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Those three dragons decided to run away. However, Ryan didn't feel for that obvious trap. When he looked below him, he saw the two fallen dragons preparing a big attack... a lot of mana was being concentrated in front of their mouth, and the mana was turning into ice.

"I can't get greedy here."

Seven dragon hearts surely would help Ryan quite a lot, but he decided to gladly accept four. When the monster opened their mouths a little more, a cannon of ice and snow was fired through it. If Ryan had the time to do it, he would have shaken his head in disapproval... What was the point of using such a large attack when Ryan could use Flash and easily avoid it? However, it looked like the dragons considered that. When he reappeared a few meters away from his previous position, the cannons of ice changed their trajectory.

In the end, Ryan decided to stop his wind magic to levitate with his shield. His falling speed was equal to the speed of the dragon's movement, so the ice cannon never reached. Half a second before landing, Ryan fired his arrow, and the special projectile hit the head of the dragon on the left side. The cannon of ice was stopped immediately, and the neck of the creature snapped soon after half of the head exploded.

You obtained 45.000 coins.

The last one still tried to freeze Ryan to death, but before its attack could reach him, he used Flash and reappeared behind the dragon's back, and without hesitation, he swung his ax on the monster. The beast trembled in agony when several of its scales flew to the sides and even tried to roll in order to protect the back of its head, but that had been a mistake. When the monster showed its face and exposed eyes, Ryan fired his twin longswords at the monsters' eyes.

The monster lost its eyes, but even in that condition, the creature tries to smash Ryan with both arms. Escaping wasn't an option. The monster decided to die while fighting. Against a foe that was wounded, Ryan decided to fight melee. However, when he tried to repel one of the dragon's arms, he was sent

flying for several meters, and he dislocated his shoulders. Somehow, Ryan landed on his fist and fixed his shoulder before using Heal, but not even that made him give up on fighting up close.

Repelling the attack with his strength alone wasn't possible yet, but Ryan, with his speed, dodged the monster's next attack, swung his ax, and cut off one of the monster's fingers. The same scene repeated itself several times until the creature finally dies of blood loss. Finally, the last dragon dropped a tome, but Ryan didn't feel like celebrating. He won against seven dragons and killed four solo. However, until he obtains the power to do that without relying on potions, there was no point in getting excited.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Ice Storm.

Effect: creates an ice storm in a small area that causes damage and can freeze your foes.

Damage: 100% per second

Cost: 100 mana per second.

You obtained 01 status point.

It was a completely useless skill for that environment. Still, given that Ryan himself didn't have area of effect skills on his arsenal aside from the Fire Storm that he could only use thanks to his twin swords, it was a nice skill to welcome. Still... it seemed kind of cheap given that Ryan killed four dragons. Fortunately, the best was yet to come.

Your health increased by twenty points.

Your mana increased by twenty points.

Your willpower increased by twenty points.

Your dexterity increased by twenty points.

"I guess this isn't half bad." Ryan nodded in satisfaction.

It was a pity to leave those bodies behind, but since his ring couldn't store a lot, Ryan left the area without looking back. At first, he thought of fishing a little bit those damn megalodons, but instead of that, he headed toward the center of the city and looked for the dungeon. It was time to get another class and put his dire wolf in his office.

Ryan felt alone many times over the last two months. Most of the time, he felt like that because of the destruction and lack of survivors in the places he passed. However, that feeling was a lot stronger in that city due to the snow. The cold and strong wind made everything look so desolate and dead... suddenly, Ryan caught some presence hidden among a massive pile of snow that was probably hiding a house or something. Nine survivors were in there... to think that humans could survive this long in such a desolate place that was at the same time, so freezing cold... although that surprised Ryan, he soon moved onward toward the dungeon. His job wasn't to look after survivors. Besides, if those people managed to survive even though dragons were flying over the city for several weeks, they didn't need his help.

When Ryan finally found some ice foxes, he couldn't help but blink several times since the monsters were hiding in the snow thanks to their white fur. If he hadn't used Radar, he probably would have missed them. When he stopped, the monsters noticed that the surprise attack had failed and prepared to bombard him with ice arrows, but before that could happen, Ryan decimated them with Flame Arrows. Although his magic lost speed and power due to the conditions of the ambient, the ice foxes still died after getting hit a single time... it looked like Ryan will have an easy time clearing the dungeon.

Class: Hunter Lv 50 (+ 03 UP / Elementalist Lv 50 (+ 03 UP)/ Monk Lv 16 (-)

Race: Night Demon /Reptilian/ Ice Fox (-)

Rank: 475th  $\rho_{\text{??}} \sqrt{\text{??}(\text{?})\text{??}}$

Health: 579/579 (2. 82/s)

Mana: 1065/1065 (2. 82/s)

Stamina: 859/859 (2. 82/s)

Strength: 30 (+131) (+130)

Dexterity: 1000 (+720) (+57)

Speed: 70 (+319) (+48)

Intelligence: 80 (+365) (+3)

Endurance: 27 (+111) (+130)

Control: 06 (+338) (+10)

Mentality: 07 (+16) (+30)

Luck: 74 (+9)

Recovery: 600 (+792) (+300)

Willpower: 29 (+16)

Coins: 510.221

Status: 00

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Power Shot Lv 62 (+ 16 UP), Dash Lv 25 (+ 02 UP), Sting Lv 09 (+ 04 UP),  
Hawkeye Lv 13 (+ 04 UP), Bash Lv 10 (+ 03 UP),

Passive Physical Skills: Eagle Eyes Lv 51 (+ 04 UP), Concentration Lv 51 (+ 04 UP), Archery Lv 51 (+ 04 UP), Accuracy Lv 51 (+ 04 UP), Stealth Lv 39 (+ 04 UP), Precision Lv 43 (+ 03 UP), Swordsmanship Lv 40 (+ 02 UP), Art of Sniping Lv 47 (+ 04 UP),

Spells: Heal Lv 32 (+ 02 UP), Lesser Poisonous Enchantment Lv 15 (+ 04 UP), Incomplete Reptilian Transformation Lv 23 (+ 02 UP), Transformation Lv 04 (+ 03 UP), Purification Lv 01, Regeneration Lv 01, Full-Heal Lv 03 (+ 02 UP), Summon Golem Lv 01, Fire Transformation Lv 03 (+ 02 UP), Ice Storm Lv 01

Support Skills: Sleep Resistance Lv 23 (+ 02 UP), Nocturnal Eyes Lv 24 (+ 02 UP), Master's Support Lv 22 (+ 02 UP), Ice Bound Lv 14 (+ 04 UP), Cold Resistance Lv 19 (+ 04 UP),

Classes:

Combat: Sage Lv 45 (+ 01 UP), Beastmaster Lv 27 (+ 01 UP), Archer Lv 38 (+ 02 UP), Summoner Lv 20, Combat Archer Lv 17 (+ 02 UP), Sorcerer Lv 15 (+ 03 UP), Sniper Lv 13 (+ 02 UP), High Priest Lv 03, (+ 02 UP)

Non-Combatant:

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It looked like dragons had terrible tracking skills, or at the very least, those which Ryan fought were pretty stupid. He found dozens of white foxes hidden in the piles of snow along the way. However, he didn't find a single one that was stronger than the others.

"I guess even though the dragons missed a lot of monsters, they didn't let go unchecked the monsters that appeared after the dungeon break."

After a while, Ryan found the dungeon in what was supposed to be the city's center. After checking all directions and noticing that there were no dragons nearby, he decided to use Call and make his dire wolf. Clearing that dungeon would be a breeze, and given the strength that his pet had, ice foxes wouldn't be a problem, so he didn't have to train in.

Just to make he wouldn't run into any problems, Ryan restocked his potions supply before entering the dungeon. The place looked like a subterranean cave that had been excavated inside a mountain of ice. Not even the dire wolf's dungeon looked like that... probably because Fenrir was a creature that used fire attacks. He could withstand ice, but he probably would hate to stay for weeks inside an ice cave.

At the end of the dungeon, Ryan found a single boss. The creature was basically an over-sized ice fox. Also, for some strange reason, the creature had nine tails. Although Ryan felt an even weirder sense of familiarity with that monster, the creature tried to smash him with two blocks of ice without hesitation... as expected, the boss could feel that Ryan had killed many ice foxes... many of its friends.

The monster had a cool design and seemed powerful enough to guard most dungeons, but since Ryan couldn't have any other tamed monsters, he grabbed his bow and started to fight. In the beginning, the big ice fox tried to smash Ryan several times by creating Ice Walls on his sides and then forcing them to collide. However, Ryan blocked those attacks by using the Frozen Gauntlets and Wind Manipulation.

Meanwhile, Ryan stood still while charging a single Power Shot. The monster finally noticed what Ryan wanted to do and decided to change tactics. Surprisingly enough, the monster also could use Ice Cannon, but before the attack could hit Ryan, he fired his Power Shot and completely destroyed the monster's head.

You obtained 7.500 coins.

As expected, the job had been too easy. It wasn't surprising since Ryan had been fighting for several months with only dragons as his goals. In any case, the monster dropped a ring, but Ryan just stored it ceremonially away inside his ring. There was no need to feel excited or bothered by the difference in strength. The only thing Ryan had to worry about was getting more power.

Congratulations! You have cleared the dungeon and obtained its treasure! As a reward for your achievement, you can obtain one of the three following classes: Swordsman, Thief, and Elementalist.

Please be aware that clearing this dungeon again won't give you the chance to unlock the other remaining classes. If you want to obtain them, you will have to search for those in other dungeons.

Although that was a bit shocking and disappointing, that had already happened once. So, Ryan deal with it after a single sigh. While he could get the hunter or Elementalist class and get fifteen status points, Ryan decided to pick the swordsman class. He didn't forget the fact that he was getting wounded pretty a lot as of late, and besides, even though that wasn't his priority anymore, now and then, he used swords with Wind Manipulation. He will probably be able to level up that class relatively fast.

Congratulations! You have become a Level one Swordsman!

You obtained the following skills: Bash, Iron Will, and Determination.

Your health and strength will increase by two points. Your mana, stamina, endurance, and mentality will increase by one point whenever you level up your class.

Congratulations! Considering that you already have the skill Bash, your skill will level up five times.

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You obtained 01 status point.

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Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Iron Will.

Effect: It increases your willpower by one point per level

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Determination.

Effect: It increases your mentality by one point per level.

You obtained 01 status point.

Ryan looked at the purple crystal and imagined how much powerful he could become by going to the other world. However, even though his desire for power had increased, it didn't blind him for the problems in front of him. Until he manages to put at least a group of survivors and a tamed monster in each of the dungeons in his country, he couldn't start an offensive. What was the point of attacking when your back was exposed? In the end, Ryan left the dungeon, wondering where he should go next. However, such thoughts disappeared from his mind when he heard the grunt of his dire wolf in the distance.

“He should have already arrived here...” Ryan muttered.

In a hurry, Ryan left the dungeon and headed toward the grunt had come. When Ryan arrived at the place his dire wolf was, he saw his pet biting a human, and five or so kids were punching the creature. The scene made Ryan frown... now that he thought about it, he never gave any orders as to what his pets should do if a human attack them. Since that was the case, the monster did what he saw fit.

“Stop,” Ryan said and then sighed.

When the dire wolf heard Ryan's order, it immediately dropped on the ground the human that was in his mouth. The kids cried and screamed in shock when they saw a black-haired woman missing one arm and its two legs... that sight would probably haunt them down forever, so Ryan decided to act faster in order to decrease its effects.

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When Ryan approached, he noticed that his wolf almost killed the black-haired woman, but he also noticed that he had only eaten one of her arms. The two legs she had lost... the scars seemed several weeks old.



“Move,” Ryan said.

The kids looked at Ryan, startled since he looked as much as vicious as his pet. Despite that, they had the nerve to get in his way and protect the woman. That was quite surprising since they weren't even ten years old. Ryan sighed and then used Wind Manipulation to make the woman fly toward him. She was trembling a lot due to the cold and pain, but she was already unconscious. Considering their number, Ryan realized they were probably the presence he felt earlier.

Regardless, Ryan used Full-Heal, and after a few seconds, all the woman's limbs were back to their rightful places. However, not even a crazy spell could do everything. Ryan finally realized that the woman and the kids were almost only skin and bones... they probably didn't have many chances to look for food or even eat monsters due to the dragons.

“Why this kind of shit only happens to me...” Ryan sighed.

Now that he had met those survivors, Ryan couldn't leave them alone. Even worse, taking them back will cost him a lot of time. Unless he uses his dire wolf, it will take days, if not weeks, to bring all of them to the military base.

While Ryan was trying to find an easy way out of that mess, the kids looked at the black-haired woman in shock. Although she still was covered in her own blood, they couldn't help but be amazed that her limbs were back. In the end, Ryan didn't find an easy solution. His only option was to take them back to the base with his dire wolf's help.

After another long sigh, Ryan began to build a big sled made of earth. Instead of a sled, it looked like a pretty large tent that could be pulled by a vehicle, and in this case, a large monster. After the tent made of the earth was complete, Ryan used Earth Transformation and turned the earth into the concrete. The walls were pretty thin, just like the floor, since it would be too heavy otherwise. However, it needed at least that much to protect the brats from the cold wind.

The kids screamed again when the woman began to levitate and entered the weird-looking tent, but at least they followed her to inside and that saved Ryan from the trouble of giving them any orders. After that, he used some ropes and connected his creation to the dire wolf's body.

“Don’t look at me like that,” Ryan said. “It is your fault that we are in this mess.”

The dire wolf didn’t look troubled in the slightest. The creature just stared at Ryan, waiting for new orders. Based on Ryan’s estimation, the kids, the woman, and the improvised tent probably weighed as much as the wolf so that the creature would be considerably slower than usual. Ryan could use magic now and then to help, but even so... they will have a long journey ahead of them.

“Let’s grab some of the dragon’s meat,” Ryan declared.

The trip would belong, and there was no need to make it even more uncomfortable. So, after jumping on the dire wolf’s back, the beast began to move toward where Ryan killed the monsters. In the end, Ryan only managed to store inside his ring around five hundred pounds of dragon’s meat. The kids’ screamed when they saw the massive corpses and even more so when Ryan started to cut off the meat that they were going to eat. ρ??∫??(?)???

“So noisy...” Ryan sighed.

It will take some time before they arrive in a region where the dire wolf will have anything to eat, so Ryan let the beast fill its belly for the time being. Meanwhile, Ryan prepared some containers of hot water and also grilled some of the meat. After that, he entered the tent to clean the woman’s body. The blood had already dried, so he had to hurry. However, a little girl protested when she tried to unbutton the dark-haired woman’s shirt.

“What are you doing?” A blonde little girl asked.

“She needs to be cleaned,” Ryan said. “You guys also need a shower, I guess. Just wait for your turn. Before that, you can go and eat some of that meat over there.”

“You can’t do that; you are a boy!” The girl insisted.

“I am a man, and this doesn’t trouble me in the slightest,” Ryan said. “Still, you have a point. Based on my experiences, she will probably annoy me once she learns that I saw her naked. Can you do that? Clean her body?”

“I can... I helped my aunt clean her baby many times,” The little girl said.

“Fair enough,” Ryan said. “You guys help her, and the other brats will stay on guard duty with me. Those who try to peek will receive divine punishment.”

“Why would we try to peek?” A cheeky, black-haired boy asked.

“I guess you are really brats all right,” Ryan shrugged while showing a small smile.

After separating boys from girls, Ryan made the brats eat their meal. It was quite shocking how tasty dragon’s meat could be even without salt or anyone seasoning. Maybe mana was the cause of that... that would explain why monsters tried to eat humans and looked so passionate about it.

Ryan thought now that he wasn’t alone, he would be an easy target for Fenrir and the other dire wolves, but surprisingly, those creatures never showed up. Either they learned their lesson, or at the very least, they were smart enough that using hostages against Ryan would be useless. Still, if the monsters on the ground had no plans on attacking, Ryan decided to focus his attention on the sky. For the better or, the worse, he was leaving a trail behind, and dragons could easily find it while they fly in the sky.

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When the boys ate their meal and filled their bellies, the girls finally finished their job. It was kind of surprising that the black-haired woman didn’t wake up after all that. The blood loss had been pretty intense...

“Now it is your turn to eat,” Ryan said to the girls. “Be quick because we need to depart soon.”

Now that Ryan saw her cleaned, he realized that the unconscious woman was fairly young. She was probably around his age, and she was a teacher, which would explain why the kids were too attached to her. In any case, even though Ryan gave them the order to stay alert in case something happens to the woman, the brats soon fell asleep when they entered the tent. Ryan was using magic to keep the temperature inside it warm enough, but he didn’t think that it would make them relax that much.

“Hey, what is your name?” Ryan asked to the girl who protested earlier.

“Elle...” The blond little girl replied while looking at Ryan with concerned eyes.

“Is that woman your teacher or something?” Ryan asked. “How do you guys managed to survive for this long in that cold city?”

“Yes, she is,” Elle replied. “When the monsters appeared... many peopled died, but since we were in a camp outside the city, miss Katelyn protected us. We stayed hidden for a long time, but then miss Katelyn decided to look for other survivors and our parents... we didn’t find anyone, and then a dragon attacked us... miss Katelyn defeated the monster, but she lost her legs protecting us.”

That was pretty impressive, Ryan couldn’t feel a lot of mana in her body, but maybe it was due to her weakened state. It looked like she managed to hunt ice foxes for food even without her legs, but she didn’t have enough power to face Ryan’s dire wolf. Elle continued the story, and apparently, after confirming that the dragons had disappeared, they decided to leave their hideout. They didn’t find any ice fox either, but then they suddenly saw the dire wolf running toward them, and Katelyn assumed it was an enemy. She attacked, the dire wolf fought back, and she lost.

“... What are you going to do with us?” Elle asked. “Miss Katelyn said that we shouldn’t trust in strangers.”

“... Someone I know asked me to bring you guys to a face place, and that is what I am doing,” Ryan said. “Just forget about what happened and go rest. Everything is going to be fine.” ρ??∪??(?)???

After saying that, Ryan patted Elle’s head, but in the end, he quickly stopped. Even he didn’t know if things will work out in the end, so he couldn’t promise that kind of thing, even to calm down some kids. Besides, he couldn’t let himself get too close to them. His goal might save some humans’ lives, but he needed to focus on getting stronger and not on getting attached to strangers and their problems. That was a cold way to act, but Ryan couldn’t see the point of helping strangers if he didn’t truly want to do that. If he changes his priorities, he will be only a hypocrite who is trying to ignore his fears by doing something else that apparently looked correct. Ryan couldn’t ignore his true wishes... not after everything he experienced until now.

Soon after, with so many thoughts in his mind, Ryan decided to resume the trip. It was getting late, so he couldn't miss the chance to move as much as possible in the dark since the chances of dragons finding his trail would be small.

Although Ryan had to restore the dire wolf's stamina many times, the speed and the amount of noise they made along the way had been more than satisfactory. Thanks to that, they arrived on the earthworm's dungeon just before sunrise. However, Ryan noticed that the snow had grown thicker in that area.

"I don't like this," Ryan muttered. "Fenrir's master is probably behind this, but there is nothing I can do about it."

The population of earthworms had grown quite a bit since Alissa took her guys back to the base, but at least that showed Ryan that he could choose another class. However, as expected, the ruckus caused by the earthworms woke everyone up, even Katelyn. When she left the tent, she saw the creature that almost took her life smashing on earthworm with its paws and Ryan using Flame Arrow and exploding the creatures whenever they showed up. The scene shocked her, but the shock couldn't be compared to what she felt when she finally realized that she was standing on her two feet.

"What the..." Katelyn opened her eyes widely.

"Stand back and don't try anything funny," Ryan said without looking back. "You owe me quite a bit since you caused me a lot of trouble, don't do anything that might increase your debt."

Katelyn clenched her teeth and prepared to fight. Although she didn't mention it to the kids, she saw what humans had become in the last few months. Most of them decided to join the monsters to protect their own lives, and those who didn't become criminals who didn't hesitate in stealing from the weak.

Katelyn didn't know who that man was, but just knowing that he was fighting alongside monsters was enough to make her understand that he was her enemy. Katelyn pointed both of her hands toward Ryan and the dire wolf, but she was forced to stop when she felt a strong wind behind her. Ryan's Paralyzing Spear was ready to strike her back.

"I won't say it again," Ryan said. "You are not stupid since you don't trust me, but you shouldn't be too hasty in this situation. If you make a mistake now, your head will roll."

Katelyn clenched her teeth in exasperation... in that situation, she really couldn't do anything. Her life and the kids' lives were in Ryan's hands. For the good or the worse.

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"Why don't we talk a little while I finish things here?" Ryan asked. "How exactly someone like you managed to slay a dragon? You didn't get any classes yet, right?"

"Classes?" Katelyn frowned.

"Don't answer a question with another question..." Ryan sighed. "If you clear a dungeon, you can obtain a class and three skills. The more you fight, the more the classes level up and the stronger you get. Now, answer my question."

"I obtained a tome... and a certain spell," Katelyn hesitated while looking forward to a way out of that mess.

"Figures... some people are really lucky, but I guess I can't complain about that," Ryan said. "Anyway, what was that spell?"

"... Magic Upgrade," Katelyn said after a few moments of hesitation.

"How come you are a teacher with such poor conversation skills?" Ryan asked. "Explain what the damn skill can do."

"With that skill, I can upgrade magic weapons as long as I have the right components," Katelyn said.

"That seems useful, though I can't see you with any magic weapon," Ryan said. "Let me guess. You lost your weapon fighting against a dragon."

"... Yes," Katelyn replied.

Ryan shrugged. Regardless, that was some pretty useful information. If he could upgrade his magic weapons with that skill, Ryan would be able to increase his potential many more times. Although it was obvious that the skill might fail and the magic weapons might break, it was worth the risk of upgrading magic weapons.

“... What do you want?” Katelyn asked.

“Right now?” Ryan asked. “Clear the nearest dungeon and get my next class. After that? I want to take you guys to a place where you won’t have a hard time looking after those kids. I can’t complain given the situation, but you did a sloppy job keeping them safe.”

Katelyn bit her lips in annoyance. Although she wanted to refute that, she couldn’t since she accepted that fact many times. She wasn’t strong enough to go south, to a warm and safe place. So, she forced the kids to endure that harsh environment.

“What are you going to gain with that?” Katelyn asked. “Certainly, you are expecting to gain something by helping us.”

“I can’t imagine me gaining anything by doing this, only some peace of mind,” Ryan said. “However, you killed a dragon, right? Then you can pay me with the coins you are received.”

“Only that?” Katelyn asked in surprise.

“Do you have something more to offer?” Ryan asked. “While I admit that changing my plans was a hassle, just fifty thousand coins would suffice for the problem you caused.”

“Aren’t you aiming for my body?” Katelyn asked. ρ??∪??(?)???

“Oh, boy... not only you are troublesome, but you even have that much self-esteem, huh?” Ryan asked after laughing a little. “Too bad, I want to stay away from those who are too self-conscious about their appearances. I have no interest in you.”

Although Ryan had to admit that Katelyn was pretty and she had a pair of impressive bazongas, he didn't have the time or the interest to fool around with her. With the world in that state, he won't be able to do it with people related to him at some level. Only with prostitutes, but those are hard to find now that monsters were eating humans left and right...

Katelyn had a hard time believing in that. She also saw many men and women selling their bodies to strong survivors while she was scouting during the first days after the monsters' arrival. As far as she was concerned, she couldn't imagine any other reason a man would help someone like her and a group of children.

After a while, Ryan finally had some room to breathe because the earthworms stopped coming. While he was sure that he would face others, that will only happen the closer he gets to the dungeon.

"If you don't trust me, I don't really mind," Ryan said. "However, before you go with the kids, I want the coins. You are responsible for their lives, so if you think you can survive on your own while protecting all of them, I won't stop you from leaving."

Ryan explained after that. The survivors could give each other coins by shaking their hands. So, after giving fifty thousand coins to him, Katelyn began to ponder. Somehow, she recovered her legs, and she obtained some valuable pieces of information. If she could confirm them, then perhaps going with that base that the unknown man mentioned might be actually the best option.

"Can we go with you and check if those dungeons can really offer us, classes?" Katelyn asked.

"Sure, why not?" Ryan shrugged. "Just stay behind me and don't do anything stupid."

"Don't we have to help to obtain the class?" Katelyn asked. "How many people can obtain a class at once?"

"Twenty-four," Ryan replied. "As long as you stay close enough, anyone can obtain a class when the boss of a dungeon is defeated."



That seemed too good to be true. Still, even though it was risky, Katelyn decided to check that with his own eyes. Ryan didn't show any sign that he was about to attack her, and considering that the kids didn't look that afraid of him, he didn't do anything bad while she was unconscious.

While Ryan and the dire wolf were eliminating the earthworms, Katelyn decided to ask the things that happened while she was out cold. However, to avoid problems, Katelyn only whispered to Elle and Gustav, who was the cheeky boy.

"Did something happen while I was sleeping?" Katelyn asked. "Did he do something?"

"He tried to undress you," Gustav said.

"So, he really is... after my body," Katelyn whispered.

"But I stopped him, and he asked if I could clean miss Katelyn," Elle said. "Before doing that, he made a sparkling light appear, and the light made your legs appear again."

That seemed like a pretty confusing explanation... However, everything that made Katelyn think that Ryan was the one who healed her body... how come humans could do that now?

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In the end, things happened the same way Ryan had said. There was a big monster waiting for them at the end of the dungeon, and when Ryan killed the monster, they obtained access to a treasure chest that gave them the chance to choose a class. Although the classes available weren't that impressive, it was much better than nothing since Katelyn and the kids didn't have a single class.

Congratulations! You have cleared the dungeon and obtained its treasure! As a reward for your achievement, you can obtain one of the three following classes: Viking, Rogue, and Teacher.

Please be aware that clearing this dungeon again won't give you the chance to unlock the other remaining classes. If you want to obtain them, you will have to search for those in other dungeons.

“Again... not a single new class. Regardless, this is a good opportunity to test this system even further.”

Ryan didn't have any reason to choose the Viking class, and he already had the Rogue class. It was the perfect moment to see what those weird classes like Teacher and Disciple could do. Without a hint of hesitation, Ryan chose the Teacher class.

Congratulations! You have become a Level one Teacher!

You obtained the following skills: Lesson, Teacher's Support, and Homework.

Your mana and intelligence will increase by two points, your stamina, health, control, and recovery will increase by one point whenever you level up your class.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Lesson.

Effect: It helps you when you try to teach others spells and skills. The more you show the same skill, the faster those who watch you might learn it.

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Teacher's Support.

Effect: It grants you the chance to select a student, and when you are close to that student, he receives a boost in all attributes as well as his learning speed when Lesson is active. For every five levels in this skill, you can select a new student.

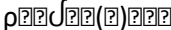
You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Homework.

Effect: It grants the chance to your students passively learn one of your skills randomly.

You obtained 01 status point.

“Those skills are so weird... most of the skills look game-like, but those don’t. Anyway, I should test if I can teach my dire wolf some skills.”

While Katelyn and the kids were choosing their class, Ryan called his dire wolf and tried to activate Teacher’s Support. However, nothing happened. The skill had an active effect of selecting a student and a passive to help the student, but neither of them worked. 

“I guess I can’t use that kind of skill on monsters or tamed beasts... if I can only use on humans, this class won’t be of much help.”

Ryan tried to use it on a summoned slime, but nothing happened. What a massive waste of time... Although Ryan could use the skills on Katelyn or on the kids, it would only come in handy for a few days since he is going to leave them on the base. Teaching kids offensive skills might save their lives one day, but Ryan doubted that Katelyn would let them fight. While she stays alive, she probably won’t even let them think of fighting monsters. Even though they probably had some status points to be used since they leveled up their Cold Resistance quite a bit.

“I need to apologize to you,” Katelyn suddenly approached and spoke. “Everything you said was true, but I doubted until the very last moment...”

“I don’t need your apologies,” Ryan said. “Still, if you really feel bad about it, you can be my test subject. I want to test skill. It is completely safe, so you don’t have to worry about it.”

“... Okay, I will help you,” Katelyn hesitated a little bit.

When Ryan decided to use Teacher’s Support, Katelyn frowned, and it looked like something appeared in front of her... a notification of the system. In the end, Katelyn just accepted the notification, and soon after, Ryan got one notification as well.

Katelyn Tremblay became your student.

Now Ryan just has to choose a skill... in the end, he chose one of the most basics that he had: Flame Arrow. He fired the magic projectile on the wall, and the impact made the place tremble a little. Katelyn frowned once again, but then she showed a puzzled expression.

“Did something happen?” Ryan asked.

“Something appeared on my field of vision...” Katelyn said. “Apparently, it is called ‘learning bar’ and it is saying that I am currently learning the skill Flame Arrow... the bar is at one percent.”

“One percent? Do I have to use that skill one hundred times?” Ryan asked a bit troubled by it.

It seemed like a hassle, but in the end, Ryan fired the one hundred Flame Arrows, he needed intel about his skills, and unfortunately, the description never told him the most important parts.

Congratulations! The skill Teacher’s Support has leveled up.

Teacher’s Support Lv 1 → Lv 3

Effect: It grants you the chance to select a student, and when you are close to that student, he receives a boost in all attributes. For every five-level in this skill, you can select a new student.

You obtained 02 status points.

“... I learned the skill,” Katelyn said, visibly shocked. “How come this is possible?”

“What else happened? Did you gain a skill point?” Ryan asked.

“Yes,” Katelyn nodded.

If the student could obtain a status point as well, then the skill was more useful than Ryan thought. Then again, it only was useful for those who fight in groups. That wasn't his case. Regardless, Mark will pay a lot of coins for that useful information... Ryan would make him pay the right price.

"If you guys have already finished your business, let's get going," Ryan declared. "I want to arrive at the base tomorrow before sunrise."

That would be not easy to accomplish. However, as usual, hard tasks will keep Ryan motivated to keep doing his better and surpass his limits. That was what he needed.

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In the end, Ryan found that all the state of New York was now under some thick snow. Thanks to that, he and the others traveled quite fast, but things slowed down quite a bit when they tried to move above the asphalt. The tent easily crumbled apart with all the movement. In the end, Katelyn and the kids were forced to climb over the dire wolf's back while Ryan run. In any case, they reached the base before sunrise.

"Nothing changed here... my guess was right. Anyway, why I didn't see any dragon flying all this way?"

When Ryan reached the entrance of the base, Mark was there waiting for him with Hugo. It looked like he was using the satellite to keep an eye on him. While that saved Ryan some time telling certain things, it was a pain in the ass.

"You arrived faster than we predicted," Mark said. "Given how much in a hurry you have been as of late, I decided to talk with you while we move."

"That is fine," Ryan said. "But before that, I should introduce your new residents. A woman who killed a dragon without having any class and some brats."

"Hey!" Elle protested.

"Don't call me a brat," Gustav said. "Your weird old man."

"... Hugo, please show our new friends their new residences," Mark said.

"Yes, sir," Hugo nodded. "Follow me."

"... Thank you, Ryan," Katelyn said after hesitating for a little bit. "For healing me."

"I don't accept thanks with words. I only accept coins," Ryan said.

"I guess that is fine," Katelyn forced a smile. "At least it won't make me think that you are aiming for something else."

"Be careful not to fall from your high horse," Ryan said.

Mark waited for a while for Katelyn, and the kids disappear alongside Hugo. And during the whole time, he looked at Ryan's right arm. Although Ryan had a lot of information to sell, Mark was really looking forward about the dungeon in which he obtained the skill to heal completely destroyed limbs.

"I will spare you of some boring details," Ryan said and then took some pages of his notebook and then gave it to Mark. "Everything that I learned is written here."

Mark started to read the papers while they walked. Although Ryan had no real reason to stay in the base at the moment, he decided to do so because he was sure that Mark had some news... probably bad ones.

"Alissa told us a few things, but she doesn't care about small details, so you really helped us with this much information," Mark said. "Although I think you deserve more, we only can pay you 250.000 coins for this much intel. We don't have anything more."

"I am surprised that you have that much," Ryan said.

“We need as much information as we can, and everyone is helping with the coins that we are using to buy intel from you,” Mark explained. “Only a few of us can walk around the country and obtain classes easily, and those who can’t need more information about the classes that they want. Information like the location of the dungeons in which these classes can be obtained and the level of the monsters that can be found there.”

At the very least, Mark didn’t talk as if Ryan and Alissa weren’t risking themselves by looking for more classes. Many people already knew that to obtain some, a price had to be paid. However, only a handful of them had the will to risk their lives to a certain point.

“Regardless, the High Priest class is too far away, and the monsters there are quite difficult,” Mark said. “I am surprised that you two alone managed to win... you also even survived a fight against the watchdog from hell.”

“So, you saw that?” Ryan asked.

“We found signs of a monster following you,” Mark said. “And Alissa confirmed our guesses.”

It looked like Alissa read Ryan’s mind while he wasn’t aware... she needed to be punished, and Ryan already knew what to do.

“Do you feel anything odd with your left arm?” Mark asked.

“No,” Ryan replied.

“So, everything is back to normal?” Mark frowned.

“Pretty much,” Ryan said.

“Forgive me for saying this, but that is hard to believe,” Mark said.

“I can’t blame you for thinking that way,” Ryan shrugged.

“You healed that friend of yours, right?” Mark asked. “So, do you have a good grasp of the limits of the spell?”

“Not yet...” Ryan sighed. “Just stop beating around the bush.”

“Very well...” Mark nodded. “I would like to ask you to use this skill on Zoe. She is a remarkable child, and she can fight much better than most adults here. However, her condition prevents her from showing her true potential.”

Ryan imagined that something like that was bound to help. Most likely, Zoe and the others tried to heal her legs with potions and simple healing spells, but they didn’t obtain any success. Now, Mark wanted to test a high-level healing spell. To be honest, Ryan was absolutely sure that it would work, but something was still bothering him. If something happens and someone loses a limb, the survivors will look for Ryan since he did that before. He couldn’t let that kind of thing to happen again and again. Besides, Ryan also couldn’t let the information that he had such skill spread. He might get some troublesome individuals’ attention since most humans would rather take their chances against him than an army of dire wolves and several Fenrir.

“Why didn’t you ask Alissa to do it?” Ryan asked.

“We asked, but she said that just like Orgar, she is bad at support magic,” Mark explained.

“I guess that isn’t unexpected...” Ryan sighed. “Well, I won’t heal her... I will do something even better to avoid all kinds of future troublesome situations. I am not a good Samaritan, so I can’t help others while knowing that some actions will cause trouble me in the long run.”

“... What exactly do you have in mind?” Mark frowned having no idea what Ryan meant by that.

“I will teach Zoe the spell, and she will use her own strength to recover the movement of her legs,” Ryan replied.



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In the end, Ryan decided to talk alone with Zoe. Although he was doing something that will be beneficial to her and the people on the base, Ryan was also aware that he could be causing some problems to her future. That was why he thought of some countermeasures.

Zoe was training with her Blazing Crossbow in one of the many training rooms alone. Fortunately, she was using fake bolts. Otherwise, her attacks would have destroyed the targets and the walls. When Ryan suddenly appeared in the room, Zoe smiled because Ryan was the person who helped her reunite with her father, after all. However, she frowned when she saw the serious expression on his face.

“What is wrong, big brother?” Zoe asked.

“I am not...” Ryan sighed. “Whatever... we need to talk about something serious.”

“Did something happen?” Zoe asked while she was approaching.

“No, but something will happen,” Ryan said and then took a deep breath before sitting down and resting his back against the ground. “For several reasons, I decided to give you a gift, Zoe. The number one reason is that that gift is going to help you, the second reason is that that will make an important member of this place. The third reason is because you will be able to save many lives with it... and the last reason is that I don’t want to become an important member of this place.”

“What gift?” Zoe asked. “Why don’t you want to be a member of this group? Many people here care about, and Arthur is here too.”

“So, you know him, huh,” Ryan said.

“I play with him now and then,” Zoe said.

“Well, how I can say this...” Ryan sighed again. “I have my goals, Zoe, and I can’t let myself be bound by some situations. In the future, I will return to this place less and less often. I want to reach my goal no matter what... but as you said, Arthur is here, and I want to make sure that this place will be safe enough

for him. With the gift, you will be able to keep this place safe. However, I won't lie and say that this is just for the sake of everyone, I am also doing this to avoid getting involved in a mess, and I even might involve you in something troublesome. This gift is that valuable."

"You talk like my dad... when he is about to give me bad news," Zoe said with her head down.

"Let's just say this will help you but also cause some problems," Ryan said. "I will try to decrease the chances of such problems happening by fighting away from here, but I can't promise that I will succeed."

"But you will do your best?" Zoe asked.

"I guess so..." Ryan scratched the back of his head. "Anyway, I am going to teach you a certain spell... this spell will save many lives and will also heal your legs."

"Really?" Zoe asked, surprised. "Not even big sis, Alissa can heal my legs."

"Big sis..." Ryan frowned. "Regardless, you have to promise that you won't tell anyone that I taught you this. If someone asks, you will have to say that you obtained when you defeated a certain monster."

"I have to lie?" Zoe frowned. "But that is bad."

"There are two types of lies, the first type hurt others, but there is another type that doesn't hurt anyone," Ryan said. "This is the second type, and we are doing this to protect you and me. To avoid problems, you will have to change your fighting style a little bit. You will fight by using monsters."

"I can't do that," Zoe said.

"I will teach you," Ryan said. "However, you will keep training with crossbows or bows. That way, if something happens, you will be able to surprise some troublesome individuals. Do we have a deal?"

"Okay... big bro helped me before, now is my turn to help you," Zoe said with her eyes filled of determination.

“... Thanks, you saved me from a lot of trouble,” Ryan said and then patted Zoe’s head.

In the end, Ryan used Teacher’s support and turned Zoe into his student. It took him a few hours and a lot of mana, but eventually, Zoe learned Full-Heal and Summon Giant Bee. She had a lot of mana, but not enough to use Full-Heal, but Mark decided to lent her some magic items that will increase her mana. Ryan also made sure to warn Mark about his intentions, he trusted Zoe since she was a good kid, but he didn’t trust Mark. So, he had to be quite persuasive about his warning. If you mess up... well, you won’t have another chance to mess up in the future. That was what Ryan said.

When Ryan left the base, it was already dark, and he managed to follow his path with his head clear since he found a pretty good solution to a certain problem. However, soon some worries began to bother him... Ryan recalled the conversation he had with Mark before going to talk with Zoe.

“Ryan, did you notice that the number of dragons decreased considerably?” Mark asked. “The number of dragons on the coast and across the country is pretty small considering the number of dragons that destroyed our country eighty days ago.”

“... I pondered about that several times,” Ryan frowned. “Do you know something about that?”

“Thanks to you and Alissa, we found some explanations for that,” Mark said. “Some dragons notice the advantage of fusing their bodies with of the humans, and many people like Alissa are being born daily. As for another explanation, it seems that many bosses of the dungeons are hunting dragons to strengthen themselves. Some are even using the weapons being dropped by the dragons.”

Ryan felt a headache when he recalled that... many people like Alissa are being born every day. It was only obvious that something like that was bound to happen since dragons can’t use dungeons normally, and for some reason, Ryan felt like those people didn’t have the problems that Alissa and Orgar had to deal with.

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Some people only noticed that Ryan had appeared and sold information to Mark the next day. One of those had been Mia. Although she felt a bit sad that she didn’t see him, her heart was filled with joy when she and many others saw Zoe walking. However, the joy disappeared when she met Katelyn for

the first time. She looked pretty mature, and she had a body to kill for, but that wasn't the reason Mia's mood changed.

"Hello, my name is Katelyn," Katelyn introduced herself to Mia since she looked pretty friendly.

"It is nice to meet you," Mia smiled. "It looks like you are new here. The kids look a bit nervous since we are underground. Anyway, do you already know the base? I can show you the place around while we talk."

"That would help a lot," Katelyn said.

"I thought we didn't have many groups searching for survivors this week," Mia said. "Did you find one of the groups guarding dungeons, and they told you about this place? Or did Daniel find you? I am pretty sure his group is the only one away from the base."

"No, a guy called Ryan brought us here," Katelyn replied.

"Really?" Mia asked while her smile froze.

"Yes, although he is quite rude and full of himself, he helped us quite a lot," Katelyn said with a large smile on her face. "Someday, I will repay the favor since, despite everything, he is a nice guy."

Mia managed to show all the base to Katelyn with a smile on her face, but in the end, the muscles in her face started to hurt thanks to it. It wasn't even noon, but Mia was already exhausted.

Kia decided to check things with Arthur just to be sure since Alissa was with him, but in the end, as usual, there was nothing out of place. She just found Alissa making Arthur laugh by making him levitate in the air.

"It looks like you already found the girl Ryan brought," Alissa said. "Although he has that cold front, Ryan even taught her some skills with his new class. Quite the difference in treatment in comparison to us."

In Mia's eyes, Alissa was treated pretty well. If anything, she was at least respected by Ryan since she saved him once and because she was powerful.

"Well, deep down, he is someone who likes to help others, even when that is troublesome to him," Mia said.

"I know that I can read minds, after all," Alissa said. "It is a pity that I have to be careful while reading his mind now."

"Why?" Mia frowned. "You said before that you couldn't be noticed if you use that skill."

"Yeah, but Ryan is pretty sharp," Alissa said. "If I mess up, he might use his mind to show me something that I wouldn't like to see." ρ??C(??)???

"Such as?" Mia asked.

"I can't say... " Alissa blushed and then looked to the side.

Mia's annoyance reached a whole new level. Despite Alissa's complaints, she definitely had a good relationship with Ryan. Mia was so frustrated thanks to it... that she decided to blow some steam by fighting.

"Are you planning to leave today, Alissa?" Mia asked.

"No, only tomorrow," Alissa replied. "If you want to do something, you can leave Arthur with me."

Mia nodded and then left, trying to control her thoughts. She couldn't let Alissa read her mind. Although she managed to control her feelings inside the base, things changed when she left. Without trying to hide her bad mood, Mia entered the golems dungeon, and even though she was an archer, she started to kick and punch the golems without worrying about her fists' state.

“Why? Why? Why?” Alissa asked after grabbing a golem’s arms, and they started to spin around before throwing the monster on the wall. “Why can’t he forgive me after all this time? Damn it! Can’t he see that nothing changed between Daniel and me? Stupid Ryan!”

While Mia was relieving her frustration, Alissa was watching everything while invisible after stalking her. Despite Mia’s situation, who was someone that she didn’t dislike, she had a refreshing smile on her face.

“Ah... Ryan’s life seems so much fun.”

“Why don’t you tell him? I am certain that he will like to hear that considering that he lost his parents just a few months ago.”

“Aside from that, everything in his life seems so much fun... it is so full of drama. I want a life like that.”

“You talk as if you don’t know that Mia is also jealous of you. Anyway, Alissa. You should correct this habit of yours, while you don’t feel anything while you trail others while invisible, I feel very troubled.”

When Alissa was in the hospital, the only thing she could do was read and watch dramas. Although now she could do many things that she couldn’t do before, she didn’t change all that much. At least the things she liked didn’t change.

Regardless, based on Katelyn’s memories, it looked like Ryan didn’t change all that much. Her way of thinking and acting now was a little bit calmer. However, his impudence was still there.

“Ryan needs to calm down a lot more. Any ideas as to how we can make him cool his head, Orgar?” Alissa asked.

“No. Dragons aren’t complicated creatures, so I can’t understand on a deep level how much of a pain in the ass you humans are.”

If Ryan were just a bit less logical, Alissa could use some of the tactics she learned with all those dramas. However, since he was so cold, not even the most passionate situations will make him lose sight of his current goal.

In the end, Alissa could only help her friend indirectly. While Ryan certainly did not need protection, Alissa decided to do the same thing that he was going to do: get stronger while looking for the new players of the game. The individuals that had become like Alissa...

## Chapter 250

Although selling information was a very profitable business, nothing could be compared with the number of coins Ryan could make by sealing dungeons. He already had a destination in mind, but before heading to that place, Ryan decided to check things with his summoned monster and tamed beasts.

“There are three ways to get stronger by fighting, by getting classes, and by getting new skills. Although all options are interconnected, I have to be lucky for things to be as efficient as possible. However, in those three options, there is the only thing I can control... obtain skills. As long as I have enough coins, I can obtain any skill.”

So, with that in mind, Rya began to collect all the coins his pet and monsters obtained over the last weeks. However, he discovered that three of nine died.

You obtained 547.596 coins.

You obtained 751.112 coins.

You obtained 351.178 coins.

You obtained 995.993 coins.

You obtained 555.741 coins.

You obtained 531.889 coins.

Congratulations! The skill Tame has leveled up.

Tame Lv 50 → Lv 63

Effect: It gives you the chance to tame a monster or an animal. The more wounded the creature, the higher are the chances of the Tame skill to work. If the creature is too strong and the level of the skill is low, the skill won't work.

Cost: 100 mana

You obtained 13 status points.

“I guess I should feel happy that some of my monsters even managed to prevent dungeon breaks, but still... this made me realize that even summoned monsters and tamed ones need a lot more power to face bosses.”

As expected, the area in which his monsters died were the demons, treants, and the reptilian's dungeon. Those freaks were walking around as if they owned those zones. Regardless, Ryan had to spend three days running around to check his monsters and get the coins they obtained, so he felt unsure if he should clear those dungeons again. Although he got stronger, the level of the monsters rose as well.  
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“The situation will only escalate, so I guess I can't ignore it...”

Based on what Ryan knew, he will be forced to leave the Reptilians behind. They were under the control of Echidna, and she had many species of monsters under her command, so it wouldn't be weird if she had allocated another creature powerful as Cerberus to help them in case Ryan picks another fight with them.

In the end, Ryan had to work non-stop for two days in each dungeon to clear the mess caused by the dungeon breaks. Fortunately, after all that hard work, now he had seven million coins to spend... for someone who could only obtain thirty-six coins per hour while defeating slimes, Ryan certainly came a long way...



“Ah, here you are, your crazy son of a bitch...” Ryan said after opening the dungeon shop.

Telekinesis tome.

Effect: it gives you the power to control objects with the power of your mind.

Cost: one point of mana per second is consumed to control objects that weigh one pound or less. As the skill progresses, the cost of use won't decrease, but you will be able to control heavier objects.

Price: 5.000.000

To think that Telekinesis would cost that much... Angela hit the jackpot by getting that tome. Regardless, even though Ryan was doing pretty well by using Wind Manipulation to use his magic weapons to kill small fries. That kind of technique wouldn't work forever. The more he uses against a tough opponent, the more chances they will have to find a way to counter. As for Telekinesis, Ryan was fairly certain that only a few individuals would be able to that. Perhaps countering Telekinesis was impossible...

“I am interested in elemental creation, but Telekinesis will also help me defensively speaking as well... I need that skill.” Ryan concluded.

Ryan bought the tome and then began to train it immediately since he would soon need it. Now that Ryan thought about it, he obtaining expensive skills like that alongside the Teacher class probably could help a lot of people. Although wasting some time teaching others was a pain, Ryan felt that Zoe deserved that much. After all, even Mark praised her a lot.

“I can't find anything else worthwhile in the shop... Guess I will save those coins for the time being.”

Ryan could buy some summoning skills, but there was no point in obtaining them when they cost more mana than Summon Golem, and he didn't have enough mana to do even that. Ryan probably could solve that problem if he focuses solely on getting new classes, and while he could say fuck to everything else and do that, in the long run, that would only cause him problems. Some problems had to be dealt with early on... that was why he was heading South now... to slay some Chupacabras.

Since Ryan filled his magic ring with mana potions to train Telekinesis non-stop, the skill reached a decent level pretty fast. After a single day, the skill already was at level thirty, and now Ryan could control all his magic weapons and make them fly at a decent speed. Ryan could even use Telekinesis to make himself fly, but the speed wasn't that great, and the cost of mana was high since he was pushing the skill beyond its limits.

“My next goals should be: learn all the elemental creations and after that, maybe try to learn Teleport. The cost of such skill will be insane since it won't have the limitations Flash has, but still, it will be worth the hassle. Eventually, I won't have to waste time while running around toward dungeons.”

While Ryan was thinking about that, he reached a city called San Antonio. Just like any other city, it had been completely destroyed. However, things weren't as quiet as any other city there. Although the sun hadn't set yet, he saw some weird creatures running toward a group of humans. Those creatures looked like a mix of a human, wolf, and hyenas. Their bodies were quite humanoid, but on their feet, they had only three fingers. Their bodies were covered in thick dark fur, and their faces were horrifying. Their eyes were much bigger than any other eye Ryan had seen before, and they were completely dark. Their nostrils were pretty large as well... they were the Chupacabras.

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Chupacabra- Lv 80

Health: 1.700/1.700

Mana: 1.500/1.500

Stamina: 1.500/1.500

Strength: 500 (+ 200)

Dexterity: 550 (+ 200)

Speed: 650 (+ 200)

Intelligence: 250 (+ 100)

Endurance: 650 (+ 300)

Control: 500 (+ 100)

Mentality: 550 (+ 300)

Luck: 1000 (+ 200)

Recovery: 1000 (+ 300)

Willpower: 550(+ 50)

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Dash Lv 120, Vampirism Lv 100

Passive Physical Skills: Frenzy Lv 90, Tracking Lv 90, Dark Sphere Lv 40

Spells: Darkness Transformation Lv 50, Howl Lv 50,

Support Skills: Cold Resistance Lv 50, Fire Resistance Lv 50, Electric Resistance Lv 50, Nocturnal Eyes Lv 100

“What the hell...” Ryan muttered in shock when he saw those crazy statuses. “Level eighty? How?”

Ryan only woke up from his stupor when one of the creatures suddenly disappeared and reappeared on the back of a man and with its mouth open ready to bite his neck. He clicked his tongue and used Telekinesis, the man fell on the ground thanks to the monster’s weight, but the creature couldn’t move its mouth.

The other monsters also saw Ryan and their attention changed toward him. He was a foe they couldn’t ignore, and they knew that. Although they looked like dead brain monsters, they weren’t stupid.

“Seven against one, huh... A foe like that, and I also don’t have any combat experience against it. Well, I already prepared myself for this kind of difficult situation.”

Those creatures were fast, but Ryan already knew what he should do to stop them. When the creatures began to run around him, he made his swords fly and then spin around him. The creatures frowned when they saw some powerful-looking weapons flying around Ryan at that speed. Although they were fast enough to pass by that line of defense, they were fully aware that Ryan had absolute control over the weapons, and he could use them to impale the monster that gets too close to him in the blink of an eye. While the monsters were wondering how to proceed, Ryan was charging a Power Shot.

There was no need to be stingy about mana, so Ryan also activated Deadly Aim. After five seconds of charge, Ryan fired, and his arrow hit the head of a Chupacabra, making it explode. The creature was fast, but it wasn’t faster than Ryan’s arrows.

You obtained 85 coins.

Even the coins Ryan obtained increased a lot... as expected. Dealing with those creatures will be hard, and no matter what, he had to prevent the third dungeon break in their dungeon.

When their ally died, the other monsters decided to attack without caring about their safety. When that happened, Ryan made sure to make his weapons fly in their directions. Only one creature didn’t get hit by his attacks. However, that same creature was trying to run, but the best it could do was walk... thanks to Telekinesis.

"I can get used to this," Ryan said before firing an arrow and hitting the monster's left eye and killing it.





Ryan always knew that several skills could work well with his fighting style, but he didn't imagine that Telekinesis would make his job so easy. The other creatures recovered from the attack and also got rid of the weapons that pierced their bodies. They charged toward Ryan again, but their charge was slowed down thanks to Arrow Shower.

To avoid the area of effect of the skill, the creatures moved toward several directions, but by doing so, they lost sight of Ryan for a second. He had disappeared... with their sense of smell. They found him dozens of meters behind them and with his bow ready to fire his Paralyzing Spear. At that point in time, the creatures finally began to feel something aside from their usual thirst for blood... it was fear. That unknown human could do many things the others couldn't. Hunting a target like that with a small pack wasn't wise, so they began to slowly retreat.

"I don't think so..." Ryan said.

Ryan waited for the power of his attack to increase a little bit, and then when the Chupacabras turned around and started to run, he fired. The monster that got hit by it exploded into several pieces. Soon after, the spear hit the ground, and the impact made several blocks of earth fly and hit the other monsters. That bought Ryan enough time to recover his other weapons and use Flash to finish off the wounded creatures.

You obtained 85 coins.

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After cleaning the sweat from his forehead, Ryan sighed in relief. Those creatures were creepy as hell and stronger than any other mob. Ryan fought so far, but in the end, they could be defeated. Unfortunately, the monsters didn't drop anything, but that was just a minor nuisance. Ryan will have

plenty of chances to get drops since he will have to kill dozens of thousands of those creatures in less than ten days.

“I guess I can’t ignore them... hopefully, they will give me some valuable intel,” Ryan concluded.

Ryan wanted to avoid all types of distractions, but the survivors he just saved were heading toward him. It was a group of three men and three women, and while they looked quite beat down, they had weapons and equipment with them.

“Gracias, senior,” A black-haired man that had a mustache said. “Nos salvaste de un final terrible.”

“Sorry, I can’t speak Spanish,” Ryan forced a smile.

“Oh... you are American...” The mustache man said with a worried tone.

“Yes, it looks like you have some reservations about me,” Ryan shrugged. “Well, not that I care. Good luck on your journey.”

“Wait, wait!” The man said. “Are you heading South? Won’t you stop us from entering on your country?”

“I am pretty sure those times are behind us, and I never cared about that kind of stuff,” Ryan said. “Wait... you are not saying that some Americans prevented you from crossing the border lately, are you?”

“Yes... many times during the last weeks, a certain man has been flying around the border...” The mustache man replied. “Making sure that no survivor will escape from the Chupacabras.”

Class: Hunter Lv 50 (+ 03 UP) / Elementalist Lv 50 (+ 03 UP)/ Monk Lv 16 (–)

Race: Night Demon /Reptilian/ Ice Fox (–)

Rank: 475th

Health: 559/608 (2.85/s)

Mana: 1045/1100 (2.85/s)

Stamina: 859/873 (2.85/s)

Strength: 30 (+157) (+130)

Dexterity: 1050 (+720) (+57)

Speed: 70 (+319) (+48)

Intelligence: 80 (+365) (+3)

Endurance: 27 (+111) (+130)

Control: 06 (+339) (+10)

Mentality: 07 (+30) (+30)

Luck: 74 (+9)

Recovery: 621 (+793) (+300)

Willpower: 29 (+30)

Coins: 2.308.221

Status: 00

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Bash Lv 15 (+ 05 UP),

Passive Physical Skills: Swordsmanship Lv 45 (+ 05 UP), Spearmanship Lv 35 (+ 05 UP), Shield Mastery Lv 35 (+ 03 UP), Iron Will Lv 01, Determination Lv 01, Lesson Lv 01, Teacher's Support Lv 03, Homework Lv 01,

Spells: Summon Giant Bee Lv 54 (+ 04 UP), Ice Storm Lv 01, Telekinesis Lv 31 (+ 30 UP),

Support Skills:

Classes:

Combat: Sage Lv 45 (+ 01 UP), Beastmaster Lv 30 (+ 03 UP), High Priest Lv 03, (+ 02 UP) Swordsman Lv 14 (+ 13 UP),

Non-Combatant: Teacher Lv 03 (+02 UP),

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Ryan's head began to hurt for several reasons. As obvious as it sounded, it looked like he wasn't the only ordinary human that could fly. Another reason for his headache and that some idiot still was worrying about the damn border when the world was ending at the hand of monsters... but that was weird. Why didn't Mark you mention that? He was supposed to have noticed that...



“So, how did you guys manage to cross the border despite that moron?” Ryan asked. “Also, I am also wondering how come you managed to survive this long when the only thing you manage to do was to run away from those monsters.”

“We fought against them for a while... but one after the other, we died,” The man explained. “When we noticed that we stand no chance against those creatures, we decided to run, but then we found him... aside from you and him, we didn’t see any other survivor in weeks.”

It looked like Ryan wouldn’t find other survivors while he heads South. While that was good since he wouldn’t be bothered by anyone, it also meant that he couldn’t get information from anyone else aside from these guys. Considering that they suffered a lot thanks to an American, they might try to screw Ryan over with fake intel. After all, humans aren’t that reasonable, so when they can’t express their anger to the real cause of their problems, they use other things by proxy.

“Well, if you manage to reach this far, as long as you are careful, this guy won’t find you,” Ryan said. “Once again, good luck on your journey.”

In the end, it would be less troublesome if Ryan just looks for the information that he wants, so he left the survivors behind and headed South. Fortunately, the mustache guy and his friends didn’t try to go with Ryan because, as far as they were concerned, fighting against the Chupacabras was insane.

Regardless, although he won once against the beasts, Ryan had to be careful and proceed as fast as possible. For that to happen, he will have to spot and kill the monsters before they can notice him. So, Ryan made sure to fly pretty often to have a good vision of his surroundings. Whenever he found the monsters, he used Power Shot alongside with Deadly Aim. Even when the monsters were more than one kilometer away from him, Ryan managed to hit and kill them with pinpoint precision, thanks to those skills. However...

“I need to be faster...”

Ryan knew how he could kill more monsters and faster... he had to expose himself more. Deadly Aim costs too much mana, so he could only use the skill a few times every ten minutes. Although Ryan wanted to use Power Shot as much as possible and also level up the skills that could maximize its power, he decided to do that once he finds the monsters dungeon.

When Ryan used stamina only to activate Dash and mana to use Telekinesis, his hunting speed increased considerably. However, after a while, he was forced to slow down once again... The closer he got to Monterrey, the more frequent the fights happened.

“Well, at this point on time, I just need to be patient.”

Although his weapons alongside Telekinesis couldn't kill the monsters in a single strike, at the very least, Ryan could decrease the mobility to a great extent and that was more than enough for the time being. Even while considering that Active Spiritual Recovery wasn't enough to make Ryan have enough mana to control so many weapons, things proceeded quite well for a while. However, when the first night of that fight was about to end, Ryan heard the familiar sound of dragon wings flapping. When he looked in the distance, Ryan saw a red dragon coming directly toward him.

“Just my luck...” ρ??∪??(?)???

Ryan sighed... as much as he wanted to kill all dragons find, he decided to hide. He was getting quite close to the Chupacabras dungeon, and a fight against a dragon would reveal his position. Until now, he managed to fight without being found, so he had to ignore that chance.

While using Earth Manipulation, Ryan created a fake rock around him. However, he kept some holes in the rock just to make sure that he would be able to watch the dragon—unfortunately, much to his annoyance. The creature stopped flying just above him.

“I don't like this.”

When the creature opened its mouth, and some flames started to appear, Ryan clicked his tongue. Something weird had happened... as far as he knew, dragons weren't supposed to be that good at tracking other creatures. In any case, the confrontation was unavoidable.

Ryan used Flash to escape the Fire Breath attack, and soon afterward, he began to run toward North. The last thing he needed was to fight against a dragon and a horde of Chupacabras at the same time. In the blink of an eye, the dragon began to chase him. However, Ryan's surprise didn't end there.

“Where are you going? Let's play.”

“A human that joined forces with a dragon... great.” Ryan sighed.

After saying that, the red dragon began to spit several massive Fireballs. Although Ryan managed to dodge them at the last moment, even though he was using all his stamina, he wasn't failing at outspeeding the monster. Ryan clicked his tongue in annoyance... he didn't want to kill other humans again, but against an opponent like that, he didn't have to think of them as human.

After equipping his bow and preparing a magic arrow, Ryan turned around and aimed at the face of the monster. However, instead of firing it, he used Power of Money. Much to Ryan's surprise, the monster moved its arm with lightning speed and blocked the damage. Only a few scales of its body had been blown away.

“What?” Ryan muttered in shock.

“What the hell was that? A non-elemental skill that causes almost instant damage? That is not fair, dude.”

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“I told you that you shouldn't underestimate him. Didn't you see how many of those worms he killed? You are going to get both of us killed.”

Ryan frowned when he heard the voice of the dragon for the first time. Unlike the human, the dragon didn't seem like an idiot... most likely. The beast was who prevented Ryan from blinding that asshole. Some dragons could read minds, after all.

“Don't take over my body so suddenly!” The man protested. “Our agreement wasn't like that.”

The human was worse than Ryan thought... Regardless, it looked like instead of Orgar, who chose his vessel for a good reason, the other dragons weren't putting much thought into it. Those two didn't seem a good combination. While they were arguing, Ryan decided to check their status.

Jeoze

Class: Swordsman Lv 40 / Monk Lv 35 / —

Race: Lesser Dragon /-/-

Rank: 350th

Health: 120 (+ 53.900)

Mana: 50 (+ 55.000)

Stamina: 100 (+ 55.000)

Strength: 50 (+ 5.000)

Dexterity: 30 (+ 5.000)

Speed: 40 (+ 2.000)

Intelligence: 20 (+ 1.000)

Endurance: 50 (+ 4.000)

Control: 20 (+ 3.000)

Mentality: 30 (+ 5.000)

Luck: 10 (+ 3.000)

Recovery: 100 (+ 15.000)

Willpower: 10 (+ 5.000)

Coins: 111.963

Status: 00

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Fire Punch Lv 120

Passive Physical Skills: Steel Skin Lv 100

Spells: Fire Breath Lv 120

Support Skills: Fire Resistance Lv 200, Pain Resistance Lv 150, Electric Resistance Lv 100 ρ???∪???(?)???

“What the hell...” Ryan muttered in shock again. “Those are some weird statuses.”

“You fool... he just used Appraisal. I told you to keep that defensive skill active at all times.”

“Shut up. That consumes too much mana. Besides, who needs to be careful against a small fry?”

“You are a small fry! What can you do without my powers? You only have two classes while that human has twenty-tree! If you weren't such a lazy asshole, you would know what skill he used, dumbass!”

“You complain too much... anyway; explain to me what skill he used.”

“I don’t know... it is one of those which only you humans can use for some reason.”

“You are so useless...”

“What did you say?”

Ryan frowned while those two were arguing. They couldn’t even be considered partners, much fewer allies. The dragons who decided to find new vessels in humans probably only chose the stupid and weak ones for some reason, and now they were regretting it. If Ryan had to guess why... it was probably because, in the future, they will have an easier time obtaining full control over their bodies.

Regardless, Ryan began to run again because a massive horde of Chupacabras was approaching. The dragon and the man argued for a while, but after a few seconds, they began to chase Ryan again. Although he was curious as to why they wanted to kill him, Ryan wasn’t stupid enough to waste time asking.

“Stop running and fight like a man!” The man shouted.

Ryan sighed,... only someone stupid would say something like that. Regardless, he would fight, but he wouldn’t give the advantage to that asshole. Although for some reason, Power of Money wasn’t causing as much damage as it was supposed to do, Ryan used it several times. However, after a while, he noticed that a semi-transparent wall was covering the dragon’s paws. Instead of causing damage to the monster’s health, Ryan caused its mana to decrease.

“Are you a man or a rat?” The man asked.

“You sure talk a lot... considering that your friend is always protecting you,” Ryan said.

“Stop running, and let’s fight. If you do, I will make sure that he won’t interfere,” the man said.

“Yeah, right... nice try,” Ryan said.

Although Ryan had enough coins to damage that asshole’s mana and health, he didn’t know if it would be worth the hassle. As far as he was concerned, that guy looked like the type who would run at the first sign of trouble.

That guy tried to attack Ryan several times with Fireballs, but as expected, only a few handful dragons were good at fighting at a certain distance, or perhaps the humans were just that weak. All his attacks missed...

“I didn’t expect to find someone like him so soon... I don’t if my luck is good, but at the very least, I obtained a good deal of information from this encounter. Even humans who have the spirits of dragons can join the rank, I never asked Alissa about this, but I guess it was only obvious since she can enter dungeons, use purple crystals and even gain classes.”

Ryan was getting tired of running away, and even though the Chupacabras stayed behind, he decided to find a way to finish that situation. However, before Ryan could start to think, something weird happened.

“Let’s forget about him, Hector. I obtained some information from his head, and everything I got will be useful to you.”

“I will not run away from this fight.”

“Idiot... I got a lot of information to you about some humans that will be useful to us.”

“... Really?”

Ryan frowned when he heard that... it looked like Jeoze was planning something and that something was something Hector and him shared a common interest. However, why talk about that out loud? It made Ryan think that he was planning a trap. Still, his voice had a weird tone, and then when Ryan saw a lustful smile on Hector’s face, he knew what they were talking about.

“Head North-East... we will find a lot of information and fun there.”

After frowning, Ryan stopped running... that asshole of a dragon read his mind and managed to discover where the base was located and possibly, all the information Ryan had about it and regarding the dungeons. However, that was just an extra for them. Those idiots were looking for women... Ryan heard in some stories that dragons were lustful creatures, but to think that was actually true... that was insane.

“Hehe, let’s go then,” Hector said.

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Ryan watched Jeeze and Hector flying North-East completely in silence. Just like he didn’t manage to escape from them, trying to pursue them was a waste of time. Despite that, he was calm... Ryan couldn’t believe that Jeeze read his mind and didn’t see anything regarding Alissa.

“It is a trap... it has to be,” Ryan muttered while he furrowed his eyebrows. “Still, I can’t risk it.”

That would cause a lot of trouble to Ryan, and perhaps, he won’t even clear the Chupacabras’ dungeon before the third dungeon break. Still, he accepted those possibilities while he was taking all the potions he still had on his storage ring.

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After flying for a few minutes, Jeeze said to Hector to stop. Despite his words and the things he learned by reading Ryan’s mind, his plan hadn’t proceeded as he wanted. Ryan wasn’t pursuing them.

“What is wrong?” Hector asked. “I thought we were going to have some fun North-East of here.”

“I didn’t lie about that, but I was expecting to lure that human to a trap,” Jeeze said. “While we have more firepower, that man already defeated many dragons and fought foes that can even give me trouble in a war of attrition. He can’t be underestimated.”



“You worry too much,” Hector shrugged. “If he were that troublesome, he wouldn’t have run when I attacked him.”

“He ran because he has a brain and uses it, unlike you,” Jeeze said. “Regardless... perhaps I misjudged his character and thoughts. It looks like his behavior changed as of late, and... huh?”

Jeeze felt a shiver run down its spine when he saw something shining on the horizon... that something shining was coming from the same direction they came from. When he saw what a spear charged with a lot of energy was flying toward him at unbelievable speeds. For a second, the monster froze, and that was doomed both dragon and human. When Jeeze tried to react, it was already too late... the dragon took over its body and tried to fly as fast as possible. Still, after just two seconds, the spear hit its body, and a massive explosion happened destroyed everything in dozens of meters.

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Ryan rushed toward the direction in which he fired the Paralyzing Spear. Although he used Force to make sure that his attack would land, he didn’t receive any notification when the impact occurred, and he lost sight of his weapon.

“Let’s hope that such a crazy attack didn’t destroy my weapon... I like that spear quite a bit.”

Even from twenty kilometers away from the impact, Ryan saw the sky shining on the area where Jeeze and Hector had been hit, so he could imagine how much damage his five minutes charged Power Shot had.

Eventually, Ryan found his spear... at the center of a thirty-meter large and ten-meter deep crater. As for Hector and Jeeze, they were a few meters ahead of there. Both lying on the ground immobile. For some reason, Jeeze wasn’t inside Hector anymore.

Hector was just an average black-haired dude who had a lot of tattoos on his body... at least that was Ryan’s impression since he could see half of his body. The explosion by his attacks destroyed more than half of it. ρ??√??(?)???

“Please... spare me... I have kids waiting for me,” Hector said.

“Is that so...” Ryan sighed. “Well, they won’t miss you, so don’t worry.”

After saying that, Ryan pierced Hector’s heart with his Flame Sword. Although his words were quite cruel, the last thing he wanted to do was to console an asshole when they are about to die.

You obtained 111.963 coins.

Congratulations! You have reached the rank of the 400 strongest humans! Keep clearing dungeons and defeating monsters to raise your rank, and you might receive some nice rewards!

Current Rank: 350th

You obtained: Strength Augmentation Tome.

Congratulations! You have defeated someone who has had a rank higher than yours. You assumed his position and received an extra reward.

You obtained: Pestilence Crossbow.

Pestilence Crossbow

Effect: Consumes twenty points of mana to create a poisoned bolt enchanted. Dexterity + 75, intelligence + 50

Extra Effect: Each bolt can cause the value of your intelligence as magic damage during five seconds. Hitting the target with other bolts will also increase the damage of the poison by ten percent.

Durability: 80/80

“Not bad... not bad at all,” Ryan said. “Still, I thought this system was supposed to help humans. So, why am I being rewarded for killing a human?”

That question bothered Ryan for a while, but in the end, it was a waste of time to ponder about that. Besides, his job wasn't over yet. Jeeze was still alive. Although the beast also lost a good part of its right side, Ryan could see its body regenerating with his eyes alone.

“Holy crap... dragons sure have a lot of vitality,” Ryan said. “Anyway, who could have thought that you are the type who quickly abandons the ship.”

“Say what you will, at least. I didn't accept my death in the end,” Jeeze said.

“Too bad there is no one here to praise you for that,” Ryan said while shaking his head. “Now, die.”

Ryan used his new weapon, and after three shots, Jeeze died. Now that he thought about it, Ryan wondered if the poison wouldn't circulate to the heart of the dragon... he probably won't die, but eating poison wouldn't be pleasant... Regardless, Ryan recovered his almost broken weapon, learned Strength Augmentation, and got the dragon's heart. It was a pity that Jeeze didn't drop anything, but Ryan was satisfied with his loot. The pestilence crossbow will be very useful, and Strength Augmentation also was bound to be one heck of a skill in the future. With each level, the skill increased his strength by ten points. Although the cost of fifty points of mana per second was high, Ryan now had a skill that could boost his physical skill tremendously. Using his melee weapons directly now wasn't a total waste of time...

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Since they have high endurance and a lot of health, Ryan couldn't even kill the monsters with his best bow. However, with the pestilence crossbow, he could do that... he just needed to wait for the poison to do its magic. It was a bit gruesome to see the monsters trembling and agonizing due to the poison, but Ryan didn't feel much worse than that.

“This is convenient... way too convenient for my taste. I bet something troublesome is going to happen soon.” Ryan concluded while looking around waiting for another problem to arise.

Ryan made a mistake before by leaving a trail of corpses, but this time he made sure to bury the Chupacabras by using Earth Manipulation. That cost him some extra seconds and mana in which he could use to eliminate more monsters, but it was a sacrifice necessary to prevent more troublesome encounters like the one with Hector.

However, much to Ryan's surprise, nothing really happened. Not even dragons showed up. Most likely, they learned their lesson after fighting against those weird beasts and decided to keep their distance from them.

"Well, I shouldn't trust that this situation will stay like this forever. Once the dragons realize that someone is hunting the Chupacabras, they will probably return." Ryan muttered imagining that things could get troublesome at any moment.

Although they had the advantage at night, those monsters were just a few levels above the dire wolves unless they attacked with a large pack.

Based on Ryan's knowledge, the dungeon was located on Monterrey, but he didn't walk directly toward it. Instead of that, he tried to circle around the city to kill even more Chupacabras and find other monsters' dungeons. Unfortunately, his luck wasn't good.

"Crap... unless I decrease the number of those freaks, I will never find the other dungeons. They are eating the other monsters, so I can't even begin to imagine where I can find other dungeons."

In the end, Ryan was forced to keep hunting the monsters while moving around Monterrey, and only after five days, he managed to find a new monster... a goblin.

"No wonder they took so long to appear... those guys don't stand a chance against Chupacabras."

In the end, Ryan lost some of his will to clear another dungeon. Since the monsters were goblins, the class he might wouldn't be useful. Instead of betting on something uncertain, Ryan decided to focus on his job. He only had five more days to clear the Chupacabras' dungeon, after all. However, something else appeared to make Ryan lose his focus... survivors.

It was on the morning of the sixth day that Ryan found a group of twenty or so survivors. As one would expect from people who did nothing but hide for several weeks, the survivors looked pretty Harvard since they didn't have the chance to look for food, and only someone insane would trust to cook the Chupacabras. In any case, they looked at Ryan with eyes full of concern since he had just killed a pack of fifty of those monsters by himself.

"How can I help you?" Ryan asked visibly impatient. "Please be quick because I am busy here."

"Are you from the government, sir?" A middle-aged man wearing a bullet-proof vest asked. "You don't seem from here, so why are you risking yourself for our country."

"Because I am someone who thinks in the long run," Ryan said. "Letting those monsters run wild evidently will fuck everyone's lives, so we have to get rid of them."

It didn't look like Ryan managed to pass his message. Regardless, instead of worrying about what the region's inhabitants were thinking of his actions, he decided to use them.

"Anyway, lead me to where you hid your weapons," Ryan said. "I want to make a deal with you, but first, I need to check your equipment."

The survivors flinched when they heard Ryan. They thought that by hiding their weapons, they would convince Ryan that they weren't his enemy. While that idea wasn't too bad, he couldn't understand why the entire group came. If Ryan were an asshole, they wouldn't be able to resist.

"Don't underestimate my intelligence," Ryan said. "Anyway, while I am helping your country, I won't do that forever. Once I clear this dungeon, you guys will have to make sure to keep the Chupacabras in check. As you can see, we can't wait for the cops and army to deal with those problems."

Ryan was right, but none of them felt like fighting after getting massacred for so many weeks against those monsters. That was a pain in the ass, and Ryan wasn't a patient person.

“I guess this is fine too,” Ryan said. “After I leave, you guys will have a few hours of peace, but then the monsters will hunt and exterminate all of you eventually. In the end, I will return and obtain more coins.”

“... I understand that we need to protect our country, but why do you want to help us with that?” The man asked. “You certainly don’t need our help to fight.”

“You are right. I don’t need it,” Ryan nodded. “However, I don’t want to return to this place every month. That is why I am going to give you the means to recover some of your lost time. Try hard because I don’t like to waste my time.”

Although Ryan didn’t have time to lose, that was an investment. His monsters couldn’t guard all dungeons, and even though most humans couldn’t face some types of monsters in a battle of strength, they could make up for it with their brains.

Regardless, Ryan couldn’t help but sigh at the poor collection of equipment they had. Basically, they were just trash items that some goblins left behind after being killed. Fortunately, Ryan had a lot of loot that he obtained by killing thousands of Chupacabras. The question was: could these survivors wield relatively high-leveled weapons? There was only one way to find out.

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In the end, Ryan had to use an entire day to find the goblins’ dungeon. To make sure things would work out as much as possible, he also cleared the dungeon and helped the survivors to obtain their first class.

Congratulations! You have cleared the dungeon and obtained its treasure! As a reward for your achievement, you can obtain one of the three following classes: Monk, Merchant, and Sage.

Please be aware that clearing this dungeon again won’t give you the chance to unlock the other remaining classes. If you want to obtain them, you will have to search for those in other dungeons.

From those three classes, Ryan only didn’t have the Merchant class, and while that choosing that one would be perfect since it would boost the status that he wanted, Ryan also considered picking the Sage

class to level up its skills. However, in the end, since he didn't have any information about such a class, he chose the Merchant class.

Congratulations! You have become a Level one Merchant!

You obtained the following skills: Discount, Sell, and Deconstruction.

Your dexterity and stamina will increase by two points. Your health, mana, control, and mentality will increase by one point whenever you level up your class.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Discount.

Effect: It grants you a discount in the dungeon shops. The discount on coins is equal to the level of the skill in coins. However, the items can't be brought for less than half of their original price.

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Sell.

Effect: It grants you the chance to sell items in the dungeon shops. However, their price will be equal to one-fourth of its original price. By leveling up this skill, you can obtain ten more coins per level when selling items.

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Deconstruction.

Effect: It grants you the power to deconstruct magic items, and you can use the energy obtained to level up some of your skills based on the type of the magic item.

Cost: 50 mana. ρ??∪??(?)???

You obtained 01 status point.

“Hey, Gonzales,” Ryan said. “Make sure that everyone will pick a class that will fit their personalities. It doesn’t matter if all of you become only long-ranged fighters.”

“Are you sure?” Gonzales asked. “Won’t we need a frontline when we fight those things?”

“Yeah, even if some of you become tanks, it won’t change a thing,” Ryan nodded. “The Chupacabras are too fast, and at night, they can hide in the darkness, so the best method for you guys to deal with them is by bombarding them with magic from a distance before they leave the dungeon.”

Gonzales nodded at Ryan’s words. It made sense since from his perspective when those creatures run. It looks like teleportation. However, even if they were that fast, they still had to leave the dungeon, and inside of it, their speed wasn’t that useful.

“It looks like the Merchant class is closely related to the Blacksmith class... Regardless, while those skills won’t help me in combat, they will be useful in their own way.”

The only problem with that class is that it gave Ryan two options about how to handle the loot that he might obtain. Sell, or deconstruct to level some skills. While sometimes Deconstruction won’t be useful since Ryan probably won’t have the right skills to level up, it also seemed like a waste to sell items for a cheaper price.

Regardless, that was a problem for later. After the survivors picked the classes, Ryan confirmed that all of them became Sages... while they didn’t obtain any offensive spells, Ryan had some magic items that they could use. It was just a loan, so it wasn’t a real problem for him.

“For the time being, you guys will stay here and increase your strength,” Ryan declared. “In three days, I will try to clear the dungeon. So, I will take you guys with me for the last fight. However, I know that you won’t be of much help, so your job is just to survive and obtain a new class. I am pretty sure the classes that we might obtain there will be pretty awesome. So, look forward to it.”



Although his words were all over the place, Gonzales and his friends understood the message. That being said, they couldn't quite understand why Ryan would help them to that extent. He had already explained to them about his plans, but even so... considering that they saw the hell broke loose, it was weird to see a human helping them so much. They couldn't even imagine how much of a hassle it was for Ryan to move around and checking the places he had been before. From his perspective, if they succeed on their task, they will be helping a lot more than he was helping them.

After leaving Gonzales and his friends behind, Ryan resumed his task of hunting those freaks called Chupacabras. However, things changed a little bit. In the meantime, Ryan was away. He wasn't finding the monsters where he found them before.

"Well, it was about time for them to make their move." Ryan nodded to himself.

While Ryan advanced toward Monterrey, he didn't find any signs of the creatures. Only when he saw the city in the distance was when he finally saw them. All the Chupacabras were located on the West side of the city. Ryan assumed that because he couldn't believe those freaks still were numerous enough to surround a city of that size completely. As expected, the bosses were also controlling those minions. However, that raised a question: What would be the bosses of such a dungeon? Since they knew from which direction Ryan would come from, those creatures were much smarter than the ordinary mobs.

"Even though my stock of mana potions is full again, I can't win this fight. At least, not without some sort of plan. The very moment I began to attack, all the monsters will come to kill me, the bosses as well. Their sole intention to overwhelm me with sheer numbers."

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Ryan considered his options in that situation. Changing the direction of his attack won't change anything. Even if he tries to attack the Chupacabras from behind, it won't work. The bosses were hidden, and most likely, they were behind their minions in case Ryan decides to do that. So, by doing that, he will avoid the army of monsters for a few minutes. However, the chances of him defeating hundreds of bosses in such a short time were null.

"Power of Money won't be of much use here either since it will reveal my position. As for magic traps... it might slow them down a little bit, but only that. Besides, I can't waste time creating thousands of those."

In the end, Ryan made a mental note to force his mana to reach the necessary amount to summon golems. It was getting tiring that he always had to deal with so many monsters by himself. As long as he has some monsters to be his frontline, sheer numbers on the enemy side won't be much of an issue. At least in similar situations.

"There aren't many places to hide in this direction. While I can maintain my presence hidden for a while, they will easily find me with those numbers. Maybe I should wait and see how things will be at night. They are using that tight formation because they are less troublesome during the day... Considering how confident they are with their powers, maybe I should surprise them at night."

Although that seemed unlikely given that the monsters have Nocturnal Eyes at level one hundred, Ryan couldn't think of any other way to surprise them. Considering that the monsters couldn't fly, Ryan could do that and attack them from a safe distance. However, to do both, he will need a lot of mana. He had a lot of potions, but even so, Ryan wasn't confident that with his stock, that he would be able to decrease even one-third of the monsters' size.

"That might be the only way to solve this situation. I have four days to clear the dungeon... so, if I do that, I will have to finish off the bosses in a single day. My fights never lasted that long, but I can't discard the idea that it might happen."

It wasn't his style to rely on potions to solve all his problems, but Ryan couldn't let his pride blind his judgment. If he gets carried away, the monster army will increase a lot, and in the worst-case scenario, the number of bosses might duplicate. There was also the fact that the monsters level up a few times with each dungeon break as well.

Regardless, it was noon, so Ryan decided to prepare some surprises before nightfall, and he attacks the monsters from above. Although Ryan waited until midnight, he was already exhausted when he decided to put his plans into action.

Since Ryan wouldn't need the stamina to attack from the sky, he was using it to carry a massive steel box that he had made along the day. Inside the box, there were some gifts he had prepared for the Chupacabras. Although Ryan had to fly pretty high in the sky to escape the monsters' range, he eventually reached the place where he wanted to start the fight. Three hundred meters above the monster army. Since his arms were about to give up, Ryan let the steel box fall, and after a few seconds, he heard the sound of small impacts and the scream of the agony of the monsters.

“Holy shit... my needle grenades are nastier than I thought.”

Ryan spent the day transforming earth into earth needles and then into steel needles. That was the power of Earth Transformation, but since he couldn't use mana aside from firing bolts with his crossbow, he had to work on something else to make the needles cause as much damage as possible by themselves. So, Ryan created some grenades that could explode once they hit anything. Although he had to work a lot, he learned that he could transform even sand into gunpowder. Ryan just needed to focus and find the right amount of mana to do it.

“All the tension and fear that the grenades might explode close to me wore me out, but in the end, it had been worth the hassle.”

Ryan equipped his crossbow and started to fire. Although his grenades caused a lot of damage in a wide area, not a single monster died. So, in the end, that trick only worked as a distraction.

Unable to understand what was going on, the Chupacabras looked for the one who had attacked them, but amidst the chaos, their senses weren't as nearly as good. Hence, Ryan managed to kill hundreds of them before they could finally notice that he was flying right above them.

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Without any other option, the monster started to fire some Dark Spheres toward Ryan. He focused on dodging them all since he didn't know what they could do, but when he failed at doing that, and his shield got hit, Ryan learned what the skill could do... his shield got several times heavier.

“I guess it makes sense... dark magic and gravity are somewhat related,” Ryan said.

Fortunately, the effectiveness of the spell decreased with the range. So, even when Ryan got hit bit those, he didn't fall for his death. At best, his limbs got two to three times heavier. Upon noticing that their attacks weren't being that effective. The monsters decided to hide with Darkness Transformation, but only those who weren't wounded managed to do that. Since the number of his targets decreased, and he wasn't being attacked anymore, Ryan speeds up his hunting speed.

However, things wouldn't go as Ryan wanted. Something that he had been expecting finally appeared... some weird creatures covered in a dark cloak and flying like birds... they were the bosses of Chupacabras.

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Since those creatures were flying and using their dark cloaks to hide their appearance, Ryan couldn't even imagine how they looked like. However, while he was flying away from the battlefield, the bosses began to follow him, and Ryan couldn't help but frown while looking at the humanoid creatures that had pale white skin and pointy ears. However, their most obvious feature was that some of their teeth were pretty sharp and long.

"You have got to be kidding me..." Ryan muttered.

Qadir- Lv 90

Health: 2.000/2.000

Mana: 2.000/2.000

Stamina: 2.000/2.000

Strength: 600 (+ 200)

Dexterity: 500 (+ 200)

Speed: 600 (+ 200)

Intelligence: 750 (+ 200)

Endurance: 500 (+ 200)

Control: 600 (+ 100)

Mentality: 650 (+ 300)

Luck: 1000 (+ 500)

Recovery: —

Willpower: 600(+ 150)

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Steel Claws Lv 120, Vampirism Lv 150

Passive Physical Skills: Rage Lv 100, Scent of Blood Lv 120, Gravity Lv 150

Spells: Animalistic Transformation Lv 100, Fly Lv 150, ρ??√??(?)???

Support Skills: Cold Resistance Lv 100, Fire Resistance Lv 50, Electric Resistance Lv 100, Nocturnal Eyes Lv 150

Although Ryan couldn't see the name of that creature's species, seeing that recovery had no specific value confirmed his guess. Those were vampires... in his head. It didn't make any sense that vampires were associated with Chupacabras. The only thing they had in common was their thirst for blood. In any case, before Ryan could understand the situation as a whole, his body got incredibly heavier, and he started to lose altitude and speed.

Congratulations! The skill Gravity Resistance has leveled up.

Gravity Resistance Lv 1 → Lv 7

Effect: Decreases the damage caused by all gravity-type attacks by one point.

You obtained 06 status points.

"Fuck... this is not good," Ryan muttered and then began to use Flash.

Although Ryan used the skill to decrease his falling speed, his bones were still cracking, and when he landed, both of his legs broke. Their hundreds of bosses behind him, but Ryan didn't give up. While using Flash to move away from the city and the monsters, he fired using the Pestilence Crossbow. Although his attacks caused damage, it looked like the poison wasn't that effective against vampires.

Ryan clicked his tongue in annoyance and then resumed his escape while using mana potions whenever possible. However, at the same time, he began to charge a Power Shot. The vampires were pretty close to each other, so Ryan was confident that he would kill several of them at the same time.

After charging for fifteen seconds, Ryan turned around and pulled the trigger. At that moment, his body became light again, and the vampires focused their attention on the bolt. Much to Ryan's surprise, the monsters used Gravity on the bolt and slowed down the projectile. Although the monsters failed to stop the attack completely, it only pulled them back a few meters when the bolt hit them.

“Finally, some opponents that can use their heads... Still, I shouldn’t feel thankful for it since they will cause a lot of trouble.”

Fortunately, Ryan’s attack slowed down the vampires and made them less eager to pursue him without putting much thought into it, and after a few minutes of chase, the vampire finally gave up on him.

“They don’t want to live their base alone, huh... and they aren’t stupid enough to divide their forces. I guess this is it... my only option is to fight a war of attrition.”

Since Ryan was alone, he couldn’t do anything else. The survivors he found earlier wouldn’t even work as a minor nuisance against the horde of Chupacabras, and they would only work as a meal for the vampires. Given their Vampirism ability, Ryan had to fight alone. Finding a well-tamed beast wouldn’t be enough, and even thousands of slimes or giant bees wouldn’t be of much help.

“Regardless... I need to check if the things about them hate sunlight, onions, and crucifixes are true. Well, I only want to test if they can fight during the day. It would be foolish to try the others.”

In the end, Ryan failed at killing the one-third of the monsters’ army as he had planned, but he obtained some valuable intel. Now he just had to find a way to put those pieces of information to good use.

Ryan decided to rest for the time being since he didn’t have time to do it in the last few days, and he would need to stay focused for the next battle. He managed to escape once, but nothing says that he might fall next time.

“Surprise attacks won’t work during the day. Even if I try to use some tricks underground, I will only hind my mobility. In the worst-case scenario, I will get surrounded and then die. Just like the Chupacabra’s Gravity, the closer they get, the stronger the effects will be.”

While Ryan was thinking about what he should do, he noticed something approaching in the distance... a cloud of dust. Although it was already morning, he thought the vampires were looking for him, but whatever that thing was, it was coming from North, and the dungeon was in the East.

“Attacking without knowing is coming might be a bit too much...” Ryan muttered. “I guess I will use Force.”





some reason, Angela had a similar getup. As for Natalia, she had a longbow on her back, and her defensive gear was based on leather.

“Where are the monsters?” Holland asked.

“Rather than that, where is our welcome?” Daniel asked.

“The monsters changed their behavior two days ago. I am sure you guys hurried to arrive here on time,” Ryan said. “Are you sure that you are ready to fight right now?”

“Ryan is right,” Lilian said. “We hurried to come, so one-two hours of rest will help us a lot. Can you give us more details while we have breakfast, Ryan?”

“Ryan didn’t ask for help, but in the end, he couldn’t just be rude to those who came to help him. That being said, they probably knew that the classes they might obtain here would be equally as useful as High-Priest class, so their goal wasn’t only to help him. Regardless, Ryan explained to them what he did until now, and he discovered.

“Vampires? Amazing!” Tristan said. “Did you find some sexy female vampire?”

“Is that the first thing you have to ask?” Natalia said and then kicked the leg of her little brother. “You won’t live a long life with this kind of attitude.”

“I only saw the face of a single one, and unlike you are thinking, he looked like a living corpse,” Ryan said. “Just wake up to reality. They are monsters, even if they can talk and use their brains. Anyway, I was about to test if they can fight during the day.”

“So, you don’t know that yet?” Angela asked.

“No, as you can see, I am just an archer, and there are thirty thousand Chupacabras between me and the dungeon,” Ryan replied. “So, I was trying to find a way to deal with them. Without using potions like there is no tomorrow or running for my life when things get dicey.”

“I am not criticizing you,” Lilian shook her head. “Mark said that this region has been crawling with monsters, but we didn’t find a single one in quite a while. So, you have done an impressive job. I guess I shouldn’t have expected any less from you.”

“You are creeping me out with the sudden praises,” Ryan said. “Anyway, now that you are here, I don’t have to worry about coming up with a plan.”

“Really, how do you plan to finish this job, then?” Natalia asked with a frown on her face.

“You guys will buy time for me to use my most powerful attacks,” Ryan replied. “Only this idiot and Holland are tanks of the group, right? The rest of you can help me with the attacks, but you shouldn’t get carried away. The Chupacabras are fast, and they can heal when they bite their foes.”

“It looks like you are the one who is getting carried away,” Natalia said. “Don’t think that you are the only one who has grown strong.”

“Well, we have some time until the dungeon break, so let’s not get hasty,” Tristan said. “I can use elemental attacks to help, while Natalia focuses on damaging several enemies at a time. Lilian and Luke are melee fighters who specialize in hit and run tactics, and Angela focuses on support with her Telekinesis.”

“Support?” Ryan frowned.

“I prevent anyone from suffering critical damage,” Angela explained. “If we’re near the base, I also will help with potions, but I won’t be able to do that here.”

“Daniel and Holland’s jobs were pretty simple, so there was no need to explain. Anyway, everyone waited for Ryan’s turn to say what he could do. It was too much of a pain to resume the skill list that he had, so Ryan decided to save some time.”

“I shoot arrows,” Ryan said. “Anyway, let’s get going. Although we have three days, I don’t want to stay here until the very last minute.”

^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ In the end, Tristan and Daniel, who were the only ones interested in hearing about Ryan's skills, just shrugged since that was just like him. Regardless, they will have a lot of time to see him in action' | or maybe not, since they will be fighting for their lives for several hours.

^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ In the end, they changed their attitude before they could lose their lives when they saw the army of monsters. It looked like neither of them had seen the results of two dungeon breaks so up close. Ryan couldn't help but smirk while imagining their faces if he hadn't killed so many Chupacabras over the last few days.

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"That is a lot of enemies..." Tristan said with his mouth wide open.

"No shit, Sherlock," Natalia said. "It looks like somehow you attacked them directly and survived to tell the tale. I don't know if you are insane or just that confident."

"What are you guys' range?" Ryan asked. "If it is shorter than one hundred meters, then you better have some lightning-like reflexes. Those fuckers can cross that distance in the blink of an eye."

"I hate fast monsters," Daniel sighed. "I am better against the tough and big monsters like golems. Anyway, it looks like you will have to save us more than a few times, Angela."

"Against those numbers, don't expect much," Angela shrugged.

While everyone was talking nonsense, Ryan began to think about what he should do to prevent the worst-case scenario. Although he didn't feel responsible for their lives, it would be a pity, and his job will get much harder if they die. In the end, Ryan decided to loan his magic items.

"Which one of you is the fastest?" Ryan asked while he faced Lilian and Luke.

"I am," Lilian said.

“Then use this,” Ryan passed his frozen gauntlets to her. “Although you won’t be able to use your monk skills directly, the effect of this weapon will help you a lot. Even if you don’t freeze the enemies, they will get considerably slower.”

“Not bad...” Luke opened his eyes widely while he checked the status of the gauntlets. “Do you have other gauntlets like these?”

“No,” Ryan replied.

“Well... it would be weird if you had,” Luke said with his head down.

Ryan used Appraisal on Natalia and noticed that she had the right skills to fight for a while. Although she probably won’t kill the Chupacabras as fast as him, she will manage to recover some mana. So, he decided to lend her the Sagittarians’ bow.

“This should be a bit better than your current bow, and its effect will help you to use Power Shot more often,” Ryan said. “Just don’t break it.”

“I am not going to smash it against the monster’s head, so I can’t imagine how I can break a bow like this...” Natalia frowned. “Thanks, I will make good use of it.”

“Can you believe this guy?” Daniel asked to Holland. ρ???(?)???

“Yeah... he is prioritizing the girls,” Holland nodded.

Ryan was looking for a reason not to lend a weapon to Daniel and he just found it. After that, he gave his rings to Tristan since he was going to need a lot of mana to be useful, and then he gave his hammer to Angela.

“If you make this spin, I am pretty sure your Telekinesis will be more useful, and then you will prevent the monsters from getting too close to those two dumbasses,” Ryan said.

“... You talk as if you already tried that,” Angela frowned.

“I can do that with Wind Manipulation, but with Telekinesis, the attacks are more effective,” Ryan explained.

“You talk as if you know Telekinesis,” Angela said.

Ryan using Telekinesis, took the hammer from Angela and made a spin. The rotation was so intense that everyone could see a mini-tornado below the hammer. Since only Angela knew that skill, they couldn't help but open their eyes widely in shock.

“Before you keep asking more things non-stop, I will say that I bought the tome,” Ryan explained. “It cost was five million coins, but as you can see, it was worth the investment... you really were luck by finding a tome like this by chance.”

Now Ryan just had to find some equipment for Daniel and Holland, but he hesitated to help them since they were two annoying assholes. It would be more convenient if they suffer a lot during the fight. However, that only would-be Ryan causing problems to himself. So, he lent the Paralyzing Spear to Holland and his Chaos Axe to Daniel... to think that he would lend an item to him that would increase his survivability like that... Ryan began to hate more and more those fucking Chupacabras.

“Holy crap... where did you find a weapon with such effects?” Daniel asked in shock.

“When I was playing house in a military base,” Ryan said. “Now, get used to the weapon as fast as possible. As I said, I want to test if the vampires can fight during the day, and if they can't, I don't want to waste a single minute of daylight.”

Since Daniel never used an ax before, he wasn't used to the weapon, and he didn't even have Axe Mastery. So, to speed up things a little bit, he sparred for a while with Holland.

“Hey, Ryan. It is not fair that only didn't receive an item,” Luke said.

“I don’t have anything else decent aside from this crossbow and a shield,” Ryan said. “I can lend you the shield, but unless you block the attacks with it, you won’t be able to use its effect. Besides, you will become much slower.”

“Give up, Luke. It can’t be helped,” Lilian said. “You sure have a large range of weapons, and while the first I saw you, you were using a crossbow. Are you sure that you should use only that one?”

“It is fine. With my status and extra effect of this weapon, I can kill the monsters with a single bolt,” Ryan said. “I didn’t solve this entire situation before because I can’t stay still in a single place while shooting, but with you guys here, that won’t be a problem.”

“Are you sure of that?” Lilian asked. “If you ask me, this crossbow of yours doesn’t look that special.”

“You will see,” Ryan replied.

In fact, Ryan also looking forward to how things will proceed. Not even when he fought alongside Alissa, Ryan found such a favorable situation for him... probably because Alissa was always running wild without using her head. Regardless, now more than ever, Ryan wanted to put into practice his progress during those three months. He wanted to show the monsters that the things that his father taught were more than enough to make him survive and clean Earth.