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Ryan began to study the map where Mark had put the locations of all dungeons. Some of them were still blue, but more than half of the dungeons were red, while three of them were purple. Ryan recognized Baal and Lilith's dungeon, but he had no idea who was the dungeon master of the third one, which was localized in... Dallas.

"... What that dungeon is spawning?" Ryan asked.

"... Why are you interested in that region?" Mark frowned.

"That is none of your business. Answer the question," Ryan said.

"Mind your tongue when you are talking to my father," Hugo glared at Ryan. "Otherwise, you might lose it."

"I want to see that; do you want to try?" Ryan asked.

"... Ryan's parents were buried there," John intervened before the arguing could escalate. "You should give up on that region, for now, Ryan. Those who joined the enemies' side headed there and the monsters spawned are also troublesome."

"Good, I will hit two birds with a single stone," Ryan said and immediately disappeared.

Everyone frowned when Ryan disappeared. After all, no one heard of an invisibility spell yet, and Flash couldn't make someone escape from a closed room. Regardless, it looked like Ryan was determined to clear the new dungeon, and no one would be able to stop him.

“Ryan looked pretty resolute...” Tristan said. “While I understand he doesn’t to let the place where his parents were buried in the hands of monsters, wasn’t Dallas nuked? Also, is he going to kill those that joined the monsters’ army?”

“Some soldiers investigated the region, and there are no signs of radiation anymore. It is probably thanks to mana,” Mark replied. “Unfortunately, it looks like Ryan doesn’t care as much as us about taking other humans’ lives because he already did so... probably more than a few times.”

“I find that hard to believe...” Tristan said. “I saw him on the first day the monsters appeared, and he didn’t change all that much and based on what Daniel and Mia talked about him...”

“He did what he did to survive... probably,” John said. “Even if he hadn’t killed a single person, I can say for certain that Ryan wouldn’t think twice about doing what he has to do to recover that area from the hands of monsters. Family is a touchy subject for everyone, even more so to those who lost pretty much everyone related to them...”

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“You should calm down a little bit,” Femradiel said. “While I can understand why you are angry, you should have obtained more information about the monsters in the area.”

“Are you sure that you can?” Ryan asked, annoyed. “My parents’ graves were nuked, they were completely destroyed, I bet I won’t even find a precise location of where their bodies were buried, and now some bastards decided to join the fuckers’ side and defile even more that land.”

“All right, I can’t understand it,” Femradiel said. “However, you still should calm down. I took a glimpse inside the minds of those guys, and I didn’t like what I saw. The monsters this time are troublesome in many ways. You should expect that the bosses and the dungeon master will be much more difficult.”

After hearing that, Ryan calmed down a little bit. In the end, he realized that the situation was weird... even though he knew that some of the survivors would eventually cause problems, he didn’t imagine they would join the side of a dungeon master that just spawned its dungeon a few weeks ago... Usually, the monsters would need some time to increase the level of their dungeon. Still, it looked like the opponent this time managed to cause problems and seduce the survivors with sweet words.

“... At the very least, that area has four dungeons close to each other, so I will be able to put my other plans in action while I took care of those problems,” Ryan said after taking a deep breath. “While the three that existed before were only tier two dungeons, the classes that I will obtain by clearing them will help, even if just a little bit.”

Femradriel tried to convince Ryan to rest for a little bit before reaching his destination, but it was useless. Ryan’s anger didn’t dissipate entirely, and that was making him blind to his fatigue. However, when he finally arrived in the region and saw nothing but a deserted, ruined city completely under monsters’ control, Ryan was forced to stop and assess the situation. He couldn’t only see a single type of monster since the new species probably decimated the others, and the new species was... odd in many ways.

Death’s Specter Lv 50

Health: 2500/2500

Mana: 4500/4500

Stamina: 1500/1500

Strength: 250 (+30)

Dexterity: 500

Speed: 500

Intelligence: 750 (+120)

Endurance: 300

Control: 750

Mentality: 500 (+150)

Luck: 50

Recovery: 1000

Willpower: 500 (+150)

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills:

Passive Physical Skills: Alert Lv 50, Focus Lv 40, Spearmanship Lv 30, Intangibility Lv 80

Spells: Health Steal Lv 40, Mana Steal Lv 40, Stamina Steal Lv 40, Spectral Absorption Lv 30

Support Skills: Fire Resistance Lv 30, Cold Resistance Lv 30, Shock Resistance Lv 30, Death Sense Lv 50

“What the heck is that...” Ryan said. “They are just too weak.”

“But they have some troublesome skills,” Femradiel said. “Can you imagine the boss of those creatures and the dungeon master capable of summoning those things? You shouldn’t judge the severity of this situation by the level of those monsters.”

Ryan nodded at that because he saw the skills the monsters could use, and he couldn’t believe that they could use those. Besides, the name was pretty fitting for their figures. Even more than the fake

shadows, those specters looked like the physical form of the reaper, and given their skills, it looked like that was pretty accurate. It was kind of hard to believe, but there was a chance that Ryan might fight the physical form of Death inside the dungeon.

Class: Hunter Lv 93 (+ 03 UP / Elementalist Lv 60 (+ 02 UP) / Monk Lv 16 (–)

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

Rank: 75th

Health: 2215/2215 (5, 51/s)

Mana: 3375/3375 (5, 51/s)

Stamina: 3369/3369 (5,51/s)

Strength: 31 (+186) (+130)

Dexterity: 2900 (+2830) (+220)

Speed: 140 (+1260) (+48)

Intelligence: 81 (+745) (+33)

Endurance: 28 (+162) (+160)

Control: 06 (+1310) (+10)

Mentality: 08 (+79) (+70)

Luck: 140 (+20)

Recovery: 1200 (+1750) (+360)

Willpower: 30 (+71) (+40)

Coins: 29.778.952

Status: 00

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Cursed Rage Lv 01,

Passive Physical Skills: Eagle Eyes Lv 90 (+ 03 UP), Concentration Lv 90 (+ 03 UP), Archery Lv 90 (+ 03 UP), Accuracy Lv 90 (+ 03 UP), Critical Focus Lv 06 (+ 05 UP), Crossbow Expert Lv 12 (+ 05 UP), Sharpshooter Lv 12 (+ 05 UP), Bloodthirsty Lv 01, Health Boost Lv 05, Fly Lv 10, Improved Strength Lv 01, Steel Nerves Lv 01,

Spells: War Cry Lv 01, Teleport Lv 25 (+ 24 UP)

Support Skills:

Classes:

Combat: Sage Lv 63 (+ 03 UP), Archer Lv 87 (+ 03 UP), Summoner Lv 39 (+ 03 UP), Combat Archer Lv 80 (+ 05 UP), Sorcerer Lv 29 (+ 05 UP), Sentinel Lv 43 (+ 05 UP), Ranger Lv 35 (+ 05 UP), Dark Knight Lv 01,

Non-Combatant: Alchemist Lv 38 (+ 05 UP)

Race: Centaur, Lesser Dragon

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Before using the domain stone, Ryan had to find a way to defeat the death specters. There was no sense in setting his domain before that since he would need some time to learn all the ins and outs of what a dungeon master could do.

“If my guess is right, Death Sense will alert the monsters when you prepare an attack powerful enough to kill them,” Femradiel said. “Once that happens, even if they don’t find it, they will use Intangibility to escape from all damage. That being said, I am pretty sure that Death Sense will alert them of your current position.”

“Still, they can only stay intangible for a determined amount of time,” Ryan said. “Besides, I don’t think they might be able to pass through things made of mana since they will use mana to become intangible.”

“That is also what I think,” Femradiel said. “But while you can lock them inside something made of mana like an ice cage, you are not as nearly proficient with magic as you are with a bow. You will probably waste too much time, and I don’t think that attacking them endlessly until they run out of mana is something wise either. You will also waste too much time and mana.”

Ryan once again nodded at Femradiel’s words. She was entirely right, and yet, it didn’t look like she was done talking. While Ryan couldn’t use magic as fast as it needed to be, Femradiel could. Dragons were essentially monsters pretty good at using mana, after all.

“Here is the part where you say that you will handle them, right?” Ryan asked. “While I don’t intend to reject your help without reason, I can’t let you do all the work.”

“Not really. I was going to recommend you to learn Hydromancy,” Femradiel said. “With that skill, your ability to control water-based spells will increase quite a bit. Besides, I want to create another familiar soon, so I need to conserve my mana.”

“... Can I already learn that?” Ryan asked.

“If you use Mana-Eater in just a few more magic items, we will reach a point where you can learn that without owing anything to me,” Femradiel replied. “Although you say that you don’t mind my help anymore, you still don’t want to use my powers, right?”

“Indeed,” Ryan nodded.

While Ryan was thankful for the understanding and sincerity of Femradiel, he couldn’t but feel that she was starting to understand him too much... that was the downside of working with someone 24/7. In any case, after using Mana-Eater on a few more magic items, Ryan finally reached the requirements to learn the skill.

Congratulations! You learned the skill Hydromancy.

Effect: Greatly increases your control over the water elements and their variants. It also increases the power of your water-based attacks by three percent per level.

You obtained 01 status points.

It was a passive skill, as expected. Still, even at level one, Ryan noticed that his control over water reached a whole new level. Much faster than before, he could create all kinds of things with water. Bullets, arrows, spears, shields... but for some reason, he wasn’t fast enough to learn the spells to create those. Ryan was missing something, but that was a question for another day.

“This is kind of obvious, but you should look for isolated targets to train how you are going to defeat them,” Femradiel said.

“Yeah, that is pretty obvious,” Ryan said.

It looked like Furball, and the Steel Eagle wouldn’t be of much help in this fight, so he decided to let them train in Shreveport on the dungeons there for the time being. Daniel’s friend, whose name Ryan had forgotten, and the other survivors who stayed behind when the people of Shreveport headed

toward the secret base were put to sleep when Ryan copied Titania's skill list. Considering that they were much weaker than his pets, Ryan assumed that they would sleep for a day or so. That was more than enough time to see if he was capable of dealing with those troublesome monsters.

"I guess I really need to learn an invisibility spell," Ryan said after returning to Dallas and noticed how annoying it was to use magic.

It was only obvious that Ryan's spells didn't have the range of his physical attacks, so he had to get very close to the monsters. Not only that, but he also had to look for those stupid enough to wander around alone. In the end, Ryan got impatient and decided to attack three specters that were at a certain distance from the main group but pretty close to each other.

In the blink of an eye, Ryan created a layer of water around the monsters and also froze them. When the monsters noticed what was going on, they suddenly summoned some purple scythes to attack the ice. However, their strength wasn't at a level where they could withstand Ryan's magic.

Ryan smirked from ear to ear, but only for a moment. His smile disappeared when the ice he was creating slowly disappeared in a single point around the spheres. Ryan tried to focus his mana on those points, but then the monsters changed their targets for the weak spots of the spheres.

"I think they are draining the mana of your attack..." Femradiel said, and she seemed slightly surprised. "I didn't think they could use that kind of ability on spells as well. Ah, you should go all out. They are absorbing the mana and leveling up."

Ryan clicked his tongue in annoyance and shrieking the ice spheres after he used some potions. As if that wasn't enough, his health began to decrease... even though the specters couldn't see him.

"How in the hell they can use such spells from a distance?" Ryan asked while frowning.

Ryan's health was being drained insanely fast. So, even though he went all-out and used all his mana, it took a while for the specters to die since they were decreasing the power of his attacks and recovering by draining his mana... that fight was going to become more difficult than Ryan thought.

While the first fight made Ryan realize that he will have to play it safe and be patient, it also gave him a few ideas on how to handle the monsters. Ryan assumed that Mana Steal was similar to Mana-Eater. At the same time, Ryan's skills could only work while he was touching something. The first one wasn't that powerful. So, Ryan decided to test a certain theory...

Instead of slowly covering his targets with ice, Ryan made their bodies wet and then cooled down the water. The monsters began to freeze, but then Ryan noticed that the effectiveness of Mana Steal was more significant when they also came in contact with things that had mana... the ice began to melt faster than Ryan could make them freeze.

"So annoying..." Ryan clicked his tongue.

In the end, Ryan fired some electric bolts to see what would happen. While the melting process slowed down when the monsters noticed Ryan's second wave of attacks, the bolts passed through the creature. That wasn't supposed to be possible, but...

"They melt the areas where the bolts were going to hit... and the son of a bitch used Intangibility in that single area of its body," Ryan furrowed his eyebrows.

"Your analytical skills are improving," Femradiel said.

Ryan ignored the compliment and then created an Ice Arrow. Before firing it, he made it a spin. When the arrow was about to hit the monster, the bastard used Intangibility. Still, Ryan smirked since he made the arrow stop using Telekinesis inside the beast. The monster's mana quickly began to decrease... Just as Ryan had expected, Intangibility was incredibly costly.

"This is more like it..." Ryan said while smiling in satisfaction.

Ryan's knowledge about those creatures was slowly increasing. He also was beginning to understand why he didn't find a single survivor in that area. Fighting those creatures was very risky, and unless someone has the right skills and control using certain abilities, winning against them was impossible.

Regardless, now that he knew what he should do, Ryan could proceed to the next phase: make magic weapons out of those freaks. They had awesome skills, and Ryan wanted them in his collection of crossbows.

“I also have to create rings and make them increase my recovery,” Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. “Intangibility probably isn’t a skill I can get by sealing their souls in crossbows, but I won’t rest until I get three new crossbows, and each one of them could drain health, mana, and stamina from my enemies.”

“While that is good and all, you shouldn’t forget that this dungeon might break at any moment,” Femradiel warned. “Those creatures are too troublesome, and the bosses... even I think that a single one of them might be too much for you.”

Now that Ryan thought about it, why did the dungeon master didn’t make the humans who joined their side cause some dungeon breaks? Those three in Japan used that opportunity, so that made Ryan wonder why that didn’t happen yet...

Before anything suspicious could happen, Ryan decided to focus on crafting the three magic weapons that he wanted. As expected, the specters didn’t make Ryan’s job easy for him, but he eventually completed his set.

Immortal’s Crossbow (+ 06)

Effect: fire bolts at the cost of fifty points of mana that will drain thirty points of your foes health and heal you.

Dexterity + 150, Intelligence + 60

Durability: 140/140

Spiritualist’s Crossbow (+ 06)

Effect: fire bolts at the cost of fifty points of mana that will drain thirty points of your foes mana and recover yours.

Dexterity + 150, Intelligence + 60

Durability: 140/140

Unstoppable Hunter's Crossbow (+ 06)

Effect: fire bolts at the cost of fifty points of mana that will drain thirty points of your foes stamina and recover yours.

Dexterity + 150, Intelligence + 60

Durability: 140/140

"I guess even those have a limit..." Ryan nodded to himself after he read the descriptions. "I need to level up Magic upgrade in order to strengthen those effects."

The next step would be to create magic rings and improve them as much as possible. Then Ryan would finally try to come up with a plan to clear the dungeon as fast as possible, but it looked like that wasn't going to be possible. While he was looking for his next targets, Ryan saw some weird figures leaving the dungeon. Unlike the specters that looked like ghosts covered in a dark cloak, those were walking and seemed pretty human.

After focusing his eyes in that direction, Ryan realized that they were indeed humans... but something seemed off with them... their eyes were all black, and they looked like they were unfocused. The hair of those humans was also completely dark, even though that tone seemed weird in them.

"Did they suffer some kind of metamorphosis?" Ryan frowned after asking.

Justin

Class: Swordsman Lv 65 / Brawler Lv 60 / Monk Lv 45 (-)

Race: Reaper

Rank: 155th

Health: 4510/4510

Mana: 5550/5550

Stamina: 7500/7500

Strength: 4150 (+ 500)

Dexterity: 2900

Speed: 1750 (+ 100)

Intelligence: 3750 (+ 200)

Endurance: 5000 (+ 800)

Control: 1200 (+ 200)

Mentality: 2550 (+ 400)

Luck: 3500 (+ 200)

Recovery: 12.500 (+ 750)

Willpower: 2500 (+ 300)

Coins: 00

Status: 00

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Drain Touch Lv 150, Spectral Absorption Lv 120

Passive Physical Skills: Improved Speed Lv 120, Improved Strength Lv 120, Bronze Skin Lv 100

Spells: Health Steal Lv 170, Mana Steal Lv 170, Stamina Steal Lv 170, Soul Purification Lv 80,

Support Skills: Fire Resistance Lv 150, Cold Resistance Lv 150, Shock Resistance Lv 150, Fatigue Resistance Lv 100, Spiritual Resistance Lv 100, Heat Resistance Lv 50

Ryan immediately used Appraisal and frowned even more. The skills, the new race that they had... it was like the humans had been fused with the specters. Some of the specters indeed approached the humans, and they were also absorbed by them. Ryan confirmed by using Appraisal once again that their status and skills grew even more. His wish to kill them increased even more... traitors were the type of person Ryan hated the most.

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“As expected, you humans are really versatile,” Femradiel said. “I think those creatures are more like entities than a proper species of monster, but they still manage to fuse their bodies with them and they still can absorb others for a power up.”

“That bloodline is too convenient...” Ryan said. “Still, I have a hard time believing that there are no demerits... most likely, they sacrificed the potential they had to obtain other bloodlines for the sake of making a single one more powerful in their bodies.”

Femradiel nodded since that made a lot of sense. In any case, she didn't think that they were being controlled. After absorbing some specters, they tested their new strength, and they looked pretty excited about it...

"What are you going to do with them?" Femradiel asked. "I already know the answer since those are probably some of the people who left that base, but this is probably a bad idea. While their numbers are relatively small, I don't think you can kill them as fast as you need. Once they notice you, the fight will drag out and only you will lose if that happens."

"When did you become such a coward?" Ryan asked. "I fought hundreds of times at a numerical disadvantage, this is like breathing to me."

"That is right, but you don't have many good experiences while fighting when your head was hot, right?" Femradiel asked. "Try to think for a second that this isn't the place where your parents are buried and then come up with a decent plan of action."

Thanks to Femradiel's words, Ryan realized that he was too eager to fight. Sometimes that was good, but sometimes, it wasn't. Ryan recalled the time when he lost his hand, and a few weeks after, he was almost crushed by a t-rex... he had to calm down and think things through. Even if he can heal his body from most injuries, he wasn't immortal, and Ryan's true power could only be shown when he keeps his head cool.

"While I say that, you still can let your blood rush to your head, but I would recommend using Draconic Transformation to increase your chances of winning," Femradiel added. "Only those who have brute strength and a lot of resilience can afford to let their feelings control their actions."

"... You are not very convincing when you say two opposite things one after the other," Ryan said after a long sigh. "Anyway, thanks for helping me calm down."

"Just don't get used to it, I am a dragon and I like to rampage," Femradiel said. "I can't let you do the same until you decide to use Draconic Transformation."

Ryan laughed a little, and he felt relieved by the fact that he still could listen to the advice of others, even though the others at that moment could only be resumed to Femradiel.

In any case, Ryan wanted to watch more of the humans, but much to his disappointment, they returned to the dungeon after a while. It was weird... Why didn't they try to absorb all the specters? Their numbers were pretty high, and the dungeon was about to break... Ryan knew very well about human greed, so he couldn't understand they would waste such a chance to grow stronger. The only plausible explanation was that only certain specters could be absorbed for some reason...

"I seriously need to level up Appraisal and reach a point where I can see all of the skills of my targets," Ryan said. "At this rate, I will get surprised in all future battles."

If Appraisal couldn't help Ryan at the moment, the only thing that could give him an explanation was to watch the specters. It seemed like a waste of time, but Ryan put on hold his plans of killing them.

While flying high in the sky, Ryan managed to see a good part of the destroyed Dallas and almost all the specters moving around. Much to his surprise, not a single one of them left the perimeter, and with the exception of a few dozen that were hunting the monsters leaving the other dungeons, the vast majority moved around their dungeon in a circle.

After approaching the specters that were hunting, Ryan noticed something weird... when they killed some salamanders and giant ants, their bodies turned into ashes...

"What was that?" Ryan frowned in surprise.

"... It looks like those creatures completely erased from existence the soul of those monsters," Femradial said, trying to keep herself as calm as possible. "They stole the monsters' spirits when they died, thus absorbing all their strength and knowledge."

That would explain why they suddenly grew stronger, but such a high-level was... just insane. It was even weirder than those monsters were being used to strengthen humans that just joined their sides. If those specters could just leave the area and hunt monsters, they would make their dungeon reach max level in just a few weeks, so why aren't they doing that?

"I know that I am repeating myself, but for each answer I find, I get three more the more questions..." Ryan said and then sighed. "Whatever... it is time to create my domain."

Just like in Tokyo, the four dungeons were located in the cardinal points. However, the specters dungeon was more at the center than at the South of the area. Most likely, the dungeon master made the dungeon appear there on purpose to stay closer to each of the other three dungeons. Ryan was determined to do the same, but he would be even more insane since his domain would start off inside the square formed by those four dungeons.

“I guess I need to prepare some surprises to deal with those humans,” Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. “I don’t know how much my actions will be limited once I create the domain, so I need to solve this now...”

While that would take some time to prepare, Ryan found more or less a good way to surprise them...

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After finishing his preparations, using an underground route, Ryan moved toward the center of the area, and without wasting any more time, he used the domain stone.

Congratulations! You have successfully activated and registered your domain. You now have access to the dungeon master system. You can now access and upgrade the current features:

Area Lv 01: 1000 m2 Level UP cost: 100 coins or 1000 mana

Monsters Book Lv 01 Level UP cost: 500 coins or 5000 mana

Barrier Lv 01 Level UP cost: 1000 coins or 10.000 mana

Army Lv 01 Level UP cost: 5000 coins or 50.000 mana

Dungeon Lv 01 (T1) Level UP cost: 10.000 coins or 100.000 mana

Coins stored: 00 Mana stored: 00

Ryan immediately made the Area of his domain level up several times. In an instant, it had five square miles and also covered the salamanders, giant ants, and the velociraptors' dungeon. The specters around the dungeon noticed that something changed and then tried to run away. However, Ryan accessed the Barrier's option and noticed that the barrier was OFF. He turned it ON, and the monsters failed to escape from it. Nothing could leave or enter his domain now, but when the specters attacked, Ryan saw his coins decreasing...

"I guess my wallet is directly connected to this place..." Ryan frowned. "Regardless, it is time to finish the preparations. Femradiel, I will leave those fuckers to you."

In just a few seconds, Femradiel covered the specters in ice and then froze them to death. Their numbers were low since the specters were basically invincible, even against some types of monsters that were two hundred levels above them. Regardless, when the monsters died, Ryan didn't receive a single coin, but the domain received some and even mana when the specters' bodies dissipated inside the barrier. That was interesting, and all, but Ryan paid no mind to it. He took hundreds of battle machines out of his storage dimension and positioned them in his domain but inside the barrier. They were going to be his second line of defense.

"It looks like the mana that you are recovering is being transferred to the domain since your mana is full," Femradiel said. "I am going to let that happen for a while and help with Zen since we don't know how the specters and those humans will proceed."

"Thanks," Ryan said while he was finishing positioning the battle machines.

"You should hurry and check the other options, they might be more useful than we thing," Femradiel added.

Although the battle machines had a recovery effect that they used to create their ammo, that recovery wasn't helping on the accumulation of mana to the domain. However, when Ryan summoned a golem and registered on his army, the monster's recovery helped.

"Interesting..." Ryan smiled.

While that was interesting, everything has some limitations. At level one, Ryan's army could only register up to ten members. While he imagined that he could make the domain level up indefinitely, he would need a lot of resources to keep doing that. In any case, Ryan wanted to check the dungeon's option as soon as possible, but it would be insane to do that while he had a troublesome enemy in front of him. Besides, it was quite costly to level up those options. To make the area reach level ten, Ryan spent one million coins, and that was the cheapest option he could level up right now...

In the end, Ryan spent almost ten million coins in a few seconds to make the barrier become more efficient and to increase the size of his army. He summoned several golems by using mana potions to help with the defense in all aspects of the domain, but in the end, the specters never returned to pick a fight...

"I don't like this... but I guess I can use this chance to increase the area of my domain," Ryan furrowed his eyebrows.

"I just noticed this, but it looks like even though those three dungeons are inside your domain, they are kind like holes," Femradiel said. "Your barrier is useless against them."

"I expected as much... In any case, I will allocate some golems to keep hunting them," Ryan nodded. "Anyway, you can focus on getting some mana again. By the way... do you think you can use the mana stored on the domain?"

"Yes, since it is directly connected with you," Femradiel said. "But we should avoid that, you didn't forget that four dungeons appeared when Yahiko made his domain, did you? Many creatures will want your head now."

Ryan nodded again... Femradiel was helpful even more lately. Since despite everything, Ryan tends to run wild and let the blood rush to his head, the presence of someone like Femradiel was beyond useful. She was an ice dragon, so keeping her head cool seemed like something easy to her...

After a while, the sun began to set, and Ryan still couldn't see any signs of the specters... it looked like they really retreated to their dungeon. While that was worrisome, it was a problem that Ryan eventually would solve. Once he levels up the area of his dungeon two more times, he will be able to see the dungeon from pretty close, but leveling up after that would make the dungeon enter his domain, and that wouldn't be wise.

Once he did that, Ryan had to make even more battle machines and allocate them appropriately. At the same time, he finally noticed that he had an imaginary mini-map and could see everything that was happening inside his domain. Weirdly enough, everything allocated by him had a blue point representing its existence in the mini-map, and Ryan could move those at the cost of some mana.

“Well... I guess with this, I can move my troops in a pretty fast way,” Ryan scratched his chin, slightly amused by his new powers. “Anyway, I need to understand this system and master it as fast as possible.”

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After finishing his preparations for the fight, Ryan decided to see what he could do by using the Monster Book option in his dungeon master interface. While he only had one thousand golems in his army, and that wasn't nearly enough given the usual number of monsters he fights on a daily basis, Ryan wasn't planning to use them in battle. They were there for support...

“It looks like I can summon monsters from the Monster Book... at the cost of some mana or coins,” Ryan said. “At level one I can summon slimes, goblins and giant bees.”

“You should be careful with the creatures you summon, since it might be a waste of time and resources,” Femradiel said. “I am pretty sure that to make use of your domain properly, humans have to be registered in the army.”

Ryan recalled the bonuses that Alissa had mentioned before, while inside the domain, Ryan's allies received a boost in power. He finally noticed that his status doubled... which was quite insane... maybe that was why the specters weren't trying to fight.

In any case, Ryan leveled up the Monster Book a few times, and his options increased, but all the monsters he could summon were pretty much tier one small fries. He also could select a single species of monster from the book and make it spawn automatically once he creates his dungeon, but Ryan wouldn't do that since he wouldn't be able to change it later.

“I guess the plan of creating a dungeon will have to be put on hold until I obtain a summon decent enough for the job or until I find something interesting on the monster book,” Ryan said. “While

dungeons can be a good source of income, since it isn't something that can be changed often, I have to handle this carefully."

Ryan would immediately notice if something approaches or attacks the barrier, so he decided to clear the dungeons inside his domain in the meantime. The other dungeon master was preparing something, and since Ryan's preparations had already been done, the only thing he could actually do was to get stronger.

As expected, clearing those dungeons didn't make Ryan even broke a sweat. Since they were tier one dungeons and the monsters spawned couldn't even win against other monsters two hundred levels below them. Ryan got the classes: Mage, Cleric, and Wizard. Due to the fact that he already had the other classes, that would increase his dexterity. Thanks to Teleport, it looked Ryan's plans to become sturdier had been put on hold. As for the skills he got, they were: Fireball, Earth Wall, Wind Blade, Focus, Blessing, Prayer, Delay, Ice Prison, and Improved Intelligence. Aside from Focus and Improved Intelligence that were passive boots that increase Ryan's intelligence, he couldn't imagine the others being useful in combat. They were just that weak.

"I thought I was going to stay on the defensive here, but I guess I will have to start this fight..." Ryan said upon confirming that the specters still were hiding inside the dungeon.

"Most likely, they are waiting for the dungeon break," Femradiel said. "Based on what I discovered by reading Mark's mind, this dungeon appeared exactly four weeks ago. So, the dungeon break is only two or three days away. Even if that isn't the case, they might be waiting to ambush you inside the dungeon."

Ryan considered that, and he could confirm it by using Telekinesis and Force in any projectile. Using that combination, he would be able to create a drone that could show everything inside the dungeon. Ryan did that, and the very moment a steel spear appeared in front of the dungeon, he lost control over it after seeing dozens of specters inside, ready to ambush.

"They can steal the mana of everything their eyes can see..." Ryan said and then sighed. "My range is greater, so I can use that to my advantage, but I will have to leave the domain."

"While you are an archer, you rely a lot on mana, this match up isn't in your favor," Femradiel said. "Perhaps waiting for a while and preparing some traps might be the best plan of action."

It was a reasonable plan given how much trouble the enemies this time were, but Ryan couldn't withstand let those fucking monsters alive for long. Not in the land where his parents grew up and had been buried. Still, ignoring Femradiel's opinions didn't seem wise either... and because of that, Ryan was conflicted.

"Of course, there is always the third option," Femradiel said.

"Use Draconic Transformation and freeze everything..." Ryan said and then sighed. "There is also the fourth option, forget about attack using mana and use Power of Money."

Ryan was pretty sure that those creatures would have some resistance against that kind of attack, but he doubted that they still could endure more than three of them. In any case, Ryan obviously reached another point where he had to choose between his pride and his wish to see that land free of monsters. In the end... that hasn't been a difficult decision at all. Without hesitating, Ryan used the skill and instantly assumed Femradiel's previous form... his draconic form was a bit different. Ryan's body was less light-blue and more dark-blue if compared to Femradiel's. He looked a bit like he had imagined a cursed dragon to be... it was as if Ryan's dark thoughts had customized that appearance.

Class: Hunter Lv 93 (+ 03 UP / Elementalist Lv 60 (+ 02 UP) / Monk Lv 16 (-)

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

Rank: 75th

Health: 2215/2318 (5, 51/s)

Mana: 3375/4381 (5, 51/s)

Stamina: 3369/4372 (5,51/s)

Strength: 31 (+186) (+130) (+100)

Dexterity: 2900 (+2830) (+220)

Speed: 140 (+1260) (+48) (+100)

Intelligence: 81 (+751) (+33) (+100)

Endurance: 28 (+162) (+160) (+100)

Control: 06 (+1313) (+10) (+100)

Mentality: 08 (+79) (+70) (+100)

Luck: 140 (+20) (+100)

Recovery: 1200 (+1753) (+100) (+360)

Willpower: 30 (+71) (+40) (+100)

Coins: 12.778.952

Status: 10

“This is disappointing, I feel a bit stronger, but only slightly,” Ryan said.

“What did you expect?” Femradiel asked. “The skill is at level one.”

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Ryan decided to level up Draconic Transformation for a bit. Since he wasn't planning to rely on that skill ever again, it wouldn't be a problem unless a similar situation happens. According to Alissa, if she were to use Ryan's body, she would be able to show a power that would be more or less twenty percent higher than she had ever been. It was thanks to Ryan's skills, status, and classes. Also, according to her, that skill probably could level up endlessly. So, it was by far the skill that had the most potential on Ryan's arsenal. At level one hundred, the skill would grant Ryan one hundred thousand points in health, mana, and stamina. Meanwhile, the other attributes would increase by ten thousand points.

"I wonder why the bonuses are like this..." Ryan said. "Given your previous power, I assumed it would affect my build."

"The skill apparently was created to fit the balance that humans have," Femradiel explained. "In the end, only your basic status will define in which area you will exceed."

Ryan had previously imagined that Femradiel would make that skill level up here and there while he was unaware of it, but it really looked like she had become a real partner. Given Ryan's previous stubbornness in refusing to use that kind of power, she assumed that it would take quite a while to convince him. It was so surprising that she hesitated to ask him to make the skill level up by using her mana. Regardless, she only confirmed once more that Ryan's feelings for his parents were much stronger than his pride.

"I wonder... if dragons can also put their pride aside to do something like that," Femradiel said, after hesitating for a few moments.

"To do what?" Ryan asked.

"To honor their ancestors, be they alive or dead," Femradiel replied.

"Don't get all sentimental on me," Ryan shrugged. "Well... I am not sure; I think it depends if you think that my actions right now were unexpected and unreasonable. Even if you lost your memories, you should be able to find the answer that question easily."

While Femradiel thought that it was unexpected, she wasn't quite sure if it had been something unreasonable. Not even after thinking for a while did she find the answer. It was much more complicated than Ryan said it was...

Regardless, while Ryan was trying to get used to that new body, he noticed several problems. Moving the wings was something pretty tricky since he never had wings. Aside from that, leveling up the skill wasn't as fast as he thought it would be... it looked like the more useful a skill is, the harder it is to level up. However, some skills were much powerful than they should be... all the ice-related skills caused much more damage than they should, and that would be very useful.

"When are you planning to attack?" Femradiel asked.

"Tomorrow at noon," Ryan replied. "Most likely, the dungeon break will happen in two days, so I can't level up this skill any more than that."

"If you don't mind, I would like some of your potions to train a certain skill," Femradiel said. "You are going to freeze them with an Ice Breath, right? I believe I may offer some assistance with that."

"Sure... I guess I really need to practice a better poker face," Ryan said after sighing.

His plan was too simplistic... no, Ryan's plans, in general, were too simplistic, but even so, he couldn't help but feel slightly annoyed when others could predict his actions. After giving thousands of potions to Femradiel by letting her have access to his storage dimension, Ryan decided to test a few things. He summoned his Magic Bow that was a replica of the Frozen Crossbow and then fired it in a rock. Not only was the rock completely destroyed by his attack, but it even created a pretty large crater on the ground. His status improved quite a bit thanks to Draconic Transformation and adding that to the elemental affinity of that body... Ryan's ice attacks reached a whole new level of damage output.

"I barely saw the projectile moving... I guess that is what happens when someone receives a sudden boost in status," Ryan nodded to himself. "Well, this type of skill can be trained later, let's focus on using Ice Breath."

Ryan also realized that he had forgotten about the dragon hearts... the Teleport spell really messed with his rhythm, added to the severity of the current situation of Dallas. Regardless, that was a good chance... in his dragon form, he could eat several of them, and so Ryan did it.

Your dexterity increased by twenty points.

Your mana increased by twenty points.

Your stamina increased by twenty points.

...

“Do you have a death wish?” Femradiel asked since Ryan’s actions surprised her.

“No, I don’t think that... I have,” Ryan completed after feeling a terrible stomach ache. “Oh, shit... this is the worst stomach ache ever.”

“What did you expect? You just ate probably one of the things that has most mana in the universe... Dozens of them,” Femradiel said. “Well, surprisingly enough, I didn’t notice anything weird happening with your body. So, you should recover in a few hours... humans’ bodies are truly weird.”

The feeling of power and lightness, his draconic form and the dragon hearts granted Ryan seemed so weak in comparison to that stomach ache... not even Purification helped. Regardless, Ryan endured it since he needed to train his new fighting style in that form.

However, much to Ryan’s surprise, the specters began to leave the dungeon at that very moment. For an instant, Ryan froze in shock since that didn’t make any sense, but then he realized that his sudden power up probably alerted the monsters inside it.

“It looks like they somehow know that I have many more dragon hearts... but they don’t know about the side effects of eating too many,” Ryan said and then used some INT potions. “It doesn’t matter, while I lost the chance to deal the first strike, I still have my traps ready to be used.”

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Before using his traps, Ryan opened his mouth and used Ice Breath. However, the specters spread around, and only a few of them got hit, and those that got hit escaped for a while thanks to Intangibility.

Suddenly, Femradiel assumed her Drake form and made lightning bolts fall from the sky. Some specters got hit by it since they didn't have time to react.

"Nice one..." Ryan said.

"Don't get used to it, though," Femradiel said. "It cost a lot of mana to make the mana concentrated high in the sky, in a place where those creatures can't sense it. I was hoping to use it while inside the dungeon, the ice would freeze the ground and conduct the electricity."

Before Ryan could say anything, he noticed the mana of his Barrier was being consumed... which was odd. The specters weren't attacking... then Ryan realized what was going on.

"Aw, come on... their Mana Steal even works against the Barrier," Ryan said after clicking his tongue.

"Equip the battle machines in your golems and make them move around while also firing Bullet Stones," Femradiel said. "They can't attack while they use Intangibility. They are bound to run out of mana."

"I know, I know," Ryan said and then began to move the battle machines and the golems around the barrier. "Shit... and the other guys still are nowhere to be seen."

Ryan's eyes weren't moving away from the entrance of the dungeon. Even though it was pretty late, he still could see things perfectly. The vision wasn't the problem, but the hundreds of specters draining the mana from his Barrier. Suddenly, Ryan recalled something that happened many times while he was in Japan and decided to do that. After touching one of the battle machines, he teleported the object in the middle of a group of specters... he really could teleport things while he is touching them, even without teleporting himself. The battle machine hit several specters, causing quite a lot of damage, and only was stopped several seconds later when one of the monsters finally noticed what was going on.

Ryan smirked and then grabbed several other battle machines before teleporting them to the entrance of the specters' dungeon. Dozens of monsters were still leaving the place, but they have slowed down considerably thanks to the might of Ryan's toys.

"We can use that..." Femradiel said. "Pay attention to my signal."

While he didn't have any idea what Femradiel was plotting since he was too busy, Ryan decided to trust her. Femradiel deserved at least that much of a confidence vote. When Femradiel said "now," Ryan teleported her to the middle of a group of specters, and then she made all her mana explode. In the blink of an eye, all specters in a fifty meters radius froze and died. However, Femradiel had used all her mana, but Ryan quickly made her reenter the barrier using Telekinesis.

"Only that much, huh..." Femradiel said, visibly disappointed. "I need to level up this body more..."

While Ryan and Femradiel's attacks killed almost a hundred specters in a few seconds, the number of monsters was increasing despite everything, and the mana in the magic barrier was quickly being drained as well... without any other choice, Ryan made his golems leave his domain and approach the specters that were attacking from a safe distance. While the speed at which the mana being drained decreased, the specters began to steal the golem's mana.

"I feel like I am running in circles..." Ryan said and then sighed. "Let's see if I can solve this in a different way..."

Ryan began to use the Explosive Poisonous Arrow, a skill that he never used before, so the damage caused would be ridiculous. However, the more he fired, the more a purple cloud of poison began to grow in size around the barrier... even though the specters could dodge the attacks, Ryan could make the arrows explode where he wanted, and so he did it.

Much to Ryan's surprise, the specters were trying to avoid the poisonous mist. Even though they looked like ghosts, they weren't invulnerable to it... However, soon those monsters began to steal the mana from the mist as well.

"This is getting old really quick," Ryan said, visibly annoyed.

Ryan managed to buy some time with his golems and battle machines, but only that... he needed something else to win the fight.

"Well, since it has come down to this, might as well use the mana stored in a full offensive," Ryan said.

“Maybe you should reconsider,” Femradiel said. “The humans who joined their sides didn’t appear yet and they will be much more troublesome.”

“I didn’t forget them,” Ryan said and then teleported to the outside of the barrier.

Once Ryan appeared in a place, they could actually damage him, the monsters stopped attacking the barrier and focused his skills on draining his health. However, Mind Armor protected him.

Before Ryan could run out of mana, he tried to replicate the skill Femradiel just used. The monsters noticed that their lives were in danger and decided to retreat. Ryan indeed made a massive concentration of mana explode, but unlike Femradiel’s attack, he just made a cold mist spread around the area instantly. In just a few seconds, Ryan, the domain, all the dungeons, and the monsters were covered in the cold mist.

The monsters tried to escape, but then they hit a thin but durable wall of ice surrounding the mist. As if that wasn’t troublesome enough for them, they noticed that the mist was shrinking. While the ice walls were forcing them to retreat, the specters tried to attack and absorb the mana around them, but they failed in breaking the wall since the mist was made of mana, and it was also blocking their field of vision.

The more the mist shrieked, the denser it became, and the more durable the walls became. In the end, Ryan used almost all the mana stored in his domain, but he created the perfect cage to lock and kill the specters.

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“You are better at controlling mana than I expected,” Femradiel said, visibly impressed. “Hydromancy and the draconic form certainly are helping you, but even so, to be able to control such a large-scale magic attack on the first try...”

Ryan ignored Femradiel’s remarks since he was having a hard time making the mist decrease in size fast enough. He was also trying to freeze the specters before they could find him, but the little bastards were resisting more than he had expected, that or Ryan really couldn’t do two things at the same time.

Although Ryan failed at making the mist colder, the attack became colder the more the mist got thick. Little by little, the specters began to freeze and die, but it looked like things wouldn't proceed in Ryan's favor for long."

"I am going to give you a hand. I am sensing some weird presences leaving the dungeon," Femradiel said."

Ryan couldn't even complain or say no since his whole spell could be easily undone if the sphere gets attacked from outside. Femradiel did the same as Ryan and duplicated the effectiveness of the cold mist. In fact, it got several times colder since Femradiel was much better than Ryan at using magic.

Just as Ryan had expected, the ice sphere began to break in several parts, but it took a while for the spell to be undone, and when that happened, all the specters had been killed, and Ryan was back to his domain.

A few dozen humans were flying in the sky when the mist dissipated. All in all, those people had more or less the same level of strength, and the guy Ryan had appraised before... in any case, Ryan made his golems return since those guys didn't start with an attack.

"My name is William," a random man suddenly moved a bit forward and then said. "You are a human, aren't you?"

"What about it?" Ryan asked while frowning.

"As I suspected and that voice... you are the one who always would come and leave the secret base as you please," William said and he seemed quite hesitating. "Did you come to kill the deserters?"

"Nope, I came to clear the dungeon that is about to break," Ryan replied. "So, you guys consider yourselves deserters, your life must be pretty bad, huh."

"If that is the case, I am certain we can reach an agreement," William said. "You want to clear the dungeon to obtain more power and can provide that."

“Really?” Ryan slightly frowned. “Well, I am listening.”

“You understood that humans are doomed, that is why you travelled in search of power and even found a dragon to make a contract,” William said. “You are smart and have the willpower to withstand this... if you show your guts, not only you will gain power easily, but you will also obtain immortality. All you have to do is drink a tiny drop of our master’s blood, the god of death, Thanatos.”

Ryan frowned when he heard that... drink the blood of a god... that was probably why everyone there looked weird with that tone of hair and eye color. Regardless, to think that the dungeon master this time would be such a foe... while he had a late start, Thanatos and his minions obviously had the upper hand against most monsters.

“What did he demand from you guys?” Ryan crossed his arms and then asked.

“Not much, just loyalty and the hard work to make others join us,” William replied. “While some people will refuse us, eventually they will understand that there are no demerits in serving our god Thanatos. Only someone who has full control over death can grant humanity the chance to survive when our planet is in this chaotic situation.”

“Didn’t he mention anything in particular?” Ryan insisted.

“... Yes, but only those who pledge loyalty to him have the right to hear his plans,” William replied after a few seconds of hesitation, upon noticing that Ryan didn’t seem too eager to accept that offer.

“I will give you guys one chance to walk away and never step on Earth again,” Ryan said. “If you don’t do that, well... the so-called god of death will be the least of your worries.”

William looked at his friends for a few seconds, and they looked back at him without saying a single word. Ryan didn’t have to be a genius or be able to read minds to understand that those people wouldn’t listen to his offer.

“Let’s go, Femradiel,” Ryan said.

“Are you sure about that?” Femradiel asked.

“Yes, I can’t save everyone, but I can at the very least, defeat those who might doom our species from inside,” Ryan replied.

Suddenly, lightning bolts fell from the sky and hit the place where the targets had been. However, all of them used Intangibility and escaped unscathed. Soon after, those thirty or so reapers began to fly around the barrier and drain its mana by using Mana Steal.

“Femradiel, try to raise that cold mist again,” Ryan said. “I will buy you some time.”

“I don’t think the same strategy will work twice against humans,” Femradiel said.

“They are no longer humans,” Ryan said. “Besides, the same strategy could still be effective by showing different results.”

Femradiel could more or less understand what Ryan meant by that, so she focused on making her mana slowly gather around the barrier at the ground level. The mist appeared and began to become thicker out of the reapers sight since they focused on attacking the barrier.

“I will make you the temporary domain master, I can’t let them keep decreasing the mana from the barrier,” Ryan said. “Use what you can to offer some support.”

“I am a dragon; I am not suited in the least to offer support...” Femradiel said and then sighed. “So, don’t expect much from this.”

After saying that, Ryan teleported to the outside of the barrier, and all the reapers finally focused their eyes on him.

The reapers tried to drain Ryan's mana, but he summoned Magic Bows and fired frozen bolts towards them before they could do it. Those idiots underestimated the power of Ryan's attacks and tried to destroy the projectiles with Mana Steal. Still, in the end, they decreased the power of the attacks to a certain extent, and when they got hit by it, their bodies exploded.

"Wait, what?" Ryan frowned in surprise. "I knew that Draconic Transformation and added with Femradiel's elemental affinity had increased the power of my frozen bolts, but those guys were supposed to be sturdier than that."

However, before Ryan could find an explanation, the bodies of the reapers began to reassemble as if they were sort of more complex slimes. Even the blood was returning to their bodies at a fearsome speed... it looked like they weren't exaggerating when they said that Thanatos granted them immortality.

Ryan tried to freeze the bodies before they could heal completely, but much to his surprise, the ice he used to cover their bodies was completely absorbed... that was a power that they didn't have even when they were conscious... so how...

"Thanatos is interfering? Or did he give them such a convenient power that only worked when they were in that state?" Ryan frowned.

In any case, there wasn't much of what Ryan could do in that situation. While their health decreased to zero, he didn't feel like he could use Seal and prevent that kind of ability... truth to be told, Ryan had no idea how to finish the reapers off. So, he decided to buy Femradiel sometime by flying upward.

Just as Ryan had expected, they flew toward him when their bodies were completely repaired. They really want his power as dungeon master from Earth... while that was something predictable, it was very weird that they could chase him so fearlessly. Didn't they notice that Ryan just killed them in a single instant?

Since Femradiel was busy planning her next attack, Ryan couldn't wait for her support since she was too focused on creating the perfect trap. In the end, Ryan flew so high in the sky that he could even feel his speed decreasing since he was almost leaving the atmosphere. It wasn't the best place to fight, but at the very least, the reapers won't notice Femradiel.

When the reapers finally were close enough, Ryan flew toward them with his mouth open and while using Ice Breath. The scope of his attack made the monsters lose sight of him. They spread around in order to escape the attack and because getting in a single place would be only advantageous for Ryan.

“Despite their weird actions, they still can see the best ways to solve some simple situations,” Ryan muttered.

Before the reapers could use Mana Steal, Ryan used Teleport and reappeared behind them. Before the poor idiot could notice anything, Ryan grabbed him and immediately tried to freeze him with Ice Breath. The reaper instantly became a statue of ice, but Ryan didn’t receive any notification, and when he used Seal, the skill failed... things won’t be easy, it seems.

Ryan was forced to let the creature go when the other reapers began to steal his mana. Once again, he escaped from their sight by using Teleport. Since Ryan moved toward even higher than before, he was starting to have a hard time breathing, and he was beginning to feel his body getting lighter...

“I am about to reach outer space, huh...” Ryan muttered. “Let’s see if I can use this...”

Ryan began to teleport around to escape the Reaper attacks. Once they got relaxed enough to think that Ryan wouldn’t repeat old strategies, Ryan did the exact same thing. He reappeared behind a reaper, grabbed him, and then used Ice Breath. After the creature turned into an ice statue, Ryan teleported it to outer space.

“Aw, come on...” Ryan said and then sighed. “Not even this can kill them?”

Ryan could see the ice status moving around in outer space in the distance, but he didn’t receive any notification. The system didn’t recognize his enemy as dead yet... moreover, some of the reapers retrieved the body of their friends using Telekinesis, and the bastard was back to the fight as if nothing had happened.

In the end, it looked like a direct fight was the worst possible way to deal with those creatures... they were servants of the so-called god of death, after all. While Ryan was pretty sure, there couldn’t exist a skill called Death Immunity. They probably had something similar... Ryan teleported back to his domain in a single instant, only to see that Femradiel wasn’t ready yet.

“Nothing works, huh,” Femradiel said. “I warned you that the enemies this time would be a huge pain in the ass.”

“Complaining won’t help solve the situation,” Ryan said.

“I hate to say this, but I don’t have the knowledge on how to solve this situation the way you want,” Femradiel said. “Give up on trying to turn them into magic weapons. Maybe I had the knowledge on how to defeat enemies as troublesome as those, but I don’t have it anymore. We have only one real option here...”

“Freeze them together and keep them sealed inside the domain forever, huh...” Ryan said and then sighed.

In the end, Ryan accepted quite easily that was the only way to solve the situation... The dungeon master this time was another mythological creature, but a few tiers above other monsters such as Cerberus and Fenrir, so it couldn’t be helped that his minions would be that annoying.

“It is time to get in the way of another big shot, huh,” Ryan said while looking upward and seeing the reapers approaching. “Let’s hurry up, Femradiel. This job is getting more annoying by the minute.”

After saying that, Ryan used several potions to increase several of his statuses because to succeed in the only plan that they had wouldn’t be that simple either...

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Since defeating the reapers wasn’t something the current Ryan or Femradiel could do, there was no reason to pull back his punches. Ryan wouldn’t gain a single coin anyway, so he could use Power of Money to buy a little time, and so he did it. To prevent the reapers from stealing his mana, Ryan used Power of Money on their necks and beheaded them. However, the others noticed that Ryan was using a new trick and spread it around again.

When Ryan teleported to behind another reaper, the creature reacted fast enough to block his hands and drain his health. A few moments later, the others quickly found him as well. When Ryan was about to leave the monster alone...

“Now! Toss him toward the barrier!” Femradiel said.

That seemed like insanity, but Ryan did exactly that. While the reapers and he now had more or less the same amount of strength, the mass of his body was much more significant. A single swing of his arm had been enough to make the reaper fly toward the barrier. Before the monster could hit it, Femradiel enveloped the creature in the blink of an eye in mist and turned its body into a crystal statue... that was a pretty powerful ice attack. While controlling the ice, Femradiel made the monster enter the barrier, and for some reason, the spell wasn't broken. Ryan found that weird, but he decided to think about it later.

Ryan repeated that same action four more times before the reapers finally could notice that their friends weren't going to return to the fight. For the first time, Ryan saw the hesitation in their eyes... it wasn't like they were afraid of anything now that they were immortals, but from their perspective, there were certain things worse than death...

“They are thinking of running away, you can't let them escape,” Femradiel said.

“That goes without saying,” Ryan said.

There was another trick that Ryan has been hiding until now. While it annoyed him since it would make him think that Yahiko helped him indirectly win the fight, Ryan didn't hesitate to copy him.

“Here comes a big one, Femradiel!” Ryan said.

The very moment the reapers began to move away from Ryan was the moment they used Telekinesis to make them stop. Once that happened, he teleported the remaining twenty-five reapers to inside the thick cold mist Femradiel had created. They turned into crystal statues immediately, and then Femradiel moved them to inside the barrier.

“Finally...” Ryan said and then sighed in relief.

While the fight didn't last that long, it wore Ryan out since the enemies couldn't die by any normal means. However, the relief disappeared when Ryan returned to his human form and felt his whole body going asleep...

"What the hell..." Ryan said.

"Relax, that is what happens when you use too much mana beyond your current capabilities," Femradiel explained. "This is a common occurrence when people like you obtain draconic powers and use them for the first time. You should be all right in just a few minutes."

"I see..." Ryan said and then sighed. "Anyway, what did you do this time? I tried to freeze them, but it didn't work."

"I used a lot of mana to freeze their entire bodies down to every single atom," Femradiel replied. "Every single part of their bodies possesses some level of mana, but if all those parts are frozen, not a single skill can be activated, not even the passive ones will work. That is probably why I decided to become a true ice dragon."

"I see... I thought you were born with that kind of affinity, but I guess I was wrong," Ryan said.

"No, you are not wrong," Femradiel said. "While we were born with some talents, it doesn't mean we can obtain others, but usually, it is more effective to train the things that we are good from the very beginning."

That made sense. Regardless, while it required some preparation, Femradiel had a way to imprison their enemies if that is the only alternative. In any case, Ryan won't give up on trying to find a way to turn the reapers into magic weapons. For the time being, they will be sealed away underground the domain, in a place no one aside from Ryan and Femradiel will be able to reach.

"It would be great if I could register them as my minions," Ryan said. "But I guess it isn't possible without their volition. Anyway, let's repair the defenses for a while before trying to clear the dungeon."

This time, Ryan made sure to keep summoning golems and increase the size of his army. During the fight, he worried too much about the barrier, and that probably delayed the end of it to some extent.

Perhaps if it had more mana, Femradiel could have helped Ryan earlier, or even Ryan could have found another way to defeat the reapers by himself.

When the sun started to rise, Ryan and Femradiel had finished their jobs. Ryan even had time to bring back Furball and the Steel Eagle and wake up the idiots guarding the dungeons by using Purification. However, Ryan decided to wait for a few more hours.

“Sometimes you are so cautious and sometimes you are so imprudent...” Femradiel said.

“... What do you think about what they said, Femradiel,” Ryan furrowed his eyebrows while looking at the entrance of the dungeon. “Do you really think the reapers drank the blood of the god of death?”

“While you humans are really versatile, I don’t think something like that is possible,” Femradiel said. “My guess is that those guys fused themselves with the dungeon bosses that probably is a lifeform created by using a small part of the dungeon master’s body.”

“I guess so, that would explain why we didn’t find any bosses and the number of specters wasn’t that high,” Ryan nodded. “Those guys caused dungeon breaks, but only to obtain power for themselves.”

“Why the sudden interest regarding that?” Femradiel asked.

“... Nah, it was nothing,” Ryan said.

Although he said that, Femradiel could easily think by his expression what Ryan was thinking, he wanted the power of the god of death to himself.

Class: Hunter Lv 93 (+ 03 UP) / Elementalist Lv 65 (+ 05 UP) / Monk Lv 16 (–)

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

Rank: 74th

Health: 2702/2702 (5, 51/s)

Mana: 4250/4250 (5, 51/s)

Stamina: 4372/4372 (5,51/s)

Strength: 31 (+186) (+130)

Dexterity: 2950 (+2830) (+220)

Speed: 320 (+1260) (+48)

Intelligence: 381 (+972) (+33)

Endurance: 128 (+162) (+160)

Control: 226 (+1399) (+10)

Mentality: 208 (+79) (+70)

Luck: 320 (+20)

Recovery: 1500 (+1872) (+360)

Willpower: 230 (+71) (+40)

Coins: 12.452.365

Status: 00

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills:

Passive Physical Skills: Focus Lv 08 (+ 07 UP), Improved Intelligence Lv 08 (+ 07 UP),

Spells: Water Manipulation Lv 39 (+ 06 UP), Water Transformation Lv 35 (+ 07 UP), Draconic Transformation Lv 15 (+14 UP), Water Creation Lv 29 (+ 08 UP), Teleport Lv 25 (+ 24 UP) Fireball Lv 01, Earth Wall Lv 01, Wind Blade Lv 01, Blessing Lv 01, Prayer Lv 01, Delay Lv 01, Ice Prison Lv 01,

Support Skills: Hydromancy Lv 15 (+ 14 UP),

Classes:

Combat: Sage Lv 67 (+ 04 UP), Sorcerer Lv 35 (+ 06 UP), Enchanter Lv 12 (+ 07 UP), Mage Lv 08 (+ 07 UP), Cleric Lv 08 (+ 07 UP), and Wizard Lv 08 (+ 07 UP),

Non-Combatant:

Race: Centaur, Lesser Dragon

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In the draconic form, Ryan wouldn't be able to enter the dungeon. So, they decided to enter the dungeon after sunset, but Femradiel was the one who would deal with the specters. She was better suited for that kind of job, anyway. Meanwhile, Ryan would prepare one heck of a Power Shot to deal with any possible bosses waiting for them. However, they didn't find a single specter...

"I don't like this..." Ryan said and then sighed.

That kind of thing only could mean that some serious problems were waiting for them in the last of the dungeon. As if that wasn't enough, the eerie atmosphere inside the dungeon and the skeleton-like faces engraved in the walls, ceiling, and ground only made everything much more nerve-wracking.

In the end, Ryan didn't find the last part of the dungeon. Well, he did it, but a massive shadow completely sealed the place. Ryan couldn't use his beloved full-powered preemptive strike.

"I guess there is a boss waiting for us inside it," Femradiel said. "You shouldn't use Power Shot on that thing, it will probably be useless."

"Oh, really?" Ryan asked. "If you hadn't said, I would have never imagined that."

"Anyway, I will prepare my attack inside your head and if things get dire, I will show myself," Femradiel said. "... I am just saying, but you shouldn't fall for the enemy's words."

Ryan sighed... in the end, even from his perspective, it was insane to wish for that power. Still, if there was a chance that he could control death... maybe he could revive some humans, or at least his parents, but what would be the price of that power? There are certain skills that Ryan didn't even have enough mana to use, so to do something of that level... perhaps not only mana was necessary... and that was only the cost to activate a possible skill. There was still the cost Ryan had to pay in order to defeat the god of death or at the very least become his minion.

"... The chances are too small, and no matter what, I can't join the monsters' side," Ryan said after a long sigh. "I can't throw mud in the name of my family."

After activating several defensive spells, Ryan touched the shadow. Nothing happened aside from the fact that his fingers passed by it, but Ryan couldn't sense anything inside it. Although it was a defensive spell, the shadow couldn't prevent those who wanted to clear the dungeon from proceeding, only from attacking.

When Ryan crossed the shadow barrier, he found himself in a place similar to where he fought the undead hag, Yomotsu Shikome. It was really spacious, but what grabbed his attention was the numerous armored skeletons on the ground. It looked like a battlefield that happened years ago where two massive armies annihilated each other. A few hundred meters ahead of him, Ryan could see the purple

crystal and a massive specter flying above it. A few seconds after that, a new specter was spawned, and the bigger specter immediately sucked it.

Reaper Lv 150

Health: 9500/9500

Mana: 13.500/13.500

Stamina: 7500/7500

Strength: 450 (+130)

Dexterity: 1500

Speed: 1300

Intelligence: 1750 (+320)

Endurance: 800

Control: 1750

Mentality: 900 (+350)

Luck: 350

Recovery: 5000

Willpower: 900 (+350)

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills:

Passive Physical Skills: Alert Lv 90, Focus Lv 90, Spearmanship Lv 80, Intangibility Lv 120

Spells: Health Steal Lv 90, Mana Steal Lv 90, Stamina Steal Lv 90, Spectral Absorption Lv 120

Support Skills: Fire Resistance Lv 80, Cold Resistance Lv 80, Shock Resistance Lv 80, Death Sense Lv 100

“Hey... how come that thing obtained that much power in just half a day?” Ryan frowned.

“Well, it isn’t an opponent that you will have trouble with, right?” Femradiel asked.

“That is not the issue here,” Ryan replied.

The issue was about the potential those monsters had; Ryan was pretty sure that the monsters were as strong as the original boss of the dungeon. In any case, Ryan pointed his Titanium Electric Bow at the creature. Still, the beast created a mana barrier around itself and even managed to use Mana Steal on Ryan at the same time. Still, what surprised me most wasn’t that...

“Are you the human who defeated my servants?”

Ryan heard a deep, grave voice coming from the creature. He also saw some dark eyes appearing in the faceless mass of shadow. It made Ryan recall the eyes of the reapers... the god of death. Thanatos decided to assume the form of one of his minions. Just like before, the monster received a massive boost of strength, but the same thing that happened with Mephisto happened there as well. At a fearsome speed, the body of the creature began to crumble.

“No, they are alive and relatively well,” Ryan replied and then fired his arrow.

Ryan activated all his buffs and skills to increase the power of his attack at the last moment. Despite that, Thanatos pointed his hand toward the projectile and made it disappear completely. He didn't even break a sweat...

“What?” Ryan opened his eyes widely in surprise.

“Hey! Something is-” Femradriel tried to say something, but her voice suddenly vanished when Ryan was teleported to the outside of the dungeon.

Ryan frowned when that happened, and he panicked when he noticed that he couldn't control his body. As if that wasn't strange enough, his body began to move itself backward. Little by little, the speed at which he was moving backward increased. Until he returned to his domain and then noticed that something was off when he stopped moving.

“What the hell...”

Ryan couldn't even speak... but the shock only increased when he realized that the sun was moving in the opposite direction. Then Ryan finally realized what Thanatos did. He was accessing his memories backward. His guess was confirmed when he took Furball and the Steel Eagle back to the dungeon. The speed at which his memories were being read increased even more until it reached a point where Thanatos could see Ryan's entire day in a single second... for what he was doing that. Ryan had no clue.

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If Thanatos was planning to annoy Ryan by watching all his memories, he accomplished pretty soon. Ryan's blood was boiling, and he barely could think straight when the speed of that memory reading

slowed down on the day the monsters appeared. Once Ryan relived that memory where the dragons appeared, the dream ended, and he saw himself back in the dungeon.

“I see, I have found those that will kill you,” Thanatos said. “Being killed by their hands will be something that will make you taste true despair... that is the perfect punishment for getting on my way.”

“Asshole... show yourself, I will fucking kill you!” Ryan roared.

“If you really want it, then use the purple crystal and come to my domain,” Thanatos said.

“Come here, bastard, aren’t you a god?” Ryan asked. “Come here and show me what the god of cowardice can do.”

“I will be waiting expectantly...” Thanatos said, and then a hint of a smile appeared in the face of the big specter.

You obtained 5.325.638 coins.

“Damn you! Damn that fucking bastard...” Ryan bit his lips in annoyance, only stopped when a lot of blood began to fill his mouth.

“I don’t know what he did to you, but you should calm down first,” Femradiel said. “Whatever he did, had the sole purpose of taunting you.”

Ryan knew that... but even so, he couldn’t think straight after the bastard saw all his memories of the previous months. Not only that, Thanatos’s words were bothering Ryan quite a bit... who was he planning to use to kill Ryan on Earth? Despite being the god of death, he wouldn’t dare to face Ryan on Earth. Ryan thought that he was afraid of death despite the irony, but there was a big change that he was getting carried away, and Thanatos only wanted to play with him.

“What did he do?” Femradiel asked.

“... He saw all my memories of the last six months,” Ryan replied.

“In just a single instant?” Femradiel asked, visibly surprised. “Those mythological creatures from your world are something else...”

“A few minutes passed while I was in that state...” Ryan frowned. “Either his skills are so good that can be that efficient, or he can control time.”

“That is certainly a power that only god-like beings can have,” Femradiel nodded. “Regardless, you defeated him... more or less and put a stop on his plans at least in this location. So, don’t feel too bad about his words, they were the words of a loser, after all.”

Ryan sighed. While it was weird that Femradiel was trying to comfort him, in the end, it worked. While he probably won’t forget Thanatos’s words, and they will haunt him for quite a while, Ryan wasn’t hot-blooded enough to fall for the obvious taunt, even if there was some truth in it... he wouldn’t accomplish anything by dying.

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: Chaotic Warrior, Tamer, and Archmage.

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.

It has been a long while since Ryan found any class related to the power of taming monsters and other creatures. So, he couldn’t help but frown since that class, in name at least, looked weaker if compared to Beastmaster... Regardless, he still chose that.

Congratulations! You have become a Level one Tamer!

You obtained the following skills: Beasts’ Ally, Animalistic Link, and Animalistic Transference.

Your stamina and dexterity will increase by six points, your health, mana, control, and speed will increase by three points whenever you level up your class.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Beasts' Ally.

Effect: It increases the number of tamed creatures under your control by two for every five levels of this skill.

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Animalistic Link.

Effect: It grants you the power to communicate with all your tamed creatures no matter the distance between you and them.

Cost: 100 mana per second

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Animalistic Transference.

Effect: It grants you the power to transfer your spirit to one of your tamed monsters for a certain period of time. You will be able to use your skills and your tamed monster's skills while this skill is active.

Cost: 50 mana per second.

You obtained 01 status point.

"If you ask me, the Archmage class seemed way more useful," Femradiel said. "But I guess you are what they call an animal lover."

“Just shut up, Femradiel...” Ryan said and then sighed. “Summoning skills are hard to find and their cost of mana is insane, in the end, the best option is to create an army of tamed monsters and use them as the core of any strategy to defend the domain. Thankfully, this class granted me several more slots of tamed monsters.”

“What about the dungeon that you can have under your control?” Femradiel asked.

“I was thinking about just using to make a weak, but a monster that could level up fast,” Ryan replied. “That way, I will obtain more coins and perhaps lure some idiots to my domain.”

“You are really nasty...” Femradiel said.

“Like I care,” Ryan said. “I will do anything necessary to obtain the power to kill all the fuckers who are trying to dominate Earth.”

“If that is the case, then perhaps you should try to use those tamed monsters and obtain control over the domains of other worlds, you have too many enemies and it is time to decrease them before all of them come to this planet and try to crush you,” Femradiel said. “If something like that happens, not even by using Draconic Transformation and Power of Money at the same time will be enough to save your skin.”

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Ryan had considered that, and that was why he picked the Tamer class. Fortunately, he got lucky and obtained the skills that would help him in the task of obtaining control of several other domains. The only real issue was that in the end, he could only have so many tamed monsters. So, he wouldn't even be able to obtain control over all dungeons in the country.

“We need to select the right ones because humans still need to become stronger,” Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. “While there will always be some dungeons that I won't be able to obtain control, only those can't be used to increase our strength.”

Furball was a partner that Ryan couldn't let go of, so he wasn't going to use him for that. The first obvious candidate would be the steel eagle. While the creature could help Ryan save some mana, that skill wasn't that necessary now that Ryan could use Teleport.

"I bet I can use Fly and make my melee combat style more powerful, but that isn't something that I need to worry about now," Ryan said and then faced the steel eagle. "In any case, you are going to be my first employee in my enterprise. It will be called Ryan Corp. Our goal is to get stronger while preventing Earth from falling on the hands of assholes."

That was very well and good, but Ryan wasn't confident that the steel eagle had enough power to defend the crystal of a dungeon master. The crystal that once belonged to that giant slime has some dungeons connected to several worlds, and that was an income Ryan couldn't ignore, and to secure the income, the steel eagle needed more power.

"I guess it is time for some Spartan training," Ryan said.

After checking the skills of the Steel Eagle, Ryan discovered that the creature was weak against fire, ice, and electricity. So, he trained the beast by using powerful elemental attacks in a single instant and then casting Heal. Maybe Femradiel was correct when she said Ryan probably was an animal lover. Even though the pain caused by him only lasted for a moment, he still felt pretty bad about it. In the end, Ryan gave up after a couple of minutes, he could withstand the freezing humans who joined the monsters' side, but he couldn't bring himself to torment like that those who helped him.

"... Let's just buy some tomes of those elements and make you train the resistances and those spells at the same time," Ryan said and then bought some cheap spells for the Steel Eagle. "I suppose the Wind Armor will also help you."

"Who could have thought that a cheapskate like you would spend so many coins because of such a thing..." Femradiel said.

"This is an investment, I bet I can recover the coins by putting the eagle to guard that crystal in the slimes' world in a single day," Ryan justified himself. "Now that I think about it, she will level up Cold Resistance and Heat Resistance by herself in that desert."

“If you say so, in any case, what is the next step?” Femradiel asked. “Tame many powerful monsters and then make them guard the Crystals of the dungeon masters you even didn’t defeat yet?”

“For the time being, you will guard the domain and keep increasing its area while I will look for some monsters to train at the same time,” Ryan replied. “We will save some time that way.”

“What about the monster book?” Femradiel asked. “While it is good and all that you will obtain the rewards of other dungeons, we don’t know if you will be able to create new ones with them. You need to create your dungeon and then attack other worlds where your enemies live. Attacking then from the front and the back certainly will be effective.”

“... Do you think that by crossing my dungeon, my enemies will be able to show their true powers in this world?” Ryan asked.

“Honestly, I am not sure,” Femradiel replied. “Maybe we should do some tests before bothering the big shots.”

“Yeah... anyway, I plan to return as fast as possible, but you are free to level up the area and the monster book,” Ryan said. “Maybe the army will also be a good choice, I will increase the number of golems eventually.”

Using Teleport, Ryan and the Steel Eagle reached the slimes dungeon in the blink of an eye. Inside the dungeon, they had to walk, but once they used the purple crystal, they used Teleport again and moved toward the place where the crystal was. Since Ryan had already been there, he didn’t have to look for it. However, much to his surprise, a new gigantic slime was guarding the dungeon master crystal.

“What the hell...” Ryan muttered in shock.

Slime (Dungeon Master)

Health: 250.000/250.000

Mana: 250.000/250.000

Stamina: 250.000/250.000

Strength: 12.000 (+ 400)

Dexterity: 2400

Speed: 1.200 (+ 400)

Intelligence: 24.000 (+ 1400)

Endurance: 18.000 (+ 1500)

Control: 12.000 (+ 2400)

Mentality: 12.000 (+ 1100)

Luck: 6000

Recovery: 60.000 (+ 4400)

Willpower: 12.000 (+ 1200)

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Corrosive Touch Lv 480

Passive Physical Skills: Passive Recovery Lv 300, Active Spiritual Recovery Lv 290

Spells: Summon Slime Lv 650, Summon Fire Slime Lv 200, Summon Ice Slime Lv 200

Support Skills: Fire Resistance Lv 600, Cold Resistance Lv 600, Electric Resistance Lv 600, Poison Resistance Lv 600, Earth Resistance Lv 600,

That didn't make any sense... all the slimes in that world should have exploded when Ryan killed the dungeon master... After thinking for a while, Ryan began to wonder how come slimes were born... if they were creatures that just suddenly appear in that world, it would make sense that a new one would appear and take the place of the old one, but from his perspective, that happened way too fast. In any case, now Ryan was more or less certain that his Steel Eagle won't die of hunger in that world.

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Thousands of slimes like the other didn't surround the new dungeon master, so Ryan was confident that the fight wouldn't last long. That was an excellent opportunity, so he made the Steel Eagle attack the monster from hundreds of meters high in the sky, while Ryan stayed on ground level and bombarded the monster with his Magic Bows that could steal mana.

The fights against the reapers and specters had been annoying, but Ryan learned a lot. When the dungeon master fired fire or ice slimes, he destroyed them all just by relying on the effect of the bolts. While that effect apparently didn't add any power to Ryan's attack, his bolts still pierced the body of the monster pretty deep, thanks to it.

You obtained 2.438.983 coins.

In the end, Ryan frowned since the fight ended in just a few seconds... he had improved his fighting style considerably since the last fight, but he didn't think it had been that much. Regardless, even though it was a dungeon master, it was a slime as well. So, Ryan didn't think much of it.

Since giving complex orders would take too much time, Ryan just decided to use Animalistic Transference and obtained control over the Steel Eagle's body. Much to his surprise, when he touched the crystal, Ryan received the following notification.

Congratulations! You have defeated the previous dungeon master of this crystal and obtained the rights over it. Do you wish to make your Steel Eagle become a resident of the planet STRS332 in order to become the new dungeon master? Y/N?

"So, the system can even see me trying to cheat, huh," Ryan frowned slightly upon finding that. "Well, at least isn't trying to screw with me."

Ryan accepted the offer, and then he obtained control over the domain of that planet. However, aside from the dungeon level that was a tier three granting three dungeons to Ryan, everything else was at level one. Based on what Ryan knew, he assumed that the tigers of the dungeons could increase once they reached the max level. While it was weird that slimes could accomplish that, he understood why when he tried to check the dungeons.

Dungeon 01 – Lv 001 – planet: Edertia.

Edertia: a world dominated by insects and bugs that never gave birth to any sapient species. It joined the mana system 57 years ago when a mutant insect developed the power to wield mana.

Dungeon 02 – Lv 001 – planet: Seregald.

Seregald: a world inhabited by many tribes of orcs that are constantly in war against each other. It joined the mana system 33 years ago when some orcs developed their first spells.

Dungeon 03 – Lv 001 – planet: Earth.

Earth: a world inhabited by a weak species called humans. It joined the system when dragons were summoned to that world six months ago.

Dungeon 04

Dungeon 05

Ryan frowned when he saw the information about Earth... in other worlds, dungeons began to appear by accident, but the same thing didn't happen on Earth. The dragons were summoned there... Moreover, the growth speed of dungeons there was stupidly faster compared to other worlds.

“It looks like this whole event wasn't an accident, after all,” Ryan furrowed his eyebrows. “... Regardless, the first dungeon suffered two resets after reaching the max level two times and that granted the dungeon master the chance to create two other dungeons. By the look of things, the slimes were purely acting by instinct. That was why they never used the remaining slots.”

The change in the species of the dungeon master also forced a reset of the level of the dungeons, but that was just a minor nuisance. Ryan was already obtaining the coins he was supposed to obtain, after all.

Ryan selected one of the available slots of the dungeons and then saw a near endless list of worlds in which he could create new ones. However, even if he chooses to make one now, they will only spawn the next day. Apparently, dungeons can only appear on the day where all the others can break.

Some of those worlds had dungeon masters. Some even had dozens of them. Although dozens of thousands of planets were part of the mana system, it didn't take long for Ryan to find some that he would target in the future. He couldn't see the name of the dungeon masters, but he could see the dominant species. The world of demons, reapers, dire wolves, reptilians... and others that were on his list.

“I am going to leave things easy for you for the time being, but you shouldn't get used to it,” Ryan said to the Steel Eagle. “You will need to train hard every day because eventually, I will need your help to annoy some assholes.”

Ryan created a dungeon in a world where all the monsters were basically ghosts possessing weird sets of armor. With her skills, the Steel Eagle will be able to kill those enemies if they come to this planet. There were other easier options, but since she was pretty much free from the other worlds, his pet would need to stay cautious of at least one type of enemy.

After a while, Ryan noticed that the dungeons had a gauge below their levels. When the gauge was full, Ryan could make it level up and increase the strength of all the monsters on the said planet.

“So, it is like that...” Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. “In any case, I guess I will make slimes spawn in that world, just ordinary ones.”

Since Ryan was going to use the income of that domain to strengthen his own, he decided to play it safe. The Steel Eagle couldn't summon anything, so Ryan had to make use of the monster book. Each slime would cost 25 coins to be spawned, and the boss would cost five hundred... that was weird. Ryan was fairly certain that the first boss he killed only gave him fifty coins.

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Ryan made a mental note to add to his daily routine the act of checking things with his Steel Eagle. Aside from that, the only thing he does on a daily basis was to check things with Zoe and Arthur.

The first step of his plans had been taken, but Ryan now has to look for some decent beasts to tame. However, before he could think of a proper answer, he heard a familiar voice echoing in his head.

“Well, well... it has been a while,” Alissa said using the telepathic link. “How are you doing, Ryan?”

“The same as ever, please don't say that you just called to ask that,” Ryan replied.

“Nah, I just returned from a training camp and I heard that you were back,” Alissa said. “However, when I searched for your presence, I didn't find it, so I thought you had tried to chew more than you could bite. I am just checking things, hoping for my chance to adopt Arthur once and for all.”

“If you really wanted to do that, you would have already done it,” Ryan said. “You only didn't do it because you are smart enough that your position in the front lines will endanger Arthur.”

“... Enough talking about me, let's talk about you,” Alissa said. “What are you doing in another world again?”

“We just started talking about you... and why do you ask as if I have to give you any explanation about my actions?” Ryan asked after sighing. “Well, no matter, you might actually become useful for a change.”

In the end, Ryan explained to Alissa about his plans. Since he has been making enemies left and right as of late, it was time to find some ways to speed up his growth while making sure that the number of enemies would keep increasing at singularity’s speed.

“So, you can make tamed monsters become dungeon masters and now you have the skills to control them remotely,” Alissa said. “Orgar seems pretty impressed here. So, you want to know about monsters that can become useful tamed beasts? I would recommend the Red Falcons; they are pretty good ranged fighters and their mobility is impressive as well. You would be able to fight while using their bodies just fine, the only real problem is that they aren’t that sturdy, but you are quite squishy yourself, so that is fine.”

“... Where can I find them?” Ryan asked, slightly annoyed.

“If you ask nicely, I perhaps might answer,” Alissa said, and Ryan could easily imagine her smirking.

“I guess I was expecting too much from you...” Ryan sighed.

“You are as boring as ever,” Alissa said. “You can find their dungeon South of Kansas City. Their dungeon has been left alone for a few weeks since they are flying enemies and Mark doesn’t have enough personnel to guard all the dungeons.”

“What are you doing letting such a dungeon unguarded?” Ryan asked.

“It is just a tier two dungeon, so it is fine, besides I can’t imagine a troublesome dungeon master on the other side,” Alissa shrugged. “My guys and I are hunting the monsters in Canada; their numbers are starting to become a problem that I can’t overlook. Anyway, I guess I will use my domain stone as well. It looks like around these parts, only you and me can do what has to be done.”

After saying that, Alissa ended the call. Despite everything, it didn’t look like Alissa was fooling around. In her own way, she was working hard and had grown enough to consider copying Ryan’s actions.

“... It looks like Alissa might deserve my trust in the near future, while our modus operandi are completely opposite, I can’t deny her power and accomplishments,” Ryan nodded to himself. “Anyway, it is time to tame other birds.”

Ryan began to Teleport in a quick succession since he had never been in Kansas City before. Although he had to stop a few times to use potions, in no time, he reached his destination.

Red Falcon Lv 300

Health: 10.000/10.000

Mana: 15.000/15.000

Stamina: 25.000/25.000

Strength: 1500 (+ 100)

Dexterity: 2500 (+ 300)

Speed: 2500 (+ 200)

Intelligence: 2500 (+ 200)

Endurance: 1000

Control: 3000 (+ 300)

Mentality: 2000 (+ 250)

Luck: 500

Recovery: 5000 (+ 500)

Willpower: 2000 (+ 150)

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Fire Charge Lv 250, Explosive Touch Lv 200, Steel Claws Lv 200, Red Missile Lv 200

Passive Physical Skills: Improved Speed Lv 200, Improved Concentration Lv 200, Improved Intelligence Lv 200

Spells: Explosive Fire Arrow Lv 180, Fly Lv 200, Fire Tornado Lv 200, Explosive Arrow Lv 150

Support Skills: Fire Resistance Lv 300, Wind Resistance Lv 200, Shock Resistance Lv 150, Cold Resistance Lv 100, Freeze Resistance Lv 200, Shock Resistance Lv 150

“I guess they indeed will be useful for guarding domains, but not for crafting magic weapons,” Ryan nodded to himself after using Appraisal. “Ah, that’s right... I need to make some magic rings, with those numbers, I should be able to make and upgrade a lot of them.”

Ryan had no idea what would make a ring more efficient in terms of status, so he transformed dirt into all kinds of materials. Gold, titanium, silver... while the rarity played a important part in it, Ryan learned that the time he spent crafting each ring also improved its quality. So, only after creating a set of ten crystal rings, he decided to hunt the red Falcons and use their souls.

Crystal Ring

Effect: Greatly increases the wearer's recovery.

Recovery + 50

Durability: 50/50

“It turned better than I expected,” Ryan smiled in satisfaction. “If I keep improving, I will be able to make better items and if I also improve my patience, someday I will forge one heck of a magic ring... well then, I guess it is time for the hunt.”

It was time to do some grinding with non-combat skill, while that would take some time for Ryan to achieve, it was something necessary to do.

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Fire Crystal Ring (+ 07)

Effect: Greatly increases the wearer's recovery and increases the power of their attacks by seven percent.

Recovery + 85

Durability: 64/64

Ryan couldn't help but grin from ear to ear after seeing his new rings and their effects. While he wasn't using many fire-based attacks as of late, maybe he should consider that from now on. In any case, while the number of Red Falcons was pretty big, they posed no threat to Ryan that had several skills that boosted the power of his ice attacks. The swarm of monsters tried to decimate him, but after a few minutes, they gave up entirely and began to run away from the area.

I can't see any boss, so it has been a while since this dungeon broke," Ryan nodded to himself. "Well, not like the bosses would be that much better than the mobs after they lost their positions in the dungeon."

In the end, Ryan headed to the dungeon that was at the center of a mountain and proceeded to beat the crap out of some Red Falcons before taming them. Since he couldn't think of many dungeons where fire monsters would be highly effective, Ryan only tamed five of them. Training them would be hard since most of their skills already were at a high level, after all.

"Their recovery is high, so maybe I should tame a few others and let them join the army in my domain," Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. "... No, I can't tame an infinite number of monsters and I should use all of those that I can to become dungeon masters. At least until I obtain some more summoning skills or knowledge about dungeon in which I can obtain more taming-related skills."

Since Ryan was already there, not clearing the dungeon would be a waste. In the end, the boss didn't put up much of a fight. He was just an oversized version of the Red Falcons, after all. As for the class... he picked Gunslinger.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Gunmanship.

Effect: It passively increases your damage when using firearms by one percent per level.

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Magic Gun.

Effect: It grants you the power to summon a Magic Gun or a copy of a firearm that you have previously used, the number of weapons that can be summoned increased by one for every ten levels of this skill.

Cost: 30 mana per second.

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Improved Luck.

Effect: It passively increases your luck by five points per level.

You obtained 01 status point.

“Those certainly aren’t the best skills I have gotten so far, but they are not that bad, I guess,” Ryan shrugged. “It is a pity that I only used that hand cannon so far, though.”

After summoning some golems and putting some battle machines around the dungeon to keep the Red Falcons population under control, Ryan returned to his domain. Only to see that Femradiel had already made a mess out of the things.

“What the hell is that?” Ryan asked.

“A tower for defense purposes,” Femradiel said.

Femradiel’s tower was basically a group of golems, one standing above the other, and each golem had a battle machine on its shoulders. Ryan realized that he didn’t have monsters that could protect the upper layer of the barrier, and while those “towers” could do that, it looked extremely silly from his perspective.

“... Whatever, I suppose I can let you do what you want for the time being,” Ryan said. “It will be interesting to see your crazy idea fail miserably.”

“Thank you as always for the vote of confidence,” Femradiel said, visibly annoyed.

Ryan noticed that his domain increased a few times since the time he left... even though only a couple of hours had passed. Now that he thought about it, perhaps he should have created his domain in a place closer to the center of the country. It would take a long while for that to happen, but he truly wanted to cover the whole country with his domain. While Alissa said that she should use her domain stone as well, she was too unpredictable. Besides, he didn’t know if two domains could continue to expand if

they block each other's path. Ryan thought that he would have to endure many things with the world in this situation, but not land management...

"Anyway, I was messing with the monster book and I unlocked the Frozen Slimes," Femradiel said. "They are more or less like me, sturdy but powerful at long ranged attacks. Even better, they can be summoned by tier one dungeons."

"Are they really that useful?" Ryan asked and then opened the monster's book option.

Frozen Slime Lv 01

Health: 300/300

Mana: 300/300

Stamina: 300/300

Strength: 60

Dexterity: 60

Speed: 60

Intelligence: 60

Endurance: 60

Control: 60

Mentality: 60

Luck: 60

Recovery: 60

Willpower: 60

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Freezing Touch Lv 01

Passive Physical Skills:

Spells: Frozen Arrow Lv 10, Frozen Bullet Lv 10, Ice Wall Lv 10, Frozen Explosion Lv 10

Support Skills: Cold Resistance Lv 20, Freeze Resistance Lv 20

“Their most useful skill is Frozen Explosion, when their health reaches dangerous levels, they can use all their mana to freeze and cause damage to anything around them,” Femradiel replied. “That will create an environment compatible for ice monsters and thus their power will increase faster than usual. Against stupid foes, the self-destruct skill will at the very least grant a kill for our side, even if the frozen slime dies as well.”

“I guess you have no right to call me nasty,” Ryan said while nodding.

While it would take a while, a cold environment will also help Ryan and Femradiel in the long run. Although he wanted to be torn on his enemies' back as soon as possible, Ryan needed to be patient. Tier one monsters won't bother them all that much. He had to focus on speed and make his dungeon reach tier three as fast as possible.

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"Let's use them," Ryan declared.

Since they were at the very least six times more powerful than the regular slimes, Ryan also had to pay six times more coins to summon them. He also imagined that the more they level up, it will be more expensive to summon frozen slimes, but Ryan couldn't believe that such a dungeon won't increase his income of coins after a while. After all, the monsters that the slimes defeat will grant him extra coins.

Regardless, while Ryan was waiting for the dungeon to spawn and his crystal also show itself, he began to train his Red Falcons. It seemed a bit cruel, but he was forced to make those monsters resistant to petrification and curses since they didn't have those skills. His several crossbows helped a lot with that.

"I guess you guys will also need a few spells to train themselves while you guard other domains," Ryan scratched the back of his head.

Ryan made his new pets train hard until six in the morning of the next day, and then suddenly, his crystal appeared, and his first dungeon was created. Ryan got quite excited since he could also see the interior of his dungeon. He had selected a planet called Lemony, which was a place that conveniently had many fire slimes. However, before he could see how things would proceed for his Frozen Slimes, his domain began to tremble.

"Ah... the dungeon breaks," Ryan said. "This is the sixth time..."

"It isn't only that..." Femradiel said. "Some dungeons appeared around here."

"Three?" Ryan asked, surprised. "I didn't think that many would show up..."

Hopefully, Ryan's enemies wouldn't have noticed what he was planning. As usual, he wanted to cause a massive blow and caught them when their pants were down... Ryan looked in the distance, but he couldn't see the dungeons. They were at least ten kilometers away from his domain, and Ryan didn't have enough coins stored to increase the area and still have some left for the barrier.

"You should relax a little bit," Femradiel said. "The dungeons just appeared and if they really are aiming for you, not a single monster will leave for a while."

"I guess we should strike them back before they build their forces," Ryan said.

"I don't think that is a good idea," Femradiel shook her head. "While it is risky, in the long run, it will be more beneficial to you if they build their strength. Yahiko managed to fend his enemies off after he succeeded in defending his domain from four tier three types of monsters. If you win against them in this situation, others will notice and leave you alone for a while. With seven dungeons so close to your domain, you will have a lot of time and resources to build this place up."

Ryan rubbed his chin... it was really a risky plan, but if they managed to pull that off, having seven dungeons inside their domain would be beyond amazing. Not only will the domain increase, but Ryan and his army won't have a shortage of foes to fight defeat.

"Well, let's do that," Ryan said. "Just to be safe, you should hurry up in creating the new familiar, Femradiel. We might need two of you in the battlefield if things go wrong with this choice of ours."

"All right then," Femradiel said. "I will be off for the next twenty-four hours. Don't bother be if you want that to be delayed."

Ryan just realized that creating familiars by relying on Femradiel seemed like much a better way to deal with the dungeon master's crystals in the other worlds. The problem was that she needed too much mana. Ryan also realized that he could have accessed the monster's system when he was using the Steel Eagle body, but he forgot about it.

"So many things to do... so little time," Ryan said. "Well... let's start with something that I can't forget: gathering intel."

Since he had plenty of golems to spare, Ryan sent three of them toward the new dungeons. It was a bit scary to sacrifice those while he uses Animalistic Transference, but he didn't have any other choice. Leaving his domain at that moment when Femradiel was busy was too risky.

When the first golem approached the nearest dungeon, Ryan used Animalistic Transference. However, he didn't find anything while looking at the entrance... as expected. Things won't be that easy.

Ryan used Animalistic Transferred on the other golems, and he only confirmed the same thing. However, he did notice something else that the dungeons had in common... the interior was pretty dark and eerie. As if that wasn't enough, Ryan could see some sort of miasma being emanated from the walls, ceiling, and ground. Before Ryan could even think about the new types of enemies he was going to face, he received a call from the telepathic link created by Gustavo, and weirdly enough, everyone already was connected to it.

"Let me guess, something happened," Ryan said.

"Oh, boy... so you noticed something odd, too?" Gustavo asked.

"I just confirmed the arrival of some new dungeons in my country," Alissa said. "Some creatures called doppelgangers are starting to spawn here."

"Something similar happened here, but the monsters in question are some skeletons riding other skeletons," Lucas said. "Mammoth skeletons..."

"It looks like something big is starting to happen... I was going to ask for your help, but it looks like everyone will be busy handling their own situations," Gustavo sighed and then said. "Where you are and what is happening on the region you are, Ryan?"

"Well, from where should I start... I just managed to clear the dungeon of a guy who called himself Thanatos and three dungeons appeared next my domain," Ryan replied. "I guess some assholes are targeting my to take over my domain."

“That is bad, it is really bad...” Gustavo said and then sighed. “I obtained one domain stone, but I decided not to use because I was afraid of that possibility. If things get dire on your end, you should tell us, Ryan. We can’t afford to let the monsters have such a base on our planet.”

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Alissa imagined that it would be easier to find unicorns flying in the sky than wait for Ryan to ask for help. Still, in the end, she didn’t say anything about it. Nothing would change even if she says something, after all. After a while, Gustavo and Lucas left the call, and only Alissa and Ryan were left.

“You are in the base, right?” Ryan asked. “How are things in there?”

“They just relaxed a little bit when I said to them that you dealt with the deserters, but this situation put them on the edge again,” Alissa replied. “Do you think these dungeons suddenly spawning is the sign of something troublesome that is about to happen?”

“Maybe, I am pretty sure that all the dungeons that appeared now are tier three dungeons, thanks to it, I just realized that it would be more convenient for the dungeon masters to make them spawn only this late in the game,” Ryan replied.

“Why?” Alissa frowned.

“Think about it, tier three monsters are naturally stronger than others, and some even have special skills that grant them the power to defeat monsters many levels above their own,” Ryan explained. “Now that the population of monsters in our world spiked, those new monsters can level up much faster than the others.”

“I guess that makes sense... anyway, I am going to check things in that new dungeon,” Alissa said. “We don’t want the dungeon master from that place seducing deserters with their sweet words.”

Ryan imagined that Yahiko would contact them eventually. Hence, he decided to focus on what he could for the time being, which was to check the situation of the dungeons under his control. It didn’t look like anything changed in the place where the Steel Eagle was, but Ryan noticed that the dungeon of the Frozen Slimes could level up, and so he made it.

Area Lv 13: 20 square miles Level UP cost: 250.000 coins or 2.500.000 mana

Monsters Book Lv 05 Level UP cost: 25.000 coins or 250.000 mana

Barrier Lv 07

Level UP cost: 15.000 coins or 150.000 mana

Army Lv 05

Level UP cost: 11.000 coins or 11.000 mana

Dungeon T1 Lv 02 (15%) Level UP cost: 20.000 coins or 200.000 mana

Coins stored: 254.365 Mana stored: 1.655.842

The cost to summon each Frost Slime increased by five. It wasn't so bad. However, Ryan got more interested by the fact he could summon an unlimited number of monsters from the book to his domain. The only problem was that they would come out at the same level they were registered in there, and it looked like they could only level up by making them spawn inside dungeons.

“I guess this is something that will come in handy later,” Ryan nodded to himself.

In any case, Ryan decided to keep his domain in that situation until he finds out what the monsters from those three dungeons could do. Meanwhile, even if that wouldn't help him all that much, he decided to keep following his schedule and train the Red Falcons. However, since he couldn't go all out against them, Ryan had plenty of time to spare while the monsters recovered from the pain. Thanks to that, Ryan started to get restless, he had to use every single of his time doing something meaningful, or he might lose it.

“I guess I should learn a new summoning skill in order to make sure that his next fight won’t get off the rails,” Ryan rubbed his chin while considering what he should do. “Creating a stock of potions with all the essences I am getting now also seems like a good idea... or maybe I should craft some special gear for the golems and make them sturdy.”

Not knowing what would come out from these three dungeons really was making Ryan exhausted and putting him on edge. He wanted to send his minions to dispose of those creatures, but he knew that by doing that, he would give the monsters on the enemies’ side the chance to level up. However, letting them build up their numbers was starting to look like a bad idea.

“Ah, crap... I am too tense, I need to relax,” Ryan said and then took a deep breath.

It has been a long while since Ryan felt that the stakes were so high. Probably he only felt like that on the first day the monsters arrived. After getting used to fighting, he learned how to control his emotions, but now he was feeling like that again because he was protecting his domain. Something like that couldn’t fall on the hands of monsters.

After taking deep breaths for a few minutes, Ryan calmed down. Failure wasn’t an option, so he didn’t need to think about that. He just needed to focus on doing what he can and find the best way to deal with his enemies.

“Well, the problem is that I can’t find the best to fight them, when I don’t know who they are,” Ryan said while showing the hint of a smile. “I guess I will just focus on creating better bows and crossbows for the time being.”

Ryan did precisely that for the next twenty-four hours, leveling up Craft, Auto-Production, and Improved Creation, he created new weapons at a slower pace, but each new weapon was slightly better than the other. Those would certainly be used when he finds some powerful monsters to seal their souls in them.

Regardless, Ryan was forced to start when he felt something coming from the three dungeons at the same time. While the monsters didn’t have much time to get stronger, the fact that they decided to show up at the same time troubled Ryan deeply. By using some drones, Ryan identified the three species of monsters. While they were certainly working together, they didn’t belong to the same dungeon master. They were: Centaur Archers, Giant Skulls, and Minotaurs... Ryan couldn’t find a connection between the monsters. However, he still was one hundred percent sure that the monsters and the dungeon masters were working together.

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Centaur Archer – Lv 35

Health: 2500/2500

Mana: 4000/4000

Stamina: 4500/4500

Strength: 650

Dexterity: 1500 (+ 350)

Speed: 750

Intelligence: 500

Endurance: 500

Control: 350

Mentality: 800

Luck: 250

Recovery: 1500 (+200)

Willpower: 800

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Power Shot Lv 75, Dash Lv 50

Passive Physical Skills: Concentration Lv 70, Improved Dexterity Lv 50, Augmented Dexterity Lv 20, Heroic Archery Lv 10

Spells: Quick Legs Lv 30, Haste Lv 10

Support Skills: Fire Resistance Lv 30, Cold Resistance Lv 30, Shock Resistance Lv 30

Giant Skull – Lv 40

Health: 2500/2500

Mana: 5000/5000

Stamina: 1500/1500

Strength: 100

Dexterity: 600

Speed: 250

Intelligence: 2000

Endurance: 500

Control: 750

Mentality: 1200

Luck: 150

Recovery: 2500

Willpower: 1200

Coins: —

Status: 00

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills:

Passive Physical Skills: Focus Lv 40, Improved Intelligence Lv 20, Augmented Intelligence Lv 10

Spells: Mana Shield Lv 70, Fire Storm Lv 60, Ice Storm Lv 50

Support Skills: Fire Resistance Lv 40, Cold Resistance Lv 40, Shock Resistance Lv 40

Minotaur – Lv 40

Health: 5000/5000

Mana: 1500/1500

Stamina: 3500/3500

Strength: 1500 (+ 300)

Dexterity: 500

Speed: 1200

Intelligence: 500

Endurance: 1000 (+300)

Control: 300

Mentality: 1000

Luck: 50

Recovery: 2000

Willpower: 1000

Coins: —

Status: 00

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Concentrated Strike Lv 60

Passive Physical Skills: Stone Skin Lv 40, Herculean Strength Lv 40, Axemanship Lv 40

Spells:

Support Skills: Fire Resistance Lv 50, Cold Resistance Lv 50, Shock Resistance Lv 50

Ryan used Appraisal to confirm some things, but, in the end, despite the weird fact that the monsters' level wasn't supposed to be that high, he confirmed what he knew based on their appearances. Centaurs were like humans who had horse-like legs, but their ears were a bit longer and pointy, and they also had a hairy body. The Giant Skulls were exactly that, giant skulls... they could fly around, and they had some red spheres inside them to represent their eyes. Ryan couldn't identify any other special features in their bodies. As for Minotaurs, they were humanoid bulls that could walk on two legs and had an ax as their weapon... Ryan couldn't remember many monsters that actually could use weapons.

“... They don't look like undead or poison monsters, so why there is some miasma leaving their dungeon?” Ryan frowned. “Only the Giant Skulls, but there isn't a skill that determines that in their skill set.”

Now that he thought about it, Ryan didn't find anything in the dungeon masters' menu that could grant him the power to change the environment of the interior of the dungeon that much. He knew that the monsters' presences could change Earth's environment, even more so when they become stronger. Still, then again, those three species of monsters didn't look like they lived in a world like that or possessed that kind of magic attribute.

Ryan thought those creatures would immediately attack his domain, but they spread around the area, much to his surprise. While it wasn't perfect, they managed to create an encirclement and secure some points that looked like they would be advantageous to them. The Centaurs moved to the peak of a mountain. The Giant Skulls positioned themselves in some hills. The Minotaurs just stopped moving when they found a terrain without undulations.

After a while, a few other monsters began to leave the dungeons. Ryan thought that the first group that consisted of a few hundred had done something weird to increase their level, like killing each other, but much to his surprise, the others also had the same level of power.

"They certainly didn't use a cheap trick," Femradiel suddenly said. "I am ready, do you wish to sign the contract with another familiar."

"... Yeah, better be prepared for all possible scenarios before we start this fight," Ryan nodded after frowning.

The ice Wyrn, Fem, wishes to become your familiar. Do you wish to make a pact with her? Y/N.

Diel (Electric Drake) – Lv 40

Health: 35.000

Mana: 15.000

Stamina: 25.000

Strength: 2500

Dexterity: 1000

Speed: 1500

Intelligence: 1500

Endurance: 2500

Control: 1000

Mentality: 2000

Luck: 400

Recovery: 10000

Willpower: 2000

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Electric Touch Lv 50, Electric Charge Lv 50

Passive Physical Skills: Stone Skin Lv 50, Bronze Skin Lv 40, Steel Skin Lv 30

Spells: Electric Armor Lv 60, Electric Spear Lv 50, Electric Arrow Lv 50

Support Skills: Electric Resistance Lv 200, Wind Resistance Lv 150, Shock Resistance Lv 100

The new familiar was kind of weird. According to Ryan's knowledge, the Drake species couldn't be found in any mythological story about dragons. They were wingless dragons; they could easily move while using their four legs. Since the new familiar was kind of small, it made Ryan recall an armored but slimmer horse. The scales covering its body sometimes even emanated electricity, so Ryan was expecting a lot from it.

"This time I decided to make a sturdier familiar," Femradiel said. "While this body doesn't have much mobility, you can expect that I will be able to draw a lot of the enemies' aggro and resist for some time while I keep the attention of our foes."

"I am more interested in how you learned and leveled up such skills in such a short time," Ryan frowned.

"You know that I can do all kinds of things inside you, right?" Femradiel asked. "Training is just one of them."

"You make it sound so weird..." Ryan frowned even more. "Anyway, I am starting to think that it isn't a good idea to let those guys build their forces."

"You are such a worrywart," Femradiel said. "Well, clearing those dungeons also might help us in the long run, if other dungeon masters think that we aren't that confident and we are trying to clear the dungeon as fast as possible, they will attack us even more eagerly, thus, we will be able to cover more dungeons in the domain."

"For some reason, I think that idea is also quite insane," Ryan said.

"You can't complain about insanity," Femradiel said. "After all, you have been making enemies out of legendary creatures left and right."

"You got me there," Ryan shrugged.