyways, everyone, stand within this square-shaped domain I created."

As everyone did that, I activated one of my Abilities, which belonged to the [Yggdryad's World Tree Seedling (Divine Grade): Level 4], the ability itself was called [Return Home] and it allowed me to teleport to called [Spiritual Checkpoints], one which I had placed within the Verdant Continent, not so far away from the Yggdrasil's Forest.

"{Return Home}"

FLAAASH!

As we disappeared from the scene, a flash of bright green and golden light engulfed us completely. A second later, we all appeared outside of a huge and lush green forest, full of the sounds of birds, and the cries and roars of all kinds of animals. The orchestra of the forest was very lively.

"We're here..." I sighed in relief. "I am so happy it actually worked!" I patted the big tree that allowed us to get here.

"I-Incredible, we teleported in a single second from all the way up Cloudia to down here?!" Mercedes gasped. "How did you even do it, Planta?"

"It is thanks to this ability I have, allows for the teleportation between checkpoints I create in the shape of big spiritual trees." I explained. "As you can tell already, I am not really an elf, nor a dragon. I am a Dryad, that evolved into a Hamadryad, an Yggdryad, and then an Yggdragon..."

"Y-Yggdragon?!" Mercedes asked.

"Yes, a successor of sorts, perhaps." I sighed. "As you've already learned, we come from... Well, you could say the future. In the future this forest will become the Forest of Beginnings. And the Yggdrasil Tree will be destroyed too, by the very Divine Beasts protecting it."

"But that's..." Muttered Mercedes. "No, I need to keep myself calm. So you've come to prevent this?"

"Yes, but there are also many questions I have right now..." I sighed. "One of them is, has the Demon King of Miasma appeared yet?"

"The Demon King of Miasma?" Wondered Mercedes. "Well, from what I know, all Seven Demon Kings originally emerged as Fragments of Erebus first, shapeless and formless, barely possessing their original powers. Once they were dealt with by the Gods personally on their weakest states, they were sealed once more.

It seems that what the Yggdragon did to seal Erebus didn't work completely, and Erebus fragments eroded at the seal, breaking out eventually as their primitive, pre-transformation forms. The God of Creation was the first one to defeat Erebus, placing stakes of judgement in all seven fragments."

So that's how it happened. I did learn from the memories I saw from Erebus that the God of Creation dealt with Erebus when he wreaked havoc on the Heavenly Realm of the Gods at the very beginning of this world. But that ended being fragments and small visions of what had truly happened, not the whole thing.

After that, it seemed to not be enough, and the perfect creation of the Gods, made by combining all their divinities in total harmony, the Yggdragon, stopped Erebus Seven "Primitive" Fragments yet again, with the help of the Gods.

By sacrificing herself, she sealed them once more. She "died" and ended becoming the Yggdrasil Tree in here, a dormant form of the Yggdragon. However, after many thousands of years since then, the Fragments began to unseal themselves for the first time.

Now, absorbing the Divinities that the Yggdragon used to seal them, the Demon Kings as properly known were being born. This was the first time they were born, and where all the tales we heard in the present come from.

Finally, I am finally figuring out the proper timeline of this convoluted mess of a story!

However, there's still something missing...

"So they weren't the Demon Kings we knew about..." Elena said. "Wait, what about the first two?"

"Yes, the two of them have appeared already, the first one, the Demon King of Plagues and the Demon King of Famine." Mercedes explained. "Formidable foes, or so it is told from the written story we've investigated. However, with the cooperation of the Blessed Ones, people given the blessing of the Gods, and Divine Equipment, we were able to somehow defeat them both. A third might soon arise one day.

And it seems those cultists want to bring it out prematurely..."

"No, but that still doesn't make sense though, right?" Rita wondered. "I know the first two appeared, yeah, alright... But didn't the Yggdrasil tree get destroyed from the third demon king? So Before the Yggdrasil tree was destroyed, Cloudia ended being destroyed first, by a different Demon King? Because I am fairly sure he hasn't been born yet, or was he?"

This is not wrong, there's something odd about this.

A secret not revealed by history!

Chapter 978: Meeting The Ancient Yggdrasil Tree

Erebus' Third Fragment, the Demon King of Miasma, one of the first ones we've fought and one we are way too familiar with. Thanks to the efforts of most of the player base and my friends, we were able to defeat him for real, and now his Soul rests sealed within my true body's fruits, hanging out in a long rest.

Eventually, when he finally wakes up, he'll be reborn anew, although that hasn't happened, even after it has been a while since his defeat.

He was supposed to be born some time from now, and slowly dominate the Demon King Continent. And then, once he was done terrorizing that part of the world, he would seep his influence into the Yggdrasil Tree and corrupt the Divine Beasts that Titania abandoned after having the need to take care of the fairies being born from the tree.

Eventually, this led to the Yggdrasil Tree dying from their attack, and leaving the Tree of Beginnings behind, her only son, as the last core of the Forest of Beginnings. However, within the timeline I know, this was supposed to happen very late, when humans already were widespread across the world below.

"Wrong? How?" Mercedes asked Rita.

"You see, if that Miasma guy hasn't showed up yet, and the End guy appears, well, at the end, the what the hell are they summoning?" Rita wondered.

"Huh?" Mercedes was confused.

"I don't know where the rest of the races originated, but I am fairly sure that half of them are descendants of the three ancient races and the rest come from the Eastern Continent, which is much more ancient and has developed more than the other." I said, wondering with my friends as we made our way through the forest.

"By the time the Yggdrasil tree was destroyed, human and elven kingdoms already existed within the Verdant Continent. This means that by this time, just before Cloudia was destroyed, and while Titania was still a baby girl, the Demon King of Miasma hasn't been born yet!"

"T-Then, if it isn't the prophesized third demon king, who is it, that will be so strong Cloudia will be destroyed by them?!" Mercedes wondered.

"Well, if the cultists are truly summoning a Demon King here, it can't be just that one, he would be too weak to blow up a whole continent, right?" My daughter said.

"Then, does this means the Demon King of the End was summoned prematurely already?! It didn't come just at the end of the entire timeline, but once before that, destroying the ancient floating continent of Cloudia and all of the ancient races living there." I said. "That's the only explanation I can think of."

But from what I saw before, the Demon King of the End, once it appears... The world, everything will end. It will bring utter destruction to everything. So it can't be summoned yet, I think..."

"I-if I am following correctly, this ending demon king... It can't be summoned now, because the world would have ended by then?" Asked Mercedes.

"Yeah, I think so." Brisingra nodded. "Then what did they summon?"

"It could be anything." Mark said. "Maybe its Manifestation, a Vessel, some sort of Demonic Avatar, or even a part of its Soul. Or maybe, something else entirely."

Maybe not even the Demon King, we can't just think it is definitely that one in specific, even though we know the Demon King of the End inhabits in Hell and this is where the Demons we've been fighting come from, which the cultists summon, it doesn't mean it is just that guy."

"Hmm, true. Well, we'll have to find out once we confront them." I said. "For now, we need as much help a we can." I looked into the big tree at the distance.

Even if this was a simulation of ancient times, I could still feel the powerful presence of Yggdrasil, her threads of spiritual energy and mana connecting slowly with my own Aura.

She was already greeting me. Her pure essence seeping into my entire body. This couldn't just be a simulation anymore, whatever this was, it was part of reality, somehow.

Because this energy was too real to be a replication. Maybe things aren't completely the same, but this world, this entire dungeon, its real, or I want to believe it is.

"Ah, we're getting closer." I said, looking up. "The Yggdrasil tree is greeting me, does anybody else feel her presence?"

"I do feel something touching my soul too." Mark nodded. "It is her then? How interesting, is this truly a simulation?"

"I want to believe it is more than that for now." I sighed.

"Not even us who are like, nature creatures feel it, right?" Rita asked.

"I do feel it too, yes." Lily nodded.

"I can feel something faint myself." Brisingra agreed.

"Mother Yggdrasil..." Nieve muttered almost in silence; she could clearly feel something strong as a fairy.

"The presence of Yggdrasil is so strong, so this is the ancient tree." Johanna spoke. "I feel so honored to be before her almighty and divine presence, truly."

"Well haven't you been around Planta a lot too? She's quite literally the new Yggdrasil!" Rita complained.

"I-It's not the same thing!" Johanna said. "She might be some sort of successor, but the true Yggdrasil Tree has no equal. Her brilliance, her spirituality. All eternal and almighty... I can't believe she died, when she looks so strong and imposing."

"The Demon King of Miasma killed her, sadly." I sighed. "And if we don't stop this entire thing from happening, she might perish again. Let's hurry."

We delved deeper into the forest, walking from place to place, and fending all matter of wild beasts that appeared, most of them defending their territories, these were Ancient and Prehistoric monsters, resembling ancient mammals and dinosaurs from Earth's prehistoric creatures.

Ultimately, we finally made our way to the Walls of Root, which were erected out of the tree's roots themselves, surrounding the gigantic tree. Inside, we felt the presences of four powerful Divine Beings, much stronger than any Ancient Race, but not as strong as the Gods.

"We're finally here..."

"W-Who is it?"

The voice of a little girl reverberated from above.

A young Titania greeted us...

"W-Who are you?"

Chapter 979: Meeting Little Titania

The one that meet us was nobody else than little Titania, the one I've been wanting to meet this entire time! Since the moment I learned she was already born by this time that I've been wondering how she would look.

But looking at her right now, clearly surpassed my imagination, she was so cute!

She looked exactly like the Titania I remember, but like a small baby girl, not older than six years of age. Her baby face was so puffy and cute, and her big eyes were so adorable.

But she also looked very afraid and shocked we appeared out of the blue.

"W-We are people from Cloudia, I've heard that you've dealt with us before, Fairy Princess Titania." Mercedes introduced herself first. "I am Mercedes, an elf. And this is Planta, our friend, a... Well, she's a Dryad."

"Dryad... Elf...?" Little Titania wondered. "Hmm... I-I don't know. Mama says I don't have to let strangers inside. I-I don't know what to do. Umm..."

"Dear, we are not really bad people... Ah, but I guess that makes us more suspicious?" I wondered. "We came here to... Well, to ask for you and your mother's help."

"Our help?" Little Titania wondered curiously.

"Yes, we need your help. To defeat a big bad demon king." I said. "I can't do it on my own, nor even with everyone here. But if you could help us, or your mother... We could prevent a terrible catastrophe from happening."

"Um..." Titania was still afraid. "I-I'll ask mama..."

She flew away right after that. I touched the wooden walls, feeling a powerful invisible barrier of spiritual energy and mana, it stopped us from advancing. Even when Yggdrasil greeted us, it seems it didn't mean she was going to let us walk right inside without issue.

No new quest has popped up yet, nor any scenario. I think we can't get any more Auxiliary Quests anymore, as they were tied to the main scenario, now that we are in "Free Roaming" Mode, we can only wait for the final scenario to trigger eventually.

It felt much freer now, but at the same time, it made me get slightly worried about what should we do now. As we waited for her to return, we talked about our approach.

"Mercedes, you don't know of any way to convince her easily?" Wondered my daughter.

"N-No, sadly I don't. This is my first time ever talking with Titaina. She's like a Demigoddess or is considered like that by many." Said Mercedes. "I-I' sorry..."

"It's fine." Brisingra smiled, patting her shoulders. "I've met her when she was an adult, she was such a nice and intelligent woman! A true queen. I am sure we can get her help."

"I think I might be able to summon the real Titania here, well, not the real real, but a part of her Spiritual Soul." I quickly remembered something. "Remember when I did that when we fought the snake?"

"Oh right..." Nieve nodded. "I do remember as well, my liege! You were not only able to summon her presence, but Queen Titania was able to imbue her spiritual powers into you."

"Oh yeah, you did that!" Rita nodded. "Can you do it again though?"

"I can try my best." I smiled. "My bond with Titanis is very strong, as long as I can channel that bond here... It shouldn't be so hard."

I concentrated all my spirit energy and mana into a single point in the floor, and then conjured the same spell I had used before, it was [Forest Fairy Call], which had now evolved into [Dryad Fairy Call], I didn't know if it would work with a different name, but I gave it a go, nonetheless.

"Queen Titania, please answer my call!"

At the same time as I conjured the spell, I felt my connection with Titania grow stronger and bigger. My mind suddenly connected with hers, as I could hear her speaking to me.

"Planta? Is it you? Do you need help?"

"I need it! We are inside a Divine Dungeon and... Well, it'll take a while to explain, can you summon your Spiritual Avatar like you did back then?"

"I think I can, and even stronger than before. The Skill that you possess, the Divine Protection one, has grown a lot, our connection is stronger than ever before!"

"Then can you come?"

"I will! It has been a while since we've been on an adventure together, I suppose I can allow myself such a thing."

"Just come, I am sure you'll be really surprised."

"I shall!"

FLAAASH!

The magic circle flashed brightly as the figure of Titania appeared, not only was I able to summon her without problems, but her appearance barely looked translucent, almost as if she had come here in the flesh.

Ding!

[You have temporarily summoned the Spiritual Avatar of {The Queen of Fairies Titania} to your side!]

[Due to your bond with her being at Max Level, and the high level of her Divine Protection Skill, her Spiritual Avatar will Stats have increased from 30% to 70% her original Stats!]

[As long as you supply her with Spirit Energy and Mana every 10 minutes, you can keep her summoned unlimitedly, or until her Soul Avatar wears down and disappears.]

"Amazing, it more than worked!" I said happily. "Titania! Welcome!"

"Oh, Planta!" She hugged me tightly, kissing my cheek. "I am so happy to see you again. It is always such a pleasure." She smiled cutely,

"Hahaha, same! Here's the whole team though, big right?" She looked around.

"It sure is. Nice to meet you everyone. There are a few familiar faces... Titan, Achlys, and Lily, I know you. I am happy to see you again! Oh, Nieve! And Acorn as well." She greeted them all.

"Nice to see you again queen." Rita waved her hand.

"Thank you for coming to our aid." Mark said.

"Hi!" Lily greeted her.

"My queen." Nieve bowed to her. "We were just talking about you just now. You see, we are in quite the predicament."

"Hello Queen Titania! And yes..." Acorn nodded.

"Predicament? Then I could help you in so- Huh?"

"My mom is not answering for now, so I don't know what to do- Eh?"

And then, Little Titania and Adult Titania meet one another.

Chapter 980: Meeting Between The Past And Future

"Guh?!"

"Eh?!"

Both were shocked, and indeed, I was waiting for such a reaction myself, honestly. Both were too cute together! Little Titania lost her shyness for a bit, slowly descending towards us and looking at her own future self.

At the same time, Titania remained unmoving, glancing at the girl in front of her. There might have been a million questions inside their heads right now, but sadly it wasn't like we could just tell everything yet.

"I-Is that another fairy like me?!" Little Titania asked.

"Is she... my younger self?" Titania asked.

"Wait, younger self? Me? Am I going to grow up to be such a pretty lady?!"

"Y-You are indeed my younger self, only I at that age would have ever acted like this..."

Titania facepalmed, as her little past self glanced at her and then at us curiously.

"What's happening? I didn't know you had a fairy with you! I am sure you can enter, please enter!" Baby Titania allowed us to enter the barrier without problems.

As easy as that!

I can't believe it, this ended being quite simpler than I imagined.

At the end, as we made our way inside the barrier with everyone else, with the help of all my friends, we explained everything to Titania, and her younger self.

Unlike Mercedes, little Titania took this surprisingly well, maybe because she was a child and didn't have that much common sense or experience to think something implausible, or suddenly begin to doubt her own sense of self either.

"Please come in, come in! You're all welcome in my little palace!"

She welcomed us inside a huge palace made of wood and stone right below the tree. There, we found countless little divine beasts, children of the three divine beasts. Large Onyx Crows, a Colony of Walking Mushrooms, and also Violet Snakes.

And of course, their parents also appeared. Saphee, Huginn, and Terra. Which were immense, much bigger than we remember their Boss forms to ever be! They emanated glowing, divine auras, and were quite smart as well, with sharp gazes, they didn't trust us so easily.

Until my own Familiars appeared, looking much different than them after having been revived and evolved into brand-new beings with newer powers and abilities. However, the original ones were so shocked they remained paralyzed watching the others, as if looking at weird mirrors of themselves.

"Shaaah!" However, the original Saphee immediately got along with my Saphee, as she rubbed her nose on the other.

"CRAAH!" The two Huginn cried loudly and then started leaping around one another.

"Guh...?" Meanwhile, the two Terra... well, they looked at one another.

"I can't believe it! You even have like, adult versions of my friends!" Little Titania said. "It's so cool you come from the future!"

"Y-Yes, I suppose so." Titania nodded.

There was something we didn't talk out loud, which I told Titania through our telepathy, that this was a Divine Dungeon that was somehow simulating a fragment of the past's memories. So this might not truly be the past, but a replication of the past. Nonetheless, it was as real as it could get most of the time.

"Ah, Saphee, everyone..." Titania, however, still felt moved when she saw her Divine Familiars before being corrupted, and before being revived by me. "I missed you so much... I thought I would never see your true selves anymore."

"True selves? But what are those guys then?" Wondered little Titania.

"Well... I suppose it is fair we can tell you what might happen in the future, it is something we can prevent after all." I said, as Titania nodded while petting Saphee's head and kissing her snout a lot.

"My lovely Saphee, mooch, mooch! You're my cutie little baby..." Titania, however, nodded but still stayed with Saphee for a bit. Huginn and Terra were also given pettings and kisses. Though all three of them were more like confused than anything, tilting their heads as they received the affection of a stranger to them.

"Titania!" I called her. "Come on now."

"A-Ah, yes!" Titania finally sat down.

We were currently sitting around a huge wooden table, Titania's "babies" as she called them, which were many plant monsters, brought us tea and fruit to drink and eat. Titania joined the conversation as we spoke about the future, and the reason we came here. It took a few more minutes.

"S-So that's... What will happen? It's way too sad! I can't let that happen!" She cried. "I want to help!"

"Then can you help us?" Asked Titania to her younger self. "We require to make some sort of connection with Yggdrasil, one strong enough to supply us with a part of her Divine Spirit powers, so we can overpower the Domain of Miasma from the Demon King Continent."

"I-I want to help yes, but I don't know if I can do that..." Baby Titania sighed. "Mama is the one that must judge us first, but it is complicated. She's sleeping right now, sometimes she goes to sleep for a while."

"Is there a way to wake her up?" I asked.

"Maybe..." Titania said. "Maybe if something happens, if you show her that you are strong and need her help? Sometimes when I cried a lot, she would wake up and comfort me. Mommy is very sleepy, but she always helps when needed!"

"Hmm, so we need to prove her that we are worthy, is that what you're trying to say?" My daughter wondered.

"That's like those stories where a hero comes to ask the help of a magical creature, but the creature ask them to show their worthiness by slaying a monster." Anna said. "Yep, I can tell where this is going..."

"Good idea!" Little Titania nodded. "Yeah, that! Maybe if you slay something that's been annoying mama for a while we could gain her attention."

"Something?" I wondered. "Is it a miasmic creature by any chance?!"

"Oh, no, not that. But it is a monster, a very annoying one!" Titania said, the baby one.

"Ah yes, I guess I never went into details." Adult Titania said. "This Continent might not have any demon king threat right now, but still, there were many annoying monsters through my childhood I had to deal with, with the help of my divine beast friends."