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The group once again came before the cloud formation and gulped. They hoped that the item given by the old man is indeed something that will give them access. They just hoped that the Carabao Clan is indeed in the hidden islands south of the eastern continent.

Peridot utilized her elemental magic to create a wind sphere around them as they descended. The wind sphere descended into the ocean. The three are in front of the reef but nothing is happening, and they just stood there for five minutes.

"The gourd is not doing anything." Levin Cloud pointed out.

"Maybe it is faulty." Kabrakan stated as he tried shaking the gourd.

"If it is an item from the eastern continent then did you gain ownership for it? Peridot asked as she knows what kind of things are needed for items in the eastern continent.

It is widely known that items from the eastern continent will have special means to activate. Items that need ownership are rare items that can never be traded once bonded with the owner. Items like these are widely wanted by people and players since they do not drop on death.

Weapons or items that need ownership can only be separated from the owner when they are released by the said owner. Peridot is thinking that this should be true to the gourd since it appeared out of nowhere when the old hermit gave it to Kabrakan.

"How am I going to gain ownership?" Kabrakan asked Peridot as he is not familiar with the ways of the eastern continent.

"Drop your blood on it. It should activate if it is a magical item." Peridot stated.

Kabrakan pulled a sharp sword from his inventory and took quite some time to pierce his skin. Seeing that Kabrakan could not easily pierce his skin due to how durable he is, Peridot created an ice knife and made a cut on his palm.

The blood is then dropped on the gourd which suddenly emitted a faint light. The normal looking clay gourd then shined as its body turned into gold. The golden gourd then shot towards Kabrakan's forehead when it turned into a streak of light.

"So, what do I do next?" Kabrakan asked as he does not know what to do after getting ownership of the item.

"Sorry about that. I was just stunned that it accepted you so easily. I thought that it would at least take ten minutes and not an instant. Imagine the item materializing from within your hands." Peridot stated.

Kabrakan imagined the gourd in his hands like what Peridot instructed. A streak of light then shot out from his forehead and appeared on his right hand. The golden gourd is also decorated with a bull insignia to tell the world that it is the property of Kabrakan and no one else.

As if knowing the wish of its owner, the golden bull gourd flew out and suddenly got stuck on the reef. The golden bull gourd suddenly started to create a suction force so mighty that it pulled the

group inside of it. They could not even resist the pulling force as all of them suddenly became energy and got pulled inside.

The golden bull gourd then vanished from the face of the reef. The next thing that the group noticed is that they are now in the ocean being dragged by a fast current. The feeling is like when they are getting swept by a rapid raging river. The most important thing now is that they are swimming inside the ocean, but their air reserves are almost off.

Levin Cloud is a leshy so he barely needs to breathe, but he still needs carbon dioxide in order to breath. He could hold on for about two hours without needing to breath. Peridot could make use of her draconic lungs that can survive in either land or water, so she is also fine. The only one in need of air is Kabrakan.

Peridot hurriedly made a wind sphere once more and pushed out the water outside of it. She included all three of them inside as they are riding the underwater current. Kabrakan gave a thumbs up to Peridot as he inhaled the air that he needed.

"I almost died from drowning." Kabrakan stated as he is still gasping for air.

The three of them then notice the surrounding water monsters around them. The monsters around them were fishes that do not attack unless provoked which is why they got to admire the beauty of all of the sea life. A streak of light then shot back towards Kabrakan as the golden bull gourd returned to his body.

"It did not feel like we were teleported away but more like a mystical entrance is needed. If we need to get back to the other side, then we would also need to travel using the same method." Peridot stated as she thinks that it must be set up that way.

"I still have some Return Scroll that Adrian gave me so we can get back to the mainland using that." Levin Cloud stated but it also made Kabrakan ponder.

"Is it possible for it to fail?" Kabrakan asked.

Levin Cloud was not able to answer the question as they suddenly got shot out of the water. They arrived in a shore of an island. Peridot checked the map and could detect that they are indeed in the hidden islands. When they looked back, they could also see the cloud formation in the distance.

[You have arrived in the Hidden Island Nation, Mahar Lika.]

[You are not the first players to reach the hidden island nation. No discovery reward will be given.]

"I can sense it!" Kabrakan suddenly shouted.

When the wind sphere vanished, Kabrakan immediately sense something as he is also bonded with the Will of the Wilde. He could not explain the feeling well, but he could feel that something inside is calling out to him and resonating with the divine item.

"Where is it?" Levin Cloud asked.

"I do not know the exact location, but I can feel that it is close." Kabrakan replied.

"Someone is here!" Peridot stated as she suddenly conjured up an earth barrier.

A few seconds later, a volley of arrows is suddenly shot towards them. The arrows did not do any damage to them because the earth barrier blocked all of them. The arrows came from the forest adjacent to the shore and Peridot could feel the danger using her keen senses.

"Let me handle this." Levin Cloud stated.

Levin Cloud then whispered something to the air and screams suddenly erupted from the forest. Numerous figures are suddenly tossed by the trees themselves. Some were able to dodge but most of the individuals got caught by the branches or were tossed to the area outside the forest.

The ones that got tossed are undoubtedly human, but their armor is different from the ones being used by either the central or eastern continent. The armor that they are using looked familiar to the three, but they could not pinpoint where they saw the garb.

"Is it not familiar to the traditional dresses that indigenous people wear on our country?" Kabrakan pointed out but he suddenly sensed great danger homing in towards them.

He tapped the ground and two towering shields suddenly materialized from the earth itself. These two shields looked like lit was made by a special crystal. Kabrakan put the two shields together and a crisp sound of two metals colliding is heard.

Kabrakan managed to tank the attack greatly, but he still received 10% of the damage of the actual attack. He did not flinch nor get knocked back which is a testament to his great endurance stat. The one who attacked them is actually greatly impressed as he was the one that got knocked back instead of his opponent.

The assailant that attacked them has two swords that are different from one another. The sword is a kris and a balisong but the second sword seems to be more common as the other people hidden in the forest also has one behind them. More importantly, Levin Cloud could be seen pointing towards the person that attacked them.

"Isn't that Apolaki?" Levin Cloud shouted instinctively which made the other party ask them a question.

"How did you get here?" Apolaki asked the three individuals that he does not know. All that he knows is that they are players, but they do not seem to be famous since he could not recognize them. They are not in the representative list back then as well when Pandelympics happened.

"We came using this item." Kabrakan stated as he whipped out the gourd from his forehead. The inhabitants of the island were stunned that an unknown being has an item that is important to the hidden islands. What is more confusing is that they were not transported to the usual gate but are sent farther south.

They then noticed that Kabrakan has two horns protruding from his head which is reminiscent from the clan that resides in the southern most part of Mahar Lika.

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The hidden islands of Mahar Lika are a special place as it is different from any other continent in the main world. It is located in the southeast part of the world, but it is protected by a layer of cloud formation. It is mostly unknown to the world and even its inhabitants are said to be unknown.

Only a merchants of Mahar Lika know of the way towards this island nation. This is also one of the reasons why the people of the eastern continent view the hidden islands as dangerous. They do not know of the abilities of the inhabitants there, but they know that even a merchant can go toe to toe with an immortal.

The reason that this island nation is hidden to the world is due to it being a real land of the divine. Gods and goddesses that are worshipped here sometimes come down from their divine realms. The gods and goddesses follow the strongest god in their group which is Bathala.

The only way inside the island nation is through special items that are blessed by these gods and goddesses themselves. Although not all of the gods and goddesses are able to descend since there are still restrictions since not all of the island nation could be fully transformed into a divine realm.

Kabrakan, Levin Cloud, and Peridot are currently facing inhabitants of the hidden islands right now. The inhabitants of the island nation are different from those of the central continent as they have tattoos on their bodies that are different per person.

"We came using an item that an old hermit gave us. It is this gourd." Kabrakan stated as he showed the item.

The inhabitants could not easily believe that an outsider managed to get permission from one of the blessed items. Since the blessed item has given them permission, they cannot necessarily attack them. Although, they still do not know why they were sent to the southernmost region of the island nation.

"If they came here using that then we must welcome them." One of the warriors that gathered whispered to the others.

"What do you think, Apolaki?" Another warrior asked as it seems that Apolaki has great influence over the inhabitants since they are waiting for his judgement.

A pillar of light suddenly shot down from the skies and a small figure suddenly appeared before them. The small figure is a two feet tall small chubby cute bipedal cow. The inhabitants of the island nation suddenly bowed towards the small figure as if they are afraid to meets its eye.

"A Ryujin, the Envoy of the Twin Gods, and a bull beastkin that has been given permission by one of the gods. I know your purpose here. Follow me." The small chubby cute bipedal cow stated as it used its cute hoof to gesture the three to follow it.

"May we know what to call you?" Levin Cloud asked while holding back Peridot that wanted to pinch the cheeks of the being that filled with divine power.

Levin Cloud could clearly feel that the small being is not something that they could handle if they were to anger it. It is bursting with divine energy to the point that one sneeze from it might kill them. It also managed to know of their real identities which is usually hidden from normal people.

"You can call be Bao. Welcome to the Island Nation of Mahar Lika." Bao stated as it proceeded to walk towards the inhabitants.

"You can also come, Warrior of the Supreme God." Bao stated as he looked at Apolaki.

"Thank you, Blessed One." Apolaki stated as he stood up and walked beside the group.

The inhabitants that gathered dispersed since a Blessed One is already present. The outsiders will not be able to defile the land if they ever came to harm it. They will only gain divine punishment if they make a mistake in front of a blessed one.

"Can you tell us why they call you the Blessed One? I know that you are made of divine power, but you are not necessarily a living being. From what I can see, you are a being that is a fragment of divine power which means you are part of a god." Levin Cloud stated.

Apolaki could not believe that someone immediately noticed the real identity of the Blessed One. He only learned of it when he became the Champion of Bathala. It seems that the elf looking player in front of him is not an ordinary player. The fact that they reached the southernmost region of the island nation is already a testament that they are not ordinary.

"As expected from the Envoy of the Twin Gods, you are able to discern my real identity immediately. I am part of a God, but I am but a wisp in the mortal realm since there are still restrictions. What I am surprised about is that two of the descendants of the Asmodian Races is forming a group.

From what I remember, the five races that hailed from the Asmodians are not necessarily great friends with one another. To think that they are already working together, it seems that the world has already started to fall into chaos once again. That is the only time that all of you gather anyway." Bao stated.

"The world outside is already different as a dark god managed to descend to the mortal plane. The barrier that keeps the divine realms away has already started to falter. It will not take much force to destroy it completely.

The Asmodian races are already finding the lost divine items needed to restore their strength. This is the reason why we are here in Mahar Lika." Levin Cloud replied.

"I know because I can feel the divine item pulsing from that beastkin over there. I am also here to propose a deal because I also need your help. Rather, I need your help in maintaining the health of all the Carabao clan." Bao stated.

"They are dying out. Am I correct?" Kabrakan stated.

"A bit blunt but you are correct. The rate at which an offspring is born is much longer compared to their lifespans. They are an important citizen of this island nation as they are great farmers that provide food to majority of the inhabitants of Mahar Lika." Bao replied.

"Is it alright to say important matters like that, Blessed One?" Apolaki interjected as Bao is basically saying secrets that only important people in the island nation should know.

"They will know sooner or later. The very Envoy of Life and Death is here which means he can detect the problem." Bao stated as he pointed to Levin Cloud.

Apolaki did not easily believe that an elf will be able to discern the life and death of NPCs, but his mind is not close to the option. He also wanted to help the Carabao Clan to regain their numbers, but he could not easily do so. The island nation might be controlled by the gods and goddesses but that also means that the monsters here are also very strong.

"The elements are also plentiful here. No wonder the people here are blessed with mana. If the Carabao Clan is indeed dying out like the other beastkins then we must make sure that we complete the quest at all cost." Peridot stated as she could not restrain herself anymore and rubbed the belly of the Blessed One.

"Your friend is being a bit disrespectful." Apolaki stated.

"It matters not. She will be a great help for you as Ryujins have tendency to be curious of things." Bao stated.

"Uhm...I wanted to ask you this, Blessed One. From what I can tell, she is just an ordinary human, and the elf is still a normal elf, but I could feel divine energy from him. Will they be able to handle the task that needs to be done?" Apolaki finally let out what he is thinking.

"Hmm...it seems that you need more training in terms of perception, Champion of Bathala. He is not a normal elf but a Leshy. He only looks like an elf because his real form is being sealed. The woman is a Ryujin and is considered nobility of the eastern continent.

They rarely interact with the outside world which is why even you might not have seen what they look like. She might look human but if you look at her closely then you will feel the breath of a dragon. Dragons are very rare in the island nation after all." Bao stated which greatly shocked Apolaki.

He suddenly had the urge to battle all three of them when he heard that they are not normal players. In fact, he is a bit skeptical why they did not participate in Pandelympics. They might have gained numerous fans and exposure to their nation.

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"Is it supposed to be important?" Levin Cloud asked as he did not know why Apolaki will ask that question. They were not close or friendly, so they do not have to answer his question.

"Ah! I am sorry if you do not want to answer. I am just curious why I did not know the three of you. I just thought that your country would have won if you joined the Pandelympics. As far as I know, I am the only player that can reach Mahar Lika. Forget that I even asked if you are uncomfortable." Apolaki replied as he did not want to seem antagonizing.

The group continued walking in silence as they reached a settlement. The settlement is not that different from other ancient settlements as the houses are made of wood compared to sand and lime. The people inhabiting the settlement could be split between human and demi-humans.

The demi-humans are those of the Carabao Clan and other unknown races that the three have yet to encounter. The inhabitants of the settlement could be seen bowing to Bao but are a bit wary of the three that came with Apolaki.

The three could see that the village is happy, but Levin Cloud could also feel something amiss from the land. He could feel it as the ground itself is almost close to being lifeless. The nutrients of the soil could be described as disappearing.

Bao noticed Levin Clouds expression when they entered the settlement and nodded that it made the correct decision. The Leshy and Dryad are said to be mystical beings that can replenish life even from a dying forest. It is said that they sprung forth from the dying wish of a Goddess of Life when it died.

"It seems that you can sense it as well. The task that I will give you is also related to the thing that you need." Bao stated as they arrived at the place where the chief of the settlement lives.

"Greetings, Blessed Bao." The Chief of the Carabao Clan stated as he bowed his head.

"No need for the formalities, Kala of the Baw Family. I bring people that will aid your current predicament." Bao stated as he presented the three.

Kala started to weep upon seeing Kabrakan as he could feel the power of the Will of the Wilde from his body. Kala even hugged Kabrakan to which the latter responded by rubbing the old man's back. He might be an old man, but he still stands at a height of two meters tall courtesy of being a water buffalo beastkin.

They waited for the old man to calm down before introducing themselves. Kala immediately thanked Bao for bringing the chosen of the Will of the Wilde to them. He even praised the heavens as their clan will be safe since they will once again reincarnate through the power of the divine item when they die.

"Sorry to break it to you but the Will of the Wilde is not at full power right now." Kabrakan stated as he explained the circumstances of the divine item.

"Do not worry about that, young Kabrakan. You just being here is our hope as we have lost control of the Soil of the Wilde due to a monster. I say monster but you could say that he is of the fallen gods of Mahar Lika." Kala stated.

The Carabao Clan has indeed been dying off as their clansmen has already lost the connection to the Will of the Wilde. All beastkin that has lost that connection will undoubtedly become smaller in number. They have mitigated the damage when the Soil of the Wilde is still in their care but that changed in ten years.

One of the entities that is supposed to be a Blessed One suddenly got corrupted by a wicked power. A being that is loving of the soil and its richness suddenly started to use it for destruction. The other gods of Mahar Lika managed to mitigate the damage by sealing off the being, but it also took away something important from the Carabao Clan.

"The corrupted being took away the Soil of the Wilde that we were guarding and also took away the blessing of the land. We, the Carabao Clan, had the ability to create great crops suddenly started to lose that. We also started to weaken and die off which should be a divine curse brought upon us since we lost the important part of the Will of the Wilde." Kala stated.

"If the corrupted being is imprisoned then why can you not just kill it?" Peridot asked.

"The problem is that the corrupted being has divine energy and only those with divine energy can completely eradicate it. It also started to harness the power of the Soil of the Wilde. Only warriors that can take on the powers of High Gods or Supreme Gods can defeat them but you three are different. I can feel that all of you have experienced battle with a god." Kala stated as he could feel traces of divine energy on their body.

"If you mean God Killers then we are not them as the god killing weapons belong to other people. Also, we only aided the people when a dark god descended. The one who really killed the dark god is somewhere else. Probably dimension hopping or something." Levin Cloud stated which the two nodded vehemently to agree.

"Maybe we should call him if this corrupted being is tainted by the power of a dark god. Equinox himself is the bane of the dark gods." Peridot stated.

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"I think we can do it by ourselves. You and I also have Asmodian blood in our veins but not as pronounced as Equinox. Also, Peridot is a Ryujin which are godly dragons that control the elements to their will." Levin Cloud stated.

"Let us try first then. We will retreat and ask Equinox for help if we cannot defeat this corrupted being." Kabrakan added to which the two nodded. They must not always call upon their cheat code when things get rough.

"Can I ask about this corrupted being? How did it come to be?" Kabrakan asked.

"Certainly. I must tell you in detail, but it happened eleven years ago when rocks from the sky started to rain down on Mahar Lika. The warriors of the gods and goddesses stepped forward and destroyed these rocks before they could wreak havoc on the land.

The small space rocks were not that difficult to destroy but three great rocks that are as big as islands started to descend. Some of the champions became greatly injured when they tried to destroy them, but they still managed to do it. What the champions did not expect are alien entities coming out from these rocks.

Mahar Lika is divided into three islands and each island has one huge rock that descended onto it. The first island, Nozul, is the first to encounter an alien being. It came in the form of a jagged and twisted rock monster. Its body is extremely tough to the point that only champions could defeat it. A lot of champions perished dealing with this monster.

The second island, Sayasiv, also experienced this problem as their forests started to dry up. It is then they discovered that a black distorted tree started to eat up the forest. Not only the forest but also the wildlife inside of it became its prey. A lot of champions battled against it once again and many also perished.

The third island, Oanadnim, is also expected to have one so we searched for the debris, but nothing came out. It was only a few months later that year that we noticed one of the Blessed Ones, Nuno,

becoming something different. At first, the blessed one is acting normally but we did not know that he was already sapping the energy from the ground itself.

We only noticed clear signs when our crops would suddenly die after one month of harvest. We tried praying to the Soil of the Wilde to grant us blessing once more and it did. The harvest came back to normal but a month later everything changed. The blessed one, Nuno, took the Soil of the Wilde and started to incorporate it into its body." Kala stated.

"If it is fragment of a god then the other gods should have noticed the change." Levin Cloud stated.

"The gods noticed too late as it seems that the great god that made Nuno became corrupted as well. The great god managed to fool the other gods until the High God that it follows noticed the strange behavior. In the end, that great god was killed but some of its power escaped to its fragment, Nuno.

This in turn made some of the gods descend and seal the corrupted god fragment. At first, they also wanted to kill it, but the corrupted power and the Soil of the Wilde made Nuno more powerful. Gods and goddesses cannot exert full power in the mortal realm despite this land being half a divine realm." Bao stated.

"The other champions will surely answer our call. The third island currently has two other active champions that are fit for battle. With the Champion of Bathala, I believe that all of you can defeat the corrupted god fragment. The gods and goddesses have sealed it so it should not have accumulated enough power to defeat your combined might." Bao added.

The three looked at each other and nodded. They have no choice but to accept the quest since they need to get the Soil of the Wilde as well. In the end, they were forced to complete this quest but slaying a god fragment is still considered as killing a god. The rewards will surely be great to the point that rankers will be crying blood to participate.

"We accept." Kabrakan, Levin Cloud, and Peridot stated simultaneously.

"I accept as well. I should help out the Carabao Clan since they are important family members of Mahar Lika. The supreme god, Bathala, would definitely scold me if I do not help them." Apolaki stated.

"Great. The two other champions will be called here. Please feel free to look around the area while all of you wait for their arrival." Kala stated as he once again hugged Kabrakan.

Quest Name: Slay the Corrupted God Fragment

Quest Description: The corrupted god fragment, Nuno, has stolen the energy of the earth and the Soil of the Wilde but is sealed by the gods and goddesses of Mahar Lika. Defeat him with the other champions in order to bring peace to the land once more.

Difficulty: SS

Clear Conditions: Defeat the corrupted god fragment, Nuno. (0/1)

Reward: Random Mythical Skill Book

Failure Conditions: Death of all Champions (0/2)

Failure Penalty: -5 levels and Destruction of the third island, Oanadnim.

Time Limit: None

"A SS difficulty quest!" Apolaki suddenly exclaimed as this is the first time that he encountered this quest difficulty.

"First time? I guess even famous rankers have yet to acquire quests like these." Levin Cloud stated as he laughed haughtily.

"The difficulty is probably due to the fact that we fail this quest if the two NPC champions will die. Levin Cloud might be able to revive us players but he cannot revive dead NPCs so he will need to focus on keeping them alive." Peridot stated which made Apolaki suddenly exclaim once more.

"You can revive people?!" Apolaki exclaimed as this is the first time that he heard of another player that can revive others. The only one that he knows that could do that is Anastasia.

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"You can revive other people?" Apolaki exclaimed.

"Well, yes. I would be a terrible Envoy of the Twin Gods if I am not able to do that. One half of the twin gods is the Goddess of Life Gaea." Levin Cloud replied.

"I see. That is a bit rude of me. Do you guys need anything? Like getting your weapons maintained or buying potions?" Apolaki asked.

"Not really as we still have enough supplies. We want to know about the two champions that will accompany us if you have an idea." Kabrakan asked.

"I know about them. Since they will be our struggle then it is a good thing that you three must know about them." Apolaki stated.

He then proceeded to tell the three about the champions chosen by a god and goddess of Mahar Lika. The first is the Champion of Dumangan and is the resident champion here that also guards the Carabao Clan. Dumangan is the god of good harvest and uses a large axe as a weapon.

He acts like a tanky berserker as he could heal his wounds as long as he has contact with the earth. He is also having high resistance from earth elemental attacks. He usually farms when he is not in battle as he loves the soil. He is currently returning to the settlement as he was looking for arable land elsewhere for the Carabao Clan to grow produce.

The second is the Champion of Anitun Tabu. Anitun Tabu is the goddess of the wind and rain in Mahar Lika and is also said to have a fickle personality which even her champions inherit. The champion uses a bow as her weapon that is gifted by the goddess herself. She uses blasts of wind as arrows since the bow is a magical artifact.

"That is great then as we have the main tank, Kabrakan, and a sub-tank the Champion of Dumangan. The rest will be damage and support which is a good balance since we need damage for this quest. The faster that we kill the corrupted god fragment then the faster that we get back the Soil of the Wilde." Peridot stated.

"The names of the first and second champion is Lupa and Hangin. They could be described as a couple since they have this air of romance around them which is why they will probably prioritize each other's safety." Apolaki stated/

The four of them started to disseminate important information which each other in order to familiarize with each other's battle styles. The three already knew how Apolaki attacks as they have seen him in action during the Pandelympics. The other two champions arrived while they were chatting with each other.

"This are the two champions that will accompany all of you in killing the corrupted god fragment. They are Lupa and Hangin. You two, these are the people that will help you in the quest. Both of you know Apolaki, the three are Kabrakan, Peridot, and Levin Cloud." Bao stated as he introduced the two champions to the group.

"It is such an honor to be in a quest with the champion of a supreme god. The others are welcome as well." Hangin stated as she started to show her fickle personality. She wears clothes that have patterns of blue and white as if to represent the goddess that is her patron.

"Apologies for her behavior. It is nice to meet you. I am Lupa and this is Hangin." Lupa stated as he greeted the others with a warm smile. He exudes an aura that will make you feel calm and protected. He wears heavy armor that has the mark of the Carabao clan and a color scheme of red and brown. The large axe is also present on his back with a blade having a head of a carabao as a pattern.

"You should be more respectful to them as one of them is the Envoy of the Twin Gods." Apolaki stated as he glanced at Levin Cloud.

The two were shocked upon knowing that one of them was the Envoy of the Twin Gods. The Twin Gods are also a special existence in Mahar Lika as the Supreme Gods were under them. The gods above the Supreme Gods only number three but one already died.

The Twin Gods are the last of the three gods above the Supreme gods. It cannot be stressed enough that the power of the gods and goddesses in Mahar Lika are absolute. This is the reason why Apolaki is treated with respect by the inhabitants since he is the Champion of a Supreme God. But now, a being higher in hierarchy is in front of them.

"I am sorry for the discourtesy." Hangin stated as she bowed.

"That is fine. Just make sure to never judge anyone again with their appearance." Levin Cloud stated as he did not want to escalate the issue. Apolaki already told them that the patron god usually decides the level of respect one can attain in Mahar Lika.

"If you are now ready, we can go to the site where we sealed the corrupted god fragment." Bao stated.

"We are ready. What about the others?" Kabrakan stated.

"I am ready as well." Apolaki stated.

"We are ready as well." Lupa and Hangin replied.

"If that is the case then shall we proceed." Bao stated as he suddenly started to drum his cute bulging belly.

When Bao drummed his belly, a powerful and invigorating tone is heard by everyone. Light filled the eyes of everyone that heard the tune and the next thing they knew is that they are now in front of a forest that is severely polluted by miasma.

"This is the Ancient Nao Grotto or at least was. It has now become a polluted forest filled with the miasma of a corrupted god fragment. The whole forest is currently sealed by the gods and goddesses of Mahar Lika. It is a barrier designed to seal a god or a fragment of a god." Bao stated.

"If that is the case then that means that the gods and goddesses that can descend will not be able to finish off the god fragment even if they regained power?" Kabrakan asked to which Bao nodded.

"This is as far as I go. I will be waiting for your victorious return. Nuno will be sealed on that huge dirt hill in the center of the forest." Bao stated as he pointed at the dirt hill that can be seen from the entrance.

The group then entered the Ancient Nao Grotto with a formation. Kabrakan and Lupa are in front. Behind the two are Levin Cloud and Peridot since their skills work better at midrange. Behind them is Hangin with her bow while the rear guard is Apolaki.

The Ancient Nao Grotto used to be a beautiful forest that is revered for its fresh air and beautiful trees, but it is different now. It is just a shadow of its former glory as the forest is no longer bright but dreary. The clean air is now suffocating due to the miasma while the trees are either dead or decaying.

"Its weird." Levin Cloud suddenly stated.

"What is weird?" Peridot asked.

"The soil here is still alive but barely. It feels like the energy from the land is being sucked into that huge dirt hill. This should not happen as everything must flow naturally. Has the seal weakened from the ten years that the corrupted god fragment is sealed?" Levin Cloud stated.

They wanted to rebuke his statement, but he should be the most sensitive one among them when it comes to the land. He also touched the trees of the forest and could feel them cry in anguish as the souls of the trees are also being sucked dry. Levin Cloud suddenly thought that the battle will not be easy.

There were no monsters attacking them, but they could see numerous skeletons of monsters littered in the forest. It seems that even monsters are not spared when it comes to the voracity of whatever is sealed in the Ancient Nao Grotto. The place is eerily quiet which should not be how a god fragment reacts.

Nuno is said to be territorial which is why they expected a fight the moment they passed through but nothing of the sort happened. Suddenly, they heard voices of laughter in the background. They tried searching for the source of this laughter that is a mix of a child and an old man's laugh but they came out with nothing.

The group suddenly realized that they are now in front of the huge dirt mound which should not have been the case. They were supposed to arrive there in half an hour, but they are suddenly in front of it.

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They did not even notice that the land shifted to make them travel faster to the dirt mound. They were already under the influence of the corrupted god fragment the moment they entered the Ancient Nao Grotto. The fact that they did not feel the ground shifting can only be the influence of the mystic powers of a god fragment.

The large dirt mound transformed into a giant mouth that wanted to swallow them whole. Peridot did not let this happen as the earth element crystal that her weapon possessed suddenly gathered all the earth elemental energy that she can. She then shot the crystal towards the dirt mound mouth and the energy that the crystal contained suddenly spread out towards it.

The giant dirt mound mouth suddenly stopped as the earth elemental energy controlling it suddenly froze. The mixed laugh of a child and an old man suddenly echoed in the area. A figure of a hunched back old man in rags who is wearing something like a mushroom on top of his head.

"To think that someone has great control over the earth element like me. You will be a worthy slave for the great me." The hunched back old man stated.

"Nuno!" Hangin and Lupa suddenly shouted as the former suddenly shot arrows made of wind towards the hunched back old man.

NPC Name: Nuno

Tier: Mythical

Level: 280

Health: 100%

Mana: 100%

Bufs: Earth God Spirit Fragment, Possessed by the Parasitic Shroom

Description: A fallen god fragment of a now defeated god from Mahar Lika. It is no longer the benevolent protector of the earth but a great defiler that wants the energy of the land for itself. The dark god has completely taken over it and killing will be the only way to release it from the grasp of the dark god.

Buff: Earth God Spirit Fragment

Description: As long as it is using earth or under the influence of earth, it will receive 10% less damage from all damaging attacks and skills. It also does not use mana when using spells of the earth element.

Buff: Possessed by the Parasitic Shroom

Description: It is currently a part of a dark god that is fully in control of the god fragment. It will inflict curses on those that manages to touch the body that it is currently being possessed. It will also jump to a nearby host when its current host fully dies but it will be in an extremely weakened state.

Nuno responded by tapping the dirt mound and affirming his control of the earth element. The wind arrows that were supposed to hit Nuno is blocked by a shield made of dirt. The wind arrows could be said to be effective as the shield of dirt could be seen to have been chipped away.

"Gentle Mist!" Peridot stated as the area around five meters of them suddenly got covered in mist.

All of them became invisible when inside the area where the mist is covering. Nuno could not see its targets which is why it decided to tap the dirt mound again so that Peridot no longer has control over it. Just as Nuno got complete control over the dirt mound again, Lupa suddenly appeared below the dirt mound and hit it with his giant axe.

The shockwave of the hit travelled all the way to the top where Nuno is currently placed. The dirt mound shook to the point that Nuno almost got swung off it. Nuno needed to deal with the ones attacking its glorious dirt mound, but Hangin suddenly appeared behind him and released multiple wind arrows.

Hangin also mixed in arrows made of water for added piercing power. Nuno responded by erecting another earth barrier. The earth barrier managed to block the arrows, but Nuno is not out of the woods yet as a sword is suddenly flying towards him.

Nuno tried blocking the sword, but it passed through the earth barrier that he made. The sword suddenly got stuck on Nuno's body, but he did not get damaged as the spiritual sword just attached itself to the corrupted god fragment's body. The figure of Apolaki soon appeared as he swung his kampilan towards Nuno's neck.

Nuno knew that it would get damaged severely if it is damaged by a champion of a god. He suddenly transformed itself into a large poisonous mushroom and exploded into spores. Apolaki got knocked back due to the force of the mushroom explosion.

[Apolaki has been poisoned.]

"Purify!" Levin Cloud stated as a wave of healing green energy that also cleansed everyone in the area. It also increased their poison resistance for a certain duration.

The spores that scattered about all gathered in the same spot where Nuno exploded. The body of the corrupted god fragment soon manifested once again. The playful face of the corrupted god fragment soon changed to that of pure anger. The skies above them slightly darkened as well.

Nuno clapped his hands and numerous dirt golems suddenly got created from the ground beneath them. The huge dirt mound also transformed itself into an earth golem with deadly mushrooms planted on its body. Nuno is no longer playful as it is now in full attack mode because he thought that he could play around with mortals.

The mist dissipated as well and the location of everyone in the vicinity is revealed. The moment Peridot could be seen, the four gems floating around her suddenly spun faster and faster. Water, fire, wind and earth elemental energy converged at her location as the four gems combined.

"Elemental Apocalypse!" Peridot shouted.

Four colored beams of light are shot out from the four gems that headed towards Nuno. The corrupted god fragment did not expect the sudden attack and is not able to dodge since he is still in the process of completely transforming his dirt mound into a large earth golem.

Nuno got sent flying from the shoulder of the forming earth golem. The forming earth golem directed its hands to catch its master from falling but two shadows suddenly appeared beside him. Hangin shot five arrows while Apolaki slashed his Kampilan towards Nuno.

Seeing that its master is being damaged, the earth golem used both of its hands to try and crush the two assailants. The earth golem will not be able to damage its own master anyway which is why it obeyed its order. Lupa suddenly swung his giant axe towards the hand of the earth golem.

The flying axe managed to sever the hands of the earth golem. The severed hands became normal dirt and came falling down the ground. Nuno knew that the earth golem that he created will not be able to protect him which is why it decided to use its previous skill once more.

Nuno transformed into a giant poisonous mushroom once more and exploded into spores. Levin Cloud used Purify once more and cleansed the poisoned individuals. The spores that spread gathered back at the top of the earth mound golem.

"Let the earth quake upon my presence!" Nuno shouted as the giant earth mound golem raised its foot and stomped it on the ground.

A powerful wave of tectonic force shook the ground as all of the beings that got hit were sent flying. The numerous earth golems that Nuno created crumbled due to the power of the attack. Peridot managed to transform briefly into a dragon to fly and Hangin remained in the air. The others were not as lucky since they did not have time to evade.

"Land of Gaea!" Levin Cloud immediately casted as a one-kilometer radius suddenly started to bloom flowers and fauna.

The skill managed to increase the healing regeneration of the team and also heal 20% of their maximum health in an instant but it cost 50% of Levin Cloud's mana pool as a result. Nuno noticed that the ones that got hit by his powerful attack did not die because of the elf looking individual.

Nuno tapped the earth golem and inserted his command over the earth element over to the ground. The ground beneath Levin Cloud suddenly shifted as he fell down and earth spikes suddenly pierced his entire body.

"Levin Cloud!" Apolaki shouted as their healer is the most important person in the raid right now.

"Tecton Slam!" Kabrakan shouted as he slammed his two shields towards the leg of the earth golem.

The left leg of the earth golem shattered upon Kabrakan's attack, but Apolaki wondered why the other two continued attacking. Apolaki glanced at Levin Cloud's location and noticed that the latter's body became vines that seeped into the earth. A while later, Levin Cloud sprouted from the ground as if a plant coming back to life or suddenly experiencing rapid growth.

"Isn't that cheat like?" Apolaki muttered as he could not believe that Levin Cloud got out unharmed.

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Levin Cloud managed to dodge the fatal attack due to his passive skill that only triggers when he approaches certain death. The skill is called Second Plant Life, but it also has clear weaknesses.

Skill Name: Second Plant Life

Tier: Legendary

Type: Conditional Evasion Skill

Effect:

- Able to dodge an attack or skill that will kill the skill bearer.
- Cannot dodge attacks that can disintegrate the body like fire-based attacks and spells
- If the skill bearer gets hit by an attack before the skill fully activates, negates 90% of that damage when the body returns to its original state
- If the attack is fatal even if the skill is activated, restore 10% of maximum health
- If the skill bearer does not have mana, this skill does not activate

Mana Cost: 5% of the user's mana cost

Cooldown: 2 hours

Cast Time: 0.5 seconds

Just as Apolaki stated, it is definitely a very powerful evasion skill for a legendary tier skill. As long as Levin Cloud has mana, he has basically three lives as he can use. A priest that has three lives is basically a cheat since they can just heal themselves back to full every revival.

Peridot utilized this chance to conjure up flames to try and burn Nuno. The corrupted god fragment evaded the attack by suddenly getting swallowed inside of the earth golem's body. The small earth golems that got shattered by the earthquake rematerialized and started to attack those below.

Levin Cloud healed Lupa, Apolaki and Kabrakan back to full health in order to defend against the human size earth golems. Nuno never appeared again in the surface when he went inside the body of the giant earth golem. The giant earth golem did change into something that resembles Nuno.

The giant earth golem changed into a more detailed version of a humanoid appearance. The giant earth golem now resembled Nuno and it even used the voice of the corrupted god fragment. The first thing that the giant Nuno looking golem did is grow numerous mushrooms on its body.

The numerous mushrooms suddenly released numerous spores around which poisoned everyone in the vicinity. Levin Cloud tried casting Purify but the poison did not completely disappear as it still persisted.

[Your party has been afflicted with a greater curse, Spore Venom.]

[You will lose 1% of your health every minute.]

[All healing received will be reduced by 20%.]

Levin Cloud could try and cast a higher tier spell called Gaea's Cleansing Wind but that will take one minute of chanting. He cannot do that because he is the main target of the corrupted god fragment. All the small earth golems are also attacking him with the thought of killing him.

Kabrakan and Lupa are already being overwhelmed by the numerous enemies. Apolaki's attack barely damage Nuno in his current golem form. Since the others cannot deal enough damage due to the continuous respawning earth golems, Peridot decided to even out the playing field.

The green gem suddenly glowed as Peridot shouted, Creation of Clay Soldiers. About ten clay soldiers are created using the ground around Levin Cloud. Each of the clay soldiers also moved in unison as Levin Cloud moved.

Nuno would always target Levin Cloud with earth spikes which is why he cannot stay in the same position for a long period of time. It is also the reason why the healing received by the team is getting delayed.

"I will increase your power." Peridot stated as she appeared beside Hangin.

Peridot's gray and blue gems glowed and bestowed the Blessing of the Wind and Blessing of Water to Hangin. Hangin pulled her bow with all her might as she conjured up six arrows with three arrows per each element.

The wind arrows pierced the Nuno earth golem while the water arrows turned into ice arrows that created a layer of frost on the target. Nuno seemed to have felt that attack as he screamed from the pain. It seems that physical attacks are not effective on the earth golem, but elemental attacks are effective.

NPC Name: Nuno (Golem Possession)

Tier: Mythical

Level: 280

Health: 88.6%

Mana: 100%

Bufs: Earth God Spirit Fragment, Possessed by the Parasitic Shroom, Golem Possession

Buff: Golem Possession

Effect: Immune to physical attacks depending on the golem possessed. Defenses will increase by 100%. Possession duration is one hour.

The new buff that Nuno has made him immune to the damage of half the party. The only ones that can damage him right now is Hangin and Peridot. The two girls combined their elements in order to strengthen one another but that also made them another priority target.

Nuno (Golem Possession) opened its mouth and released a breath attack that looked like acid spray and fumes. The two girls were not able to evade in time as it happened so fast. Nuno (Golem Possession) head did not even turn around as it just shifted its orientation to the other side and attacked.

[Peridot has been afflicted by Extreme Parasitic Poison.]

[Hangin has been afflicted by Extreme Parasitic Poison.]

[All party members afflicted by Extreme Parasitic Poison will lose 5% of their health per 10 seconds.]

The two girls fell to the ground as the poison also paralyzed them. The two did not fall on the ground hard because Levin Cloud created two gigantic flowers to catch them on the spot. The attack on the two girls did not stop as Nuno (Golem Possession) wanted to crush them using its gigantic palm.

"Cover Move!" Kabrakan shouted as his body suddenly shifted in front of the two like he used Blink.

The gigantic palm got blocked by the two towering shields that Kabrakan held. Veins could be seen bulging from Kabrakan's body as his body also started to sink due to the sheer weight that he is blocking. Lupa tried cutting the hand of the earth golem again, but green fumes suddenly sprayed at his body when his axe made contact with the golem's body.

[Lupa has been afflicted by Extreme Parasitic Poison.]

[Kabrakan has been afflicted by Extreme Parasitic Poison.]

"Sanctuary!" Levin Cloud immediately casted as soon as four of his team members got poisoned.

The only one not afflicted by the poison is Apolaki and Levin Cloud which is not a good thing. Levin Cloud could not purify the poison unless he uses long casting spells. He wanted to use them, but his team members will die if stops healing them as it will only take 45 seconds for them to drop dead due to the poison.

Thanks to Sanctuary, his team members cannot get damaged even by poison but that is only a temporary measure. Sanctuary can only last a few seconds which means he needs to heal them again. Someone needs to divert the attention of the enemy if he wants to use his greatest cleansing spell.

"Battlefield of Supreme God." Apolaki stated as hundred of spiritual swords suddenly started to fall from the sky.

The skill, Battlefield of Supreme God, is the evolved version of the skill that Apolaki used in Pandelympics. Instead of ten or so swords, about a hundred spiritual swords rained down from the sky. The descent of the spiritual swords also damaged the body of Nuno (Golem Possession) and created holes.

Nuno (Golem Possession) groaned as the damage of the spiritual swords is not great, but its specific property is painful to a corrupted god fragment. The spiritual swords came from the Supreme God Bathala himself as it is from his armory.

"I will do my best so cure everyone." Apolaki stated as his stats doubled for the duration of the skill.

Levin Cloud started to chant the Gaea's Cleansing Wind while the clay soldiers, Lupa, and Kabrakan protected him from the earth golems. Nuno (Golem Possession) tried to attack Levin Cloud using earth spikes again, but Apolaki threw one of the spiritual swords. The piercing spiritual sword distracted Nuno (Golem Possession) which made the spell not connect to the earth.

The spiritual sword that was thrown away vanished after hitting Nuno (Golem Possession). It seems that the spiritual swords can only be used for a few minutes once pulled from the ground. Another condition would be to not leave the grasp of Apolaki.

Each slice from the spiritual sword created great pain for Nuno (Golem Possession) but the damage it received is not substantial. Although the damage is not that great, it made Nuno (Golem Possession) lose focus on Levin Cloud. One minute felt like an eternity for Apolaki as he took on a boss monster by himself.

Contrary to popular opinion that large beings move slower, Nuno (Golem Possession) can move with great speed which is why Apolaki needed to exert his best whenever he attacks the gigantic body. He even ran on the arms of the gigantic boss but noticed that fumes will explode in the area he is in to poison him.

The boss monster is not great opponent for melee players as they will just be poisoned to death if they are not careful.

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Apolaki went toe to toe with the boss monster, but all his slashes and cuts regenerate like it was never dealt. The earth body of the possessed golem is basically invincible unless they can blast it with great force. He already used up half of the sword lying on the ground which means he will no longer be able to prevent the boss monster from attacking them.

He used up half the spiritual swords in under thirty seconds which should be impossible, but he is pushing his limits. If he idles for just a few seconds, then an attack will be launched towards Levin Cloud. If he does not finish his chanting, then his team members will definitely die from the poison.

Apolaki is not only dealing damage but also cutting off Nuno from casting a spell towards an area. He is fortunate that the spiritual swords can cut off the mana connection in a body as long as his kris is plunged into the body of his target. He actually thanked his good intuition to immediately use one of his most powerful attacks.

The kris buried inside of the boss monster's body acts as Apolaki's damage amplifier and mana disruptor. For each spiritual sword that passes through Nuno's body, he would feel a shock to his system as his soul would be damaged which in turn cancels the spell being cast by the boss monster. They are still facing a fragment of a god after all.

Apolaki might be having a difficult time, but a smile is plastered on his face. This is the feeling that he is chasing since he rarely feels the thrill of battling someone or something stronger than him. He is already the strongest champion in Mahar Lika if only battle mechanics are employed which is why he rarely finds anything challenging.

As Apolaki is focused on his battle, a burst of green energy spread out from the location where Levin Cloud is channeling. The surroundings that got poisoned by Nuno suddenly started to get revitalized as well. It also made Apolaki become faster for some reason as he could feel the wind carrying him.

[Your team member, Levin Cloud, has used Gaea's Cleansing Wind.]

[The area has been purified due to the high concentration of holy energy released.]

[You will be immune to status ailments and curses for 10 minutes.]

[All status ailments and curses affecting the user will be cleansed.]

[If the affected user is under a status ailment or curse, they will receive 20% maximum health healing and their health regeneration will increase by 200% for five minutes.]

The great holy purification spell spread throughout the area which even made Nuno wince in pain. His corrupted body is not built to be in the presence of pure divine energy. The large body of the possessed golem tumbled down as it was hurt by the purification spell despite it not being an attack spell.

With the team renewed, they started to get on the offensive once more. Kabrakan suddenly jumped high from the position he was in and slammed his two large shields towards the body of the boss monster. The attack might not have dealt great damage due to Kabrakan having low damage modifier, but it pinned down the boss monster back to the ground.

Since the golem that Nuno possessed is made of earth, Kabrakan's Earth Shaker title activated upon it. Tremors could be seen travelling to the body of the large golem as it now struggled to stand up. The two women also assisted in pinning down the earth golem to the ground by releasing blasts of wind from above.

"Bramble Trap!" Levin Cloud casted as numerous thorny vines suddenly came out of the ground and held down the gigantic boss monster.

They noticed that Nuno became stronger when he possessed the earth golem, but it also somehow bonded them together. That is the only explanation on how they could damage Nuno despite only damaging the golem. Nuno did not simply possess the core of the earth golem because there is no core to begin with.

They now know that Nuno has indeed spread out his soul towards all parts of the earth golem. The Champions of Mahar Lika started their counter offensive on the hostile giant. Lupa's axe could be seen getting bigger with each swing while it also started to release vibrations in the direction it is swung. Hangin's bow also started to change as it started to have a sheen.

Hangin inhaled deeply and pulled her bowstring. She remained isolated in the air for a good few seconds before she released one mystical arrow that is different from the arrows that she released. A magic circle appeared in front of her and the arrow that she released transformed into a beautiful bird that contained the wind and water elements.

The giant bird that controlled the wind and water elements crashed down at full power against the boss monster. The huge solid body of the earth golem started to crumble due to the mixing of other elemental energies. Before the trapped boss monster could do something towards them, Apolaki already activated the special skill that he is saving.

"Spirit Sword: Resonance." Apolaki stated as he jumped to the air and all the remaining spiritual swords plunged on the ground started to fly towards him.

All the remaining spiritual sword gathered towards the kampilan that Apolaki is wielding. The ordinary weapon that he is using started to become a spiritual sword as well since the souls of the spiritual sword is entering the kampilan. The normal looking sword that he held suddenly started to develop a mystical aura around it.

Nuno knew by instinct that this attack will definitely hurt him as he feared the spiritual swords of the Supreme God Bathala more than anything else in Mahar Lika. Nuno tried cutting his connection to the earth golem since his very soul is scattered inside of it but that proved to be difficult. The part of the golem body that is mixed with foreign elements are slow to respond.

As such, Apolaki managed to plunge his transformed spiritual sword upon the golem's body. Nuno could not take the pain and shouted with all his might. As soon as Apolaki plunged the kampilan on the earth golem's chest, a bright light suddenly flashed from the chest and with it a great powerful shockwave.

All of them got knocked back by about ten meters while the earth golem body that was solid became dust. A small figure suddenly flew out the dissolved body of the earth golem as if he was evicted from his home. The god fragment is now filled with even greater malice towards his attackers.

NPC Name: Nuno

Tier: Mythical

Level: 280

Health: 50%

Mana: 100%

Bufs: Earth God Spirit Fragment, Possessed by the Parasitic Shroom

The group managed to decrease the boss monster's health by half with great teamwork. They thought that it would be smooth sailing from there on, but they were wrong. The face of Nuno that had a haughty smile is now that of pure anger. The god fragment suddenly took out an item from its subspace that looked like an earthen pot.

Kabrakan immediately knew what that earthen pot holds or rather he could feel it instinctually. He shouted for the team to stop the boss monster from attempting to eat it but that proved to be difficult. The ground that was full of flowers suddenly started to get polluted by miasma as Nuno released his full might upon them.

Nuno, who is now carrying an earthen pot, suddenly opened his mouth wide and ate the pot with one big gulp. Madness could be seen written on the face of the god fragment as its old man looking body started to explode from within. The explosion from within even made the visual horrible as one can see Nuno's body starting to pop from the inside.

Thankfully, he is not a human being which means that he has no blood or bones. Each time that a part of Nuno's body explodes, he would release not only toxic fumes but also shrooms that infect the ground. The beautiful flora and fauna that Levin Cloud created has died without even much resistance.

Hangin did not let go of the chance to hit Nuno with her arrows as the target is now pinned to his current location by the backlash of absorbing the earthen pot. She thought that Nuno would be defeated as long as she blows his head off with the arrow, but she is greatly mistaken.

The arrow that she released did blow off part of Nuno's head, but the corrupted god fragment did not die. Instead, a large explosion of toxic fumes and shrooms are released. Levin Cloud told them to get away from the area as even the flora and fauna that was affected by Gaea's Cleansing wind all died under the influence of the toxic fumes and shrooms.

A loud cry of something inhuman could then be heard a few seconds later that chilled the spine of those that heard it.

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A piercing cry of something inhuman could be heard by everyone in the area that made their souls quiver. It is a cry of something that should not be present in this world because it is the cry of a dark god. A being that is being rejected by the world as it messes with the balance of nature just by existing.

NPC Name: Nuno (Parasitic Mushroom Dark God's Shadow Form)

Tier: Mythical

Level: 280

Health: 50%

Mana: 100%

Bufs: Devoured Earth God Spirit Fragment, Parasitic Mushroom Dark God's Shadow

Buff: Devoured Earth God Spirit Fragment

Effect: All the effects of the Earth God Spirit Fragment buff will be carried over. Also, the new being will now be able to devour the earth elemental energy from attacks and spells in order to restore health. Only 50% of the total earth elemental damage devoured will be used as recovery.

Buff: Parasitic Mushroom Dark God's Shadow

Effect: The being called Nuno has now been fully devoured by the Parasitic Mushroom Dark God's Shadow. He has now transformed to become the new Parasitic Dark God's Shadow and will try to fully revive his real self as the Parasitic Mushroom Dark God was defeated back during the war of gods.

The body will now release fumes and shroom spores when it is attacked using sharp edges. The poison will spread to a three-meter radius while the spores will stick to the body of the attacker to deal damage. The miasma released by the Parasitic Mushroom Dark God's Shadow will also reduce the speed of people around him.

[You have been afflicted by the miasma of the Parasitic Mushroom Dark God's Shadow.]

[Attack Speed will be reduced by 20%.]

[Movement speed will be reduced by 10%.]

Nuno is no longer an old man in stature as he is now a ten-meter-tall abomination that looks like a mushroom combined with a human. The clouds above Nuno have become dark as well since the

miasma he released affected his surroundings to a great degree. Even the champions of gods that have divine energy in their body is getting afflicted by the curse.

Nuno now muttered in a language that is foreign to everyone around him. For the players and NPCs, all they could hear are sounds of numerous monsters being mixed together. As Nuno is muttering, runes started to swirl around the huge body of the Parasitic Mushroom Dark God's Shadow.

The runes are different from the ones being utilized by the mages as it looked foreign. It is also not activated using mana but miasma from the body of the dark god. Levin Cloud instinctively knew that they will not be able to survive if they get hit by that thing.

"Peridot! Kabrakan! Operation: Aegis" Levin Cloud shouted.

Levin Cloud immediately conjured up the vines to fetch the other companions. He then created a barrier made of bramble vines that covered the entire party.

"Multi Layered Elemental Barrier!" Peridot chanted as 40% of her total mana vanished just like that.

Peridot then utilized four elemental barriers to enforce the defenses of the bramble shield. Even she could feel the great danger from her draconic senses. She knows that they will not live if they get hit by that attack. The elements in the surroundings are basically crying for help when she saw the strange runes manifesting.

"Iron Body! Crystal Protector! Transfer: Area Barrier!" Kabrakan shouted as he slammed his two shields on the ground, and it merged with it.

Kabrakan used Iron Body to increase his defenses by 100% for ten minutes. He also used Crystal Protector to further increase the defenses of his shields by 150% for five minutes. He then activated the Aegis Guardian special skill called Transfer: Area Barrier.

Skill Name: Transfer: Area Barrier

Tier: Legendary

Type: Area Protection

Effect:

- Create a five-meter radius special dome barrier within the area around you with you as the center.
- The five-meter radius special dome barrier will receive the defensive skills of the caster and his shields.
- The health of the barrier will be dependent on the total health of the caster.
- All entities inside the barrier will not be affected by damaging abilities outside of it regardless of if it is friend or foe.
- The barrier will persist for the total duration or if it gets destroyed.

Cooldown: 1 hour

Mana Cost: 15% of Total mana

Duration: 10 minutes

Cast Time: 5 seconds

The team is now covered with six layers of defenses while Levin Cloud also casted the Fortification Spell to increase everyone's defenses as well. Kabrakan also commanded the two NPCs to stand behind him as they will not be able to revive if they die. His beastkin instinct knew that they will barely survive this attack even with all the barriers.

The corrupted runes that floated around the Parasitic Mushroom Dark God's Shadow started to form ten rings as the spell is almost complete. The next thing that happened shocked everyone in Mahar Lika as a beam of light came down from the sky. The whole area suddenly darkened as wave of miasma is suddenly released.

The barrier that the gods created to seal Nuno suddenly shook for a moment and lost power for a few seconds. The barrier is suddenly released but numerous gods of Mahar Lika forcefully descended to the mortal plane and activated their powers to create a new seal. They wanted to kill the Parasitic Mushroom Dark God's Shadow, but they do not have the immediate strength to do so.

They have forcefully descended which means a lot of their strength vanished the moment they did so. If they do not seal the Parasitic Mushroom Dark God's Shadow in the area now, then it could wreak more havoc. It might even erase all life on Mahar Lika due to how powerful the Parasitic Mushroom Dark God's Shadow is.

The gods managed to restore the seal back in time, but they could not sustain their bodies in the mortal plane since they forcefully descended. They contacted all their champions to come to the third island and destroy the dark god shadow that appeared. The gods knew that three champions and three outsiders will no longer be able to deal with the opponent.

[Your Bramble Dome Shield could handle the miasma and was destroyed.]

[The Flame Dome Barrier could not hold and is erased due to the strong miasma.]

[The Frost Dome Barrier could not hold and is erased due to the strong miasma.]

[The Wind Dome Barrier could not hold and is erased due to the strong miasma.]

[The Earth Dome Barrier could not hold and is erased due to the strong miasma.]

[The Area Barrier created by Kabrakan has been destroyed due to the effect of miasma.]

The moment that Levin Cloud, Peridot and Kabrakan saw these notifications, they already knew what they need to do. The attack will definitely reach them, but the two NPCs must survive no matter what. Kabrakan used his body and hugged Apolaki, Lupa and Hangin tightly.

Levin Cloud then transformed his body into vines and provided another extra layer of protection by covering them. Peridot transformed into her dragon form and covered Levin Cloud. The three definitely had this plan in motion when they got the quest as they must never let Lupa and Hangin die.

The two NPC champions knew what the three were planning and wanted to stop them. They are champions and their pride will not let anyone sacrifice their life for them as they need to sacrifice

their life for the greater good. When Apolaki noticed that the two champions wanted to break free, he assured them that it is part of the plan.

The next thing everyone saw is that a black light hit them as Peridot died. Levin Cloud managed to hold on for a few more seconds but ultimately died as well. Kabrakan screamed in pain, but he held his ground until his body started to turn into pixels as well. Apolaki, Lupa and Hangin witnessed all of this as they heard the pained cries of the three as they turned into particles of light.

The miasma still hit Apolaki, Lupa and Hangin but the damage that they received is minimal. Their health was already healed back to full before everything happened which is why they managed to survive due to the sacrifice of the three. Just as they thought that they are able to be unharmed, a black tendril like spear suddenly came straight to their location.

Apolaki pushed the other two champions as he could not whip his weapon immediately. The black tendril pierced Apolaki's heart and he started to turn into particles as well. Lupa and Hangin followed the direction where the black tendril came from and saw that it originated from the body of the boss monster.

The two champions started to tear up as no one has ever managed to sacrifice their lives for them. It was always them that tried to sacrifice their lives for other. The two of them steeled their resolve and wanted to their lives to defeat Nuno but a voice suddenly called out to them.

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"Stop! Do not sacrifice yourselves." Levin Cloud shouted as he revived back to life using his passive revival skill. The spirits of the three players that died are still present in the mortal realm and have yet to go to Limbo.

The grim reaper that appeared in the area returned back to the death realm when it saw Levin Cloud. It seems that it knew that the Envoy of the Twin Gods will perform the miracle of resurrection to the souls of the players. A faint light gathered in Levin Cloud's pendulum, and it seeped on the ground like a drop of water.

When players die and Levin Cloud is in the party, a flower will be left to indicate where they died. Each flower is also dependent on the abilities or physical stature. Peridot left behind a flower that has four petals with a different color each representing the elements. Kabrakan left a flower that has bull horns on it and the leaves look like two large shields.

Apolaki left a flower that looked otherworldly as it is beautiful, but it looked like it would fade to the spirit world. Each flower represented their souls and the green energy that seeped from the ground attached itself to the three flowers making them fully bloom.

"Life is brought back from the brink of death. Flowers of Rebirth!" Levin Cloud casted his mass revive skill.

The three unique flowers suddenly started to bloom and increase in size. Each of the flowers grew to the size of the players that died. Nuno (Parasitic Mushroom Dark God's Shadow Form) wanted to charge at the group, but its body is not working as intended. The attack it used earlier gave it a huge backlash and it could not move for a few minutes.

All three flowers fully bloomed and grew with each player coming out of them. Lupa and Hangin had their mouths agape as they just witnessed the miracle of resurrection right in front of them. In

fact, they are even more shocked that Levin Cloud revived in full health, and he also revived the three fully.

"That was an experience." Apolaki stated as he experienced that resurrection is not just a sudden poof.

The souls of the three are basically sucked inside of the three flowers. The three flowers with their souls then experienced the life of a flower growing. They felt something similar to real birth which is why they wanted to move their bodies as soon as they can.

"Enough being amazed. We still need to defeat that thing. It managed to destroy the barrier for a few seconds. The gods of Mahar Lika had to descend forcefully to repair it." Levin Cloud stated as he saw the happenings outside the barrier. He also saw that a god managed to damage Nuno in the process as well.

NPC Name: Nuno (Parasitic Mushroom Dark God's Shadow Form)

Tier: Mythical

Level: 280

Health: 40%

Mana: 50%

Bufs: Devoured Earth God Spirit Fragment, Parasitic Mushroom Dark God's Shadow

"We got revived fully so we need to give it our all now. The other champions will also be coming soon which is why we need to stop it from creating another spell like that." Apolaki reported.

"We shall use our life to repay your favors." Lupa stated.

"I agree. Your sacrifice for us is enough gratitude to fulfill the covenant." Hangin added.

The two of them suddenly poured great amounts of power towards their weapons. The armor of the two started to change as they activated the special skill attached to their spirit weapons.

"Spirit Armor: Dumangan!" Lupa shouted.

"Spirit Armor: Anitun Tabu!" Hangin shouted as well.

Apolaki already informed the the three about the so-called Spirit Armor. It is a special function in their spirit weapons that call upon a fragment of their patron god to descend upon their body as armor. They will also gain great power, but it also comes at a cost since the backlash will be immense. A mortal's body is not supposed to carry that much divinity.

Lupa's Spirit Armor is made of the earth element itself as his lower armor is formed from the soil itself. He also became topless but the symbol of runes that spelled Dumangan appeared on his upper body. The axe that he wielded also became a carabao made of metal.

Hangin's Spirit Armor is different from her reserved outfit that she wore. She now wears a one-piece dress that flows freely with the wind. A long flowing cloth is also rotating around her that seems to be some sort of protection from long ranged attacks. Her bow transformed to a weapon that is not that tangible as it became water droplets and wind.

As soon as the two released their spirit armor, Nuno could now move once again. It let out a scream that pierced the ears of those who heard it. It seems that Nuno is upset that the barrier that he broke with all his might came back. Its eyes suddenly changed direction as it knew that it does not have enough power to do another attack like that.

Nuno looked at the six individuals inside the barrier and immediately knew that it must devour them. If it devours at least three of them then it will have enough power for another massive attack. The gods of Mahar Lika will not be able to descend once more if he destroys the seal again.

"It is heading for us." Kabrakan pointed out but all of them looked serious.

"No more holding back as we will definitely die if we do not do our very best." Peridot stated as she started to shift to a human-dragon hybrid form instead of her human form.

Levin Cloud also started to be serious as the need to finish off the boss monster as fast as possible. The longer that they take then the more dangerous it is for them. They must not wait for the boss monster to recover its strength. Levin Cloud then proceeded to spin his pendulum at great speeds, and it created a ring of holy energy.

"Paragon of the Twin Gods!" Levin Cloud stated as the holy ring suddenly passed through his body.

Levin Cloud's form suddenly changed as his clothes that are dirty suddenly glowed in a bright green light. The pendulum that he used as a weapon turned into particles of green light that he can freely move.

[You have activated Paragon of the Twin Gods.]

[All damage dealt to the enemy will heal all your allies that you have tagged.]

[Deal double damage to enemies that are tagged as 'Evil'.]

[Devotion will temporarily be added to your stats as bonus stat points.]

[Devotion is 3012. You will gain 300 stat points per basic stat during the skill duration.]

[You have 20 minutes before Paragon of the Twin Gods end.]

This skill is the one attached to the Pendulum of Life and Death that Levin Cloud uses as a weapon. It is one of the unlocked skills that he received when he upgraded it to legendary tier. It is also Levin Cloud's hidden weapon to go toe to toe with any other player that is of a fighter class.

"Beast Transformation!" Kabrakan shouted as his body doubled in size and he looked more like a minotaur than a beast kin.

[Kabrakan has activated Beast Transformation. All stats will be doubled for ten minutes.]

"Wilde Soul!" Kabrakan shouted again as the astral projection of himself came out of his body.

[Duration for Wilde Soul: 10 minutes]

The Wilde Soul acted like another Kabrakan, but it did not deal physical damage but magical damage. This is actually a skill that he inherited from the soul of the minotaur, Asterion. Kabrakan and his Wilde Soul charged towards the large body of the boss monster.

The boss monster also charged towards them screaming while releasing poisonous fumes and shrooms along the way as it terraformed the forest it was sealed on. Kabrakan and his Wilde Soul raised their hooves and stomped it heavily towards the ground.

"Seismic Slam!" Kabrakan stated.

The seismic wave that the stomp emitted travelled all the way to the body of the charging boss monster. The loud boss monster suddenly started to slow down as its body became sluggish.

[Kabrakan managed to put Nuno (Parasitic Mushroom Dark God's Shadow Form) to sleep for five seconds.]

"Thanks for the assist!" Apolakai stated as he activated the spiritual sword that is still buried in Nuno's soul.

"Spiritual Sword: Severance!" Apolaki stated as his kris suddenly became bigger and pierced the chest of Nuno from the inside.

Apolaki then made a pulling motion and his kris came flying out of Nuno's body. The large kris became smaller as it travelled towards Apolaki's hand. Nuno woke up screaming as a chunk of its soul was ripped apart by the spiritual sword.

"Do not get mad yet. You must feel the wrath of the four elements." Peridot stated as her four gems revolved around Nuno.